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1 Introduction

This Technical Specification applies to the provision for design and construction of drainage structures, retaining structures, and embankment slope protection.

The requirements for reinforced soil retaining structures are specified in MRTS06 *Reinforced Soil Structures*.

This Technical Specification shall be read in conjunction with MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*, MRTS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements* and other Technical Specifications as appropriate.

This Technical Specification forms part of the Transport and Main Roads Specifications Manual.

2 Definition of terms

The terms used in this Technical Specification shall be as defined in Clause 2 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*. Additional terms used in this Technical Specification shall be as defined in Table 2.

Table 2 – Definition of terms

Term	Definition
Chamber	A buried culvert / pipe access well. It consists of a cover lid, concrete well, circular or squared, precast or cast insitu, and the connection to the buried culvert. (Standard Drawings 1307-1308).
Drawings	Drawings used in this Technical Specification denote all the required drawings for a project, including, project design drawings, Transport and Main Road Standard Drawings, manufacturer's drawings or data sheets, and other drawings referenced.
Gabion	Steel-wire mesh basket or cage filled with rock and used to retain earth or as a protecting agent against erosion.
Gully	A roadside or field rainwater collection point. It consists of surface concrete flat drain channel, concrete lintel, steel grate and concrete pit which is connected to buried drainage pipes or box culverts (Standard Drawings 1309-1445).
Pit	A component of gully structures. It is a vertical concrete well, circular or squared, precast or cast insitu (Standard Drawings 1311-1312).
Mattress	A steel-wire mesh basket or cage forming a thin box of 400 mm maximum thickness which is filled with rock particles.
Preformed culvert	Culvert that is fabricated or formed to the final size and shape in workshop, transported to and directly installed on site, for example, corrugated metal pipe culvert.
RCBC	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (RCBC) using a single or multiple crown unit(s).
Registered	Pre-qualified product or supplier in accordance with departmental registration schemes, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Scheme: Suppliers and Products for Bridges and Other Structures • Product Index for Bridges and Other Structures • Proprietary Design Index for Bridges and Other Structures Registration for certain products and suppliers is a pre-requisite for approval, not a substitute.

Spillthrough	The portion of an embankment constructed adjacent to and under a bridge abutment.
SLBC	Slab Link Box Culvert (SLBC) using multiple spaced reinforced concrete crown units with spanning slabs (usually termed as Link Slab).

End structures for culverts are defined as shown in Figures 2(a) and 2(b).

Figure 2(a) – Small culvert end structure terms

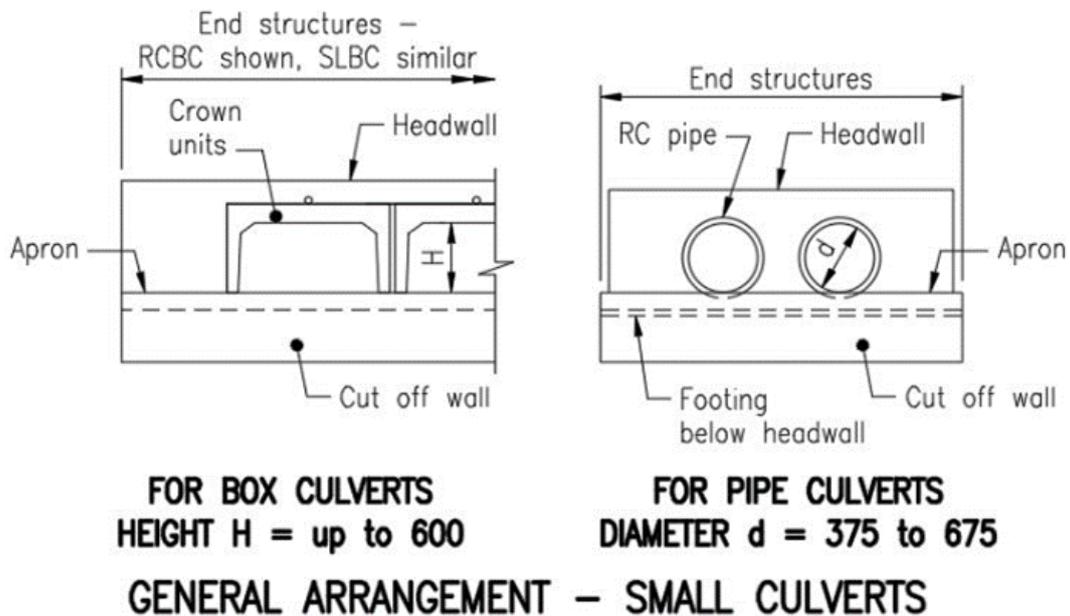
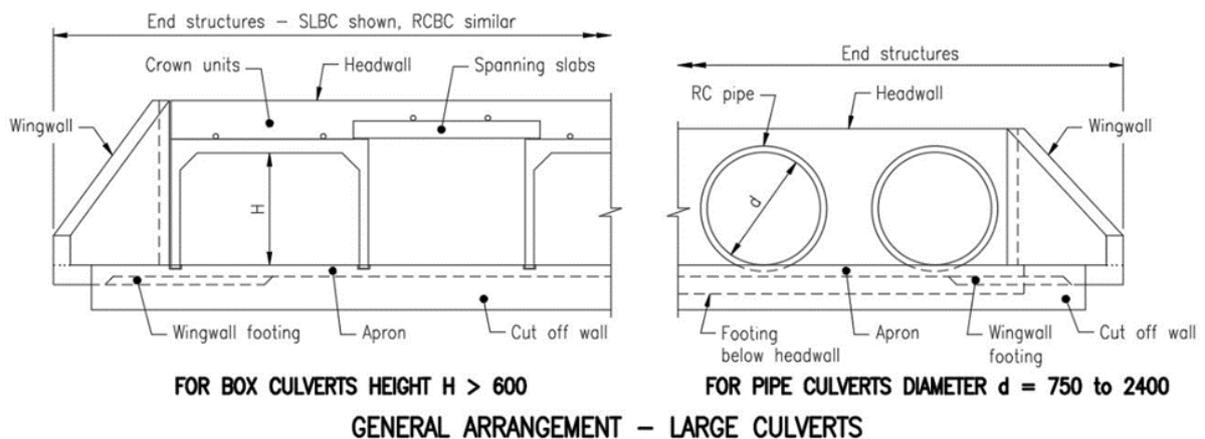


Figure 2(b) – Large culvert end structure terms



3 References

Tables 3(a) and 3(b), below, list documents referenced in this Technical Specification.

Table 3(a) – Referenced documents

Reference	Title
AS 1657	Fixed-platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders – Design, construction and installation
AS 1830	Grey cast iron

Reference	Title
AS 2338	<i>Preferred dimensions of wrought metal products</i>
AS 2423	<i>Coated steel-wire fencing products for terrestrial, aquatic and general use</i>
AS 2439.1	<i>Perforated plastics drainage and effluent pipe and fittings – Perforated drainage pipe and associated fittings</i>
AS 3600	<i>Concrete structures</i>
AS 3700	<i>Masonry structures</i>
AS 3750.9	<i>Paints for steel structures – Organic zinc-rich primer</i>
AS 3996	<i>Access covers and grates</i>
AS 5100	<i>Bridge design</i>
AS/NZS 1254	<i>PVC-U pipes and fittings for stormwater and surface water applications</i>
AS/NZS 2041	<i>Buried corrugated metal structures</i>
AS/NZS 2041.2	<i>Buried corrugated metal structures – Installation</i>
AS/NZS 2041.4	<i>Buried corrugated metal structures – Helically formed sinusoidal pipes</i>
AS/NZS 4455.1	<i>Masonry units, pavers, flags and segmental retaining wall units – Masonry units</i>
AS/NZS 4680	<i>Hot-dipped galvanised (zinc) coatings on fabricated ferrous articles</i>
EN 1537	<i>Execution of Special Geotechnical Works</i>
MRTS01	<i>Introduction to Technical Specifications</i>
MRTS04	<i>General Earthworks</i>
MRTS05	<i>Unbound Pavements</i>
MRTS06	<i>Reinforced Soil Walls</i>
MRTS24	<i>Manufacture of Precast Concrete Culverts</i>
MRTS25	<i>Steel Reinforced Precast Concrete Pipes</i>
MRTS26	<i>Manufacture of Fibre Reinforced Concrete Drainage Pipes</i>
MRTS27	<i>Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)</i>
MRTS30	<i>Asphalt Pavements</i>
MRTS38	<i>Pavement Drains</i>
MRTS50	<i>Specific Quality System Requirements</i>
MRTS56	<i>Construction Surveying</i>
MRTS70	<i>Concrete</i>
MRTS71	<i>Reinforcing Steel</i>
MRTS72	<i>Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements</i>
MRTS77	<i>Bridge Deck</i>
MRTS78	<i>Fabrication of Structural Steelwork</i>
MRTS100	<i>High Strength Geosynthetic Reinforcement in Road Embankments</i>
MRTS141	<i>Microtunnelling and Pipe Jacking</i>

Reference	Title
MRTS271	<i>Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) Reinforcement</i>
MRTS272	<i>Shotcrete for Aboveground Applications</i>
RPDM	<i>Road Planning and Design Manual, Volume 3, Part 5 Drainage</i>
TN23	<i>Design Criteria for Precast Drainage Pits</i>
TN27	<i>Guidelines for Design of Precast Culvert and Pipe Headwalls</i>
TN187	<i>Controlled Low-Strength Material for Pipe Installation</i>
Product Index	<i>Product index for bridges and other structures</i>
Proprietary Design Index	<i>Proprietary Design Index for Bridges and Other Structures</i>
WSA 05-2020	<i>Conduit Inspection Reporting Code of Australia</i>

Table 3(b) – Referenced departmental Standard Drawings

Standard Drawing Number	Title
1033	<i>Kerb and channel – Kerbs, channels and ramped vehicular crossing</i>
1116	<i>Subsoil drains – Outlets and cleanouts</i>
1240	<i>RC Slab Deck Culvert</i>
1241	<i>RC Slab Deck Culvert - Culvert Extension</i>
1243	<i>Precast Culvert Headwalls – Headwall Connections</i>
1250	<i>R C Box Culverts & Slab Link Box Culverts – Culverts Height > 600</i>
1260	<i>R C Box Culverts & Slab Link Box Culverts – Culverts Height = 375 to 600</i>
1304	<i>Pipe Culverts – Wingwalls, Headwall and Apron for Pipe Diameter 750 to 2400</i>
1305	<i>Pipe Culverts – Headwall and Apron for Pipe Diameter 375 to 675</i>
1307	<i>Access Chamber – Details 1050 to 2100 Dia.</i>
1308	<i>Access Chamber – Roof Slabs 1050 to 2100 Dia.</i>
1309	<i>Concrete Gully – Field Inlet Type 1</i>
1310	<i>Concrete Gully – Field Inlet Type 2</i>
1321	<i>Concrete Gully – Precast Concrete Side Inlet Gully with Precast Shaft</i>
1322	<i>Concrete Gully – Precast Concrete Side Inlet Gully with Cast Insitu Pit</i>
1356	<i>Road Edge Guide Posts – Post and Installation Details</i>
1358	<i>Maintenance Marker Posts – Post and Installation Details</i>
1359	<i>Culverts – Installation, Bedding and Filling / Backfilling Against / Over Culverts</i>
1444	<i>Concrete Gully – Roadway Type Precast Inlet Units in Sag</i>
1445	<i>Concrete Gully – Roadway Type for Type 28 Channel</i>
1459	<i>Concrete Gully – Roadway Type Channel Lip In Line Anti-Ponding</i>
2232	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 1 – Rock Spillthrough – Up to 1700 Clearance</i>
2233	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 1 – Rock Spillthrough – Greater Than 1700 Clearance</i>

Standard Drawing Number	Title
2234	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 2 – Reinforced Concrete Over Spillthrough – Up to 1700 Clearance</i>
2235	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 2 – Reinforced Concrete Over Spillthrough – Greater Than 1700 Clearance</i>
2236	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 4 – Rockwork Over Spillthrough – Up to 1700 Clearance</i>
2237	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 4 – Rockwork Over Spillthrough – Greater Than 1700 Clearance</i>
2238	<i>Abutment Protection – Rock Masonry</i>
2241	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 7 – Rock Filled Gabion Protection – Height up to 6 Metres</i>
2242	<i>Abutment Protection – Type 8 – Riprap Protection – Height up to 6 metres</i>

4 Standard test methods

The Standard test methods listed in Table 4 shall be used in this Technical Specification.

Table 4 – Standard Test Methods

Property to be tested	Method No.
Particle size distribution	AS 1141.11.1
Density index	AS 1289.5.5.1 AS 1289.5.6.1
Los Angeles value	AS 1141.23
Particle density on a dry basis	AS 1141.6.1
Apparent particle density	AS 1141.6.1
Point load strength index	AS 4133.4.1
Total weighted loss	AS 1141.24
Water absorption	AS 1141.6.1
California Bearing Ratio (CBR)	Q113C
Compressive strength	AS 1012.8.3 AS 1012.9
Skid Resistance	Q704

Further details of test numbers and test descriptions are given in Clause 4 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*.

5 Quality system requirements

5.1 Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones

General requirements for Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones are specified in Clause 5.2 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*.

The Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones applicable to this Technical Specification are summarised in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 – Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones

Clause	Hold Point	Witness Point	Milestone
10.1.1	1. Approval of precast base slabs		Submission of design and installation details of precast base slabs (14 days)
11.2	2. Bandage cover materials for culvert joints		
11.3.1	3. Approval of Culvert Construction Procedure		Submission of the excavation and installation procedure (14 days)
11.3.2		1. Construction of bedding, haunch, side and overlay zones	
11.3.5	4. Acceptance of CCTV Defect Inspection Report		
11.3.10	5. Backfilling of culverts		
14.3.1	6. Approval of cast insitu culvert construction procedure		Submission of the excavation and concreting procedure (14 days)
18.5		2. Water flow test in concrete channels	
19.5		3. Water flow test in precast block channels	
21.1	7. Approval of pits / chambers construction procedures		Submission of pits / chambers construction procedures (14 days)
21.3	8. Grate placement 9. Concrete top slab placement		
21.6.2		4. Water flow test in precast concrete side inlet gullies	
22.3		5. Flushing of sub-soil drains	
24.3.1			Sequence for construction of vertical drains (14 days)
25.2	10. Construction of stone columns		Submission of construction for stone columns (28 days)
30.3	11. Construction of concrete paving		
33.3			Submission of alternative

Clause	Hold Point	Witness Point	Milestone
			unreinforced concrete wall details (14 days)
38.3	12. Bridge abutment protection Type 1 – rock spillthrough construction work procedure		
39.3	13. Bridge abutment protection Type 2 – reinforced concrete over earth spillthrough construction work procedure		
40.3	14. Bridge abutment protection Type 4 – rock work over earth spillthrough construction work procedure		
41.2	15. Bridge abutment protection Type 6 – type of interlocking blocks and work procedure		Submission of technical details of interlocking blocks and work procedure (14 days)
42.3	16. Bridge abutment protection Type 7 – submission of gabion construction work procedure		
43.3	17. Bridge abutment protection Type 8 – Riprap protection construction work procedure		
45.3	18. Backfilling on concrete retaining wall footing		
49.2	19. Installation of soil nails		Submission of construction procedure for soil nails (14 days)
49.4.4.2	20. Grouting of soil nails		
49.5	21. Acceptance of soil nails		
50.2	22. Installation of passive rock dowels		Submission of construction procedure for passive rock dowels (14 days)
50.4.4.2	23. Grouting of passive rock dowels		
50.5	24. Acceptance of passive rock dowels		
51.2	25. Installation of active rock bolts		Submission of construction procedure for active rock bolts (14 days)

Clause	Hold Point	Witness Point	Milestone
51.4.4.2	26. Grouting of active bolts		
51.6	27. Commencement of testing of active rock bolts		

5.2 Construction procedures

The Contractor shall prepare documented procedures for all construction processes, including pre-installation / concrete casting and As Constructed surveys (Clause 7) wherever required in MRTS56 *Construction Surveying* and As Constructed modifications, in accordance with MRTS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements*.

Those construction procedures which are required to be submitted at least 14 days prior to construction by the Contractor to the Administrator in accordance with Clause 6 of MRTS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements* include those listed in Table 5.2 in particular.

Table 5.2 – Construction procedures

Clause	Procedure
9.1	Removal and demolition
10.1.2	Culvert or drainage extension
11.3.1	Precast or preformed culvert construction
12.3.1	Precast or preformed drainage trough construction
14.3.1	Cast insitu culvert construction
15.3	Cast insitu culvert end structure construction
16.3	Precast culvert end structure construction
17.3	Concrete paved inverts in corrugated culverts
18.3	Cast insitu concrete kerb, channel and kerb and channel
21.1	Installation of concrete gullies and access chambers
25.2	Stone columns
36.4	Steel-wire gabion protection
37.5.1	Steel-wire mattress protection
38.3	Bridge abutment protection Type 1 – rock spillthrough construction
39.3	Bridge abutment protection Type 2 – reinforced concrete over earth spillthrough construction
40.3	Bridge abutment protection Type 4
41.2	Bridge abutment protection Type 6 – interlocking blocks construction
42.3	Bridge abutment protection Type 7 – gabion construction
43.3	Bridge abutment protection Type 8 – Riprap construction
44.3	Shotcreting
45.3	Reinforced concrete retaining walls
46.3	Concrete masonry unit retaining walls
47.3	Crib walls
48.3	Boulder retaining walls

Clause	Procedure
49.2	Installation of soil nails
50.2	Installation of rock dowels
51.2	Installation of rock bolts

5.3 Compliance testing

The Contractor shall undertake sufficient tests to ensure that the works comply with the Technical Specifications and requirements of the Contract. The testing program shall be such that the testing frequencies and number of tests are not less than those required by Clause 5.4.

5.4 Testing frequency

The minimum test frequencies and minimum numbers of tests shall be as follows:

- Concrete shall be tested in accordance with MRTS70 *Concrete*.
- Earthworks shall be tested in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Additional testing required by the designer shall be specified in Clause 1 of Annexure MRTS03.

6 General material and construction requirements

6.1 Concrete

Concrete shall be in accordance with the requirements of MRTS70 *Concrete* and with the following requirements:

- a) The concrete strength grade and concrete class shall be as specified in the Drawings, or this specification as applicable.
- b) Construction joints shall be provided only as specified in the Drawings and no construction joint specified in the Drawings shall be omitted.
- c) Weepholes shall be provided at the locations and details specified in the Drawings. A 300 mm x 300 mm x 150 mm thick 'no-fines' concrete block wrapped with a non-woven geotextile complying with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)* shall be provided at each weephole unless otherwise as specified in the Drawings.
- d) Where concrete is constructed on ground without a blinding layer, a polythene sheet separator of thickness not less than 100 µm shall be installed between the ground and the concrete. The separator shall extend not less than 300 mm beyond the concrete edges. Puncturing or tearing the separator shall be avoided. Should puncturing or tearing occur, the damage shall be repaired prior to concreting. Joints in the separator shall be provided by overlapping the sheets a minimum of 300 mm or by overlapping and taping.
- e) Rock plums of maximum size less than 150 mm may be used in unreinforced concrete. Plums shall not constitute more than 30% of the volume of concrete.

6.2 Reinforcing steel

Reinforcing steel shall be in accordance with the requirements of MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel*.

6.3 Cement mortar

Unless otherwise specified, cement mortar shall consist of 1 part of Type GP cement to 3 parts of fine aggregate, with only sufficient water added to form a moist dry-pack material. Materials shall comply with MRTS70 *Concrete*.

As an alternative, proprietary mortars may be used, meeting any noted strength requirement, upon approval by the Administrator.

6.4 Cement grout

Cement grout shall consist of Type GP cement complying with MRTS70 *Concrete*.

As an alternative, registered proprietary grouts may be used, meeting any noted strength requirement.

The water-cement ratio of the grout shall not be greater than 0.4.

Where specified, the compressive strength of the grout shall be determined using samples cast in 50 mm cube moulds in accordance with AS 1012.8.3 and tested in accordance with AS 1012.9.

6.5 Grates, cover and frames

Grates, cover and frames for gullies and access chambers shall be in accordance with AS 3996 and be a departmental registered product.

Unless specified otherwise, grates and covers shall:

- a) meet Class D requirements when tested in accordance with AS 3996, and
- b) have a positive mechanical retainer system to stop accidental closure of the grate or cover when in the open position.

Grates located on a road carriageway or bicycle path shall meet bicycle safety requirements in accordance with AS 3996.

6.6 Proprietary products

Where noted, proprietary products and designs shall be departmentally registered (refer to Transport and Main Roads' registered *Product Index* and *Proprietary Design Index*).

The use of a specific registered product is specified in design drawings to meet design requirements. Equivalent alternative registered products may be acceptable.

Precast concrete proprietary products shall be manufactured in accordance with MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements* by registered precast suppliers (refer to **Hold Point 2** of MRTS72).

6.7 Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP)

GFRP reinforcement shall be in accordance with MRTS271 *Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) Reinforcement*.

6.8 Fibre reinforced concrete

Fibre reinforced concrete shall be in accordance with MRTS273 *Fibre-reinforced Concrete*.

6.9 Cement stabilised materials

Cement stabilised materials shall be in accordance with Clauses 19.2.10, 19.2.11 and 19.2.12 MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

7 Survey and geometric requirements

7.1 Surveying requirements

All surveying requirements associated with Surveyor competency, survey control, setting out, conformance, As Constructed Survey, reporting and deliverables for the installation of new or relocated underground assets that include culverts, stormwater pipes, gullies and access chambers and retaining wall footings are to be fulfilled as prescribed in MRTS56 *Construction Surveying*.

7.2 Existing underground assets

Wherever the design Drawings require any existing underground assets nearby to be fully or partly exposed during construction works, additional surveying is required to be undertaken as prescribed in Clause 13 of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying*.

7.3 Excavation and backfilling

The geometric requirements for excavation and backfilling operations required to be undertaken to construct the work described by this Technical Specification shall be carried out in accordance with the Drawings and provisions of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

8 Geometric tolerances for culverts

8.1 General

Culverts shall have a positive drainage slope along the whole of their length and, where relevant, shall join neatly to existing structures.

8.2 Horizontal tolerances

The horizontal alignment of culverts shall not vary from the location specified in the Drawings by more than ± 100 mm.

8.3 Vertical tolerances

The invert heights of culverts shall not vary from those specified by more than ± 10 mm, provided always that nowhere shall the grades of culverts depart from those specified by more than 1% (absolute).

Notwithstanding these tolerances, the minimum thickness of cover over culverts shall nowhere be less than as shown in the Drawings and shall be nowhere less than the following:

- a) 100 mm for concrete box culverts and cast-in-place concrete slab deck culverts and concrete unitary box culverts if deck wearing surfaces are not specified
- b) 300 mm for concrete pipe culverts, and
- c) 600 mm or $\frac{\text{Diameter or Span}}{6}$, whichever is the greater for corrugated steel culverts.

9 Removal or demolition

9.1 General

Clause 9 applies to the work to be carried out where structures are to be removed or demolished under the Contract.

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

9.2 Culverts and culvert end structures

Culverts and culvert end structures shall be removed or demolished where specified in the Drawings. If existing culvert components are to be removed and re-used, they shall be removed and stacked in a manner which avoids damaging the components. Removed components which are not to be salvaged, nor reused, shall be removed from the Site and disposed of.

The culvert components listed in Clause 2.1 of Annexure MRTS03.1 are required to be salvaged intact by the Contractor and delivered and stored at the storage site nominated in Clause 2.2 of Annexure MRTS03.1.

Excavations carried out and the void left by the removed culvert or end structure shall be backfilled to reinstate the area to a safe and free draining state.

9.3 Concrete end plugs for existing culverts

Concrete end plugs shall be used to seal off existing culverts that are to be taken out of service, but not removed or demolished.

Concrete end plugs for culverts shall be constructed in the locations specified by, and in accordance with the details shown on the Drawings.

Concrete shall be grade N20 complying with Clause 6.1.

The thickness of the plugs shall be not less than 500 mm. The plugs shall completely seal the ends of the culverts.

9.4 Roadside kerbs, channels and concrete slabs

Existing kerbs, channels, kerbs and channels, kerb crossings and concrete slabs shall be removed or demolished where specified in the Drawings.

No damage shall result to adjacent work.

Where part only of existing kerbs, channels, kerbs and channels, kerb crossings and slabs are to be removed or demolished and new kerbs, channels, kerbs and channels, kerb crossings and slabs are to be joined to the remaining part, removal or demolition operations shall terminate at a joint.

Alternatively, the existing kerb, channel, kerb and channel, kerb crossing, or slab shall be sawn to provide a clean joint.

Any resulting excavations shall be backfilled and the surface finished level with the surrounding area.

9.5 Gullies and access chambers

Gullies and access chambers shall be removed or demolished where specified in the Drawings.

Gullies and access chambers shall be removed or demolished in a manner which avoids damaging any adjacent work.

Resulting excavations and voids shall be backfilled and the surface finished level with the surrounding area.

10 Supply of precast and preformed culvert and drainage trough components

10.1 General

Clause 10 applies to the work to be carried out where precast and preformed culvert and drainage trough components are required to be supplied under the Contract.

Precast and preformed culvert components shall comprise precast pipes, preformed pipes, unitary box units, U-shaped units, lid, base and link slabs, plates, couplers, rubber rings, arch channels, bolts, nuts, washers, plugs, dowels and all other fittings necessary for the installation of the components to be provided.

Proprietary products shall be registered in accordance with relevant departmental criteria. Modification to the approved standard design may be required to fit for a specific project. The use of proprietary products and/or the specifically modified product designs shall be accepted by the Administrator prior to delivery (for an example, refer to Hold Point 2 of MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements*).

10.1.1 Precast box culvert base slabs

Cast insitu base slabs shall not be substituted with precast concrete base slabs unless otherwise approved by the Administrator.

If the Contractor wishes to use precast concrete base slabs, then the Contractor shall submit a proposal including all design and installation details to the Administrator, not less than 21 days before manufacture of the culvert components is due to commence. **Milestone**

Precast concrete base slabs shall be designed and manufactured in accordance with MRTS24 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Culverts*.

Manufacture shall not commence until written approval is given by the Administrator. **Hold Point 1**

10.1.2 Existing culvert components to remain for extension projects

The conditions and capacity of all existing culverts shall have been inspected, including CCTV process for un-accessible culverts, and assessed prior to the commencement of the culvert extension design work.

Prior to the commencement of the construction, site confirmation is required on the location, condition, size of the existing culverts to remain, connection method, and temporary slope protection. All the silt and debris in the culverts to remain shall be removed. All retained culvert components shall not be damaged during the construction. Appropriate slope and pipe protection and connection methods shall be specified in the construction work procedure which shall be submitted with the Administrator at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the construction.

10.2 Material requirements

Precast and preformed culvert components shall conform to the following requirements:

- a) Concrete pipe culvert components shall comply with the requirements specified in MRTS25 *Steel Reinforced Precast Concrete Pipes* or with MRTS26 *Manufacture of Fibre Reinforced Concrete Drainage Pipes*:
 - i. All pipes supplied to MRTS25 of diameter 800 mm or less shall have joints which are spigot and socket with rubber sealing rings. Joints for other sizes shall be as specified in the Drawings. Proposals for alternative joint types shall be submitted for approval by the Administrator.
 - ii. All pipes supplied to MRTS26 shall have flexible elastomeric double 'V' ring joints.
- b) Concrete box culvert components and link slabs shall comply with MRTS24 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Culverts*.
- c) Helical lock-seam corrugated steel pipe culvert components shall:
 - i. comply with the requirements specified in AS/NZS 2041.4
 - ii. comply with the requirement of AS/NZS 2041.1 and AS/NZS 2041.2 except that road vehicle loads and load distribution shall be as per AS 5100.2, and
 - iii. have an allowance for corrosion of 1 mm.

The culvert component size, class and/or wall thickness shall be as specified in the Drawings.

The design height of fill above box culverts, details of any attachment points, and any side sway considerations, shall be as specified in the Drawings.

Precast box culvert units are designed to cater for most situations, but high fill, staggered configurations and fish passages require specific adjustments (refer to MRTS24 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Culverts*).

Any other details of culvert components not shown in the Drawings shall be in accordance with Clause 3.1 of Annexure MRTS03.1.

11 Installation of precast and preformed culvert components

11.1 General

Clause 11 applies to the work to be carried out where precast and preformed culvert components are required to be installed under the Contract.

11.2 Material requirements

Joint sealants for bandage covers (Clause 11.3.4) shall be:

- a) a synthetic woven or non-woven fabric factory impregnated with a rubberised bitumen or a neutral petrolatum-based compound, or
- b) plastic or natural rubber bands.

Woven or non-woven fabrics shall have the following properties:

- a) grab tensile strength not less than 300 N (50 mm wide strip)
- b) thickness not less than 1.25 mm, and
- c) mass not less than 1.4 kg/m².

Plastic and natural rubber bands for pipe culverts shall have properties appropriate to the sealing requirements and be provided together with the culvert components by the manufacturer of the culvert components concerned.

Samples of the materials to be used as bandage sealing shall be made available for inspection and acceptance by the Administrator prior to commencement of installation. **Hold Point 2**

Concrete for end plugs (Clause 11.3.6) between legs of the multi-cell culverts (Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260) shall be in accordance with Clause 6.1 except the maximum aggregate size shall be 10 mm.

Lean mix infill material between legs of the multi-cell culverts and within the end plugs (Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260) shall consist of 1 part of Type GP cement to 10 parts of aggregate (loose volume) mixed with the minimum quantity of water to obtain a moisture content which is optimum for easy and uniform filling of the gaps. The maximum aggregate size shall be 10 mm.

Holding down anchors shall comply with the details shown on the Standard Drawings (Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260).

Controlled low-strength material (CLSM) for pipe culvert installation shall be in accordance with TN187 *Controlled Low-Strength Material for Pipe Installation*.

11.3 Construction

11.3.1 General

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure for temporary support where specified, excavation, foundation material replacement where required, compaction, foundation certification, bedding and haunching, survey, base slab, installation, joints filling and sealing, end structures, scour protections, and backfilling as per MRTS04 *General Earthworks* and the Drawings as applicable. **Milestone**

This procedure shall include but not limited to:

- a) Earthworks Construction Procedure (refer to Clauses 5, 13, 15 and 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*) including required foundation bearing capacity as per the Drawings (refer to Standard Drawings 1250, 1260, 1304, 1305, and 1359).

Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260 provide general installation details for precast culvert units including cast insitu base slabs and end structures. The details for a specific culvert project shall be finalised before procurement starts.

The culvert, base slab, wingwall and foundation bearing pressure specified in Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260 are only for maximum top fill of 2.0 m plus traffic loads of AS 5100.2. For fill height more than 2.0 m on a culvert, all details shall be redesigned.

- b) Procedure for lifting and installing culvert elements.

- c) Materials and the procedure for joint sealing (Clause 11.3.4).
- d) For multiple pipe culvert cells installation, backfill material and compaction method in the haunch and side zones between the pipes.
- e) Application of Controlled Low-Strength Material (CLSM) if planned for backfilling in haunch zone and side zone of pipe culverts as per TN187 *Controlled Low-Strength Material for Pipe Installation*.
- f) For concrete pipe culverts:
 - i. Details of compaction equipment and the fill heights at which it will be used.
 - ii. Engineering certification confirming that the pipe load class is sufficient to withstand proposed compaction equipment. These calculations shall use the load distribution through fill described in AS 5100.2.
- g) Any environmental issues as per MRTS51 *Environmental Management* and MRTS52 *Erosion and Sediment Control*.
- h) Any traffic control issues as per MRTS02 *Provision for Traffic*.

Construction of culverts shall not commence until the construction procedures have been approved by the Administrator. **Hold Point 3**

The drainage structure shall be set out in accordance with the details shown in the Drawings. The provisions of Clause 8 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications* apply to the set out procedure. Where corrugated steel culvert components are installed, the invert heights specified are the levels of the tops of the corrugations.

Excavation, material replacement if required, and compaction shall be carried out in accordance with Clauses 13, 15 and 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*, to achieve the design bearing capacity specified in the Drawings. The completed foundation shall be certified by an experienced RPEQ geotechnical engineer as per MRTS04.

Precast and/or preformed culvert components shall be installed in the locations and in accordance with the details shown in the Drawings.

Concrete shall comply with the requirements specified in Clause 6.1.

All drainage structure units or components shall be marked with indelible ink on the inside face with the name of the manufacturer and month and year of manufacture.

11.3.2 Bedding and backfilling of culvert components

Foundation bedding, haunch and side / overlay zone materials (Standard Drawing 1359) shall be placed in accordance with Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

The foundation bedding and haunch zones shall provide continuous, even, and uniform support to the culvert components, and constructed as per the corresponding Clauses of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Along the top of a wingwall, if cohesionless material is used, then the top fill within 300 mm deep by 500 mm wide, including the wingwall toe area around the strip drain outlet, shall be cement stabilised. The stabilising mix shall be 1:10 cement to the fill material mixed as per Clause 19.2.12 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

All zones shall be compacted in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. **Witness Point 1**

11.3.3 Assembling corrugated culvert components

Culvert components shall be assembled in accordance with the Drawings.

Where large, corrugated steel pipe culvert components are employed and involving multiple plate corrugated steel arch components, the circumferential joints shall be staggered, and longitudinal joints shall be horizontally opposed.

Unless specified by the supplier of corrugated metal culvert or in the Drawings that invert filling is not required, a concrete paved invert shall be constructed to the steel invert as per Clause 17 of this Technical Specification after the installation has been completed. The top surface of the mortar filling shall be sloped such that water shall not pond in the channel or against the wall.

11.3.4 Laying and jointing culvert components

Where possible, laying of culvert components shall commence at the outlet end of the culvert and progress to the inlet end.

Components shall be selected and arranged to give best fit.

The ends of components shall be free of any foreign matter at the time of jointing.

In butt and flush joints, the culvert components shall abut one another, and a bandage cover shall be installed on the outer surfaces to seal the joints. Unless a specific type of bandage (Clause 11.2) cover is specified in the Drawings, the bandage cover shall consist of:

- a) one layer of non-woven fabric
- b) 3 layers of woven fabric, or
- c) a plastic or natural rubber band.

Fabric covers shall have a width sufficient to overlap adjacent components by not less than 45 mm and shall not be applied until the ambient temperature exceeds 15°C. Fabric covers shall not be wrinkled and shall adhere to the outer surfaces of the adjacent components. The ends of the fabric in the covers shall be secured in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Plastic or natural rubber covers shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Bandage covers are not required for legs of adjacent culverts in multiple installations where the joint is infilled with concrete (Clause 11.3.6, Standard Drawing 1250).

11.3.5 Special requirements for concrete pipe culvert components

The following provisions apply to steel-reinforced and fibre-reinforced concrete pipes manufactured in accordance with MRTS25 *Steel Reinforced Precast Concrete Pipes* or MRTS26 *Manufacture of Fibre reinforced Concrete Drainage Pipes*.

Pipe culvert components shall be installed in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 1243, 1304, 1305, 1359, project design drawings, MRTS04 *General Earthworks* and this Specification as applicable. Required pipe load class shall be confirmed against the Drawings and proposed construction loads prior to the procurement of the precast pipe components.

The Project specific Drawings typically specify the load class based on the required traffic loads and minimum default construction loads. Using more impactful construction techniques may require increasing the pipe load class.

The required foundation geotechnical capacity is based on the maximum bearing pressure specified in the Drawings.

Where spigot and socket joints are used, the thickness of bedding material under each socket shall not be less than 50 mm.

Pipes shall be placed with their external grooved ends or spigot ends facing the culvert outlet.

Where the word 'TOP' is marked on pipes or where lifting holes are provided, the pipes shall be laid with the word / hole uppermost. Lifting holes shall be plugged or otherwise closed off in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions after the pipe is installed.

Spigot and socket joints shall be made using the appropriate rubber rings.

The contractor shall conduct inspections of the pipe culvert using CCTV in accordance with WSA 05 *Conduit inspection Report Code of Australia*. An inspection shall be performed when the pipe is laid, prior to backfilling, and another performed when compaction is complete, including any pavement. The requirement for a pre-backfilling inspection by camera may be waived by the Administrator if adequate visual inspection of the pipes takes place before and during installation.

Reports shall be submitted to the Administrator within 14 days, accompanied by evidence of the operator and report signatory's qualifications.

Culverts shall be assessed in accordance with WSA 05 Appendix J, and all 'not acceptable' defects replaced or rectified, in a manner acceptable to the Administrator. **Nonconformance**

Live traffic shall not be permitted to transverse the culvert until the report has been accepted by the Administrator and any plan for rectification agreed. **Hold Point 4**

WSA 05-2020 stipulates cracks over 0.5 mm are 'not acceptable' (Table J.5) and that cracks are recorded to the nearest millimetre (Clause 2.7.2.1).

The method assigning of numeric scores to defects, and hence a condition grade to the culvert, is covered by WSA 05 Appendix D and is not intended for evaluation of new assets (refer to Clause D3). However, this method may provide useful insight when determining if an entire line of pipes should be replaced.

WSA 05 Appendix J3 requires operators to hold a statement of attainment in Unit NWPNET016 and supervisors to hold a statement of attainment in Unit NWPNET017.

11.3.6 Special requirements for concrete box culvert components

Box culvert components shall be installed in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 1243, 1250, 1260, 1359 and Project specific Drawings as applicable.

Where specified, holding down anchors or nibs shall also be installed to retain the units in position in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 1243, 1250, 1260 and Project specific Drawings as applicable.

Where link slabs are installed, locating dowels shall be installed in the tops of the units and the link slabs shall be seated on continuous cement mortar pads on adjacent unit – all as shown on the Standard Drawings. All surplus mortar shall be removed from the installation before the mortar hardens.

In multiple cell culverts, the gaps between legs of neighbouring cells shall be a minimum of 40 mm wide and filled as follows (Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260):

- a) Concrete end plugs (Clause 11.2) extending not less than 250 mm along the gap shall be constructed to full height at each end of the culvert.
- b) After the end plugs have hardened, the remaining gaps between the cells and minimum 50 mm below the culvert crown surface shall be filled with 1:10 lean mix having maximum aggregate size of 10 mm (Clause 11.2). Manual compacting with rods is required to avoid large voids.
- c) Fill the top 50 mm above the lean mix with cement mortar.

Butted joints shall be sealed with bandage cover (Clauses 11.2 and 11.3.4)

Where link slabs are installed, the space between the slabs and on the box unit crown in between shall be filled with lean mix concrete (Standard Drawings 1250 and 1260). No other backfilling material shall be placed over the culvert for 24 hours after the placement of the lean mix concrete.

Based on the completed base slab, the horizontal and vertical tolerances between the culvert units shall be carefully planned and controlled to avoid accumulated misalignment or large gap between the culvert units. Prior to the concrete pour of the insitu base slab, a survey shall be carried out to confirm the concrete surface level to be poured at control points as shown on the drawings.

11.3.7 Special requirements for corrugated steel culvert components

Thrust beams and ring beams shall be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings and technical data sheets as relevant.

11.3.8 Special requirements for corrugated pipe, pipe-arch and arch culverts

The deformation limits specified in MRTS04 *General Earthworks* apply during installation and backfilling operations.

11.3.9 Cutting culvert components

The Administrator shall be notified prior to the cutting of culvert components.

Cutting operations shall provide neat end surfaces without potential hazards, such as sharp tooth edge or point left in place.

The cut surfaces of reinforced concrete culvert components shall be given 2 coats of a surface tolerant epoxy.

The cut surfaces of steel culvert components shall be given 2 coats of zinc-rich organic priming paint as specified in AS 3750.9. The coats shall have a combined thickness at least equivalent to the thickness of the galvanised coating. Each coat shall overlap the adjacent uncut surfaces by not less than 25 mm.

11.3.10 Backfilling of culverts

Backfilling of culverts shall be carried out in accordance with Clauses 15 and 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. To determine testing lots for compaction, a change in compaction equipment or methodology shall necessitate a division of lots.

Backfilling of culverts shall not commence until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements as specified in Clause 10.6 and the relevant subclauses of Clause 11.5 of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying* have been met and notice of such works provided to the Administrator. **Hold Point 5**

Culvert components shall not be backfilled or loaded with construction traffic prior to 28 days from date of manufacture, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator.

12 Installation of precast and preformed drainage trough components

12.1 General

Clause 12 applies to the installation of precast and preformed drainage trough components.

12.2 Material requirements

Bandage covers shall be a synthetic woven or non-woven fabric as specified in Clause 11.2.

12.3 Construction

12.3.1 General

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Precast and/or preformed trough components shall be installed in the locations and in accordance with the details specified in the Drawings.

Excavations shall be carried out in accordance with Clause 13 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Where corrugated steel drainage trough components are installed, the invert heights specified are the levels of the tops of the corrugations.

All drainage structures shall be marked with indelible ink on the inside face with the name of the manufacturer and month and year of manufacture.

12.3.2 Bedding of drainage trough components

Foundation bedding materials shall be placed in accordance with Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

The foundation bedding shall provide continuous, even support to the drainage trough components.

12.3.3 Assembling drainage trough components

Drainage trough components shall be assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings and recommendations.

12.3.4 Laying and jointing drainage trough components

Drainage trough components shall be laid with the tops flush with the finished batter.

Laying of drainage trough components shall commence at the outlet end of the trough and progress to the inlet end. Where necessary, components shall be selected and arranged to give satisfactory fit.

The ends of components shall be free of any foreign matter at the time of jointing. When butt and flush joints are specified, the drainage trough components shall abut one another.

Bandage covers shall be applied to the outer surfaces of butt and flush joints. Bandage covers shall consist of:

- a) one layer of non-woven fabric, or
- b) 3 layers of woven fabric.

Fabric covers shall have a width sufficient to overlap adjacent components by not less than 45 mm and shall not be applied until the ambient temperature exceeds 15°C. Fabric covers shall not be wrinkled and shall adhere to the outer surfaces of the adjacent components. The ends of the fabric in the covers shall be secured in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

12.3.5 Cutting drainage trough components

The Administrator shall be notified prior to the cutting of culvert components. Cutting operations shall provide neat end surfaces.

The cut surfaces of concrete drainage trough components shall be given 2 coats of a surface tolerant epoxy.

The cut surfaces of corrugated steel drainage trough components shall be given 2 coats of zinc-rich organic priming paint as specified in AS 3750.9. The coats shall have a combined thickness at least equivalent to the galvanised coating thickness. Each coat shall overlap adjacent uncut surfaces by not less than 25 mm.

12.3.6 Installing holding down anchors

Holding down anchors shall be installed in accordance with the requirements specified in the Standard Drawings and the manufacturer's technical data sheets as relevant.

13 Installation of precast pipe culvert components using jacking methods

13.1 General

Pipe jacking shall be carried out in accordance with MRTS141 *Microtunnelling and Pipe Jacking*.

14 Cast insitu concrete culvert components

14.1 General

Clause 14 applies to construction of insitu concrete culvert components.

14.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

14.3 Construction

14.3.1 General

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit their work procedure for temporary support where specified, excavation, material replacement where required, compaction, foundation certification, survey, reinforcing steel work, concreting, end structures, scour protections, and backfilling as per the geotechnical investigation and design reports, the structural Drawings, and Transport and Main Roads Specifications. **Milestone**

Excavation and construction of culverts shall not commence until the construction procedures have been approved by the Administrator. **Hold Point 6**

Excavation, material replacement if required, and compaction shall be carried out in accordance with Clauses 13, 15 and 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*, to achieve the design bearing capacity (refer to Standard Drawing 1240). The completed foundation shall be certified by an experienced RPEQ geotechnical engineer as per MRTS04.

Standard Drawing 1240 provides general cast insitu culvert details only. The details for a specific culvert project shall be finalised before procurement starts.

The culvert, base slab, wingwall and foundation bearing pressure specified in Standard Drawing 1240 are only for maximum top fill of 2.5 m plus traffic loads of AS 5100.2. For fill height more than 2.5 m on a culvert, all details shall be redesigned.

14.3.2 Special requirement for corrugated steel arch culverts

Construction of abutments and piers for corrugated steel arch culverts shall include the provisions for necessary anchorage for steel arch components in accordance with the Drawings.

15 Cast Insitu concrete end structures to culverts

15.1 General

Clause 15 applies to end structures to culverts.

15.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Steel reinforcement shall comply with MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel*.

15.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Cast insitu end structures such as headwalls, wingwalls, aprons, cut-off walls, and kerbs to culverts shall be provided in the locations specified in the Drawings. Unless otherwise specified in the Drawings, cast insitu concrete end structures to culverts shall comply with the details shown on Standard Drawings 1304, 1305 for pipe culverts and 1240, 1250 and 1260 for box culverts as applicable.

Where insitu material on or against which structures are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve the foundation capacity as required in Standard Drawings 1304, 1305, 1250, 1260 and the Project specific Drawings, as applicable.

The maximum fill height behind the wingwall is defined by the height of headwall in the Standard Drawings.

Refer to Clause 11.3.2 for other details.

Refer to Standard Drawings 1240, 1250, or 1260 for requirement for apron surface roughening.

16 Precast concrete end structures to culverts

16.1 General

Clause 16 applies to the provision of precast concrete end structures for culverts.

16.2 Material requirements

Precast concrete end structures shall be manufactured in accordance with Clause 6.6 to a registered design in accordance with TN27 *Guidelines for Design of Precast Culvert and Pipe Headwalls*.

Cement mortar shall comply with Clause 6.3.

16.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure, including approved headwall design, with the Administrator.

Precast concrete end structures to culverts shall be installed in the locations and in accordance with the Project specific Drawings or Standard Drawing 1243 as applicable.

The maximum fill height behind the wingwall is defined by the height of headwall in the Standard Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which end structures are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve the required capacity as per Standard Drawing 1260 unless otherwise specified in the project design Drawings.

End structures shall be laid on a foundation bedding which provides continuous even support to the structures. Refer to Clause 11.3.2 for other details.

The joints between end structures and culverts shall be filled with cement mortar as per Standard Drawing 1243. The joint areas shall be thoroughly cleaned and wetted just prior to filling. All joints shall be finished smooth and uniform with the surfaces of the end structures.

Any holes and recesses provided in end structures to assist installation shall be neatly plugged or filled with cement mortar.

Mortared joints and filled holes and recesses shall be cured for a period of not less than 48 hours. Backfilling operations against end structures shall not be carried out during the curing period.

17 Concrete paved inverts in corrugated culverts

17.1 General

Clause 17 applies to the provision of concrete paved inverts in corrugated culverts.

17.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with the requirements of Clause 6.1. Concrete shall be minimum Class S32/10. Epoxy-based bonding agent shall be a registered proprietary product. The bond strength of the bonding agent shall exceed the characteristic principal tensile strength of the host concrete.

17.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Concrete paved inverts shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

The invert of corrugated steel and aluminium pipe culverts shall be lined with concrete with the following requirements:

- a) the minimum depth of concrete above the corrugations shall be 50 mm, and
- b) the minimum height of lining above invert shall be $D/6$ – where 'D' = Diameter of culvert.

The construction of paved inverts shall be delayed until all backfilling operations around and adjacent to the culverts concerned have been completed. Where practicable, the construction of paved inverts shall be delayed to the latest possible time within the construction period.

The surfaces on which paved inverts are to be constructed shall be dry and free of foreign matter.

Immediately prior to paving, the surfaces shall be coated with an epoxy-based bonding agent for the full width of the paved area, plus an additional 100 mm width each side.

Steel reinforcement and fixing to invert shall be as per the Drawings.

Concrete work shall be in accordance with the requirements specified in Clause 6.1. The concrete shall be thoroughly worked into the corrugations, screeded off and trowelled to provide a uniform surface free of depressions.

The edges of the concrete paving shall be sloped such that water shall not pond against the steel culvert.

The surface of the trowelled concrete shall be scored longitudinally to a depth of 10 mm at 500 mm centres.

18 Cast insitu concrete kerb, channel, and kerb and channel

18.1 General

Clause 18 applies to the provision of cast insitu concrete kerb, channel and kerb and channel. The clause does not apply to kerbs cast integrally with structures.

18.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board.

18.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Cast insitu concrete kerb, channel, and kerb and channel, including kerb crossings, shall be provided in the locations specified in the Drawings and in accordance with Standard Drawing 1033.

Where insitu material on or against which kerbs or channels are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. The ground surface shall be moistened just prior to placing concrete.

Manually placed concrete shall be in accordance with Clause 6.1. Exposed surfaces shall have a steel-trowelled finish.

Where kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel is constructed by an extrusion process, concrete shall comply with MRTS70 *Concrete* with either minimum 320 kg/m³ cementitious material or minimum strength specified on the Drawings. The extrusion machine shall be fitted with a tamper and an automatic control which allows adjustment of the position of the forming mould while the machine is in operation.

The cementitious material content can be confirmed by the audit of the batch plant. This is generally required when defects are evident.

The horizontal and vertical alignments of kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel shall be controlled by means of a sensor working to a control line. The finished kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel shall be well compacted and shall have exposed surfaces free from voids and honeycombing.

Expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 20 m. The joints shall be constructed by installing 6 mm maximum thickness compressible packing in the full cross-section of the kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel. Where relevant, joints shall be located to line up with expansion joints in adjacent structures.

Contraction joints between expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 5 m. The joints shall be constructed by forming grooves 40 mm deep and not more than 6 mm wide in all exposed surfaces of the kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel. All grooves shall be normal to the top surface and square to the alignments of the kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel.

Concrete shall be cured for a period not less than 7 days before any other roadworks operations are carried out adjacent to the kerb, channel or kerb and channel.

18.4 Tolerances

The horizontal and vertical alignments of kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel shall not vary from those specified by more than ± 10 mm.

Notwithstanding the above tolerances, the alignments of the kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel shall have smooth lines. The overall dimensions of the kerb, channel and/or kerb and channel shall nowhere be less than that specified in the Drawings.

18.5 Water test

Where the longitudinal grade of channels is less than 1%, a test shall be carried out by discharging water into the channel to check uniformity of flow along the channel. After the flow has ceased, water shall not pond to a depth of more than 5 mm in any section of the channel. The test shall be carried out as soon as possible after the concrete in the channel has hardened. **Witness Point 2**

19 Precast concrete kerb, channel, and kerb and channel blocks

19.1 General

Clause 19 applies to the provision of precast concrete kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks.

19.2 Material requirements

Precast concrete kerb blocks and channel blocks shall be proprietary products manufactured in accordance with Clause 6.6.

Blocks installed on a horizontal alignment of radius 12 m or less shall be precast to the required radius or shall be straight blocks of dimensions which ensure the jointing requirements specified herein are complied with. Where blocks are precast to a radius, each shall be clearly marked to indicate its radius.

Epoxy adhesion agent shall be a suitable proprietary product.

Cement mortar shall comply with Clause 6.3.

19.3 Construction

Precast concrete kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks shall be installed in the locations specified by, and in accordance with, the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which precast blocks are to be installed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Where kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks are to be fixed to the surface of asphalt or concrete, epoxy adhesion agent shall be employed. The epoxy adhesion agent shall be spread evenly over the whole of the contact surfaces.

Kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks shall be laid on bedding of minimum thickness 50 mm unless they are fixed to the surface of asphalt or concrete.

Kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks shall have watertight cement mortar joints. Cement mortar shall be used within 1 hour of mixing and shall not be re-tempered.

The joints shall be finished to give smooth surfaces uniform with the surfaces of the blocks. The thickness of joints shall not be less than 7 mm or greater than 13 mm. Exposed surfaces of blocks shall be cleaned of cement mortar coating as soon as possible after the joint mortar has hardened. No roadworks operations shall be carried out adjacent to the kerb, channel and kerb and channel blocks until 48 hours after its construction.

19.4 Tolerances

The tolerances for the finished work shall be as specified in Clause 21.

19.5 Water test

A water test as specified in Clause 18.5 shall be carried out on completed channel and kerb and channel blocks. **Witness Point 3**

20 Shoulder dykes

20.1 General

Clause 20 applies to the provision of shoulder dykes. In addition, refer to *Road Planning and Design Manual* Volume 3 Part 5 *Drainage* for application of dykes.

20.2 Material requirements

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other equivalent packing.

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Cement mortar shall comply with Clause 6.3.

Asphalt shall comply with MRTS30 *Asphalt Pavements*.

20.3 Construction

20.3.1 General

Shoulder dykes shall be constructed in the locations specified by, and in accordance with, the Drawings.

20.3.2 Concrete shoulder dykes

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

The surface on which shoulder dykes are to be constructed shall be moistened just prior to placing concrete. Exposed surfaces shall have a steel-trowelled finish.

Where shoulder dykes are constructed by an extrusion process, the extrusion machine shall be fitted with a tamper and an automatic control which allows adjustment of position of the forming mould while the machine is in operation. The horizontal and vertical alignments of shoulder dykes shall be controlled by means of a sensor working to a control line. The finished shoulder dykes shall be well compacted and shall have exposed surfaces free from voids and honeycombing.

Expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 20 m. The joints shall be constructed by installing 6 mm maximum thickness compressible packing in the full cross-section of the shoulder dykes.

Contraction joints between expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 5 m. The joints shall be constructed by forming grooves 40 mm deep and not more than 6 mm wide in all exposed surfaces of the shoulder dykes. All grooves shall be normal to the top surface and square to the alignments of the shoulder dykes.

Concrete shall be cured for a period appropriate to the concrete mix and its application, but not less than 7 days before any other roadwork operations are carried out adjacent to the shoulder dykes.

20.3.3 Asphalt shoulder dykes

Asphalt shoulder dykes shall comply with MRTS30 *Asphalt Pavements*.

20.3.4 Precast concrete block shoulder dykes

Precast concrete block shoulder dykes shall be in accordance with Clause 20.

20.4 Tolerances

The horizontal and vertical alignments of shoulder dykes shall not vary from those specified by more than ± 10 mm. Notwithstanding the above tolerances, the alignments of shoulder dykes shall have smooth lines. The overall dimensions of shoulder dykes shall nowhere be less than those specified.

21 Concrete gullies and access chambers

21.1 General

Clause 21 applies to the provision of concrete gullies and chambers.

At least 14 days prior to construction of trench or embankment, the Contractor shall submit their construction work procedure, including approved pit or chamber design, for excavation, materials, compaction, bedding, foundation certification, sequence of culverts and pits or chambers installation and their connection and watertight sealing, benching and backfilling. **Milestone**

Installation of pits or chambers shall not commence until the construction procedures have been approved by the Administrator. **Hold Point 7**

21.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Cement mortar shall comply with Clause 6.3.

Epoxy mortar shall be a Transport and Main Roads registered proprietary product.

Precast concrete components for gullies (pits and inlets) and chambers shall be Transport and Main Roads registered products designed to TN23 *Design Criteria for Precast Drainage Pits* and/or per relevant Standard Drawings 1307-1322, 1441-1445 and 1459 as appropriate and manufactured in accordance with Clause 6.6. Modification to the approved standard design may be required to fit for a specific project. The use of approved product design shall be confirmed and/or the specifically modified product design accepted by the Administrator of a project prior to delivery (refer to Hold Point 2 of MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements*).

Note: Pits and chambers designs are registered without specific penetration sizes / positions. The specifically modified design will have the actual pit dimensions and penetration details.

Note: Gully inlets are generally manufactured as stock items, so MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements* Hold Point 2 applies prior to delivery, whereas pits and chambers are manufactured for a specific project, so MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements* Hold Point 2 applies prior to manufacture.

Grates, covers and frames shall be reinforced concrete, mild steel or cast iron as specified in the Drawings and/or Standard Drawings and shall comply with Clause 6.5. Cast iron components shall be fabricated from cast iron, grade T200 and shall comply with AS 1830.

Access within the chamber shall comply with AS 1657. Where step irons are specified in the Drawings, the material shall be in accordance with AS 4198.

Structural steel components shall comply with MRTS78 *Fabrication of Structural Steelwork* and hot-dip galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680.

21.3 Construction

Concrete gullies and chambers shall be provided in the locations specified by, and in accordance with, the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which gullies are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve the design capacity as required in the Drawings.

Where the sides of excavations are in firm ground, the access chamber shafts may be constructed without the use of backforms. Where concrete is placed against the ground without the use of backforms, the specified wall thicknesses shall be increased by 20 mm for gullies up to 5.0 m deep and 30 mm for gullies deeper than 5.0 m to provide additional cover to reinforcement.

Foundation bedding material shall be placed to provide continuous even support for the chambers and gullies.

The joints between gullies and culverts shall be made watertight using cement mortar or Transport and Main Roads registered product. The mortar shall be used within 1 hour of mixing and shall not be re-tempered. The joints shall be finished to provide smooth surfaces, uniform with the inner surfaces of the gullies.

Step irons shall be installed horizontal, vertically in line, and shall project uniformly from shafts.

Concrete top slabs shall be joined to the shafts using Transport and Main Roads registered mortar product as per Standard Drawing 1307.

Where backforms are used, they shall be removed, and backfilling shall be undertaken in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Frames shall be joined to the top slabs using cement mortar or epoxy mortar or as specified in the Drawings and/or Standard Drawings. Approved grates shall be installed in the frames.

Benching at the bottom of pits or chambers is required as per Standard Drawing 1307. The benching shall be formed to achieve dry and non-sediment condition after each flow.

Precast lintels, grates and aprons on gullies and roof slab for access chambers shall not be installed until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements have been met as specified in Clause 10.6 and Clause 11.5 of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying* and notice of such works provided to the Administrator. **Hold Point 8**

For access chambers or gullies in roadworks, temporary covers shall remain in position and installation of the frames and surrounds shall be deferred until pavement construction has reached a stage where the frames and surrounds can be positioned accurately.

Concrete top slabs, inlet units or converter slabs as applicable on access chambers and gullies shall not be placed until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements have been met as specified in Clause 10.6 and the relevant subclauses in Clause 11.5 of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying* and notice of such works provided to the Administrator. **Hold Point 9**

A precast concrete gully pit or access chamber and converter slab (if required) shall be joined to the shafts / pits using cement mortar or epoxy mortar.

After gully pits or access chambers have been completed, excavations shall be backfilled. Backfilling shall be undertaken in accordance MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

21.4 Tolerances

21.4.1 Horizontal tolerances

The locations of gullies shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 100 mm in the direction of the construction centre line and ± 50 mm in the direction at right angles to the construction centre line.

21.4.2 Vertical tolerances

The invert heights of gullies shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 50 mm, provided always that the gullies join neatly to existing drainage structures, do not pond water unnecessarily and are at heights compatible with other adjacent structures. The heights of the tops of back-units, grates and frames shall not vary from those described in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm.

21.5 Insitu concrete gully pits and access chambers

Cast insitu concrete gully pits shall be in accordance with Standard Drawings 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1322, 1445, 1459 and/or project design drawings as applicable. Cast insitu access chambers shall be in accordance with Standard Drawings 1307 and 1308 and/or project design drawings.

21.6 Precast concrete gully pits and access chambers

Where the base is cast insitu and the shaft is precast, base for pits/chambers shall be of thickness not less than 150 mm. The base slab shall extend not less than 150 mm radially beyond the outside of the precast shafts. The lowest precast concrete shaft section shall be placed on the concrete base before the concrete base sets as per Standard Drawing 1321.

Openings for culverts shall be designed, accepted, and manufactured in accordance with TN23 *Design Criteria for Precast Drainage Pits*. Maximum gaps of 25 mm shall be provided all around between connecting culverts and shaft sections. Joints in precast concrete shaft sections shall be sealed from the inside with an epoxy compound in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to produce watertight joints.

Precast concrete shaft sections shall be sealed with an accepted epoxy compound in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to produce watertight joints. The joints shall be pointed from the inside.

Precast concrete top slabs shall be joined to the shafts using epoxy mortar (Standard Drawing 1307).

After shafts have been completed and top slabs placed in position and closed with temporary covers, excavations shall be backfilled. Backfilling shall be undertaken in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

21.7 Concrete inlet gullies

Concrete roadside inlet gullies shall be in accordance with Standard Drawings 1321, 1322, 1443, 1444, 1445 and 1459 as applicable. Concrete field inlet gullies shall be in accordance with Standard Drawings 1309 and 1310. Precast concrete proprietary products shall be manufactured in accordance with MRTS72 *Manufacture of Precast Concrete Elements* by registered precast suppliers (refer to Hold Point 2 of MRTS72).

21.7.1 Tolerances

In addition to the tolerances specified in Clause 21.4, the horizontal and vertical alignment of the side inlet gully shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm.

Notwithstanding the above tolerances, the alignments of the side inlet gully shall have smooth lines.

The overall dimensions of any component shall be nowhere less than that specified on the applicable drawings or Standard Drawings.

21.7.2 Water test

A water test on a side inlet gully shall be carried out where the longitudinal grade of the road is less than 1%.

Water shall be discharged into the side inlet gully to check uniformity of flow. After the flow has ceased, water shall not pond to a depth of more than 5 mm in any section of the channel.

The test shall be carried out as soon as possible after the concrete in the channel has cured.

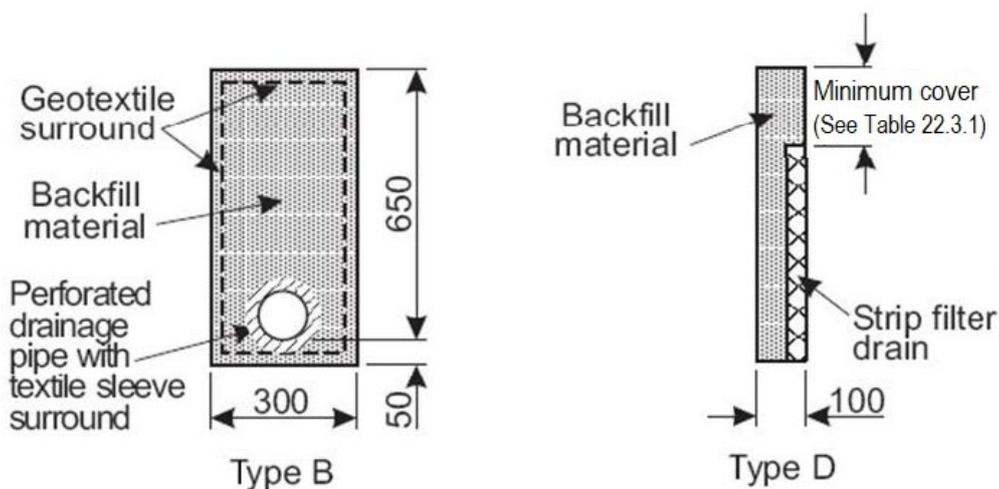
Witness Point 4

22 Subsoil drains

22.1 General

Clause 22 applies to the provision of subsoil drains. The types and locations of subsoil drains to be used shall be shown on the Drawings and consist of one of the following types and shown in Figure 22.1 (refer to Standard Drawing 1116 for further details). Type B shows perforated pipe type drains and Type D shows strip filter type drains.

Neither Type B nor Type D drains are suitable for use under pavements unless there is significant cover. Where a subsoil drain is needed to be constructed under pavement Type A drain, Pavement Drains in accordance with MRTS38 *Pavement Drains* should be used.

Figure 22.1 – Subsoil drain types


22.2 Material requirements

22.2.1 Perforated drainage pipes for Type B subsoil drains

Perforated drainage pipes used in Type B subsoil drains and associated fittings and jointing procedures shall comply with AS 2439.1. The pipe shall have a minimum diameter of 100 mm.

22.2.2 Strip filter drains for Type D subsoil drains

Strip filter drains used in Type D subsoil drains shall be a suitable proprietary product which permits the passage of high water flows along the drain, with:

- a plastic core of nominal thickness not less than 40 mm
- a crush strength not less than 200 kPa, and
- encased in either a seamless knitted proprietary sleeve or wrapped in a non-woven geotextile which complies with the requirements of MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

22.2.3 Cleanout and outlet pipes

Unperforated cleanout and outlet pipes and associated fittings and jointing procedures shall comply with AS/NZS 1254. The pipe shall have a minimum diameter of 100 mm.

22.2.4 Geotextiles

Geotextiles used to surround backfill or wrap drains shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

22.2.5 Trench backfill

For Type B subsoil drains, backfill material shall be one of the followings:

- 20 mm or 10 mm nominal size drainage aggregate that conforms to MRTS04 *General Earthworks*, or
- 20 mm nominal size no fines concrete that conforms to MRTS70 *Concrete*.

For Type D subsoil drains, backfill material shall be one of the followings:

- coarse sand that conforms to MRTS04 *General Earthworks*, or
- 20 mm nominal size no fines concrete that conforms to MRTS70 *Concrete*.

22.2.6 Concrete for headwalls and surrounds

Concrete for outlet headwalls and cleanout surrounds shall comply with Clause 6.1.

22.2.7 Marker posts

Marker posts shall comply with the Standard Drawing 1358.

22.3 Construction

Subsoil drains shall be constructed in accordance with the Drawings.

Where type cross-sections for subsoil drains are not included in the Drawings, dimensions shall be in accordance with the requirements detailed in Figure 22.1 and Standard Drawing 1116.

The minimum cover (as referred in Figure 22.1) over strip filter drains shall comply with Table 22.3.1.

Table 22.3.1 – Minimum cover over strip filter drains

Compactor Size	Minimum Cover
Hand Held Unit	100 mm
≤ 15 tonnes	200 mm
> 15 tonnes	300 mm

Subsoil drains shall be installed to the grades specified in the Drawings. Where the grades are not specified in the Drawings the minimum grades given in Table 22.3.2 shall apply.

The bottom of trenches shall be trimmed to provide constant longitudinal fall towards outlets. Drains shall be installed with a constant fall and shall not rise and fall within the trench.

Table 22.3.2 – Minimum grades for subsoil drains

Subsoil Drain Type	Minimum grade
Type B	0.5%
Type D	1.0%

Clean-outs shall be located at the heads of all subsoil drains and at subsequent spacings not exceeding 60 m for Type B subsoil drains and 50 m for Type D subsoil drains. Clean-outs shall be constructed in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawing 1116.

Installation of geotextiles shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Where an outlet, inlet, or clean-out pipe passes through the filter fabric, a separate piece of fabric of sufficient size shall be wrapped around the pipe and flared against the main fabric to provide an effective seal.

Subsoil drains shall be joined in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. Clean-out pipes shall be joined to the subsoil drains using oblique tee or other proprietary connections.

Trench backfill material shall be damp when placed in the trench. The material shall be carefully placed in layers not exceeding 200 mm loose thickness.

Trench backfill material shall be compacted to achieve effective mechanical interlock between particles.

Where subsoil drains are constructed within the subgrade, they shall extend to the underside of the lowest pavement layer unless specified otherwise in the Drawings.

Where subsoil drains are constructed outside the subgrade edge point, the trench backfill material shall be placed to approximately 150 mm of the ground or finished surface and the remaining 150 mm filled with impervious material compacted as for embankment material in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

General construction details shall be in accordance with Standard Drawing 1116.

All cleanouts shall have caps installed.

Grouted rock pitching shall comply with Clause 34.

Marker posts shall be installed as specified in the Drawings.

Where directed by the Administrator, after the drains are constructed, they shall be flushed. Flushing shall continue until the outlet water is clean and flows consistently. **Witness Point 5**

No construction equipment shall be permitted to stand on or travel directly along completed subsoil drains.

23 Sheet or strip filter drains (other than subsoil drains)

23.1 General

Clause 23 applies to the provision of sheet and strip filter drains.

23.2 Material requirements

Sheet filter drains shall be a suitable proprietary product, comprising a plastic core of nominal thickness not less than 18 mm, encased by a non-woven geotextile which complies with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Strip filter drains shall be a suitable proprietary product, comprising a plastic core of nominal thickness not less than 40 mm, designed to allow the drainage of water along the drain and encased by a non-woven geotextile which complies with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

The plastic core shall permit the passage of high water flows and shall have a crush strength not less than 200 kPa.

Drainage pipes and fittings and associated joining materials / procedures shall comply with the requirements specified in the following references:

- a) fibre reinforced concrete pipes – MRTS26 *Manufacture of Fibre Reinforced Concrete Drainage Pipes*
- b) corrugated steel pipes – AS/NZS 2041
- c) PVC pipes – AS/NZS 1254, and
- d) perforated plastic pipes – AS 2439.1.

Concrete shall be grade N20/20 in accordance with Clause 6.1.

Marker posts shall be tubular steel and comply with the Standard Drawing 1358.

23.3 Storage and handling of materials

Storage and handling of filter drain materials shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. Materials shall not be exposed to heat or direct sunlight to the extent that their physical and/or mechanical properties are diminished.

Materials shall not be stored directly on the ground. The storage arrangements shall protect the materials from damage or soiling.

23.4 Construction

Sheet and/or strip filter drains shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings.

Prefabricated sheet and/or strip filter drains, and associated pipework shall be installed to the shapes and other requirements specified in the Drawings and fixed in position in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Sheet and/or strip filter drains shall be installed just ahead of other construction work which follows.

Any tearing or puncturing of the drain material shall be repaired.

Where sheet filter drains are used against structures employing weepholes, the core of the drain shall have cutouts of a size and spacing recommended by the manufacturer. The geotextile shall be left intact over these core cutouts.

Collector pipes shall be constructed to the shapes specified in the Drawings and jointed in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Concrete ends to drainage outlets shall be in accordance with Clause 6.1.

Filling around collection pipes shall be general backfill material in accordance with Clause 20 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. Fill material shall be compacted to a relative compaction not less than 97%.

Marker posts shall be installed in accordance with the Drawings.

Concrete outlets, concrete surrounds, galvanised chicken-wire cones and pest-proof flaps shall be provided in accordance with Standard Drawing 1116.

24 Vertical drains

24.1 General

Clause 24 applies to the provision of vertical wick filter and sand drains.

24.2 Material requirements

Vertical wick filter drains shall be in accordance with the Drawings. Where plastic cores are specified, they shall be 100 mm wide and comprise a regular pattern, encased by a non-woven geotextile complying with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*. The drains shall have a discharge capacity (flow per unit hydraulic gradient) not less than 150 m³/year.

Sand drains shall be natural sand, manufactured sand or a mixture thereof and shall conform to the grading requirements shown in Table 24.2.

Table 24.2 – Sand drains – Grading

Test sieve size (mm)	Percent passing by mass
9.5	100
4.75	90-100
2.36	70-100
1.18	50-100
0.6	20-70
0.3	0-40
0.15	0-20
0.075	0-5

24.3 Construction

24.3.1 General

Vertical drains shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings.

The proposed sequence for construction of the vertical drains shall be submitted to the Administrator for a direction as to its suitability at least 14 days before commencement of the work. **Milestone**

Vertical drains shall be straight, shall provide continuous drainage over the installed lengths, and shall be constructed in a manner which does not disturb the surrounding ground surface.

24.3.2 Special requirements for wick drains

To minimise disturbance of the subsoil, the cross-sectional area of the mandrel shall be as close to that of the drain as possible. As a guide, it is typical for the maximum cross-sectional area to be 65 cm². The mandrel shall also be sufficiently stiff to prevent wobble or deflection during installation.

The mandrel shall incorporate an anchor plate or similar arrangement at the bottom, the dimensions of which shall conform as closely as possible to the dimensions of the mandrel so as to minimise soil disturbance.

Installation techniques requiring driving shall not be used. Jetting techniques shall require the prior written approval of the Administrator. In no circumstances shall alternate raising or lowering of the mandrel during advancement be used. Raising of the mandrel shall be carried out only after completion of installation of a drain.

The rate of mandrel advance shall be controlled to avoid significant bending or deflection from the vertical. Penetration shall be uninterrupted and typical rates are approximately 0.15 m/sec to 0.60 m/sec. Drains shall be anchored and finished in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Splices in drains shall be made in a manner recommended by the manufacturer. Nevertheless, the jacket and core shall be overlapped a minimum of 150 mm at any splice.

Each installed drain shall not have more than one splice.

Wick drains shall be installed to the toe levels specified in the Drawings. 300 mm of wick drain shall be embedded in the drainage blanket, with not less than 50 mm of material surrounding the wick drain.

24.3.3 Special requirements for sand drains

Sand drains may be constructed using displacement or replacement processes and shall be continuous for their full length.

Compaction of sand by vibration, tamping or other methods shall not be carried out.

After construction, the level of sand in the drains shall be monitored. Should the sand drop, the drains shall be topped up with additional sand.

24.4 Tolerances

The locations of drains shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than 200 mm.

The departure from verticality of any drain shall not exceed 1 horizontal to 50 vertical. A suitable means of assessing the verticality of the drain installation equipment shall be provided so that verticality may be checked at any time.

The diameter of constructed sand drains shall not vary from those specified by more than +50 mm or - 20 mm.

25 Stone columns

25.1 General

Clause f25 applies to the provision of stone columns.

25.2 Construction procedure

The Contractor shall submit to the Administrator the procedure for constructing stone columns no less than 28 days before construction of the stone columns is to commence. **Milestone**

The procedure shall include:

- a) details of all materials to be used, including embankment fill in the area immediately above the stone columns, and
- b) details of the method of construction of the stone columns and the equipment to be used.

Construction of stone columns shall not commence until the Administrator has deemed the construction procedure suitable to use. **Hold Point 10**

25.3 Granular working platform

25.3.1 Materials

25.3.1.1 Granular material

The material for construction of granular working platforms shall be selected fill comprising stone aggregate consisting of sound crushed rock, crushed gravel or uncrushed gravel which is free from dust, clay, vegetable matter and other deleterious materials. It shall be at least a Type 4.5 unbound pavement material as defined in MRTS05 *Unbound Pavements*, with a maximum stone size of 50 mm. Additional properties may apply if stated in the Drawings.

25.3.1.2 Geotextile

The geotextile fabric shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

25.3.1.3 Reinforcement geosynthetic material

Any reinforcement geosynthetic material shall comply with MRTS100 *High Strength Geosynthetic Reinforcement in Road Embankments*.

25.3.2 Construction

Where required in the Drawings, a granular working platform shall be constructed prior to commencement of construction of the stone columns.

The surface of the entire area on which the granular platform is to be constructed shall be cleared and all objects shall be removed and disposed of.

The geotextile fabric shall be placed over the prepared area in accordance with the provisions of MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Where required in the Drawings, a reinforcement geosynthetic material shall also be placed along with the geotextile fabric.

The moisture content of the granular material shall be not less than 85% of optimum moisture content (Standard compaction) and not more than 110% of optimum moisture content (Standard compaction) prior to delivery to the working platform area.

The granular material shall be dumped onto the geotextile in a manner which prevents damage to the geotextile fabric.

The granular material shall be compacted sufficiently to enable movement of construction equipment on its surface. The material shall be trimmed to the depth and profile specified in the Drawings.

25.4 Stone columns

25.4.1 Materials

Stone columns shall be constructed from stone or crushed rock which has particle size distribution (Test Method AS 1141.11.1) in accordance with the grading requirements defined in Table 31.4.1.

Table 25.4.1 – Grading requirements

Test sieve size (mm)	Percent passing by mass
75	100
37.5	65-80
19	5-10
9.5	0-5

The stone or rock particles shall have a minimum particle density on a dry basis of 2.70 (Test Method AS 1141.6.1) and a maximum Los Angeles value of 35 (Test Method AS 1141.23).

25.4.2 Construction

During construction of the stone columns, the movement of construction equipment over the working platform shall be controlled in a manner which prevents undue distortion or damage to the geotextile fabric.

Columns shall be installed to the levels below existing ground level specified in the Drawings.

All stone columns shall be vertical, straight and fully continuous over the full installed length. Columns shall conform to the diameter specified in the Drawings.

Compaction to achieve a sound dense column of uniform diameter shall be achieved in a controlled manner. The material in the columns shall be compacted in a controlled manner to achieve a minimum density index of 70% when tested in accordance with Test Methods AS 1289.5.5.1 and AS 1289.5.6.1.

Adequate surface drainage shall be provided to ensure that the Site remains de-watered and safe for construction personnel and equipment. Adjoining areas shall not be contaminated by material displaced during the construction of the stone columns.

Immediately following completion of the stone columns, the surface shall be trimmed, cleaned and repaired as necessary without soil contamination of the stone columns. All mud, contaminated fill or aggregate, or other foreign material which has resulted from the process of construction of the stone columns, or associated activities, shall be removed. The surface shall be trimmed generally in accordance with the profile specified in the Drawings. Undulations in the surface of the working platform shall be trimmed.

25.4.3 Tolerances

The position of the centreline of any individual column shall be within 200 mm of the set out position based on the adopted grid pattern specified in the Drawings.

25.5 Construction of embankment

25.5.1 Materials

25.5.1.1 Embankment material

The material to be placed in the base layer for construction of the embankment immediately above the stone columns shall comply with Clause 14 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks* and any additional requirements specified in the Drawings.

25.5.1.2 Geotextile

The geotextile fabric shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

25.5.1.3 Construction

Where specified in the Drawings, a geotextile fabric shall be placed over the entire area on which the embankment fill is to be constructed in accordance with the provisions of MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

The embankment fill material shall be placed over the working platform in layers not exceeding 150 mm uncompacted depth. Greater depths of fill may be used in the upper layers once stability of the fill has been established. Embankment fill shall be placed and compacted in accordance with Clause 15 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks* and any additional requirements specified in the Drawings.

26 Linings in drains and channels

26.1 General

Clause 26 applies to the provision of linings in drains and channels. In addition, refer to *Road Planning and Design Manual Volume 3 Part 5 Drainage* for application of lining.

26.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1. Compressible packing for the expansion joint shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other equivalent.

Proprietary products shall be registered products. Lining products shall be able to fit the profile of the drains and channels or erosion control areas. The number of joints should be minimised. The edges and joints shall be properly anchored to avoid subsoil loss. Wherever required, the lining product shall be able to allow grass to grow and be managed. The minimum service life of a proprietary product is 25 years. Parameters for hydraulic calculation shall be provided.

Erosion control lining product shall not be used for stabilising slopes that are steeper than 1:3 (1V on 4H). Risks for roadside application must be assessed on the impact to errant vehicles.

26.3 Construction

Concrete linings in drains and channels shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which linings are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Concrete linings may be constructed without foundation bedding.

The surface of concrete linings shall be finished with a wood float and cured.

Expansion joints shall be constructed at regular intervals not exceeding 20 m by installing 6 mm maximum thickness compressible packing for the full cross-section of the berm drain.

Hand placed concrete paving shall comply with Clause 30.

Sprayed concrete paving shall comply with Clause 31.

Block paving shall comply with Clause 32.

Rock masonry shall comply with Clause 33.

Grouted rock pitching shall comply with Clause 34.

Steel-wire mattresses shall comply with Clause 37.

Proprietary lining products shall be installed in accordance with the technical data sheets.

27 Berm drains

27.1 General

Clause 27 applies to the provision of berm drains. In addition, refer to *Road Planning and Design Manual* Volume 3 Part 5 *Drainage* for application of berm drains.

27.2 Materials

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1 and shall be N25/20.

27.3 Construction

Berm drains shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material of the berm drain on or against which linings are to be constructed is other than rock, the insitu material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Berm drains shall be a nominal 100 mm deep when constructed.

Unreinforced concrete linings shall comply with Clause 33. Concrete lining shall be 100 mm thick.

28 Concrete margins and batters

28.1 General

Clause 28 applies to the provision of concrete margins and batters.

28.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Steel sleeves for installation of margins at the batters shall comply with Standard Drawing 1356 unless otherwise specified in the Drawings.

28.3 Construction

Concrete margins and batters shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where the insitu material on or against which margins, batters and aprons are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Construction of concrete margins and batters shall include the construction of integral cut-off walls, the installation of steel sleeves, and the provision of weepholes.

29 Concrete rail track crossings and machinery crossings

29.1 General

Clause 29 applies to the provision of concrete rail track and machinery crossings.

29.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen-impregnated fibre board or similar.

Joint sealing compound shall be bituminous putty or similar.

29.3 Construction

Concrete rail track and machinery crossings shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which slabs are to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with the requirements of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Crossings shall be laid on foundation bedding.

Concrete work shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Saw-cut grooves shall be provided at the locations shown on the Drawings.

Compressible packing shall be placed in accordance with the details shown on the Drawings.

Construction joints and saw-cut grooves shall be sealed with joint sealing compound in accordance with the details shown on the Drawings and the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

29.4 Tolerances

The horizontal dimensions measured at right angles from the construction centreline to edges of crossings shall not vary from those shown on the Drawings by more than ± 25 mm.

Except where the provision of a smooth connection to existing structures dictates otherwise, the heights of the finished surfaces of crossings shall not vary from those shown on the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm. In addition:

- a) the gap under a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surfaces of the crossing shall not exceed 5 mm due allowance being made for the design shape, and
- b) the crossfalls of the finished surfaces shall not depart from those shown on the Drawings by more than 0.5% absolute.

30 Hand-placed concrete paving

30.1 General

Clause 30 applies to the provision of hand-placed concrete paving.

30.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Concrete to be pattern finished shall have coarse aggregate of size not greater than 20 mm.

Colouring agent shall be a colour curing compound from a suitable manufacturer.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other suitable packing.

30.3 Construction

Hand-placed concrete paving shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which paving is to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Concrete paving shall not be constructed before ducting, pits, stormwater drainage, underground services and any bases for traffic signals, traffic signs, and street light poles within the area to be concreted have been installed. **Hold Point 11**

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 20 m longitudinally and transversely by installing 6 mm maximum thickness compressible packing in the full cross-section of the concrete paving. The joints shall be located to line up with expansion joints in adjacent structures where present.

Contraction joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 5 m longitudinally and also 5 m transversely between expansion joints by forming grooves 40 mm deep and not more than 6 mm wide in all exposed surfaces of the concrete paving. All grooves shall be normal to the top surface.

Concrete shall be cured for a period not less than 7 days before any other operations are carried out adjacent to the work.

30.4 Colouring and finishing

Where specified, concrete paving shall be coloured. The surfaces of the concrete paving shall be uniform in colour.

Where specified, the surfaces of concrete paving shall be pattern finished. Areas not to be pattern finished shall be lightly broomed to produce uniform non-slip surfaces. Where specified, or where a uniform texture has not been achieved, the slip / skid resistance shall be tested in accordance with Test Method Q704. For bicycle and shared paths, the Skid Resistance Value (SRV) shall exceed 55, unless noted otherwise.

30.5 Vertical tolerances

The finished surfaces shall join neatly to edges of adjacent work.

Elsewhere the heights of the finished surface of concrete paving shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm and, in addition, the gap under a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface of the concrete paving shall not exceed 5 mm due allowance being made for the design shape.

Note: Tolerances in MRTS70 *Concrete* also apply. For bicycles particularly, wobble in the surface drastically affects rideability and needs to be avoided.

31 Sprayed concrete paving

31.1 General

Clause 31 applies to the provision of sprayed concrete paving.

31.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1 and shall be Class N25/10.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other suitable packing.

31.3 Construction

Sprayed concrete paving shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which paving is to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Concrete paving shall not be constructed before ducting, pits, stormwater drainage, underground services and bases for traffic signals, traffic signs, and street light poles within the area to be concreted have been installed.

Concrete shall be in accordance with Clause 6.1.

Concrete paving shall be sprayed directly onto shaped and trimmed surfaces. The shaped and trimmed surfaces shall be dampened with water just prior to spraying the concrete paving.

The top surface shall be screeded and finished in accordance with Clause 17.13 of MRTS70 *Concrete*.

Expansion joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 20 m longitudinally and transversely by installing 6 mm maximum thickness compressible packing in the full cross-section of the concrete paving. The joints shall be located to line up with expansion joints in adjacent structures where present.

Contraction joints shall be installed at regular intervals not exceeding 5 m longitudinally and also 5 m transversely between expansion joints by forming grooves 40 mm deep and not more than 6 mm wide in all exposed surfaces of the concrete paving. All grooves shall be normal to the top surface.

Concrete shall be cured for a period of minimum 7 days before any other operations are carried out adjacent to the work.

31.4 Vertical tolerance

The finished surfaces shall join neatly to edges of adjacent work.

Elsewhere, the heights of the finished surfaces of concrete paving shall not vary from those specified by more than ± 10 mm and, in addition, the gap under a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface of the concrete paving shall not exceed 5 mm due allowance being made for the design shape.

32 Block paving

32.1 General

Clause 32 applies to the provision of block paving.

32.2 Material requirements

Paving blocks shall be as shown in the Drawings. Colour, shape, and strength shall be as specified in the Drawings. Blocks shall be sound and free from cracks or other defects which would interfere with proper placing or impair the strength or permanence of construction or their appearance.

Bedding material shall be natural sand, free from soluble salts or other contaminants which would have a detrimental effect on the performance or appearance of the paving blocks. The material shall conform to the grading requirements shown in Table 32.2.

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1, except that the maximum aggregate size shall be 10 mm. Cement mortar shall comply with Clause 6.2. Concrete strength shall be as specified in the Drawings unless otherwise S32/10 to MRTS70 *Concrete*.

Joint filling sand shall be a clean, sharp sand which is free of deleterious soluble salts or other contaminants likely to cause efflorescence or staining. The grading of the sand shall be such that 100% shall pass a 1.18 mm test sieve.

Table 32.2 – Block paving – bedding material grading

Test sieve size (mm)	Percent passing by mass
9.5	100
4.75	95-100
2.36	80-100
1.18	50-85
0.6	25-60
0.3	10-30
0.15	5-15
0.075	0-10

32.3 Construction

32.3.1 Block laying

Block paving shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which paving is to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Block paving shall not be constructed before ducting, pits, stormwater drainage, underground services and any bases for traffic signals, traffic signs, and street light poles within the area to be paved have been installed.

Bedding material shall be spread in a uniform layer and screeded to the shapes and heights which shall provide a depth of bedding not less than 25 mm or not more than 40 mm after the blocks have been laid and compacted.

Screeded sand shall be protected against pre-compaction. Any screeded sand which is pre-compacted prior to laying paving blocks shall be removed and replaced to shape.

Paving blocks shall be laid to the bond patterns specified in the Drawings. All edge blocks shall abut an edge restraint. All full blocks in each row shall be laid first. Where practicable, closure blocks shall be cut and fitted subsequently in the gaps between blocks and edge restraints. Where this is not practicable, gaps shall be filled with concrete or cement mortar.

Where there is insufficient depth to pave over structures, concrete infills shall be placed over such structures in lieu of paving blocks. Moulds shall be used to form the required patterns in the surfaces of the infills.

Where coloured paving blocks are used, concrete infill and cement mortar shall be coloured to match the blocks.

Any pedestrian or barrow traffic which is required to move over the block paving prior to compaction of the paving shall use overlaying boards. No other traffic shall be allowed on the paving prior to its compaction.

32.3.2 Compaction

Compaction of paving blocks shall be carried out using vibrating plate compactors. The plate area of any compactor shall cover a minimum of 12 paving blocks. The frequency of vibration and the amplitude of the vibrating plate compactors shall be appropriate to the blocks being compacted.

Block paving shall be vibrated until no further lowering of the surface is evident.

Compaction shall proceed as closely as possible following placing of blocks. Compaction shall not be attempted within 1 m of the advancing edge during the placing of blocks.

Compaction shall continue until adjoining blocks are flush and to the required level.

Any blocks that are damaged shall be removed and replaced.

32.3.3 Joint filling

As soon as practicable after compaction and prior to termination of work on that day or use by traffic, sand for joint filling shall be spread over the block paving and broomed to fill the joints.

The surfaces of the block paving shall receive at least one further coverage (pass) of a vibrating plate compactor to achieve compaction of the joint filling sand.

Excess sand shall be removed from the surfaces by brooming.

32.4 Vertical tolerance

The finished surfaces shall join neatly to edge restraints.

Elsewhere the heights of the finished surfaces of block paving shall not vary from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm and, in addition, the gap under a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface of the block paving shall not exceed 5 mm due allowance being made for the design shape.

33 Rock masonry

33.1 General

Clause 33 applies to the provision of rock masonry. Rock masonry may also be referred to as 'rubble masonry'.

33.2 Material requirements

Rock for rock masonry shall be clean, hard, durable and free from seams or other imperfections. No weathered rock shall be used. Stones shall not be rounded on more than 2 sides or ends. No stones shall be less than 100 mm diameter except in the case of spalls for wedges. Stones greater than 600 mm diameter shall not be incorporated in rock masonry walls. The tightly packed rock behind the piles, as shown in the Standard Drawing 2238, shall be 50 to 150 mm diameter.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Cement mortar for bedding shall consist of 1 part by volume of Type GP cement to 3 parts by volume of clean fine sand with only sufficient water added to achieve a plastic-like texture. Hydrated lime may be incorporated into the cement mortar to the extent of 1 part hydrated lime to 10 parts of Type GP cement (loose volume). Hydrated lime shall be an addition to, and not a replacement for, the cement. The mortar shall be able to retain its shape and not flow like a liquid. Materials shall comply with MRTS70 *Concrete*.

33.3 Construction

Rock masonry shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Rock masonry may be constructed without a foundation bedding. Rock shall be placed in cement mortar beds in horizontal layers. All rock shall be cleaned and thoroughly wetted before placing. Rocks shall be laid on mortar in horizontal beds with all exposed faces finished fair. All voids shall be filled with cement mortar and/or smaller size rock.

Cement mortar shall be used within 1 hour of mixing and shall not be re-tempered.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile and/or strip / pipe drain shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The exposed rock surface shall be cleaned free of any coating of cement mortar.

As an alternative to rock masonry walls, unreinforced concrete or plum concrete walls of N20/20 may be substituted. The unreinforced concrete or plum concrete walls detail shall be submitted to the Administrator for approval at least 14 days prior to commencement of construction. **Milestone** In this case, concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

34 Grouted rock pitching

34.1 General

Clause 34 applies to the provision of grouted rock pitching.

34.2 Material requirements

Rock (other than smaller-size rock required for wedging) shall be of size not less than 150 mm and not greater than 250 mm. Where rock pitching is constructed for batter protection, the toe rocks shall be of size not less than 250 mm and not greater than 350 mm.

The rock shall be sound rock which does not disintegrate in water and which has been selected to match the existing rock pitching where appropriate.

Cement mortar for bedding shall consist of 1 part by volume of Type GP cement to 3 parts by volume of clean fine sand with only sufficient water added to achieve a plastic-like texture. Hydrated lime may be incorporated into the cement mortar to the extent of 1 part hydrated lime to 10 parts of Type GP cement (loose volume). Hydrated lime shall be an addition to, and not a replacement for, the cement. The mortar shall be able to retain its shape and not flow like a liquid. Materials shall comply with MRS70 *Concrete*.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Stabilised sand bedding shall comply with Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

34.3 Construction

Grouted rock pitching shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on or against which the grouted rock pitching is to be constructed is other than rock, the material shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

The first row of rocks shall be placed on a stabilised sand bedding of minimum thickness 50 mm.

Rocks shall be placed so as to form irregular joints. All rocks shall be interlocked and wedged with smaller-size rock, as necessary, so that no single rock may be easily dislodged, and no large voids remain between rocks. All rock pitched faces shall be stable prior to grouting with mortar.

Where required in the Drawings, geotextile and/or strip / pipe drain shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The voids between rocks at the exposed surface shall be filled with cement mortar. The mortar shall be used within 1 hour of mixing and shall not be re-tempered.

Exposed surfaces shall have a relatively smooth, even, neat appearance. Where rock pitching is to be trafficable, care shall be taken to provide a smooth running surface.

Rock surfaces shall be cleaned free of any coating of cement mortar exposing the faces of the rocks.

35 Rock protection

35.1 General

Clause 35 applies to the provision of rock protection.

35.2 Material requirements

Rock employed for protection shall be as specified in the Drawings or if not shown, rock used shall be of size not less than 150 mm and not greater than 500 mm. Rock shall be well graded with not less than 50% larger than a size twice the minimum size specified.

Rock shall be clean, hard, dense and durable igneous or Metamorphic rocks. In addition, it shall be resistant to weathering, free from overburden, spoil, shale and organic matter. Rock that is laminated, fractured, porous, with discontinuities or otherwise physically weak, shall not be used. Sedimentary rocks shall not be used.

The breadth or thickness of a single stone shall be not less than one-third its length.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

35.3 Construction

Rock protection shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Rock protection shall have a uniform appearance overall and shall not have noticeable overall irregularities in horizontal and vertical alignments.

Rock protection shall be placed in a manner which ensures that the larger rocks are uniformly distributed throughout the protection work, and that the smaller rocks effectively fill the spaces between the large rocks without leaving any large voids. The layers of placed rock shall be of even thickness and of even grading.

The placing operations shall minimise the chances of rock running loose and damaging adjacent areas. Rock deposited in areas outside the rock protection zone shall be recovered.

Where rock protection of embankments is specified, placement of the protection shall occur progressively along with the construction of the embankment such that at no time shall the constructed level of the rock protection be more than 1 m vertical height below the constructed level of the embankment.

36 Steel-wire gabion protection

36.1 General

Clause 36 applies to the provision of steel-wire gabion protection.

36.2 Material requirements

Steel-wire gabions shall be manufactured from galvanised, hexagonally woven, steel-wire mesh having a wire diameter not less than 2.7 mm and a mesh opening of 80 mm across the flats of the hexagon. Selvedge wire shall have a diameter not less than 3.4 mm and binding wire shall have a diameter not less than 2.2 mm. All wire shall comply with AS 2338 and AS 2423. Galvanising shall be in accordance with the requirements specified in AS/NZS 4534. Where specified, the wire shall have a black PVC or other durable plastic coating of nominal thickness 0.55 mm, minimum thickness 0.4 mm.

Rock shall be sound igneous or metamorphic rock that shall not disintegrate in water or when exposed to the weather. Rock used for filling shall be of size not less than 120 mm and not greater than 200 mm. The rock shall be uniformly graded, and not less than 80% by number shall be of size greater than 150 mm. Rocks shall, where possible, be cubical, but in no case shall their least dimensions be less than half their greatest dimension.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

36.3 Basic gabion requirements

Gabions shall have an appropriate mesh size to retain the rock filling. Gabion panels and diaphragms shall be selvedged. The selvedge wire shall be woven integrally with the mesh or fastened to the mesh either by binding the edges of the mesh about the selvedge wire or by stainless steel clips, all in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Sufficient binding wire shall be available for binding and tying operations.

36.4 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Steel-wire gabion protection shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

The areas on which gabions are to be positioned shall be trimmed to the shapes specified within a tolerance of ± 50 mm. Trimmed surfaces shall be free of roots, stumps, brush, rocks and like protrusions.

Gabion protection shall be constructed to the shapes and other requirements specified herein.

36.4.1 Assembling, positioning and joining gabions

Gabions shall be assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. Assembled gabions shall be positioned empty in the locations required for the finished work.

The first row of gabions shall be securely positioned and filled before gabions in other rows are positioned. Other gabions may then be positioned, joined and filled as the work requires. Joining shall be affected by binding or clipping the gabions together in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Gabions shall be staggered longitudinally and transversely, and with minimum overlap between layers as per the Drawings.

36.4.2 Forming shapes

Where necessary, the mesh panels shall be cut, folded and tied together to form mitre joints, angles, curves, slopes and other non-rectangular shapes. Surplus mesh shall be completely cut out or be folded back on and neatly tied to an adjacent gabion face. Cut or folded edges shall be selvedged. Adjacent cut or folded edges shall be bound or clipped together in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

36.4.3 Rock filling

The gabion shall have a dense, evenly distributed filling with minimum voids, and shall not be significantly distorted in shape. Where necessary, the outer and inner panels of gabions shall be tied together during the placing operation to minimise distortion, especially when diaphragms are not employed. Care shall be taken to avoid damaging the gabion mesh and any geotextile placed under the gabions. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

36.4.4 Closing gabions

Gabions shall be closed as soon as practicable after filling. All lids shall be securely bound to edges and diaphragms in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

37 Steel-wire mattress protection

37.1 General

Clause 37 applies to the provision of steel-wire mattress protection.

37.2 Material requirements

37.2.1 General

Wire mattresses shall be proprietary products, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

37.2.2 Proprietary mattresses

Proprietary mattresses shall be manufactured from galvanised, hexagonally woven, steel-wire mesh having a wire diameter not less than 2 mm and a mesh opening of 60 mm across the flats of the hexagon. Selvedge wire shall have a diameter not less than 2.4 mm and binding wire shall have a diameter not less than 2.0 mm. All wire shall comply with AS 2338 and AS 2423. Galvanising shall be in accordance with AS/NZS 4534. Where specified, the wire shall have a black PVC or other durable plastic coating of nominal thickness 0.55 mm, minimum thickness 0.4 mm.

All panels in proprietary products shall be salvaged. The selvedge wire may be woven integrally with the mesh or fastened to the mesh either by binding the edges of the mesh about the selvedge wire or by using stainless steel clips, all in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Sufficient binding wire shall be available for binding and tying operations.

Anchor plates shall be fabricated from grade 250 commercial quality steel and galvanised. All plates shall comply with AS 3678 and AS 3679.1. All sharp edges and curves shall be ground smooth prior to galvanising. Galvanising shall be in accordance with AS/NZS 4680. Galvanising shall be carried out after cutting and drilling of the plates.

Anchor bolts securing anchor plates to concrete shall be supplied in accordance with the details specified.

Mattresses shall have an appropriate mesh size to retain the rock filling.

Details of proprietary mattresses and installation method shall be submitted to the Administrator for approval at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the installation.

37.3 Rock

Rock shall be sound igneous or metamorphic rock that shall not disintegrate in water or when exposed to the weather. Rock used for filling shall be of size not less than 75 mm and not greater than 150 mm. The rock shall be uniformly graded, and not less than 80% by number shall be of a size greater than 100 mm. Rock shall, where possible, be cubical, but in no case shall their least dimension be less than half their greatest dimension.

37.4 Anchor pickets

Anchor pickets shall be star pickets of 1.8 m long hot dip galvanised to AS/NZS 4680.

37.5 Construction

37.5.1 General

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Steel-wire mattress protection shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings.

The areas on which mattresses are to be positioned shall be trimmed to the shapes specified within a tolerance of +50 mm to -50 mm, except where the provision of such tolerances shall not permit the tops of mattresses to join neatly to the inverts of adjacent culverts. Trimmed surfaces shall be free of roots, stumps, brush, rocks and like protrusions. Mattress protection shall be constructed to the shapes and to other requirements specified herein.

37.5.2 Installing anchors

37.5.2.1 Anchor plates

Where specified, anchor plates and bolts shall be installed to secure mattresses to structures.

37.5.2.2 Anchor pickets

Where specified, anchor pickets shall be employed to secure mattress protection. Such pickets shall be installed prior to placing mattresses and shall be positioned along the line of the upstream edge of mattresses placed on stream beds, and along the line of the top edge of mattresses placed on sloped areas. Nominal spacing of pickets shall be 1 m.

Where geotextiles are employed under mattresses, neatly cut openings shall be made in the geotextile at the appropriate locations to permit insertion of pickets.

The tops of the installed pickets shall finish level with the tops of the mattresses. Pickets which cannot be driven full depth shall be cut off level with the tops of the mattresses.

37.5.3 Assembling, positioning and joining mattresses

37.5.3.1 Proprietary wire mattresses

Proprietary wire mattresses shall be assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's drawings and technical data sheets.

Assembled mattresses shall be positioned empty in the locations required for the finished work.

The first row of mattresses shall be securely positioned and filled before mattresses in other rows are placed, joined and filled.

The corners and all diaphragm points along the side of the first row of assembled mattresses shall be tied to the anchor plates and anchor pickets prior to placing rock filling. Mattresses in other rows may be positioned, joined and filled as the work requires. The joining of mattresses shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

37.5.3.2 Non-proprietary wire mattresses

Lengths of chain wire mesh shall be laid out flat on the ground surface and stretched sufficiently to remove any kinks and bends. Each length shall be sufficient to provide for the top, bottom and 2 ends.

The chain wire mesh shall be positioned length transverse to the direction of flow, leaving a top section of the mesh to be turned over to complete the mattress.

The bottom and ends of each length of chain wire mesh shall be bound to adjacent lengths through each individual mesh in turn.

The outermost lengths of mesh shall be cut and shaped such that part of the bottom may be folded up to form end panels of height equal to the thickness of the mattress.

Wire ties, not less than 1.6 mm diameter and having sufficient length to secure the top of the mattress, shall be provided at 500 mm intervals in each direction along the bottom of the mattress.

37.5.4 Forming shapes

Where necessary, mattresses shall be neatly cut, folded and tied together to form mitre joints, angles, curves, slopes and other shapes not possible to obtain using rectangular units. Surplus mesh shall be completely cut out or folded back on and neatly tied to an adjacent mattress face. Cut or folded edges of adjacent mattresses shall be securely bound or clipped together.

37.5.5 Tensioning of mattresses

Unfilled, positioned mattresses shall be tensioned using a wire strainer or by winching. The stretching apparatus shall be firmly attached to the free end of the assembled mattress. The tensioning process shall in no way distort the mattress shape. Adjacent mattresses shall be securely bound together along the top, bottom and sides while under tension.

37.5.6 Rock filling

Rock filling shall be placed while mattresses are under tension. Rock filling of mattresses shall be carried out entirely by mechanical methods. The method of placing rock in mattresses shall produce a dense, evenly distributed filling with minimum voids and minimum distortion of the mattress shape. Care shall be taken to avoid damaging the mattresses and any geotextile under the mattresses. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed. Tension on the mattresses shall be released only when the mattresses have sufficient rock filling to prevent the mesh from slackening after release.

37.5.7 Closing mattresses

Mattresses shall be closed, and lids and top sections tied down as soon as practicable after filling.

Tying of proprietary mattresses shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. Tying of non-proprietary mattresses shall be carried out in a suitable manner. The top section of each mattress shall be turned over the rock filling and securely bound to the bottom. Each top section shall be bound to adjacent top sections through each mesh in turn. The free end and sides of the outermost top sections shall similarly be bound to the top and side edges of the end panels.

38 Bridge abutment protection Type 1 – rock spillthrough

38.1 General

Clause 38 applies to the provision of rock spillthrough protection at bridge abutments.

38.2 Material requirements

Rock employed for protection shall be as specified in the Drawings or, if not so shown, rock used shall be of size not less than 150 mm and not greater than 500 mm. Rock shall be well graded with not less than 50% larger than a size twice the minimum size specified.

Rock shall be clean, hard, dense and durable. In addition, it shall be resistant to weathering, free from overburden, spoil, shale and organic matter. Rock that is laminated, fractured, porous, or otherwise physically weak, shall not be used.

The breadth or thickness of a single stone shall be not less than one-third its length.

Rock for the hand-packed face shall be of a size and shape necessary to provide the finish specified in Clause 34.2.

Cement mortar shall consist of 1 part by volume of Type GP cement to 3 parts by volume of clean fine sand with only sufficient water added to achieve a plastic-like texture. Hydrated lime may be incorporated into the cement mortar to the extent of 1 part hydrated lime to 10 parts of Type GP cement (loose volume). Hydrated lime shall be an addition to, and not a replacement for, the cement. The mortar shall be able to retain its shape and not flow like a liquid.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

38.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator. **Hold Point 12.**

Rock spillthrough protection shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings or, where not specifically detailed, in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 2232 and 2233. Unless otherwise specified, the protection shall wrap around the embankment and is extended above the soffit of headstock and wing walls plus minimum 200 mm allowance for settlement, and beyond the free drain granular material behind the ballast wall and slope up to the level of the relieving slab.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The toe wall shall be constructed to the width and depth shown on the Drawings in rock masonry in accordance with Clause 33 except that the rock shall comply with the requirements of Clause 34.2.

Rock spillthrough material shall be placed in a manner which ensures that the larger rocks are uniformly distributed throughout the spillthrough zone, and that the smaller rocks effectively fill the spaces between the large rocks without leaving any large voids. The layers of placed rock shall be of even thickness and of even grading.

The placing operations shall minimise the chances of rock running loose and damaging adjacent areas. Rock deposited in areas outside the rock spillthrough zone shall be recovered.

In addition, the face of rock spillthrough shall be hand-packed with selected smaller rock and grouted with cement mortar to give a relatively smooth and even appearance. Excess mortar shall be removed from the rock faces before it hardens.

39 Bridge abutment protection Type 2 – reinforced concrete over earth spillthrough

39.1 General

Clause 39 applies to the provision of reinforced concrete protection at bridge abutment earth spillthrough embankments.

39.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall be N25/20 and shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric shall be as shown in the Drawings or, where not shown, shall be SL72. It shall be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680.

Fibre reinforced concrete shall be in accordance with Clause 6.8 and the Drawings.

Compressible packing shall be 10 mm thick bitumen impregnated fibre board or other suitable packing.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

39.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator. **Hold Point 13**

Reinforced concrete protection shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings or, where not specifically detailed, in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 2234 and 2235. Unless otherwise specified, the protection shall wrap around the embankment and is extended above the soffit of headstock and wing walls plus minimum 200 mm allowance for settlement, and beyond the free drain granular material behind the ballast wall and slope up to the level of the relieving slab.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Unless otherwise specified, fixing pins shall be used as per Clause 44.2.3 and 44.3. The maximum spacing shall be 2 m.

Embankment faces shall be min 300 mm overfilled during embankment construction to allow uncompacted soil to be trimmed to the correct profile just before placing the reinforced concrete protection. Cut faces shall be trimmed neatly to the lines specified in the Drawings. The trimmed face shall be lightly compacted.

The embankment face shall be true to line such that the deviation of the ground surface from a 3 m straight-edge held in any direction does not exceed 25 mm.

Faces of curved embankments shall be either a smooth curve or formed in a series of straights of approximately equal size. Curved faces of embankment shall conform to the above 25 mm maximum deviation when a 3 m straight-edge is placed up the sloping face, and in the horizontal direction shall form a smooth curve.

Where the embankment faces are to be filled to achieve the above specified surface, the fill material shall be either no-fines concrete as specified in Clause 18.1 of MRTS70 *Concrete* or dry stabilised sand in accordance with Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. The stabilised sand shall be dampened sufficiently so that it remains in place. Where no-fines concrete is used, extreme care shall be taken to achieve the specified surface profile.

The toe wall shall be constructed to the width and depth specified in the Drawings and shall be reinforced with welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric.

The embankment face shall be boxed if necessary. If no boxing is used, screed boards or level pins shall be installed to ensure an accurate surface profile and to maintain the depth on concrete specified in the Drawings. Level pins shall be hot-dipped galvanised 12 mm diameter steel reinforcing bar of sufficient length to be accurately located by driving into the embankment face.

Welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric shall be placed with a minimum cover of 75 mm from the embankment face.

Concrete shall be placed and compacted over the embankment face in accordance with MRTS70 *Concrete*.

The surface of the concrete shall be finished with a wooden float to give a uniform appearance. The surface shall be joint trowelled to give a blockwork appearance with joints at approximately 1.5 m centres.

Where a slab is more than 12 m wide on the plane face (not including curved faces at the edges), vertical expansion joints shall be formed at 6 m to 9 m centres. Reinforcement shall not be continuous through these joints.

Where the face of a curved embankment is formed in a series of straights, contraction joints shall be formed at the junction between adjacent straight segments of concrete slab.

Expansion joints shall be formed full depth using compressible packing.

Contraction joints shall be constructed by forming grooves 40 mm deep and not more than 6 mm wide in the surface of the slab.

39.4 Tolerances

The tolerances of the finished surface shall be such that the gap beneath a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface shall not exceed 25 mm due allowance being made for the design shape, where relevant.

40 Bridge abutment protection Type 4 – rockwork over earth spillthrough

40.1 General

Clause 40 applies to the provision of rockwork protection at bridge abutment earth spillthrough embankments.

40.2 Material requirements

Rock shall be sound igneous or metamorphic rock that shall not disintegrate in water or when exposed to the weather. Rock shall be free from overburden, spoil, shale and organic matter. Rock that is laminated, fractured, porous, or otherwise physically weak, shall not be used.

Rock shall be of a size not less than 200 mm and the least dimension of any rock shall be not less than half its greatest dimension.

Cement mortar shall consist of 1 part by volume of Type GP cement to 3 parts by volume of clean fine sand with only sufficient water added to achieve a plastic-like texture. Hydrated lime may be incorporated into the cement mortar to the extent of 1 part hydrated lime to 10 parts of Type GP cement (loose volume). Hydrated lime shall be an addition to, and not a replacement for, the cement. The mortar shall be able to retain its shape and not flow like a liquid. Materials shall comply with MRTS70 *Concrete*.

Geotextile shall be the grade specified in the Drawings and in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

40.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator. **Hold Point 14.**

Rockwork protection shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings or, where not specifically detailed, in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawings 2236 and 2237. Unless otherwise specified, the protection shall wrap around the embankment and is extended above the soffit of headstock and wing walls plus minimum 200 mm allowance for settlement, and beyond the free drain granular material behind the ballast wall and slope up to the level of the relieving slab.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The toe wall shall be constructed to the width and depth specified in the Drawings in rock masonry in accordance with Clause 33, except that the rock shall comply with Clause 34.2.

Rock material shall be placed in a manner which ensures that the larger rocks are uniformly distributed throughout the rockwork layer, and that the smaller rocks effectively fill the spaces between the large rocks without leaving any large voids. The layers of placed rock shall be of even thickness and of even grading.

The placing operations shall minimise the chances of rock running loose and damaging adjacent areas. Rock deposited in areas outside the rock spillthrough zone shall be recovered.

In addition, the face of rock spillthrough shall be hand-packed with selected smaller rock and grouted with cement mortar to give a relatively smooth and even appearance. Excess mortar shall be removed from the rock faces before it hardens.

41 Bridge abutment protection Type 6 – interlocking blockwork over earth spillthrough

41.1 General

Clause 41 applies to the provision of interlocking blockwork protection at bridge abutment earth spillthrough embankments. Interlocking blocks system details shall be as specified in the Drawings.

41.2 Material requirements

Interlocking blocks shall be manufactured from concrete and a registered proprietary system and are listed in Clause 4 of Annexure MRTS03.1.

The minimum concrete grade shall be N25.

Stabilised sand shall comply with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. Geotextile fabric shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*. Slotted UPVC drainage pipe shall comply with AS 2439.1.

Full technical details of proposed alternative products may be submitted to the Administrator for approval at least 14 days prior to commencement of installation. **Milestone**

Construction shall not commence until the Administrator has approved the type of interlocking blocks is used. **Hold Point 15**

41.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Interlocking blockwork protection shall be constructed in the locations specified by and in accordance with the Drawings, or where not specifically detailed, the protection shall wrap around the embankment and is extended above the soffit of headstock and wing walls plus minimum 200 mm allowance for settlement, and beyond the free drain granular material behind the ballast wall and slope up to the level of the relieving slab.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Unless otherwise specified, fixing pins shall be used as per Clause 44.2.3 and 44.3. The maximum spacing shall be 2 m.

Embankment faces shall be min 300 mm overfilled during embankment construction to allow uncompacted soil to be trimmed to the correct profile just before laying the interlocking blockwork protection. Cut faces shall be trimmed neatly to the lines specified in the Drawings. The trimmed face shall be lightly compacted.

The embankment face shall be true to line such that the deviation of the ground surface from a 3 m straight-edge held in any direction does not exceed 25 mm.

Faces of curved embankments shall be either a smooth curve or formed in a series of straights of approximately equal size. Curved faces of embankment shall conform to the above 25 mm deviation when a 3 m straight-edge is placed up the sloping face, and in the horizontal direction shall form a smooth curve.

Where the embankment faces are to be filled to achieve the above specified surface, the fill material shall be either no-fines concrete as specified in Clause 18.1 of MRTS70 *Concrete* or dry stabilised sand in accordance with Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*. The stabilised sand shall be dampened sufficiently so that it remains in place. Where no-fines concrete is used, extreme care shall be taken to achieve the specified surface profile.

A stabilised sand layer with a minimum thickness of 50 mm shall be placed over the entire surface area to be covered with interlocking blocks and shall comply with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

The concrete toe wall and edge strip shall be constructed to the dimensions specified in the Drawings. Concrete shall be N32/20 and concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Where the face of a curved embankment is formed in a series of straights, the straight segments shall be separated by concrete mid walls. Concrete end walls shall be constructed to confine the interlocking blockwork. Mid-walls and end walls shall be provided as specified in the Drawings.

A slotted UPVC drainage pipe shall be installed as specified in the Drawings.

After the slope surface and the concrete base have been constructed, a geotextile filter mat shall be spread over the prepared slope in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The interlocking blocks shall be placed on the filter mat such that the 610 mm dimension of the block is horizontal. Where necessary, the blocks shall be cut to fit the profiles of the mid-walls, end walls and capping concrete.

A concrete capping shall be installed above the top row of interlocking blocks.

41.4 Tolerances

The tolerances of the finished surface shall be such that the gap beneath a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface shall not exceed 25 mm due allowance being made for the design shape, where relevant.

42 Bridge abutment protection Type 7 – Rock-filled gabion protection

42.1 General

Clause 42 applies to the provision of rock-filled gabion protection for bridge abutment spillthrough embankment fill. Unless specified otherwise in the Drawings, rock filled gabion protection for height up to 6 m shall be in accordance with Standard Drawing 2241.

42.2 Material requirements

Concrete for mass concrete toe shall be N25/20 and shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Concrete for concrete capping shall be S32/20 and shall comply with Clause 6.1. Welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric shall be SL82 and shall be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680.

Type B subsoil drainage shall comply with Clause 22. Perforated drainage pipe shall be 100 mm in diameter.

Rock armour protection shall comply with Clause 35.

Rock fill gabion toe, boxes and basket shall comply with Clause 36.

Mattress toe protection shall comply with Clause 37.

Cement stabilised sand shall comply with MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Geotextile filter material shall be Filtration Class 3, Strength Class D and shall comply with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Compressible filler shall comply with MRTS77 *Bridge Deck*.

Medium impact polythene sheet separator (builders' film) shall be 200 µm thick.

42.3 Construction requirements

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Rock-filled gabion protection shall be constructed at the locations shown and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Embankment faces shall be slightly overfilled during embankment construction to allow uncompacted soil to be trimmed to the correct profile before placing the rock-filled gabion protection. The trimmed face shall be levelled and lightly compacted.

Rock-filled gabion protection shall be constructed to the shapes and dimensions shown in the drawings or Standard Drawing 2241 as applicable. Gabion boxes of each row of the protection shall be staggered as practical as possible. Each gabion box in the protection shall be adequately laced with adjoining boxes to avoid separation in accordance with Gabion supplier's gabion installation manual.

Gabion toe shall be constructed to the dimensions shown in the drawings or Standard Drawing 2241. If mass concrete toe is specified in the Drawings, where toe is permanently underwater, the contractor shall develop a method statement for construction of mass concrete toe and cement stabilised sand layer and submit to Administrator for acceptance at least 14 days before commencement of the protection. **Hold Point 16**. Dewatering and cofferdam may be required. Cement-stabilised sand shall be constructed to form a foundation layer for construction of the mattress toe protection to the details shown in the Drawings.

Mattress toe protection shall be constructed to the extent and dimensions shown in the Drawings or Standard Drawing 2241. The mattress shall extend below the gabion for sufficient anchorage as shown in the Drawings.

Type B subsoil drainage shall be constructed to the details shown in the Drawings to avoid excessive hydrostatic pressure developed behind the toe. Appropriate grading shall be maintained for subsoil drains and appropriate outlets shall be provided.

Rock armour protection shall be constructed to the extent shown in the Drawings. Geotextile layer shall be extended below the rock armour protection, where shown in the Drawings. Rock armour protection shall be constructed to form a transition from the Gabion or mattress protection to the road embankment or existing ground. This is to prevent undermining of the abutment protection during flood events.

Concrete capping for bearing inspection shall be constructed on the topmost gabion box to the details shown in the Drawings. Medium impact polythene sheet separator shall be laid on the rock fill of the gabion box prior to concreting and in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets. The top rock layers in these boxes shall be packed to the approximate required level to lay the polythene separator.

Compressible filler shall be installed between abutment and the gabion protection to the details shown in the Drawings and in accordance with the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Any surface roadside drainage route shall be diverted away from the abutment protection toes and lined to avoid slope erosion thus undermine the abutment protection.

43 Bridge abutment protection Type 8 – Riprap protection

43.1 General

Clause 43 applies to the provision of riprap protection at bridge abutment earth spillthrough embankments.

43.2 Material requirements

Rock shall be sound igneous or metamorphic rock that shall not disintegrate in water or when exposed to the weather. Rock shall be free from overburden, spoil, shale and organic matter. Rock that is laminated, fractured, porous, or otherwise physically weak, shall not be used.

Rock sizes shall be in accordance with Standard Drawing 2242.

Concrete shall be S32/20 and shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric shall be as shown on the standard drawing and shall be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680.

Geotextile filter material shall be in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

43.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator. **Hold Point 17**

Riprap protection shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings or, where not specifically detailed, in accordance with the details shown on Standard Drawing 2242. Unless otherwise specified, the protection shall wrap around the embankment and is extended above the soffit of headstock and wing walls plus minimum 200 mm allowance for settlement, and beyond the free drain granular material behind the ballast wall and slope up to the level of the relieving slab.

Where not specified in the drawings, any bridge deck / roadside / nearby surface drain off point or gully inlet shall be set minimum 5 m away from the tail of the bridge relieving slab and diverted away from the abutment protection. The nearby surface drain route (within 5 m to the abutment protection) shall be lined (Clause 26) and the exit point to the stream or pipe discharge point shall be protected against scour (Clause 35).

Width of the toe protection shall be modified to suit project specific scour situation in accordance with the project scour assessment. Alternative to protections can be considered as required by the project specific scour assessment.

Abutment protection on the upstream side of the road embankment shall extend along the embankment past the abutment for a distance of not less than 10 m, and on the downstream side of the same for a distance of 3 times the height of the road embankment, but not less than 10 m. If the protection along the embankment is less than 10 m, due to meeting existing ground surface, terminate the protection to engage 1 m minimum into the ground. Actual extent of the riprap protection along the embankment shall be determined to suit project specific requirements.

Rocks for riprap protection shall be placed in a manner which ensures that the larger rocks are uniformly distributed throughout the protection work, and that the smaller rocks effectively fill the spaces between the large rocks without leaving any large voids. The layers of placed rock shall be of even thickness and of even grading.

Rocks shall also be placed in a manner so as to not damage the geotextile. Maximum rock drop height shall be confirmed with geotextile manufacture prior to placing of rocks. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

The placing operations shall minimise the chances of rock running loose and damaging adjacent areas. Rock deposited in areas outside the riprap protection zone shall be recovered.

Bridge construction sequence shall be taken into consideration when constructing the scour protection. The riprap protection shall be placed before the bridge beams are erected on the end span. Consideration shall be given to avoid potential damage to bridge foundation and substructure with regard to falling rocks while the rocks are being placed.

44 Shotcreting

44.1 General

Clause 44 applies to the provision of shotcreting.

Shotcreting shall be in accordance with MRTS272 *Shotcrete for Aboveground Applications*. Aggregate size and slump shall be chosen to suit the requirements of the shotcreting pump.

44.2 Material requirements

44.2.1 Shotcrete

Where the minimum shotcrete requirements are not specified in the Drawings, the following requirements apply:

- a) For slope protection or similar applications, the minimum design life is 50 years, minimum exposure classification is B1 and concrete grade N32, cover against the soil is 60 mm and other areas 40 mm in accordance with AS 3600. Thus, the minimum shotcrete thickness shall be 120 mm.
- b) For facing slabs of soil nail retaining walls or similar applications, the design life is 100 years, minimum exposure classification is B2 and concrete grade N40, cover against the soil is 90 mm and other areas 60 mm in accordance with AS 5100.5. Thus, the minimum shotcrete thickness shall be 170 mm.

44.2.2 Steel reinforcing

Steel reinforcement shall be in accordance with Drawings. Where welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric is used, it shall be minimum SL82 in accordance with MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel* and be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680.

44.2.3 Fixing pins

Fixing pins shall be 1.0 m long N12 steel reinforcing bars conforming to the requirements of MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel* and shall be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680. Bending operations, where required, shall be carried out prior to hot-dipped galvanising.

44.3 Construction

Construction procedure, including but not limited to reinforcing steel fixing method and pin spacing, contraction and construction joints spacing and methods, subdrain types and arrangement, and so on, shall be in accordance with MRTS272 *Shotcrete for Aboveground Applications*.

Shotcrete protection shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the details specified in the Drawings.

Shotcrete shall be provided by an experienced operating crew. Equipment for shotcreting shall be such as to ensure thorough mixing, delivery, discharge, placing and finishing of shotcrete.

Fixing pins shall be staggered with spacing as per the design Drawings.

Unless otherwise specified, cut-off walls shall be provided on all free edges of the shotcreted slab and shall be constructed with the slab. Cutoff walls shall be 300 mm thick and shall be reinforced with welded steel-wire reinforcing fabric. The base cut-off wall shall be 600 mm deep and the top and side cut-off walls shall each be 600 mm deep.

Construction joints shall be in accordance with MRTS272 *Shotcrete for Aboveground Applications*.

Contraction joints shall be installed in the direction of the dip of the batter only at a maximum spacing of 4 m or as otherwise specified in the Drawings. Contraction joints shall extend for the full depth of the slab and the reinforcing fabric shall be discontinued at the joints.

Where specified in the Drawings, strip / pipe drain shall be placed.

Weep holes shall be provided as specified in the Drawings.

The finished concrete surface shall be of neat appearance with lines generally conforming to the surface levels – i.e., flat surfaces on straight batters and curved surfaces where batters are curved.

44.4 Tolerances

The tolerances of the finished surface shall be such that the gap beneath a straight-edge 3.0 m long placed anywhere on the finished surface shall not exceed 25 mm due allowance being made for the design shape where relevant.

45 Reinforced concrete retaining walls

45.1 General

Clause 45 applies to the provision of reinforced concrete retaining walls.

45.2 Material requirements

Concrete shall be as shown on the Drawings or, where not so shown, it shall be S32/20 minimum in accordance with Clause 6.1.

Steel reinforcing shall comply with MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel*.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other suitable packing.

Joint sealing compound shall be bituminous putty or other suitable joint sealing compound as approved.

Geotextile filter material shall be in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

45.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Concrete retaining walls shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on which footings are to be constructed is other than rock, the material, may be replaced as per the geotechnical design or the Drawings, shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve designed foundation capacity shown in the Drawings.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile and/or strip / pipe drain shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Footings shall be constructed without foundation bedding.

Concrete shall comply with Clause 6.1, except as specified otherwise in this clause.

Construction of the walls shall include the provision of inserts where these are specified in the Drawings.

Expansion joints shall be installed in the locations specified in the Drawings using compressible packing. Contraction joints shall be installed in the locations specified in the Drawings.

Expansion and contraction joints shall be sealed with joint sealing compound in accordance with the Drawings and the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

Cast-in-place concrete walls shall be cured for a period of not less than 28 days prior to the construction of backfilling against the walls.

Backfilling on the concrete retaining wall footing shall not be commenced until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements have been met as specified in Clause 10.8 and the relevant subclause of Clause 11.6 of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying* and notice of such works provided to the Administrator. **Hold Point 18**

45.4 Tolerances

The horizontal alignment of cast-in-place concrete walls shall not depart from that specified in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm.

The heights of the tops of the walls shall not depart from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 20 mm, except where the provision of such tolerances shall not permit the top to join neatly to adjacent structures.

46 Concrete masonry unit retaining walls

46.1 General

Clause 46 applies to the provision of concrete masonry unit retaining walls.

46.2 Material requirements

Concrete masonry units shall comply with the general requirements specified in AS/NZS 4455.1. The units shall have the following properties:

- a) strength classification – Grade 15, and
- b) total water absorption – not greater than 210 kg/m^3 .

Steel reinforcing shall comply with MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel*.

Concrete for units and infill shall be N25 and in accordance with Clause 6.1.

Cement mortar for bedding shall be in accordance with Clause 6.3.

Concrete in footings shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Compressible packing shall be bitumen impregnated fibre board or other suitable packing.

Joint sealing compound shall be bituminous putty or other suitable joint sealing compound.

Geotextile filter material shall be in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

46.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Concrete masonry unit retaining walls shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

Where insitu material on which footings are to be constructed is other than rock, the material, may be replaced as per the geotechnical design or the Drawings, shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve designed foundation capacity shown in the Drawings.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile and/or strip / pipe drain shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Footings may be constructed without foundation bedding if detailed in the Drawings.

Concrete footings shall be cured for a period not less than 2 days before any masonry units are placed on them.

Concrete masonry unit retaining walls shall be constructed to the details specified in AS 3700.

All masonry units shall be laid in stretcher bond using cement mortar and 10 mm joints. Cement mortar for joints shall be used within 1 hour of mixing and shall not be re-tempered.

Construction of the walls shall include the provision of inserts where these are specified in the Drawings.

Expansion joints shall be installed in the locations specified in the Drawings using compressible packing. Contraction joints shall be installed in the locations specified in the Drawings.

Expansion and contraction joints shall be sealed with joint sealing compound in accordance with the Drawings and the manufacturer's technical data sheets.

The cores of placed masonry units shall be completely filled with a concrete infill, placed and compacted in accordance with Clause 6.1. Prior to commencement of filling, the cores shall be cleaned of any surplus mortar.

Steel reinforcing shall be placed in accordance with the Drawings and the technical data sheets of the manufacturer of the masonry units.

Masonry unit retaining walls shall be capped with a cement mortar capping not less than 25 mm thick. Tops of cappings shall be trowelled to provide smooth, even surfaces with neat edges. Alternatively, the walls may be capped with capping blocks mortared in position.

Exposed wall faces and capping blocks shall be cleaned free of cement mortar and infill concrete.

Concrete masonry unit walls shall be cured for a period of not less than 28 days prior to the construction of backfilling against the walls.

Backfilling on the concrete masonry wall footing shall not be commenced until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements have been met as specified in Clause 10.8 Retaining wall footings and the relevant subclause of Clause 11.6 Subsurface footings of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying*.

46.4 Tolerances

The horizontal alignment of cast-in-place concrete walls shall not depart from that specified in the Drawings by more than ± 10 mm.

The heights of the tops of the walls shall not depart from those specified in the Drawings by more than ± 20 mm, except where the provision of such tolerances shall not permit the top to join neatly to adjacent structures.

The thickness of mortar joints shall not vary from that specified by more than ± 3 mm.

47 Crib walls

47.1 General

Clause 47 applies to the provision of crib walls. Crib walls system details shall be as specified in the Drawings.

47.2 Material requirements

Crib units shall be proprietary system manufactured in accordance with Clause 6.6 and are listed in Clause 5 of Annexure MRTS03.1.

Backfilling material shall be free draining granular material conforming to Clause 19 of MRTS04 *General Earthworks*.

Concrete in footings shall comply with Clause 6.1.

Geotextile filter material shall be in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

47.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

Crib walls shall be constructed in the locations and in accordance with the details shown on the Drawings.

Where insitu material on which footings are to be constructed is other than rock, the material, may be replaced as per the geotechnical design or the Drawings, shall be compacted as for material at the bottom of excavations in accordance with MRTS04 *General Earthworks* to achieve designed foundation capacity shown in the Drawings. Footings may be constructed without foundation bedding.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile and/or strip / pipe drain shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

Concrete footings shall be cured for not less than 2 days before any crib units are placed on them.

Crib units shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer provided installation procedures.

Following the installation of crib units in each course of the wall, backfilling material shall be placed in and behind the crib units, as specified in the manufacturer's technical data sheets, and thoroughly compacted using appropriate mechanical tampers.

Backfilling on the crib retaining wall footing shall not be commenced until all the conformance and As Constructed Survey requirements have been met as specified in Clause 10.8 Retaining wall footings and the relevant subclause of Clause 11.6 Subsurface footings of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying*.

47.4 Tolerances

The horizontal alignment of crib walls shall not depart from that specified by more than ± 20 mm.

The heights of the tops of the walls shall not depart from those specified by more than ± 20 mm, except where the provision of such tolerances shall not permit the tops to join to adjacent structures neatly.

48 Boulder retaining walls

48.1 Boulder retaining walls

48.1.1 General

Clause 48 applies to the provision of boulder retaining walls.

48.2 Material requirements

48.2.1 Rock fill

Rock fill shall be sound igneous, metamorphic or approved sedimentary rock (as per MRTS04 *General Earthworks*) that shall meet the minimum requirements of Table 48.2.1 below.

Rock shall be fresh or slightly weathered and not rounded.

For the selected source of rock fill – i.e., quarry, the contractor shall develop a methodology outlining the quality assurance procedures that would be adopted to manage the production of rock fill meeting the stipulated requirements described in this Technical Specification.

The shape and size of rock shall comply with the following:

- a) nearly cubic rock where possible
- b) rock with a ratio of maximum to minimum dimension of not greater than 3
- c) at least 2 split faces
- d) the minimum dimension of a boulder shall be 0.5 m, and
- e) multiple blocks at any given cross section are not permitted.

Table 48.2.1 – Properties of rock fill

Property	Test Method	Limit
Apparent particle density	AS 1141.6.1	2.60 t/m ³ minimum
Point load strength index $I_{S(50)}$	AS 4133.4.1	1.0 MPa minimum
Los Angeles value	AS 1141.23	25% maximum
Total weighted loss (5 cycles)	AS 1141.24	5% maximum
Water absorption	AS 1141.6.1	2.0% maximum

48.2.2 Drainage blanket

A drainage blanket of minimum width 300 mm shall be placed behind the boulder wall to act as permanent drainage to the adjacent fill material. Material in the drainage blanket shall be sound, durable, fresh, angular and semi-rounded or rounded stone. The rock size shall comply with the size limitations in Table 48.2.2 below.

The geosynthetic separator to be used at the drainage blanket / backfill interface shall conform to MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

Table 48.2.2 – Grading requirements for drainage blanket

Stone size (mm)	Percent finer
150	100
75	90-00
50	30-60
26.5	0-5
19	0-2

48.2.3 Packing stones in boulder walls

Packing stones or rock wedges may be needed to bed boulder wall rocks tightly or to level rocks for subsequent courses. This material shall meet the Technical Specification for Drainage Blanket (refer to Table 48.2.2).

48.2.4 Foundation

Select granular fill shall be used to replace unsuitable material under the boulder wall footing if intersected below footing level. The select granular fill shall comply with the following:

- a) maximum size: 100 mm, and
- b) soaked CBR: 15%.

Geotextile filter material shall be in accordance with MRTS27 *Geotextiles (Separation and Filtration)*.

48.3 Construction

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure, including material production, with the Administrator.

48.3.1 Foundation construction requirements

The foundation of the boulder walls shall be inspected by the Contractor's RPEQ Geotechnical Engineer (MRTS04 *General Earthworks*) to ensure that the allowable bearing capacity of the exposed foundation meets the design requirements. Where the exposed foundations have an allowable bearing capacity less than the design allowable bearing capacity, the weak material shall be excavated and replaced with select granular materials (refer to 'Foundation' in Clause 48.2.4) to the extent necessary to provide the required foundation at the base of the boulder wall.

Where specified in the Drawings, geotextile shall be placed. After the completion of the work, the exposed unused geotextile shall be cut off neatly and disposed.

48.3.2 Boulder wall placement

Rock fill shall be placed so that they interlock with each other. This shall be achieved by the following measures:

- a) The first row of boulder (rock fill) shall be placed on a binding layer of 150 mm minimum thickness of 20 MPa/20 concrete. The rock fill within the depth of embedment shall be set in concrete.
- b) All boulders shall be placed with the minimum dimension vertical; multiple blocks along the width and elevation is not permitted.
- c) Vertical joints between adjacent boulders, in the longitudinal direction of the wall, shall be staggered between successive courses by a distance not less than 300 mm.
- d) Vertical joints between adjacent boulders, in the cross-section of the wall, shall be staggered between successive courses by a distance not less than 300 mm.
- e) Placement of the boulders shall be progressive along the wall length so as to minimise voids. Packing Stone (refer to Clause 48.2.3) may be used to correct uneven surfaces and to prevent rocking.

- f) The extent of contact at any interface between boulders of the adjacent courses in a cross-section shall be not less than 75% of the width of the particular interface in the cross-section.
- g) Adjacent boulders shall touch:
 - i. The face of the wall shall have a uniform appearance for the full visible height by suitable selection from a stockpile. Boulders of similar exposed end dimensions shall be placed as uniformly as practicable along the length and height of the wall.
 - ii. Placement of boulders shall be subject to daily inspections by the Contractor's RPEQ Geotechnical Engineer.

48.3.3 Backfill compaction

Compaction of backfill adjacent to the boulder wall/drainage blanket shall conform to the requirements of Table 15.2 in MRTS04 *General Earthworks*, with the exception that the compaction of the backfill shall be carried out with no relaxation of compaction requirements adjacent to the wall. Light compaction equipment as per MRTS03 *Drainage, Retaining Structures and Protective Treatments* shall be used for compaction of back fill. The wall shall be designed to accommodate this compaction-induced thrust.

48.3.4 Concrete slurry fill

The voids between the boulders shall be filled with slurry concrete (slump greater than 100 mm) to the level of the adjacent ground as shown on the Drawings.

48.3.5 Seepage drains

Seepage drains using slotted PVC (minimum 100 mm diameter) shall be placed at not more than 10 m centres to link the drainage blanket through the boulder wall to an outlet at the face of the wall.

Backfill around the PVC drain shall be screened gravel of 20 mm nominal size and shall completely surround the pipe with a geotextile (as per MRTS03 *Drainage, Retaining Structures and Protective Treatments*) forming the interface with the backfill.

The boulder course above the pipe shall span over the pipe between adjacent boulders.

48.3.6 Surface runoff behind the wall

Positive measures shall be taken to discharge the surface runoff which is not allowed to infiltrate into the backfill.

48.4 Tolerances

The horizontal tolerance for the front face of the wall shall be within ± 150 mm from the sloping face defined on the Drawings.

The thickness of the wall at any cross-section shall not be less than that shown on the Drawings.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to set out the wall alignment and shape. The contractor shall provide the equipment or tools for the control of the lines and levels (templates, string lines, etc.).

49 Soil nailing

49.1 General

Clause 49 applies to the provision of soil nailing.

49.2 Methodology and construction procedure

The performance provisions of Clause 49 shall be the minimum requirements which apply to the installation of soil nails. The Contractor's installation methodology may differ from the prescriptive provisions of Clause 49, provided that such methodology can be shown to have been proven by previous field use by the subcontract installer.

At least 14 days prior to commencing any work which involves the installation of soil nails, the Contractor shall submit to the Administrator a detailed construction procedure, but not limited to the following: **Milestone**

- method of drilling, installation, grouting and testing of the soil nails
- method of supporting the drill holes, if collapse occurs
- method of preventing grout loss, if occurs
- method of applying shotcrete, and
- proposed construction program and construction sequence.

No work which involves the installation of soil nails shall be commenced until the Administrator has deemed the construction procedure suitable to use. **Hold Point 19**

49.3 Material requirements

49.3.1 Soil nails

Unless otherwise specified or approved, soil nails shall be manufactured from Grade D500N deformed reinforcing bar to Clause 6.2. The length of soil nails shall be as specified in the Drawings.

All permanent soil nails shall be hot dip galvanised to AS/NZS 4680 and shall be encapsulated by a completely waterproof corrugated plastic sheath. The sheath shall be made from PVC or HDPE tube, with a minimum uniform thickness of at least 2 mm. The size of the sheath shall be such as to ensure a 10 mm minimum grout annulus surrounding the reinforcing bar. A sacrificial grout tube reaching to the bottom end of the sheath shall be provided. Where possible, corrugated plastic sheath shall be unjointed for the full length of soil nail. Where necessary, sheath joints shall be achieved by lapping of at least 50 mm together with liberal use of solvent glues appropriate for the sheathing material.

49.3.2 Spacers

Spacers shall be provided to ensure that the nail and the sheathing are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 40 mm of grout cover to the reinforcing bar, comprising a minimum of 10 mm grout between the bar and sheath, and minimum of 30 mm grout between the sheath and the soil / rock.

Spacers shall be provided to ensure that the nail and the sheathing are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 30 mm of grout cover. Spacers shall also be provided to ensure that all sheaths if specified in the design are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 10 mm grout cover. Spacers shall be provided at both ends (within 300 mm from the ends) of nail and at 750 mm intervals (maximum) along the nail between the end spacers. The spacers shall be fabricated from materials which have no deleterious effect on the soil nail system. Spacers shall be manufactured to permit the free flow of grout.

49.3.3 Cement grout

Cement grout shall comply with Clause 6.4. In addition, it shall have a minimum characteristic strength of 32 MPa.

49.4 Construction

49.4.1 General

Soil nails shall be installed in the locations and in addition, with the details specified in the Drawings.

At least 14 days prior to construction, the Contractor shall submit construction work procedure with the Administrator.

49.4.2 Drilling

The minimum diameter of hole for soil nails shall be 125 mm. The directions and the depths of the hole shall be as specified in the Drawings.

Plant employing water as the drill flushing medium shall not be used as this can result in saturation of the soil surrounding the nail and the subsequent instability of the finished retaining structure. The stability of the hole shall be maintained until the reinforcement is installed and the hole is fully grouted.

49.4.3 Installation of soil nails

Prior to soil nail installation, clean the debris in the drill hole by air flushing or any other acceptable method. Reinforcement shall only be installed in a clean hole free of debris and foreign matter. Grouting shall be carried out within 1 hour after installation of reinforcement. A sacrificial grout tube shall be attached to the bottom end of the soil nail. The soil nail shall be carefully positioned into the hole with a minimum of disturbance to the surrounding soil material. Insertion of nail and grouting must occur as soon as practicable following drilling, but in any event, the grouting shall be completed within 12 hours after completion of drilling.

49.4.4 Grouting of soil nails

49.4.4.1 Equipment

Grouting equipment shall include:

- a) a purpose-designed grout mixer of the continuous high-speed type operating in the range of 1500 to 2000 rpm and producing grout free from lumps
- b) a holding tank fitted with an agitator
- c) a grout pump with a sustained outlet pressure of at least 400 kPa and fitted with a bypass back to the agitator tank, and
- d) a grout delivery line fitted with a gauge reading accurately to 1000 kPa.

49.4.4.2 Operations

Grouting of the soil nails shall be performed in the presence of the Administrator. **Hold Point 20**

Grout shall be pumped into the hole through the grout tubes until grout is forced out of the top of the hole. The level of grout inside and outside the sheath shall be kept approximately equal to avoid damage to the sheath. The amount of grout pumped into the hole shall be recorded to determine if the hole is blocked or if there are voids in the grout. If the volume of grout pumped into the hole is less than the actual calculated volume, the nail shall be rejected Nonconformance Each soil nail shall be completely and continuously surrounded by a grout annulus. The hole shall be fully grouted continuously and completed in operation.

49.5 Acceptance testing of soil nails

Testing of the soil nails shall be carried out and test result included in the quality records. Acceptance of test results for soil nails shall be subject to the approval of the Designer. **Hold Point 21**

The number of nails to be tested is as stated in Table 49.5.

Table 49.5 – Number of soil nails to be tested

No. of soil nails	Minimum number of pull-out tests
< 50	3
51-100	6
> 100	6%

The test procedure shall be:

- a) The grout shall have a minimum strength of 20 MPa and be at least 4 days of age.
- b) The test load shall be 1.5 times the working load which shall be as specified in the Drawings.
- c) The test load shall be measured with an accuracy of ± 1 kN.
- d) The test frame used to mount the testing jack shall have supports such that it does not load the retained face at any localised point.
- e) Dial gauges used to record deflection of the soil nail shall be accurate to at least 0.01 mm.
- f) The soil nail shall be loaded to 20% of the test load, which point shall be recorded as the datum for deflection measurements.
- g) The remaining test load shall be applied in 3 equal increments and deflection measurements shall be recorded at each stage. The full test load shall be maintained for 1 hour.
- h) 3 complete cycles of the test load shall be applied sequentially.
- i) The test shall be considered successful if the deflection of the soil nail after 3 cycles does not exceed 0.1% of its length.

Shotcreting shall not be commenced until all the surveying requirements have been met as specified in the relevant subclause of Clause 11.8 Retaining walls (above ground) of MRTS56 *Construction Surveying*.

50 Passive rock dowels

50.1 General

Clause 50 applies to the provision of passive rock dowels.

50.2 Methodology and construction procedure

The performance provisions of Clause 50 shall be the minimum requirements which apply to the installation of passive rock dowels. The Contractor's installation methodology may differ from the prescriptive provisions of Clause 49 provided that such methodology can be shown to have been proven by previous field use by the subcontract installer.

At least 14 days prior to commencing any work which involves the installation of passive rock dowels, the Contractor shall submit to the Administrator a construction procedure which details the method of drilling, installation, grouting and testing of the rock dowels. **Milestone**

No work which involves the installation of passive rock dowels shall be commenced until the Administrator has deemed the construction procedure suitable to use. **Hold Point 22**

50.3 Materials

50.3.1 Passive rock dowels

Passive rock dowels shall be fabricated from Grade 500N deformed steel reinforcing bar conforming to MRTS71 *Reinforcing Steel* and shall be hot-dipped galvanised in accordance with AS/NZS 4680. The length of passive rock dowels shall be as specified in the Drawings.

The dowels shall be encapsulated by a completely waterproof corrugated PVC or HDPE sheath of 2 mm minimum thickness. The size of the sheath shall be such as to ensure a 10 mm minimum grout annulus surrounding the reinforcing bar. A sacrificial grout tube reaching to the bottom end of the sheath shall be provided. All welds in the sheath and end caps and between the sheath and grout tube shall be water tested to prove their integrity.

A sacrificial grout tube shall also be securely attached externally to the bottom end of the sheath.

50.3.2 Spacers

Spacers shall be provided to ensure that the dowel and the sheathing are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 40 mm of grout cover to the reinforcing bar, comprising a minimum of 10 mm grout between the bar and sheath, and a minimum of 30 mm grout between sheath and the soil / rock. Spacers shall also be provided to ensure that all sheaths if specified in the design are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 10 mm grout cover. Spacers shall be provided at both ends (within 300 mm from the ends) of nail and at 750 mm intervals (maximum) along the nail between the end spacers.

The spacers shall be fabricated from materials which have no deleterious effect on the soil nail system. Spacers shall be manufactured to permit the free flow of grout.

50.3.3 Cement grout

Cement grout shall conform to Clause 6.4. In addition, it shall have a minimum characteristic strength of 40 MPa.

50.4 Construction

50.4.1 General

Rock dowels shall be installed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

50.4.2 Drilling

Holes for rock dowels shall be drilled to a minimum of 125 mm diameter in the directions and to the depths specified in the Drawings.

The plant used to drill the holes into the rock face shall employ percussion drilling techniques and use air as the drill flushing medium. Water shall not be used as this can result in excess water pressures building up within the rock mass and cause instability of the rock slope.

50.4.3 Installation of rock dowels

The rock dowel shall be carefully positioned into the hole without damaging the encapsulating sheath or the grout tubes.

50.4.4 Grouting

50.4.4.1 Equipment

Grouting equipment shall include:

- a) a purpose-designed grout mixer of the continuous high speed type operating in the range of 1500 to 2000 rpm and producing grout free from lumps
- b) a holding tank fitted with an agitator
- c) a grout pump with a sustained outlet pressure of at least 400 kPa and fitted with a bypass back to the agitator tank, and
- d) a grout delivery line fitted with a gauge reading accurately to 1000 kPa.

50.4.4.2 Operations

Grouting of the rock dowels shall be performed in the presence of the Administrator. **Hold Point 23**

Grout shall be pumped into the hole through the grout tubes until grout is forced out of the top of the hole. The level of grout inside and outside the sheath shall be kept approximately equal to avoid damage to the sheath. The amount of grout pumped into the hole shall be recorded to determine if the hole is blocked or if there are voids in the grout. As the rock is likely to contain defects or voids, grout losses shall be expected. Each rock bolt shall be completely and continuously surrounded by a grout annulus.

50.5 Acceptance testing of passive rock dowels

Testing of the rock dowels shall be carried out and test results included in the quality records.

Acceptance of test results for soil nails shall be subject to the approval of the Designer. **Hold Point 24**

The number of dowels to be tested shall be as stated in Table 50.5.

Table 50.5 – Number of rock dowels to be tested

No. of rock dowels	Minimum number of pull-out tests
< 50	3
51-100	6
> 100	6%

The test procedure shall be:

- a) The grout shall have a minimum strength of 25 MPa and be at least 5 days of age.
- b) The test load shall be 1.5 times the working load which shall be as specified in the Drawings.
- c) The test load shall be measured with an accuracy of ± 1 kN.
- d) The test frame used to mount the testing jack shall have supports such that it does not load the retained face at any localised point.
- e) Dial gauges used to record deflection of the soil nail shall be accurate to at least 0.01 mm.
- f) The rock dowel shall be loaded to 20% of the test load, which point shall be recorded as the datum for deflection measurements.
- g) The remaining test load shall be applied in 3 equal increments and deflection measurements shall be recorded at each stage. The full test load shall be maintained for 1 hour.
- h) 3 complete cycles of the test load shall be applied sequentially, and
- i) The test shall be considered successful if the deflection of the rock dowel after 3 cycles does not exceed 0.1% of its length.

51 Active rock bolts

51.1 General

Clause 51 applies to the provision of active rock bolting.

51.2 Methodology and construction procedure

The performance provisions of Clause 51 shall be the minimum requirements which apply to the installation of active rock bolts. The Contractor's installation methodology may differ from the prescriptive provisions of Clause 49 provided that such methodology can be shown to have been proven by previous field use by the subcontract installer.

At least 14 days prior to commencing any work which involves the installation of active rock bolts, the Contractor shall submit to the Administrator a construction procedure which details the method of drilling, installation, grouting, stressing and testing of the rock bolts. **Milestone**

No work which involves the installation of active rock bolts shall be commenced until the Administrator has deemed the construction procedure suitable to use. **Hold Point 25**

51.3 Materials

51.3.1 Active rock bolts

Active rock bolts shall be manufactured from 26 mm minimum diameter, 575 kN minimum ultimate capacity steel bar in accordance with EN 1537. The length of active rock bolts shall be as specified in the Drawings.

Each bar shall be encapsulated in PVC or HDPE corrugated sheath having an internal diameter of 65 mm, an external diameter of 85 mm and a minimum thickness of 2 mm. A sacrificial grout tube reaching to the bottom end of the sheath shall be provided. All welds in the sheath and end caps and between the sheath and grout tube shall be water tested to prove their integrity.

A sacrificial grout tube shall also be securely attached externally to the bottom end of the sheath.

51.3.2 Spacers

Spacers shall be provided to ensure that the rock bolt and the sheathing are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 40 mm of grout cover to the reinforcing bar, comprising a minimum of 10 mm grout between the bar and sheath, and minimum of 30 mm grout to the sheath. Spacers shall also be provided to ensure that all sheaths if specified in the design are centrally located within the hole and provided with a minimum of 10 mm grout cover. Spacers shall be provided at both ends (within 300 mm from the ends) of bolt and at 750 mm intervals (maximum) along the bolt between the end spacers.

The spacers shall be fabricated from materials which have no deleterious effect on the rock bolt system. Spacers shall be manufactured to permit the free flow of grout.

51.3.3 Cement grout

Cement grout shall comply with Clause 6.4. In addition, it shall have a minimum characteristic strength of 40 MPa.

51.4 Construction

51.4.1 General

Rock bolts shall be installed in the locations and in accordance with the Drawings.

51.4.2 Drilling

Holes for rock bolts shall be drilled to a minimum of 125 mm diameter in the directions and to the depths specified in the Drawings.

The plant used to drill the holes into the rock face shall employ percussion drilling techniques and use air as the drill flushing medium. Water shall not be used as this can result in excess water pressures building up within the rock mass and cause instability of the rock slope.

51.4.3 Installation of rock bolts

The rock bolt shall be carefully positioned into the hole without damaging the encapsulating sheath or the grout tubes.

51.4.4 Grouting

51.4.4.1 Equipment

Grouting equipment shall include:

- a) a purpose-designed grout mixer of the continuous high speed type operating in the range of 1500 to 2000 rpm and producing grout free from lumps
- b) a holding tank fitted with an agitator
- c) a grout pump with a sustained outlet pressure of at least 400 kPa and fitted with a bypass back to the agitator tank, and
- d) a grout delivery line fitted with a gauge reading accurately to 1000 kPa.

51.4.4.2 Operations

Grouting of the rock bolts shall be performed in the presence of the Administrator. **Hold Point 26**

Grout shall be pumped into the hole through the grout tubes until grout is forced out of the top of the hole. The level of grout inside and outside the sheath shall be kept approximately equal to avoid damage to the sheath. The amount of grout pumped into the hole shall be recorded to determine if the hole is blocked or if there are voids in the rock mass. As the rock is likely to contain defects or voids, grout losses shall be expected. Each rock bolt shall be completely and continuously surrounded by a grout annulus.

51.5 Stressing active rock bolts

Before stressing the rock bolt, the grout shall have a minimum strength of 25 MPa and be at least 5 days of age.

The rock bolt shall be jacked to the Design Lock-Off Load specified in the Drawings in 5 separate stages. The load to which the rock bolt shall be jacked in the 5 stages are 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and 100% of the Design Lock-Off Load. The load shall be held constant for 5 minutes at each loading stage and the deflection of the bolt head recorded at the start and completion of the specified loading period for each stage.

After the completion of loading at each stage, except for the last stage, the bolt load shall be relaxed to 20% of the Design Lock-Off Load before proceeding to the next stage of loading. The deflection of the bolt head shall be recorded each time the anchor load is relaxed to 20% of the Design Lock-Off Load. After completion of the loading stage to 100% of the Design Lock-Off Load, the bolt shall be engaged to the anchorage assembly to transfer the load in the bolt directly to the bolt head and bearing plate.

51.6 Load testing active rock bolt

The commencement of testing of active rock bolts shall be a Hold Point. **Hold Point 27**

All active rock bolts shall be tested.

The test procedure shall be:

- a) The load in the rock bolt shall be determined by carrying out a lift-off test. The lift-off test shall be undertaken using a jack and suitable accessories by lifting the bolt head a distance of 1 mm above the bearing plate. This step is considered satisfactory if the load measured is greater than or equal to 96% of the Design Lock-Off Load.

- b) If the load measured in subparagraph (a) is less than 96% of Design Lock-Off Load, then using a jack, the rock bolt shall be re-stressed to Design Lock-Off Load, plus an adjustment for lock-off losses. The lift-off test described in subparagraph (a) shall then be repeated. If the rock bolt load is still less than 96% of Design Lock-Off Load, a structural assessment shall be carried out to determine the future course of action for that rock bolt, and
- c) A second lift-off test shall be carried out 3 days after the first. The maximum load loss since the first lift-off test shall not exceed 12% of the Design Lock-Off Load.

The measured loads and displacements for all tests shall be recorded, plotted and compared with theoretical elastic deflections. A plot of these results for each rock bolt tested shall be delivered to the Administrator within 3 working days following the completion of the tests on that rock bolt.

After successful testing of the rock bolt, the void, if any, above the bonded length of the rock bolt to the underside of the anchor head shall be completely filled with grout.

52 Supplementary requirements

The supplementary requirements given in Clause 6 of Annexure MRTS03.1 shall apply.

