

Section 652—Painting Traffic Stripe

652.1 General Description

This work includes furnishing and applying reflectorized high build standard and high build wet weather traffic line paint according to the Plans and these Specifications.

This Item also includes applying words and symbols according to Plan details, Specifications, and the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

652.1.01 Definitions

Painted Stripes: Solid or broken (skip) lines. The location and color are designated on the Plans.

Skip Traffic Stripes: Painted segments with unpainted gaps as specified on the Plans. The location and color are designated on the Plans.

652.1.02 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

- General Provisions 101 through 150.
- Section 656—Removal of Pavement Markings
- Section 870 – Paint
- EPA Method 3052
- EPA Method 6010

B. Referenced Documents

ASTM	ASTM	Other
D711	E4941	AASHTO M 247
D3335	E1710	QPL 46, QPL 71
D3718	E2177	SOP 39
D4144		TT-P-1952E

652.1.03 Submittals

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.2 Materials

Ensure that materials for painting traffic stripe, words, and symbols meet the following requirements:

A. Traffic Line Paint

Material	Section
Traffic Line Paint 6A and 6B	870.2.02.A.4 and 870.2.02.A.5

Glass Spheres and Reflective Composite Optics

Use glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics for the reflective media system that ensures the high build paint pavement markings meet the reflectance performance requirements in Subsection 652.3.06. Do not use glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics containing greater than 200 ppm total arsenic, 200 ppm total antimony, or 200 ppm total lead when tested according to the most recent US EPA Methods 3052 and 6010, or other approved methods.

Ensure glass spheres meet the requirements of AAHTO M 247. Use glass spheres produced from an approved source listed on QPL 71. Glass beads conforming to an alternative gradation may be used provided all other requirements of AASHTO M 247 and this specification are met. Obtain approval from the Office of Materials to use alternate gradations.

652.2.01 Delivery, Storage, and Handling

A. Storage

Ensure the paint does not cake, liver, thicken, curdle, gel, or show any other objectionable properties after storage for six months above 32 °F (0 °C).

B. Handling

Mix thoroughly before use.

652.3 Construction Requirements

652.3.01 Personnel

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.3.02 Equipment

A. Traveling Traffic Stripe Painter

Use a traffic stripe painter that can travel at a predetermined speed both uphill and downhill, applying paint uniformly. Ensure that the painter feeds paint under pressure through nozzles spraying directly onto the pavement.

Use a paint machine equipped with the following:

1. Three adjacent spray nozzles capable of simultaneously applying separate stripes, either solid or skip, in any pattern.
2. Nozzles equipped with the following:
 - Cutoff valves for automatically applying broken or skip lines
 - A mechanical bead dispenser that operates simultaneously with the spray nozzle to uniformly distribute glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics at an application rate to meet the reflectance performance requirements in Subsection 652.3.06.
 - Line-guides consisting of metallic shrouds or air blasts
3. Tanks with mechanical agitators
4. Small, portable applicators or other special equipment as needed

B. Hand Painting Equipment

Use brushes, templates, and guides when hand painting.

C. Cleaning Equipment

Use brushes, brooms, scrapers, grinders, high-pressure water jets, or air blasters to remove dirt, dust, grease, oil, and other foreign matter from painting surfaces without damaging the underlying pavement.

652.3.03 Preparation

Locate approved paint manufacturers on QPL 46.

Before starting each day's work, thoroughly clean paint machine tanks, connections, and spray nozzles, using the appropriate solvent.

Thoroughly mix traffic stripe paint in the shipping container before putting it into machine tanks.

Before painting, thoroughly clean pavement surfaces of dust, dirt, grease, oil, and all other foreign matter.

652.3.04 Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.3.05 Construction

A. Alignment

Ensure that the traffic stripe is the specified length, width, and placement. On sections where no previously applied markings are present, ensure accurate stripe location by establishing control points at spaced intervals. The Engineer will approve control points.

B. Application

Apply traffic stripe paint by machine. If areas or markings are not adaptable to machine application, use hand equipment.

1. Application Rate
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Paint will be subject to application rate checks.

Apply 5 in (125 mm) wide traffic stripe at the following minimum rates:

- a. Solid Traffic Stripe Paint: At least 34 gal/mile (80 L/km)
- b. Skip Traffic Stripe Paint: At least 10 gal/mile (24 L/km)

NOTE: Change minimum rate proportionately for varying stripe widths.

2. Thickness

Maintain a 25 mils (0.58mm) minimum wet average thickness above the surface of the pavement.

3. Do not apply paint to areas of pavement when:

- The surface is moist or covered with foreign matter.
- Air temperature in the shade is below 50 °F (10 °C)
- Wind causes dust to land on prepared areas or blows paint and glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics around during application

4. Apply a layer of glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics immediately after laying the paint. Apply glass spheres and/or reflective composite optics at a rate to meet the reflectance performance requirements in Subsection 652.3.06.

C. Protective Measures

Protect newly applied paint as follows:

1. Traffic

Control and protect traffic with warning and directional signs during painting. Set up warning signs before beginning each operation and place signs well ahead of the painting equipment. When necessary, use a pilot car to protect both the traffic and the painting operation.

2. Fresh Paint

Protect the freshly painted stripe using cones or drums. Repair stripe damage or pavement smudges caused by traffic according to Subsection 652.3.06.

D. Appearance and Tolerance of Variance

Continually deviating from stated dimensions is cause for stopping the work and removing the nonconforming stripe. (See Section 656—Removal of Pavement Markings.) Adhere to the following measurements:

1. Width

Do not lay stripe less than the specified width. Do not lay stripe more than 1/2 in (13 mm) over the specified width.

2. Length

Ensure that the 10 ft (3 m) painted skip stripe and the 30 ft (10 m) gap between painted segments vary no more than ± 1 ft (300 mm) each.

3. Alignment

- a. Ensure that the stripe does not deviate from the intended alignment by more than 1 in (25 mm) on straight lines or curves of 1 degree or less.
- b. Ensure that the stripe does not deviate by more than 2 in (50 mm) on curves exceeding 1 degree.

652.3.06 Quality Acceptance

A. General

For a minimum of 30 days from the time of placement, ensure the high build traffic paint pavement marking material shows no signs of failure due to blistering, excessive cracking, shipping, bleeding, staining, discoloration, oil content of the pavement materials, smearing or spreading under heat, deterioration due to contact with grease deposits, oil, diesel fuel, or gasoline drippings, spilling, poor adhesion to the pavement material, vehicular damage, and normal wear. In the event that failures mentioned above occur, ensure corrective work is completed at no additional cost to the Department.

Obtain pavement marking retroreflectivity values with a 30 meter geometry retroreflectometer.

B. Initial Retroreflectivity

1. Longitudinal Lines

Within 30 days of installation, ensure the in-place markings meet the following minimum reflectance values:

a. High Build Wet Weather Traffic Paint

	White	Yellow
Dry (ASTM E 1710)	300 mcd/lux/m ²	250 mcd/lux/m ²
Wet recovery (ASTM E 2177)	150 mcd/lux/m ²	100 mcd/lux/m ²

b. High Build Standard Traffic Paint

	White	Yellow
Dry (ASTM E 1710)	300 mcd/lux/m ²	250 mcd/lux/m ²

For each center line, edge line, and skip line, measure retroreflectivity 9 times for each mile; 3 times within the first 500 feet, 3 times in the middle, and 3 times within the last 500 feet. For projects less than one mile in length, measure retroreflectivity 9 times as above.

Record all retro reflectivity measurements on the form OMR CVP 66 in SOP 39.

2. Messages, Symbols, and Transverse Lines

Within 30 days of installation, ensure the in-place markings when tested according to ASTM E 1710 meet the following minimum reflectance value of 275 mcd/lux/m².

Perform at a minimum, one retroreflectivity measurement at one message, one symbol and one transverse line per intersection. Take one measurement per mile for locations other than intersections (i.e. school messages, railroad messages, bike symbols etc.)

C. Six Month Retroreflectivity (Longitudinal Lines)

Maintain the following minimum reflectance values for 180 days after installation:

1. High Build Wet Weather Traffic Paint

	White	Yellow
Dry (ASTM E 1710)	300 mcd/lux/m ²	250 mcd/lux/m ²
Wet recovery (ASTM E 2177)	150 mcd/lux/m ²	100 mcd/lux/m ²

2. High Build Standard Traffic Paint

	White	Yellow
Dry (ASTM E 1710)	300 mcd/lux/m ²	250 mcd/lux/m ²

Retest the in-place markings according to Subsection 652.3.06.B.1, 180 days after installation to ensure these minimum retroreflectance values are maintained.

NOTE: The Contractor is responsible for retroreflectivity testing. Furnish initial test results to the Engineer within 30 days of application. Furnish 6 month test results to the Engineer within 180 days of application or prior to final acceptance, whichever comes first.

D. Thickness

At the time of installation, check the thicknesses on all skip lines, edge lines and center lines according to ASTM D 4114.

For each center line, edge line, and skip line, measure thickness above the pavement 3 times for each mile; once within the first 500 feet, once in the middle, and once within the last 500 feet. For projects less than one mile in length, measure the thickness above the pavement 3 times.

Record thickness measurements on the form OMR CVP 66 in SOP 39.

Submit results to the Engineer.

E. Corrective Work

For each mile section, if paint stripe fails to meet Plan details or Specifications or deviates from stated dimensions, correct it at no additional cost to the Department. If removal of pavement markings is necessary, perform it according to Section 656 and place it according to this Specification. No additional payment will be made for removal and replacement of unsatisfactory striping. Ensure corrective work is completed at no additional cost to the Department. Perform testing according to this Specification. Any retest due to failures will be performed at no additional cost to the Department. Furnish all test reports to the Department.

Retroreflectivity and Thickness Longitudinal Line Deficiency: A deficiency will ensue when two or more Location Average results as recorded on form OMR CVP 66 within a One-Mile Section do not meet the performance criteria herein. The entire line within this one mile section will be determined to be deficient. If the evaluated section is less than 1.0 mile, a single Location Average result not meeting the performance criteria herein will result in the entire line to be determined to be deficient.

Retroreflectivity Transverse Markings and Symbol Deficiency: A single Location Average result on the marking or symbol not meeting the performance criteria herein will result in the marking or symbol to be determined to be deficient.

F. Acceptance Criteria

Ensure that stripes and segments of stripes are clean-cut and uniform. Markings that do not appear uniform or satisfactory, either during the day or night, or do not meet Specifications, will be corrected at the Contractor's expense. Paint will be subject to application rate checks.

1. When correcting a deviation that exceeds the permissible tolerance in alignment, do the following:
 - a. Remove the affected portion of stripe, plus an additional 25 ft (8 m) in each direction according to Section 656—Removal of Pavement Markings.
 - b. Paint a new stripe according to these Specifications.

2. Removal of Excess Paint

Remove misted, dripped, or spattered paint to the Engineer's satisfaction. Do not damage the underlying pavement during removal.

Refer to the applicable portions of Section 656—Removal of Pavement Markings.

652.3.07 Contractor Warranty and Maintenance

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.4 Measurement

When traffic stripe is paid for by the square yard (meter), the number of square yards (meters) painted is measured and the space between stripes is included in the overall measurement.

Linear measurements are made on the painted surface by an electronic measuring device attached to a vehicle. On curves, chord measurements, not exceeding 100 linear feet (30 linear meters), are used.

Traffic stripe and markings, complete in place, are measured and accepted for payment as follows:

A. Solid Traffic Stripe

Solid traffic stripe is measured by the linear foot (meter), linear mile (kilometer), or square yard (meter). Breaks or omissions in solid lines or stripes at street or road intersections are not measured.

B. Skip Traffic Stripe

Skip traffic stripe is measured by the gross linear foot (meter) or gross linear mile (kilometer). Unpainted spaces between the stripes are included in the overall measurements if the Plan ratio of 1 to 3 remains uninterrupted. Measurement begins and ends on a stripe.

C. Pavement Markings

Markings are words and symbols completed according to Plan dimensions. Markings are measured by the unit.

652.4.01 Limits

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.5 Payment

Payment will be full compensation for the work under this Section, including the following:

- Cleaning and preparing surfaces
- Furnishing materials, including paints, beads, and thinners
- Applying, curing, and protecting paints
- Protecting traffic, including providing and placing necessary warning signs
- Furnishing tools, machines, and other equipment necessary to complete the Item

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per gross linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per linear foot (meter)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per gross linear foot (meter)
Item No. 652	Pavement markings, words, and symbols, (<u>color</u>)	Per each
Item No. 652	Traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per square yard (meter)
Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, High Build Wet Weather, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, High Build Wet Weather, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per gross linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, High Build Wet Weather, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per linear foot (meter)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, High Build Wet Weather, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per gross linear foot (meter)
Item No. 652	Pavement markings, High Build Wet Weather, words, and symbols, (<u>color</u>)	Per each
Item No. 652	Traffic stripe, High Build Wet Weather, _____ in (mm), (<u>color</u>)	Per square yard (meter)

652.4.01 Adjustments

General Provisions 101 through 150.
