

SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

**SECTION 10**

**HEAVY ROCK RIPRAP**

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### 10.1 General

This specification is for the supply, delivery, and installation of heavy rock riprap. This work shall include all necessary trimming, excavation, and fill required to satisfactorily place the rock riprap, such as:

- excavation, trimming and shaping headslope
- excavation at headslope toe, and for rock apron
- excavation for rock in stream bank transition zone
- supply and placing of geotextile filter fabric
- supply and placing of gravel or granular bedding material
- backfill over rock in stream bank transition zone to restore lines of natural bank.

### 10.2 Permits

The Contractor shall obtain whatever permits, agreements, and authorizations are necessary, prior to loading the riprap. He shall advise the Consultant of any special provisions required under such permits, and must provide evidence satisfactory to the Consultant that the requirements of the permits have been fully complied with before final payment will be made.

### 10.3 Rock Material

The rock supplied shall be hard, durable and angular in shape, resistant to weathering and water action, free from overburden, spoil, shale or shale seams and organic material, and shall meet the gradation requirements for the class specified. In general, no sandstone will be permitted for all classes, however if the proposed material meets or exceeds the minimum requirements, consideration may be given to accepting the material. For these occurrences, further testing shall be done to ensure acceptability. This would include testing of the material in accordance with CSA A23.2-15A "Petrographic Examination of Aggregates". The minimum dimension of any single rock shall be not less than one third of its maximum dimension. The minimum acceptable unit weight of the rock is 2.5 t/m<sup>3</sup>.

The Contractor shall provide the Consultant with evidence of the acceptability of the riprap material. Reliable performance records of proposed material, other than fieldstone, will be considered evidence of acceptability. Fieldstone shall be considered to have a reliable performance record, and will be accepted if it meets the gradation requirements.

Sampling and testing are required for Class 2 and Class 3 rock riprap for which no performance records are available. Sampling and testing are not required for Class 1 rock riprap and field stone. Tests are based on the Durability Index and Durability Absorption Ratio as developed by the State of California, Department of Transportation. The Contractor shall submit samples of the proposed material to an independent certified testing laboratory of his choice and provide written reports of the test results to the Consultant. The reports shall be stamped by a Professional Engineer. The Contractor shall be responsible for all associated costs for rock riprap sample testing including, but not limited to, transporting samples to an independent certified testing laboratory, testing, disposing of samples after testing, and providing written reports to the Consultant.

A representative sample of 70 kg minimum is required for each type and source of rock to be tested, and shall contain a number of pieces ranging up to 25 kg mass.

The acceptance of rock samples from a particular source or quarry site shall not necessarily be construed as constituting acceptance of all material from that location.

The material provided for each class specified shall have a gradation that conforms to the following:

		CLASS			
		1M	1	2	3
<b>Nominal Mass (kg)</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Nominal Diameter (mm)</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>800</b>
None greater than:	kg or mm	40 300	130 450	700 800	1800 1100
20% to 50%	kg or mm	10 200	70 350	300 600	1100 900
50% to 80%	kg or mm	7 175	40 300	200 500	700 800
100% greater than:	kg or mm	3 125	10 200	40 300	200 500

Percentages quoted are by mass.

Sizes quoted are equivalent spherical diameters, and are for guidance only.

Rip Rap shall meet the following minimum requirements for specific gravity, absorption and durability:

**Method of test      Requirements**

California Department of Transportation      Minimum Specific Gravity = 2.60

Method of Test for Specific Gravity and  
Absorption of Coarse Aggregate      Maximum Absorption = 2.0 percent  
(California Test 206)

California Department of Transportation      Minimum Durability Index = 52

Method of Test for Durability Index      Durability Index may be less than 52 if DAR\* > 23

(California Test 229)

\* Durability Absorption Ratio (DAR) = Durability Index / (Absorption % + 1%)

**10.4 Geotextile Filter Fabric**

Where geotextile filter fabric is specified, the slope shall be graded to provide a smooth, uniform surface. All stumps, large rock, brush or other debris that could damage the fabric shall be removed. All holes and depressions shall be filled so that the fabric does not bridge them. Loose or unstable soils shall be replaced.

Non-woven geotextile filter fabric shall be used under all riprap in accordance with the following table of minimum average roll value properties (MARV's) for each specific Class of riprap:

<b>Non-Woven Geotextile Filter Fabric</b>		
Specifications and Physical Properties		
	Class 1M, 1 and 2	Class 3
Grab Strength	650 N	875 N
Elongation (Failure)	50%	50%
Puncture Strength	275N	550 N
Burst Strength	2.1 MPa	2.7 MPa
Trapezoidal Tear	250 N	350 N
Minimum Fabric Lap to be 300 mm		

The non-woven geotextile filter fabric shall meet the specifications and physical properties as listed above.

The fabric shall be laid parallel to the slope direction. It shall be placed in a loose fashion, however folds and wrinkles shall be avoided. Adjacent strips of fabric shall be overlapped a minimum of 300 mm, except where placed underwater, the minimum lap width shall be 1 m. Overlaps shall be pinned using 6 mm diameter steel pins fitted with washers and spaced at 1 m intervals along the overlaps.

The top edge of the filter fabric shall be anchored by digging a 300 mm deep trench, inserting the top edge of the fabric and backfilling with compacted soil.

Care shall be taken to prevent puncturing or tearing the geotextile. Any damage shall be repaired by use of patches that extend at least 1 m beyond the perimeter of the tear or puncture.

The fabric shall be covered by rock riprap within sufficient time so that ultraviolet damage does not occur; in no case shall this time exceed 7 days for ultraviolet material and 14 days for ultraviolet protected and low ultraviolet susceptible polymer geotextiles.

Riprap placement shall commence at the base of the blanket area and proceed up the slope. The height of drop of riprap shall be limited to 1.0 m or less, and the riprap shall not be allowed to roll down the slope. Heavy equipment will not be permitted to operate directly on the geotextile.

### 10.5 Placing of Rock

The rock shall be handled, dumped or placed into position to conform to the specified gradation and to the cross section shown on the drawings. The finished surface shall be reasonably uniform, free from bumps or depressions, and with no excessively large cavities below or individual stones projecting above the general surface.

### 10.6 Inspection of Rock

Control of gradation will be by visual inspection. The Contractor shall provide a minimum of two samples of rock, of the minimum sample size specified below. These samples shall be proven to acceptably conform to the required gradation by direct weighing of all the individual pieces with suitable scales; the mass of each piece in the sample shall be painted on the piece. These samples, located as required by the Consultant at the construction site and at the source or quarry site, may be incorporated in the finished riprap when they are no longer required for reference purposes. The samples shall be used for frequent reference in judging the gradation of the riprap being loaded at the source and placed at the site. The minimum sample size in area shall be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Minimum Sample Size</u>
1M	1 m x 1 m
1	2 m x 2 m
2	3 m x 3 m
3	4 m x 4 m

The Contractor shall provide, at no additional cost to the Department, whatever facilities are required to assist the Consultant in checking gradation and measuring riprap in place.

If, during the delivery of the material to the site, a particular load is found to be made up of pieces predominantly one size, or to be lacking in pieces of one size, it shall be dumped in a suitable location outside the area to be protected. Additional material as required to make up the deficient sizes shall be added to this load such that the combination can then be placed to ensure uniformity.

### 10.7 Measurement and Payment

The quantity of heavy rock riprap to be paid for will be measured in place. The volume of rock paid for will be calculated from the thickness of the riprap as shown on the drawings, and the actual area covered. Overages in thickness or area beyond the limits shown on the drawings will not be paid for unless these changes were requested by the Consultant.

Payment will be made at the unit price bid per cubic metre of **Heavy Rock Riprap** acceptably in place, which price shall include full compensation for all necessary materials, royalties, permits, haul of materials, equipment, tools, labour and incidentals necessary to complete the work, including the preparation of the subgrade for the riprap, geotextile filter fabric, bedding material, trimming, excavation, backfill as required, and labour for measurement.