# The Pavement Marking Quality Assurance Process

#### Pre-Pave/Pre-Stripe Meeting/Line Striping

- Prior to the beginning of paving on the project, the P.E. should set up a Pre-Pave / Pre-Stripe meeting and invite the Field Quality Assurance (FQA) team and line striping contractor.
- The line striper should bring with him the approved Quality Control plan signed by OMT.
- The line striper should have submitted his source of supplies for all materials to be used on the project.
- Prior to striping, the final layout of markings needs to be approved by the District.
- Placement of markings can begin after these steps have been followed. All testing procedures in MSMT 729 must be followed prior to striping.
- Material certifications must accompany materials to be placed on project.

#### **Inspection Request Form**

After striping has been completed the following **documents are required to** initiate the inspection process:

- 1) The Inspection Request Form (Form 13) IRF
- 2) The contractor's Quality Control QC
- 3) The manufacturer's material certifications "Certs"

All documents must be emailed to SHA\_PMMS@mdot.maryland.gov

#### The IRF contains required information such as:

- Roadway name and number
- Contract number
- Beginning Mile Point (BMP) and Ending Mile Point (EMP) and or closest road
- ✤ Material Type
- Application Date
- Lot and Batch numbers for the material applied and the glass beads
- Whether Management of traffic (MOT) is required

Here is an example of a correctly filled Inspection Request Form:

#### **Inspection Request Form**

Maryland State Highway Administration Office of Materials Technology Structural Materials and Pavement Markings Division 7450 Traffic Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

#### PAVEMENT MARKING INSPECTION AND DATA REQUEST FORM

To: Pavement Marking Team Attn: Jamal Butler /Jay Gheewala

From: Kola Fadairo Phone & Fax #:3015137300 / 435276963

 District
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 County : Montgomery County\_\_\_
 Contract : #\_\_\_\_\_
 492D31422\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Inspection: Pavement Marking Inspection

Location of Inspection: Prefix <u>MD</u> Route # <u>355</u> From BMP <u>19.70</u>, <u>12.62</u> To EMP <u>17.82</u>, <u>10.32</u>

Location of Field Office: District 3, 9300 Kenilworth Ave, Greenbelt, MD

(Contract Supervisor: KOLA FADAIRO)

Striping Material (Type of Material Applied): 40 Mil Thermoplastic

Installer (Striping Contractor): Midlantic marking, Inc.

Install Date (Date Material Applied): 04/20/2020

Material Manufacturer: CROWN TECHNOLOGY, LLC

Lot #(s) Origin - Material: WHITE - NT-1920W0087 / YELLOW-NT-1902Y0083

Bead (Glass Sphere Manufacturer): POTTERS INDUSTRIES LLC \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_ Standard

Lot Number(s) of Glass Spheres: M247TYPE 1 80% LOT PO-H-091419-211-215

Type of Roadway Surface: HMA

Is traffic control needed? Yes If yes, will traffic control be provided? Yes

Inspection Date Requested: ASAP Today's Date: 04/21/2020

QCs Submitted: Yes Prev. Install Eradicated: Yes Prev. Install Tape Exists: No

Project Engineer, please submit the striping contractor's Quality Control Results with this request to the email below. If you have any questions please call Lisa Kwiatskowski at 443-572-5289.

PMMS Email Address sha pmms@sha.state.md.us

#### **Contractor Quality Control**

The contractor's QC are the readings taken by the contractor after the material was applied.

This data is helpful to the Field Quality Assurance (FQA) Inspector as a basis of comparison to the readings the Inspector gets.

It is also a source of reference if the material fails or performs poorly.

Here is an example of a Contractor QC:

#### **Contractor Quality Control**

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Retro Readings	260	288	257	263	286	Average:	271

Technician's Signature

Jeff Andrews

Date: 8/5/2019

#### **Glass Beads Certifications**

The glass beads that are applied to the Pavement Marking material are tested and identified at the plant where they were produced, to show that they met the specification requirements.

The glass bead certifications should be submitted to the P.E. prior to use on the project.

These certifications also act as a point of reference in the event the material fails or performs poorly, by tracing it back to it's Batch and Lot number.

Here is an example of Glass Bead Certifications:

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#### White and Yellow Certifications

Regardless of the material being applied, there are two colors that can be used in Pavement Marking; Yellow and White.

The plants where the material is made note the batch and lot number, along with the test results for both the yellow and white material prior to use.

The material certifications should be submitted to the P.E. prior to use on the project.

The certifications show that the material meets specifications and standards.

An example of this type of certification is this:

#### White and Yellow Certifications

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### The Inspection Request Form, Contractor Quality Control, and Certifications should be submitted to:

## SHA\_PMMS@mdot.maryland.gov

#### Field Quality Assurance

An Inspection is conducted by the FQA team after an Inspection Request Form has been received.

FQA Inspectors will conduct tests on the roadway using a retroreflectometer to measure the visibility/ reflectivity of the roadway's pavement marking.

Passing numbers for paint and thermoplastic are 150 for yellow and 250 for white. Passing numbers for tape are 250 for yellow and 350 for white.

The FQA Inspectors will take 5 readings at various mile points on each line striped and use the averages to determine a pass or fail for the marking.

An FQA readings sheet will look like this:

#### Field Quality Assurance

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#### **Clearance Letter**

Once all the required documents have been submitted to OMT, and the FQA Inspection has been conducted, a Clearance Letter will be created.

The Clearance Letter will contain the necessary information gathered from the documents submitted for inspection and an Acceptance or Failure of the pavement marking will be determined from the FQA Inspection report.

The Clearance Letter is a requirement to successfully close-out an SHA roadway project.

An example of a Clearance Letter is this:

#### **Clearance Letter**

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MEMORAN	NDUM	
TO:	James Moon Project Engineer District 1	
FROM:	Mr. David Malburg P.E., Division Chief Structural Materials and Pavement Markings Division	
DATE:	August 31, 2020	
SUBJECT:	State Maintenance: 23492-23 Inspection of: Nontoxic Waterborne Pavement Markings Location: US 113 Mile Points: 29.38-37.49	
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### Additional Pavement Marking Information

- Line-stripers who plan to install tape are required to get trained in installation techniques from the manufacturer they purchase their material. This is free training offered by our tape manufacturers. Please be advise for tape installation of In-laid is between 130-160 up to 180 (for stiffer asphalt mixes) with 365 day observation period for installers.
- A certificate will be given and Linestripers are required to include this document in their QC plan. If for some reason this occurs after the QC plan has been submitted, then it should be sent to the FQA team prior to installing Tape.
- The PMMT team over the last few years has been sending the district recommended roads to increase the district's durables markings by replacing paint roadway markings with a durable marking, They have also been sending recommended roads that need to be refreshed based on our Roads & highway system reports. We are asking the Districts to send us an email once the listed roads have been striped or a reason as to why the recommended road wasn't used.
- Last year the PMMT inspected over 6000 of MDSHA 27000 strip miles using a mobile retro. We do
  plan to continue this process as it will help us determine PM life cycles and aid us in our decision
  making to provide the Districts with recommended roads for replacing or refreshing as I
  previously mentioned. Also, we are investigating using MRU for both QC/QA inspections.

### **Pavement Marking Contacts**

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