1.0 DESCRIPTION

The work covered by this Special Provision consists of furnishing all necessary labor, equipment, and materials and performing all operations necessary for installing anchor bolts/dowels in concrete using an adhesive bonding system in accordance with the details shown on the plans and with the requirements of this specification unless otherwise directed.

Submit a description of the proposed adhesive bonding system to the Engineer for review, comments and acceptance. Include in the description the bolt type and its deformations, equipment, manufacturer’s recommended hole diameter, embedment depth, material specifications, and any other material, equipment or procedure not covered by the plans or these specifications. List the properties of the adhesive, including density, minimum and maximum temperature application, setting time, shelf life, pot life, shear strength and compressive strength. If bars/dowels containing a corrosion protective coating are required, provide an adhesive that does not contain any chemical elements that are detrimental to the coating and include a statement to this effect in the submittal.

2.0 MATERIALS

Use an adhesive bonding system that has been tested for a tensile strength of 125% of the specified anchor bolt/dowel yield load. Furnish certification that, for the particular bolt grade, diameter and embedment depth required, the anchor system will not fail by adhesive failure and that the anchor bolt/dowel will not move. The minimum concrete compressive strength is 3000 psi (20.7 MPa) for certification and anchorage selection.

Package components of the adhesive so that one whole container of each component mixes to form one batch of adhesive. Use containers designed so that all of the contents may be removed easily and sealed tightly to prevent leakage. Furnish adhesive material requiring hand mixing in two separate containers designated as Component A and Component B. Provide a self contained cartridge or capsule consisting of two components which are automatically mixed as they are dispensed, as in the case of a cartridge, or drilled into, as in the case of a capsule.

Clearly label each container with the manufacturer’s name, date of manufacture, batch number, batch expiration date, direction for use, and warnings and precautions concerning the contents as required by State or Federal Laws and Regulations.

3.0 PROCEDURE

A. Drilling of Holes into Concrete

When directed, use a jig or fixture to ensure the holes are positioned and aligned correctly during the drilling process. Upon approval, adjusting hole locations to avoid reinforcing steel is permitted.
Drill the holes with a pneumatic drill unless another drilling method is approved. Follow the manufacturer’s recommendations regarding the diameter of the drilled hole.

Immediately after completion of drilling, blow all dust and debris out of the holes with oil-free compressed air using a wand extending to the bottom of the hole. Remove all dust from the sides of the holes by brushing the holes with a stiff-bristled brush of a sufficient size and then blow the hole free of dust. Repeat this procedure until the hole is completely clean. Check each hole with a depth gauge to ensure proper embedment depth.

Repair spalled or otherwise damaged concrete using approved methods.

B. Inspection of Holes

Inspect each hole immediately prior to placing the adhesive and the anchor bolts/dowels. Ensure all holes are dry and free of dust, dirt, oil, and grease. Rework any hole that does not meet the requirements of this Special Provision.

C. Mixing of Adhesive

Mix the adhesive in strict conformance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

D. Embedment of Anchor Bolt/Dowel

Clean each anchor bolt/dowel so that it is free of all rust, grease, oil, and other contaminants.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, the minimum anchor bolt/dowel embedment depth is such that the adhesive develops at least 125% of the anchor bolt/dowel yield load as determined by the manufacturer.

Insert the anchor bolt/dowel the specified depth into the hole and slightly agitate it to ensure wetting and complete encapsulation. After insertion of the anchor bolt/dowel, strike off any excessive adhesive flush with the concrete face. Should the adhesive fail to fill the hole, add additional adhesive to the hole to allow a flush strike-off.

Do not disturb the anchor bolts/dowels while adhesive is hardening.

4.0 FIELD TESTING

When specified on the plans, test the installed anchor bolts/dowels for adequate adhesive as specified below. Inform the Engineer when the test will be performed at least 2 days prior to testing. Conduct the tests in the presence of the Engineer.

Use a calibrated hydraulic centerhole jack system for testing. Place the jack on a plate washer that has a hole at least 1/8 inch (3 mm) larger than the hole drilled into the concrete. Position the plate washer on center to allow an unobstructed pull. Position the anchor...
bolts/dowels and the jack on the same axis. Have an approved testing agency calibrate the jack within 6 months prior to testing. Supply the Engineer with a certificate of calibration.

In the presence of the Engineer, field test 10% of the first 50 anchor bolts/dowels prior to installing any additional anchors. For testing, apply and hold briefly 90% of the anchor bolt/dowel yield load shown on the plans. No visible signs of movement of the anchor bolts/dowels is permitted under this load. Upon receiving satisfactory results from these tests, install the remaining anchors. Test a minimum of 2% of the remaining anchors as previously described.

Record data for each anchor bolt/dowel tested on the report form entitled “Installation Test Report of Adhesively Anchored Anchor Bolts or Dowels”. Obtain this form from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Materials and Tests Engineer. Submit a copy of the completed report forms to the Engineer.

Final acceptance of the adhesively anchored system is based on the conformance of the pull test to the requirements of this specification. Failure to meet the criteria of this specification is grounds for rejection.

5.0 **Basis of Payment**

No separate measurement or payment will be made for furnishing, installing, and testing anchor bolts/dowels.

Payment at the contract unit prices for the various pay items will be full compensation for all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals necessary to complete the above work.