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Monica Gourdine  
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Federal Highway Administration  
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section **649**  
Proposed Specification: **6490403 Galvanized Steel Strain Poles, Mast Arms And  
Monotube Assemblies.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

These changes are to correct a cross reference to another Article.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4280.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

## **GALVANIZED STEEL STRAIN POLES, MAST ARMS AND MONOTUBE ASSEMBLIES.**

**(REV 6-8-11)**

SUBARTICLE 649-4.3. (Pages 755 and 756) is deleted and the following substituted:

### **649-4.3 Painting:**

**649-4.3.1 General:** When required by the Contract Documents, provide painted strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies. Provide products from a fabricator on the Department's list of Prequalified Fabricators of Painted Galvanized Steel Strain Poles, Mast Arms and Monotube Assemblies. Provide products that will meet specification requirements throughout the warranty period. Meet the color requirement as specified in the Contract Documents. Provide the Engineer with two metal sample coupons, a minimum of 2 x 4 inches, painted concurrently and with the same paint as was used on the first lot of any strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies delivered to the jobsite. Provide sample coupons and manufacturer product data sheets to the Engineer along with the delivery of the first shipment of any painted strain poles, mast arms or monotube assemblies delivered to the jobsite. At the time of their delivery, the sample coupons described in this paragraph shall match the color of the strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies to within 1ΔE measured as specified in 975-74. If the delivered sample coupons exhibit a difference in color from the strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies greater than 1ΔE then the sample coupons will be considered unacceptable and no payment shall be made for the materials which the sample coupons represent. Those materials shall not be accepted by the Department until acceptable representative sample coupons in accordance with the requirements of this Section have been delivered to the Engineer.

**649-4.3.2 Responsible Party Warranty:** When the Contract Documents call for painted galvanized steel strain poles, mast arms or monotube assemblies, the Contractor shall designate a Responsible Party to accept responsibility. The Responsible party designated by the Contractor must execute and deliver to the Department a form, provided by the Department, prior to the first delivery to the jobsite of any painted strain poles, mast arms or monotube assemblies, stipulating that the Responsible Party accepts responsibility for ensuring the coating system adhesion and color retention requirements as specified in 975-74 are met for a period of five years after final acceptance in accordance with 5-11. The Responsible Party shall also bear the continued responsibility for performing all remedial work associated with repairs of any adhesion or color retention failure as defined in Section 975, as to which notice was provided to the Responsible Party within the five year warranty period. Failure to timely designate the Responsible Party will result in the Contractor being the Responsible Party unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Department. The responsible Party shall be either the Contractor or the Fabricator. When the Responsible Party is the Fabricator, the Responsible Party shall be one of the Fabricators listed on the "Prequalified Fabricators of Painted Galvanized Steel Strain Poles, Mast Arms and Monotube Assemblies." This list may be viewed on the Department's website at the following URL: [www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/) .

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Upon final acceptance of the Contract in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the coating system adhesion and color retention requirements specified in 975-74 will terminate. The obligations of the Responsible Party set forth in this Section shall start at final acceptance of the Contract in accordance with 5-11 and continue thereafter until expiration of the five year warranty period.

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