SECTION 520 – MEMBRANE WATERPROOFING, SPRAY APPLIED

520.01 DESCRIPTION. This work shall consist of furnishing and installing a spray applied membrane waterproofing system. The system shall incorporate a primer, the waterproofing membrane, tack coat, and any required aggregate.

520.02 MATERIALS. The materials shall consist of an approved spray applied membrane waterproofing system listed on the Approved Products List on file with the Agency’s Materials and Research Section.

520.03 SUBMITTALS. The following information shall be provided by the Contractor to the Engineer prior to application of the membrane system:

(a) Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Material Detail Sheets prepared by the membrane manufacturer, provided a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the scheduled commencement of work.

(b) Written certification from the manufacturer regarding the Applicator’s qualifications and references for a minimum of three (3) spray applied membrane projects completed by the Applicator within the last five (5) years, provided a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the application of any system component. The certification shall apply only to the named individual(s) performing the application.

520.04 WEATHER LIMITATIONS. Waterproofing shall not be done in rainy weather or when the temperature is below 5°C (40°F) without the authorization of the Engineer.

520.05 SURFACE PREPARATION. Concrete surfaces that are to receive the membrane waterproofing shall meet SSPC SP13/NACE No. 6 Surface Preparation of Concrete. Metal surfaces shall meet SSPC SP10/NACE No. 2 Near White Blast Cleaning.

520.06 CONSTRUCTION DETAILS.

(a) General. All work performed shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

The manufacturer shall have a competent technical representative with necessary equipment to perform the quality control testing at the job site during all phases of preparation and installation. The technical representative will be responsible for performing all quality control testing required during membrane application (as described below). The technical representative will present all quality-control testing equipment to the Engineer to verify calibration dates and demonstrate their competency to perform quality control testing.

Personnel exposed to primers and membranes shall be protected in accordance with the MSDS.

All components of the membrane system shall be stored in accordance with the Material Detail Sheets.

All installation shall be performed in accordance with the Material Detail Sheets and manufacturer’s recommendations.
Where traffic will be driving directly on the membrane surface, an aggregate wearing surface shall be adhered to the top membrane coat. Unless otherwise specified, the aggregate shall be broadcast at 1.22 – 2.44 kg/m² (0.25 – 0.50 lb/ft²) to achieve adequate uniform coverage.

Where bituminous concrete pavement will be applied to the membrane surface, a tack coat compatible with the membrane system shall be used between the membrane and the bituminous concrete pavement. The surface preparation and tack coat shall be applied per the manufacturer’s recommendations.

(b) Quality Control Testing.

(1) Substrate Moisture Content and Temperature. The surface moisture content and surface temperature shall be measured prior to applying the primer and membrane. The moisture content and temperature shall be within the limits indicated on the Material Detail Sheets. One test shall be performed for every 165 square meters (200 square yards) of deck area or three tests per bridge deck, whichever is greater.

(2) Primer Adhesion. After the substrate has been prepared to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the adhesion of the primer to the substrate shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D 4541. Tests shall be conducted after the primer has sufficiently cured as determined by the technical representative. One test shall be performed for every 165 square meters (200 square yards) of deck area or three tests per bridge deck, whichever is greater. The Engineer may require additional test(s) where deficient adhesion is suspected. A minimum of 1 MPa (150 psi) adhesion strength to Portland cement concrete is required. The primer shall consist of one coat with an overall coverage rate of 3.0–4.3 m²/l (125–175 ft²/gal) unless otherwise recommended in the manufacturer’s written instructions.

(3) Membrane Thickness. The wet-film thickness of each course of membrane shall be measured using a standard comb-type thickness gauge, or the dry-film thickness of each course of membrane shall be measured in accordance with SSPC-PA2. Alternative methods for measuring thickness shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval. The measured thickness of each course of the membrane and the entire thickness of the finished membrane shall be greater than or equal to the depth documented in the Crack Bridging Test (ASTM C 836).

(4) Membrane Pin Holes. Test for pin holes in the cured membrane system over the entire application area in accordance with ASTM D 4787. The test shall be conducted at voltages recommended by the manufacturer to prevent damage to the membrane.
Membrane Adhesion. The adhesion of the membrane system to the substrate shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D 4541. Tests shall be conducted after the membrane has sufficiently cured as determined by the technical representative. One test shall be performed for every 165 square meters (200 square yards) of deck area or three tests per bridge deck, whichever is greater. The Engineer may require additional test where deficient adhesion is suspected. A minimum of 1 MPa (150 psi) adhesion strength to Portland cement concrete is required.

The Contractor shall repair and/or correct any deficiencies in the membrane system and substrate noted during quality-control testing as recommended by the manufacturer’s representative to the satisfaction of Engineer at no additional cost to the State.

520.06 PROTECTION OF EXPOSED SURFACES. The Contractor shall exercise care in the application of the waterproofing materials to prevent surfaces not receiving treatment from being spattered or marred. Particular reference is made to the face of curbs, copings, finished surfaces, substructure exposed surfaces, and outside faces of the bridge. Any material that spatters on these surfaces shall be removed and the surfaces cleaned to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

520.07 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT. The quantity of Membrane Waterproofing, Spray Applied to be measured for payment will be the number of square meters (square yards) used in the complete and accepted work. Measurement will be based on the horizontal distance between the face of the curbs, plus vertical surfaces as shown on the Plans, and the horizontal length of the membrane installed.

520.08 BASIS OF PAYMENT. The accepted quantity of Membrane Waterproofing, Spray Applied will be paid for at the Contract unit price per square meter (square yard). Payment will be full compensation for furnishing, transporting, handling, and placing the waterproofing system specified, including surface preparation, submittals, and quality control testing, and for furnishing all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

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