

Precast Box Culvert Installation Procedures

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AGENDA

- SUBMITTAL PROCESS
- MANUFACTURING PROCESS
- INSTALLATION OF A PRECAST BOX CULVERT
- BOX CULVERT APPLICATIONS/FEATURES



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INSTALLATION METHODS













Tunnel



Trench Terminology



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Bedding - Leveling Course

- A bedding thickness of no less than 3 inches.
- If foundation is rock bedding should be a minimum of 6".
- RCBs are designed for installed conditions not test conditions.
- Bedding should have a uniform flat surface.
- Coarse bedding materials are not beneficial due to irregular/sharp angles.
- Bedding width should equal the width of the box and the length of the box.

Compacted Fill Material

- This protects the box culvert during installation from impact damage.
- Should be placed in uniform layers along sides/over top of box sections.
- Should contain no debris, organic matter, frozen material or large stones.
- Placed and compacted to prevent settlement at the surface.
- Compaction and equipment loads should not exceed design strength.



ASTM/AASHTO STANDARDS FOR RCB

★ AASHTO M273 ★ AASHTO M259



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Welded wire fabric 65,000 psi Concrete 5,000 psi





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MANUFACTURING



Dry Cast or Wet Cast 5,000 psi concrete (min.) 65,000 psi steel Steam Cured



One Form Adjustable or Set Form



SUBMITTAL PROCESS

MANUFACTURER TO CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR TO ENGINEER/OWNER DRAWINGS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL DRIVES PRODUCTION/LAY SCHEDULE ENSURES STRUCTURE MEETS DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS







RusselvilleAR-4x3-8506UB-REV.XLS - English

Practical Exercise

Situation

You have a typical section for a trench detail.

<u>Task</u>

Identify the terminology related with a trench detail.





Practical Exercise

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Final Backfill

BEDDING****DELIVERY****HOMING****JOINT MATERIAL****FABRIC****INITIAL BACKFILL****FINAL BACKFILL

INSTALLATION

Loads on Box Culverts Earth Live

<u>Construction Load</u> Structure not Designed for C-Loads 3' Minimum of backfill

Installation

- Scheduling/Unloading should be discussed to insure efficient delivery process.
- Prepare site, excavate trenches to the minimum required for box culvert installation.
- Divert drainage.
- Establish a good level grade using fine to medium granular material.
- Bedding Leveling course should be a minimum of three (3) inches, except in rocky foundation it should be six (6) inches minimum.
- Make sure the first few box sections are installed correctly, this will influence line and grade to follow.
- Place joint material on the bottom half of the groove & top half of the tongue of box.
- Make certain to check that boxes are aligned correctly prior to pushing home.
- Keep the weight of the box section, being set, on the crane and use winches to pull the joint home/dozer to home.
- Place backfill around structure to finished grade.

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Placement of Membrane

All box joints Top external joint Extend 1' down sides Min. width/12"-6" each side of c/l

Installation Prevent Bedding Material from getting in joint

Homing of box culverts Ensure bedding is smooth at face of joint. Smooth out in order to improve homing of RCBs

Installation Joining

Homing of box culverts

Several techniques driven by capabilities of crew, equipment and conditions

Installation Joining

Homing of box culverts

Technique based on Crew Come along Dozer Trac hoe

Installation Joining

Homing of box culverts Protect the Joint Maintain Lift Pressure on Box

Installation Joining



<u>Homing of box culverts</u> Keep Sections off Bedding Reduce Friction/Push Required







Installation Joining







<u>Final Touches</u> Alignment/String, tape measure Pipe Ties (if required)



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Homing of box culverts Come-along/tugger pulls home boxes







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Multi-Barrel

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Installation End Treatments



Headwalls #4 Rebar @ 10" o.c. along top for headwall #4 J Bar (2 per box) for headwall



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Installation End Treatments



Headwalls/Apron/Wingwalls WWF exposed along top/walls/bottom





Headwalls #4 Rebar @ 10" o.c. top of headwall #4 J Bar (2 per box) for headwall



Installation End Treatments - Precast



Headwalls/Apron/Wingwalls Match Embankment Slope



Headwalls/Apron/Wingwall Flared to Maximize Flow Reduce Maintenance

Toewall Prevents Scour



Installation End Treatments (CIP)







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Create distributed load condition Flowable Fill Compactable Material





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Complete Backfill



Structural Backfill

Backfill material placed in lifts (6" loose/4" compacted) Backfill free of lumps/stumps/Rocks Bedding/Leveling Course (4"-8")





Installation Structural/Final Backfill



<u>Trench Excavation</u> Minimize trench excavation Backfill compacted in lifts



Construction Loading

No construction loads with less than 3' of cover No large rolling compactors



ACCELERATED PRECAST CONSTRUCTION CHARACTERISTICS



MULTI-BARREL**SKEWS**PENETRATIONS**LOW WATER CROSSING **ELBOWS**MINIMAL COVER**OPEN CHANNEL**BOTTOMLESS BOX LARGE BOX CULVERTS**MULTI-CELL**JACKING BOX CULVERTS

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Installation Curved Alignment

Obrien County, Iowa Hancock Concrete Products



Single 12' x 10' Curved Alignment



1" U-Tie 1' above Centerline



End Section 2-1 or 3-1 Slope 0-15-30-45 degree skews

Large Box Culverts Larger spans

Large Box Culverts

Allowed per Special Design Up to 24' Span (Wet Cast) Requires Greater Lift Capability



23' x 8' Reducer



Twin 14'x11' Single 20' x 12'



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SPECIAL DESIGN (compare)

Determine the weight of:

- an 8' section of 8'x8' RCB
- Cast in place (9.5"x8"x9.5") = 0.992 CY/FT
 - 2.01 tons/ft
- Precast
 - (8"x8"x8") = 1.8 tons/ft
 - (8"x7"x7") = 1.63 tons/ft
- Concrete = 150#/CF or 4050#/CY







Which does a contractor prefer:

- 5'x2' Cast In Place
- 5'x2' Precast

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LOW WATER CROSSING Before/After Replacement







<u>Features</u> Triple Barrel CMP Vertical Curve with Highpoint Roadway Washes Away Each Event



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LOW WATER CROSSING After Replacement



Features

Seven Barrel RCB Low Water Crossing Replaced Triple Barrel CMP Concrete Driving Surface with Curb Rock Face Aesthetic Look





SKEWED END



RCBs are skewed Left Forward Skew Right Forward Skew Limited: size/degree of skew





PENETRATION







<u>Features</u> Penetration Addressed in Plant Can Design Field Penetration Solution Top and Bottom Penetrations



Elbows/Bends



<u>Features</u> Manufacture Any Bend Angle Bends on Multi-Barrels Saves Money/Eliminates Junction Box





Bridge Alternative Multi-Barrel Capable

<u>Multi-Barrel</u> Create distributed load condition Flowable Fill Compactable Material







MINIMUM COVER Maximum Hydraulics







<u>**0' Cover**</u> Maximize Hydraulic Capacity Place Road Surface directly on top

Miscellaneous



Decorative End Treatments Rock or Brick Angle Iron Attached



Pedestrian Water Crossing

Storage Container – Ft. Riley



Jacking Box Culverts





Factors

- 1. Nature of soil, water table & effects of dewatering
- 2. Jacking/Receiving Pit
- 3. Length, alignment and outside dimension of pipeline
- 4. Jacking Forces
- 5. Pipe Joints
- 6. Loads on shield and pipe
- 7. Size of overbore
- 8. Lubrication
- 9. Grouting
- 10. Spoils Removal

Bottomless Culvert

- 50' Maximum Span
- 12' Maximum Rise (stem wall)
- 45 Degree Max Skew
- Key way
- Multi-barrel applications
- Penetrations (top and/or sides)



6"x6"x3/8" masonite shim Legs placed within keyway



PRECAST ADVANTAGES

- BETTER QUALITY CONTROL
- EASE OF INSTALLATION-PIPE CREW
- ELIMINATES DANGER OF OPEN TRENCHLESS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- ALLOWS IMMEDIATE BACKFILL
- NO LENGTHY CONSTRUCTION DELAYS-DETOURS-RUN AROUNDS
- NO LENGTHY DESIGN TIME
- DOT APPROVED
- SAVE TIME AND \$\$\$\$\$\$



ECONOMIC BRIDGE REPLACEMENT







Accelerated Precast Construction

Fundamentals Attributes

Reduce

Reduce Road User Impacts Reduce Costs Reduce Construction Time



Reduce Weather Related Time Delays

Improve

Improve Durability/Quality Improve Work Zone Safety

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Ease of Construction – Pipe Crew No Lengthy Design Time **Reduced Open Trench Time**

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Minimize

Minimize Environmental Impact Minimize Impact to Existing Roadway Alignment 73
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