

SECTION 32 84 00
PLANTING IRRIGATION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies materials and procedures for repairing automatically-controlled lawn, trees, shrub irrigation piping appurtenances necessary to serve specified landscape and plant bed areas.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Excavation, Trench Widths, Pipe Bedding, Backfill, Shoring, Sheeting, Bracing: Section 31 20 11, EARTH MOVING (short-form).
- B. Concrete Work, Reinforcing, Placement and Finishing: Section 03 30 53, CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.
- C. Submittals: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES.
- D. Plant materials: Section 32 90 00, PLANTING

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Circuit Piping: Downstream from control valves to sprinklers, specialties, and drain valves.
- B. Drain Piping: Downstream from circuit-piping drain valves.
- C. Main Piping: Downstream from point of connection to water distribution piping to, and including, control valves.
- D. Low Voltage: As defined in NFPA 70 for circuits and equipment operating at less than 50 volts or for remote-control, signaling power-limited circuits.

1.4 ABBREVIATIONS

- A. FPT: Female pipe thread
- B. HDPE: high-density polyethylene plastic
- C. NPT: National pipe thread
- D. PTFE: Polytetrafluoroethylene
- E. PVC: Polyvinyl chloride plastic
- F. WOG: Water, oil and gas

1.5 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Irrigation zone control shall be automatic operation with controller and automatic control valves.
- B. Location of sprinklers and specialties on Drawings is approximate. Contractor to make minor adjustments necessary to avoid plantings and obstructions such as signs, utilities and light standards. Provide 100 percent irrigation coverage of areas indicated.

- C. Delegated Design: Provide a 100 percent coverage irrigation system, including comprehensive engineering analysis by a qualified professional engineer, using performance requirements and design criteria indicated.
- D. Minimum Working Pressures: The following are maximum pressure requirements for piping, valves and specialties unless otherwise indicated.
 - 1. Irrigation Main Piping: 100 psi (640 kPa)
 - 2. Circuit Piping: 80 psi (520 kPa)

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver piping with factory-applied end caps. Maintain end caps through shipping, storage, and handling to prevent pipe-end damage and to prevent entrance of dirt, debris, and moisture.
- B. Store plastic piping protected from direct sunlight. Support pipe to prevent sagging and bending.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE:

- A. Products Criteria:
 - 1. When two or more units of the same type or class of materials or equipment are required, these units shall be products of one manufacturer.
 - 2. A nameplate bearing manufacturer's name or trademark, including model number, shall be securely affixed in a conspicuous place on equipment. In addition, the model number shall be either cast integrally with equipment, stamped, or otherwise permanently marked on each item of equipment.
- B. Installer Certification:
 - 1. Installer should be an employer of workers that include a // certified irrigation designer qualified by The Irrigation Association or equivalent to perform specified work, and have provided irrigation installations for 5 years.
 - 2. Service provider qualifications shall be maintained and/or trained by the manufacturer to render satisfactory service within 8 hours of service request notification.
- C. System Requirements:
 - 1. 100 percent irrigation coverage of specified areas is required. The Contractor shall, at no additional cost to the Government, make minor adjustments necessary to avoid plantings and obstructions such as signs, utilities and light standards and achieve full and complete coverage of irrigated areas without overspray on roadways, sidewalks, window wells, or buildings and to protect trees from close high spray velocity.

1.8 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit product data as one package for each type of product indicated. Include rated capacities, operating characteristics, electrical characteristics, and furnished specialties and accessories.
- B. Submit the proposed irrigation system repairs.
- C. Provide qualification data for:
 - 1. A qualified irrigation Installer.

1.9 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

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

B. American Society Of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):

C. American Society For Testing And Materials (ASTM):

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| B32-08..... | Solder Metal |
| B61-08..... | Steam or Valve Bronze Castings |
| B62-09..... | Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings |
| B88/B88M-09 | Seamless Copper Water Tube |
| B813-10..... | Liquid and Paste Fluxes for Soldering of Copper and Copper Alloy Tube |
| D1785-06 | Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedule 40, 80, and 120 |
| D2241-09 | Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pressure Rated Pipe (SDR Series) |
| D2464-06 | Threaded Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80 |
| D2466-06 | Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 40 |
| D2467-06 | Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe Fittings, Schedule 80 |
| D2564-04(2009)e1 | Solvent Cements for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems |
| D2609-02(2008) | Plastic Insert Fittings for Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Pipe |
| D2683-10 | Socket-Type Polyethylene Fittings for Outside Diameter-Controlled Polyethylene Pipe and Tubing |
| D2855-96(2010) | Making Solvent Cemented Joints with Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe and Fittings |
| D3261-10a | Butt Heat Fusion Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Fittings for Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Pipe and Tubing |
| F477-10..... | Elastomeric Seals (Gaskets) for Joining Plastic Pipe |
| F656-10..... | Primers for Use in Solvent Cement Joints of Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe and Fittings |

F771-99(2005) Polyethylene (PE) Thermoplastic High-Pressure Irrigation Pipeline Systems

D. American Water Works Association (AWWA):

C504-06 Rubber-Seated Butterfly Valves

C906-07 Polyethylene (PE) Pressure Pipe and Fittings, 4 in. (100 mm) Through 63 in. (1600 mm), for Water Distribution and Transmission

E. American Welding Society (AWS):

A5.8/A5.8M:2004 Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze Welding

F. General Services Administration:

A-A-60005 Frames, Covers, Gratings, Steps, Sump and Catch Basin, Manhole

G. Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS):

SP-70-2006 Gray Iron Gate Valves, Flanged and Thread Ends

H. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70 2011 Edition National Electrical Code

1.10 WARRANTY

- A. The Contractor shall remedy any defect due to faulty material or workmanship and pay for any damage to other work resulting therefrom within a period of // one year // two years // from final acceptance. Further, the Contractor will provide all manufacturers' and supplier's written guarantees and warranties covering materials and equipment furnished under this Contract.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PIPES, TUBES AND FITTINGS

- A. Comply with requirements in the piping schedule for applications of pipe, tube, and fitting materials, and for joining methods for specific services, service locations, and pipe sizes. Match existing materials whenever possible.
- B. PE pipe with controlled ID shall be ASTM F771, PE 3408 compound; SIDR 11.5.
1. Insert fittings for PE pipe: ASTM D2609, nylon or propylene plastic with barbed ends. Include bands or other fasteners.
- C. PE pressure pipe: AWWA C906, with DR of 7.3, 9, or 9.3 and PE compound number required to give pressure rating not less than 160 psi (1100 kPa).
1. PE butt, heat-fusion fittings shall be ASTM D3261.

2. PE socket-type fittings shall be ASTM D2683.
- D. PVC pipe: ASTM D1785, PVC 1120 compound, Schedules 40 and 80.
1. PVC socket fittings shall be ASTM D2466, Schedule 40 and ASTM D2464, Schedule 80.
 2. PVC threaded fittings: ASTM D2464, Schedule 80.
 3. Swing joints: Threaded fittings with elastomeric seals that allow 360 degree rotation, and designed for minimum 200 psi (1375 kPa) working pressure, may be used in lieu of standard threaded fittings.
 4. PVC socket unions: Both headpiece and tailpiece shall be PVC with socket ends.
- E. PVC Pipe: ASTM D2241, PVC 1120 compound, SDR 21 or SDR 26.
1. PVC socket fittings: ASTM D2467, Schedule 80.
 2. PVC socket unions: Both headpiece and tailpiece shall be PVC with socket or threaded ends.

2.2 PIPE JOINING MATERIALS

- A. Metal, pipe-flange bolts and nuts: ASME B18.2.1, carbon steel unless otherwise indicated.
- B. Brazing filler metals: AWS A5.8, BCuP Series, copper-phosphorus alloys for general-duty brazing unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Solder filler metals: ASTM B32, lead-free alloys. Include water-flushable flux according to ASTM B813.
- D. Solvent cements for joining PVC piping: ASTM D2564. Include primer according to ASTM F656.
- E. Plastic, Pipe-Flange Gaskets, Bolts, and Nuts: Type and material recommended by piping system manufacturer unless otherwise indicated.

2.3 VALVES

- A. Underground Shut-Off Valves:
 1. Ball valves, isolation valves, 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) and smaller: Full-port ball valves with bronze body, PTFE seats, and 90 degree on/off handle. Ball valves to have NPT female end connections.
- B. Operations:
 1. Underground applications shall use valves with 2 inch (50 mm) nut for T-Handle socket wrench operation.
 2. Aboveground and valve pit applications shall use valves, with handwheels.
 3. All butterfly valves 6 inches (150 mm) and above shall have enclosed gear drive operators.
 4. Valve ends shall accommodate the type of main pipe adjacent to valve.
- C. Remote Control Valves:
 1. Valves shall be globe type of heavy duty construction and shall have manual shut-off and flow control adjustment and provide for manual operation.
 2. Molded-plastic body, furnished as straight or angle pattern type, normally closed diaphragm type with manual shut off and flow control adjustment.
 - a. Install valves with unions on each side to allow for easy removal.

- b. Each sprinkler section shall be automatically operated by a remote control valve installed underground and operated by a 24 volt AC electric solenoid.
- c. Each valve shall be in a valve vault.
- D. Valves shall be completely serviceable from the top without removing valve body from the system. Furnish 30 inch (750 mm) long adjustment keys. Valves to operate at no more than 7 psi (50 kPa) pressure loss at manufacturers maximum recommended flow rate.

2.4 VALVE BOX

- A. Remote control valve boxes in pavement shall be precast concrete with a compressive concrete strength in excess of 4000 psi (30 MPa).
- B. In plant bed areas, valve boxes shall be HDPE structural foam Type A, Class III, color to match existing. Box shall be minimum 19 inches (475 mm) long by 14 inches (350 mm) deep with key-lockable hinged cast iron cover.
- C. After installation of boxes:
 1. Label boxes with two 3 inch (80 mm) size stencils designated controller and circuit numbers with permanent white epoxy paint. Numbers shall be placed at center of valve cover and shall face nearest main road or service road.

2.5 STRAINERS

Brass strainer basket: Bodies smaller than 2-1/2 inch (70 mm) shall be brass or bronze. Bodies 2-1/2 inch (70 mm) and larger shall be cast iron or semi-steel. Strainer cover shall be furnished with blow-off connection and shut-off valve to accommodate 3/4 inch (20 mm) diameter hose connection.

2.6 SPRINKLER HEADS

- A. Sprinkler heads: Heads to be as indicated on Drawings. The entire internal assembly including filter screen, to be capable of removal from the top without removing the sprinkler case from the riser.
- B. Rotary pop-up sprinklers: Gear-driven.
 1. Full circle sprinklers shall be dual or tri-nozzle combination type with positive drive by means of a water-driven gear assembly. Sprinkler head to rotate uniformly and to be driven by means of a train of gears. Sprinklers to be equipped with an integral anti-drain valve to be self-closing at pressures of 10 feet (3.0 m) of head or less. Gears and pinions shall be assembled on stainless steel spindles in a water-lubricated sandproof gear case. An inlet screen shall prevent debris from entering the sprinkler and shall be removable with the internal assembly. Sprinklers outer case shall be constructed of corrosion resistant, impact resistant, heavy-duty ABS.
 2. Part circle sprinklers shall be variable arc type as required with same type drive used for full circle heads.

- C. Shrub spray head nozzle shall be pop-up or fixed spray type of standard, undersize or oversize configuration as noted on plans. The sprinkler body, stem, nozzle and screen shall be constructed of heavy-duty, ultraviolet resistant plastic. It shall have a heavy duty stainless steel retract spring and a ratcheting system for alignment of the pattern. The sprinkler shall have a soft elastomer pressure-activated co-molded wiper seal for cleaning debris from the pop-up stem. The sprinkler shall have a plastic or brass nozzle with an adjusting screw capable of regulating the radius and flow. The sprinkler shall be capable of housing protective, non-clogging filter screens or pressure compensating screens (PCS) under the nozzle.
- D. Drip Emitters shall be of the pressure compensating, permanently assembled type with 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) FPT inlet. Emitters shall be capable of providing 1 GPM (3.8 LPM) at inlet pressures between 15 and 50 psi (105 and 342 kPa).
- E. Emitter distribution tubing shall be constructed of UV resistant vinyl material with a 0.22 inch (5.5 mm) O.D. and a 0.16 inch (4 mm) I.D. Tubing shall be manufactured by the same manufacturer as the drip emitters.

2.7 QUICK COUPLERS

- A. Quick couplers shall have all parts contained in a two-piece unit and shall consist of a coupler water seal valve assembly and a removable upper body to allow the spring and key track to be serviced without shut down of the main.
- B. Metal parts shall be brass.
- C. Lids shall be lockable vinyl covered and have springs for positive closure on key removal.

2.8 LOW VOLTAGE CONTROL VALVE WIRE

- A. Wire shall be solid copper wire, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. approved for direct burial in ground. Size of wire shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, never less than No. 14.

2.9 SPLICING MATERIALS: EPOXY WATERPROOF SEALING PACKET. LOW VOLTAGE CONTROLLER CABLE

- A. Multi-strand cable, UL-approved for direct burial in ground. Size and type of wire shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

2.10 SLEEVE MATERIAL

- A. ASTM D2241, Schedule 40.

2.11 WARNING TAPE

- A. Provide standard, 4-Mil polyethylene 3 inch (76 mm) wide tape, detectable type blue with black letters (if potable water), or purple with black letters (if reclaimed or untreated well water), and imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED IRRIGATION WATER LINE BELOW".

2.12 TRACER WIRES

- A. Tracer Wires shall be No. 14, Green, Type TW plastic-coated copper tracer wire shall be installed with non-metallic irrigation main lines.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Examine proposed irrigation areas for compliance with requirements and conditions affecting installation and performance.
- B. Set stakes to identify locations of proposed irrigation system. Obtain Contracting Officer's Representative's approval before excavation.

3.2 PIPE INSTALLATION - GENERAL

- A. Layout work as closely as possible to drawings. Swing joints, offsets and all fittings are not shown. Lines are to be in a common trench wherever possible.
- B. Install sprinkler lines to avoid heating, ventilating, and air conditioning trenches; electric ducts; storm and sanitary sewer lines; and existing water and gas mains; all of which have the right of way.
- C. Existing sidewalks and curbs shall not be cut during trenching and installation of pipe. Install pipe under sidewalks and curbs by jacking, auger boring, or by tunneling. Repair or replace any cracked concrete, due to settling, during the warranty period.
- D. Do not lay pipe on unstable material, in wet trenches or, in the opinion of Contracting Officer's Representative, when trench or weather conditions are unsuitable for work.
- E. Allow a minimum of 3 inches (80 mm) between parallel pipes in the same trench.
- F. Clean the interior portion of pipe and fittings of foreign matter before installation. Securely close open ends of pipe and fittings with caps or plugs to protect fixtures and equipment against dirt, water and chemical or mechanical injury. At completion of all work thoroughly clean fixtures, exposed materials and equipment.
- G. The full length of each section of pipe shall rest upon the pipe bed with recesses excavated to accommodate bells or joints. Do not lay pipe on wood blocking.
- H. Hold pipe securely in place while joint is being made.
- I. Do not work over, or walk on, pipe in trenches until covered by layers of earth, well tamped, in place to a depth of 12 inches (300 mm) over pipe.
- J. Irrigation lines and control wire in cemetery applications shall run at boundaries of graves, through designated utility lanes or beside roadways so that any gravesite may be opened in the future without disruption of the irrigation system.
- K. Irrigation lines and control wire shall run through designated utility lanes or beside roadways where possible.
- L. Connect new system to existing mains.
- M. Concrete thrust blocks shall be installed where the irrigation main changes direction at "L" and "T" locations and where the irrigation main terminates. Pressure tests shall not be made for a period of 36 hours following the completion of pouring of the thrust blocks. Concrete thrust blocks for supply mains shall be sized and placed in strict accordance with the pipe manufacturer's

specifications and shall be of an adequate size and so placed as to take all thrust created by the maximum internal water pressure.

- N. Minimum cover over water mains shall be 30 inches (750 mm). Cover laterals to minimum depth of 24 inches (600 mm).
- O. Warning tape shall be continuously placed 12 inches (300 mm) above sprinkler system water mains and laterals.

3.3 PLASTIC PIPE INSTALLATION

- A. Plastic pipe shall be snaked in trench at least 1 foot per 100 feet (1 meter to 100 meters) to allow for thermal construction and expansion and to reduce strain on connections.
- B. Joints
 1. Solvent Welded Socket Type: ASTM D2855.
 2. Threaded Type: Apply liquid teflon thread lubricant of teflon thread type. After joint is made hand tight (hard), a strap wrench should be used to make up to two additional full turns.
 3. Elastomeric Gasket: ASTM F477.

3.4 EMITTER HOSE INSTALLATION

- A. Joint: Solvent weld connection.
- B. Bushing: Adaptation from PVC Schedule 40 fittings to flex vinyl hose shall be line size by 3/8 inch (10 mm) insert bushings.

3.5 SLEEVE INSTALLATION

- A. Furnish and install where pipe and control wires pass under walks, paving, walls, and other similar areas.
- B. Sleeves to be twice line size or greater to accommodate retrieval for repair of wiring or piping and shall extend 12 inches (300 mm) beyond edges of paving or construction.
- C. Bed sleeves with a minimum of 4 inches (100 mm) of sand backfill above top of pipe in areas where pipe is placed prior to hardscape is installed.

3.6 VALVE INSTALLATION

- A. Locations of remote control valves are schematic. Remote control valves shall be grouped wherever possible and aligned at a set dimension back of curb along roads.
- B. No valves shall be set under roads, pavement or walks.
- C. Clean interior of valves of foreign matter before installation.
- D. Pressure control valves installed adjacent to remote control valve shall be housed in the same valve box.
- E. Set valve box cover flush with finished grade.
- F. Control valves shall never be less than 3 inches (80 mm) below finished grade.

3.7 SPRINKLER AND QUICK COUPLER INSTALLATION

- A. Sprinkler heads and quick couplers shall be placed on temporary nipples extending at least 3 inches (80 mm) above finished grade. After turf is established, remove temporary nipples,

ensuring that no dirt or foreign matter enters outlet, and install sprinkler heads and quick couplers at ground surface as detailed.

- B. Place part circle rotary sprinkler heads no more than 6 inches (150 mm) from edge, of and flush with top of adjacent walks, header boards, curbs, and mowing aprons, or paved areas at time of installation.
- C. Install all sprinklers, shrub sprays and quick couplers on swing joints, as detailed on plans.
- D. Set shrub heads 8 inches (200 mm) above grade and 1 foot (300 mm) from edge of curb or pavement. Place adjacent to walls. Stake heads prior to backfilling trenches. Support stakes to be parallel to riser.
- E. Each sprinkler section shall drain to waste valves placed at lowest elevation points in the system. Waste valves shall discharge to drainage pits composed of three 1 foot (300 mm) long vertical sections of 24 inch (600 mm) diameter sewer pipe placed under the lawn areas. Fill pipe with gravel and cover with 2 inch (50 mm) precast concrete cover before backfilling. Waste valves may also discharge to storm sewers, where available.

3.8 TRACER WIRE INSTALLATION

- A. Tracer wire shall be installed on bottom of trench, adjacent to vertical pipe projections, carefully installed to avoid stress from backfilling, and shall be continuous throughout length of pipe with spliced joints soldered and covered with insulation type tape.
- B. Tracer wire shall follow main line pipe and branch lines and terminate in yard box with gate valve controlling these main irrigation lines. Provide sufficient length of wire to reach finish grade, bend back end of wire to make a loop and attach a plastic label with designation "Tracer Wire."
- C. Record locations of tracer wires and their terminations on project record documents.

3.9 FIELD TEST AND QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Engage a factory-authorized service representative to inspect, test, and adjust components, assemblies, and equipment installations, including connections.
- B. Tests and Inspections:
 1. Pressure test lines before joint areas are backfilled. Backfill a minimum of 12 inches (300 mm) over the pipe to maintain pipe stability during test period. Test piping at hydraulic pressure of 150 psi (1025 kPa) for two hours. Maximum loss shall be 0.8 gallons/inch pipe diameter/1,000-feet (3 L/25 mm pipe diameter/300 m). Locate pump at low point in line and apply pressure gradually. Install pressure gage shut-off valve and safety blow-off valve between pressure source and piping. Inspect each joint and repair leaks. Line shall be retested until satisfactory.
 2. After testing, flush system with a minimum of 150 percent of operating flow passing through each pipe beginning with larger mains and continuing through smaller mains in sequence. Flush lines before installing sprinkler heads and quick couplers.
 3. After installation, charge system and test for leaks. Repair leaks and retest until no leaks exist.

4. After electrical circuitry has been energized and final adjustment of the sprinkler heads to permanent level at ground surface is complete, test each sprinkler section by the pan test and visual test to indicate a uniform distribution within any one sprinkler head area and over the entire area. Operate controllers and automatic control valves to demonstrate the complete and successful installation and operation of all equipment.
- C. Test and adjust controls and safeties. Replace damaged and malfunctioning controls and equipment. Any irrigation product will be considered defective if it does not pass tests and inspections.
- D. Prepare test and inspection reports.

3.10 ADJUSTMENTS

- A. Adjust settings of controllers.
- B. Adjust automatic control valves to provide flow rate at rated operating pressure required for each sprinkler circuit.
- C. Adjust sprinklers and devices, except those intended to be mounted aboveground, to match existing.

3.11 DEMONSTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- A. Prior to final acceptance, verbal instructions, for a period of not less than 1 hour, shall be provided to the operating personnel. Provide 2 additional years of software support for one hour each month.
- B. Program controller and satellites according to approved irrigation schedule.
- C. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation.
- D. Manufacturer of Control Systems shall certify control system is complete, including all related components, and totally operational. Submit certificate to Contracting Officer's Representative.
- E. Maintain and provide a complete set of as built drawings which shall be corrected daily to show changes in locations of all pipe, valves, pumps and related irrigation equipment. Valves shall be shown with dimensions to reference points.
- F. Controller Drawings and Zone Chart(s):
 1. Prepare in digital format a drawing mapping the location of all valves, lateral lines, and route of the control wires. Identify all valves as to size, station, number and type of irrigation. Digital formatted "as built" drawings must be approved before controller zone charts are prepared.
 2. Provide one controller zone chart for each automatic controller showing the area covered by the controller. The chart shall be a reduced drawing of the actual "as built" system and fit the maximum size controller door will allow. If controller sequence is not legible when the drawing is reduced to door size, the drawing shall be enlarged to a size that is readable and placed folded, in a sealed plastic container, inside the controller door.

3. The final irrigation "as built" drawings shall be submitted in digital format with a different color code used to show area of coverage for each station. All drawings and zone charts must be completed and approved prior to final inspection of the irrigation system.

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