

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
SPECIAL PROVISION**

Section 550—Storm Drain Pipe, Pipe-Arch Culverts, and Side Drain Pipe

Delete Section 550 and Substitute the following:

550.1 General Description

This work includes furnishing and installing the following:

- Storm drain pipe
- Pipe-arch and elliptical culverts
- Side drain pipe flared end sections
- Tapered pipe inlets

Install structures according to the Specifications and the details shown on the Plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

550.1.01 Definitions

Side Drain – All driveway pipe (commercial, non-commercial, residential, utility, farm, logging, and mining).

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.1.02 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

[Section 205—Roadway Excavation](#)

[Section 207—Excavation and Backfill for Minor Structures](#)

[Section 208—Embankments](#)

[Section 645—Repair of Galvanized Coatings](#)

[Section 815—Graded Aggregate](#)

[Section 834—Masonry Materials](#)

[Section 840—Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe](#)

[Section 841—Iron Pipe](#)

[Section 843—Concrete Pipe](#)

[Section 844—Steel Pipe](#)

[Section 845—Smooth Lined Corrugated High Density Polyethylene \(HDPE\) Culvert Pipe](#)

[Section 846—Polyvinyl chloride \(PVC\) Drain Pipe](#)

[Section 847—Miscellaneous Pipe](#)

[Section 848—Pipe Appurtenances](#)

B. Referenced Documents

General Provisions 101 through 150.

GDOT Manual on Drainage Design for Highways

Ga. Std. 1030D

Ga. Std. 1030P

GDT 136

550.1.03 Submittals

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.2 Materials

Ensure materials meet the requirements of the following Specifications:

Material	Section
Backfill Materials	207
Graded Aggregate	815
Reinforced Concrete Pipe	843.2.01
Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe	843.2.02
Mortar And Grout	834.2.03
Bituminous Plastic Cement	848.2.05
Rubber Type Gasket Joints (Concrete Pipe)	848.2.01
Preformed Plastic Gaskets	848.2.06
Corrugated Steel Pipe	844.2.01
Bituminous Coated Corrugated Steel Pipe	844.2.02
Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe	840.2.01
Bituminous Coated Corrugated Aluminum Pipe	840.2.03
Aluminized Type 2 Corrugated Steel Pipe	844.2.06
Ductile Iron Pipe, Fittings and Joints	841
Precoated, Galvanized Steel Culverts	844.2.05
Smooth Lined Corrugated High Density (HDPE) Polyethylene Culvert Pipe	845.2.01
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Profile Wall Drain Pipe	846.2.01
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Corrugated Smooth Interior Drain Pipe	846.2.02
Miscellaneous Pipe	847

Use any of the following types of pipe:

- Reinforced concrete
- Nonreinforced concrete
- Corrugated steel or Aluminum
- Smooth-lined corrugated high density polyethylene (HDPE)
- Ductile iron
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Profile Wall Drain Pipe
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Corrugated Smooth Interior Drain Pipe

Use the type of pipe designated on the Plans, or acceptable alternate types when applicable. For a display of acceptable alternate pipe types see Selection Guideline for Culvert, Slope and Underdrain Pipe in Chapter 10 – Material Selection of the Department’s Manual on Drainage Design for Highways. This document summarizes general applications for pipe.

For concrete, corrugated steel and aluminum pipes see Ga. Std. 1030D for minimum thicknesses, minimum cover, maximum fill, allowable pipe diameters and trench construction detail.

For HDPE and PVC pipes see Ga. Std. 1030P for minimum cover, maximum fill, allowable pipe diameters and trench construction details.

550.2.01 Delivery, Storage, and Handling

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3 Construction Requirements

550.3.01 Personnel

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.02 Equipment

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.03 Preparation and Backfill

Before installing pipe, shape the foundation material as shown on the Plans.

Prepare structure excavations and foundation according to [Section 207](#). Except, use the following backfill material requirements for HDPE and PVC pipe.

1. For cross drain applications use graded aggregate material meeting Subsection 815.2.01.
2. For Longitudinal and side drain applications use Class II B2 soil or better per Subsection 810.2.01, if Class II B2 or better is not available use material conforming to Subsection 550.3.03.1.

550.3.04 Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.3.05 Construction

A. Drainage

Provide necessary temporary drainage. Periodically remove any debris or silt constricting the pipe flow to maintain drainage throughout the life of the Contract.

B. Damage

Protect the structure by providing sufficient depth and width of compacted backfill before allowing construction over a culvert. Repair damage or displacement from traffic or erosion occurring after installing and backfilling at no additional cost to the Department.

C. Installation

Check vertical and horizontal alignment of the pipe culvert or storm drain pipe barrel by sighting along the crown, invert and sides of the pipe, and by checking for sagging, faulting and invert heaving. Repair any issues involving incorrect horizontal and/or vertical alignment before backfilling pipe.

1. Concrete Pipe

Lay sections in a prepared trench with the socket ends pointing upstream. Join section using either rubber gasket or preformed flexible sealant, installed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

2. Ductile Iron Pipe

Lay pipe sections in a prepared trench, with bells pointing upstream. Construct joints according to [Subsection 841.2.02.A](#).

3. Corrugated Aluminum or Steel Pipe and Pipe-Arches

Lay pipe sections in a prepared trench, with outside laps of circumferential joints pointing upstream and longitudinal joints at the sides. Join the sections with coupling bands, fastened by two or more bolts. Before backfilling the structure:

- a. Repair exposed base metal in metal coating according to [Section 645](#).
 - b. Recoat exposed base metal in bituminous coating with asphalt.
4. Smooth-Lined Corrugated HDPE Pipe
Install smooth-lined corrugated HDPE pipe according to ASTM D 2321. Use fitting and couplings that comply with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II. Ensure all joints are “silt tight” as stated in the AASHTO bridge specifications.
 5. Specials (Wyes, Tees, and Bends)
Install wyes, tees, and bends as shown on the Plans or as directed.
 6. Tapered Pipe Inlets
Locate and install tapered pipe inlet end sections as shown on the Plans or as directed.
 7. Elongation
Elongate metal pipe as shown on the Plans. Order the elongation of the vertical axis of the pipe to be done in the shop.
Ensure the manufacturer ship metal pipe with wire ties in the pipe ends. Remove wire-ties immediately after completing the fill.
 8. Flared End Sections
Use flared end sections on the inlet, outlet, or on both ends of storm drain pipe, according to Plan details.
 9. PVC Drain Pipe
Install polyvinyl chloride (PVC) drain pipe according to ASTM D 2321. Use fittings and couplings complying with the joint performance criteria of AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Division II. Ensure all joints are “silt tight” as stated in the AASHTO bridge specifications.

550.3.06 Quality Acceptance

A. Post Installation Inspection

For projects located on the State Route system, including interstates, inspect 100% of pipe under the roadbed, 100% of pipe in a closed drainage system and a minimum of 10.0 % of all other locations except in side drain application which are short enough to inspect from each end of the pipe. Conduct post installation inspections in accordance with the requirements of this Specification and GDT 136.

Before post installation inspection, dewater installed pipe (if necessary) and provide the Engineer with a post installation inspection schedule. Notify the Engineer at least seven days in advance of beginning inspection. Perform post installation inspections once compacted backfill has reached a depth of 8 feet or after completion of the pipe installation and final cover, which includes the embankment and all non-asphalt bases and/or subgrades. Notify the Engineer of problems found during the inspection. The Engineer will determine if corrective action is necessary.

Perform post installation inspection with the use of low barrel distortion video equipment with laser profile technology, non-contact video micrometer and associated software.

Video and laser profiling and measurement technology must be certified by the company performing the work to meet the requirements of GDT 136. Inspection contractor personnel completing remote inspections shall be NASSCO – PACP Certified Technicians.

For video recorded, laser profiled pipe indicating deflection is in excess of Specification requirements, the Contractor may elect to further test the pipe with the use of a mandrel. Ensure mandrel meets requirements of GDT 136 and the Engineer has approved before use. Pull the mandrel by hand.

Manual post installation inspection allowed for pipe diameters greater than 48 inches per Subsection 550.3.06.B.

Re-inspect 100% of pipe remediation locations or where replacement was required.

B. Manual Post Installation Inspections

Perform a manual inspection by entering the pipe structure to record video and to make measurements. For all pipe structures considered a confined space, provide entry for all project inspection personnel according to OSHA requirements. Furnish a video recording of each inspection. On the recording, identify the date and time of the

inspection, a description of the pipe structure, location, and viewing direction. Record the entire run of pipe. Provide a light source which allows observation of all areas of concern on the video recording. Furnish the video recording in a digital, reproducible format on one of the following media types: DVD or CD.

Measure the deflection of the pipe using either a metal or fabric tape and read to the nearest 0.5 inch (10 mm). Measure crack width using either a crack comparator or a feeler gage capable of measuring 0.01 inch (0.25 mm). Measure joint gaps using a tape or ruler and read to the nearest 0.5 inch (10 mm). Other measuring devices may be used if approved by the Engineer.

Record the measurements and include them in the inspection report. Measure and record the following:

1. The location, length and greatest width of each crack.
2. Smallest inside diameter three times for each pipe section in the run. Take the first measurement vertically from the crown to invert (12 o'clock to 6 o'clock positions). Take the second measurement by rotating 60 degrees from vertical (2 o'clock to 8 o'clock positions). Take the third measurement by rotating 120 degrees from vertical (4 o'clock to 10 o'clock positions). For all measurements, stretch tape to full extent across inside of pipe.
3. Widest gap at each joint in the run.

Record the location and describe other defects not listed above. For each measurement location in a pipe, record the length from the nearest drainage structure.

C. Inspection Report

Submit inspection report to the Engineer after completion of the required post installation inspection. Ensure inspection report meets the requirements of this Specification and GDT 136.

D. Requirements for Concrete Pipe:

1. Joints: Note differential movement, cracks, spalling, improper gasket placement, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Repair or replace pipe sections to the satisfaction of the Engineer where joint separation is greater than one inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.
2. Longitudinal and Transverse Cracks: Cracks with a width less than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) are considered hairline and minor and only need to be noted in the inspection report, no corrective action is necessary. When cracks are wider than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) and extend for a length of 12 inch (300 mm) or more, regardless of position in the wall of the pipe, measure the width, length, and locations of the cracks and diameter of the pipe, both horizontally and vertically, use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer that takes into consideration structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe.

Seal by a method approved by the Engineer cracks having widths equal to or greater than 0.01 inch (0.25mm) that extend for a length of 12 inch (300 mm) or more and determined to be detrimental. Remediate or replace pipe with cracks widths greater than 0.1 inch (2.5 mm) and determined by the Engineer to be beyond satisfactory structural repair. Repair or replace pipes having displacement across the crack.

E. Requirements for Smooth-Lined Corrugated HDPE & PVC Drain Pipe

1. Joints: Remediate pipe showing evidence of crushing at the joints. Note differential movement, improper joint sealing, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Remediate joint separation of greater than 1 inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.
2. Cracks: Remediate cracks or splits in the interior wall of the pipe. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.
3. Buckling, bulging, and racking: Note in the inspection report flat spots or dents at the crown, sides or flowline of the pipe due to racking. Note areas of wall buckling and bulging in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if corrective action is necessary.
4. Deflection: Where pipe deflection exceeds 5% of the nominal diameter, submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer taking into consideration the severity of the deflection, structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the deflection could be problematic or where pipe deflection exceeds 7.5% of the nominal diameter.

F. Requirements for Corrugated Aluminum or Coated Steel Pipe

1. Joints: Remediate pipe showing evidence of crushing at the joints. Note differential movement, improper joint sealing, movement or settlement of pipe sections, and leakage in the inspection report. Remediate joint separation of greater than 1 inch. Repair or replace pipe sections where soil migration through the joint is occurring.
2. Cracks: Remediate cracks or splits in the interior wall of the pipe. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.
3. Buckling, bulging, and racking: Note flat spots or dents at the crown, sides or flowline of the pipe due to racking in the inspection report. Note areas of wall buckling and bulging in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if an additional evaluation by a Professional Engineer is required. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the damaged section could be problematic.
4. Deflection: Where pipe deflection exceeds 5% of the nominal diameter, submit to the Engineer for review and approval an evaluation utilizing a Professional Engineer that takes into consideration the severity of the deflection, structural integrity, environmental conditions, and the design service life of the pipe. Remediate or replace pipe where the evaluation finds the deflection could be problematic or where pipe deflection exceeds 7.5% of the nominal diameter.
5. Coating: Note areas of the pipe where the original coating has been scratched, scoured or peeled in the inspection report. The Engineer will determine if repair is necessary. Use remediation methods in accordance with recommendations of the pipe manufacturer and accepted and authorized by the Engineer.

550.3.07 Contractor Warranty and Maintenance

General Provisions 101 through 150.

550.4 Measurement

A. Excavation and Backfill

Backfill materials types II and III are measured according to [Subsection 207.4, "Measurement."](#)

B. Flat Bottom and Circular Pipe (All Types)

The overall length of pipe installed, excluding tapered inlets, is measured in linear feet (meters), along the central axis of the diameter of the pipe. Wyes, tees, and bends are included in this measurement.

C. Pipe-Arches

The overall length of pipe-arch installed is measured in linear feet (meters), along the bottom center line of the pipe.

D. Multiple Installations

In multiple installations, each single line of culvert structure is measured separately.

E. Tapered Pipe Inlets

Tapered pipe inlet sections are measured as a unit; do not include them in the overall length of the pipe.

F. Flared-End Sections

Flared-end sections are measured separately by the unit and not included in the overall pipe length.

G. Smooth-Flow Pipe

Smooth-flow pipe is measured by the linear foot (meter) along the pipe invert.

H. Elliptical Pipe

Elliptical pipe is measured in linear feet (meters) along the bottom center line of the pipe.

I. Post Installation Inspection

No measurement will be made for post installation inspection.

550.4.01 Limits

Excavation and normal backfill are not measured for payment.

550.5 Payment

A. Backfill

Backfill will be paid for according to [Section 207](#).

B. Pipe Installations

Pipe installations complete in place and accepted will be paid for at the Contract Price for each item.

This payment is full compensation for excavating, furnishing, and hauling materials; installing, cutting pipe where necessary; repairing or replacing damaged sections; post installation inspection, making necessary connections; strutting, elongating, providing temporary drainage; joining an extension to an existing structure where required; and removing, disposing of, or using excavated material as directed by the Engineer.

1. Smooth Flow Pipe

The quantity of each diameter and steel thickness of smooth flow pipe as measured will be paid for at the Contract Unit Price per linear foot (meter) bid for the various sizes. Payment is full compensation for furnishing labor, materials, tools, O-ring mechanical joints, equipment, and incidentals to complete this Item, including removing and disposing excavation material.

2. Flared-End Sections

Flared-end sections, measured as specified above, will be paid for at the Contract Unit Price for each section of the specified size.

Payment will also include sawing, removing, and replacing existing pavement removed to install a new drainage structure.

C. Post Installation Inspection

No separate payment will be made for this work. Include the cost in the bid submitted for this pay item.

Payment for this item is made as follows:

One hundred percent of the Contract Price bid per linear foot (meter) is paid when the pipe is installed per the specifications including the required material documentation. The Contract Price is paid before post installation inspection.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 550	Storm drain pipe ___ in (mm), H=___	Per linear foot (meter)
Item No. 550	Side drain pipe ___ in (mm), H=___	Per linear foot (meter)
Item No. 550	Pipe arch (span) ___in (mm) x (rise) ___in(mm)	Per linear foot (meter)
Item No. 550	Tapered pipe inlet ___ in (mm),	Per each
Item No. 550	Flared-end section ___ in (mm),	Per each
Item No. 550	Elliptical pipe ___ in (mm) wide x ___ in (mm) high	Per linear foot (meter)

550.5.01 Adjustments

Excavation will not be paid for separately, but the other provisions of [Section 205](#) and [Section 208](#) shall govern.