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Standard Practice for Use of Portland Cement Concrete Bridge Deck Water Barrier Membrane Systems[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers liquid applied, preformed, or built-up water barrier membrane systems and their application, overlaid with asphalt wearing courses, for use in the protection of bridge decks from deleterious effects of deicing salts. Material use and specifications should be adapted to conform to job and user requirements for new construction or existing structures. This practice is written as a guide for the use of bridge deck water barrier systems only.

1.2 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Specific precautionary statements are given in Section 10.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

D3743 Terminology Relating to Bridge Deck and Substructure Protection (Withdrawn 2004)[3]

2.2 *Other Documents:*

NCHRP Synthesis Report 57 Durability of Concrete Bridge Decks[4]

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms used in this practice, refer to Terminology D3743.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides a guide for factors to be considered prior to waterproofing bridge decks with water barrier membrane systems. It will provide guidance for specification of materials, application of membrane systems, and placement of asphalt wearing courses. It may be used as a guide for new construction or for rehabilitation of existing structures.

5. Bridge Design and Specification Consideration

5.1 Proper use of water barrier membranes with asphalt wearing courses requires consideration of certain elements during the design stage of new or existing bridges to be treated and covered with an asphalt wearing course.

5.2 New bridge deck designs must include provision for dead loads including future systems.

5.3 The deck surface finish should be specified to allow proper use of the intended membrane system. Manufacturer's recommendations for surface finish should be reviewed for guidance on finishing freshly placed concrete or for repair of existing deck surfaces.

5.4 Surface drains should be designed to allow positive drainage to minimize the penetration of water through the asphalt wearing course.

5.5 Joint systems should be designed to provide adequate termination points for the membrane. Membranes should not be placed over expansion joints. Dams or expansion assemblies should be provided to the height of the asphalt wearing course.

5.6 Curbs or parapets, or both, should be designed for functional terminations. Manufacturers of membrane systems

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[3] The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

[4] Available from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), Keck Center of the National Academies Transportation Research Board, 500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.