Section 853—Reinforcement and Tensioning Steel

853.1 General Description

This section includes the requirements for reinforcement and tensioning steel, including:

- Steel bars
- Pretensioning steel wire strand
- Post-tensioning steel wire
- Post-tensioning steel bars
- Plain steel bars with threaded ends
- Steel wire
- Welded steel wire fabric
- Dowel bars
- Dowel (tie) bars
- Bar supports
- Epoxy coating

853.1.01 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

Section 514—Epoxy Coated Steel Reinforcement

B. Referenced Documents

AASHTO	ASTM	
M 32/ M 32M M 55/ M55M M 284/ M284M	A 153/ A 153 M A 416/ A 416M A 421/ A 421M	A 653/ A653M A 709/ A 709M A 722/ A 722M D 1248

QPL 12

QPL 55

QPL 61

CRSI Manual of Standard Practices

853.2 Materials

A. Requirements

NOTE: Notify the Office of Materials and Research at least two weeks before blast cleaning the steel reinforcement bars and applying the epoxy coating. This time will allow the Department to schedule an inspection.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.01 Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A. Requirements

1. Type
   a. Use deformed billet steel bars from rolling mills listed on QPL 61and from fabricators listed on QPL 12

b. Use deformed billet steel bars that meet the requirements of ASTM A 615/ A 615M for bar reinforcement in concrete, unless otherwise designated.

c. Use deformed billet steel for longitudinal bars in continuously reinforced concrete pavement that meet the requirements of ASTM A 615/ A 615M, Grade 60 (420).

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the material based on either QPL approval or on tests conducted by the Department.

The Department will not accept bent bars that have been straightened and rebent.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.02 Pretensioning Steel Wire Strand

A. Requirements

1. Type

   Use steel wire that meets all the requirements of ASTM A 416/A 416M. Use Grade 270 for prestressed concrete bridge members.

   a. If you plan to use strands that differ in size from those covered in ASTM A 416/A 416M submit to the Engineer complete data on the proposed strands, as stated below.

2. Certification

   Submit a certification from the manufacturer that shows the results of the required tests, including stress-strain curves, and conformance to these Specifications.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of tests made by the Department and the certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.03 Post-tensioning Steel Wire

A. Requirements

1. Type

   Use steel cable for post-tensioning that meets ASTM A 421/ A 421M, Type BA or WA, as specified.

2. Certification

   Submit a certification from the manufacturer that shows the results of the required tests, including stress-strain curves, and conformance to these Specifications.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of tests made by the Department and the certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.04 Post-tensioning Steel Bars

A. Requirements

1. Type

   Use high-strength steel bars for post-tensioning that meet the requirements of ASTM A 722/ A 722M, Type II.

2. Drawings
   a. Show all appurtenances to be used with the bars on shop drawings.
   b. Show all dimensions and steel requirements on the drawings.
   c. Use the appropriate ASTM designation for the steel, if possible.

3. Certification

   Submit a certification that shows the results of the required tests, including stress-strain curves, and conformance to this Specification.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of the tests made by the Department and on the certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.05 Plain Steel Bars—Threaded Ends

A. Requirements

Use plain steel bars with threaded ends that meet the requirements of ASTM A 709/ A 709M, Grade 36 (250), 50(345), or 70W(485W).

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.06 Steel Wire for Concrete Reinforcement

A. Requirements

Use steel wire that meets the requirements of AASHTO M 32/ M 32Mand is the size shown on the Plans.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of the tests made by the Department or on the certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.07 Welded Steel Wire Fabric for Concrete Reinforcement

A. Requirements

1. Use welded steel wire fabric of the size and dimension shown on the Plans and that meets the requirements of AASHTO M 55/ M 55M.
2. Use a vendor listed on QPL 55.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of the tests made by the Department or on a certification from the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.08 Dowel Bars

A. Requirements

Type: Use dowel bars for concrete pavement that are plain, round steel bars that meet or exceed the tensile requirements of Table 2–Tensile Requirements for Deformed Bars, ASTM A 615/ A 615M, Grade 40 (300).

B. Fabrication

Coat dowel bars with either high density polyethylene or epoxy, as follows:

1. High Density Polyethylene

   Use polyethylene with the following characteristics

Thickness	12 to 20 mils (0.30 to 0.51 mm)
Texture	Smooth and dense enough to provide adequate bond-breaking characteristics
Undercoating (adhesive)	Modified rubber blend; 2 to 7 mils (0.05 to 0.18 mm) thick

   Ensure that the undercoating retains its elasticity and effectively seals small cuts or abrasions from moisture migrating under the polyethylene plastic outer coating.

2. Epoxy

   Prepare the dowels for coating, select the epoxy material, apply the epoxy, and sample and test the properties of coated bars according to the requirements of Section 514.

   a. Apply a uniform, smooth coating to the bars that results in a film 12 mils, ± 2 mils (0.30mm, ± 0.05 mm) thick after curing.
   b. Do not coat the cut ends.
   c. Handle the coated dowels carefully to prevent damage to the coating or bar. However, bars can be welded through the epoxy to one side of the supportive basket.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of the tests made by the Department or on the certification of the manufacturer.

The Department will reject dowel bars with burred or deformed ends.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

853.2.09 Dowel (Tie) Bars

A. Requirements

Use uncoated, plain or deformed billet-steel bars that meet the requirements of ASTM A 615/ M, Grade 40 (300)for dowel bars or tie bars in curbs, concrete medians, and other areas specified on the Plans.

B. Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance

The Department will accept the steel based on the results of the tests made by the Department or on the certification of the manufacturer.

D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.