

# Technician Forum Grading & Base

2021

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Grading, Base, Reclamation, & Aggregates

# Outline

2021 Specification Changes,  
Schedule of Materials Control, and  
other Recent Changes

# Test Rolling Schedule of Materials Control

## **SMC (2018):**

- Base (2211),
- FDR (2215), and
- Dirty Granular

Minimum 12' x 300' length.



05/24/2005

# — New Small LWD about half the weight of older units

- No proctor test required for Density
- One point proctor for moisture.
- See Moduli in G&B manual.



<b>LWD Minimum Elastic Moduli for Granular, Clay and Clay Loam, and Base</b>		
<b>Specification</b>	<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Minimum Elastic Modulus [MPa]</b>
2106	Granular	40
	Clay and Clay Loam	20
2211	Base	50
2215	Reclamation	

# 2020 G&B Manual Sand Cone Sand

- MnDOT requires #20 - #30 Sand, whilst ASTM D1556 (1990) requires #10 - #60 Sand
- Cost is \$7.50 per test for MnDOT required sand versus \$2.50 for ASTM sand.
- G&B Manual now allows ASTM D1556 sand

# Target Value for DCP

Procedure  
in Grading  
and Base  
Manual 2016



## 2018 MCS

- Engineer choose to divide lots sizes into smaller volumes/weights of non-equal sizes.
- Test at Engineer's Discretion  
Bit content, clay content, concrete content, objectionable materials



# Riprap (Special Provision & Schedule of Materials Control) Hydraulics/Bridge

Quality Requirements for Carbonate Sources: QC Requirements

Gradation Requirements:

Supplier: (image analysis)

Agency  $D_{85}$  (diameter at 85% Passing)





## **Crushing Test Changes**

- **Changing to same as HMA, i.e., based upon % crush of +4**
- **Specs changed with test**
  - **Class 5: 10% → 25%**
  - **Class 6: 15% → 30%**
- **Test discretionary for Engineer**

# Sampling Criteria for Base 2021 Spec. Book

- Change from after spreading before compaction to before spreading
  - Inconsistent
  - Taking sample over dozer tracks
  - Too short a window to gather sample
  - Making changes to Grading and Base Manual

Table 2211-4  
Monetary  
Price  
Adjustments  
for Base,  
Surfacing, etc.  
Removed from  
2021 Spec  
Book



New guidelines will be put on the Grading & Base web page



Also consider using:



**1512 UNACCEPTABLE AND UNAUTHORIZED WORK**



**1601 SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND QUALITY**



**1603.3 MATERIALS: SPECIFICATIONS, SAMPLES, TESTS, AND ACCEPTANCE**



**1603.4 ACCEPTANCE**

# Structural Backfill Specification

## (This Picture is Super Sand 24 hours after rain)

- Met super sand & structural backfill: #40/10 (0-65) & #200/10 (0-10)
- > 24 hours after a rain
- Sample was: 8% Passing #200 % & 5% Clay
- Changed Structural Backfill to:

5% #200 & 1.5% Clay



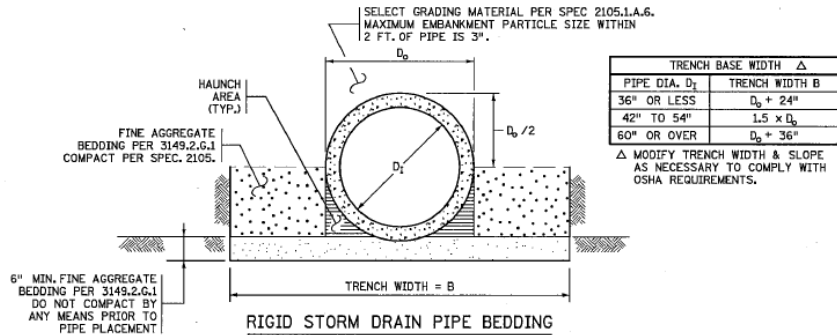
**3138  
Surfacing  
Aggregate  
2018 & 2021  
Spec. Book**

Minimum clay 3% and Plasticity Index of 5 - 12.

Requirements met for recycled or quarry stone

# 2106 & 2211

- **Contractor meets:**
  - Quality compaction,
  - Specified density,
  - LWD, and
  - DCP (Granular Only)
- **Agency Tests:**
  - Quality compaction and
    - Specified density, LWD, or DCP.



**CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE**

1. LOOSELY PLACE 6" OF FINE AGGREGATE BEDDING MATERIAL TO GRADE. DO NOT COMPACT PRIOR TO PIPE PLACEMENT.
2. FOR PIPES WITH BELL, REMOVE MATERIAL IN BELL AREA PRIOR TO PLACEMENT.
3. FINISH AND INSTALL PIPE TO GRADE.
4. AFTER INSTALLATION OF PIPE, PLACE ADDITIONAL FINE AGGREGATE BEDDING AND COMPACT THE FULL LENGTH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PIPE UNDERNEATH THE HAUNCH AREA BY FIRST SHOVEL SLICING (MANUALLY SHOVE THE BLADE END OF SHOVEL AT AN ANGLE DOWN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF HAUNCH UNDER PIPE) THEN COMPACT THE HAUNCH AT AN ANGLE USING A POWERED MECHANICAL OR PNEUMATIC DEVICE (I.E. POLE TAMPER, JUMPING JACK OR SIMILAR). COMPACT THE REMAINING MATERIAL OUTSIDE THE HAUNCH AREA TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SPEC. 2105, ENSURING THAT THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF PIPE IS SUPPORTED UNIFORMLY BY BEDDING.
5. PLACE AND COMPACT BACKFILL EVENLY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY IN 6" LIFTS ON EACH SIDE OF THE PIPE UP TO THE MID-HEIGHT WHEN COMPACTED.
6. COMPLETE REMAINING BACKFILL.

**NOTES**

EXCAVATE & CONSTRUCT ALL TRENCHES AND SLOPES PER OSHA REQUIREMENTS.  
PIPE SIZE IS BASED ON THE NOMINAL INSIDE DIAMETER.  
PROTECT ALL PIPE DURING CONSTRUCTION PER SPEC. 2501 OR 2503.



A photograph of a concrete sidewalk with a tree on the left and a garden bed on the right. The sidewalk is made of several slabs separated by expansion joints. The garden bed contains dark mulch and some green plants. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# Compaction under sidewalk and trails. 2020


- New testing rates for  
compacting (2020 SMC)

## 2108

### 2021 Spec. Book

- New Geotextile Spec.
- Type 5 not recommended.
- Use Type 7 as a min. for marginable soils.
- Poor soils: Type 9, 10, 11, or 12  
(Call G&B for assistance)





# Spec 2106: 2018 & 2021 Spec. Book

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For slopes steeper than 1:4,  
Construct steps with min  
width of 12" and a max  
height of 24", before placing  
embankment.

# 2215 Reclamation 2018 & 2021 Spec. Book

- No more lifts > 6”



**Reminder**  
**Regarding**  
**Aggregates**

As is currently, and as required  
in AASHTOware

Aggregate Sources need a pit #

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