

DIVISION 2 SITE WORK

02730 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS

GENERAL

Sanitary sewer lines and all appurtenant items shall be constructed of materials specified or indicated on the drawings. The intent and purpose of these specifications is to require a complete and satisfactory installation in every respect and any defect in material or workmanship shall be cause for the replacement and correction of such defect as directed by the Public Works Commission.

RELATED SECTIONS

- A. 02211 – Grading, Utilities
- B. 02222 – Excavation and Backfilling for Utility Systems
- C. 02732 – Sewage Force Mains

MATERIALS

SEWER MAINS

Prior to shipment each joint of pipe shall be stamped by an independent testing laboratory, certifying compliance with the specifications stated therein. Pipe sizes indicated shall be understood to be nominal inside diameter of the pipe. All sewer pipe materials shall be either PVC (as specified herein) or ductile iron (as specified herein), unless otherwise approved in writing by the Public Works Commission. Written approval shall be obtained prior to installation.

DUCTILE IRON PIPE

All ductile iron pipe and fittings shall be in strict accordance with ANSI A21.51 and AWWA C151, Class 50 or Class 51, as applicable, in every respect. The working pressure shall be a minimum of 200 psi. Pipe shall be furnished in 18 or 20-foot lengths. All pipe joints used in open trench construction shall be furnished with "push-on" joints, unless otherwise indicated on the drawings or specified. All joints and fittings shall be in accordance with ANSI A21.11 and AWWA C111. All ductile iron interior surfaces shall be lined with two (2) coats of ceramic epoxy to produce a total minimum dry film thickness of 40 mils (Protecto401 or approved equal). The exterior pipe surfaces shall be protected with asphaltic coating as specified in AWWA C151 and C110. Specifications for the ceramic epoxy can be found in Specification Section 09802.

For aerial crossings which are 4 inches through 12 inches in diameter, manufactured restrained joint ductile iron pipe Class 53, or Class 53 flanged ductile iron pipe shall be utilized in accordance with the standard Public Works Commission detail for aerial crossings. Mega-lugs, field-lok, and gripper rings are not an allowable means of restraint for aerial crossings. For aerial crossings larger than 12 inches, or as

noted specifically on the plans, flange joint ductile iron pipe, Class 53, shall be utilized in accordance with the standard Public Works Commission details. The location of flanges shall be specifically designed for each application. The flange pipe shall be in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C-115/A21.15. Threads for threaded flange pipe shall be in accordance with ANSI B2.1, shop fabricated as outlined by AWWA 115 with serrated faces furnished on the pipe, completely factory installed. Welding of flanges to the body of the pipe will not be acceptable. Ductile iron fittings and flanges shall be in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C-110/A21.10 with a minimum working pressure of 250 psi. Gaskets shall be full faced SBR rubber per ANSI/AWWA C-111/A21.11 with a minimum 1/8" thickness. Linings and coatings shall be as outlined for ductile iron pipe.

If the Public Works Commission determines that an expansion coupling is required, it shall be installed as indicated on the drawings. The expansion coupling shall not be buried.

For subsurface water crossings (i.e., streams, wetlands), restrained joint ductile iron pipe shall be utilized. No mechanical restraint systems (e.g., mega-lugs, field-lok gaskets, etc.) shall be utilized. The pipe shall be installed in a casing, in accordance with the approved Public Works Commission detail, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Public Works Commission.

PVC PIPE

PVC sewer pipe and fittings 4 inches thru 15 inches shall be in accordance with ASTM D-3034 with a standard dimension ratio (SDR) of 26 for sewer mains and laterals. Larger diameter pipe (18 inches through 27 inches) shall be in accordance with ASTM F-679, with a SDR of 26. Both pipe and fittings shall be made of PVC plastic having a cell classification of 12454 as specified in ASTM D-1784.

Pipe joining shall be push on elastomeric gasket joints only and the joints shall be manufactured and assembled in accordance with ASTM D-3212. Elastomeric seals shall meet the requirements of ASTM F-477. The pipe shall be furnished with integral bells and with gaskets that are permanently installed at the factory and in accordance with ASTM D-3212 and contain a steel reinforcing ring. PVC sewer pipe shall be made by continuous extrusion of prime green unplasticized PVC and contain identification markings as required by the applicable ASTM standard.

SEWER FITTINGS

Ductile Iron Push-on Fittings:

Ductile iron sewer fittings on PVC mains shall be deep bell, gasketed joint, and air test rated. Gasket grooves shall be machined in the factory. Material shall be ductile iron, in accordance with ASTM A536, Grade 65-45-12 and ASTM F1336. Wall thickness shall meet the requirements of AWWA C153. Gaskets shall have a minimum cross sectional area of 0.20 square inches, and conform to ASTM F477. All ductile iron fittings shall have an interior coating of Protecto 401, or approved equal. All ductile iron fittings on PVC pipe shall provide a flow line that provides a smooth transition between the materials. Ductile iron fittings shall be as manufactured by the Harrington Corporation (Harco), or approved equal.

Mechanical Joint Fittings:

Joints shall be installed in accordance with AWWA C-600 and shall conform to AWWA Standard C-111. Mechanical joints shall be of the stuffing box type and shall conform to ANSI A21.11 for four inch (4") pipe and larger. Fittings and specials shall be ductile iron and shall be manufactured in accordance with AWWA Standard C-110 (ANSI A21.11). Compact fittings shall be ductile iron in accordance with ANSI A 21.53 (AWWA C-153) for 4" thru 24" sizes only. Note: mechanical joint wyes are not included in the AWWA C-153 specification. Pressure rating shall be not less than 200 psi unless otherwise specified. All ductile iron fittings shall have an interior coating of Protecto 401, or approved equal. Mechanical joint fittings shall be utilized on ductile iron mains and ductile iron laterals. Mechanical joint fittings shall not be utilized on PVC mains, unless otherwise approved by the Public Works Commission.

PVC Fittings:

PVC fittings shall be manufactured in accordance with ASTM D-3034, F-1336, and F-679. Molded fittings shall be utilized in sizes from 4" to 8" (or larger, if available). Fabricated fittings shall only be utilized with prior approval from the Public Works Commission. Fabricated fittings are defined as those fittings that are made from pipe or a combination of pipe and molded components. All PVC fittings shall contain identification markings as required by the applicable ASTM standard. All PVC fittings shall be gasketed joint, except as indicated for interior drop structures. Plastic fittings shall be as manufactured by GPK Products, Inc., Plasti-Trends, the Harrington Corporation (Harco), or approved equal.

Ductile Iron Pipe Size x SDR26 Transition Adapter:

All ductile iron x PVC transition adapters shall be one (1) piece, bell x bell (gasket x gasket). Transition adapters shall range in size from four (4) inches through 12 inches. Transition adapters for pipe larger than 12-inches shall be as specified by the Public Works Commission. All transition adapters shall have a flow way tapered to allow a smooth transition between the ductile iron and PVC. Transition adapters shall be either PVC or ductile iron, in accordance with the following:

PVC – All PVC transition fittings shall be made from DR 18 C900 pipe stock. The C900 pipe stock shall meet the requirements of AWWA C900/C905, and have a minimum cell classification of 12454 as defined in ASTM D1784. The wall thickness shall meet or exceed DR 18. PVC transition fittings shall have SBR gaskets in accordance with ASTM F477. All six (6) inch and eight (8) inch adapters shall be molded. Molded fitting joints shall be 235 psi rated, in accordance with ASTM D3139, and shall have SBR rubber gaskets. Four (4) inch, ten (10) inch and 12 inch transition adapters shall have SBR Rieber style gaskets meeting ASTM F477. Joints shall be 235 psi rated, in accordance with ASTM D3139 for the C900 (ductile iron) bell, and in accordance with ASTM D3212 for the sewer (SRD26) bell. Molded C900 bell depths shall comply with AWWA C907. Fabricated (4-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch) bell depths and molded sewer (SDR26) bell depths shall be in accordance with ASTM F1336. PVC transition adapters shall be manufactured by the Harrington Corporation (Harco), GPK Products, or approved equal.

Ductile iron – Ductile iron transition fittings shall be deep bell, push-on joint, and air test rated. The ductile iron material shall comply with ASTM A536, Grade 65-45-12 or 80-55-06. The bell depth shall be in accordance with ASTM F1336. Gaskets shall be of SBR rubber, in accordance with ASTM F477. Transition gaskets are not allowed. All ductile iron transition fittings shall have an interior coating of

Protecto401 or approved equal. Ductile iron transition fittings shall be manufactured by the Harrington Corporation (Harco) or approved equal.

Saddles:

Sewer service saddles may be utilized for sewer lateral installations. All sewer service saddles shall be ductile iron with stainless steel straps, bolts, nuts, and washers. The nuts shall be coated to prevent galling. The saddle body shall be ductile iron, in accordance with ASTM A536, Grade 65-45-12. The gasket material shall be SBR, in accordance with ASTM D2000. Saddles for PVC or DI laterals shall have an alignment flange. Sewer service saddles shall be as manufactured by Geneco, or approved equal. All stainless steel straps shall be pre-formed at the factory, to the specified outside diameters of the pipe.

SEWER LATERALS

Ductile iron laterals – For ductile iron mains, utilize mechanical joint fittings or an approved saddle with an alignment flange (Geneco or approved equal). For PVC mains, utilize an approved saddle with an alignment flange (Geneco or approved equal) or ductile iron fittings as specified above.

PVC laterals – utilize a saddle with an alignment flange (Geneco or approved equal) on PVC or ductile iron mains; utilize a mechanical joint tee with SDR 35 transition gaskets on ductile iron mains; or utilize PVC fittings as specified above on PVC mains.

The following table summarizes the materials to be utilized for sewer main to lateral connections:

	PVC Main	DI Main
DI Lateral	DI fitting or approved saddle	MJ fitting or approved saddle
PVC Lateral	PVC fitting or approved saddle	MJ fitting with transition gasket or approved saddle

Sewer laterals shall be in accordance with these Specifications and PWC standard details S.10, S.11, and S.12.

PRECAST CONCRETE MANHOLES

Pre-cast circular reinforced concrete manhole units shall be in accordance with ASTM C-478. The tongue and groove ends of the manhole sections shall be manufactured for jointing with rubber gaskets (i.e., con-seal). An eccentric cone shall be utilized on all manholes, unless otherwise approved by the Public Works Commission.

Manhole steps shall be placed in all manholes and shall be steel reinforced (½" grade 60) copolymer polypropylene plastic steps in accordance with ASTM C-478 for material and design. The steps shall be spaced 16" on center with serrated treads and wide enough to stand on with both feet.

Manhole frames and covers shall be made of gray cast-iron, and the iron shall possess a tensile strength of not less than 18,000 psi. Cast iron shall conform to ASTM Specification A 48-83 Class 35. The frame

and cover shall be manufactured by the same manufacturer. All castings shall be in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details. Any defective castings shall be removed and replaced.

Any special linings and coatings that are specified for a manhole and installed at the production facility, in the field, or during repairs, shall be applied in accordance with the applicable special coatings specification and the manufacturer's specifications for that material.

Camlock ring and covers shall be in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details. Camlock bolt head shall be compatible with PWC standard tool for turning camlock mechanism. Camlock ring and covers shall be installed as indicated on the drawings, in accordance with PWC standard details.

SELECT BEDDING MATERIAL

Select bedding material shall be crushed stone (No. 57 or No. 5), in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details. Bedding material shall be provided for all pipe materials.

INSTALLATION

Pipe installation shall be in strict accordance with Specification Section 02222 – Excavation and Backfilling for Utility Systems and as outlined herein.

PIPE LAYING

Pipe installation shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Proper equipment shall be utilized to perform the work in a manner satisfactory to PWC. All pipes and fittings shall be carefully lowered into the trench in such a manner to prevent damage to the protective coatings and linings. Under no circumstances shall pipe materials be dropped or dumped into the trench. Pipe shall be carried into position and not dragged.

All dust, dirt, oil, tar (other than standard coating), or other foreign matter shall be cleaned from the jointing surfaces, and the gasket, bell, and spigot shall be lubricated with lubricant recommended by the manufacturer.

The pipe shall be laid upgrade, beginning at the lower end with the tongue or spigot ends pointing in the direction of the flow to the correct line and grade, unless otherwise approved by PWC. The pipe section to be installed shall be aligned by batter board or laser beam with the last installed pipe section. Mechanical equipment should not be used to assemble the pipe. Pipe shall be assembled in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's instructions. Any damage resulting from the use of mechanical equipment shall be replaced as directed by PWC.

Adjustments in grade by exerting force on the barrel of the pipe with excavating equipment shall not be allowed. The Contractor shall verify line and grade after assembling each joint.

At any time when pipe laying is not in progress, the open ends of the pipe shall be closed by a water tight plug or other means approved by the PWC Project Coordinator. If water is in the trench, the plug shall remain in place until the trench is pumped completely dry. No pipe shall be laid in water or where in the PWC Project Engineer's and/or PWC Project Coordinator's opinion trench conditions are unsuitable. Every precaution shall be taken to prevent material from entering the pipe while it is being installed.

ALIGNMENT AND GRADE

All pipe shall be installed to the required lines and grades. Structures shall be installed at the required locations. The lines and grades of the pipe will generally be indicated by stakes parallel to the line of the pipe. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing the pipe to proper line and grade.

Pipe shall be visually inspected by shining a light between structures and /or by closed circuit television inspection. Any defects discovered, including poor alignment, shall be corrected as directed by the Public Works Commission.

The bottom of the trench shall be excavated to a minimum of four inches (4") below the outside bottom of the pipe being installed to allow adequate placement and compaction of bedding material prior to installation.

Select bedding material shall be placed a minimum of four inches (4") and a maximum of six inches (6") under the pipe for full width of the trench and halfway up the pipe on the sides. Bedding material shall be placed in layers not exceeding six inches (6") loose thickness for compacting by vibratory mechanical tamps under the haunches and concurrently on each side of the pipe for the full width of the trench. The final result shall be "Class B" bedding for rigid pipe. If the existing material under the pipe bedding material is unsuitable, the unsuitable material shall be removed and replaced with select bedding material (No. 57 or No. 5 stone), as authorized and approved by the Public Works Commission Project Coordinator.

The same material pipe shall be utilized from manhole to manhole, unless otherwise approved by PWC. If the section of pipe between manholes is 250 feet or less, no transitions will be allowed (either all PVC or all ductile iron). Should the length between manholes exceed 250 feet, only one transition will be allowed. Use of a C900 x SDR 26 adaptor shall be used to accomplish the transition. A transition is defined as the use of one C900 x SDR26 adaptor. No more than one (1) adaptor shall be utilized in any given manhole to manhole segment.

All manholes shall be constructed to Public Works Commission's standards. Installation shall be in accordance with ASTM C-891 and PWC standards.

Manholes shall be constructed of precast reinforced concrete circular sections installed on a base riser section with integral floor and shall be cored to accommodate the various pipe connections, as indicated on the drawings. Pipe connections to a manhole shall be by gasketed flexible watertight connections (boot for small diameter and A Loc for larger diameter pipe) or as approved by the Public Works Commission. The manhole size shall be in accordance with the following table, unless otherwise specified:

<u>Pipe Size</u>	<u>Manhole Diameter</u> **
24" and less	48" *
27" - 36"	60"
42"	72"

* Where interior drop structures are required, use 60" diameter as required in the Public Works Commission standard details.

** Where multiple connections or acute angles are required, larger diameter manhole may be required as indicated on the plans.

The invert channel shall be constructed of brick and mortar, in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details. **Precast inverts are not allowed.** The invert channel shall be smooth and semicircular in shape conforming to the inside of the connecting sewer section. Changes in direction of flow shall be made with a smooth curve as large as a radius as the size of the manhole will permit without a decrease in flow velocity. Changes in size and grade of the channel shall be made gradually and evenly. The invert channel walls shall be constructed to three quarters (3/4) of the height of the crown of the outlet sewer and in such a manner not to obstruct maintenance, inspection or flow in the sewers. The inverts shall have a minimum slope of one (1) percent across the bottom of the manhole. A shelf shall be provided on each side of any manhole invert channel. Inverts in manholes with standing water will not be acceptable. The shelf shall be sloped not less than 1:12 (min) and no more than 2:12 (max). The bottom of the boot for the new sewer main or lateral shall be set one inch above existing shelf unless otherwise indicated.

When used in a paved street, the ring and cover shall be set in suitable mortar surrounded by a concrete collar in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details. When used in places other than in a paved street, the ring and cover shall be set to the grade shown on the plans or directed by the Public Works Commission. In unpaved areas cam-lock ring and cover shall be used. Camlock ring and cover shall be installed in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details.

The interior manhole riser joints, lift holes and grade adjustment rings shall be sealed with non-shrinking mortar to provide a watertight manhole. Lift holes sealed by the manufacturer with plastic caps do not require mortar seal. The hardened mortar shall be smooth to rub with no sharp edges. Use of grade rings with cam-lock ring and cover are not allowed, unless approved by the PWC Project Coordinator. **Use of grade rings is not allowed for above grade adjustments.**

All exterior manhole riser joints, including the joint at the cone, shall be sealed with an external rubber sleeve. The sleeve shall be made of stretchable, self-shrinking rubber, with a minimum thickness of 30 mils. The back side of each wrap shall be coated with a cross-linked reinforced butyl adhesive. The butyl adhesive shall be a non-hardening sealant, with a minimum thickness of 30 mils. The seal shall be designed to stretch around the manhole joint and then overlap to create a fused bond between the rubber and butyl adhesive. The application shall form a continuous rubber seal for the life of the application. The sealing system shall be as manufactured by Concrete Sealants, Inc. (Con-Seal), Sealing Systems, Inc., or approved equal. The wrap shall be a minimum of six (6) inches in width, and shall be centered on the

joint. All manhole joints (including the cone section to the last riser) shall be wrapped and sealed. Care shall be taken to prevent damage to the wrap during backfill operations. The manhole surface shall be prepared in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, prior to installing the joint wrap.

Materials shall not enter the sewer line during construction of the manhole. The manhole shall be kept clean of any and all debris or materials. Any debris or material that entered the manhole shall be immediately removed. This condition shall be maintained until final acceptance of the work.

CONNECTION TO EXISTING MANHOLES OR LIFT STATIONS

All connections to existing manholes and/or lift stations shall be approved by the Public Works Commission. Where new mains are to be connected to existing active sanitary sewers, the active sewers shall remain in service. Unless otherwise indicated, where new lines are connected into existing manholes, all or such portion of the manhole invert as is necessary shall be removed and a new invert shall be constructed to accommodate both new and existing flows. All work shall conform to the requirements specified for new manholes. The existing structure connection shall be cored and a flexible watertight connection (i.e., boot) installed. The boot shall be installed in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details and requirements. The Contractor shall coordinate and cooperate with the Public Works Commission's Project Coordinator.

PIPE TO MANHOLE CONNECTOR (BOOT)

A watertight, flexible pipe-to-manhole connector shall be utilized on all pipe to manhole connections, for both new and existing manholes and pipes, unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the Public Works Commission.

The connector assembly shall be the sole element to provide a watertight seal of the pipe to the manhole or other structure. The connector shall consist of a rubber gasket, an internal compression sleeve, and one or more external take-up clamps. The connector shall consist of natural or synthetic rubber and Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel. No plastic components shall be allowed.

The rubber gasket shall be constructed of synthetic or natural rubber, and shall meet or exceed the requirements of ASTM C-923. The connector shall have a minimum tensile strength of 1,600 psi. The minimum cross-sectional thickness shall be 0.275 inches.

The internal expansion sleeve shall be comprised of Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel. No welds shall be utilized in its construction.

Installation of the connector shall be performed utilizing a calibrated installation tool furnished by the connector manufacturer. Installation shall require no re-tightening after the initial installation. Installation shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The external compression take-up clamps shall be Series 300 non-magnetic stainless steel. No welds shall be utilized in its construction. The clamps shall be installed utilizing a torque-setting wrench

furnished by the connector manufacturer. Installation shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The Contractor shall utilize the proper size connector in accordance with the connector manufacturer's recommendations. All dead-end pipe stubs shall be restrained in accordance with ASTM C-923.

The finished connection shall provide a sealing to a minimum of 13 psi, and shall accommodate a minimum pipe deflection of seven (7) degrees without the loss of seal.

The pipe to manhole connector shall be PSX: Direct Drive as manufactured by Press-Seal, or approved equal.

INSIDE DROP MANHOLE STRUCTURE

Inside manhole drop structures shall be constructed and installed in accordance with Public Works Commission standard details.

CLEANING

Prior to final inspection, all sanitary sewer laterals, mains, and manholes newly installed on the collection system shall be flushed and cleaned. During the flushing operation, the downstream manhole shall be closed with a watertight plug to protect the existing sewer main. All water and debris shall be removed and properly disposed of by the Contractor. This condition shall be maintained until the Public Works Commission issues final acceptance for the project.

TESTING

Completed sewers shall be tested in accordance with the provisions outlined below. The Contractor shall furnish all equipment, labor, materials, and pay all costs associated with the tests performed. The Contractor shall schedule all testing with the Public Works Commission's Project Coordinator, a minimum of 48 hours in advance. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Public Works Commission's Project Coordinator and furnish any needed assistance necessary to complete the required testing.

For annexation and/or retrofit projects: No testing shall be conducted prior to successful completion of the compaction testing.

For all other projects: No testing shall be completed until all utilities are installed, prior to preparation of the road subgrade. The Contractor may elect to perform testing to satisfy them that the sewer utility is installed properly prior to commencing installation of other utilities. However, such testing shall not be construed as acceptance by PWC.

The deflection/mandrel test shall not be performed until a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after backfill operations are completed and the area graded to final contours. In lieu of waiting thirty (30) calendar days, the Contractor has the option to have an independent testing laboratory verify that

compaction has been completed to achieve the maximum density as shown in the detail. The location and elevation of the compaction testing shall be determined reviewed and approved by the Public Works Commission’s Project Coordinator. The Contractor shall provide the Public Works Commission with a copy of the density testing results.

Compaction testing shall be done in accordance with Specification Section 02222 – Excavation and Backfilling for Utility Systems.

Vacuum Testing Manholes:

All precast sanitary sewer manholes installed by the Contractor shall be vacuum tested for leakage. This test shall be done in accordance with ASTM C-1244 and in the presence of a Public Works Commission Project Coordinator. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all the necessary labor, materials, equipment, testing apparatus, and all other incidentals necessary to complete the vacuum test. All testing equipment utilized shall be approved for use in vacuum testing manholes.

Each manhole shall be tested after assembly. All lift holes shall be plugged with an approved non-shrink grout. All lines, including laterals, entering the manhole shall be temporarily plugged. The Contractor should take care to ensure that the pipes and plugs are secure in place to prevent them being drawn into the manhole. The test head shall be placed directly on top of the concrete surface of the manhole following the manufacturer’s recommendations, rather than to the cast iron seating ring.

Manholes may be tested either prior to backfill or post backfill at the contractor’s option. For pre-backfill testing, a vacuum of 10 inches of Mercury (inches Hg) shall be drawn on the manhole, the valve on the vacuum line of the test head closed, and the vacuum pump shut off. The time shall be measured for the vacuum to drop to 9 inches of Mercury (inches Hg). The manhole is acceptable if the time for the vacuum reading to drop from 10 inches of Mercury to 9 inches of Mercury meets or exceeds the values indicated below:

<u>Manhole Depth</u>	<u>Diameter of Manhole</u>		
	<u>4’ Diameter</u>	<u>5’ Diameter</u>	<u>6’ Diameter</u>
10’ or less	25 sec	33 sec	41 sec
11’ to 15’	38 sec	49 sec	62 sec
16’ to 20’	50 sec	65 sec	81 sec
21’ to 25’	62 sec	82 sec	101 sec
25’ to 30’	74 sec	98 sec	121 sec

Vacuum testing backfilled manholes is not recommended in the presence of groundwater. Vacuum testing a backfilled manhole that is subjected to hydrostatic pressure may exceed the design limits of the flexible connectors and could lead to failure of the structure, joints, and/or connectors. Where groundwater is present a reduction in the vacuum pressure applied to the manhole will be required. The

vacuum shall be reduced by 1 inch of Mercury for every 1 foot of hydrostatic head between 12 feet and 21 feet. A vacuum test should not be performed when the hydrostatic head exceeds 22 feet. See the chart below:

Hydrostatic Head (ft)*	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vacuum Pressure (in Hg)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	**

*Hydrostatic head above the critical connector (critical connector is bottom most flexible connector)

**Do not perform vacuum test

If the manhole fails the initial test, the manhole shall be repaired by an approved method until a satisfactory test is obtained. All repair methods shall be approved by the Public Works Commission prior to being utilized. Retesting shall be performed until a satisfactory test is accomplished.

Mandrel Testing:

Deflection tests shall be performed on all PVC pipe installations. PVC pipe's maximum deflection after backfilling shall not exceed five (5) percent. The rigid ball or mandrel used for the deflection test shall have a diameter not less than 95 percent of the base inside diameter or average inside diameter of the pipe depending on the type of pipe manufactured and the applicable ASTM Standard. The PVC pipe shall be measured in compliance with ASTM D2122 “Standard Test Method of Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings”. The Contractor shall supply all labor, equipment and materials necessary to perform the test in the presence of the Public Works Commission’s Project Coordinator. The test shall be performed without mechanical pulling devices. The mandrel shall be constructed so as to preclude any yield in diameter, and with a pull line on each end to facilitate withdrawal. If the deflection exceeds the allowable, the Contractor shall remove and replace the pipe.

Air Testing:

Air testing shall be performed on all mains and laterals to determine acceptability. The length of sewer subject to an air test shall be the distance between two adjacent manholes. The tests shall be conducted in accordance with the appropriate ASTM standard. The air test shall be coordinated with the Public Works Commission. The Contractor is required to supply all equipment, labor, materials and pay all costs associated with the test performed.

Air Test for PVC Pipe

The low pressure air test on PVC pipe shall be performed with satisfactory results in accordance with ASTM F1417 “Standard Test Method for Installation Acceptance of Plastic Gravity Sewer Lines Using Low-Pressure Air”. The pipe, including lateral assemblies, shall be plugged and air added slowly until the internal pressure of the line is raised to 4.0 psi. After the pressure of 4.0 psi is obtained, regulate the air-supply so that the pressure is maintained between 3.5 and 4.0 psi for at least two (2) minutes, depending on air/ground temperature conditions. The pressure will drop slightly until equilibrium is obtained; however, a minimum of 3.5 psi is required. Once the 3.5 psi is maintained, the test will begin. If the pressure drops 1.0 psi within the time indicated below, the test fails.

Pipe Dia (in)	Minimum time (minutes)	Length for Min Time (ft)	Time for Longer Length (sec)
4	3:46	597	0.380L
6	5:40	398	0.854L
8	7:34	298	1.520L
10	9:26	239	2.374L
12	11:20	199	3.418L
15	14:10	159	5.342L
18	17:00	133	7.692L
21	19:50	114	10.470L
24	22:40	99	13.674L
27	25:30	88	17.306L
30	28:20	80	21.366L
33	31:10	72	25.852L
36	34:00	66	30.768L

The Contractor shall observe all safety precautions to include allowing no one in the manholes during testing, securing all plugs and providing additional plug bracing. The Contractor shall be required to furnish, install and remove after testing at no additional cost, a temporary glue cap/plug to be airtight for all cleanout stacks to accomplish air testing. The air pressure shall never exceed 8 psi. All gauges shall be accessible outside of the manholes.

HYDROSTATIC TESTS

After the ductile iron sewer pipe has been laid within the "protected" area and backfilled to finished grade, the pipe shall be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test. All laterals within the "protected" area shall be ductile iron. All sewers subject to hydrostatic testing shall include (1) sewers entering or crossing streams, (2) sewers located less than 100 feet from any public or private water supply source including any WS-I waters or Class I or Class II impounded reservoirs, (3) where the minimum 18 inch vertical and 10 feet horizontal separation cannot be maintained between sewers and water mains (see NC DENR Regulations), or (4) as specified and/or indicated on the drawings. The Contractor will furnish all labor and material, including test pumps, plugs, and all other incidentals for making hydrostatic tests. Hydrostatic pressure testing shall be conducted on the completed main, including the laterals.

The duration of the pressure test shall be at least one hour or longer, as directed by the Public Works Commission. The hydrostatic pressure shall be 150 psi. Each section of pipe shall be slowly filled with water and the specified test pressure based on the elevation of the lowest point of the line or section under test and corrected to the elevation of the test gauge, shall be applied by means of a pump connected to the pipe in a manner satisfactory to the Public Works Commission. Before applying the specified test pressure, all air shall be expelled from the pipe.

All joints showing visible leaks shall be made tight. Cracked or defective pipe, joints, laterals, and fittings discovered in consequence of the pressure test shall be removed and replaced with sound material, and the test shall be repeated until the test results are satisfactory. The requirement for the joints to

remain exposed for the hydrostatic test may be waived by the Public Works Commission in certain situations. The test shall be repeated until satisfactory to the Public Works Commission.

The results of the pressure tests shall be satisfactory as specified. All replacement, repair, or retesting shall be accomplished by the Contractor. All repairs shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Commission prior to backfill. The use of couplings, sleeves, etc. shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Commission prior to use.

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