FLOOR FINISHES AND PAVING

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13.2 Cement

Cement shall be ordinary Portland Cement 43 grade conforming to IS 8112.

13.2.1 White cement: White cement shall conform IS 8042 specification for white Portland cement.

13.3 Aggregates

Coarse and fine aggregates for cement concrete and granolithic concrete shall conform to IS 383.

13.3.1 Aggregates for granolithic concrete shall consist of crushed granite, basalt, trap or quartzite. The aggregate crushing value shall not exceed 30 per cent. The grading of aggregates shall be as given below
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13.3.2 Sand for mortar for laying slab/ tiles shall conform to IS 2116 as specified in Brick work.

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### 13.13 Polythene Film

Polythene film shall comply with relevant IS 2508-1984, Specification for high density polythene films. The film shall be of approved colour. The film shall be uniform in colour, texture and finish. The film shall be free from pinholes and substantially free from undispersed raw materials, streaks, particles of foreign matter and other visible defects such as holes, tears, and blisters. The edges shall be free from cracks and cuts. The laying of the film shall be done without any folding and shall have overlaps as specified.

### 13.14 GRANOLITHIC FLOORING:

#### Base Concrete:

Flooring shall be laid on base concrete or suspended slab where so provided. The base concrete shall be provided with the slopes required for the flooring. Flooring in verandah courtyard kitchens & baths shall have slope ranging from 1: 48 to 1: 60 depending upon location and as decided by the Engineer-in-Charge. Floors in water closet portion shall have slope of 1: 30 or as decided by the Engineer-in-Charge to drain off washing water. Plinth masonry off set shall be depressed so as to allow the base concrete to rest on it.

If the base is of lean cement concrete, the flooring shall be commenced preferably within 48 hours of the laying of base concrete. The surface of the base shall be roughened with steel wire brushes without disturbing the concrete. Immediately before laying the flooring, the base shall be wetted and a coat of cement slurry at 2 kg of cement spread over an area of one sqm so as to get a good bond between the base and concrete floor.

If the Granolithic flooring is to be laid directly on the RCC suspended slab, the top surface of RCC slab shall be cleaned and the laitance shall be removed and a coat of cement slurry at 2 kg of cement spread over an area of one sqm so as to get a good bond between the base and concrete floor.

#### Thickness:

The thickness of floor shall be as specified in the description of the item.

#### Laying Panels

Flooring of specified thickness shall be laid in the pattern including the border/or as given in the drawings or as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge. The border panels shall not exceed 450 mm in width and the joints in the border in line with panel joints. The panels shall be of uniform size and no dimension of a panel shall exceed 2 m and the area of a panel shall not be more than 2 sqm.

#### Laying of flooring with strips
Normally Granolithic concrete flooring shall be laid in one operation using glass/plain asbestos/aluminium/PVC/brass strips or any other strips as required as per drawing or as specified or as per instructions of the Engineer-in-Charge, at the junction of two panels. This method ensures uniformity in colour of all the panels and straightness at the junction of the panels. 4 mm thick glass strips or 5 mm thick plain asbestos sheet, 2 mm PVC strips or 2 mm aluminum or brass strips, strip width shall be equal to specified floor thickness and shall be fixed with their tops at proper level, giving required slopes. Cost of providing and fixing strips as specified in item shall be included in the quoted rate. The top of Strip shall be checked to match the required level.

**Concreting:**

Granolithic concrete shall be placed in the panels and be leveled with the help of straight edge and trowel and beaten with a wooden 'Thapy' or mason's trowel. The blows shall be fairly heavy in the beginning but as consolidation takes place, light rapid strokes shall be given. Beating shall cease as soon as the surface is found covered with a thin layer of cream of mortar. The evenness of the surface shall be tested with straight edge and made true to required slopes. While laying concrete, care shall be taken to see that the strips are not damaged/disturbed by the labourers. The tops of strips shall be visible clearly after finishing with cement slurry.

**Laying of flooring without strips:**

Laying of cement concrete flooring in alternate panels may be allowed by the Engineer-in-Charge in case strips are not to be provided.

**Shuttering:**

The panels shall be bounded by angle iron or flats. The angle iron/flat shall have the same depth as the concrete flooring. These shall be fixed in position, with their top at proper level giving required slopes. The surface of the angle iron or flats, to come in contact with concrete shall be smeared with soap solution or non-sticking oil (Form oil or raw linseed oil) before concreting. The flooring shall butt against the unplastered masonry wall.

At any cost the forms projecting above the desired thickness shall only be permitted. The top edge of the form shall be exactly at the top level of the flooring.

**Concreting:**

The concreting shall be done in the manner described under sub head Laying of flooring with strips. The angle iron/flats used for shuttering, shall be removed on the next day of the laying of cement concrete. The ends thus exposed shall be repaired, if damaged with cement mortar 1: 2 (1 cement: 2 sand) and allowed to set for minimum period of 24 hours. The alternate panels shall then be cleaned of dust, mortar, droppings etc. and concrete laid. While laying concrete, care shall be taken to see that the edges of the previously laid panels are not damaged and fresh mortar is not splashed over them. The joints between the panels should come out as fine straight lines.

**Finishing**

The finishing of the surface shall follow immediately after the cessation of beating. The surface shall be left for some time; till moisture disappears from it or surplus water can be mopped up. Use of dry cement or cement and sand mixture sprinkled on the surface to stiffen the concrete or absorb excessive moisture shall not be permitted. Excessive trowelling shall be avoided.

Fresh cement shall be mixed with water to form a thick slurry and spread at the rate of 2 kg of cement over an area of one sqm of flooring while the flooring concrete is still green. The cement slurry shall then be properly processed and finished smooth.

The edges of sunk floors shall be finished and rounded with cement mortar 1: 2 (1 cement: 2 coarse sand) and finished with a floating coat of neat cement.

The junctions of floor with wall plaster, dado or skirting shall be rounded off where so specified.

The men engaged on finishing operations shall be provided with raised wooden platform to sit on so as to
prevent damage to new work.

**Curing**

The curing shall be done for a minimum period of ten days or as directed by the consultant. Curing shall not be commenced until the top layer has hardened. Covering with empty gunnies shall be avoided as the colour of the flooring is likely to be bleached due to the remanents of cement dust from the bags.

**Precautions**

Concreting shall not be done when the temperature falls below 4°C. The concrete placed shall be protected against frost by suitable covering. Concrete damaged by frost shall be removed and work redone. During hot weather, precautions shall be taken to see that the temperature of wet concrete does not exceed 38°C. No concreting shall be laid within half an hour of the closing time of the day, unless permitted by the Engineer-in-Charge. To facilitate rounding of junction of skirting, dado and floor, the skirting/dado shall be laid along with the border or adjacent panels of floor.

**Protection Against Dampness**

The layer of boulder soling provided under the base concrete will generally serve the purpose of damp-proofing required for ordinary floors under normal conditions. However, in more severe conditions, where it is expected that the dampness may find its way on the top of the floor in the course of usage of floor, a more effective damp-proof treatment shall be given underneath the floor by either of the methods given below as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge:

- a) Laying the base concrete in two layers and painting the top of the lower layer with two coats of bitumen conforming to IS: 1580-1969 applied at the rate of 1.5 kg/m². The surface of the lower layer shall be finished smooth while laying the concrete so that bitumen can be applied uniformly. The bitumen shall be applied after the concrete has set and is sufficiently hard.

- b) Sandwiching a waterproofing membrane, such as bitumen felt conforming to IS: 1322-1965 in the base concrete laid in two layers. The surface of the lower layer shall be finished smooth while laying the concrete so as to provide an even surface and thus prevent damage to the surface of waterproofing membrane.

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**BONDED FLOOR FINISH OVER GROUND**

![Diagram of bonded floor finish](attachment:image)

A Topping Laid in Singal Layer  B Topping Laid in Two Layer.
A Topping Laid in Singal Layer        B Topping Laid in Two Layer

BONDED FLOOR FINISH OVER STRUCTURAL SLAB

Measurement

Length and breadth shall be measured before laying skirting dado or wall plaster. No deduction shall be made nor extra paid for voids not exceeding 0.20 sqm.

Deductions for ends of dissimilar materials or other articles embedded shall not be made for areas not exceeding 0.10 sqm.

The flooring done either with strips (in one operation) or without strips (in alternate panels) shall be treated as same as measured together.

Rate

The rate shall include the cost of all materials and labour involved in all the operations described above including application of cement slurry on RCC slab or on base concrete including roughening and cleaning the surface but including the cost of strips.

Nothing extra shall be paid for laying the floor at different levels in the same room or courtyard and rounding off edges of sunk floors.

In case the flooring is laid in alternate panels, nothing extra shall be paid towards the cost of shuttering used for this purpose.

13.15 Kota Stone Flooring

13.15.1 Stone Slabs

The slab shall be of selected quality, hard, sound, dense and homogeneous in texture, free from cracks, decay, weathering and flaws. They shall be hand or machine cut to the requisite thickness as indicated and they shall be of uniform colour. The slabs shall have the top (exposed) face polished before being brought to site. Before starting the work, Contractor shall get the sample of slabs approved by the Engineer-in-Charge.

13.15.2 Dressing of Slabs

Every slab shall be cut to the required size and shape and fine chisel dressed on the sides to the full depth so that a straight edge laid along the side of the stone shall be in full contact with it. The sides (edges) shall be table rubbed with coarse sand or machine rubbed before paving. All angles and edges of the slabs shall be true, square and free from chippings and the surface shall be true and plane. For staircase treads, single piece slab to full length and width of treads shall be provided. The nosing shall be rounded off and three parallel grooves ten by ten (10mm x 10mm) immediately behind the nosing edge shall be provided to avoid skidding. Square or circular holes shall be made carefully to accommodate M.S. Baluster in position.

13.15.3 Preparation of Surface and Laying
13.15.3.1 Sub-grade concrete or the RCC slab on which the slabs are to be laid shall be cleaned, wetted and mopped. The bedding for the slabs shall be with cement mortar and the thickness as indicated.

13.15.3.2 The slabs shall be laid in the following manner:-
Mortar of the specified mix shall be spread under the area of each slab, roughly to the average thickness as indicated. The slab shall be washed and cleaned before laying. It shall be laid on top, pressed, tapped with wooden mallet and brought to level with the adjoining slabs. It shall be lifted and laid aside. The top surface of the mortar shall then be corrected by adding fresh mortar at hollows. The mortar is allowed to harden a bit and cement slurry of honey like consistency shall be spread over the same at the rate of 4 kg of cement per square metre. The slab to be paved shall be lowered gently back in position bedded in level. Subsequent slabs shall be laid in the same manner and joints between adjacent slabs shall be as thin as possible and run in straight line. After each slab has been laid, surplus cement grout coming out of the joints of the slabs shall be cleaned off. The surface of the flooring as laid shall be true to levels, lines and shapes as instructed by the Engineer-in-Charge.

13.15.3.3 Slabs which are fixed in the floor adjoining the wall shall enter not less than twelve (12) mm under the plaster skirting or dado. The junction between wall plaster and the floor shall be finished neatly and without waviness..

13.15.4 Curing, Polishing and Finishing

13.15.4.1 The floor shall be kept wet for a minimum period of seven (7) days. The surface shall thereafter be ground evenly with machine fitted with fine grade blocks (No. 120). The final grinding with machine fitted with the finest grade grit blocks (No. 320) shall be carried out the day after the first grinding described above or before handing over the floor, as ordered by the Engineer-in-Charge.

13.15.4.2 For small areas or where circumstances so require, hand polishing may be permitted in lieu of machine polishing after laying. For hand polishing the following Carborundum stones shall be used.

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13.15.4.3 In all other respects, the process shall be similar as for machine polishing.

13.15.4.4 After the final polish, oxalic acid shall be dusted over the surface at the rates of thirty three (33) gms. per square metre sprinkled with water and rubbed hard with pad of wooden rags. The following day the floor shall be wiped with a moist rag and dried with a soft cloth and finished clean.

13.15.4.5 If any slab is disturbed or damaged, it shall be refitted or replaced, properly jointed and polished. The finished floor shall not sound hollow when tapped with wooden mallet.

13.16 WEAR RESISTANCE FLOORING BY USE OF VACCUM, DEWATERING METHOD AND POWER TROWELLING METHOD WITH A SKIM FLOATER:

1. Concrete shall be laid between the steel forms and a precast concrete rail acting, as a stop end and also 'rail to be used for surface vibration.

2. The concrete thus laid shall be vibrated with poker vibrator. During poker vibration, proper compaction of coarse aggregates, fine aggregates and cement shall be obtained. The surface will be then finished in level with the help of surface vibrator to give a dense level surface of concrete.

3. Vacuum dewatering method will be used to remove excess water from the laid concrete and filler pad and suction mat shall be laid on the freshly laid concrete which will not allow cement paste to flow out, and the suction pump are then started immediately to remove the excess water. The suction time normally is 20 to 30 minutes. This vacuum process will enable to remove 15 to 25 % of water content and making the
The top surface after removal of mat shall be floated with a mechanical skim floater with trowelling blade to enable the top surface to grind and give a uniform water resistance surface on top. Under no circumstances neat Cement be sprinkled directly on concrete surface to absorb bleed water as surface scaling may occur later. Similarly water should not be applied between trowelling operation as it may cause surface weakness. Minimum two passes shall be carried out. The surface shall then be watered and cured as per clause.

The vacuum dewatering process consists of leveling, compacting and vacuum dewatering the concrete flooring by using vibrating screed, vacuum pumps, suction mats, filter pads, accessories etc. The sequence of operation shall be placing of concrete, vibration, vacuum treatment and floating and the operation shall follow immediately behind each other.

The contractor shall have persons well experienced in the vacuum dewatering process, and in the operation of all related equipments. All process equipment to be used shall be in good working condition and shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

The work should be planned well in advance with a view to determine areas to be concreted daily, the required number of equipment, size of vacuum mats, length of vacuum hoses, arrangement of rails, screeds etc.

The area to be concreted shall be thoroughly cleaned, reinforced checked and got approved by the Engineer. Then the specified grade of concrete shall be placed in position without any segregation and properly vibrated.

Immediately after placement of concrete, the vibrating screed, fixed at the proper position to achieve the required specified finished level, shall be allowed to run over the concrete on a true surface to level the concrete. For better consolidation proper surcharge of concrete should be maintained in front of the leading edge of the screed and the vibrating screed shall be allowed to move forward rapidly. The concrete surface shall be screeded high by 2 of the slab's thickness to compensate for the compaction caused by the vacuum dewatering process. (Slabs which have an aggregate hardener shall have compensation made to maintain elevation.)

Immediately after leveling the concrete shall be covered with filter pads and suction mats in strict accordance with the recommendation of the, Manufacturer to' have the slab fully dewatered. The suction mat shall extend 100 mm beyond the edge of the filter pad on all sides. The pads shall extend to within 100 mm of the edges of concrete slab, and the mats shall cover entire slab. Before connecting the hose on the suction mat to the vacuum pump, the edges of the mat shall be smoothed to enable, an airtight seal to be created. A vacuum shall then be applied to the mat. After a minute the gauge on the vacuum pump should indicate a minimum vacuum of 0.70 atmospheres (24.0 in Hg) and if not, the mat must be checked for leakage. For concrete that dewaters readily the vacuum should then be maintained at 0.70-0.80 atmosphere (24.0-25.5 in Hg). For concrete which dewater less efficiently (eg. Air-entrained concrete) the vacuum shall then be reduced to 0.50-0.60 atmospheres (15.0-18.0 in Hg). After approximately 10 minutes the vacuum can then be increased to 0.80 atmospheres.

The vacuum shall be maintained for at least 3 minutes per 25 mm of concrete thickness at 0.80 atmospheres. (Where aggregate hardeners are specified, sufficient moisture shall be maintained to meet Manufacturer's requirements). The suction mats and filter pads shall then be removed and move to the next section in a leapfrog manner. The vacuum dewatering can be stopped when light footprints only are left m the concrete when stepped upon. A suitable suction time can also be checked with a Proctor-apparatus, which should show 1.5-2 Kg / sq cm. Upon removal of the suction mats and filter pads the concrete shall be power floated with out delay until all imprints from the vacuum process are removed. If crusting occurs, the floating operation must be delayed till the concrete carries the machine.

The higher speed is recommended for the floating operation. The passes with the floating disc should be made in the junction of two mats in order to avoid risk of cracking.

The waiting time after the floating operation depends on concrete temperature and humidity and varies from 10 minutes to 2 hours.

The trowelling operation cannot take place before the concrete has hardened enough to carry the machine i.e., the trowelling blades will not leave any marks on the concrete. Repeated trowelling, with intervals
between the passes, which are adapted to the setting of the concrete, greatly improves the surface characteristics. The surface will be more wear resistant and less dusty.

At least two passes are recommended for floors, which are not to be covered.

Vacuum dewatered concrete should be cured like any quality concrete in order to achieve a good final result. Use curing compounds, plastic sheets or wet burlap.

The contractor has the responsibility for achieving the quality of concrete specified by controlling the concrete mixes, placing, vacuum process, finishing and curing. The concrete technician in charge must be present at the site when work is in progress.

The contractor shall be responsible for mix adjustments, performing necessary tests, correcting deficiencies and trouble shooting in general.

The contractor shall be required to maintain control charts showing individual test results for aggregate graduation, slump, air content and compressive strength.

**Joints in Concrete floor (using sealing compound)**

**General**
Joints shall be of the types and dimensions as indicated and shall be located as indicated.

**Dummy Joints**
The dummy joints shall be 5 mm wide and shall extend vertically from the surface of the slab to a depth equal to 1/3 to 1/4 of the thickness of the slab. The joint may be formed by depressing into the soft but compacted concrete a high tensile mild steel. ‘Tee’ or flat bar of depth not less than the required depth of the joint plus 25 mm. The bar used for forming the groove shall be coated with soft seal or other suitable lubricant and have built in handles rigidly fixed to facilitate its removal without spalling or crumbling the edges. When the steel bar is removed, joints shall be nearly reformed immediately with proper tools and with mortar/fine material from the slab itself. No additional cement mortar shall be used. Alternatively the slot may be formed by sawing the concrete with a joint cutting machine (diamond cutter) of approved design within 6 hours of placing under moderate climatic conditions and when the concrete has sufficiently hardened. Under extreme cold conditions, this period may be suitably increased based on experience. In all cases, except where cutting is done with saw, the joint edges shall be bull nosed. Care shall be taken that the edges of the joints are not damaged. The edge shall not stand proud of the concrete slabs.

**Construction Joints**
The construction joints shall be 10 mm wide and straight and vertical though the full thickness of the slab. The vertical edge of the concrete on the side of the joint shall be treated with a coat of lime wash or bituminous paint before the adjacent bay is concreted. A groove 2.5 cm deep and 1 cm wide shall be formed at the top surface of the joint to receive the sealing compound. The groove shall be formed in the same manner as that for a dummy joint. The edges of the groove shall be bull-nosed and not stand proud of the concrete surface.

**Expansion Joints**
The expansion joints shall be straight and shall extend through the full thickness of the slab and shall be of the shape and dimensions shown on the drawings. The slab edges adjacent to the joint shall be formed truly vertical. The joints shall be filled with a 2 cm thick filler board. Cold applied joint sealant (polysulphide or polyurethane) of approved make with minimum ten years of performance guarantee will be used as joint sealant. The guarantee should be taken in writing from the contractor before the approval of joint sealants. The technical specifications of the cold applied joint sealants (irrespective of whether polysulphide or polyurethane) should meet the requirements mentioned in BS-5212,BS4254 and EN-141875- 2003.
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hydrolysis/water resistance test). In addition, the Movement Accommodation Factor (MAF) of the sealant should be minimum ± 30 %.

The groove to receive the sealing compound may be formed by cutting the extra filler board to the required depth.

**Sealing of Joints**

All joints shall be sealed as soon as practicable after 28 days of placing of the slabs. The joints shall be finished flush with the finished concrete surface if the sealing of joints is done in summer and 3mm below the finished concrete surface, if the sealing of joints is done in winter. After the sealing compound has hardened, the excess sealing compound, if any, adhering to the slab outside the joints shall be removed by scraping or otherwise and the surface left clean. The pavement shall be opened to traffic only after the completion of joint sealing over the entire pavement.

**Cleaning of Joints**

All foreign materials in the joints shall be removed with pneumatic blower. The joints shall, thereafter, be cleaned with a coir brush. Fine particles clinging to the concrete faces shall be removed with the help of an air compressor only to avoid damage to the edges. The joints shall be cleaned and surface dried before the application of primer.

**Application of Primer**

The cleaned joint shall be primed with a 20-25mm side painter’s brush, while painting, light pressure shall be applied so that the primer penetrates into the pores of concrete. The primer shall be applied twice on one side (i.e. by forward and reverse movement of brush). The primer shall be applied in the thinnest possible complete film and then left for some till the primer feels "tacky" soon after the primer is applied, the joint is covered with 10-15cm wide paper strips so that no dust is deposited on the primer.

**Sealant joints**

Only cold applied Polysulphide or Polyurethane joint sealant of approved make will be used in rigid pavements. The criteria for selection of the joint sealant will depend on the minimum performance guarantee of ten years offered by the firm. This performance-based selection would accrue better cost effective results rather than using a joint sealant without any guarantee. The technical specifications of the cold applied joint sealants (irrespective of whether polysulphide or polyurethane) should meet all the requirements mentioned in BS-5212, BS 4254 and EN-141875-2003(for hydrolysis/water resistance test). In addition, the movement accommodation factor (MAF) of the sealant should be minimum ± 30 %.

While the joints shall be sealed flush with the adjacent pavement surface in summer, in winter they shall be filled to a depth of 3-4mm below the surface. This procedure will reduce the possibility of ingress of grit and other foreign matter into the sealing compound as well as dislodging of the hardened sealing compound under traffic.

**Joints in pavement concrete, (using polysulphide or polyurethane material)**

**General**

Joint shall be of the types and dimensions specified and be located in all as directed by Gamson Engineer. The edges of the groove/joints shall be bull nosed & not stand proud of the concrete surface.

**Dummy Joints**

The size of joints shall be as indicated/ specified.

The joint shall be formed using mechanical equipment (diamond cutter) within 6 hour of placing of concrete under moderate climatic conditions and when the concrete has sufficiently hardened. Cutting or sawing by a sawing mounted at movable frame and driven mechanically will also be permitted as a method for making
the joint. Care shall be taken that the edge of the joints are not damaged.

In case of sudden rain or storm, the work can be concluded at the dummy joint but the latter will then be formed into a construction joint.

**Construction Joints**

Construction joints shall also be provided at places where concreting is stopped due to unforeseen circumstances. The size of joints shall be as specified and as shown on drawings.

Construction joints shall be straight and vertical through the full thickness of the slab. The vertical edge of the concrete of the side of the joint shall be treated with a coat of lime wash or bituminous paint before the adjacent bay is concreted. A groove of dimension as specified in contract shall be formed. The groove shall be formed in the same manner as that for a dummy joint.

**Expansion Joints**

The expansion joints shall consist of a joint filler board as detailed in the drawing. The depth of the non extruding filler pad (joint filler board) shall be cut by 25mm from top to prepare the joint.

Joints shall be straight and shall extend through the full thickness of the slab and shall be of the shape and dimensions shown on the drawings. The slab edge adjacent to the joint shall be formed truly vertical. The joints shall be filled with approved joint filler as per clause 20.B.7.10.4.

Before the provision of expansion joint, the face of the already laid concrete slab shall be painted with the approved primer at the rate of 2.6 liters per 10 square metres. The expansion pad shall be properly cut to shape. Bond breaker tape shall be applied on the top face of the pad before inserting the dosed cell backup rod. It shall then be placed in position abutting the painted face of the already laid concrete slab. The adjacent slab shall then be concreted. The faces of the pad against which the new concrete slab is to be laid shall also be painted with the approved primer before laying the concrete. While concreting a neat groove as per drawing shall be formed on top of the pad taking care that the edges are absolutely straight and that the groove so made does not get filled with any material like concrete, mortar and other rubbish.

The groove to receive the sealant may be formed by cutting the excess filler board material to the required depth.

Expansion joints shall be provided both longitudinally and transverse direction at spacing as shown on drawing or as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.

**Procedure Of Joint Filling With Polysulphide / Polyurethane Sealant**

The technical specifications of the cold applied joint sealants (irrespective of whether polysulphide or polyurethane) should meet all the requirements mentioned in BS-5212, BS 4254 and EN-141875-2003 (for hydrolysis/water resistance test). In addition, the Movement Accommodation Factor (MAF) of the sealant should be minimum: f: 30 %. The criteria for selection of the joint sealant of approved make will be a minimum performance guarantee of ten years offered by the firm. This performance-based selection would accrue better cost effective results rather than using a joint sealant without any guarantee. Contractor shall not procure the materials required for joint filling unless the samples are approved by the GE and a ten years of guarantee is given in writing by the contractor. The primer and sealant shall got tested by GE from a reputed testing laboratory who has the NABL accreditations like Indian Rubber Manufacturer's Research Association's Laboratory / CRRI/IIT/NIT/SEMT Wing, CME Pune before approval. The test certificate shall be obtained for every 5MT of material incorporated in the work.

**Joint Preparation**

Before commencing joint sealing operations, the following shall be ensured:-
(a) The groove extends fully across the bay between consecutive longitudinal joints in the case of transverse joints and is continuous in the case of longitudinal joints.
(b) No concrete and foreign matter shall be left in the groove.
(c) In case of expansion joint, the filled materials is exposed to the full length of the joint and expansion joint filler is tightly packed.
(d) Joint surface must be dry, free from dust, coaling, bituminous mastics, concrete curing agencies, mould release agents, oil, grease and loose particles.
(e) All joints shall be thoroughly cleaned out by compressed air and sanding with emery paper or other approved means and shall be approved by Engineer-in-Charge before they are sealed.
(f) The cleaned and prepared joints shall be primed on the sides of the joints up to the depth where sealing component is to be provided and filled with approved sealant.
(g) Wipe out oil and grease by solvent soaked cloth (such as Xylene, Toluene or Acetone or Gardoclean).
(h) Before sealing, insert a bond breaker tape and bond breaker (closed cell polyethylene frame rod) caulked tightly into the base of the sealing groove to prevent the sealant from adhering to the base of slot. Width of bond breaker (backup rod) shall be 20 to 25% more than the joint so that there is no seepage of sealant through joints edges.

**Fixing/Masking Tape**
Fix masking tape to prevent edges of joints becoming dirty due to spillage of sealant at the time of pouring.

**Application Of Primer**
(i) Suitable primer shall be first applied to the vertical faces of the concrete joint before pouring cold applied sealant confirming to specifications given at clause 20.B.7.11.5.1, in order to improve the adhesive qualities of the product. Primer as specified by manufacturers shall be applied to the joint vertical surfaces and allowed to dry for 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the climatic condition. The surfaces shall be primed twice @0.075litre (minimum) primer per square metre.
(ii) If the primer film has become completely tack free, the surface must be re-primed before applying the sealant.
(iii) If the primed areas are left unsealed overnight the primer film must be removed by grit blasting or grinding and the joints interfaces shall be re-primed.

**Mixing**
Mixing and application of sealant will be through mechanical means to avoid any human error. The mixed product shall be used immediately as per manufacturer's instructions within its pot life i.e. within 30 minute. The mixed sealant should be kept for a few minutes to allow air to escape before commencement of jointing filling.

**Application or Pouring of Sealant**
Mixed sealant shall be applied by mechanical means (machine application) based on the manufacturer's instructions and shall be executed by his approved and trained applicator. Application temperature of sealant should be in between 5 to 45 degree Celsius (or as per manufacturer's instructions). It should be filled to a level 2 to 3mm below the top of the pavement leaving a recess to protect the sealant from damage. To prevent accidental spillage of sealant on the top surface and to give a neat finish masking tape should be applied on front edges of joint in such a manner that the material will not be spilled on the exposed surface of the concrete. Any excess filler on the surface of the pavement shall be removed immediately and the pavement surface cleaned. All necessary precautions as per the manufacturer's recommendations shall be taken. The sealant should be immediately tooled either with stainless steel or wooden spatula of the size of the joint to give a smooth finish before it begins to set. Masking tape shall be removed immediately after the sealant has been tooled. The sealant should be allowed to cure as per manufacturer's instructions during which period no traffic should be allowed on the pavement.

The test certificate shall be obtained for every 5 MT of material incorporated in the work.

**Some Miscellaneous Aspects**
(i) The sealant are sensitive to temperature while in storage as well as during mixing. Temperatures for all
phase of handling of the sealing compounds viz mixing, placing and curing conditions must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

(ii) All safety precautions during handing and application of these sealants as prescribed by the manufacturers shall also be strictly adhered to.

Precautions
(a) Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners, vapour etc. Therefore it is advisable to use hand gloves/ goggles and suitable protective clothing.
(b) Avoid application below 10DC temperature.
(c) Avoid application on damp or moist surfaces.
(d) Do not expose primer to naked flames or other sources of ignition.
(e) Materials to be kept in no smoking area.
(f) Containers should be tightly sealed when not in use.
(g) In the event of fire, extinguish with carbon dioxide or foam.
(h) Should accident skin contact occurs, remove immediately with a resin removing cream, followed by soap and water. Do not use solvent.
(i) In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advise.
(j) Use only in well ventilated areas.
(k) All consumables (masking tape, empty cartridges etc) should be removed and disposed off safely.

13.17 Epoxy Polyurethane Flooring

Scope of work:
The scope work is laying of self leveling epoxy flooring generally consists of following steps
Surface Preparation
Epoxy Primer -
Epoxy Underlay
Epoxy Polyurethane Self leveling Coat

Application instructions:

a) Surface Preparation:
It is essential that surface should be sound, clean and dry surfaces in order that maximum bond strength is achieved between the substrate and the flooring system. All dust and debris should be removed prior to application of the product. All cracks, crevices and undulations shall be filled with epoxy based mortar.

b) Primer application:
Primer coat on the naked surface as a bonding coat and proper drying time should be given to carry out the Epoxy Flooring

c) Epoxy Underlay:
Generally material is supplied in pre-weighed packs (base and hardener & aggregate), which are ready for immediate on-site use. Part mixing of these components is not acceptable and will affect both performance and appearance of the finished floor. Mixing should be carried out using either a forced action mixer, or a heavy duty, slow-speed drill with proprietary mixing paddle attachment. The components should be mixed in a suitably sized mixing vessel.
• The base component should be added to the mixing vessel first and followed by the hardener and these two components mixed together for approximately 2 minutes until an even colour and texture is obtained.
• Thereafter, the contents of the graded aggregate pack should be slowly added and mixing carried out for a further 3 minutes until a completely homogenous material is obtained.

d) Application of EPU

Mixing
Epoxy polyurethane coating is supplied in pre-weighed packs ready to use on site. Solvent or thinners
should not be added. A forced action mixer with a paddle fitted into a heavy duty, slow speed electric hand drill is recommended for mixing. Hardener component is mixed with Base resin in a suitable mixing vessel. The full colour paste is then added and mixed until an even colour is obtained. Finally the filler as supplied is added and mixed further for three minutes until homogenous lump free slurry is obtained.

**Laying**
The material is poured onto the primed substrate and spread to the required thickness with a steel trowel. Alternatively, a serrated trowel can be used. The resin floor should not be overworked but spread slowly and evenly. Immediately after spreading, the floor should be firmly rolled with a spiked roller to help release any entrapped air in the material and level any slight trowel marks. The floor should now self-smooth to an even coloured dense, impervious floor.

**Rate**
The rate shall include the cost of all labour and materials involved in all the above operations (including surface preparation) described above.

### 13.18 Ceramic Glazed Tiles

**13.18.1** Ceramic Glazed wall tiles shall be of 1st quality and shall conform to IS :13753. The surface of tiles and components can be smooth, profiled, decorated or finished, glossy, matt or semi-matt as indicated. The tiles shall be flat true to shape, sound and free from flaws and other manufacturing defects. The top surface of the tiles shall be glazed. The underside of the tiles shall be free from glaze in order that the tiles may adhere properly to the base. The glaze shall be uniform in quality and shall be free from welts, chips, craze, crawling or other imperfections, detracting from appearance when viewed at a distance of one meter. The texture and colour of tiles shall be as indicated. Tiles shall be of sizes as indicated. If not indicated size of tile shall be 200mm x 300 mm. The thickness shall be as specified by the manufacturer but in no case it shall be less than 6mm.

**13.18.2** Ceramic Glazed floor tiles shall be of 1st quality and shall conform to IS :13755. The surface of tiles and components can be smooth, profiled, decorated or finished, glossy, matt or semi-matt (anti skid) as indicated. The tiles shall be flat true to shape, sound and free from flaws and other manufacturing defects. The top surface of the tiles shall be glazed. The underside of the tiles shall be free from glaze in order that the tiles may adhere properly to the base. The glaze shall be uniform in quality and shall be free from welts, chips, craze, crawling or other imperfections, detracting from appearance when viewed at a distance of one meter. The texture and colour of tiles shall be as indicated. Tiles shall be of sizes as indicated. If not indicated size of tile shall be 300mm x 300 mm. The thickness shall be as specified by the manufacturer but in no case it shall be less than 6.5mm.

### 13.19 Ceramic Glazed tiles flooring / Ceramic Glazed wall tiles in dado and Skirting

**13.19.1 Bedding**
The screed bed for laying Ceramic Glazed floor tiles shall be of cement and sand mortar 1:4. Bedding over which the tile shall be laid shall not be less than 10mm at any place. Tiles shall be soaked in water before laying.

**13.19.2 Laying**
Base concrete or RCC slab shall be cleaned and wetted. The bedding shall then be laid evenly over the surface, tamped and corrected to desired levels and allowed to harden enough to offer a rigid cushion to tiles. Before laying the tiles, cement slurry of honey like consistency at 3 kg/ sq m shall be applied over the bedding. At a time area to accommodate about twenty tiles shall be applied with cement slurry. Tiles shall then be washed clean and fixed in the grout one after the other, each tile being gently tapped in its position till it is properly bedded and in level and line with adjoining tiles. The joints shall be as thin as possible but not exceeding 1.5mm wide. The ceramic tiles shall be set, jointed with cement slurry and pointed in neat coloured cement to match the colour of tiles. The surface shall be cured for seven days and then washed clean.

In the cases of skirting and dado, the wall surface shall be covered with about 10mm thick plaster of
13.20 Vitrified Porcelain Tiles

13.20.1 Vitrified polished porcelain floor tiles shall be of 1st quality. These vitrified tiles are classified under group B1a of the International Standard for ceramic tiles ISO: 13006. Tiles shall be hard, dense, impervious and frost resistant. Water absorption of tiles shall be less than 0.5% and flexural strength (Modulus of Rupture) shall be more than 35 N/Sqmm. Vitrified polished porcelain floor tiles shall be provided of sizes, colour, shades, texture and designs as indicated and if size not indicated it shall be 600mm x 600 mm/ 605 x 605 mm. The thickness shall be as specified by the manufacturer but not less than 8mm.

13.20.2 Heavy duty vitrified unpolished porcelain floor tiles for exterior use shall be of 1st quality. Heavy duty vitrified tiles shall be acid and alkali resistant, weather proof, anti skid and abrasion resistant as per International Standard for ceramic tiles ISO :13006 and EN 176 requirement. These tiles shall comply with the following requirements:
   (a) Water absorption<2%
   (b) Flexural Strength>35 N/Sqmm
   (c) Moh’s Hardness>6
   (d) Abrasion resistance<204mm.

Heavy duty vitrified tiles shall be of sizes, colour, texture and designs as indicated but size if not indicated it shall be of 300mm x 300 mm . The thickness shall be as specified by the manufacturer.

13.20a Vitrified Porcelain Tiles flooring

13.20a.1 Bedding

   The screed bed for laying Vitrified Porcelain Tiles shall be of cement and sand mortar as indicated. Bedding over which the tiles shall be laid shall not be less than 10mm at any place.

13.20a.2 Laying

   Base concrete or RCC slab shall be cleaned and wetted. The bedding shall then be laid evenly over the surface, tamped and corrected to desired levels and allowed to harden enough to offer a rigid cushion to tiles. Before laying the tiles, tiles shall be washed and then applied fine cement slurry on the back of the tile to ensure full and proper bedding. Tiles shall then be placed on bedding, each tile being gently tapped with rubber hammer in its position till it is properly bedded and in level and line with adjoining tiles. Use of spacers is recommended for uniformity in joints and better finish. Remove the residual cement or jointing material immediately by a wet sponge. After 24 hours when the tiles are properly set and cured, fill the joint gaps with joint filler as per recommendation of manufacturer. The joint gap shall be filled by spreading joint filler paste in the spaces between the tiles with the help of rubber trowel. Clean the tiles surface immediately with the help of wet sponge.

   Vitrified Porcelain Tiles can be laid in flooring over Base concrete or RCC slab directly by using suitable chemical adhesive as per manufacturer's instructions if so indicated.

13.21 Precast Cement Concrete Slab Flooring

13.21.1 Cement Concrete of the specified mix shall be mixed precast in forms or mould and cured as specified for precast articles in Section for Concrete. Unless otherwise indicated, the size of slabs shall not exceed 0.5 Sq m nor be less than 0.1 Sq m. Slabs used in anyone room shall be uniform in size and of SIGNS OF TENDERER WITH SEAL

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thickness as indicated. The top surface of slabs shall be finished fair and smooth (using additional cement where indicated) whilst the concrete is green in forms. Exposed edges shall be perfectly fine, square and well defined.

13.21.2 The slabs shall be bedded and jointed in cement and sand mortar as indicated and Pointed in cement and sand mortars indicated. The thickness of bedding mortar shall be not less than 15mm and thickness of joints shall not exceed 6mm.

13.22 GRANULAR SUB-BASE
13.22.1 SCOPE
This work shall consist of laying and compacting well-graded material on prepared subgrade in accordance with the requirements of Specifications. The material shall be laid in one or more layers as sub-base or lower sub-base and upper sub-base (termed as sub base hereinafter) as necessary according to lines, grades and cross sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

13.22.2 MATERIALS

13.22.2.1 The material to be used for the work shall be natural sand, gravel, crushed stone, or combinations thereof depending upon the grading required. The material shall be free from organic or other deleterious constituents and conform to gradings (given below).

While the gradings in Table -1 are in respect of close-graded granular sub-base materials, one each for maximum particle size of 75 mm, 53 mm and 26.5 mm, the corresponding gradings for the coarse-graded materials for each of the three maximum particle sizes are given at Table -2. The grading to be adopted for a project shall be as specified in the Contract.

13.22.2.2 Physical requirements
The material shall have a 10 per cent fines value of 50 kN or more (for sample in soaked condition) when tested in compliance with BS : 812 (Part 111). The water absorption value of the coarse aggregate shall be determined as per IS :2386 (Part 3); if this value is greater than 2 per cent, the soundness test shall be carried out on the material delivered to site as per IS : 383. For Grading II and III materials, the CBR shall be determined at the density and moisture content likely to be developed in equilibrium conditions which shall be taken as being the density relating to a uniform air voids content of 5 per cent.

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Table -2. Grading for Coarse Graded Granular Sub-Base Materials
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**CBR Value (Min.)**

- Grading I: 30
- Grading II: 25
- Grading III: 20

**Note:** The material passing 425 microns (0.425 mm) sieve for all the three gradings when tested according to IS: 2720 (Part -5) shall have liquid limit and plasticity index not more than 25 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

### 13.22.3 STRENGTH OF SUBBASE

**13.22.3.1** It shall be ensured prior to actual execution that the material to be used in the sub-base satisfies the requirements of CBR and other physical requirements when compacted and finished.

**13.22.3.2** When directed by the Engineer, this shall be verified by performing CBR tests in the laboratory as required on specimens remoulded at field dry density and moisture content and any other tests for the “quality” of materials, as may be necessary.

### 13.22.4 CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

**13.22.4.1 Preparation of sub grade**

Immediately prior to the laying of sub-base, the subgrade already finished as applicable shall be prepared by removing all vegetation and other extraneous matter, lightly sprinkled with water if necessary and rolled with two passes of 8-10 Ton smooth wheeled roller.

**13.22.4.2 Spreading and compacting**

The sub-base material of grading specified in the Contract shall be spread on the prepared sub grade with the help of a motor grader of adequate capacity, its blade having hydraulic controls suitable for initial adjustment and for maintaining the required slope and grade during the operation or other means as approved by the Engineer.

When the sub-base material consists of combination of materials mentioned above, mixing shall be done mechanically by the mix-in-place method.

Manual mixing shall be permitted only where the width of laying is not adequate for mechanical operations. The equipment used for mix-in-place construction shall be a rotator or similar approved equipment capable of mixing the material to the desired degree. If so desired by the Engineer, trial runs with the equipment shall be carried out to establish its suitability for the work.

Moisture content of the loose material shall be checked in accordance with IS: 2720 (Part II) and suitably adjusted by sprinkling additional water from a truck mounted or trailer mounted water tank and suitable for applying water uniformly and at controlled quantities to variable widths of surface or other means approved by the Engineer so that, at the time of compaction it is from 1 per cent above to 2 per cent below the
optimum moisture content corresponding to IS : 2720 (Part VIII). While adding water, due allowance shall be made for evaporation losses. After water, has been added, the material shall be processed by mechanical or other approved means like disc hovers, rotators until the layer is uniformly wet.

Immediately thereafter, rolling shall start. If the thickness of the compacted layer does not exceed 100 mm, a smooth wheeled roller of 8 to 10 Ton weight may be used. For a compacted single layer upto 225 mm the compaction shall be done with the help of a vibratory roller of minimum 8 to 10 Ton static weight with plain drum or pad footdrum or heavy pneumatic tyred roller of minimum 200 to 300 kN weight having a minimum tyre pressure of 0.7 MN/m or equivalent capacity roller capable of achieving the required compaction. Rolling shall commence at the lower edge and proceed towards the upper edge longitudinally for portions having unidirectional crossfall and super elevation and shall commence at the edges and progress towards the centre for portions having crossfall on the both sides. Each pass of the roller shall uniformly overlap not less than one third of the track made in the preceding pass. During rolling, the grade and camber shall be checked and any high spots or depressions which become apparent corrected by removing or adding fresh material. The speed of the roller shall not exceed 5 km per hour.

Rolling shall be continued till the density achieved is at least 98% of the maximum dry density for the material determined as per IS : 2720 (Part 7). The surface of any layer of material on completion of compaction shall be well closed, free from movement under compaction equipment and from compaction planes, ridges, cracks or loose material. All loose, segregated or otherwise defective areas shall be made good to the full thickness of layer and re-compacted.

13.22.4.3 Surface Finish and quality Control of Work

The finished surface shall be checked for lines, levels and regularity. The surface evenness of completed surface in longitudinal and transverse direction shall be within the tolerances specified.

13.22.5 MODE OF MEASUREMENTS : The finished area will be measured. Deduction for openings etc. will be made as applicable to flooring as per IS 1200.

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements.

Granular sub-base shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres. The protection of edges of granular sub-base extended over the full formation as shown in the drawing shall be considered incidental to the work providing granular sub-base and as such no extra payment shall be