

Item P-621 Saw-Cut Grooves

DESCRIPTION

621-1.1 This item consists of providing a skid resistant surface that prevents hydroplaning during wet weather in accordance with these specifications and at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

SKID-RESISTANT SURFACES. The method for determining the need for saw-cut grooves can be found in advisory circular (AC) 150/5320-12.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

621-2.1 Procedures. The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer the grooving sequence and method of placing guide lines to control grooving operation. Transverse grooves saw-cut in the pavement must form a 1/4 inch (+1/16 inch, -0 inch) wide by 1/4 inch ($\pm 1/16$ inch) deep by 1-1/2 inch (-1/8 inch, +0 inch) [6 mm (+2 mm, -0 mm) wide by 6 mm (± 2 mm) deep by 38 mm (-3 mm, +0 mm)] center-to-center configuration. The grooves must be continuous for the entire runway length. They must be saw-cut transversely (perpendicular to centerline) in the runway and high-speed taxiway pavement to not less than [10 feet (3 m)] from the runway pavement edge to allow adequate space for equipment operation.

The saw-cut grooves must meet the following tolerances. The tolerances apply to each day's production and to each piece of grooving equipment used for production. The Contractor is responsible for all controls and process adjustments necessary to meet these tolerances. The Contractor shall routinely spot check for compliance each time the equipment aligns for a grooving pass.

a. Alignment tolerance. The grooves shall not vary more than $\pm 1-1/2$ inch (38 mm) in alignment for 75 feet (23 m) along the runway length, allowing for realignment every 500 feet (150 m) along the runway length.

b. Groove tolerance. Depth. The standard depth is 1/4 inch (6 mm). At least 90% of the grooves must be at least 3/16 inch (5 mm), at least 60% of the grooves must be at least 1/4 inch (6 mm), and not more than 10% of the grooves may exceed 5/16 inch (8 mm).

c. Width. The standard width is 1/4 inch (6 mm). At least 90% of the grooves must be at least 3/16 inch (5 mm), at least 60% of the grooves must be at least 1/4 inch (6 mm), and not more than 10% of the grooves may exceed 5/16 inch (8 mm).

d. Center-to-center spacing. The standard spacing is 1-1/2 inch (38 mm). Minimum spacing 1-3/8 inch (34 mm). Maximum spacing 1-1/2 inch (38 mm).

Saw-cut grooves must not be closer than 3 inches (8 cm) or more than 9 inches (23 cm) from transverse joints in concrete pavements. Grooves must not be closer than 6 inches (150 mm) and no more than 18 inches (0.5 m) from in-pavement light fixtures. Grooves may be continued through longitudinal construction joints. Where neoprene compression seals have been installed and the compression seals are

recessed sufficiently to prevent damage from the grooving operation, grooves may be continued through the longitudinal joints. Where neoprene compression seals have been installed and the compression seals are not recessed sufficiently to prevent damage from the grooving operation, grooves must not be closer than 3 inches (8 cm) or more than 5 inches (125 mm) from the longitudinal joints. Where lighting cables are installed, grooving through longitudinal or diagonal saw kerfs shall not be allowed.

The 10-foot (3 m) distance from the pavement edge allows adequate space for equipment operation. Grooving to within one or two feet (0.3 to 0.6 m) from the pavement edge may be possible when adequate paved shoulder area is available.

Coordinate grooving limits with the airport Owner and military service when an arresting gear is located on the runway.

The Engineer may require a written report from the Contractor indicating how many times production was adjusted including blade replacement.

Surface variability may require more testing than the minimum of three per day per grooving machine.

621-2.2 Environmental requirements. Grooving operations will not be permitted when freezing conditions prevent the immediate removal of debris and/or drainage of water from the grooved area. Discharge and disposal of waste slurry shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

621-2.3 Test section. Groove a test section in an area of the pavement outside of the trafficked area, as approved by the Engineer. The area shall be [___] feet ([___] m) long by two lanes wide. Demonstrate the setup and alignment process, the grooving operation, and the waste slurry disposal.

621-2.4 Existing pavements. Bumps, depressed areas, bad or faulted joints, and badly cracked and/or spalled areas in the pavement shall not be grooved until such areas are adequately repaired or replaced.

621-2.5 New pavements. New asphalt concrete pavements shall be allowed to cure for a minimum of 30 days before grooving, to allow the material to become stable enough to prevent closing of the grooves under normal use. Permit new Portland cement concrete pavements to cure for a minimum of 28 days before grooving. Spalling along or tearing or raveling of the groove edges shall not be allowed.

If it can be demonstrated that grooves are stable with no spalling along or tearing or raveling of the groove edges then grooving sooner than 30 days can be specified.

621-2.6 Grooving machine. Provide a grooving machine that is power driven, self-propelled, specifically designed and manufactured for pavement grooving, and has a self-contained and integrated continuous slurry vacuum system as the primary method for removing waste slurry. The grooving machine shall be equipped with diamond-saw cutting blades, and capable of making at least 18 inches (0.5 m) in width of multiple parallel grooves in one pass of the machine. Thickness of the cutting blades shall be capable of making the required width and depth of grooves in one pass of the machine. The cutting head shall not contain a mixture of new and worn blades or blades of unequal wear or diameter. Match the blade type and configuration with the hardness of the existing airfield pavement. The wheels on the grooving machine shall be of a design that will not scar or spall the pavement. Provide the machine with devices to control depth of groove and alignment.

621-2.7 Water supply. Water for the grooving operation shall be provided by the Contractor.

621-2.8 Clean-up. During and after installation of saw-cut grooves, the Contractor must remove from the pavement all debris, waste, and by-products generated by the operations to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Cleanup of waste material must be continuous during the grooving operation. Flush debris produced by the machine to the edge of the grooved area or pick it up as it forms. The dust coating remaining shall be picked up or flushed to the edge of the area if the resultant accumulation is not detrimental to the vegetation or storm drainage system. Accomplish all flushing operations in a manner to prevent erosion on the shoulders or damage to vegetation. Waste material must be disposed of in an approved manner. Waste material must not be allowed to enter the airport storm sewer system. The Contractor must dispose of these wastes in strict compliance with all applicable state, local, and Federal environmental statutes and regulations

621-2.9 Repair of damaged pavement. Grooving must be stopped and damaged pavement repaired at the Contractor's expense when, in the opinion of the Engineer, the result of the grooving operation will be detrimental to aircraft tires.

[621-2.10 Production rate. The Contractor must furnish sufficient equipment to groove [square yards] of pavement [per hour] [per day].]

The Engineer may wish to specify a production rate depending on schedule. Delete paragraph if not used.

ACCEPTANCE

621-3.1 Acceptance testing. Grooves will be accepted based on results of zone testing. All acceptance testing necessary to determine conformance with the groove tolerances specified will be performed by the Engineer.

Instruments for measuring groove width and depth must have a range of at least 0.5 inch (12 mm) and a resolution of at least 0.005 inch (0.13 mm). Gauge blocks or gauges machined to standard groove width, depth, and spacing may be used.

Instruments for measuring center-to-center spacing must have a range of at least 3 inches (8 cm) and a resolution of at least 0.02 inch (0.5 mm).

The Engineer will measure grooves in five zones across the pavement width. Measurements will be made at least three times during each day's production. Measurements in all zones will be made for each cutting head on each piece of grooving equipment used for each day's production.

The five zones are as follows:

- Zone 1 Centerline to 5 feet (1.5 m) left or right of the centerline.
- Zone 2 5 feet (1.5 m) to 25 feet (7.5 m) left of the centerline.
- Zone 3 5 feet (1.5 m) to 25 feet (7.5 m) right of the centerline.
- Zone 4 25 feet (7.5 m) to edge of grooving left of the centerline.
- Zone 5 25 feet (7.5 m) to edge of grooving right of the centerline.

At a random location within each zone, five consecutive grooves sawed by each cutting head on each piece of grooving equipment will be measured for width, depth, and spacing. The five consecutive measurements must be located about the middle blade of each cutting head ± 4 inches (100 mm). Measurements will be made along a line perpendicular to the grooves.

Width or depth measurements less than 0.170 inch (4 mm) shall be considered less than 3/16 inch (5 mm).

Width or depth measurements more than 0.330 inch (8 mm) shall be considered more than 5/16 inch (8 mm).

Width or depth measurements more than 0.235 inch (6 mm) shall be considered more than 1/4 inch (6 mm).

Production must be adjusted when more than one groove on a cutting head fails to meet the standard depth, width, or spacing in more than one zone.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

621-4.1 The quantity of grooving to be paid for shall be the number of square yards (square meters) of grooving performed in accordance with the specifications and accepted by the Engineer per paragraph 621-3.1.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

621-5.1 Payment for saw-cut grooving. Payment for saw-cut grooving will be made at the contract unit price per square yard (square meter) for saw-cut grooving. This price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, and for all preparation, delivering, and application of these materials, and for all labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the item.

Payment will be made under:

Item P-621-5.1 Grooving, unit price per square yard (square meter)

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