

Special Provision to Item 132

Embankment



Item 132, "Embankment" of the Standard Specifications is amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements of this Item are waived or changed.

Article 132.3.4., "Compaction Methods." The last sentence is replaced by the following.

Compact embankments in accordance with Section 132.3.4.1., "Ordinary Compaction," or Section 132.3.4.2., "Density Control," as shown on the plans. The Contractor may use Section 132.3.4.3., "Density Control by Computer-Generated (CG) Curve," as an option for density control.

Article 132.3.4., "Compaction Methods," is supplemented by the following.

3.4.3. Density Control by Computer-Generated (CG) Curve. At the Contractor's discretion, CG curves may be used for density control.

Compact each layer to the required density using equipment complying with Item 210, "Rolling." Determine the maximum lift thickness based on the ability of the compacting operation and equipment to meet the required density. Do not exceed layer thickness of 12 in. loose or 10 in. compacted material, unless otherwise approved. Maintain a level layer with consistent thickness to ensure uniform compaction.

When using this method for each source and type of material, or when directed, sample and conduct testing according to the input parameters specified in Table 3 and provide CG field moisture-density curves based on each soil-compactors-lift thickness combination and CG Tex-114-E moisture-density curves based on each lift of soil. The CG field dry density (D_{fcg}) must be greater than or equal to the CG Tex-114-E maximum dry density (D_{acg}). The Engineer may obtain independent soil samples for supplemental Tex-114-E lab tests to check a supplemental maximum dry density (D_a) and optimum moisture content (W_{opt}) for reference when new CG curves are submitted. Provide access to the computer program used to generate the curve, when directed.

Table 3
Computer-Generated Lab and Field Compaction Curve Input Criteria

Input Variables	Test Method
Liquid Limit, %	Tex-104-E
Plasticity Index (PI), %	Tex-106-E
Soil gradation	Tex-110-E Tex-111-E
Soil classification	Tex-112-E
Compaction roller brand, type, and model	N/A
Loose lift thickness, in.	N/A
Soil specific gravity	Use 2.65 for soil type SC. Use 2.68 for soil type CL. Use 2.69 for soil type CH.

Provide a compaction control report showing all input and output parameters and CG compaction curves, including:

- CG Tex-114-E laboratory maximum dry density (D_{acg}),
- CG Tex-114-E laboratory optimum moisture content (W_{optcg}),
- CG field maximum dry density (D_{fcg}),

- CG field optimum moisture content ($W_{f_{optcg}}$),
- graph of CG laboratory and field compaction curves and the “Zero Air Voids Line,” and
- minimum number of roller passes to achieve the required density and moisture content.

Meet the requirements for field maximum dry density (D_{fcg}) and field optimum moisture content ($W_{f_{optcg}}$) specified in Table 4, unless otherwise shown on the plans. Use only the specific roller and soil properties utilized in lift construction as input parameters to generate the CG field curve used to meet moisture-density requirements in construction.

Table 4
Computer-Generated Lab and Field Compaction Curve Input Criteria

Description	Density	Moisture Content
	Tex-115-E	
$PI \leq 15$	$\geq 98\% D_{fcg}$	$\geq W_{f_{optcg}}$
$15 < PI \leq 35$	$\geq 98\% D_{fcg}$ and $\leq 102\% D_{fcg}$	$\geq W_{f_{optcg}}$
$PI > 35$	$\geq 95\% D_{acg}$ and $\leq 100\% D_{acg}$	$\geq W_{f_{optcg}}$

Each layer is subject to testing by the Engineer for density and moisture content. During compaction, the moisture content of the soil should be above CG optimum moisture content but should not exceed the value shown on the moisture-density curve, above optimum, required to achieve 98% dry density.

When the CG field maximum dry density (D_{fcg}) is not achieved, perform the following steps in order.

- Verify that construction controls including lift soil properties, minimum number and uniformity of compactor passes, lift thickness, and moisture content are correct.
- If needed, rework the lift with the corrected controls using the original CG curve.
- Generate a new CG field compaction curve based on actual in-place soil properties and rework the lift.
- Generate a non-CG Tex-114-E moisture-density reference standard and rework the material using this reference standard.

When required, remove small areas of the layer to allow for density tests. Replace the removed material and recompact at no additional expense to the Department. Proof-roll in accordance with Item 216, “Proof Rolling,” when shown on the plans or as directed. Correct soft spots as directed.

Article 132.3.5., “Maintenance of Moisture and Reworking.” The first sentence is replaced by the following.

Maintain the density and moisture content once all requirements in Table 2 or 4 are met.