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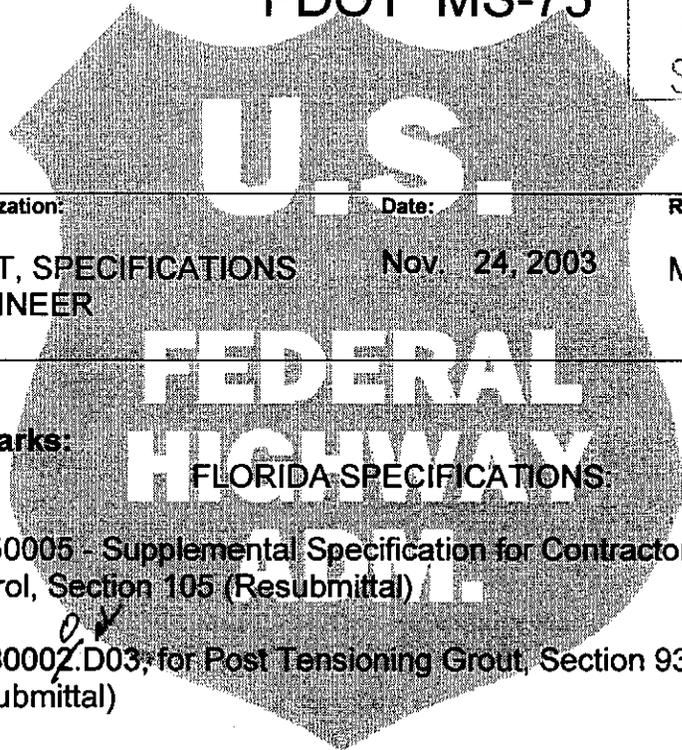
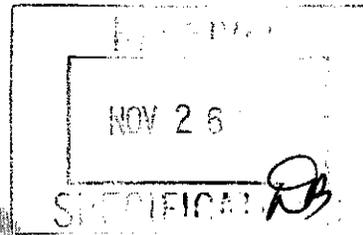
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APPROVED: 

DATE: 11/25/03

For the Division Administrator



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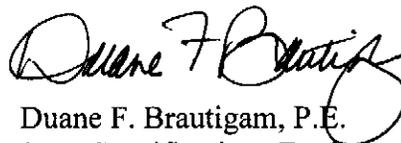
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This is a resubmittal from Doug Edwards comments.

Please review the attached document and return comments/approval as soon as possible.

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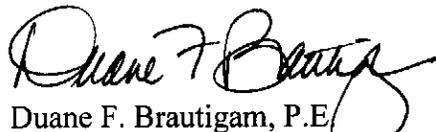
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~~—(REV 1-9-036-20-037-1-039-10-0311-3-03)-(FA 1-28-03)-(7-03)~~

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**938-3 Mixing.**

The material shall be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**938-4 Grout Physical Properties.**

**938-4.1 Gas Generation.**

The grout shall not contain aluminum powder or other components, which produce hydrogen, carbon dioxide or oxygen gas.

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The grout shall meet or exceed the specified physical properties stated herein as determined by the following standard and modified ASTM test methods conducted at normal laboratory temperature (65-78°F [18-25°C]) and conditions. ~~Conduct grout tests at the minimum fluidity value (maximum water content). Establish the minimum water content and maximum density corresponding to the maximum fluidity value or, test for maximum fluidity using the minimum water content. Conduct all grout tests with grout mixed to produce the minimum time of efflux.. Establish the water content to produce the minimum and maximum time of efflux..~~

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### **938-5 Simulated Field High Temperature Fluidity Test.**

Perform a conditioned laboratory high temperature grout fluidity test as described below using production grouting equipment utilizing both mixing and storage tanks. Grouts must conform to the requirements of 938-4 including initial fluidity test. For the test to be successful, the grout must have an efflux time of not greater than 30 seconds at the end of the one hour test period. Efflux time may be determined by either ASTM C939 or the modified ASTM C939 described herein.

- (a) Perform the test in a temperature conditioned laboratory. Condition the room, grout, water, duct, pump, mixer and all other equipment to be used to a temperature of 90°F [32.5°C] for a minimum of 12 hours prior to the test.
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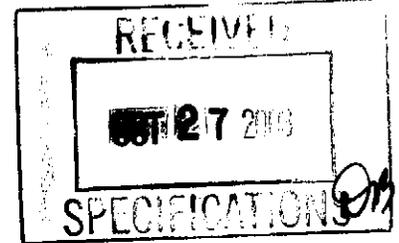
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Enclosure



## Standard Test Method for Flow of Grout for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete (Flow Cone Method)<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C 939; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

*This specification has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.*

### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a procedure, used both in the laboratory and in the field, for determining the time of efflux of a specified volume of fluid hydraulic cement grout through a standardized flow cone and used for preplaced-aggregate (PA) concrete; however, the test method may also be used for other fluid grouts.

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1.4 When efflux time exceeds 35 s, flowability is better determined by flow table, found in Test Method C 109, using 5 drops in 3 s.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

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### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

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C 938 Practice for Proportioning Grout Mixtures for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete<sup>3</sup>

### 3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The time of efflux of a specified volume of grout from a standardized flow cone is measured.

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4.1 This test method is applicable to the determination of the fluidity of various fluid grout mixtures.

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5.1 The presence of solid particles retained on the 2.36-mm (No. 8) sieve or lumps of unmixed material in the grout may cause the grout to flow unevenly through the discharge tube of the flow cone or stop the flow completely. Uneven flow will result in slower transit of the grout, thereby indicating a false consistency.

### 6. Apparatus

6.1 *Flow Cone*, with dimensions as shown in Fig. 1. The discharge tube shall be stainless steel. The body can be stainless steel, cast aluminum, or other essentially noncorroding metal.

NOTE 1—Cones with high-density polyethylene bodies are acceptable for field use in situations where precision as described in this test method is not required.

6.2 *Receiving Container*, capacity 2000 mL, minimum.

6.3 *Ring Stand* or other device, capable of supporting the flow cone in a vertical, steady position over the receiving container.

6.4 *Level*, carpenter's or similar.

6.5 *Stop Watch*, least reading of not more than 0.2 s.

6.6 *Grout Mixer*, conforming to Practice C 938.

### 7. Test Sample

7.1 The grout test sample shall be in excess of 1725 mL and shall be representative of the grout in the mixer.

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### 8. Calibration of Apparatus

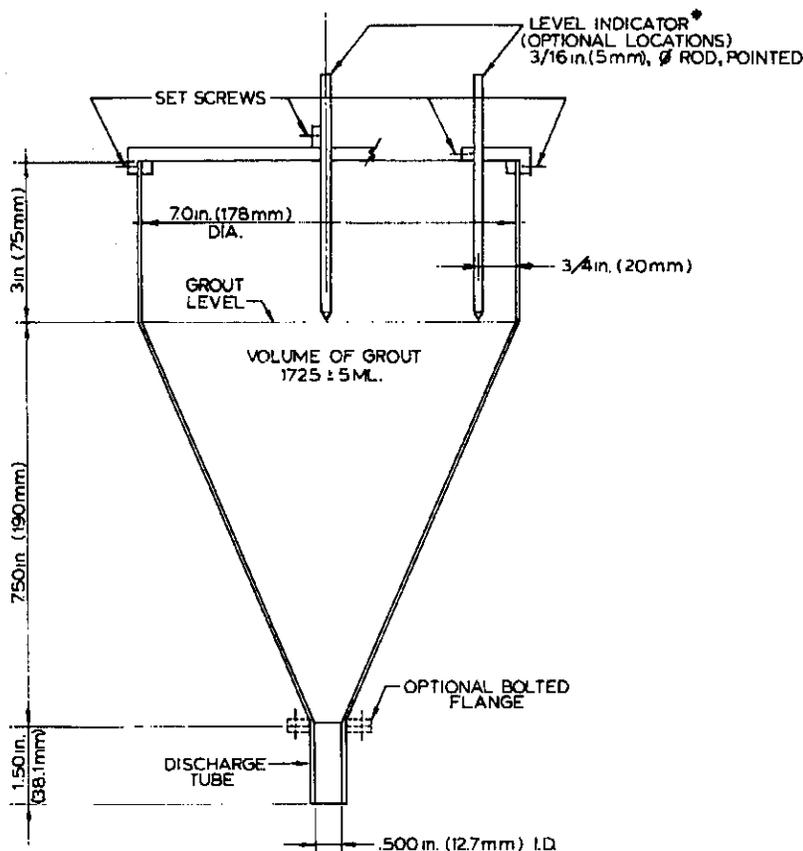
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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.02.



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FIG. 1 Cross Section of Flow Cone

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### 9. Procedure

9.1 Moisten the inside of the flow cone by filling the cone with water and, 1 min before introducing the grout sample, allow the water to drain from the cone. Close the outlet of the discharge tube with a finger or a stopper. Introduce the grout into the cone until the grout surface rises to contact the point gage, start the stop watch, and simultaneously remove the finger or stopper. Stop the watch at the first break in the continuous flow of grout from the discharge tube, then look

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## 12. Keywords

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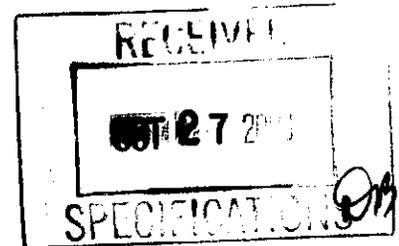
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Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Subject: D9380002.D01

FHWA did NOT approve the subject specification; it has been returned with comments by their letter of October 24, 2003. According to the letter, the comments have already been provided to Robert Robertson. Please handle with Robert accordingly.

Thanks - DFB

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(REV 9-10-03)**

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The spec was not meant to delete 938-5 thru 938-7 as noted by Donnie Bagwell.

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Please review the comments from Industry Review and submit changes as needed.  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 9, 2003

**TO:** Robert Robertson, State Structures Office

**FROM:** Clinton J. Shaw, State Specifications Office 

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Modifications To Specification: D9380002 – Post-Tensioning Grout**

Comments received, regarding the subject modification to the Standard Specifications, are attached. Please review these comments and advise of any further modifications by September 23, 2003. Also, please submit an electronic summary, of your decisions concerning these comment(s) in memorandum format. This summary will be posted on the State Specifications Office Web Page and included in the Specifications folder for future reference, should someone question your response. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Please Email submittals to SP965CS or [clinton.shaw@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:clinton.shaw@dot.state.fl.us).

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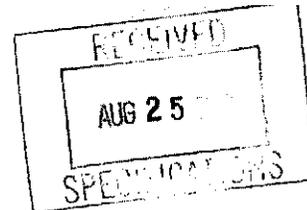
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As discussed with John Owens and Larry Sessions, Sections 938-5 through 938-7 have been omitted from this review. If this was the intent the specifaion is not complete. If this was an oversight I can't respond until the oversight is corrected



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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 7, 2003  
**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List  
**FROM:** Duane F. Brautigam, P.E., State Specifications Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specifications Change: D9380002 – Post-Tensioning Grout

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change to Post-Tensioning - Grout.

This change was proposed by Robert Robertson, of the State Structures Office, to establish applications for which grout will be qualified for inclusion on the QPL, and to specify fluidity values under which grout tests are to be conducted.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or to my attention via e-mail at SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after September 4, 2003 may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Submitted by: JACK R. LEONARD Phone #: SC 335-3679

TO: SPECIFICATION DEVELOPMENT

NO COMMENTS  
 COMMENTS-PLEASE PROCESS

DATE 08/26/03

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**DATE:** August <sup>7</sup>/~~4~~, 2003

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Duane F. Brautigam, P.E., State Specifications Engineer  
*[Signature: Duane F. Brautigam]*

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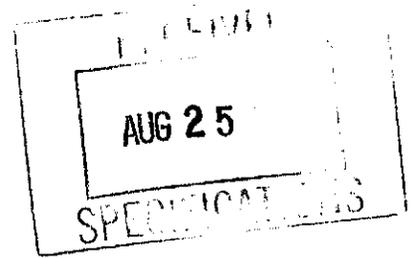
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Submitted by: JACK R. LEONARD Phone #: SC 335-3679

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Please review the attached draft specification and return your comments/approval. Thank you.

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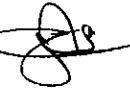
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**TO:** Bob Burleson, FTBA, David Sadler, State Construction Office, Brian Blanchard, State Roadway Design Office, Bruce Dietrich, State Pavement Management Office, Greg Davis, State Estimates Office, Clay McGonagill, General Counsel's Office

**FROM:** Clinton J. Shaw, State Specifications Office 

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Specification: D9380002 – Post-Tensioning Grout**

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## SPECIFICATION PROCESSING AND STATUS FORM

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**Scheduled completion date:** Projected process completion date.

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PAGE 846. The following new Section is added after Section 937.

### SECTION 938 POST-TENSIONING GROUT

#### 938-1 General Requirements.

This Section covers grouts to be used to protect post-tensioning steel. Grout applications are differentiated into three applications: horizontal, vertical and repair.

Grouts shall be prepackaged in moisture proof containers. Grout bags shall indicate application, date of manufacture, LOT number and mixing instructions. Any change of materials or material sources requires new testing and certification of the conformance of the grout with this Specification. A copy of the Quality Control Data Sheet for each lot number and shipment sent to the job site shall be provided to the Contractor by the grout supplier and furnished to the Engineer. Materials with a total time from manufacture to usage in excess of six months shall be tested and certified by the supplier that the product meets the QC Control Specifications before use or the material shall be removed and replaced.

#### 938-2 Qualified Products List.

Only post-tensioning grouts listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL) shall be used. Manufacturers of post-tensioning grout seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include certified test reports from an independent laboratory, audited by the Cement Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL) which shows the material meets all the requirements specified herein. A written certification from the manufacturer that the product meets the requirements of this Section must be provided. *Grout products will be qualified by application (horizontal, vertical or repair).*

#### 938-3 Mixing.

The material shall be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

#### 938-4 Grout Physical Properties.

##### 938-4.1 Gas Generation.

The grout shall not contain aluminum powder or components, which produce hydrogen, carbon dioxide or oxygen gas.

##### 938-4.2 Laboratory Test.

The grout shall meet or exceed the specified physical properties stated herein as determined by the following standard and modified ASTM test methods conducted at normal laboratory temperature (65-78°F [18-25°C]) and conditions. *Conduct grout tests at the minimum fluidity value (maximum water content). Establish the minimum water content and maximum density corresponding to the maximum fluidity value or, test for maximum fluidity using the minimum water content.*

Property	Test Value	Test Method
Total Chloride Ions	Max. 0.08% by weight of cementitious material	ASTM C 1152
Fine Aggregate (if utilized)	99% passing the No. 50 Sieve (300 micron)	ASTM C 136*

Property	Test Value	Test Method
Hardened Height Change @ 24 hours and 28 days	0.0% to + 0.2%	ASTM C 1090**
Expansion	≤ 2.0% for up to 3 hours	ASTM C 940
Wet Density - Laboratory	Report maximum and minimum obtained test value lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/l)	ASTM C 185
Wet Density - Field	Report maximum and minimum obtained test value lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/l)	ASTM C 138
Compressive Strength 28 day (Average of 3 cubes)	≥7,000 psi [48.3 MPa]	ASTM C 942
Initial Set of Grout	Min. 3 hours Max. 12 hours	ASTM C 953
Fluidity Test*** Efflux Time from Flow Cone		
(a) Immediately after mixing	Min. 20 Sec. Max. 30 Sec.	ASTM C 939
	or Min. 9 Sec. Max. 20 Sec.	ASTM C 939****
(b) 30 minutes after mixing with remixing for 30 sec	Max. 30 Sec.	ASTM C 939
	or Max. 30 Sec.	ASTM C 939****
Bleeding @ 3 hours	Max. 0.0 percent	ASTM C 940*****
Permeability @ 28 days	Max. 2500 coulombs at 30 V for 6 hours	ASTM C 1202

\*Use ASTM C117 procedure modified to use a #50 sieve. Determine the percent passing the #50 sieve after washing the sieve.

\*\*Modify ASTM C1090 to include verification at both 24 hours and 28 days.

\*\*\*Adjustments to flow rates will be achieved by strict compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

\*\*\*\*Grout fluidity shall meet either the standard ASTM C939 flow cone test or the modified test described herein. Modify the ASTM C939 test by filling the cone to the top instead of to the standard level. The efflux time is the time to fill a one liter container placed directly under the flow cone.

\*\*\*\*\*Modify ASTM C940 to conform with the wick induced bleed test as follows:

(a) Use a wick made of a 20 inch [0.5 m] length of ASTM A416 seven wire 0.5 inch [12.7 mm] diameter strand. Wrap the strand with 2 inch [50 mm] wide duct or electrical tape at each end prior to cutting to avoid splaying of the wires when it is cut. Degrease (with acetone or hexane solvent) and wire brush to remove any surface rust on the strand before temperature conditioning.

(b) Condition the dry ingredients, mixing water, prestressing strand and test apparatus overnight at 65 to 75°F [18 to 24°C].

(c) Mix the conditioned dry ingredients with the conditioned mixing water and place 800 ml of the resulting grout into the 1,000 ml graduate cylinder. Measure and record the level of the top of the grout.

(d) Completely insert the strand into the graduated cylinder. Center and fasten the strand so it remains essentially parallel to the vertical axis of the cylinder. Measure and record the level of the top of the grout.

(e) Store the mixed grout at the temperature range listed above in (b).

(f) Measure the level of the bleed water every 15 minutes for the first hour and hourly for two successive readings thereafter.

(g) Calculate the bleed water, if any, at the end of the three hour test period and the resulting expansion per the procedures outlined in ASTM C940, with the quantity of bleed water expressed as a percent of the initial grout volume. Note if the bleed water remains above or below the top of the original grout height. Note if any bleed water is absorbed into the specimen during the test.