

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION**

IA-51 CORRUGATED METAL PIPE CONDUITS

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of furnishing and placing circular, arched or elliptical corrugated metal pipe and the necessary fittings.

2. MATERIALS

Metallic-coated steel corrugated pipe and fittings shall be zinc-coated or aluminized, Type 2, and shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A 760 and A 929 for the specified type and size of pipe. Aluminum corrugated pipe shall conform to the requirements of ASTM B 745 for the specified type and size of pipe. All pipe is subject to the following additional requirements:

- a. When polymer coating is specified, pipe, coupling bands and anti-seep collars shall be coated in accordance with ASTM A 762. All riveted joints shall be caulked as described in paragraph 6.
- b. Pipe with annular corrugations shall be furnished with caulked seams. Riveted pipe joints shall be caulked with a bituminous mastic material during fabrication to provide a watertight joint. All circumferential and longitudinal seams shall be caulked before riveting. This shall be accomplished by applying a uniform bead of the mastic compound to the inner lap surface before riveting such that when the rivets are in place, all voids are filled and a coating of mastic is between the lap surfaces. The inner surface of coupling bands shall be asphalt coated in the field prior to installation. A neoprene gasket having a minimum thickness of 3/8 inch and a minimum width of 7 inches may be used in lieu of mastic coated coupling bands.
- c. Welded or lock seams in helical corrugated pipe are considered to be watertight.
- d. When close riveted pipe is specified: (1) the pipe shall be fabricated so that the rivet spacing in the circumferential seams shall not exceed 3 inches, except that 12 rivets will be sufficient to secure the circumferential seams in 12-inch pipe, and (2) in those portions of the longitudinal seams that will be covered by the coupling bands, the rivets shall have finished flat heads or the rivets and holes shall be omitted and the seams shall be connected by welding to provide a minimum of obstruction to the seating off the coupling bands.
- e. Double riveting or double spot welding of pipe less than 42 inches in diameter may be required. If specified, the riveting or welding shall be done in the manner specified for pipe 42 inches or greater in diameter.

3. COUPLING BANDS

Coupling bands shall meet the requirements of the table below or have detailed drawings submitted for approval by the State Conservation Engineer. Coupling bands shall be of the same minimum thickness (gage) as the pipe being connected.

Description of the Band	Maximum Fill Height, Ft.	Maximum Pipe Diam., In.
24-inch wide coupling band with four 1/2-inch diam. galvanized rods with tank lugs for annular or helical corrugated metal pipe. Bands shall have a minimum lap of 3 inches.	All	All
Hugger band from Armco Steel Corp. for helical corrugated metal pipe with reformed ends and for annular corrugated pipe. Bands include O-ring gaskets and two 1/2-inch diam. galvanized rods and lugs. ¹	35	48
Hugger band without rods and lugs but including O-ring gaskets. ¹	20	24
Angles riveted or welded to a coupling band and drawn tight with bolts. Bands shall be a minimum of 7 corrugations wide and have a minimum lap of 2 inches.	35	15
Flanged couplings for helical corrugated pipe welded to the ends of the pipe and field assembled by a minimum of 3/8-inch diam. bolts. A joint sealer shall be placed between the flanges to ensure water tightness.	35	12

¹ Use is limited to sites where soft foundation and conduit elongation is not anticipated.

4. FABRICATION

Fabrication of all appurtenances shall be done as shown on the drawings. All appurtenances shall be made of metallic-coated steel when corrugated steel pipe is used and aluminum when used with aluminum pipe. Dissimilar metals shall not be installed in contact with each other.

5. REPAIR OF DAMAGED COATINGS

The Contractor shall place the pipe without damaging the pipe or coatings. The pipe shall be transported and handled in a manner to prevent damage to the pipe or coating.

Breaks, scuffs, or other damage to the various coatings shall be repaired as follows:

- A. Metallic Coating - by thoroughly wire brushing the damaged area and cleaning with solvent, and then painting two coats of one of the following paints:
 - (1) Zinc Dust - Zinc Oxide Primer conforming to ASTM D 79 and D 520.
 - (2) Singles package, moisture cured urethane prime in silver metallic color.
 - (3) Zinc-rich cold galvanized compound, brush, or aerosol applications.
- B. Polymer Coating - apply two coats of polymer material similar to and compatible with the durability, adhesion and appearance of the original polymer coating. The repair coating shall be a minimum thickness of 0.010 (10 mils) after drying and shall bond securely to the pipe.

6. LAYING AND BEDDING THE PIPE

The pipe shall be laid to the line and grade shown on the drawings and shall be firmly and uniformly bedded throughout its entire length. Details of the bedding are as shown on the drawings.

The pipe shall be laid with the outside laps of circumferential joints pointing upstream and with longitudinal laps on the sides at approximately the vertical mid-height of the pipe. Field welding of corrugated galvanized steel pipe will not be permitted. The pipe sections shall be joined with coupling bands.

7. BACKFILLING

Special care shall be taken during backfill operations not to disturb the grade and alignment. The pipe shall be tied down or loaded sufficiently during backfilling around the sides to prevent its being lifted from the bedding.

Backfill material shall have sufficient moisture so that optimum compaction can be obtained. Backfill around the pipe shall be placed in layers not more than 4 inches thick before compaction.

Each layer of backfill shall be compacted with power tampers, hand tampers, or plate vibrators to the same density requirements as specified for the adjacent embankment. Backfill over and around the pipe shall be brought up uniformly on all sides. The passage of earth moving equipment will not be allowed over the pipe until backfill has been placed above the top of the pipe surface to a depth of two (2) feet.

8. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS