**HIGH VISIBILITY DEVICES**

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**Description**

Furnish and install High Visibility Devices for projects on interstates and freeways. High Visibility Devices include drums, skinny drums, stationary work zone signs and rigid portable work zone signs. All of these devices shall be new. Used devices are not acceptable.

**Materials**

A) General

Use materials in accordance with the Manufacturer’s recommendations that will retain both durability and retroreflectivity as described elsewhere in this specification for a period of at least 36 months.

The following are required High Visibility Devices to be used for work zone performance applications.

* Drums
* Skinny Drums (Daytime use only)
* Stationary Work Zone Signs
* Rigid Portable Work Zone Signs

All drums and skinny drums shall be new and meet the existing requirements of Section 1089-5 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures and shall have Grade B flexible, fluorescent orange sheeting that meets the retroreflective requirements of Section 1092-2 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.

All stationary work zone signs shall be new and meet the existing requirements of Section 1089-1 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures. Legend overlays are prohibited and shall not be accepted on the interstate/freeway or associated intersecting roadways. Vertical sign post reflector strips shall be added to all stationary sign supports. Use Grade B fluorescent orange for work zone sign supports and Grade B fluorescent yellow for exit sign supports. Install strips a minimum of 2” wide, a minimum of 6’ in length on sign supports with one sign mounted and a minimum of 4.5’ in length for sign supports with two or more signs mounted vertically.

All portable work zone signs shall be new and have composite substrates as described in Section 1089-1 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures. Roll-up signs do not meet the requirements of this provision. The remainder of the existing requirements of Section 1089-1 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures remain. Used sign stands are acceptable.

B) Material Qualifications/Certifications

Only use materials as listed above that are on the NCDOT Approved Products List. In addition, provide a Type 3 Material Certification for all materials in accordance with Section 106-3 and Section 1087-4.

(C) Performance

Poor performance of any device or sign at any site, whether or not related to a specific contract may be grounds for removing the material from the NCDOT Approved Products List and/or removing from any project under contract.

**Construction Methods**

All requirements of Section 1110-3 and Section 1130-3 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures shall apply except roll up signs are not permitted for use.

The use of skinny drums is prohibited for any nighttime lane closures on interstates/freeways.

**Maintenance**

Replace any sign or drum that prematurely fails due to any damage or defect that causes it to perform unsatisfactorily with an “in kind” device of similar quality and age according to the guidelines set forth in the American Traffic Safety Service Association’s (ATSSA) Quality Guidelines for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices. An “in kind” replacement sign or drum is not required to be new, however, it shall be less than 1 year old and have 100% of its original sheeting area and at least 85% of the retroreflective qualities of a new device, so that it is undetectable adjacent to the original devices and signs placed on the project.

**Measurement and Payment**

*High Visibility Drums* will be measured and paid as the maximum number of drums placed and in use at any one time during the life of the project.

*High Visibility Skinny Drums* will be measured and paid as the maximum number of skinny drums placed and in use at any one time during the life of the project.

*High Visibility Stationary Signs* will be measured as the actual number of square feet satisfactorily installed at each location and accepted by the Engineer. Where a particular sign is used at more than one location, measurement will be made at each location.

*High Visibility Portable Signs* will be measured and paid as the actual number of square feet satisfactorily installed and accepted by the Engineer. Payment will be made for the initial installation only. Relocation of signs will be incidental to the measurement of the quantity of High Visibility Portable Signs.

No direct payment will be made for stationary work zone sign supports or portable work zone sign stands. All stationary work zone sign support or portable work zone sign stands will be incidental to the work of providing work zone signs.

Payment will be made under:

**Pay Item: Pay Unit**

High Visibility Drums Each

High Visibility Skinny Drums Each

High Visibility Stationary Signs Square Foot

High Visibility Portable Signs Square Foot