

MICHIGAN  
LOCAL AGENCY  
SPECIAL PROVISION  
FOR  
**WARRANTY WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR  
HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENTS**

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**a. Description.** This special provision is for use with MICHIGAN LOCAL ROAD AGENCY SPECIAL PROVISION FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT and CONCRETE PAVEMENT WARRANTY for Local Agency projects constructing a Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement that will be warranted against defects in workmanship and materials.

Follow Section 501 of the current MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction to determine initial acceptance of a warranted project.

**b. Definitions of the Work Types as defined in this specification**

**Long Term Warranty** - This includes **New Construction / Reconstruction** and HMA placement on an approved aggregate base where the subbase and drainage have been analyzed and determined that the planned improvements meet design life requirements.

**Medium Term Warranty**– This includes **Rehabilitation** and when HMA is placed on an aggregate base, subbase, and/or drainage situation, which was not analyzed to assure that the existing materials and/or planned improvements meet the pavement’s design life requirements and the project did not include or improve the base, sub-base and/or drainage. This includes crush-shape-pave projects and other similar 3R work.

**Short Term Warranty**– This is for **Overlays** when HMA is placed on existing HMA, concrete or composite pavement.

**c. Terms of the Warranty**

**Limits of Warranted Work** - Warranted work includes all HMA placed in driving lanes in the project limits, unless otherwise indicated on project documents.

**Warranty Term** – A timeframe which begins at the Acceptance Date of Warranted Work of a completed HMA project. Multi-phased projects may have multiple “Acceptance Dates of Warranted Work.” Warranty term length is specified in Table 1

**Warranty Bond** - The Contractor shall furnish a single term bond worth 5% of the total contract or \$1,000,000 whichever is less, secured in the name of the road owner and/or the agency in charge of the project. The effective starting date of the warranty bond will be the Acceptance Date of Warranted Work. The warranty bond will be released at the end of the warranty period or upon satisfactory completion of all warranty work; whichever is later.

**Warranty Requirements** - Table 1 lists maximum allowable defect thresholds for each condition per 1/10-mile lane segments and the maximum allowable number of defective segments for each condition parameter. If the Contractor has exceeded any warranty requirement, even in non-contiguous segments, the Engineer will request warranty fixes.

Each Driving lane will be assessed separately. Any warranty work required of the Contractor to correct deficiencies for any condition, will be full-width across the entire driving lane.

**d. Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QA/QC) -** The Contractor is responsible for project quality and must provide QC testing procedures and results to the Engineer.

The Engineer will perform Quality Assurance (QA) testing, as a spot-check to determine Initial Acceptance or assess penalties if specifications are not met. QA testing does not relieve the Contractor of QC responsibilities.

**e. Corrective Actions.** Table 2 lists recommended corrective actions to outline typical acceptable treatments for the various condition parameters. The Agency will accept the listed corrective action if the action addresses the cause of the condition parameter. The Contractor may use an alternative action subject to Engineer's approval.

**Table 1: Warranty Requirements**

Condition Parameter	LONG TERM WARRANTY (INCLUDES NEW CONSTRUCTION / RECONSTRUCTION)		MEDIUM TERM WARRANTY (INCLUDES REHABILITATION CRUSH & SHAPE & PAVE)		SHORT TERM WARRANTY (INCLUDES SINGLE COURSE & MULTIPLE COURSE OVERLAY)	
	Threshold Limits Per Segment (Segment Length = 528 feet = 1/10 mile)	Max. Defective Segments Per Driving Lane-Mile	Threshold Limits Per Segment (Segment Length = 528 feet = 1/10 mile)	Max. Defective Segments Per Driving Lane-Mile	Threshold Limits Per Segment (Segment Length = 528 feet = 1/10 mile)	Max. Defective Segments Per Driving Lane-Mile (c)
Warranty period	5 years		3 years		1 year	
Transverse Cracking	3(b)	1	3(b)	2 (d)	3(a,b,d)	3 (a,d)
Open Joints & Long. cracking	10% of Segment length	1	25% of Segment length	2 (d)	25% of Segment length(a,d)	3 (a,d)
De-bonding	5% of Segment length	1	5% of Segment length	1	5% of Segment length	1
Raveling	8% of Segment length	1	8% of Segment length	1	8% of Segment length	1
Flushing	5% of Segment length	1	5% of Segment length	1	5% of Segment length	1
Rutting (d, e, f)	Ave. rut depth = 3/8 inch	1 (e)	Ave. rut depth = 3/8 inch	1 (e)	Ave. rut depth = 3/8 inch	1 (e)
Alligator or block cracking (g)	Any amount	0 (none allowed)	Any amount	0 (none allowed)	Any amount	0 (none allowed)

- a. For a single course overlay, or multiple course overlays less than 2” thick, transverse and longitudinal cracking will not be warranty conditions.
- b. For segments less than 1/10 mile in length, divide the segment length in feet by 528. Then multiply the threshold limit shown in the table by this fractional number. Round the result to the nearest whole number for the new threshold limit. In no case can the threshold limit be less than 1.  
  
The maximum allowable number of defective segments per condition for a specific driving lane is determined by multiplying the length of the specific driving lane in miles by the maximum allowable defective segments per mile as shown in the table for that condition. Round all fractional values n to the nearest whole number. In no case can the max. segments per driving lane limit be less than 1.
- c. The Engineer shall waive this requirement if it is determined the cracks are reflective cracks from the surface being overlaid.
- d. Rut-depth threshold applies to each wheel path individually.
- e. For single course overlays constructed on existing rutted pavement without first milling, wedging or otherwise fixing the existing ruts > 1/2 inch, the Engineer shall waive this requirement.
- f. The Engineer will evaluate for rutting throughout the warranty period. If rutting is found in a 1/10-mile segment, the rutting will be measured in that segment at the POB and every 132 feet thereafter.  
  
The Engineer will take rut measurements with a straight, rigid device at least 7 feet long that does not deflect from its own weight, or a wire that remains taut when extended 7 feet. The Engineer will place across the pavement, perpendicular to travel with at least one bearing point on either side of a rut. The straightedge is properly located when sliding it along its axis does not change these contact points. The Engineer will measure rut depth at the greatest distance from the bottom of the straightedge to the bottom of the paved rut.
- g. Any amount of alligator and/or block cracking is unacceptable, and must be removed and replaced as directed by the Engineer.

**Table 2: Suggested Corrective Actions**

Condition Parameter	Recommended Action
Transverse cracking	Seal, or cut/seal (per Engineer direction)
Longitudinal cracking	Seal, or cut/seal (per Engineer direction)
De-bonding	Mill, resurface affected courses
Raveling	Mill, resurface affected courses
Flushing	Mill, resurface affected courses
Rutting	Microsurface or mill/resurface (a)
Alligator or block cracking	Remove and replace (b)
Note: The actual fix approved by the Engineer may differ from these suggestions.	
a. The Engineer’s recommended action depends on rut depth.	
b. Removal and replacement will be required for any areas exhibiting alligator or block cracking to the extent and depth of the cracking.	