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### SECTION 05 05 20

#### POST-INSTALLED CONCRETE AND MASONRY ANCHORS 05/22, CHG 1: 08/24

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NOTE: This specification covers the requirements for post-installed concrete and masonry anchors.

Adhere to UFC 1-300-02 Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

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NOTE: Show the following information on the project drawings:

Anchor type, diameter, effective embedment, spacing, critical edge distances used in the design. Proof load and/or capacity should be shown on the drawings or edited into this specification. Horizontal, inclined, or overhead anchors supporting sustained tension loads should be identified on the drawings for additional installer qualifications and QA/QC requirements.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

#### AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE (ACI)

- |           |                                                                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACI 355.2 | (2007) Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary           |
| ACI 355.4 | (2011) Qualification of Post-Installed Adhesive Anchors in Concrete (ACI 355.4) and Commentary |

#### ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ASTM A36/A36M   | (2019) Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel                                                                                                |
| ASTM A153/A153M | (2023) Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware                                                                      |
| ASTM A193/A193M | (2024a) Standard Specification for Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High-Temperature Service and Other Special Purpose Applications |
| ASTM A615/A615M | (2024) Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement                                                        |
| ASTM E488/E488M | (2022) Standard Test Methods for Strength of Anchors in Concrete Elements                                                                                |

ASTM F1554 (2020) Standard Specification for Anchor Bolts, Steel, 36, 55, and 105-ksi Yield Strength

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC)

ICC IBC (2024) International Building Code

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

EM 385-1-1 (2024) Safety -- Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Requirements

## 1.2 APPLICABILITY

This guide specification covers the requirements for all anchors that are post-installed into hardened concrete, concrete masonry, or brick. This guide specification does not cover through bolts, powder or pneumatic actuated nails, or cast in anchors. Refer to Section 05 50 13 MISCELLANEOUS METAL FABRICATIONS for requirements of through bolts, powder or pneumatic actuated nails, or cast in anchors.

## 1.3 DEFINITIONS

### 1.3.1 Anchor

"Anchor" includes steel elements post-installed into hardened concrete, concrete masonry, or brick and used to transmit applied loads.

### 1.3.2 Periodic Special Inspections

"Periodic Special Inspection" as used herein means that, as a minimum, the Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector must perform inspections in accordance with this specification.

### 1.3.3 Continuous Special Inspections

"Continuous Special Inspection" as used herein means that the Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector observes the drilling and cleaning of holes, the injection of adhesive into the holes, and the insertion of anchors into the holes. When applicable for the type of installation, or as indicated in the project drawings, "Continuous Special Inspection" also includes observation of measures to secure the anchor during the adhesive curing period.

## 1.4 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list, and corresponding submittal items in the text, to reflect only the submittals required for the project. The Guide Specification technical editors have classified those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item

if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For Army projects, fill in the empty brackets following the "G" classification, with a code of up to three characters to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy and Air Force projects.

The "S" classification indicates submittals required as proof of compliance for sustainability Guiding Principles Validation or Third Party Certification and as described in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for Contractor Quality Control approval. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

Installer Qualifications; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector Qualifications; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

#### SD-03 Product Data

Mechanical Anchors in Concrete; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Adhesive Anchor System in Concrete; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Mechanical and Adhesive Anchors in Masonry; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Non-Shrink, Non-Metallic Grout; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

#### SD-06 Test Reports

Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspections Report; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

#### SD-07 Certificates

Post-Installed Anchor Certification; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

#### SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

Non-Shrink, Non-Metallic Grout; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

## Manufacturer's Safety Data Sheets

### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Perform all work in accordance with [EM 385-1-1](#) and all manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. To protect personnel from overexposure to toxic materials, conform to the applicable [manufacturer's Safety Data Sheets](#) (SDS) or local regulation. Submit the SDS for epoxies and other potentially hazardous materials.

#### 1.5.1 Qualifications

The submittals must identify individuals who will be working on this contract and their relevant experience and training. Do not make changes in approved personnel without prior approval of the Contracting Officer.

##### 1.5.1.1 [Installer Qualifications](#)

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**NOTE: Installation of post-installed anchors must be performed by personnel certified by an applicable certification program (such as ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installer), or equivalent instruction program through the manufacturer or manufacturer's representative. The acceptability of certification other than the ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installer Certification is the responsibility of the licensed design professional.**  
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Each worker engaged in the installation of post-installed anchors must have satisfactorily completed an applicable certification program or equivalent instruction program through the manufacturer or manufacturer's representative for all anchoring products they will install. A manufacturer's representative must train all installers per the installation instructions as listed in the ICC-ES Evaluation Report for the anchor being installed. Training must consist of a review and performance test of the complete installation process, including but not limited to:

- (1) Hole drilling procedure
- (2) Hole preparation & cleaning technique
- [ (3) Adhesive injection technique & dispenser training / maintenance
- ][ (4) Anchor/threaded rod preparation and installation
- ][ (5) Rebar dowel preparation and installation
- ][ (6) Proof loading/torquing
- ][ (7) Installation in horizontal and upward orientations
- ] Submit certification for each worker showing that they have completed the above training within three years prior to onsite work. Certification must include organization or manufacturer's name, instructor's name and qualifications, trainee's name, list of instruction received, date of

instruction, and confirmation of successful performance tests.

#### 1.5.1.2 Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector Qualifications

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NOTE: While inspector certification programs have been developed (such as ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installation Inspector), these programs are not readily available. At a minimum, the inspectors must have training as post-installed anchor installers and have sufficient relevant experience as an inspector.  
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The Contractor must retain the services of a third party Special Inspector independent of the installing contractor and manufacturer. The individual(s) who perform special inspections for post-installed anchors must meet all Installer Qualification requirements and have a minimum of [1][3][5] year[s] of experience as a Special Inspector on previous projects involving similar scope of work. Submit resumes, pertinent information, past experience, and training.

### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

#### 1.6.1 Packing, Shipping, Handling, and Unloading

Deliver products to job site in manufacturer's or distributor's original packaging undamaged, complete with installation instructions. Inspect materials delivered to site for damage. Unload and store with minimal handling.

#### 1.6.2 Storage

Protect, store, and handle materials in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations to prevent damage or deterioration. Do not allow chemical materials to freeze. Remove materials that have not be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, including expired materials, from the job site.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

#### 2.1.1 Post-Installed Anchors

Provide anchors of the type, effective embedment, and diameter indicated on contract drawings. Minimum spacing and concrete edge distances must be as shown on contract drawings. Design values listed must be as tested according to [ASTM E488/E488M](#) for the substrate type, substrate moisture condition, concrete aggregate type (normal weight or lightweight concrete), and concrete/masonry strength. Minimum [allowable strength][ultimate strength] tension and shear values must be as indicated on contract drawings. If more than one type of anchor is to be used on a project, clearly indicate on the submittal where each type of anchor will be used.

##### 2.1.1.1 Post-Installed Anchor Certification

Submit product information with recommended design values and physical

characteristics for each type anchor shown on the drawings.

Provide certified test reports showing compliance with specified performance characteristics and physical properties. Anchors must have one of the following certifications:

- (1) ICC-ES Evaluation Report indicating conformance with current applicable ICC ES Acceptance Criteria
- (2) Third party Evaluation Report in conformance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4, as applicable. Third party must be accredited under ISO/IEC 17025 by a recognized accreditation body conforming to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 in accordance with ACI 355.4."

#### 2.1.1.2 Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions

Submit manufacturer's instructions for each anchor type shown on the drawings.

#### 2.1.1.3 Mechanical Anchors in Concrete

Anchors must have been tested and qualified for performance in cracked and uncracked concrete in accordance with ACI 355.2.

Anchors must be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153/A153M or stainless steel in accordance with ASTM A193/A193M unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2.1.1.4 Adhesive Anchor System in Concrete

Use an adhesive to bond steel anchors to concrete. The adhesive must be a moisture insensitive, structural adhesive. Anchors must have been tested and qualified for performance in cracked and uncracked concrete, horizontal and overhead applications, and long term creep in accordance with ACI 355.4.

Threaded rod anchors must meet the requirements of [ASTM F1554 Grade [36][55][105]][ASTM A36/A36M][ASTM A193/A193M Grade B7][\_\_\_\_\_]. Threaded rods must be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153/A153M or stainless steel in accordance with ASTM A193/A193M unless otherwise indicated. Reinforcing bars must meet the requirements of ASTM A615/A615M Grade [60][75][100].

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NOTE: The temperature ranges listed in the below sentence, and anchor sizes and bond strengths listed in the below table, should be modified for your specific project as stated in the ICC-ES Evaluation Report used in your calculations. It is recommended that you research the temperatures ranges and bond strength capacities listed in multiple manufacturer's ICC-ES Evaluation Reports and include a range of acceptable values. This will allow flexibility based on product availability. Recommend deleting anchor sizes not used on your specific project.

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Adhesive anchors must have the below characteristic bond strengths for uncracked and cracked concrete in [\_\_\_\_\_] MPa [\_\_\_\_\_] psi concrete with

maximum short term temperatures of [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees C [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees F and maximum long term temperatures of [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees C [\_\_\_\_\_] degrees F:

ANCHOR	Tau,uncr (characteristic bond strength, uncracked concrete)	Tau,cr (characteristic bond strength, cracked concrete)
	(psi)	(psi)
[_____] " diameter threaded rod]	[_____]	[_____]
[#____ reinforcing bar]	[_____]	[_____]

#### 2.1.1.5 Mechanical and Adhesive Anchors in Masonry

Anchors must have been tested and qualified, by a third party, specifically for performance in [hollow concrete masonry][filled concrete masonry][brick] to match the project's actual base material.

Adhesives must be moisture insensitive, low creep, structural adhesive. Threaded rods must meet the requirements of [ASTM F1554 Grade 36][55][105]][ASTM A36/A36M][ASTM A193/A193M Grade B7][\_\_\_\_\_].

Anchors must be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153/A153M or stainless steel in accordance with ASTM A193/A193M unless otherwise indicated.

## 2.2 EQUIPMENT

Assemble at the site of the work, sufficient equipment that is dependable, appropriate and adequate to accomplish the work specified. Maintain the equipment in good working condition.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 ANCHORING AND REINFORCING

Install anchors in accordance with the spacing and edge clearances indicated on the drawings. Anchor capacity is also highly dependent on proper installation. Follow all manufacturer and Evaluation Report installation instructions.

#### 3.1.1 Drilling and Installing Mechanical Anchors

Drill holes for anchors using drilling equipment and bits suitable for the intended purpose, in accordance with Manufacturer's published installation instructions. Diameter of holes must be as recommended by the anchor manufacturer. Unless otherwise shown on the Drawings, all holes must be drilled perpendicular to the concrete surface. Deviations more than 6 degrees from perpendicular are not acceptable. Unless otherwise specified, do not drill holes in concrete or masonry until concrete, mortar, or grout has achieved full design strength. Mechanical anchors must not be installed in concrete that is less than 7 days old.

Clean holes, install anchors and set anchors in place in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Protect threads and anchor from damage during anchor installation. Ensure proper embedment and placement in accordance with contract documents and all other work. Aim wedges away from any concrete edges that are less than 9 inches from centerline of hole.

Tighten nuts against smooth washers to the manufacturer's recommended torque, using a calibrated torque wrench. Following attainment of 10 percent of the specified torque, 100 percent of the specified torque must be reached within 7 or less complete turns of the nut. If the specified torque is not achieved within the required number of turns, the anchor must be removed and replaced unless otherwise directed by the Engineer of Record.

### 3.1.2 Drilling and Installing Adhesive Anchors

Drill holes for anchors using drilling equipment and bits suitable for the intended purpose, in accordance with Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions and Evaluation Report installation instructions. Diameter of holes must be as recommended by the anchor manufacturer. Unless otherwise shown on the drawings, all holes must be drilled perpendicular to the concrete surface. Deviations more than 10 degrees from perpendicular are not acceptable. Unless otherwise specified, do not drill holes in concrete or masonry until concrete, mortar, or grout has achieved full design strength. Adhesive anchors must not be installed in concrete that is less than 21 days old.

Clean holes, place grout, and install anchors in accordance with anchor manufacturer's recommendations. Remove excess adhesive after the anchor has been set in place. Remove spills on adjacent surfaces.[ When installing resin cartridges or capsules in submerged conditions, place properly proportioned resin material in bottom of hole using a mixing tube prior to inserting the cartridge or capsule.] Protect threads and anchor from damage during anchor installation. Ensure proper embedment and placement in accordance with contract documents and all other work. Do not disturb or load anchors before manufacturer specified cure time has elapsed.

Adhesives must be stored at temperatures prescribed by the manufacturer and must not be used beyond the expiration date.

### 3.1.3 Unused or Repairs to Drilled Holes

Any holes made for anchors that are not used must be filled with non-shrink, non metallic grout suitable for the orientation and size of hole and have a minimum compressive strength of 4000 psi. Repair must completely fill hole and be flush with existing concrete or masonry. Place in accordance with manufacturer's recommended instructions. Final anchor positions must not be within 25 mm/1 inch of repair patches.

## 3.2 EMBEDDED ITEMS

Existing reinforcing bars or other embedded items in the structure may conflict with specified anchor locations. Existing reinforcing and embedded items must not be damaged during installation of post-installed anchors.

The contractor must review the [project][as-built] drawings [and must use Radar detection systems (such as Hilti Ferrosan), X-Ray, or other appropriate means ]to accurately locate the position of [existing ]reinforcing bars and embedded items at the locations of the anchors in the field.[ Scanning method must provide enough accuracy and precision to locate the space between rebar. Structural integrity of existing concrete or masonry must not be impaired by investigating method.]

Create a template at each anchor connection location prior to fabricating holes in connection plates. Template must be made by locating existing reinforcing with an approved reinforcement detection system.

### 3.3 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

#### 3.3.1 Mechanical Anchors

For mechanical anchors, periodic special inspections are required. Inspections must be in accordance with **ICC IBC** and the Evaluation Report.

Mechanical Anchors must be inspected during installation, to verify anchor type, anchor dimensions, base material type, drill bit, hole dimensions, hole cleaning procedures, anchor spacing, edge distances, base material thickness, base material age, effective embedment, tightening torque, adherence to the manufacturer's printed installation instructions, and any additional items recommended in the Evaluation Report.

For mechanical anchors whose strength is dependent on a minimum installation torque, the [installer under the supervision of the Special Inspector][Special Inspector] must torque test the anchors with a calibrated torque wrench. Perform torque testing immediately on the first three anchors of each type and size, for each installer, and a minimum of [5][10] percent of randomly selected anchors. Anchor selection will be determined by the [Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector][Contracting Officer][Engineer of Record].

For mechanical anchors whose strength is not dependent on a minimum installation torque, the Special Inspector must perform proof loading on the first three anchors of each type and size, for each installer and a minimum of [5][10] percent of randomly selected anchors. Anchor selection will be determined by the [Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector][Contracting Officer][Engineer of Record]. Perform confined tension proof load testing in accordance with **ASTM E488/E488M**. Use incremental loading for tensile test. Maintain proof load for a minimum of 10 seconds. Consider anchors to have failed if displacement exceeds **2.5 mm 0.1 inch** D/10, where D is the nominal anchor diameter, or if any of the failure modes listed in **ASTM E488/E488M** occur.

Proof loads must be the minimum of the value shown on the Drawings, the values shown in the table below, or 50 percent of the tension capacity of the anchor:

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**NOTE: The following table should be modified for  
your specific project and the capacities and anchors  
required.**  
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ANCHOR	EFFECTIVE EMBEDMENT	CONFINED TENSION PROOF LOAD
	(inches)	(pounds)
[Concrete Screw Anchor, ____" diameter]	[_" to _" in Concrete]	[_____]
[Masonry Screw Anchor, ____" diameter]	[_" in Masonry]	[_____]

### 3.3.2 Adhesive Anchors

For adhesive anchors, periodic special inspection are required as a minimum. Where adhesive anchors are used to resist sustained tension in horizontal or upwardly inclined orientations, or where the findings of the Evaluation Report for the adhesive anchor product require it, continuous special inspection is needed. Inspections must be in accordance with **ICC IBC** and the Evaluation Report.

Adhesive anchors must be inspected during installation, to verify anchor type, anchor dimensions, base material type, base material age, drill bit, hole dimensions, hole cleaning procedures, anchor spacing, edge distances, base material thickness, effective embedment, tightening torque, adhesive mixing, filling of the hole with adhesive, adherence to the manufacturer's printed installation instructions, and any additional items recommended in the Evaluation Report.

The Special Inspector must perform proof loading on the first three anchors of each type and size, for each installer, and a minimum of [5][10] percent of randomly selected anchors. Anchor selection will be determined by the [Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector][Contracting Officer][Engineer of Record]. Perform confined tension proof load testing in accordance with **ASTM E488/E488M**. Use incremental loading for tensile test. Maintain proof load for a minimum of 10 seconds. Consider anchors to have failed if displacement exceeds **2.5 mm 0.1 inch** D/10, where D is the nominal anchor diameter, or if any of the failure modes listed in **ASTM E488/E488M** occur.

Adhesive anchors and capsule anchors must not be torque tested.

Proof loads must be the minimum of the value shown on the Drawings, the values shown in the table below, or 50 percent of the tension capacity of the anchor:

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**NOTE: The following table should be modified for your specific project and the capacities and anchors required. The proof load levels must not exceed the lesser of the required anchor strength, 50 percent of the expected peak load based on adhesive bond strength, or 80 percent of the anchor yield strength per ACI 355.4, section 13.3.4.**  
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ANCHOR	EFFECTIVE EMBEDMENT	CONFINED TENSION PROOF LOAD
	(inches)	(pounds)
[Adhesive anchor, ____" diameter rod]	[____" to ____"]	[____]
[Adhesive anchor, #____ reinforcing bar]	[____" to ____"]	[____]

### 3.3.3 Action Required from Failed Tests/Inspections

Immediately report failed anchor locations and test results to the Contracting Officer. Anchors that fail to meet proof/torque load or installation requirements must be regarded as malfunctioning. Do not re-use holes unless specifically allowed by manufacturer's published instructions and approved by the Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspector.

If any of the tested anchors fail to achieve the specified torque or proof load within the limits of the contract documents, test a minimum of two adjacent anchors for each anchor that fails.

Continuously special inspect and proof load/torque test any replacement anchors.

Fill unused anchor holes and patch failed anchor locations in accordance with this specification. Prior to performing the repair, the Contractor must submit to the Contracting Officer for approval, the proposed fill and patch materials.

Additional tests, repairs, delays, or modification of work to accommodate failed tests will be at no cost to the Government.

### 3.3.4 Post-Installed Anchor Special Inspections Report

Report the results of all inspections [daily][weekly][biweekly]. Submit report as an electronic PDF file to the Contracting Officer for review by the Engineer of Record. The report must include the following:

- (1) Exact locations of the inspected and tested work
- (2) Inspector's name
- (3) Date of inspection
- (4) Summary of work completed during the inspection period
- (5) Test results
- (6) Statement by the Special Inspector that clearly identifies the tested anchors as being acceptable or rejected.
- (7) Statement by the Special Inspector confirming that the materials and installation procedures conform with the approved contract documents and the manufacturer's published installation instructions.

#### 3.4 DUST CONTROL

Control dust resulting from demolition to prevent the spread of dust and avoid creation of a nuisance in the surrounding area. Do not use water when it will result in, or create, hazardous or objectionable conditions such as ice, flooding, or pollution.

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