DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

Section 550—Storm Drain Pipe, Pipe-Arch Culverts, and Side Drain Pipe

*Delete Section 550 and Substitute the following:*

550.1 General Description
This work includes furnishing and installing the following:

- Storm drain pipe
- Pipe-arch and elliptical culverts
- Side drain pipe flared end sections
- Tapered pipe inlets

Install structures according to the Specifications and the details shown on the Plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

550.1.01 Definitions
Side Drain – All driveway pipes (commercial, non-commercial, residential, utility, farm, logging, and mining).

Thermoplastic Pipe – High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), Polypropylene (PP) and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC).

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.1.02 Related References
A. Standard Specifications
   Section 205—Roadway Excavation
   Section 207—Excavation and Backfill for Minor Structures
   Section 208—Embankments
   Section 645—Repair of Galvanized Coatings
   Section 812—Backfill Materials
   Section 815—Graded Aggregate
   Section 834—Masonry Materials
   Section 840—Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe
   Section 841—Iron Pipe
   Section 843—Concrete Pipe
   Section 844—Steel Pipe
   Section 845—Thermoplastic Pipe
   Section 847—Miscellaneous Pipe
   Section 848—Pipe Appurtenances
B. Referenced Documents

General Provisions 101 through 150.
GDOT Manual on Drainage Design for Highways
Ga. Std. 1030D
Ga. Std. 1030P
GDT 136
ASTM D 2321

550.1.03 Submittals
General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.2 Materials

Ensure materials meet the requirements of the following Specifications:

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Use any of the following types of pipe:

- Reinforced concrete
- Nonreinforced concrete
- Corrugated steel or Aluminum
- Smooth-lined corrugated high density polyethylene (HDPE)
- Ductile iron
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Profile Wall Drain Pipe
Use the type of pipe designated on the Plans, or acceptable alternate types when applicable. For a listing of acceptable alternate pipe types see the GDOT Approved Material Selections List in Chapter 7– Storm Drain Design of the Department’s Manual on Drainage Design for Highways. This document summarizes general applications for pipe.

For concrete, corrugated steel and aluminum pipes see Ga. Std. 1030D for minimum thicknesses, minimum cover, maximum fill, allowable pipe diameters and trench construction detail.

For thermoplastic pipes see Ga. Std. 1030P for minimum cover, maximum fill, allowable pipe diameters and trench construction details.

550.2.01 Delivery, Storage, and Handling
General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3 Construction Requirements

550.3.01 Personnel
General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.02 Equipment
General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.03 Preparation and Backfill
Before installing pipe, shape the foundation material as shown on the Plans.
Prepare structure excavations, foundation and backfill according to Section 207. Except, use the following foundation and backfill material requirements for thermoplastic pipe installations:

1. For applications located in roadbed, use graded aggregate material meeting Subsection 815.2.01.
2. For applications located outside roadbed:
   a. Fill heights up to 10 ft (3 m), use normal backfill material meeting the following soil classes per Subsection 810.2.01 and has been pre-approved by the State Materials Engineer.
      - High Density (HDPE) Polyethylene Culvert Pipe use Class II B2 soil or better.
      - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Polypropylene (PP) Pipe use Class II B3 soil or better.

      For pre-approval submit soil classification test results and source location of material to the Office of Materials and Testing. If normal backfill material meeting required Class is not available, use graded aggregate material meeting Subsection 815.2.01.
   b. Fill heights above 10 ft (3 m), use graded aggregate material meeting Subsection 815.2.01.

550.3.04 Fabrication
General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.05 Construction

A. Drainage
   Provide necessary temporary drainage. Periodically remove any debris or silt constricting the pipe flow to maintain drainage throughout the life of the Contract.

B. Damage
   Protect the structure by providing sufficient depth and width of compacted backfill before allowing construction over a culvert. Repair damage or displacement from traffic or erosion occurring after installing and backfilling at no additional cost to the Department.
C. Installation

Check vertical and horizontal alignment of the pipe culvert or storm drain pipe barrel by sighting along the crown, invert and sides of the pipe, and by checking for sagging, faulting and invert heaving. Repair any issues involving incorrect horizontal and/or vertical alignment before backfilling pipe.

1. Concrete Pipe
   Lay sections in a prepared trench with the socket ends pointing upstream. Join section using rubber gasket installed according to Subsection 848.2.01 and the manufacturer’s recommendations.

2. Ductile Iron Pipe
   Lay pipe sections in a prepared trench, with bells pointing upstream. Construct joints according to Subsection 841.2.02.A.

3. Corrugated Aluminum or Steel Pipe and Pipe-Arches
   Lay pipe sections in a prepared trench, with outside laps of circumferential joints pointing upstream and longitudinal joints at the sides. Join the sections with coupling bands, fastened by two or more bolts. Before backfilling the structure:
   a. Repair areas of damaged coatings and exposed base metal according to applicable AASHTO Standard Specification specified in Section 844.

4. Smooth-Lined Corrugated HDPE Pipe
   Install smooth-lined corrugated HDPE pipe according to ASTM D 2321 using backfill requirements in Subsection 550.3.03. Use fitting and couplings that comply with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II. Ensure all joints are “silt tight” as stated in the AASHTO bridge specifications.

5. Specials (Wyes, Tees, and Bends)
   Install wyes, tees, and bends as shown on the Plans or as directed.

6. Tapered Pipe Inlets
   Locate and install tapered pipe inlet end sections as shown on the Plans or as directed.

7. Elongation
   Elongate metal pipe as shown on the Plans. Order the elongation of the vertical axis of the pipe to be done in the shop.
   Ensure the manufacturer ship metal pipe with wire ties in the pipe ends. Remove wire-ties immediately after completing the fill.

8. Flared End Sections
   Use flared end sections on the inlet, outlet, or on both ends of storm drain pipe, according to Plan details.

9. PVC Drain Pipe
   Install polyvinyl chloride (PVC) drain pipe according to ASTM D 2321 using backfill requirements in Subsection 550.3.03. Use fittings and couplings complying with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II. Ensure all joints are “silt tight” as stated in the AASHTO bridge specifications.

10. Smooth-Lined Polypropylene Pipe
    Install smooth-lined polypropylene pipe according to ASTM D 2321 using backfill requirements in Subsection 550.3.03. Use fittings and couplings complying with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II. Ensure all joints are “silt tight” as stated in the AASHTO bridge specifications.

550.3.06 Quality Acceptance

A. Post Installation Inspection

For projects located on the State Route system, including interstates, inspect 100% of all storm drain pipe and a minimum of 10.0% of all side drain pipe installations. Conduct post installation inspections in accordance with the requirements of this Specification and GDT 136.

Before post installation inspection, dewater installed pipe (if necessary) and provide the Engineer with a post installation inspection schedule. Notify the Engineer at least seven days in advance of beginning inspection. Perform post installation
inspections once compacted backfill has reached a depth of 8 feet or after completion of the pipe installation and final cover, which includes the embankment and all non-asphalt bases and/or subgrades. Notify the Engineer of problems found during the inspection. The Engineer will determine if corrective action is necessary.

Perform post installation inspection with the use of low barrel distortion video equipment with laser profile technology, non-contact video micrometer and associated software.

Video and laser profiling and measurement technology must be certified by the company performing the work to meet the requirements of GDT 136. Inspection contractor personnel completing remote inspections shall be NASSCO – PACP Certified Technicians.

For video recorded, laser profiled pipe indicating deflection is in excess of Specification requirements, the Contractor may elect to further test the pipe with the use of a mandrel. Ensure mandrel meets requirements of GDT 136 and the Engineer has approved before use. Pull the mandrel by hand.

Manual post installation inspection allowed for pipe diameters greater than 48 inches per Subsection 550.3.06.B.

Re-inspect 100% of pipe remediation locations or where replacement was required.

**B. Manual Post Installation Inspections**

Perform a manual inspection by entering the pipe structure to record video and to make measurements. For all pipe structures considered a confined space, provide entry for all project inspection personnel according to OSHA requirements. Furnish a video recording of each inspection. On the recording, identify the date and time of the inspection, a description of the pipe structure, location, and viewing direction. Record the entire run of pipe. Provide a light source which allows observation of all areas of concern on the video recording. Furnish the video recording in a digital, reproducible format on one of the following media types: DVD or CD.

Measure the deflection of the pipe using either a metal or fabric tape and read to the nearest 0.5 inch (10 mm). Measure crack width using either a crack comparator or a feeler gage capable of measuring 0.01 inch (0.25 mm). Measure joint gaps using a tape or ruler and read to the nearest 0.5 inch (10 mm). Other measuring devices may be used if approved by the Engineer.

Record the measurements and include them in the inspection report. Measure and record the following:

1. The location, length and greatest width of each crack.
2. Smallest inside diameter three times for each pipe section in the run. Take the first measurement vertically from the crown to invert (12 o’clock to 6 o’clock positions). Take the second measurement by rotating 60 degrees from vertical (2 o’clock to 8 o’clock positions). Take the third measurement by rotating 120 degrees from vertical (4 o’clock to 10 o’clock positions). For all measurements, stretch tape to full extent across inside of pipe.
3. Widest gap at each joint in the run.

Record the location and describe other defects not listed above. For each measurement location in a pipe, record the length from the nearest drainage structure.

**C. Inspection Report**

Submit inspection report to the Engineer after completion of the required post installation inspection. Ensure inspection report meets the requirements of this Specification and GDT 136.

**D. Requirements for Concrete Pipe**

1. Joints: Note differential movement, cracks, spalling, improper gasket placement, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Repair or replace pipe sections to the satisfaction of the Engineer where joint separation is greater than one inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.

2. Longitudinal and Transverse Cracks: Cracks with a width less than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) are considered hairline and minor and only need to be noted in the inspection report, no corrective action is necessary. When cracks are wider than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) and extend for a length of 12 inch (300 mm) or more, regardless of position in the wall of the pipe, measure the width, length, and locations of the cracks and diameter of the pipe, both horizontally and vertically, use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer that takes into consideration structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe.

Seal by a method approved by the Engineer cracks having widths equal to or greater than 0.01 inch (0.25mm) that extend for a length of 12 inch (300 mm) or more and determined to be detrimental. Remediate or replace pipe with
cracks wider than 0.1 inch (2.5 mm) and determined by the Engineer to be beyond satisfactory structural repair. Repair or replace pipes having displacement across the crack.

E. Requirements for Thermoplastic Pipe

1. Joints: Remediate pipe showing evidence of crushing at the joints. Note differential movement, improper joint sealing, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Remediate joint separation of greater than 1 inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.

2. Cracks: Remediate cracks or splits in the interior wall of the pipe. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.

3. Buckling, bulging, and racking: Note in the inspection report flat spots or dents at the crown, sides or flowline of the pipe due to racking. Note areas of wall buckling and bulging in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if corrective action is necessary.

4. Deflection: Where pipe deflection exceeds 5% of the nominal diameter, submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer taking into consideration the severity of the deflection, structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the deflection could be problematic or where pipe deflection exceeds 7.5% of the nominal diameter.

F. Requirements for Corrugated Aluminum or Coated Steel Pipe

1. Joints: Remediate pipe showing evidence of crushing at the joints. Note differential movement, improper joint sealing, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Remediate joint separation of greater than 1 inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.

2. Cracks: Remediate cracks or splits in the interior wall of the pipe. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.

3. Buckling, bulging, and racking: Note flat spots or dents at the crown, sides or flowline of the pipe due to racking in the inspection report. Note areas of wall buckling and bulging in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if an additional evaluation by a Professional Engineer is required. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the damaged section could be problematic.

4. Deflection: Where pipe deflection exceeds 5% of the nominal diameter, submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer that takes into consideration the severity of the deflection, structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the deflection could be problematic or where pipe deflection exceeds 7.5% of the nominal diameter.

5. Coating: Note areas of the pipe where the original coating has been scratched, scoured or peeled in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if repair is necessary. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.

550.3.07 Contractor Warranty and Maintenance

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.4 Measurement

A. Excavation and Backfill

Foundation backfill materials types I, II and III are measured according to Subsection 207.4, “Measurement.”

Normal backfill is not measured separately, but is included in the measurement of the Items of excavation from which normal backfill materials are obtained.

No measurement will be made for grade aggregate used for structural backfill of thermoplastic pipe.

B. Flat Bottom and Circular Pipe (All Types)

The overall length of pipe installed, excluding tapered inlets, is measured in linear feet (meters), along the central axis of the diameter of the pipe. Wyes, tees, and bends are included in this measurement.
C. **Pipe-Arches**

The overall length of pipe-arch installed is measured in linear feet (meters), along the bottom center line of the pipe.

D. **Multiple Installations**

In multiple installations, each single line of culvert structure is measured separately.

E. **Tapered Pipe Inlets**

Tapered pipe inlet sections are measured as a unit; do not include them in the overall length of the pipe.

F. **Flared-End Sections**

Flared-end sections are measured separately by the unit and not included in the overall pipe length.

G. **Smooth-Flow Pipe**

Smooth-flow pipe is measured by the linear foot (meter) along the pipe invert.

H. **Elliptical Pipe**

Elliptical pipe is measured in linear feet (meters) along the bottom center line of the pipe.

I. **Post Installation Inspection**

No measurement will be made for post installation inspection.

550.4.01 **Limits**

Excavation and normal backfill are not measured for payment.

550.5 **Payment**

A. **Backfill**

Foundation backfill material Type II and III will be paid for according to Section 207.

Foundation backfill material Type I and normal backfill will be paid for according to Section 205 or Section 206.

Graded aggregate used for structural backfill of thermoplastic pipe will not be paid for separately, payment will be included in the overall price bid for pipe.

B. **Pipe Installations**

Pipe installations complete in place and accepted will be paid for at the Contract Price for each item.

This payment is full compensation for excavating, furnishing, and hauling materials; installing, cutting pipe where necessary; repairing or replacing damaged sections; post installation inspection, making necessary connections; strutting, elongating, providing temporary drainage; joining an extension to an existing structure where required; and removing, disposing of, or using excavated material as directed by the Engineer.

1. **Smooth Flow Pipe**

   The quantity of each diameter and steel thickness of smooth flow pipe as measured will be paid for at the Contract Unit Price per linear foot (meter) bid for the various sizes. Payment is full compensation for furnishing labor, materials, tools, O-ring mechanical joints, equipment, and incidentals to complete this Item, including removing and disposing excavation material.

2. **Flared-End Sections**

   Flared-end sections, measured as specified above, will be paid for at the Contract Unit Price for each section of the specified size.

   Payment will also include sawing, removing, and replacing existing pavement removed to install a new drainage structure.

C. **Post Installation Inspection**

No separate payment will be made for this work. Include the cost in the bid submitted for this pay item.

Payment for this item is made as follows:

One hundred percent of the Contract Price bid per linear foot (meter) is paid when the pipe is installed per the specifications including the required material documentation. The Contract Price is paid before post installation inspection.
Payment will be made under:

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### 550.5.01 Adjustments

Excavation will not be paid for separately, but the other provisions of Section 205 and Section 208 shall govern.

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