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Standard Practice for Installation of an Outside Sewer Service Cleanout through a Minimally Invasive Small Bore Vacuum Excavation and Same Day Restoration[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers (i) installation methods, test methods, and required materials for the installation of a sewer service clean out, by means of a small vacuum excavated borehole, and (ii) same-day site restoration. The utilization of this practice greatly reduces disruption and greatly improves safety for to residents, business owners, and the public.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

C920 Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants

D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

D2855 Practice for the Two-Step (Primer and Solvent Cement) Method of Joining Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) or Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Pipe and Piping Components with Tapered Sockets

D3034 Specification for Type PSM Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings

F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems

3. Terminology

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated, definitions are in accordance with Terminology F412, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D1600.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *adhesive/sealant*—an elastomeric bonding agent designed to provide a water activated, leak resistant flexible bond between a PVC pipe saddle and a lateral sewer service pipe.

3.2.2 *borehole* —a small diameter vacuum excavated hole.

3.2.3 *cleanout*—a fitting located on a lateral sewer service pipe having a vertical riser pipe extending therefrom to the surface providing access to the lateral sewer service pipe.

3.2.4 *cleanout riser pipe*—a section of pipe that is connected to the boss of a saddle and extends from the saddle to the surface.

3.2.5 *coring*—the process of remotely cutting a hole through the crown of a sewer service pipe such that the coupon is retrieved to establish communication from a cleanout riser pipe and a lateral sewer service pipe.

3.2.6 *coupon*—a disc shaped piece of the lateral sewer service pipe produced by coring.

3.2.7 *lateral sewer service pipe*—a sewer pipe that connects a building to a municipal, main sewer pipe in a lateral direction and collects sanitary waste or storm water.

3.2.8 *saddle*—a PVC saddle that encompasses more than 50% of a lateral sewer service pipe where the side walls of the saddle extend beyond the spring line of the host pipe. The saddle includes setoff tabs that allow for uniform distribution of the adhesive/sealant.

3.2.9 *same day restoration*—a process whereby surface restorations are completed the same day the cleanout is installed.

3.2.10 *setoff tabs*—Protruding tabs located on the underside of the saddle one located on each side of the saddle boss for the

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

purpose of insuring a specific annulus between the host pipe and the saddle and a specific layer thickness of adhesive/sealant.

3.2.11 *sonde*—a device outfitted in a closed circuit video inspection camera that emits a signal in subterranean pipelines that is traceable by use of a locating receiver at surface.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 The process of installing a cleanout through a minimally invasive excavation begins with locating the 4 in. or 6 in. sewer service lateral. This is accomplished by use of a CCTV outfitted with a locatable sonde and vacuum excavating a small borehole, providing access to the exterior surface of a lateral sewer service pipe. Once the lateral sewer service pipe has been exposed, a self-clamping saddle is prepared by applying a specified amount of adhesive/sealant to the underside of the saddle and a riser pipe is attached to the boss of the saddle. The prepared saddle is lowered into the small diameter bore hole until it contacts the lateral sewer service pipe; a downward force is applied to the riser pipe causing the side walls of the saddle to spread and encompass more than 50-percent of the host pipe. Surface restoration is minimal and in most cases is accomplished the same day the cleanout is installed.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This practice is for use by designers and specifiers, regulatory agencies, owners, and inspection organizations who are involved in the installation of a sewer service cleanout.

6. Components

6.1 The saddle shall be formed as a semi-circle and shall encompass more than 180-degrees of the pipe circumference. The saddle shall have an inner diameter equal to the outer diameter of the host pipe (see Fig. 1).

6.2 The riser pipe shall be PVC pipe in accordance with Specification D3034.

6.3 Adhesive/Sealant shall be in accordance with Specification C920.

6.4 The solvent cement shall be in accordance with Practice D2855.

FIG. 1 Saddle greater than 180°

7. Tools Required for Installation

7.1 *Vacuum excavation unit*—mobile piece of equipment that supplies sufficient volume of vacuum necessary to excavate a vertical bore hole.

7.2 *Coring equipment*—A suitable coring saw with an outer diameter ⅛ in. less than the inner diameter if the riser pipe with a cutting blade suitable for the specific pipe material on which the cleanout has been installed.

7.3 *Power head*—power device that rotates the coring saw.

7.4 *Extension rods*—extension shafts that connect the power head to the coring saw. Available in various lengths according to the depth of the service lateral pipe that the cleanout is being attached to.

7.5 *Video camera*—CCTV camera that's outfitted with a sonde locating device and a compatible receiver. The camera is suitable for sewer pipe conditions.

7.6 *Water*—The amount of water required to perform the exfiltration test is outlined in Table 1.

8. Procedure

8.1 The first step in installing a trenchless sewer service cleanout begins with locating the non-lined lateral sewer service pipe. A method utilized and associated with this installation process consists of inserting a video camera with an internal sonde into the lateral service line remotely from the mainline pipe, or from the interior building cleanout. A technician at the surface uses a compatible receiver to locate the signal from the camera/sonde to mark the specific location for the new cleanout as dictated by the utility owner (Refer to Fig. 2). The identified location shall be marked by driving a steel pin in the soil when possible, or marking the surface with marking paint. The video camera operator shall determine the condition of the lateral pipe is suitable for the saddle placement prior to vacuum excavation to form the borehole.

8.2 A borehole approximately 20-in. in diameter is created by vacuum excavation. This is accomplished by cutting the soil by use of compressed air or by water jetting. The loosened soil is simultaneously drawn under a controlled vacuum through suction tubing and discharged into a mobile debris tank (Refer to Fig. 3). This process continues until the lateral pipe is exposed. The sewer service pipe is cleaned to remove debris.

TABLE 1 Water Volume Required to Perform Leak Test

Depth of Lateral (ft)	Amount of Water Required (Gal)
6	15.68
7	18.29
8	20.90
9	23.51
10	26.15
11	28.73
12	31.36
13	33.96
14	36.58
15	39.18
16	41.80
17	44.40
18	47.02
19	49.63
20	52.25

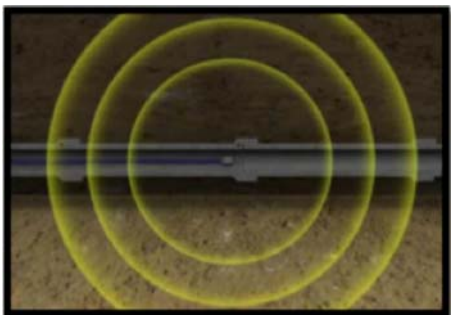

FIG. 2 Locating the Lateral Pipe

FIG. 3 Vacuum Excavation Equipment

The cleaning process is accomplished by using an extendable water pressure cleaning nozzle. A saddle is affixed to one end of a PVC riser pipe using solvent cement in accordance with Practice D2855. The elastomeric adhesive/sealant is applied to the underside of the saddle. The pipe and saddle are lowered down into the hole until the saddle contacts the pipe, a manual downward force is applied to the riser pipe causing the side walls of the saddle to spread until the lower most portion of the saddle extends a short distance beyond the spring line of the pipe causing the saddle to draw down onto the pipe producing a clamping affect.

8.3 The annular space between the borehole and the riser pipe shall be backfilled with approved excavated material, granular material, or as otherwise required by Technical Specifications. The approved backfill material shall be placed in 6-in. lifts, and each 6-in. lift shall be separately compacted in a manner approved by the engineer. Excavated material shall only be used when the engineer has determined that said material is clean, dry and is suitable backfill material. Backfilling shall cease at the point that it has reached the bottom of the surface finished material whether that be concrete, asphalt, or some other material, whereupon an approved cleanout casting/cap is installed.

8.4 All concrete restorations measuring 24 in. in diameter or less (refer to Fig. 5) shall include four (4) dowels evenly spaced using an 8-in. piece of #4 rebar drilled and pounded into each hole so that approximately 4 in. of said rebar is embedded in the surface material and four inches protrudes into the area to be filled. The clean out casting as required by technical specifications shall then be set, and the surface area filled with material that is compatible with the existing surface. The surface restoration materials shall match the original grade, performance, and reasonably resemble the appearance of the original surface area.

8.5 Unless unforeseen conditions exist that are beyond the control of the contractor, all surface restorations shall be accomplished the same day the cleanout is installed. Surface restorations shall include concrete sidewalks and driveways, paver bricks, asphalt, sod, and landscaped areas. Special concrete dye and unique plants in landscaped areas could require additional time for complete surface restorations (Refer to Fig. 6).

8.6 *Exfiltration Water Test*—Prior to coring for accessing the lateral pipe, an exfiltration water test shall be performed. This is accomplished by filling the riser pipe with a minimum six-foot column of water. The test shall be performed no less than 12 h from the time of affixing the saddle to the pipe. The column of water shall be left for a minimum of five (5)-minutes before commencing the exfiltration test. Next the water level shall be measured from the top of the riser pipe for a five (5)-minute period. No drop in water elevation will be allowed. The pipe crown shall not be cored until a verifiable non-leaking

FIG. 4 Vacuum Excavated Borehole

FIG. 5 Cored Pavement with Dowels