


This is what a true set of Specials look like. For our class the cover is teal.




Topics of Discussion

- What are Special Provisions
- Why we have Special Provisions
- How do Special Provisions relate to the Standard Specifications
- Quick overview




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What are Special Provisions

- Special Provisions are revisions to the Standard Specifications. They are **PROJECT SPECIFIC**. Special Provisions include but are not limited to:
 - Specific information covering work methods, materials, measurements, or basis of payments.
 - Special rules or regulations.
 - Includes any amended or supplemental permits or orders issued during the course of performing the Work under the Contract.
 - Identical formatting as the Standard Specifications.



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Why we have Special Provisions

- Change a Standard Specification for a Specific Project.
- Add or remove sections or subsections from Standard Specifications for a Specific Project.
- Specify estimated quantity for bidding purposes.
- Other
 - Survey requirements
 - Wage determinations
 - Bid item schedules


Survey requirements and regulations are in the Special Provisions because they are Project Specific.

Wage determinations are Davis Bacon and BOLI requirements.

Schedule of Bid Items are also Project Specific.




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Special Provisions and the Standard Specifications

- Changes to a Standard Section is specific to that and **only** that section.
- Changes to a Standard Subsection is specific to that and **only** that subsection.
- However when any discrepancy is caused by a special provision section, the special provisions will always take precedence over the standard specs.

For example if the Special Provisions change 00850.47(c), that is the only subsection that is to be changed. Do not change 00850.47(a) to match specials 00850.47(c). How the Specials change the Standards will be explained later.



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Special Provisions

00150.10 Coordination of Specifications and Plans - The Contract Documents, including but not limited to Contract Change Orders, the Special Provisions, the Plans, Supplemental Specifications, and the Standard Specifications are intended to collectively describe all of the items of Work necessary to complete the Project.


(a) Order of Precedence - The Engineer will resolve any discrepancies between these documents in the following order of precedence:

- Contract Change Orders;
- Special Provisions;
- Agency-prepared drawings specifically applicable to the Project and bearing the Project title;
- Reviewed and accepted, stamped Working Drawings;
- Standard Drawings;
- Approved Unstamped Working Drawings;
- Supplemental Specifications;
- Standard Specifications; and
- All other contract documents not listed above.


Notes on a drawing shall take precedence over drawing details.

Dimensions shown on the drawings, or that can be computed, shall take precedence over scaled dimensions.

Note that the Special Provisions are second in the Order of Precedence if there is any conflicting information.



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Special Provisions

Example

Standard Specifications (Pg 555)

00850.47 Quality Control - Record the following readings for each type and color of marking material and the locations where they were taken. Submit the results to the Agency within one day of taking the readings.

(a) Placement Tolerances - Measure the following at the time of installation or application:


- For inlaid/grooved markings, measure the depth of the slot every 300 feet.
- For surface applied markings, except paint and tape applications, measure the thickness of the lines, at 300 foot intervals. Thickness is measured from the top of the pavement marking to the top of the wearing surface. Marking material placed in a depression left by pavement line removal will not be included in measuring the thickness of the line.

(b) Curing of Material - Rate the line, markings, and pavement marker adhesive at the time of installation and 14 calendar days after placement to determine if the material has properly cured. Note any soft spots, abnormally darkened areas, or other indications that the line has not properly cured.


(c) Retroreflectivity - Use a retroreflectometer to measure the retroreflectivity within 48 hours of curing and 14 calendar days after placement, except for paint applications:

- At 300 foot intervals for longitudinal lines.
- At each pavement legend/bar. Take ten individual readings per pavement legend/bar. If the Project has more than ten pavement legend/bars, measure a minimum of ten legends/bars or 10% of the total number of legends/bars, whichever is greater. The legends to be measured will be selected by the Engineer.
- Estimate the bead embedment depth for longitudinal lines and pavement legends/bars at the same location as the retroreflectivity reading.

This is from the Standard Specification



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Example (cont.)


From the Special Provisions (pg 47)

00850.47(c) Retroreflectivity - Replace the sentence that begins "Use a retroreflectometer..." with the following sentence:


Use a 30 meter geometry retroreflectometer to measure the retroreflectivity within 48 hours of curing, except for paint applications:

Replace **From the Standard Specifications (pg 555)**

(c) Retroreflectivity - ~~Use a retroreflectometer to measure the retroreflectivity within 48 hours of curing and 14 calendar days after placement, except for paint applications.~~ Delete



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Specials Overview

- Project Identification
- Which Specifications are being followed (2002 or 2008)
- Table of contents
- Prevailing Wages (BOLI or Davis Bacon)
- Work to be done
- Provisions
- Bid item schedule
- Signature page

Prevailing wages and signature pages not in our specials but in real set of specials.

