

silicon carbide stone, but the rubbing shall not be sufficient to change the texture of the surface. Unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, grout cleaning shall be delayed until the final clean up of the project.

**Rubbed Finish.** Forms shall be removed, if possible, within two days after concrete is placed. Corrections shall be made as outlined above. Rubbing of concrete shall be started as soon as the conditions will permit. Immediately before starting this work, the concrete shall be kept thoroughly saturated with water for a minimum period of two hours. Sufficient time shall have elapsed before wetting down to allow the mortar used in pointing insert holes and defects to be thoroughly set. Surfaces to be finished shall be rubbed with a medium coarse silicon carbide stone until all form marks, projections and irregularities have been removed, all voids filled and a uniform surface has been attained. The paste produced by rubbing shall be left in place at this time. No additional material other than water shall be applied to the surface. After all concrete above the surface being finished has been placed, the final finish shall be obtained by rubbing with a fine silicon carbide stone and water. This rubbing shall be continued until the entire surface is of a smooth texture and uniform in color. Any surfaces which have been given a rubbed finish, shall be protected from subsequent construction operations. Any surfaces which are not protected shall be cleaned and again rubbed, if necessary, to secure a uniform and satisfactory surface.

No extra payment will be made for any type of surface finish, the cost being considered as included in the price bid for concrete.

**842.16 Roadway Finish.** Concrete deck slabs shall be finished in accordance with the requirements of 451.12 except that construction joints shall not be edged, and a strip of surface 9 to 12 inches (220 to 300 mm) wide adjacent to curbs and barriers shall not be grooved. The use of a broom drag on concrete deck slabs may be in the longitudinal or transverse direction. The requirement for use of a finishing machine may be waived by the Engineer for small bridges where their use is impractical.

The finishing machine shall be approved by the Engineer. It shall be self-propelled and equipped with forward and reverse drive mechanisms that enable precision velocity control of the machine while moving in either direction. It shall be equipped with one or more rotating rollers, leveling augers and either a vibrating pan or vibrating rollers. Vibrating frequency for pans or rollers shall be variable from 1500 to 5000 pulses per minute. The Contractor shall furnish the necessary verification of these frequencies. The finishing machine shall be capable of finishing transversely while traveling in either direction across the deck. Screeds shall have provisions for raising them above the concrete surface. The finishing machine shall be of sufficient size to finish the full width of the decks between curbs or parapet walls. The wheels of the finishing machine shall run on temporary riding rails adequately supported on structural steel or falsework. The rail and rail supports shall be made of steel and shall be arranged so that the weight of the finishing machine and the operator cause zero vertical deflection while traveling across the deck. Rail shall be straight with no sections exceeding a tolerance of 1/8 inch in 10 feet (3 mm in 3.0 m) in any direction. All support rails shall be elevated a sufficient distance above the slab to permit the simultaneous finishing by hand of any portions not finished by the machine. Any rail supports shall be fabricated and installed in such manner

as to permit their removal to at least 2 inches (50 mm) below the top of the slab. Holes formed by the removal of such supports shall be filled during the final finishing of the slab. The concrete shall be delivered and distributed at a uniform and adequate rate ahead of the finishing machine by suitable mechanical equipment. Concrete shall be placed no more than 10 feet (3m) directly in front of the finishing machine.

Bridge decks that are to be waterproofed with a membrane shall be given a burlap drag finish.

**842.161 Bridge Deck Grooving.** After the concrete has cured, transverse grooves shall be sawed into the deck. The grooving shall conform to the following requirements:

Grooving shall be done utilizing diamond blades, mounted on a multi blade arbor on a self-propelled machine which has been built for grooving of concrete surfaces. The groove machine shall have a depth control device which will detect variations in the pavement surface and adjust the cutting head height to maintain the depth of the groove specified. The grooving machine will be provided with devices to control alignment. Flailing or impact type grooving equipment will not be permitted.

Grooves shall begin and end approximately one foot from any curb, parapet toe or deck edge and shall be perpendicular to the bridge center line.

The Contractor shall provide an experienced technician to supervise the location, alignment, layout, dimension, and grooving of the surface.

Grooves shall run in a continuous pattern across the surface. The grooving shall be terminated a minimum of 1 foot (300mm) from any device in place in a bridge deck, such as scuppers or expansion joints. The grooves shall be a random pattern spaced at 3/8 to 1 3/4 inch (10 to 45 mm), with 50 percent of spacings being less than 1 inch (25 mm). The grooves shall be approximately 0.15 inches (4 mm) deep and 0.10 inches (3 mm) wide.

At the beginning of each work shift, all grooving machines shall be equipped with a full complement of grooving blades that are capable of cutting grooves of the specified width, depth and spacing.

If during the course of work, a single grooving blade on any individual grooving machine becomes incapable of cutting a groove, work will be permitted to continue for the remainder of the work shift and the Contractor will not be required to otherwise cut the groove omitted because of the failed blade. Should two or more grooving blades on any individual grooving machine become incapable of cutting grooves, the Contractor shall cease operating such equipment until it is repaired.

The removal of all slurry and any remaining residue resulting from the grooving operation shall be continuous. The bridge deck surface shall be left in clean condition, free of all slurry and residue. Residue from grooving operations shall not be permitted to flow across shoulders or lanes occupied by public traffic or flow into gutters or other drainage facilities. Solid residue, resulting from grooving operations, shall be removed from the surface before such residue is blown by the action of traffic or wind.

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing water as necessary to perform the specified grooving in accordance with the specifications.