



Standard Practice for Installing Corrugated Aluminum Structural Plate Pipe for Culverts and Sewers¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers procedures, soils, and soil placement for the proper installation of corrugated aluminum structural plate culverts and sewers in either trench or embankment installations. A typical trench installation is shown in Fig. 1, and a typical embankment (projection) installation is shown in Fig. 2. Structural plate structures as described herein are those structures factory fabricated in plate form and bolted together on site to provide the required shape, size, and length of structure. This practice applies to structures designed in accordance with Practice B790/B790M.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

B746/B746M Specification for Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Structural Plate for Field-Bolted Pipe, Pipe-Arches, and Arches

B790/B790M Practice for Structural Design of Corrugated Aluminum Pipe, Pipe-Arches, and Arches for Culverts, Storm Sewers, and Other Buried Conduits

D698 Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Character-

istics of Soil Using Standard Effort (12,400 ft-lbf/ft³ (600 kN-m/m³))

D1556 Test Method for Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by Sand-Cone Method

D1557 Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort (56,000 ft-lbf/ft³ (2,700 kN-m/m³))

D2167 Test Method for Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the Rubber Balloon Method

D2487 Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

D2937 Test Method for Density of Soil in Place by the Drive-Cylinder Method

D6938 Test Methods for In-Place Density and Water Content of Soil and Soil-Aggregate by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *arch, n*—segment of a circular shape spanning an open invert between the footings on which it rests.

3.1.2 *bedding, n*—earth or other material on which a pipe is supported.

3.1.3 *haunch, n*—portion of the pipe cross section between the maximum horizontal dimension and the top of the bedding.

3.1.4 *invert, n*—lowest point on the pipe cross section; also, the bottom portion of a pipe.

3.1.5 *pipe, n*—conduit having a full circular shape; also, in a general context, all structure shapes covered by this specification.

3.1.6 *pipe-arch, n*—pipe with an approximate semicircular crown, small-radius corners, and large-radius invert.

3.1.7 *underpass, n*—pipe with an approximate semicircular crown, large-radius sides, small-radius corners between sides and invert, and large-radius invert.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Corrugated aluminum structural plate pipe functions structurally as a flexible ring that is supported by and interacts with the compacted surrounding soil. The soil placed around the structure is thus an integral part of the structural system. It

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.