

3000201 PRIME AND TACK COATS
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request for comments on proposed changes to the above.

One issue here that concerns me is the proposed exclusion of RC-70 / RC-250 for prime coat material. There are still a number of contractors / county agencies who either do FDOT work regularly and or follow FDOT specifications for their own or contracted work who utilize these products for this purpose as their product of choice. It benefits, in my opinion, all of us to continue to allow its use.

With the shift for emulsion (and hopefully cutback products) to be looked at/certified/ tested more like we have done paving grades bitumen for years now, I would think the burden on the Department to continue to allow use of these products to be minimal and the benefit to all parties would certainly outweigh that burden.

Response: Thank you for your comment regarding the elimination of cutback materials used for prime coat. Since the Department is no longer using these materials, we plan to remove them from the specifications. It would be detrimental to leave them in the specification, because we no longer plan to perform any testing on the materials, will not be reviewing QC plans or QC test results related to the materials, nor will the Department perform random inspections to sample the material for testing as a check against QC testing. Therefore, listing them in the current specification may be misleading to a local agency in the sense that it may portray that they are FDOT approved.

However, there are older specifications that are kept on the FDOT website for the very purpose that local agencies can use. These materials will be listed in those versions of the specifications. No changes made.
