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# Standard Practice for Installation of Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the installation of precast reinforced concrete box sections cast monolithically and intended to be used for the conveyance of storm water, industrial wastes and sewage, and for passageways.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

C1433 Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers

C1433M Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers (Metric)

C1577 Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers Designed According to AASHTO LRFD

D698 Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort (12 400 ft-lbf/ft<sup>3</sup> (600 kN-m/m<sup>3</sup>))

D2487 Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

2.2 *ASCE Standard*:<sup>3</sup>

ASCE 26 Standard Practice for the Direct Design of Buried Precast Concrete Box Sections

2.3 *AASHTO Standards*:<sup>4</sup>

AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Div. II, Section 27

AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications, Section 27

AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications

AASHTO M145 Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures for Highway Construction Purposes

## 3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms relating to precast box sections, see Terminology C822.

3.2 For terminology related to soil classifications, see Practice D2487.

3.3 For terminology and definitions of terms relating to structural design, see ASCE 26.

3.4 Fig. 1 illustrates the installation terminology.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice is useful as a reference by an owner and the owner's engineer in preparing project specifications.

## 5. General

5.1 The precast reinforced concrete box section/soil system shall be constructed to conform to the dimensions and requirements specified or shown on the plans and to this practice. Additionally, for highway projects, the precast reinforced concrete box section/soil system shall conform to requirements of Section 27 of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges or AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications as appropriate. The owner is advised to provide or require adequate inspection of the box section installation at the construction site.

## 6. Excavation

6.1 Trenches shall be excavated to the dimensions and grade specified on the plans or as ordered by the owner. The width of

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), 1801 Alexander Bell Dr., Reston, VA 20191, http://www.asce.org.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), 444 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 249, Washington, DC 20001, http://www.transportation.org.

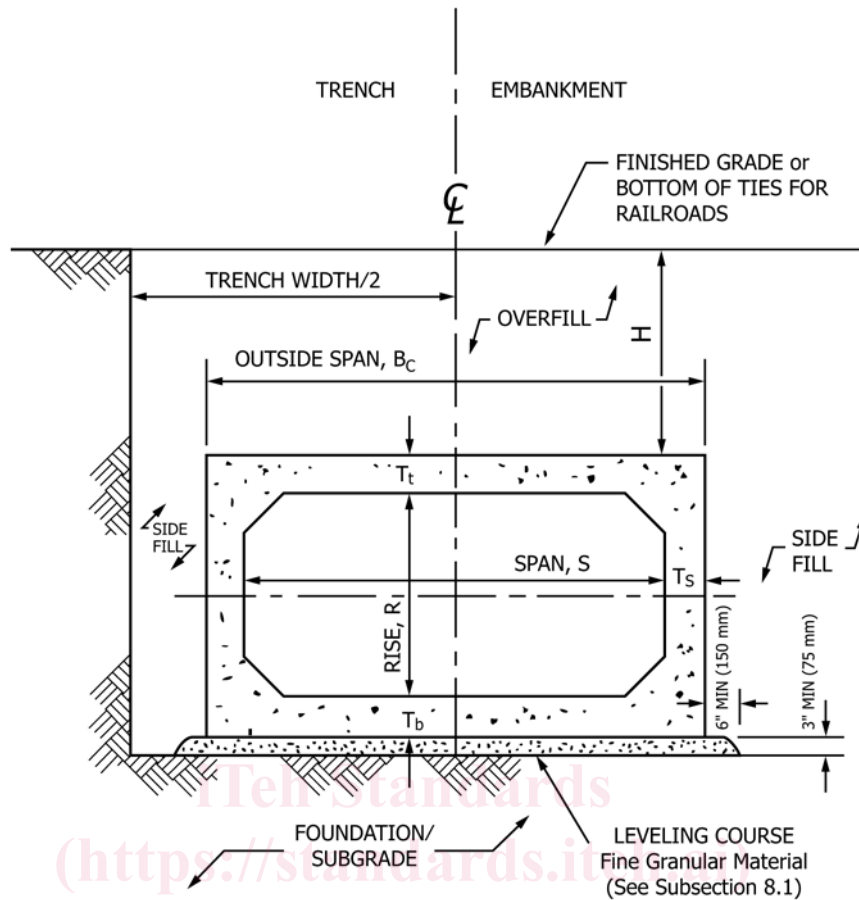


FIG. 1 Box Section/Installation Terminology

trenches shall be kept to the minimum required for installation of the box sections and proper compaction of the sidefill.

6.2 When ledge rock, compacted rocky, or other unyielding foundation material is encountered, it shall be removed to the requirements shown on the plans. Over-excavated areas shall be backfilled with approved materials specified for the leveling course.

6.3 The contractor shall make such provisions as required to ensure adequate drainage of the trench to protect the leveling course during the construction operations. Where surface water or groundwater conditions exist, the site and trench shall be dewatered.

## 7. Foundation

7.1 The foundation shall be moderately firm to hard in situ material, stabilized soil, or compacted fill material.

7.2 When unsuitable or unstable material is encountered, the foundation shall be stabilized or removed and replaced with firm and stable foundation material.

7.3 Where groundwater and soil characteristics contribute to the migration of soil fines into or out of the foundation, leveling course, or overfill materials, methods to prevent migration shall be provided.

7.4 Box sections installed over an unyielding foundation, including concrete, shall be cushioned so as to prevent non-uniform bearing in accordance with Section 8.

## 8. Leveling Course

8.1 A minimum 3 in. (75 mm) leveling course, as shown in Fig. 1, shall be constructed of clean coarse grained soils: USCS SW, SP, GW, GP or any soil beginning with one of those symbols and with 12 % or less passing a #200 (75  $\mu$ m) sieve (AASHTO M145, A-1, A-3). The nominal maximum aggregate size shall not be greater than 1 in. (25 mm) (#57 aggregate). In the event that the leveling course consists of layers with the upper layer being clean, uncompacted sand, that layer shall be a maximum thickness of 2 in. (50 mm) to prevent non-uniform settlement from personnel and equipment during the installation process.

8.2 In situ material that provide a suitable leveling course in accordance with this practice shall be acceptable.

8.3 If rock strata or boulders are encountered under the box section within the limits of the required leveling course, the rock or boulders shall be removed and replaced with additional leveling course material.

8.4 A concrete slab is not an appropriate leveling course.