

ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS

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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION JOINTS BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES

- 1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this directive is to establish a uniform policy concerning construction joints.
- 2. SCOPE:** This directive outlines the acceptable methods used to deviate from plan requirements in the placement of construction joints.
- 3. PROCEDURE:** The designers specify construction joints at points of physical section change and the accepted practices being used in the construction industry to construct certain elements.

They will place a construction joint at a prescribed location to relieve bending or internal stressing of the member. The construction joints are placed with adequate steel lap and paid for by the Department; therefore, the contractors must consider these joints in their bidding.

On all projects, the construction joints as shown will be provided unless you have revised this joint through an approved plan change and/or special agreement. Please be governed accordingly.

Joints requested by the contractor that require splicing to better suit his operation and construction sequences are not to be paid for by the Department.
- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This directive will become effective immediately upon receipt.

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