Preformed Elastomeric Joint Seals shall be specified on the contract documents when applicable to projects. Each seal shall be specified by a Movement Rating, which shall be the design movement of the bridge, 1.25 in./100 ft. (30 mm/30 m). At fixed joints a Movement Rating of 0.5 in. (13 mm) is specified unless an engineering evaluation of the joint geometry indicates the need for a larger value.

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The Movement Rating is to be used as the actual movement of the joint parallel to the direction of expansion. Although the Standard Details (see manufacturer's website for Standard Details) of the compression seals listed above show a Movement Rating at 45° F (7° C) to be normal to the centerline of bearings, no reduction in the Movement Rating will be made for skewed structures. This will compensate for movements in the transverse direction. (See manufacturer's website for Standard Details)

Seals of 4.0 in. (102 mm) nominal width at skew over 15° and all seals wider than 4.0 in. (102 mm) will exceed the 3.5 in. (89 mm) max. joint opening allowed and should only be used in combination with plates or other means that will reduce the joint opening at the pavement surface to 3.5 in. (89 mm) or less.

Special design consideration is required for skew between 30° and 50° back on the right (skewed either way on the Interstate) because of the danger of a snowplow blade catching in the joint.

Contact Manufacturers for instructions and recommendations. Seals can be manufactured with required skew as well as in one piece including roadway, face and top of curb configurations.

**PRODUCT CONFORMITY:** At the discretion of MaineDOT, any shipment of product to a MaineDOT location may be tested, such as by infrared or gas chromatography, for compliance with the SDS and uniformity with the formulation of the approved product (where applicable).

**NOTE:** MaineDOT may require a field evaluation before final acceptance and inclusion on the Qualified Products List (QPL).

A vendor who wishes to have products preapproved for future use should contact MaineDOT’s Product Evaluation Coordinator via email at NewProducts.MaineDOT@maine.gov or by calling (207)624-3268.

Product submittals shall include: a completed New Product Evaluation form, a copy of the technical data sheet, current Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and third party, independent test results (or NTPEP test reports where applicable). Any incomplete submittals will not be evaluated for inclusion on MaineDOT’s Product Lists.

All reports shall be issued and signed by an authorized laboratory representative. The report shall also include the physical and/or chemical requirements stated herein.

Any change in a product, such as formulation, shall require re-testing (through NTPEP if required) and resubmission of an independent analytical laboratory report (or NTPEP testing report) prior to purchase by MaineDOT.
MaineDOT requires re-certification by all manufacturers every five years (except for electrodes used for field welding which are recertified every year) to ensure that product names and formulations have remained the same since the product was originally placed on this list and that products are still relevant and in production. This shall include the most recent NTPEP testing. NTPEP provides for retesting of this product category on a 5-year basis. A lapse of NTPEP test results may result in disqualification of the product.

The Department continues to evaluate its Acceptance Criteria and reserves the right to revise the criteria and/or withdraw product qualification at any time for any reason without notice. Furthermore, the ability of a product to meet these requirements does not necessarily guarantee addition to the Qualified Products List. Reminder that, products once placed on the Qualified Products List are to be considered prequalified for use only, meaning that they have undergone preliminary review for compliance with MaineDOT, and AASHTO specifications. As with all products, final approval rests with the Designer, Project Manager, Supplier and/or Resident to determine if a product best suits the need of a particular project.

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