

SECTION 03410

PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURES

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Furnish all materials, labor, and equipment and construct manholes, wet wells, valve pits, meter pits, and accessory items, consisting of precast sections as shown on the Drawings and as specified herein.
- B. The forms, dimensions, concrete, and construction methods shall be approved by the ENGINEER in advance of construction.
- C. These specifications are intended to give a general description of what is required, but do not purport to cover all of the structural design details which will vary in accordance with the requirements of the equipment as offered. It is, however, intended to cover the furnishing, shop testing, delivery, and complete installation of all precast structures whether specifically mentioned in these specifications or not.
- D. The supplier of the precast manholes, wet wells, valve pits, meter pits, and accessory items shall coordinate his work with that of the CONTRACTOR to the end that the unit will be delivered and installed in the excavation provided by the CONTRACTOR, in accordance with the CONTRACTOR's construction schedule.
- E. Coordinate the precast structures fabrication with the equipment supplied to achieve the proper structural top slab openings, spacings, and related dimensions for the selected equipment frames and covers. The top slabs, frames, covers, and subsurface structures shall be capable of supporting a live load of 150 pounds per square foot.

1.2 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit to the ENGINEER, as provided in the General Conditions, shop drawings showing details of construction, reinforcing and joints.
- B. Shop Drawings
 - 1. Content
 - a. Dimensions and finishes
 - b. Estimated camber
 - c. Reinforcing and connection details
 - d. Anchors

- e. Lifting and erection inserts
 - f. Other items cast into members
2. Show location of unit by same identification mark placed on member.
 3. Include design calculations.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature: Manufacturer's recommended installation instructions.
- D. Manufacturer's certificates of material conformance with specifications.
- E. Test Reports: Reports of tests on concrete.
- F. Testing
1. Manholes and Valve Vaults: Four (4) concrete test cylinders shall be taken for every 50 cubic yards (cu. yds) for each type of precast structure.
 2. Pump Stations: Four (4) concrete test cylinders shall be taken for each pump station wet well. Four (4) concrete test cylinders shall be taken for each pump station's top and bottom slabs.
 3. Certification: The supplier shall provide the certified results of testing (7 day, 28 day) for the test cylinders stated herein. Random test cylinders may be taken at any time by the ENGINEER at the OWNER's expense.

1.3 INSPECTION

- A. The quality of all materials, the process of manufacture, and the finished sections shall be subject to inspection and approval by the ENGINEER, or other representatives of the OWNER. Such inspection may be made at the place of manufacture, or at the site after delivery, or at both places, and the sections shall be subject to rejection at any time on account of failure to meet any of the Specification requirements; even though sample sections may have been accepted as satisfactory at the place of manufacture. Sections rejected after delivery to the job shall be marked for identification and shall be removed from the job at once. All sections which have been damaged after delivery will be rejected, and if already installed, shall be repaired, if permitted and accepted by ENGINEER, or removed and replaced, entirely at the CONTRACTOR's expense.
- B. At the time of inspection, the sections will be carefully examined for compliance with ASTM C478 designation and these Specifications, and with the approved manufacturer's drawings. All sections shall be inspected for general appearance, dimension, "scratch-strength", blisters, cracks, roughness, soundness, etc. The surface shall be dense and close-textured.

- C. Imperfections may be repaired, subject to the approval of the ENGINEER, after demonstration by the manufacturer that strong and permanent repairs result. Repairs shall be carefully inspected before final approval. Cement mortar used for repairs shall have a minimum compressive strength of 4,000 psi at the end of 7 days and 5,000 psi at the end of 28 days, Epoxy mortar may be utilized for repairs subject to the approval of the ENGINEER.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 PRECAST CONCRETE WET WELLS AND VALVE VAULTS

- A. Precast submersible pump station wet wells shall consist of precast base, precast wet well sections, and top cover slab. Precast valve vaults shall consist of precast base, sidewalls and top slab. Concrete shall be air entrained at the time of delivery and shall have a minimum compressive strength of 4,000 psi at the end of 28 days.
- B. Joints between precast concrete sections shall be set by plastic shims and fitted with non-metallic non-shrink grout as shown on the drawings.
- C. The top slab sections shall be fitted with water tight hatches. The frames and covers will be sized for the openings shown on the drawings.
- D. The various precast sections should have the inside dimensions and minimum thickness of concrete as indicated on the drawings. All precast and cast-in-place concrete members shall conform to the Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete ACI 318.
- E. A vent pipe shall be furnished and installed as shown on the drawings.
- F. Fillets shall be provided and installed in the wet wells as shown on the drawings.
- G. Precast structures shall be constructed to the dimensions as shown on the drawings and as specified in these Specifications.
- H. Type II cement shall be used except as otherwise approved.
- I. The date of manufacture and the name or trademark of the manufacturer shall be clearly marked on the inside of each precast section.
- J. Sections shall be cured by an approved method and shall not be shipped until the minimum 7-day compressive strength has been attained.
- K. Each pre-cast section manufactured in accordance with the drawings shall be clearly marked to indicate the intended pump station installation location. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the installation of the correct pre-cast sections in their designated pump station locations.

- L. Paint all exterior surfaces with two coats of coal tar bitumastic, each coat to be 9 mils each. All interior surfaces of valve vaults shall be coated with two coats of coal tar epoxy (9 mils each).

2.2 PRECAST CONCRETE SECTIONS FOR CIRCULAR WET WELLS

- A. Wet wells shall meet the requirements of ASTM C478, Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections, with the exclusion of Section 10(a), except as modified herein. Cement shall meet the requirements of ASTM C150-74, Specification for Portland Cement, Type II. Concrete shall meet the minimum requirement for 4000 psi concrete. Minimum wall thickness shall be 8 inches or 1/8 the inside manhole diameter as shown, whichever is greater. The required minimum strength of concrete shall be confirmed by making and testing three standard cylinders at seven days. Rings shall be custom made with openings to meet indicated pipe alignment conditions and invert elevations. Submit shop drawings, consisting of manufacturers' standard details of various sections for approval prior to placing order for wet wells. Drawings of individual wet wells showing invert elevations, pipe sizes and similar details will not be required.

- B. Joints

Form joint contact surfaces with machined castings. Surfaces shall be exactly parallel with nominal 1/16 inch clearing and the tongue equipped with a proper recess for the installation of an O-ring rubber gasket. Gaskets shall meet the requirements of Specification for Joint for Circular Concrete Sewer and Culvert Pipe, Using Rubber Gaskets. "RAM-NEK" sealing compound conforming to Federal Specification SSS-00210 (GSA-FSS), Sealing Compound, Preformed Plastic, for Expansion Joints and Pipe Joints may be used in lieu of O-ring rubber gaskets. If joints are sealed with "RAM-NEK" sealing compound the recess in the tongue for an O-ring gasket may be omitted.

- C. Wet Well Liners and Coatings

Coat or line the interior of all wet wells with OWNER approved system as follows:

1. G U Liner
2. Agru Liner
3. IET Coating System

Furnish, install, test and inspect liners and coating in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Extend coating and liner and seal onto wet well hatch frame, around pipe openings and other protrusions to prevent contact of wet well surface with corrosive sewer gases.

2.3 PIPE CONNECTIONS AT STRUCTURES

- A. Where pipes are to extend into or through structures from the exterior, flexible connections (mechanical or push-on type joints) shall be provided at the exterior wall face.
- B. For pipes passing through structural walls, wall pipes with water stops shall be installed where the location is below the surface of the ground or at any point where fluid levels will exceed that elevation. Neoprene sleeves with watertight caulking and 316 Series SS stainless steel clamps will be suitable at other locations.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for control of ground water to provide firm, dry subgrade for the structure, shall prevent water rising on new poured in place concrete or grouted joint sections within 24 hours after placing, and shall guard against flotation or other damage resulting from ground water or flooding.
- B. A minimum of a 12 inch layer of crushed stone or shell as specified under Section 02223 shall be placed as a foundation for the wet well base slabs, valve pits, and meter pits.
- C. Backfill material around the wet well and above the pipe bedding shall be selected material as specified in Section 02223.
- D. Precast bases, conforming to all requirements of ASTM C478 and above listed requirements for precast sections, may be used. The base shall be set in place on a thoroughly compacted crushed stone sub-base and adjusted in grade for the correct structure elevation.
- E. The station shall not be set into the excavation until the installation procedure and excavation have been approved by the ENGINEER.
- F. The base may be cast-in-place concrete as specified in Division 3, placed on a thoroughly compacted crushed stone sub-base. The tops of the cast-in-place bases shall be shaped to mate with the precast barrel section, and shall be adjusted in grade so that the top slab section is at the approximately correct elevation.
- G. Precast concrete structure sections shall be set so as to be vertical and with sections in true alignment with a 1/4 inch maximum tolerance to be allowed. The outside and inside joint shall be filled with a non-shrink grout and finished flush with the adjoining surfaces. Allows joints to set for 24 hours before backfilling. Backfilling shall be done in a careful manner, bringing the fill up evenly on all sides. If leaks appear in the structures, the inside joints shall be caulked with lead wool to the satisfaction of the

ENGINEER. Install the precast sections in a manner that will result in a watertight joint.

- H. Holes in the concrete sections required for handling or other purposes shall be plugged with a non-shrinking grout or by grout in combination with concrete plugs.
- I. Where holes must be cut in the precast sections to accommodate pipes, cutting shall be done by core drilling prior to setting them in place to prevent any subsequent jarring which may loosen the mortar joints.

END OF SECTION