



# SUGGESTED MASTER SPECIFICATION

## Armor-Edge® All Steel Joint Assembly

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Products supplied under this section: Armor-Edge® All Steel joint assembly for formed construction joints.
- B. Related sections:
  - 1. Section 03100 - Concrete forms and accessories.
  - 2. Section 03200 - Concrete reinforcement.
  - 3. Section 03300 - Cast-in-place concrete.

#### 1.2 REFERENCES

- A. American Concrete Institute (ACI);
  - 1. ACI 315R-15 Detailing Manual (SP-66)
  - 2. ACI 302.1R-15 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM): A108 Standard Specifications for Carbon Structural Steel.

#### 1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product data: Manufacturer's product data with application and installation instructions for proprietary materials and items, including but not limited to joint protection systems.
- B. Shop drawings: Indicate placement of Armor-Edge® All Steel Joint.
  - 1. Indicate dimensions and spacings.
  - 2. Comply with ACI 302.1R-15 (SP-66) and PNA installation guides indicating arrangement of armored joint accessories.

#### 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Pre-construction meeting:
  - 1. Convene a pre-construction meeting before installation of PNA products. Require attendance of parties affecting the work of this section, including Contractor, Engineer, and installers.
  - 2. Review installation procedures and coordinate with other work.

#### 1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver Armor-Edge® All Steel joint assemblies in manufacturer's packaging.
- B. Deliver and handle materials to prevent damage or weakening to assemblies.
- C. Store in an appropriate place to avoid accumulating rust, debris, or deleterious materials on assemblies. Store off ground and under cover.



## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Acceptable manufacturer: PNA Construction Technologies, [www.pna-inc.com](http://www.pna-inc.com); 800-542-0214.

### 2.2 ARMORED JOINT ASSEMBLIES FOR FORMED CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

- A. Acceptable product: PNA Armor-Edge® All Steel Joint Assembly.
- B. Material:
  - 1. Bars: Saw cut from cold rolled steel bar meeting ASTM A108-03 grade 1018 to within 3/16" of specified length.
  - 2. Steel form
  - 3. Shipping nut assembly to ensure alignment of armored joint assembly shall contain a nylon nut, bolt and ferrule.
- C. Fabrication:
  - 1. Bolted 2 – 1 1/2" by 3/8" steel bars back-to-back with a 4" offset and drilled holes to hold two plates in perfect alignment together at 2' spacing with shipping nut assembly.
  - 2. Used mounting bracket for installation only.
  - 3. Welded 4" by 3/8" headed studs at 9" on center to steel bars.
  - 4. Assembly length: 12'-0" with 4" offset

### 2.3 DIAMOND SHAPED LOAD PLATE FOR CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

- A. Acceptable product: PNA Diamond Dowel® System.
- B. Material:
  - 1. Diamond shaped load plate: 1/4" and 3/8" saw cut from hot rolled steel plate meeting ASTM A36. 3/4" saw cut from cold rolled steel plate for acceptable tolerances meeting ASTM A108-03 grade 1018.
  - 2. Pocket former: High Impact Polystyrene with internal collapsible fins and spacer that hold diamond shaped load plate in correct position and creates a void to its vertical faces. This void, in addition to its tapered shape, shall allow for differential movement and shall prevent horizontal stress accumulation at joint, thus reducing likelihood of random cracking.

REFER TO ACI 302.1R-15 FOR SELECTION OF PLATE SIZE AND SPACING.

- 3. Dimensions of plate: \*\* 1/4" by 4-1/2" by 4-1/2". \*\* 3/8" by 4-1/2" by 4-1/2". \*\* 3/4" by 4-1/2" by 4-1/2". \*\* (Fill in appropriate dimensions) \*\*

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Notify Engineer at least 72 hours prior to placing armor joint assemblies to allow time for examination of accessories. Place no concrete in forms without Engineer's acceptance of accessories.



## 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation of armored edge joint assembly:
1. Set joint assembly to the correct line of the construction joint and stake down.
  2. Insert wooden nailing blocks into the setting bracket behind the nail stakes. For long runs, join joint assembly at overlap using provided nylon nuts and bolts.
  2. Check assembly for correct line and elevation. Adjust with wooden wedges, if needed.
  3. Place and finish first slab. Use internal vibration to consolidate concrete under Diamond Dowel® pocket former in accordance with industry standards. Remove concrete paste from top of bars during finishing.
  4. Insert Diamond Dowel® plate into slot created by Diamond Dowel® pocket former. Center the corner of the plate in the middle of the label and push straight through the label. Do not hammer, or use excessive pounding force, to insert Diamond Dowel® plate. Diamond Dowel® plate should be inserted within 24 hours of concrete placement.
  5. Remove nail stakes, wooden nailing blocks, and wedges.
  6. Place and finish second slab. Use internal vibration to consolidate concrete under plate in accordance with industry guidelines. Remove concrete paste from bars during finishing. Threads of nylon nut will strip when concrete contracts.
  7. Fill joints as outlined in the project specification.

## 3.3 PROTECTION

- A. Protect Armor-Edge® All Steel joint assemblies from displacement and from damage until concrete casting is complete.

**END OF SECTION**