

DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

C222

PRECAST BOX CULVERTS

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SPECIFICATION C222 : PRECAST BOX CULVERTS

GENERAL

C222.01 SCOPE

1. This Specification covers the installation of precast concrete box culverts and should be read in conjunction with the Specification for STORMWATER DRAINAGE - GENERAL.

2. The work to be executed under this Specification consists of:

Extent of Work

- (a) preparation of foundations;
- (b) provision of bedding;
- (c) construction of base slabs;
- (d) installation of precast culvert units;
- (e) headwalls and wingwalls;
- (f) backfilling against structures;
- (g) provision and removal of coffer dams;
- (h) excavation of inlet and outlet channels.

3. Requirements for quality control and testing, including maximum lot sizes and minimum test frequencies, are cited in the Specification Part for Quality Requirements.

Quality

C222.02 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

1. Documents referenced in this specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated.

**Documents
Standards
Test Methods**

(a) Council Specifications

- C213 - Earthworks
- C220 - Stormwater Drainage - General
- C224 - Open Drains, including Kerb and Gutter
- C242 - Flexible Pavements
- C271 - Minor Concrete Works

(b) Australian Standards

- AS1597.1 - Precast reinforced concrete box culverts - Small culverts
- AS1597.2 - Precast reinforced concrete box culverts - Large culverts
- AS/NZS ISO 9002 - Quality Systems - Model for Quality Assurance in Production, Installation and Servicing.

(c) Other

- AUSTROADS - Guide to Geotextiles

MATERIALS

C222.03 CULVERT UNITS, LINK AND BASE SLABS

1. The supply and testing of precast reinforced concrete box culvert units, link and base slabs shall be in accordance with AS 1597.1 for small culverts not exceeding 1200mm width and 900mm depth and AS 1597.2 for large culverts from 1500mm span and up to and including 4200mm span and 4200mm height with the following alterations or additional requirements:

Supply

- (a) Proof load testing shall be arranged by the Contractor in batches as specified in either AS 1597.1 or AS1597.2 as appropriate.
- (b) Lifting holes, galvanised lifting points or steel lifting eyes shall be provided in the culvert units, link and base slabs.
- (c) The end units shall have factory installed starter bars for headwall and wingwall construction.
- (d) Delivery and unloading shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

2. The Supplier shall implement and maintain a Quality System in accordance with ISO 9002 to ensure materials, manufacture and proof load testing conform to the appropriate Standards.

3. A conformance certificate, to AS 1597.1 or AS 1597.2, for the box culvert units shall be submitted at least 3 working days prior to despatch.

4. Each unit shall be marked at time of manufacture with:

- (a) Type and size
- (b) Casting date
- (c) Manufacturer's name
- (d) Inspection pass and date.

C222.04 CONCRETE

1. The concrete and reinforcement for cast-in-situ base slabs shall comply with the Specification for MINOR CONCRETE WORKS.

Quality

C222.05 SELECTED BACKFILL

1. The quality of selected backfill shall comply with the requirements in AS 1597.2.

Quality

C222.06 ORDINARY BACKFILL

1. Ordinary backfill is material obtained from culvert excavations, cuttings and/or borrow areas which is in accordance with the requirements for the upper 1.0m of embankment construction as detailed in the Specification for EARTHWORKS.

Quality

CONSTRUCTION

C222.07 COFFER DAMS

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| <p>1. At some sites it may be expedient for the Contractor to construct a coffer dam. All costs associated with the construction of coffer dams shall be borne by the Contractor.</p> | <p>Contractor's
Costs</p> |
| <p>2. Coffor dams shall be sufficiently watertight to prevent damage of the concrete by percolation or seepage through the sides, and shall be taken sufficiently below the level of the foundations to prevent loosening of the foundation materials by water rising through the bottom of the excavation. Coffor dams shall be adequately braced and shall be so constructed that removal will not weaken or damage the structure.</p> | <p>Construction</p> |
| <p>3. A coffer dam may be constructed to the actual size of the reinforced concrete invert slab and used as side forms for the concrete. The details of the coffer dam and formwork, and the clearances proposed shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent, but the Contractor shall be responsible for the successful construction of the work.</p> | <p>Contractor's
Responsibility</p> |
| <p>4. Coffor dams which have tilted or have moved laterally during sinking, shall be righted or enlarged to provide the clearances specified. This work will be at the Contractor's expense.</p> | <p>Specified
Clearances</p> |
| <p>5. No timber or bracing shall be left in the concrete or in the backfill of the finished structure. Coffor dams, including temporary piles, shall be removed at least to the level of the invert after completion of the structure.</p> | <p>Removal</p> |

C222.08 EXCAVATION

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| <p>1. Excavation shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions in the Specification for STORMWATER DRAINAGE - GENERAL.</p> | <p>Specification</p> |
| <p>2. The trench width shall be the width of the base slab plus 150mm minimum each side.</p> | <p>Trench Width</p> |

C222.09 FOUNDATIONS

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| <p>1. Rock foundations shall be neatly excavated to the underside of the mass concrete or selected fill bedding shown on the Drawings. All minor fissures shall be thoroughly cleaned out and refilled with concrete, mortar or grout. All loose material shall be removed.</p> | <p>Rock
Foundations</p> |
| <p>2. Where rock is encountered over part of the foundation only, or lies within 300mm below the underside of the mass concrete or selected fill, all material shall be removed to a depth of 300mm below the mass concrete or selected fill for the full width of the foundation over the length where the rock is encountered. This additional excavation shall be backfilled with ordinary backfill material.</p> | <p>Additional
Excavation</p> |
| <p>3. Over-excavation or uneven surfaces shall be corrected with mass concrete so as to provide a uniform surface at least 50mm above the highest points of rock.</p> | <p>Uniform
Surface</p> |
| <p>4. Earth foundations shall be finished to line and level to the underside of bedding shown on the Drawings. Care shall be taken to avoid disturbing material below this level.</p> | <p>Line and Level</p> |

5. All soft, yielding or unsuitable material shall be removed and replaced with ordinary backfill material as directed by the Superintendent and backfilled in accordance with the Specification for STORMWATER DRAINAGE - GENERAL.

**Unsuitable
Material**

C222.10 BEDDING

(a) Cast-In-Situ Base Slabs

1. No bedding material shall be placed until the foundations have been inspected and approved by the Superintendent.

Inspection

2. Bedding shall be either mass concrete or lightly bound DGB20 in accordance with the Specification for FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS, whichever is shown on the Drawings.

Type

3. Mass concrete bedding shall be of the same compressive strength as for the base slab and shall not be less than 50mm thick over any point in the foundation. It shall be laid to the line and level of the underside of the base slab to a tolerance of ± 10 mm in level and ± 5 mm in line. The bedding shall be finished to a smooth surface.

Mass Concrete

(b) Precast Base Slabs

1. Precast base slabs, U-shaped culvert units and one piece culvert units shall be supported on a bed zone of selected backfill of minimum compacted depth 150mm in accordance with AS 1597.2.

Selected Fill

C222.11 CAST-IN-SITU BASE SLABS

1. Cast-in-situ base slabs shall be constructed to the dimensions shown on the Drawings and in accordance with the requirements of the Specification for MINOR CONCRETE WORKS. The invert levels shall be within -10mm to +10mm of the design level, grade 5mm in 2.5m (1 in 500) and plan position ± 50 mm.

Construction

2. Recesses to accommodate the walls of the precast crown units shall be formed in the base slab to the dimensions shown on the Drawings.

**Recesses for
Walls**

C222.12 INSTALLATION OF PRECAST UNITS

1. Precast units shall not be installed until the base slab has attained a minimum compressive strength of 20 MPa.

**Minimum
Strength**

2. Precast crown units shall be placed on a bed of mortar in the recesses in the base slab. Any gaps between the side walls and the sides of the recesses shall be packed with cement mortar. Lifting holes and butt joints between units shall be packed or sealed with cement mortar or grout.

**Mortar Bed in
Recess**

3. Before placement of top slabs on U-shaped units or link slabs on adjacent crown units, the bearing areas of the supports shall be thoroughly cleaned and covered with a bed of mortar of minimum thickness 5mm after placement of precast unit.

**Mortar Bed on
Supports**

4. Steel lifting hooks shall be cut flush with the surface of the concrete, cleaned to bright metal and coated with two coats of coal tar epoxy. Alternatively, they shall be cut off 12mm below the surface of the unit and the recess sealed with epoxy mortar.

Lifting Hooks

5. In the case of multi-cell culverts, a nominal 15mm gap shall be provided between adjacent cells. This gap shall be filled with cement mortar or grout.

**Gap Between
Cells**

6. All mortar joints shall be protected from the sun and cured in an approved manner for not less than 48 hours.

**Curing of
Joints**

7. All external surfaces of joints between precast crown units, both laterally and longitudinally, shall be covered full length, and minimum 250mm width, with strips of non-woven geotextile of minimum mass 270 g/m² in accordance with AUSTRROADS Guide to Geotextiles.

Joint Covering

C222.13 BACKFILL

1. All bracing and formwork shall be removed prior to backfilling.

Removal of Formwork

2. Selected backfill shall be placed in the side zones of the box culverts and wingwalls, and to a depth of 300mm in the overlay zone of the culverts, in layers with a maximum compacted thickness of 150mm in accordance with the backfilling and compaction requirements of AS 1597.2. The remainder of the excavation shall be backfilled with ordinary embankment fill in accordance with the Specification for EARTHWORKS.

Selected Fill

3. Unless otherwise specified, no backfill shall be placed against wingwalls until 21 days after casting.

Wingwalls

4. Backfill layers shall be placed simultaneously on both sides of the culvert with a maximum 600mm level difference to avoid differential loading. Backfilling and compaction shall commence at the wall and proceed away from it.

Sequence

5. Where the slopes bounding the excavation are steeper than 4:1, they shall be cut in the form of successive horizontal terraces of at least 1m width before the backfill is placed.

Horizontal Terraces

C222.14 EXCAVATION OF INLET AND OUTLET CHANNELS

1. Excavation of inlet and outlet channels shall be carried out as shown on the Drawings and shall extend to join the existing stream bed in a regular manner as detailed in the Specification for OPEN DRAINS INCLUDING KERB AND GUTTER.

Extent

C222.15 CONSTRUCTION LOADING ON CULVERTS

1. Construction vehicles and plant shall not pass over the culvert until 28 days after the casting of the base slab or until the cylinder compressive strength of the base slab concrete has reached 32MPa.

Traffic Over Culvert

2. Construction vehicle loads on culverts for various design fill heights shall be in accordance with AS 1597.2.

Loading Restrictions

LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

C222.16 SUMMARY OF TOLERANCES

1. The tolerances applicable to the various clauses in this Specification are summarised in the Table below:

Item	Activity	Tolerance	Spec Clauses
1.	Mass Concrete Correction		
	a) Over highest point of rock	50mm	C222.09
2.	Mass Concrete Bedding		
	a) Level	± 10mm	C222.10
	b) Line	± 5mm	C222.10
3.	Culvert Location		
	a) Invert Level	±10mm	C222.11
	b) Grade	5mm in 2.5m (1 in 500)	C222.11
	c) Plan Position	±50mm	C222.11

Table C222.1 - Summary of Limits and Tolerances

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

C222.17 RESERVED

C222.18 RESERVED

C222.19 RESERVED

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

C222.20 DEDUCTIONS

1. Payment for in-situ concrete work shall be made at the scheduled rates provided the concrete meets the strength requirements specified in the Specification for MINOR CONCRETE WORKS.
2. Where any concrete does not reach the strength specified, the scheduled rate of payment shall be reduced by 2% for each 1%, or fraction thereof, by which the strength of the specimen fails to reach the specified strength, up to a maximum deficiency of 10%.
3. If the deficiency in strength exceeds 10%, the concrete represented by the specimens may be rejected, in which case no payment will be made.

C222.21 PAY ITEMS

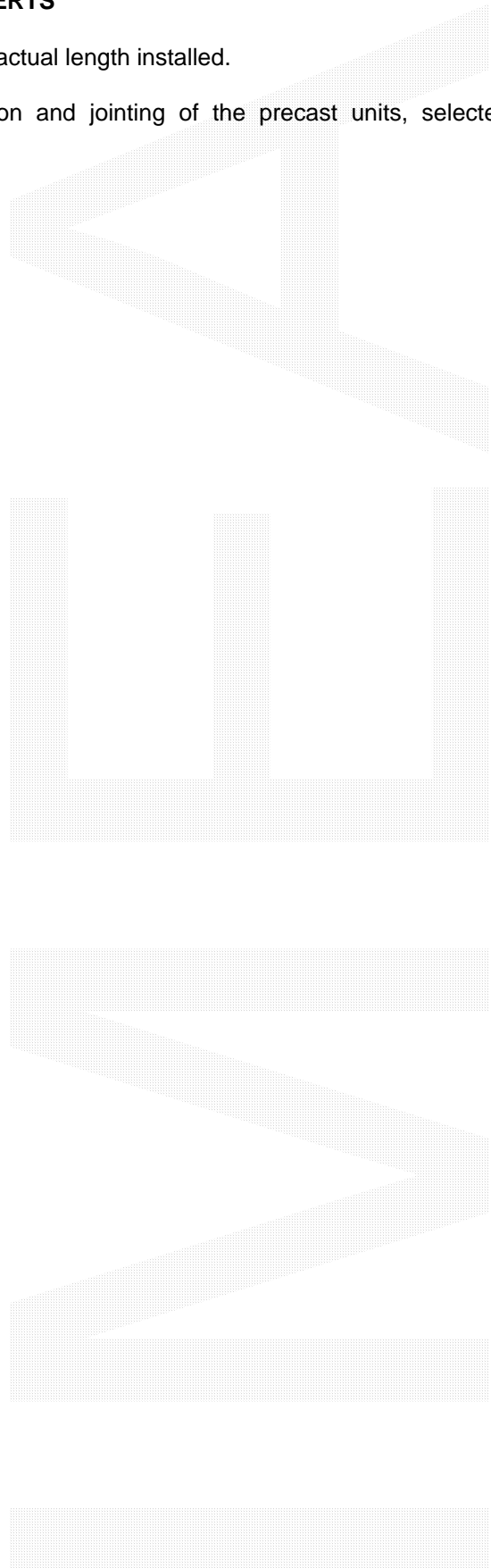
1. Payment shall be made for the activities associated with completing the work detailed in this Specification in accordance with Pay Items C222(a) and C222(b).
2. A lump sum price shall not be accepted.
3. If any item for which a quantity of work is listed in the Schedule of Rates has not been priced by the Contractor, it shall be understood that due allowance has been made in the prices of other items for the cost of the activity which has not been priced.
4. Excavation for box culverts is measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for STORMWATER DRAINAGE - GENERAL.
5. Excavation for inlet and outlet channels is measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for OPEN DRAINS INCLUDING KERB AND GUTTER.
6. Base slab bedding using lightly bound DGB20 is measured and paid in accordance with this Specification and not in the Specification for FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS.
7. Cast-in-situ base slabs are measured and paid in accordance with this Specification and not in the Specification for MINOR CONCRETE WORKS.
8. Miscellaneous minor concrete work not included in the pay items in this specification shall be in accordance with pay items described in the Specification for MINOR CONCRETE WORKS.
9. Ordinary embankment backfill is measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for EARTHWORKS.
10. Cast-in-situ headwalls and wingwalls are measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for DRAINAGE STRUCTURES.

Pay Item C222(a) IN-SITU BASE SLAB

1. The unit of measurement shall be the cubic metre of reinforced concrete in place (excluding the mass concrete bedding layer).
2. The width, length and depth of the slab shall be as specified on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent.
3. The schedule rate shall include foundation preparation, bedding and all activities associated with the construction of the base slab.
4. The schedule rate does not include excavation.

Pay Item C222(b) PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS

1. The unit of measurement shall be linear metre of the actual length installed.
2. The Schedule Rate shall include supply, installation and jointing of the precast units, selected backfilling and testing of the units.



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