

SECTION 02204 - BASE COURSE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. The WORK under this Section includes providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary for furnishing and placing one or more layers of aggregate base or leveling course on a prepared surface to the lines and grades shown on the Drawings.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIAL

- A. Aggregate base course shall consist of crushed gravel or crushed stone, conforming to the quality requirements of AASHTO M 147. The aggregate shall be free from lumps, balls of clay, or other objectionable matter, and shall be durable and sound.
- B. Base course material shall conform to one of the following gradations as specified:

BASE COURSE GRADATIONS
(Percent passing by weight)

Sieve Design	A	B	C	C-1	D	D-1	E	E-1
4	100							
2	85-100	100						
1-1/2				100				
1			100	70-100	100	100		
3/4				60-90	100	70-100	100	
3/8				45-75		50-80		100
No. 4	30-70	30-70	40-75	30-60	45-80	35-65		45-80
No. 8				22-52		20-50		32-80
No. 10			25-55		30-65			
No. 40				8-30		8-30		
No. 200	0-10	3-10	4-10	0-6	4-12	0-6	0-6	0-6

- C. For gradings C, D, and E, at least 50% by weight of the particles retained on the No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as determined by Alaska T-4.
- D. For gradings C-1, D-1, and E-1, at least 70% by weight of the particles retained on a No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as determined by Alaska T-4.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. Prior to placement of the base course, the underlying surface shall be prepared by dressing, shaping, wetting or drying, and compacting of the underlying material to a minimum density of 95% as determined by AASHTO T 180-D. Surfaces shall be cleaned of all foreign substances and debris.

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- B. Any ruts or soft yielding spots that may appear shall be corrected by loosening and removing unsatisfactory material and adding approved material as required, reshaping, and recompacting the affected areas to the lines and grades indicated on the Drawings. If required by the ENGINEER, the CONTRACTOR shall proof load questionable areas with a loaded truck or other piece of equipment approved by the ENGINEER.
- C. Blue-tops shall be set to the top of base course. They shall be set by the CONTRACTOR at breaks in grade and on even grade at intervals not to exceed 50 feet, with additional stakes at vertical curves.
- D. Base course material shall be deposited and spread in a uniform layer to the required grades, and to such loose depth that when compacted to the density required, the thickness will be as indicated on the Drawings. Portions of the layer which become segregated shall be removed and replaced with a satisfactory mixture, or shall be remixed to the required gradation.
- E. The maximum compacted thickness of any one layer shall not exceed six inches, except the compacted depth of a single layer may be increased to eight inches if compaction equipment capable of delivering sufficient compactive energy, as determined by the ENGINEER, is used. If the ENGINEER requires the compacted depth to exceed six inches, and if compaction equipment capable of delivering sufficient compactive energy, as determined by the ENGINEER is not used, the base shall be constructed in two or more layers of approximately equal thickness. Each layer shall be shaped and compacted before the succeeding layer is placed.
- F. The base course shall be compacted to at least 95% of maximum density as determined by AASHTO T 180-D. In places not accessible to rolling equipment, the mixture shall be compacted with hand-tamping equipment.
- G. Blading, rolling, and tamping shall continue until the surface is smooth and free from waves and irregularities. If at any time the mixture is excessively moistened, it shall be serrated by means of blade graders, harrows, or other approved equipment, until the moisture content is such that the surface can be recompacted and finished as above.
- H. The grading operations shall be conducted in a manner that will remove any quarter crowns, or other humps in the cross section of the roadway. The cutting edges of the grading blade shall be replaced if they are found to be worn beyond the tolerances specified for the roadway surface. The finished surface shall not have humps or dips between blue-topped intervals along the roadway alignment that exceed the tolerances given in the following paragraph, I.
- I. The surface of the base course, when testing using a ten foot straightedge shall not show any deviation in excess of 3/8 inch between two contact points. The finish surface shall not vary more than 1/2 inch from established grade. Additionally, the algebraic average of all deviations from established grade of the finish base course surface elevations taken at 50-foot intervals shall be less than 0.02 foot.
- J. The initial density at any location will be paid for by the OWNER. If the initial test shows that the material compaction is not as specified, the CONTRACTOR shall modify the compaction methods used, as approved by the ENGINEER, and have the material

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retested until the tests show that the compaction meets the Specification requirements. All tests, after the initial test at any given location, shall be paid for by the CONTRACTOR.

END OF SECTION