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Khoa Nguyen  
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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section **711**  
Proposed Specification: **7110200 Thermoplastic Pavement Markings.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Chester Henson of the State Roadway Design Office to add installation requirements for high skid thermoplastic. A preformed thermoplastic specification is needed for the black material for contrast markings.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS.**(REV ~~10-30~~**12-21-15**)

ARTICLE 711-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

**711-2 Materials.**

Use only materials listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL) meeting the following requirements.

Standard and Refurbishment Thermoplastic.....	
.....	971-1 and 971-5
Preformed Thermoplastic.....	971-1 and 971-6
<i>High Skid Friction Thermoplastic .....</i>	<i>971-1 and 971-10</i>
Glass Spheres .....	971-1 and 971-2

Use sand materials meeting the requirements of 971-5.4.

The Engineer will take random samples of all material in accordance with the Department's Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide schedule.

ARTICLE 711-4 is deleted and the following substituted:

**711-4 Application.**

**711-4.1 General:** Remove existing pavement markings such that scars or traces of removed markings will not conflict with new pavement markings by a method approved by the Engineer. Cost for removing conflicting pavement markings during maintenance of traffic operations to be included in Maintenance of Traffic, Lump Sum.

Before applying pavement markings, remove any material that would adversely affect the bond of the pavement markings by a method approved by the Engineer.

Before applying pavement markings to any portland cement concrete surface, apply a primer, sealer, or surface preparation adhesive of the type recommended by the manufacturer. Offset longitudinal lines at least 2 inches from any longitudinal joints of portland cement concrete pavement.

Apply pavement markings to dry surfaces only, and when the ambient air and surface temperature is at least 50°F and rising for asphalt surfaces and 60°F and rising for concrete surfaces.

Apply pavement markings to the same tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5. When applying pavement markings over existing markings, ensure that no more than 2 inches on either end and not more than 1 inch on either side of the existing line is visible.

Apply thermoplastic material to the pavement by extrusion or other means approved by the Engineer.

Conduct field tests in accordance with FM 5-541. Take test readings representative of the pavement marking performance. Remove and replace pavement markings not meeting the requirements of this Section at no additional cost to the Department.

-Wait at least 14 days after constructing the final asphalt surface course to place thermoplastic pavement markings. ~~No minimum wait period is required for applying thermoplastic on concrete surfaces.~~ *Installation of thermoplastic on concrete requires a clean,*

*dry surface. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for surface preparation for thermoplastic on concrete.* Provide temporary pavement markings during the interim period prior to opening the road to traffic.

**711-4.1.1 Preformed Thermoplastic:** Apply markings to dry surfaces only and when ambient air temperature is at least 32°F. Prior to installation, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for pre-heating.

**711-4.1.2 High Skid Friction Thermoplastic:** *High skid thermoplastic may be used as an alternative to preformed thermoplastic for special emphasis crosswalk markings. Apply markings only by gravity or air pressure thermoplastic hand liners set-up with double drop bead attachments. Install ~~ation~~-markings shall follow in accordance with the manufacturer's ~~installation~~-recommendations.*

#### **711-4.2 Thickness:**

**711-4.2.1 Standard Thermoplastic Markings:** Apply or recap standard thermoplastic pavement markings for longitudinal lines to attain a minimum thickness of 0.10 inch or 100 mils and a maximum thickness 0.15 inch or 150 mils ~~maximum thickness~~, when measured above the pavement surface.

All chevrons, diagonal and transverse lines, messages, symbols, and arrows, wherever located, will have a thickness of 0.09 inch or 90 mils to 0.12 inch or 120 mils when measured above the pavement surface.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541.

The Engineer will verify the thickness of the pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 within 30 days of receipt of the Contractor's certification.

**711-4.2.2 Refurbishment Thermoplastic Markings:** Apply a minimum of 0.06 inch or 60 mils of thermoplastic material. Ensure that the combination of the existing marking and the overlay after application of glass spheres does not exceed the maximum thickness of 0.150 inch or 150 mils for all lines.

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**711-4.2.3 Preformed Thermoplastic:** Apply 0.125 inch or 125 mils of preformed thermoplastic material.

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**711-4.2.4 High Skid Friction Thermoplastic:** *Apply lines to attain a minimum thickness of 0.09 -inch or 90 -mils and a maximum thickness of 0.12- inch or 120 mils ~~maximum thickness~~, when measured above the pavement surface.*

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**711-4.3 Retroreflectivity:** Apply white and yellow pavement markings that will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 450 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup> and not less than 350 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup>, respectively for all longitudinal lines. All chevrons, diagonal lines, stop lines, messages, symbols, and arrows will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 300 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup> and

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