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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 400
Proposed Specification: 4001502 Concrete Structures – Finishing Concrete

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

This change was proposed by Paul Vinik of the State Materials Office to clarify that the application of the coating is to be according to the rate stated in the spec and not according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

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

CONCRETE STRUCTURES – FINISHING CONCRETE.**(REV 11-7-08)**

ARTICLE 400-15.2.6 (pages 383 - 384) is deleted and the following substituted:

400-15.2.6 Class 5 Applied Finish Coating:

400-15.2.6.1 General: Place an applied finish coating upon all concrete surfaces where the plans indicate Class 5 Applied Finish Coating. Apply the finish coating after completion of the general surface work specified for all exposed concrete surfaces. Select an Applied Finish Coating from the Departments Qualified Products List meeting the requirements of Section 975.

400-15.2.6.2 Material: For the coating material, use a commercial product designed specifically for this purpose. Use only coating material that is manufactured by one manufacturer and delivered to the job site in sealed containers bearing the manufacturer's original labels. Submit a copy of the manufacturer's printed instructions to the Engineer.

400-15.2.6.3 Surface Preparation: Prepare the surface prior to the application of an applied finish coating by providing a surface finish in accordance with the requirements of 400-15.1. The Engineer will not require surface voids that are 1/4 inch or less in width and depth to be grouted prior to application of the finish coating. Fill surface void larger than 1/4 inch in width and depth an approved high strength, non metallic, non shrink grout meeting the requirements of Section 934, mixed and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Apply the grout by filling the surface voids using burlap pads, float sponges, or other acceptable methods. As soon as the grout has taken its initial set, brush the surface to remove all loose grout, leaving the surface smooth and free of any voids. Ensure that the surface to be coated is free from efflorescence, flaking coatings, curing compound, dirt, oil, and other substances deleterious to the applied finish coating. Prior to application of the finish coating onto precast or cast-in-place concrete surfaces, test the concrete surface at 30 foot intervals for the presence of curing compound using one or two drops of muriatic acid placed on the concrete surface. If curing compound is present, there will be no reaction between the acid and the concrete. If there is no reaction, remove the compound by pressure washing the concrete surfaces. Prepare the surfaces in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and ensure that they are in a condition consistent with the manufacturer's requirements.

400-15.2.6.4 Application: Apply the finish coating ~~in a~~ *utilizing a method* recommended by the manufacturer. When applying the finish coating by spraying, supply heavy duty spray equipment capable of maintaining a constant pressure necessary for proper application. Mix, ~~apply,~~ and cure all coating materials in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions. Apply the finished coating at a rate of 50 ±10 ft²/gal.

400-15.2.6.5 Finished Product: Produce a texture of the completed finish coat that is generally similar to that of rubbed concrete. Ensure that the completed finished coating is tightly bonded to the structure and presents a uniform appearance and texture. If necessary, apply additional coats to produce the desired surface texture and uniformity.

Upon failure to adhere positively to the structure without chipping, flaking, or peeling, or to attain the desired surface appearance, remove coatings entirely from the structure, and reapply the finish coating after surface preparation until achieving the desired finished product. Do not allow the average thickness of the completed finish coating to exceed 1/8 inch.

400-15.2.6.6 Material Tests and Certification: Before any portion of any shipment of finish coating is applied on the project, furnish the Engineer with a certificate from the manufacturer attesting that the commercial product furnished conforms to the same formula as that previously subjected to the tests specified in Section 975. In addition, submit the following product analysis, obtained from the manufacturer, for each batch of the material used:

- (a) Weight per gallon.
- (b) Consistency (Krebs Units).
- (c) Weight percent pigment.
- (d) Weight percent vehicle solids.
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