

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE



Wabo®Crete StripSeal

Armored Joint and Elastomeric Concrete Expansion Joint System
for Bridge & Highway Applications

A. General

The work shall consist of furnishing and installing a Wabo®Crete StripSeal joint system in accordance with the details shown on the plans and the requirements of the specifications. Placement of the Wabo®Crete StripSeal joint system shall consist of proper surface preparations, material and application of materials. The Wabo®Crete StripSeal joint system is prefabricated.

B. Blockout Preparation for Wabo®Crete II Elastomeric Concrete

The blockout shall be constructed to the dimensions on the shop drawings. The concrete substrate must be clean (free of dirt, coatings, rust, grease, oil and other contaminants), sound and durable. New concrete must be cured (minimum of 14 days) and all laitance removed. Suitable preparation methods include sandblasting, chipping and scarification. Acid etching is not encouraged, although it may be required.

Steel surfaces must be abrasive blasted SP-10 near white, immediately prior to installation. This is a requirement in new or existing construction. All oxidation must be removed and "white steel" revealed. Where abrasive blasting is not permitted, steel surfaces will be aggressively disc ground to roughen and abrade the surface to achieve the "white steel" condition.

Durable Concrete- sound and durable concrete should have a cap pull-off strength that meets or exceeds ACI 503R, Appendix A.

Unsound Concrete – Loose, contaminated, weak, spalled, deteriorated and/or delaminated concrete must be removed to sound concrete and repaired prior to placement of Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete.

Cracks – prior to placement of the Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete, repair cracks with Wabo®ConTrete crack sealer.

C. Field Preparation

Proper field handling is of utmost importance to avoid damage to the fabricated joint system while it is lifted and lowered into its final position. The joint system shall be set to line and grade, ensuring that the system's uppermost plane matches the finished roadway profile.

Before casting in the joint system to the structure, the setting dimension shall be adjusted under the direction of the Field Engineer, to correspond to the proper ambient temperature dimension as shown on the shop drawings. The adjustment is accomplished by means of shipping and leveling devices, furnished by the manufacturer, which shall accompany the expansion joint system to the job site.

The structure temperature shall be measured by recording the surface temperature of the concrete and/or steel with a surface thermometer as described below.

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Record the temperature of the underside of the concrete slab at each end of the superstructure element adjacent to the expansion joint. Take the average of the readings to use with the temperature chart shown on the plans. In lieu of surface readings, internal slab readings may be taken by drilling a 1/4" diameter hole 3" into the concrete slab; filling the hole with water and inserting a probe thermometer.

D. Field Splicing

If the system is to be installed in sections, the manufacturer will ship the joint with the appropriate ends beveled for field welding. Once the first joint section is installed and concrete has been cast, the adjacent length is field welded. Special care should be taken to the field weld details shown on the manufacturer's shop drawings.

E. Final Joint Placement

Complete all welded connections. Utilizing the manufacturer's leveling device position joint system into the blockout. Properly align inside bottom face of the steel rails to reflect the structural gap opening ensuring the rails are not unsupported or cantilevered into the joint opening.

When casting the joint system into the structure, care should be taken so that proper consolidation of Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete around the system is achieved. A minimum clearance of 1/2" (13 mm) between the bottom of the steel rail and the concrete substrate shall be consistent throughout the length of the joint ensuring proper flow and consolidation of the elastomeric concrete material.

F. Mixing of Wabo®Crete II Elastomeric Concrete

Wabo®Bonding Agent must be used as a primer on the properly prepared concrete before beginning the installation of the Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete. Mix Part A (resin) and Part B (hardener) separately in their individual containers before combining them together. Combine Part A and Part B, 1:1 by volume in a separate clean container. Mix thoroughly with an electric drill and Jiffy-type paddle (approximately 2 minutes) or until color consistency is developed.

Brush apply the primer to the concrete surface and immediately begin the installation of the Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete. DO NOT allow the primer to cure.

Thoroughly stir Part B separately before pouring entire contents of Part B into a clean 5 gallon container. Add Part A and mix both components with a power mixer equipped with Jiffy® type paddles for 30 seconds minutes and until well blended.

Add the aggregate component to the liquid material and mix until all aggregate is coated (approximately 1 minutes). This mix can be poured into the properly prepared blockout. The material will flow and self-level.

Aggregate such as black beauty can be added to the surface to inhibit skidding. Clean tools with a thinner or a solvent such as Xylol.

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G. Placement of Wabo®Crete II Elastomeric Concrete

The final blend of Wabo®Crete II elastomeric concrete is poured out of the mixing bucket and into the blockout area. Wabo®Crete II is an ambient cure material. Cure times are, therefore, temperature dependent. Suggested cure times are listed below:

Cure Time (Open to Traffic)	70-90 °F (21-32 °C)	1- 1 ½ hours
	50-70 °F (10-21 °C)	1 ½ - 2 hours
	40-50 °F (4-10 °C)	2 -3 hours

H. Seal Installation

The neoprene seals shall be field installed in continuous lengths spanning the entire roadway width. To ensure proper fit of the seal and increase the ease of installation, dirt, spatter or standing water shall be removed from the steel cavity using a brush, scraper or compressed air.

Apply Wabo®Prima-Lub by brush to the full perimeter on the walls of the steel shape machined cavity. (Refer to sketch below.)

