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SUBJECT: Joint Materials

Section S-707-JOINT MATERIALS; of the MISSISSIPPI STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR STATE AID ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION 2004 EDITION is hereby amended as follows:

901-S-707-02-1.3--Concrete Joint Sealer Compound-Hot Poured Elastic Type. In the first paragraph of Subsection S-707.02.10.3 on page 7-45, delete "AASHTO" Designation: M 173" and replace with "AASHTO Designation: M 324 for Type I Joint and Crack Sealant".

Delete in toto Subsection S-707.02.1.5 on page 7-47 and substitute:

901-S-707.02.1.5 -- Backer Rod for Use with Hot and Cold Poured Joint Sealer. The backer rod shall be a closed-cell foam rod made from polyethylene, polyolefin or similar type material, and shall conform to ASTM Designation D 5249. The backer rod shall either be a Type 1, for use with either hot or cold poured joint sealers, or a Type 3, for use with cold poured joint sealers only.

The Contractor shall furnish the Engineer three copies of the manufacturers' certification that the backer rod meets the requirements of this specification.