



Standard Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe, Manholes, and Precast Box Sections Using Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers joints for precast concrete pipe and box, and other sections using preformed flexible joint sealants for use in storm sewers and culverts which are not intended to operate under internal pressure, or are not subject to infiltration or exfiltration limits. Joint material used in horizontal applications is intended to prevent the flow of solids through the joint.

1.2 For precast concrete manhole sections and other vertical structures, which are subject to internal or external pressure, infiltration or exfiltration limits are not prohibited from being specified. Joints in vertical structures covered by this specification are intended mainly to prevent the flow of solids or fluids through the joint.

1.3 This specification is to be used with pipe and structures conforming in all respects to Specifications C 14, C 76, C 478, C 506, C 507, C 655, C 985, and C 1433, provided that if there is a conflict in permissible variations in dimensions, the requirements of this specification shall govern.

1.4 This specification is the companion to SI specification C 990M; therefore, no SI equivalents are shown in this specification.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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.*

NOTE 1—This specification covers the material and performance of the joint and sealant only. Infiltration and exfiltration quantities for installed sections are dependent on factors other than the joints which must be covered by other specifications and suitable testing of the installed pipeline.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C 14 Specification for Concrete Sewer, Storm Drain, and Culvert Pipe
- C 76 Specification for Reinforced Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C 478 Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections
- C 506 Specification for Reinforced Concrete Arch Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C 507 Specification for Reinforced Concrete Elliptical Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C 655 Specification for Reinforced Concrete D-Load Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C 822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products
- C 969 Practice for Infiltration and Exfiltration Acceptance Testing of Installed Precast Concrete Pipe Sewer Lines
- C 972 Test Method for Compression—Recovery of Tape Sealant
- C 985 Specification for Nonreinforced Concrete Specified Strength Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C 1433 Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers
- D 4 Test Method for Bitumen Content
- D 6 Test Method for Loss on Heating of Oil and Asphaltic Compounds
- D 36 Test Method for Softening Point of Bitumen (Ring-and-Ball Apparatus)
- D 71 Test Method for Relative Density of Solid Pitch and Asphalt (Displacement Method)
- D 92 Test Method for Flash Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup
- D 113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials
- D 217 Test Method for Cone Penetration of Lubricating Grease

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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.