

SECTION 26 0543 - UNDERGROUND DUCTS AND RACEWAYS FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.
- B. Northwestern IT/IS Standards for Telecommunications pathway requirements.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes the following:
  - 1. Conduit, ducts, and duct accessories for direct-buried and concrete-encased duct banks, and in single duct runs.
  - 2. Handholes and boxes.
  - 3. Manholes.

1.3 DEFINITION

- A. RNC: Rigid nonmetallic conduit.
- B. RGC: Rigid galvanized conduit.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For the following:
  - 1. Duct-bank materials, including separators and miscellaneous components.
  - 2. Ducts and conduits and their accessories, including elbows, end bells, bends, fittings, and solvent cement.
  - 3. Accessories for manholes, handholes, boxes, and other utility structures.
  - 4. Warning tape.
- B. Shop Drawings for Precast or Factory-Fabricated Underground Utility Structures: Shop drawings shall be sealed by a Professional Engineer.







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1. Strength tests of complete boxes and covers shall be by either an independent testing agency or the manufacturer. A qualified registered professional engineer shall certify tests by manufacturer.
2. Testing machine pressure gages shall have current calibration certification complying with ISO 9000 and ISO 10012, and traceable to NIST standards.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 UNDERGROUND DUCT APPLICATION

- A. Minimum conduit/duct size for underground installations shall be one inch for branch circuits, four inch for primary and main feeder conductors, and four inch for telecom services.
- B. Ducts for Electrical Cables over 600 V: **(select) [Evanston: RNC, NEMA Type EPC-40 PVC]; [Chicago: RGC]**, in concrete-encased duct bank, unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Ducts for Electrical Feeders 600 V and Less: RNC, NEMA Type EPC-40 PVC, in concrete-encased duct bank, unless otherwise indicated.
- D. Ducts for Electrical Feeders 600 V and Less: RNC, NEMA Type EPC-40 PVC, in direct-buried duct bank, unless otherwise indicated.
- E. Ducts for Electrical Branch Circuits: RNC, NEMA Type EPC-40 PVC, in direct-buried duct bank, unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Underground Ducts for Telephone, Communications, or Data Utility Service Cables: RNC, NEMA Type EPC-40 PVC, in concrete-encased duct bank, unless otherwise indicated.
- G. Underground Ducts Crossing Paved Paths, Walks, Driveways and Roadways: GRC, encased in reinforced concrete.
- H. A nylon pull cord shall be installed and tied off in each duct, including spares. The nylon pull cord shall have a minimum tensile strength of 200 pounds.

## 3.2 UNDERGROUND ENCLOSURE APPLICATION

- A. Handholes and Boxes for 600 V and Less, Including Telephone, Communications, and Data Wiring:
  1. Units in Roadways and Other Deliberate Traffic Paths: Precast concrete. AASHTO HB 17, H-20 structural load rating.
  2. Units in Driveway, Parking Lot, and Off-Roadway Locations, Subject to Occasional, RUC (255245) 10/17/8.











- H. Field-Installed Bolting Anchors in Manholes and Concrete Handholes: Do not drill deeper than 3-7/8 inches (98 mm) for manholes and 2 inches (50 mm) for handholes, for anchor bolts installed in the field. Use a minimum of two anchors for each cable stanchion.
- I. Warning Sign: Install "Confined Space Hazard" warning sign on the inside surface of each manhole cover.

3.6 INSTALLATION OF HANDHOLES AND BOXES

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3.9 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Perform the following tests and inspections and prepare test reports:

1. Demonstrate capability and compliance with requirements on completion of installation of underground ducts and utility structures.
2. Pull aluminum or wood test mandrel through duct to prove joint integrity and test for out-of-round duct. Provide mandrel equal to 80 percent fill of duct. If obstructions are indicated, remove obstructions and retest.
3. Test manhole and handhole grounding to ensure electrical continuity of grounding and bonding connections. Measure and report ground resistance as specified in Division 26 Section "Grounding and Bonding forli3ondbsS- (S- (.a.002 Tcs)-8(t)9S).002.4(ons)-8.1(t)-1.1()-1.1( )L.1(r

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