SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 530
GLASS FIBER REINFORCED POLYMER
(Reinforcement Bars)

The following is added to the Standard Specifications as Section 530, Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer, Reinforcement Bars:

530.01 Description This work shall consist of furnishing and placing Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) reinforcement bars, in accordance with the Plans and as specified herein.

530.02 Materials GFRP reinforcement shall meet the requirements shown in the AASHTO Bridge Design Guide Specifications for GFRP-Reinforced Concrete Bridge Decks and Traffic Railings, including interim revisions, except as shown on the Plans and as stated herein. All GFRP reinforcement shall be deformed or sand coated.

GFRP reinforcement bars shall be one of the approved products listed on the MaineDOT Qualified Products List.

All GFRP reinforcement in the same structural component shall be supplied by the same manufacturer; there shall be no mixing of products from different manufacturers in a component unless permitted in the Contract Documents.

530.021 Documentation The GFRP reinforcement manufacturer shall submit two (2) copies of a Material Certification stating that the GFRP reinforcement incorporated into the Project meets the requirements of this specification to the Resident. The certification shall include the test values and test procedures used to determine the physical properties of the GFRP reinforcement. The certification shall bear the notarized signature of a responsible authorized representative of the GFRP reinforcement manufacturer. Each bundle of GFRP reinforcement shall be identified with the lot number affixed to each bundle by means of a durable tag.

530.03 Schedule of Material When the Plans do not include GFRP reinforcement bar schedules, the Contractor shall submit order lists, shape diagrams and bar layout drawings in accordance with Subsection 105.7 to the Resident for approval. The GFRP reinforcement shall not be ordered until these lists and drawings are approved. Approval shall not relieve the Contractor of full responsibility for the satisfactory completion of the Work specified herein. When the Department allows the use of precast concrete deck panels, or any other significant changes that affect the quantity of GFRP reinforcement, the Contractor shall be responsible for revising the reinforcement bar schedule; the revised schedule shall be submitted to the Resident for approval. Substitution of different size GFRP reinforcement shall not be permitted except with the written authorization of the Engineer of Record.

530.04 Fabrication Forming and fabrication tolerances of GFRP reinforcement shall be in conformance with the latest edition of the "Manual of Standard Practice of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute" and the "Detailing Manual of the American Concrete Institute."

530.05 Protection of Material Delivery, storage, and handling of GFRP reinforcement shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The Contractor shall prevent bending, coating the bars with soil, oil, or other material, or other damage to the GFRP reinforcement.

All handling of GFRP reinforcement by mechanical means shall be done by equipment having padded contact areas, or using nylon webbing slings. The use of chains or wire rope slings will not be allowed, even when used with padding. All bundles of GFRP reinforcement shall be lifted with a strong back, spreader bar, multiple supports, or a platform bridge to prevent bar-to-bar abrasion from sags in the bundles. Support points during lifting or transporting of bundled GFRP reinforcement shall be spaced at a maximum of 15 feet, or as required by the manufacturer, whichever is more restrictive. Bundled bars shall be strapped together with non-metallic or padded straps in a manner to prevent bar-to-bar abrasion due to relative movement between bars.

Individual bars shall be handled in a manner that prevents damage to the coating due to abrasion or impact, and at no time shall any bar be moved by dragging over any surface, including other reinforcement bars. Sufficient personnel shall be assigned to assure compliance with the provisions above.

Bars loaded for transport shall be loaded and strapped down in a manner that will prevent damage from motion and vibration, to the greatest extent possible. Bundles of bent bars shall be transported strapped to wooden platforms or shall be crated. All individual bundles and layers of bundles shall be separated, and supported by dunnage.

GFRP reinforcement shall be stored on skids or other supports a minimum of 12 inches above the ground surface and protected at all times from damage and surface contamination. The storage supports shall be constructed of wood or other material that will not damage the surface of the GFRP reinforcement or sand coating. Bundles of bars shall be stored on supports in a single layer. Each bundle shall be placed on the supports out of contact with adjacent bundles. If it is expected that GFRP bars will be required to be stored outdoors for a period in excess of two months, then the GFRP reinforcement shall be protected from ultraviolet radiation. Prevent exposure of GFRP to temperatures above 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

All damaged bars shall be repaired in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and inspected and accepted by the Resident prior to placing concrete. All bars with total damage greater than 2 percent of the bar surface area, including previously repaired areas, will be rejected. All cuts, scratches, cracks, abrasions, or other damage, visible to the naked eye, shall be repaired. All bars damaged prior to placement within the formwork shall be repaired prior to GFRP reinforcement placement.

530.06 Placing and Fastening GFRP reinforcement shall be accurately placed in the positions

shown on the Plans. Support and firmly tie or otherwise secure GFRP reinforcement in place to prevent settlement, floating upward, or movement in any direction during the placing and setting of the concrete.

Field bending of GFRP reinforcement is not allowed.

Field cutting of GFRP reinforcement will only be permitted with the approval of the Resident. Field cutting shall be with a high-speed cutter, fine blade saw, diamond blade or masonry saw. The GFRP reinforcement shall not be shear cut. The ends of all field cut GFRP reinforcement shall be treated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

GFRP reinforcement supported on formwork shall rest on stays, blocks, ties, hangers, GFRP or plastic chairs, bar supports made of dielectric material, or other approved materials. Blocks used for this purpose shall be precast Portland cement mortar blocks of approved shape and dimensions. Blocks shall not be used in cases where the blocks will be visible in the finished product. Reinforcement bars used as support bars shall be GFRP, stainless steel, or non-metallic. The use of pebbles, stone, brick, metal pipe, wood, or metal chairs will not be allowed. Wire bar supports will not be allowed. Layers of bars may be separated by precast Portland cement mortar blocks or other approved devices.

Bars shall be fastened together at all intersections except where spacing is less than 1 foot in either direction, in which case, fastening at alternate intersections of each bar with other bars will be permitted providing this will hold all the bars securely in position. Ties shall be soft annealed wire that has been nylon, epoxy or plastic coated. Plastic ties will also be allowed. Placing reinforcement as concrete placement progresses, without definite and secure means of holding the GFRP reinforcement in its correct position, will not be allowed.

When specified on the Plans, GFRP reinforcement shall be anchored into drilled holes. The anchoring material shall be one of the products listed on the Maine Department of Transportation's Qualified Products List and the Contractor shall submit a selected material to the Resident for approval. Installation shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

At each anchor location, existing reinforcement will be located to avoid drilling through existing bars. Where interferences exist, location adjustments will be determined by the Resident. Minimum embedment lengths of reinforcement shall comply with the manufacturer's recommendations for the anchoring material selected. The embedment lengths will be verified by the Resident before installation of the reinforcement.

Termination of GFRP reinforcement shall be as shown on the Plans. Any exceptions or modifications shall be approved, in writing, by the Engineer of Record.

Immediately before placing concrete, GFRP reinforcement shall be free from all foreign material. Foreign material includes, but is not limited to, dirt, paint, oil, bitumen and dried concrete mortar. Reinforcement shall be inspected and approved by the Resident prior to concrete

placement.

530.07 Splicing GFRP Reinforcement shall be spliced as shown on the Plans and as specified herein. No modifications of, or additions to, the splice arrangements shown on the Plans will be allowed without the prior approval of the Resident.

Any additional splices authorized shall be staggered as much as possible. All splices shall be made in a manner that will ensure that not less than 75% of the clear concrete cover and not less than 75% of the minimum clear distance to other reinforcement will be maintained, as compared to the cover and clear distance requirements for the un-spliced reinforcement.

Lapped splices shall be made by placing the bars in contact and tying them together. Ties shall meet the requirements specified herein.

530.08 Method of Measurement GFRP reinforcement will be measured by the linear foot based on the authorized quantity in the Contract or in the approved reinforcement bar schedule submitted by the Contractor. No adjustments to the quantity will be made except to account for changes at the direction of the Resident.

If precast concrete deck panels are used, GFRP reinforcement in precast concrete deck panels will be considered incidental to the deck concrete. No separate payment will be made.

Lap splices that are authorized at the Contractor's request will not be measured for payment.

530.09 Basis of Payment Payment for Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer, Fabricated and Delivered, shall be considered full compensation for detailing, furnishing, and proper storage of GFRP reinforcement.

Payment for Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer, Placing, shall be full compensation for installation, adjustment, and supplies related to placing GFRP reinforcement.

Payment for work associated with furnishing and revising the GFRP reinforcement bar schedule, and all expenses incurred by the Contractor and their suppliers to fulfill the requirements specified will be considered incidental to related Contract items. No separate payment will be made.

Payment will not be made for any materials used to hold reinforcement in place or for extra GFRP reinforcement due to substitutions and splices made for the Contractor's convenience.

When GFRP is specified to be anchored into drilled holes, no additional payment will be made for drilling and anchoring GFRP reinforcement or cutting GFRP reinforcement.

Payment will be made under:

	Pay Item	Pay Unit
530.30	GFRP, Reinforcement Bars, Fabricated & Delivered	Linear Foot
530.31	GFRP, Reinforcement Bars, Placing	Linear Foot