

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Construction Specification 35 – Concrete Repair

1. Applicability

Construction Specification 35 is applicable to the usual types of concrete repair entailed in NRCS operations. Supplementary specifications are required for works of a special nature, such as:

- a. Placing concrete repair under water
- b. Concrete repair exposed to sea or salt water
- c. Concrete repair exposed to alkali soils or alkaline water
- d. Special surface finishes

2. Material Specifications

The following specifications complement Construction Specification 35:

- 522 – Aggregates for Portland Cement Concrete
- 531 – Portland Cement
- 532 – Mineral Admixtures for Concrete (Fly Ash)
- 533 – Chemical Admixtures for Concrete (Water-Reducing, Set-Retarding Admixtures)
- 532 – Mineral Admixtures for Concrete (Air-Entraining Admixtures)
- 534 – Concrete Curing Compounds

3. Included Items

Items to be included in contract specifications and drawings:

- a. Complete engineering and structural detail drawings of the repair
- b. Notation of the type and quality of concrete, including:
 - 1) Strength of concrete repair material if other than 4,000 pounds per square inch
 - 2) Type of cement
 - 3) Types of admixtures, if any
 - 4) Nominal size of coarse aggregate; or specification for aggregate if Material Specification 522 does not apply
 - 5) Authorization for a design mix that includes pozzolan as a partial substitute for cement
 - 6) Deviations from the air content, if any

- 7) If replacement concrete is permitted, specify slump of the nonplasticized concrete mixture
- c. Notation of which strength test procedure is to be used when ASTM C 684 is used
- d. If volumetric batching and continuous mixing is not permitted, include statement to that effect
- e. Deviations, if any, from specifications requiring:
 - 1) Placement of concrete repair in a single continuous pour
 - 2) Consolidation of concrete repair material with vibrators
- f. Finish requirements for unformed surfaces if other than float finish is designated

4. Methods

Section 17, Measurement and Payment

Method 1 – Intended for use when the actual approved volume of the repair is calculated to determine payment.

Method 2 – Intended for use when proprietary repair methods are used and the major components come in premeasured and prepackaged units. The size of a unit should be described in Section 18.

Method 3 – Intended for use when the actual approved surface area of the repair is calculated to determine payment.

When specifications are prepared using electronic procedures and all methods but one are deleted for use in a contract specification, delete “*All Methods – The following provisions apply to all methods of measurement and payment.*” Left justify the remaining text.

5. Items of Work and Construction Details

Starting at the top of page 35–10, prepare and outline job specific “Items of Work and Construction Details” (IWCD) in accordance with these instructions. For ease of utilization, the use of recyclable color paper for the IWCD should be considered.

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