

# Best Practices for Jointing of Concrete Pavements



**National Concrete Pavement Technology Center  
Iowa's Lunch-Hour Workshop  
In cooperation with the Iowa DOT  
and the Iowa Concrete Paving Association**



# Agenda

## Background

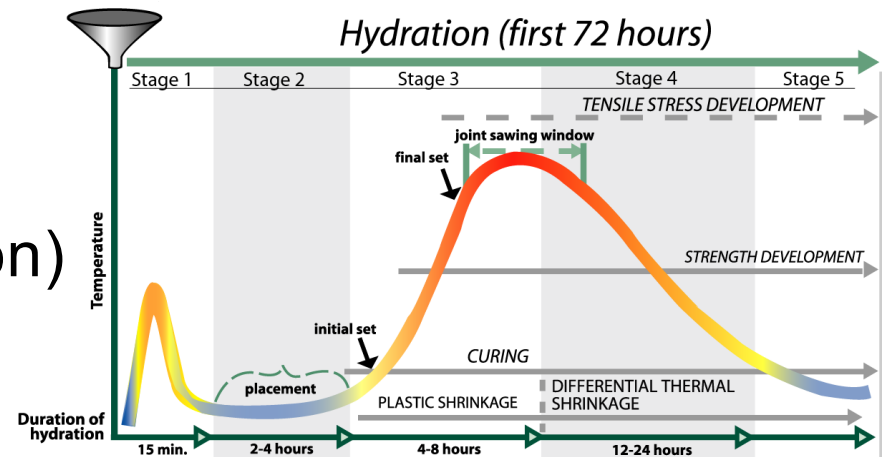
- Why Jointing?
  - Controls cracking
  - Accommodates movement
  - Load transfer
- Load Transfer
- Joint Types & Layout
- Sawing Window

## PCC Jointing Applications

- Roundabouts, Airports, Parking Lots, Trails

# Early Cracking

- Few hours to few months after construction
- Early cracking from:
  1. Shrinkage (volume loss) during hydration
    - Temp change (contraction)
    - Loss of water (drying shrinkage)
  2. Subgrade/subbase restraint
  3. Curling and Warping
    - \* Mature cracking can occur with improper joint layout or construction

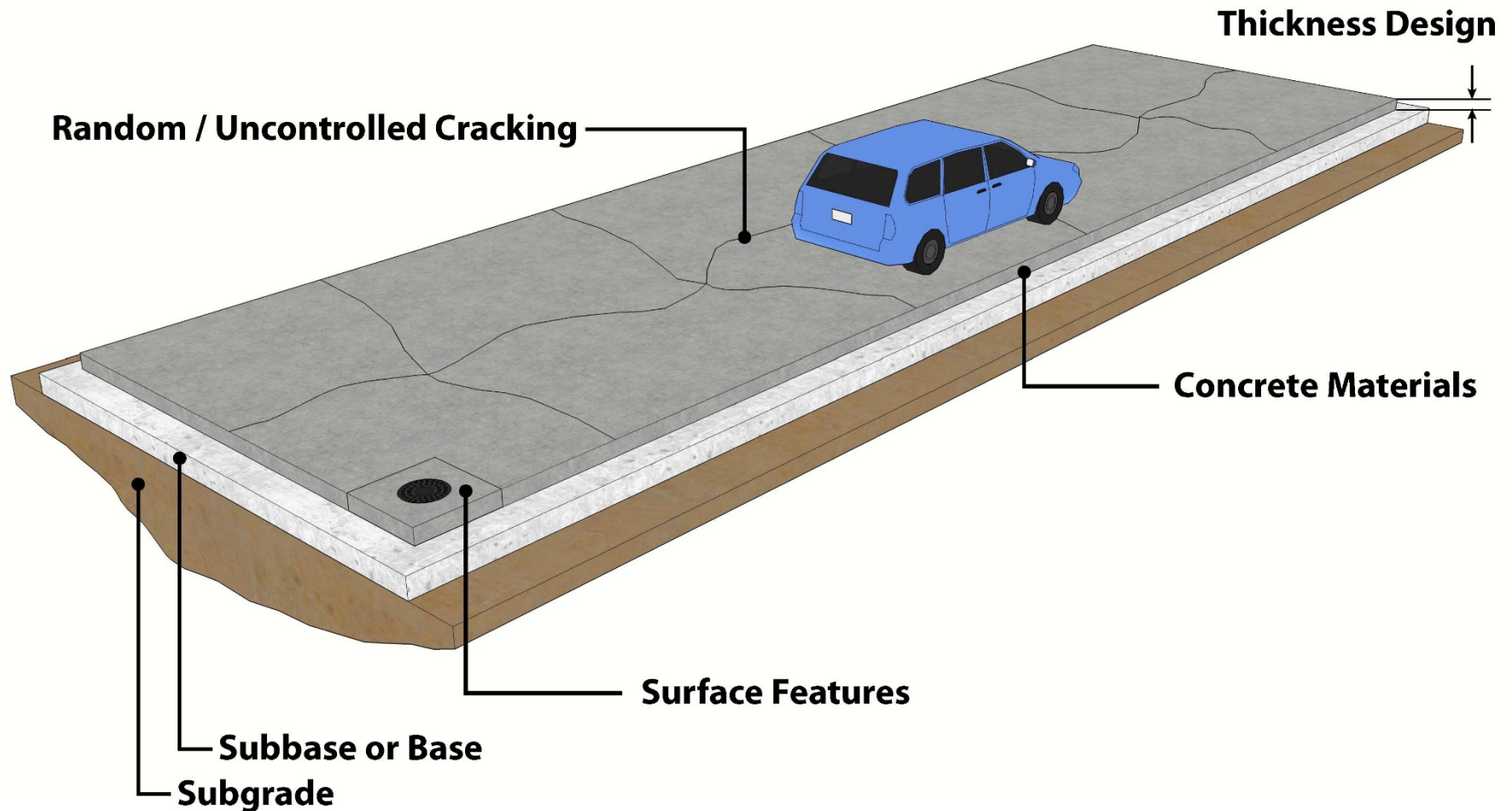


# Why Jointing?

- Joints minimize cracking by:
  1. Providing load transfer & ability to accommodate movement
  2. Proper timing of sawing
  3. Proper location of joints
  4. Proper curing
  5. Constructing a quality foundation
    - Uniform subgrade & drainable subbase system



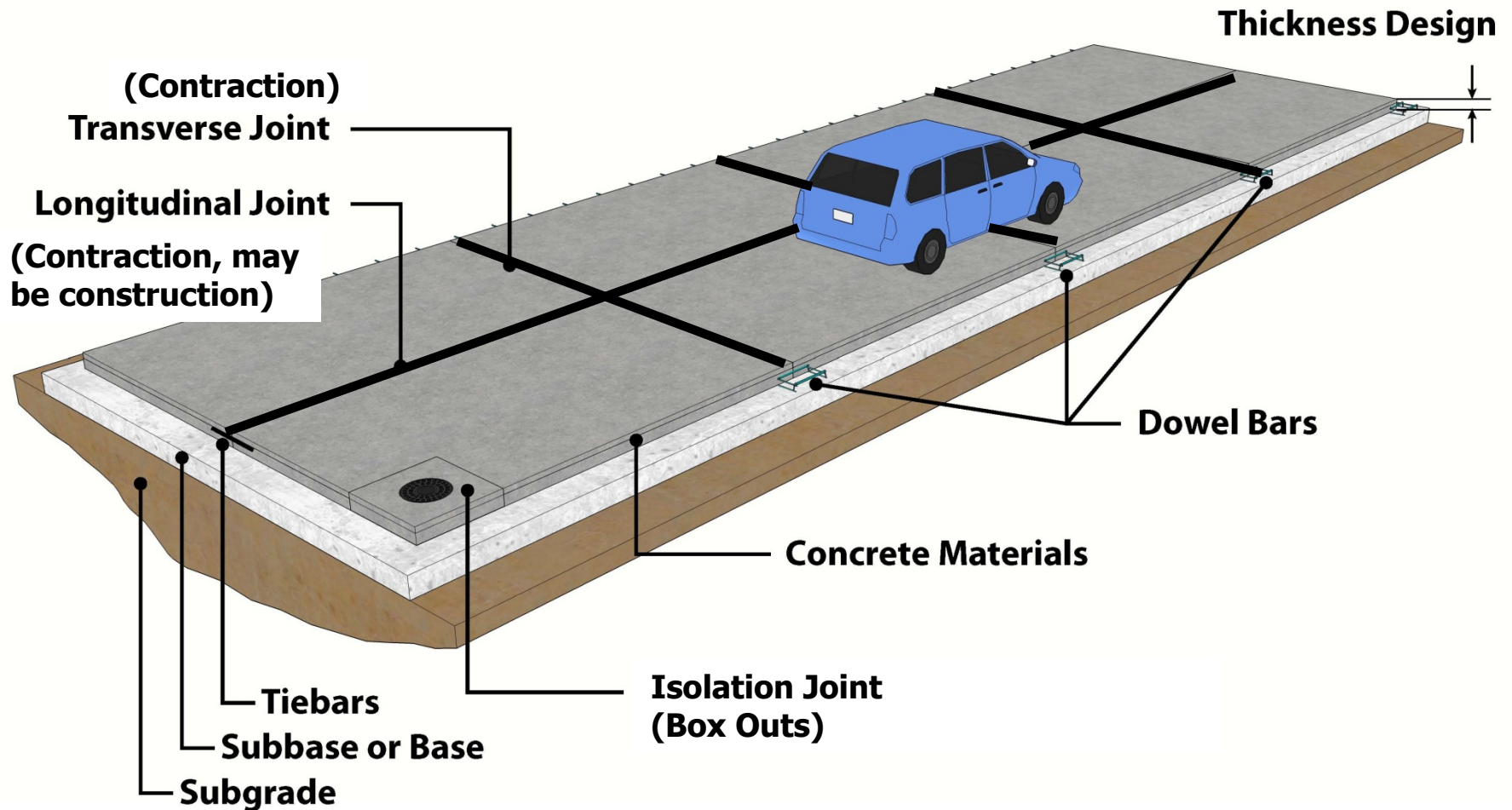
# Random Cracking without Joints



**PAVEMENT - No JOINTING**



# Types of Joints



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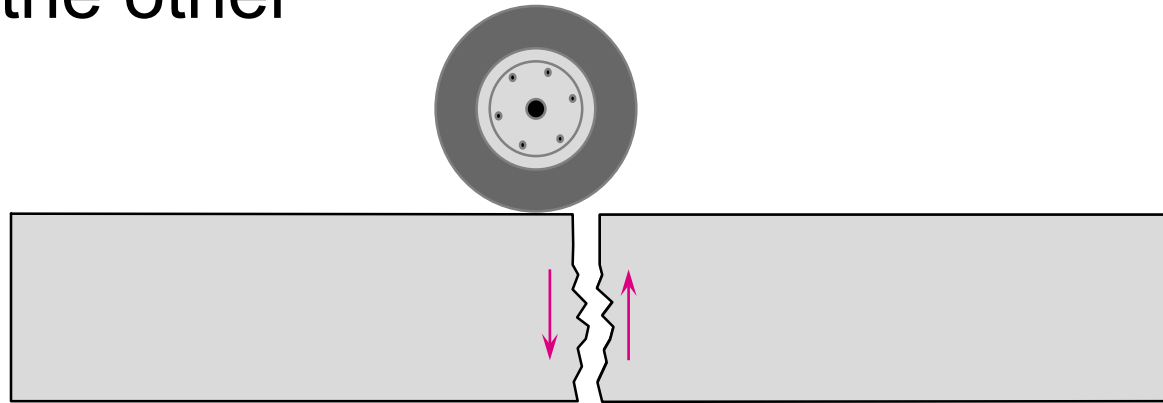


1921 Pavement (97 Years Old)

# Load Transfer - Aggregate Interlock

- Traffic loadings must transfer from one side of the joint to the other

Joint Opening Below Saw Cut	Joint Efficiency
1/16"	>50%
1/8"	<50%
1/4"	0%



## To Increase Aggregate Interlock:

Longitudinal tiebars

Stiff & uniform subgrades

Improved subgrade drainage

Crushed stone (angular creates rough joint space)

**Suitable for less than 100 trucks per lane per day (4 million ESALs design traffic)**

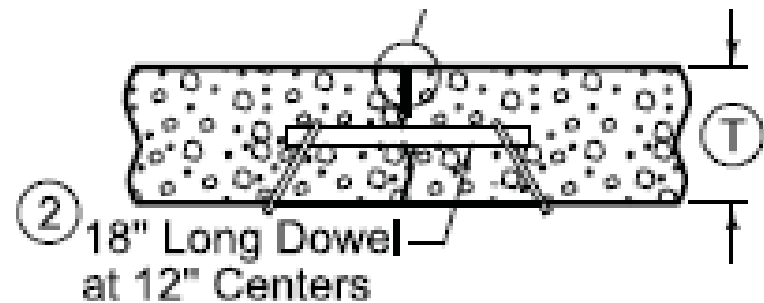


# Load Transfer - Mechanical

- Dowel bars
  - Keeps slabs in horizontal and vertical alignment
  - Daily and seasonal joint openings have less affect on load transfer
  - Lowers deflection and stress in slabs



Source: Glen Eder



# Joint Types

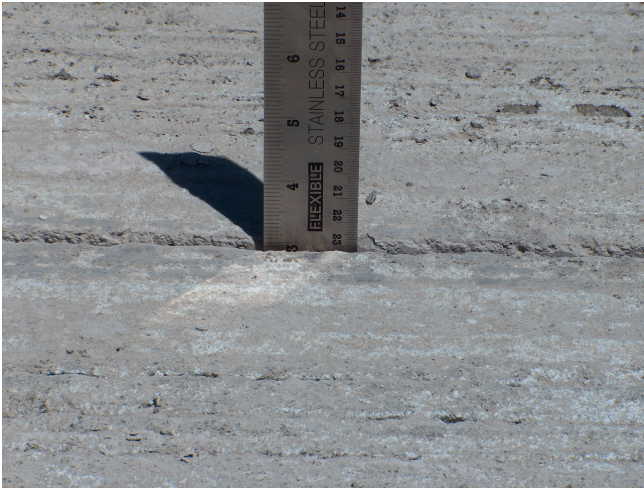
## Three Types of Joints

1. Contraction (L& T)
2. Construction (L & T)
3. Isolation (L & T)

# Transverse Contraction

## Transverse contraction joints

- “C” joint for pavements typically less than 8” and less than 100 trucks per day per lane
- “CD” joint for pavements typically 8” or greater and more than 100 trucks per day per lane



### Conventional saw

Width =  $1/4'' \pm 1/16''$

Depth =  $T/4 \pm 1/4''$  (C joint)

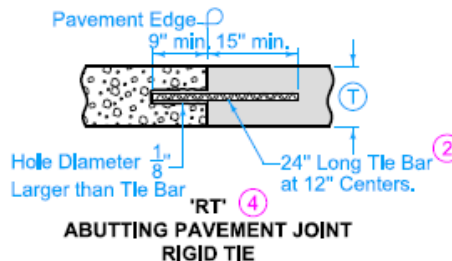
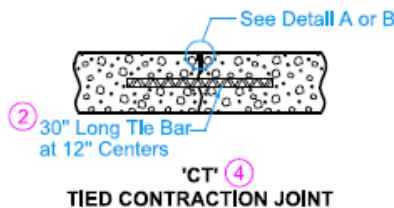
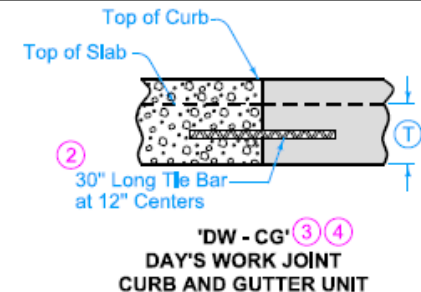
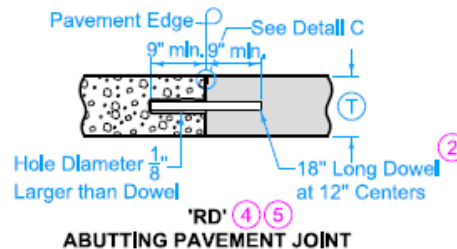
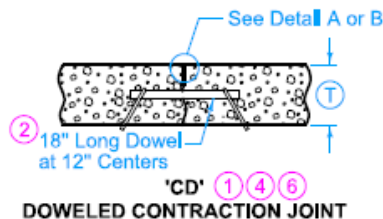
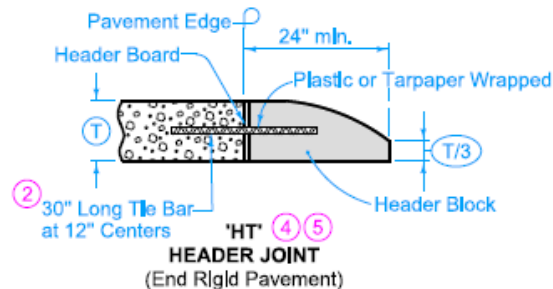
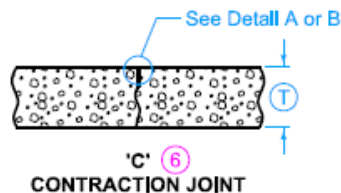
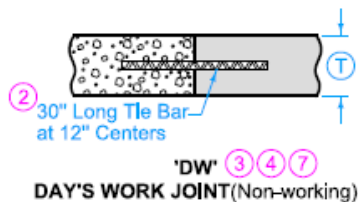
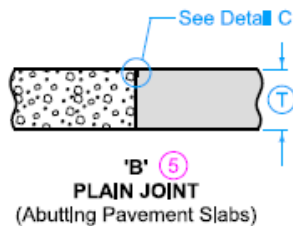
Depth =  $T/3 \pm 1/4''$  (CD joint)

### Early-entry saw

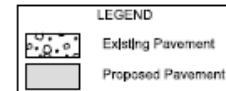
Width =  $1/8''$  to  $5/16''$

Depth =  $1 \frac{1}{4}'' \pm 1/4''$

# Transverse Contraction



- 1 See dowel assemblies for fabrication details.
- 2 See Bar Size Table.
- 3 Locate 'DW' joint at a mid-panel location between future 'C' or 'CD' joints. Place no closer than 5 feet to a 'C' or 'CD' joint.
- 4 Place bars within the limits shown under dowel assemblies.
- 5 Edge with 1/8 inch tool for length of joint. For HT joint, remove header block and board when second slab is placed.
- 6 Unless otherwise specified, use 'CD' transverse contraction joints in mainline pavement when T is greater or equal to 8 inches. Use 'C' joints when T is less than 8 inches.
- 7 'RT' joint may be used in lieu of 'DW' joint at the end of the days work. Remove any pavement damaged due to the drilling at no additional cost to the Contracting Authority.



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FIGURE 7010.101	STANDARD ROAD PLAN	8	10-16-18
		PV-101	
		SHEET 1 of 8	

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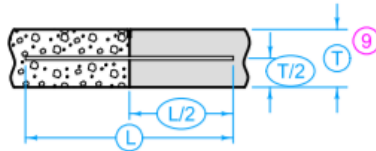
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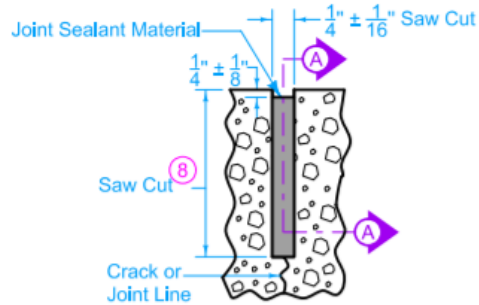
TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION

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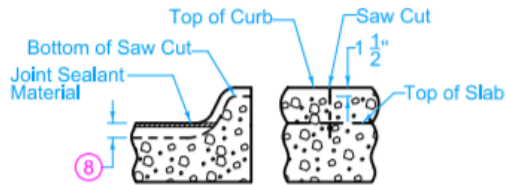
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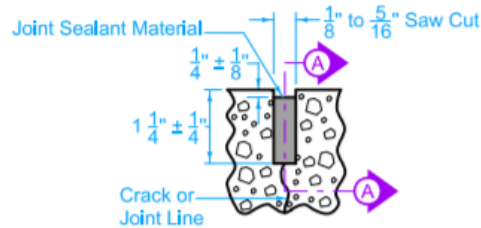
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(Saw cut formed by conventional concrete sawing equipment.)



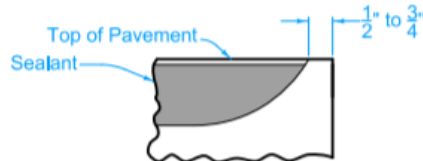
## 'C' JOINT IN CURB

(Match 'CT', 'CD', or 'C' joint in pavement.)



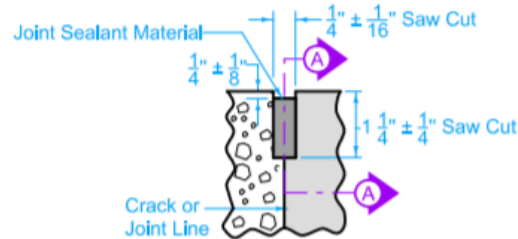
## DETAIL B

(Saw cut formed by approved early concrete sawing equipment.)



## SECTION A-A

(Detail at Edge of Pavement)



## DETAIL C

- (8) Saw 'CD' joint to a depth of  $T/3 \pm 1/4"$ ; saw 'C' joint to a depth of  $T/4 \pm 1/4"$ .
- (9) When tying into old pavement, (T) represents the depth of sound PCC.

## BAR SIZE TABLE

(T)	Dowel Diameter	Tie Bar Size
< 8"	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	#6
$\geq 8"$ but < 10"	$1 \frac{1}{4}$ "	#10
$\geq 10"$	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ "	#11

## LEGEND



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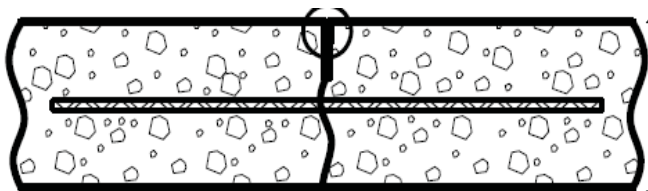
## JOINTS

## TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION



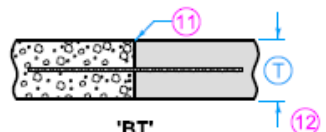
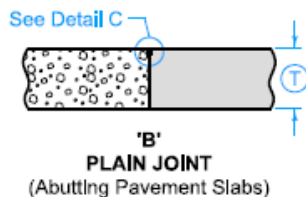
# Longitudinal Contraction

- Hold aggregate interlock between slabs & allows “hinge”
- Delineates traffic lanes
- Depth is  $T/3$  (may or may not be sealed)
- Early sawing is NOT recommended (unless  $T/3$  is achieved)
- Width:  $1/4" \pm 1/16"$  (non DOT)
- Width:  $1/8"$  to  $5/16"$  (DOT)

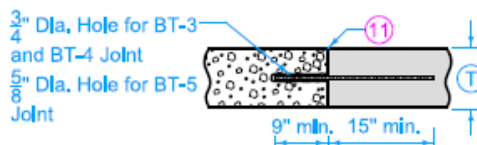


Ⓣ	Joint	Bars	Bar Length and Spacing
< 8"	'L-1'	#4	36" Long at 30" Centers
≥ 8"	'L-2'	#5	36" Long at 30" Centers
	'L-3'		36" Long at 15" Centers

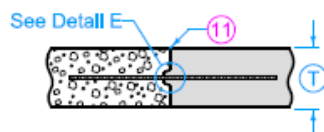
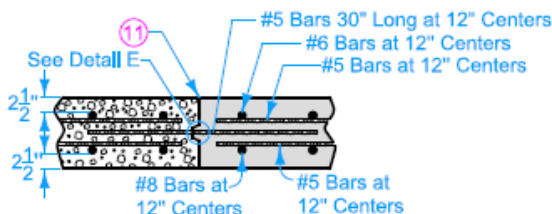
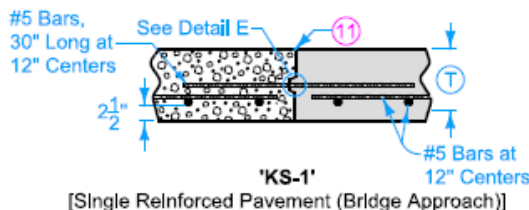
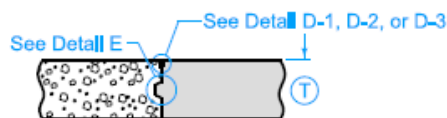
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< 8"	#4	24" Long at 30" Centers
≥ 8"	#5	24" Long at 30" Centers



Joint	Bars	Bar Length and Spacing
< 8"	#4	30" Long at 30" Centers
≥ 8"	#5	30" Long at 30" Centers

## LONGITUDINAL CONTRACTION

- Bar supports may be necessary for fixed form paving to ensure the bar remains in a horizontal position in the plastic concrete.
- Sawing or sealing of joint not required.
- The following joints are interchangeable, subject to the pouring sequence:  
'BT-1', 'L-1', and 'KT-1'  
'KT-2' and 'L-2'  
'KT-3' and 'L-3'



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LEGEND
Existing Pavement
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## JOINTS

# Contraction Joint Spacing

## Roadways (Transverse):

6" - 7" = 2 x thickness in feet

8" - 9" = 15'

≥10" = 20' ("CD" max.)

$$ML = T \times C_s$$

ML = Maximum length between joints (in.)

T = Slab thickness (in.)

$C_s$  = Support constant

(24 for subgrades or unstabilized subbases)

(21 for ATB, CTB or existing concrete or asphalt)

< 6" (concrete overlays) = 1.5 thickness in feet  
(Not same ML formula)

## Roadways (Longitudinal)

6" - 9" = 6.5' min. to 12.5' max.

>9" = 14.5' max (SUDAS 10'-13' max)

### 'C' Joint

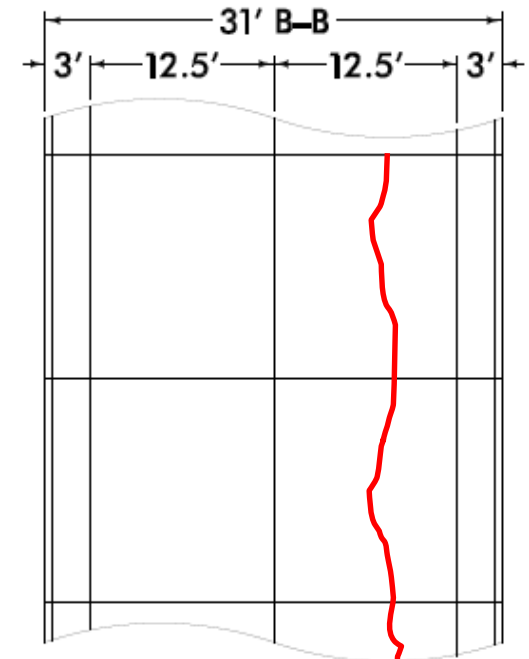
For  $T < 8"$  & Trucks (<120 /lane/day)

### 'CD' Joint (dowels)

For  $T \geq 8"$  and Heavy Trucks (>120 /lane/day)

# Longitudinal Contraction Joints (Not Sawing Deep Enough)

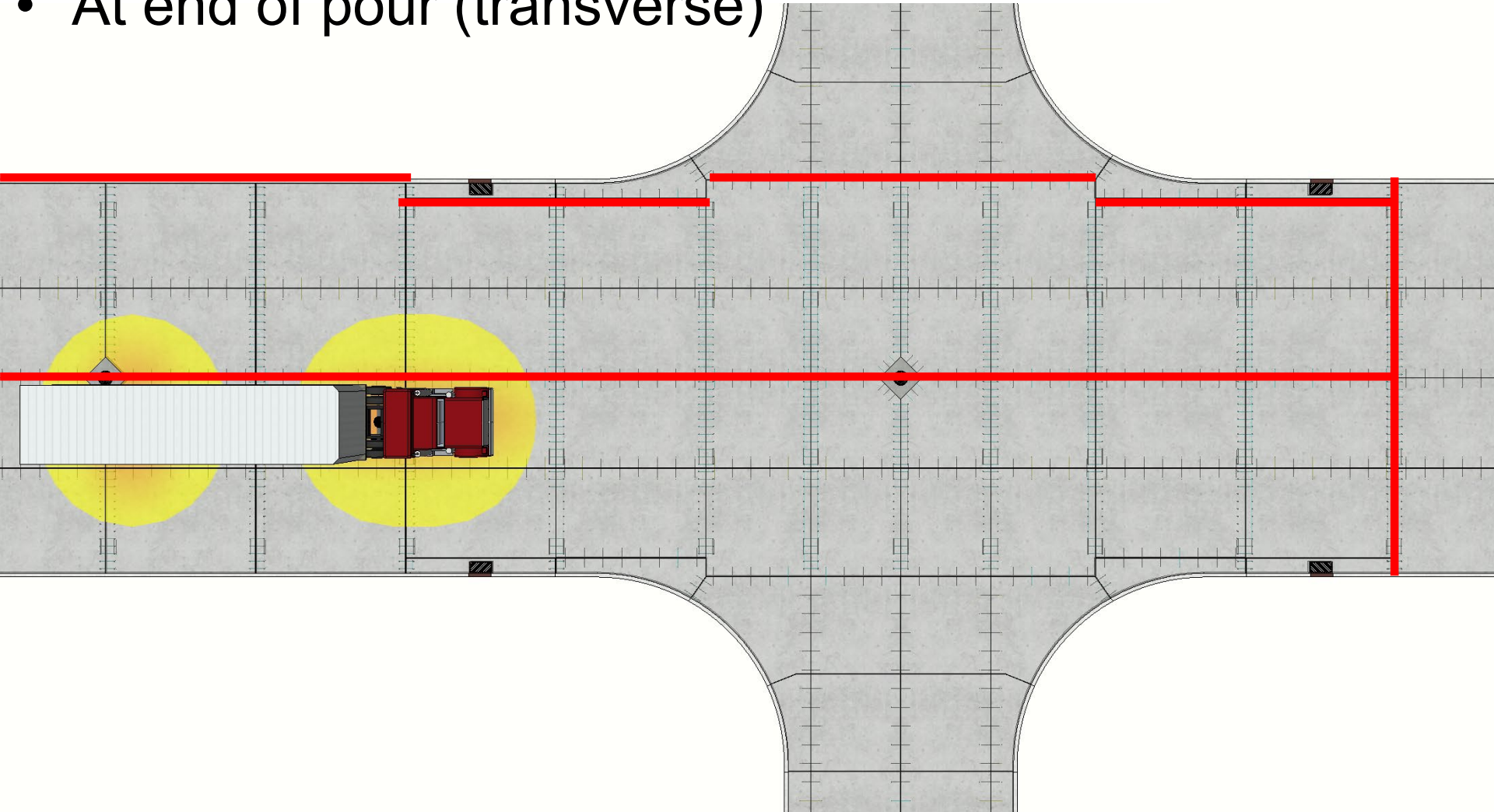
- Use of gutter joints not recommended for thicknesses less than 9"
- Thinner pavements may not crack through at gutter joint, causing longitudinal cracks at mid-panel
- Saw depth must be  $T/3$



Gutterline Jointing

# Construction Joints

- At edge of pour (longitudinal)
- At end of pour (transverse)



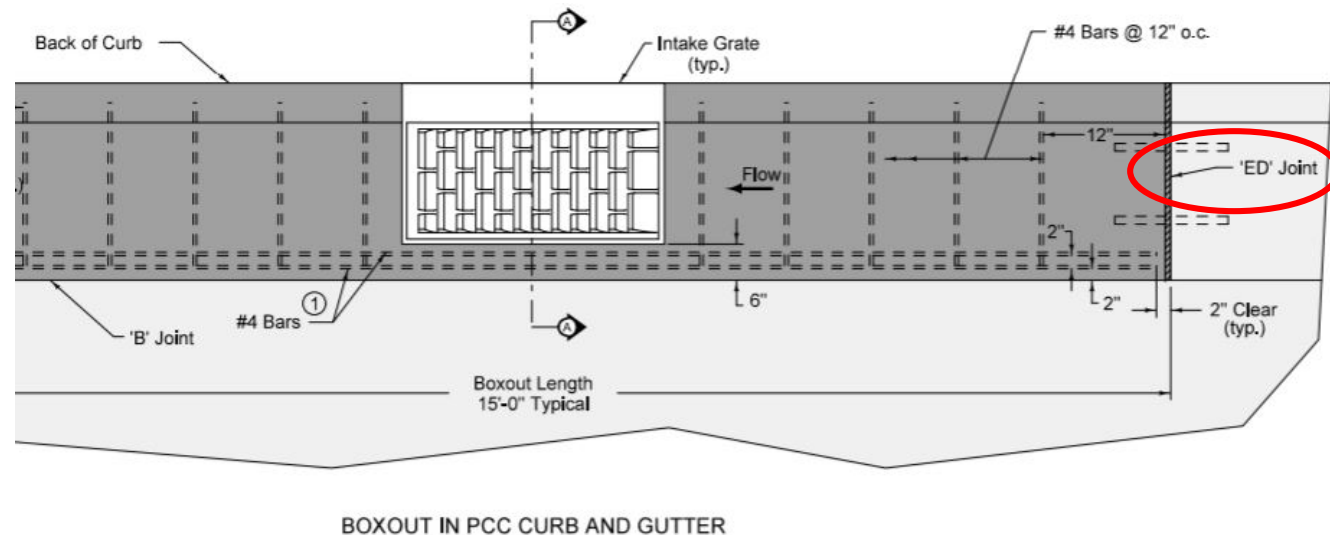


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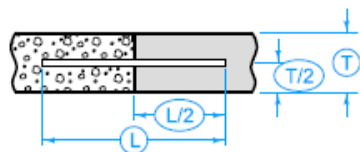
Isolation joints around structures

- Allows horizontal pavement movement without damaging adjacent structures
- Full-depth, full-width joints
- Isolates fixed structures from pavement

Use of  
Isolation/Expansion  
Joints to mitigate  
expansion (bridge  
approaches)

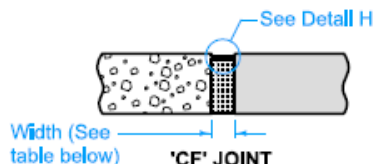


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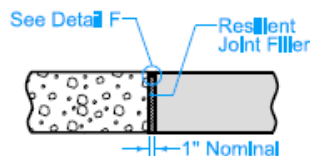


## DOWEL PLACEMENT

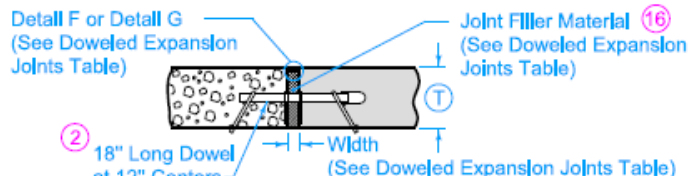
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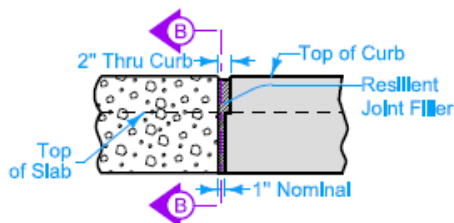
TYPE	WIDTH
CF-1	2"
CF-2	2 1/2"
CF-3	3"
CF-4	3 1/2"



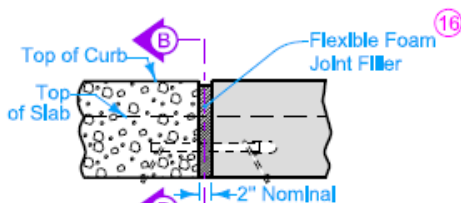
## 'E' 1" EXPANSION JOINT



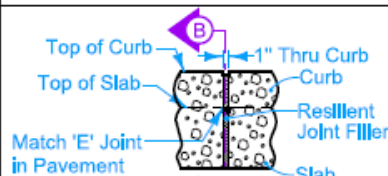
## 'ED', 'EE', 'EF' (15) DOWELED EXPANSION JOINT



## 'E' JOINT IN CURB (View at Back of Curb)



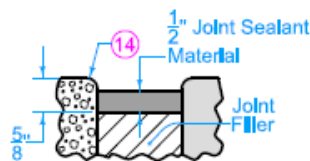
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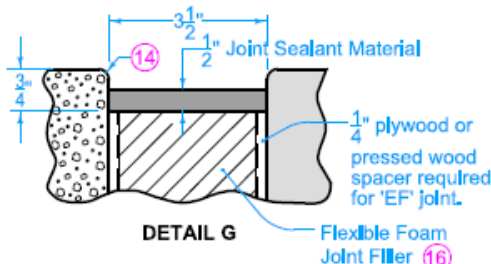
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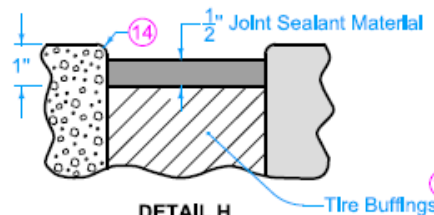
## SECTION B-B



## DETAIL F



## DETAIL G



## DETAIL H

## EXPANSION

- (2) See Bar Size Table.
- (14) Edge with 1/4 inch tool for length of joint indicated if formed; edging not required when cut with diamond blade saw.
- (15) See Dowel Assemblies for fabrication details and placement limits. Coat the free end of dowel bar to prevent bond with pavement. At Intake locations, dowel bars may be cast-in-place.
- (16) Predrill or preform holes in joint material for appropriate dowel size.
- (17) Compact tire buffings by spading with a square-nose shovel.

## DOWELED EXPANSION JOINTS

TYPE	WIDTH	FILLER MATERIAL (16)
ED	1"	Resilient (Detail F)
EE	2"	Flexible Foam (Detail F)
EF	3 1/2"	Flexible Foam (Detail G)

## BAR SIZE TABLE

(T)	< 8"	≥ 8" but < 10"	≥ 10"
Dowel Diameter	3/4"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"

## LEGEND

	Existing Pavement
	Proposed Pavement

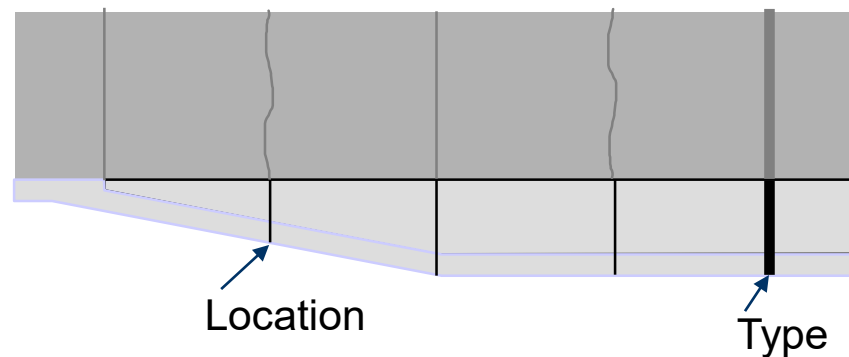
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## JOINTS

# General Layout Rules

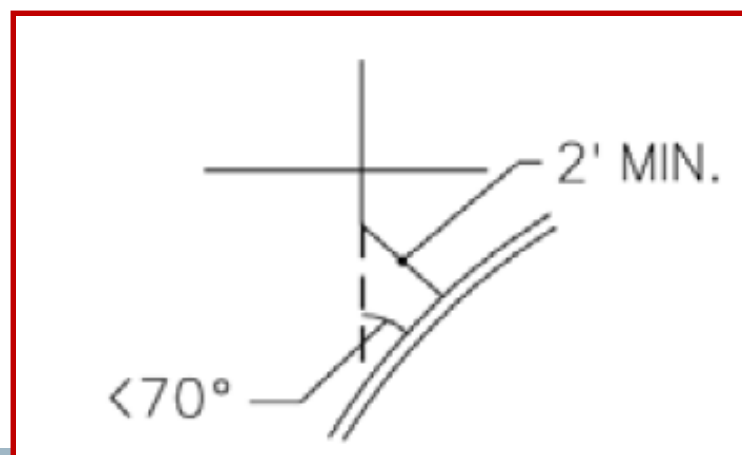
## Things to Do

- Match existing joints or cracks – location AND type!
- Place joints to meet in-pavement structures
- Remember maximum joint spacing
- Place isolation joints where needed
- Locations can be adjusted in the field!

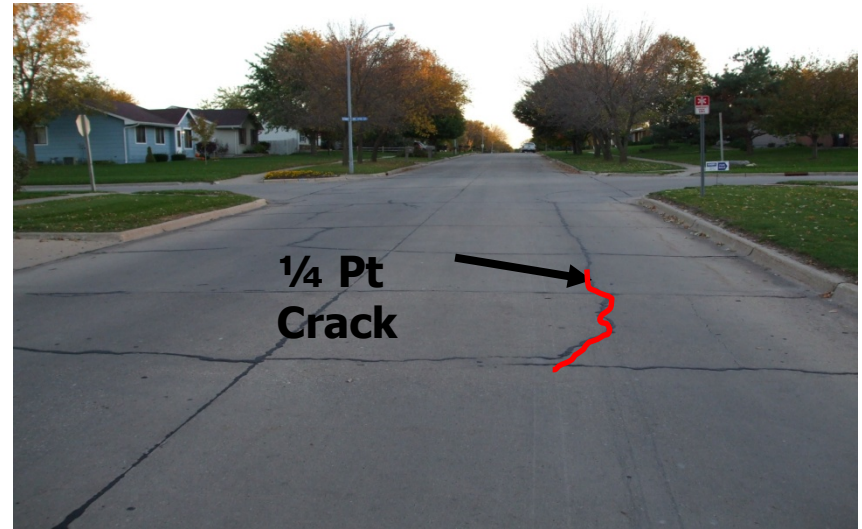


# General Layout Rules

- Slabs  $\leq 12.5$  ft wide  
(for roadways  $T \leq 9''$ )
- Angles  $> 70^\circ$  ( $90^\circ$  is best)
- Avoid creating interior corners
- Keep slabs near-square  
( $L =$  no more than  $1.5 W$ )

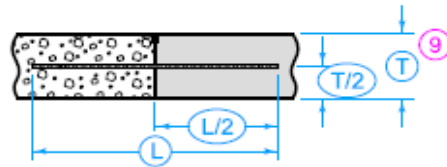


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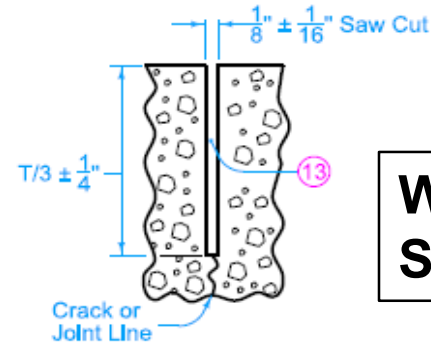


# Seal (Filling) vs. No Seal



**TIE BAR PLACEMENT**

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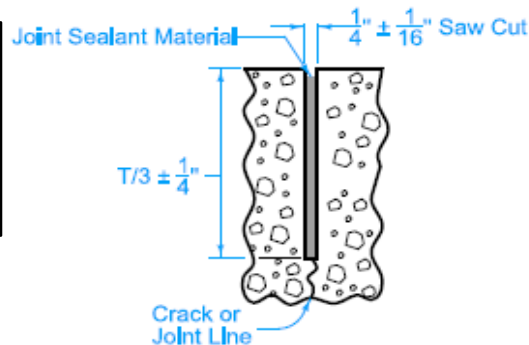


**DETAIL D-1**

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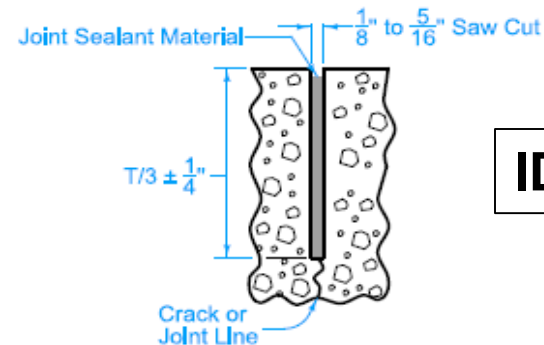
**When Specified**

**Non-IDOT  
or when  
specified**



**DETAIL D-2**

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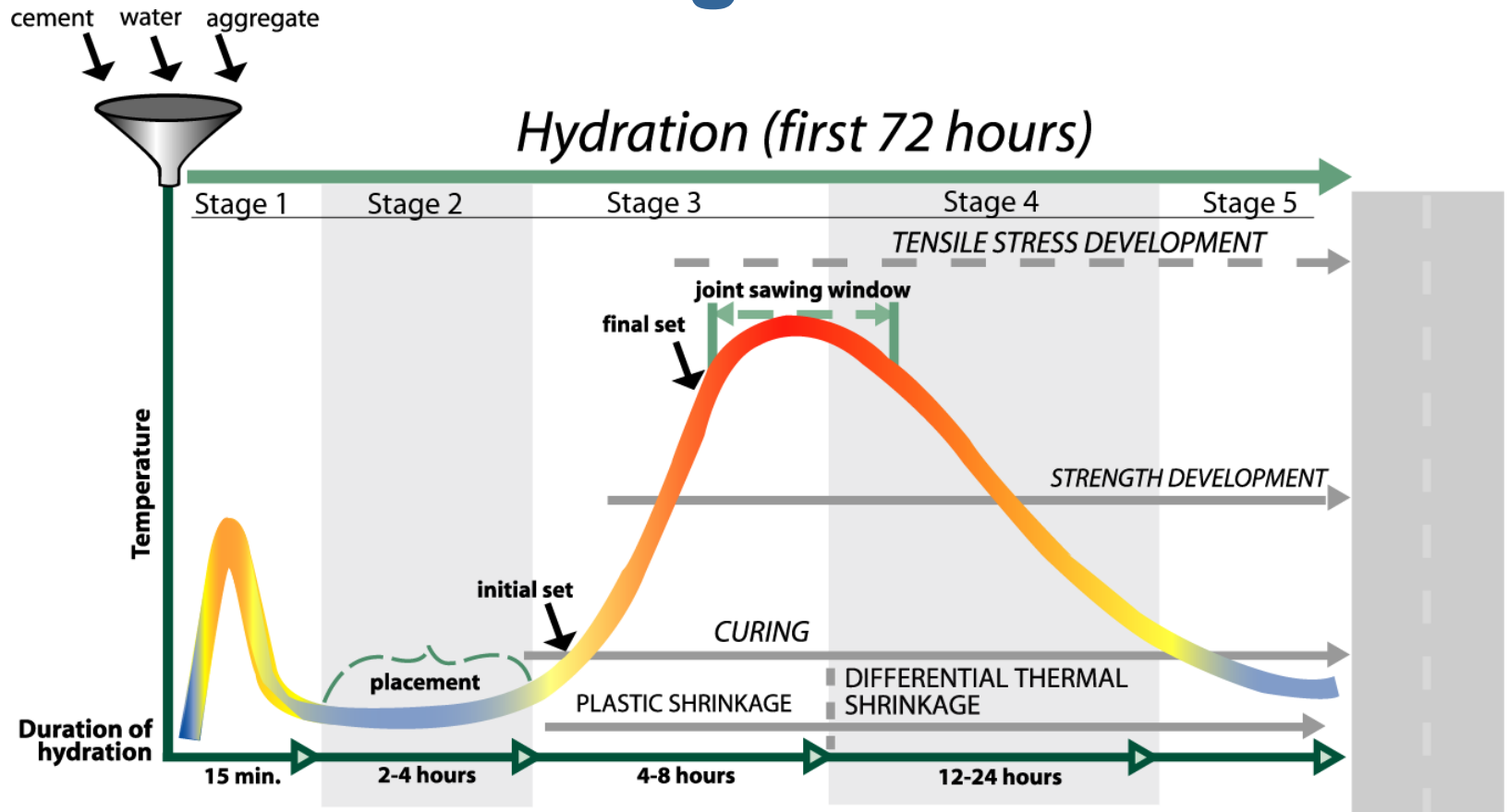
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**IDOT**

**Longitudinal Joint Detail**

# Sawing Window



## Initial Mix

(15 minutes)

High heat followed by rapid cooling

## Dormancy

(24 hours)

Cool, plastic, workable

Transport and Place

## Acceleration

(4-8 hours)

Significant heat, less workable, begins to harden

Begin curing  
Cut joints

## Deceleration

(12-24 hours)

Becomes hard and dense

Continue curing

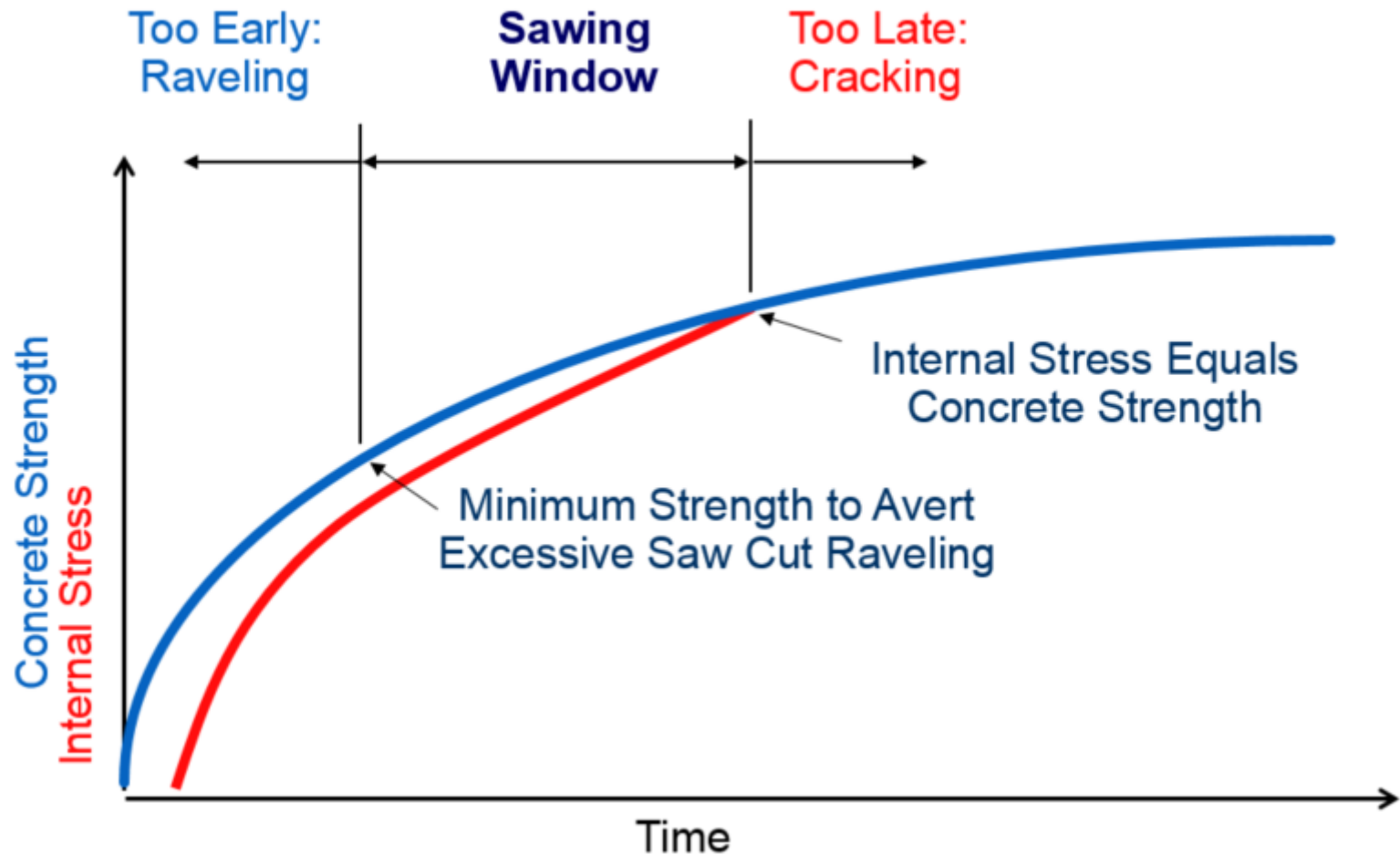
## Slow Hydration

(Indefinitely)

70 – 75%hydrated after 28 days

Can continue indefinitely, as long as water can reach un-hydrated particles

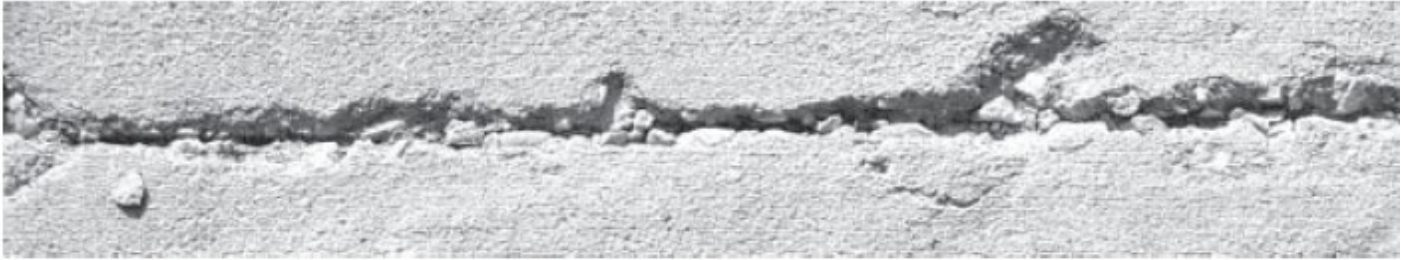
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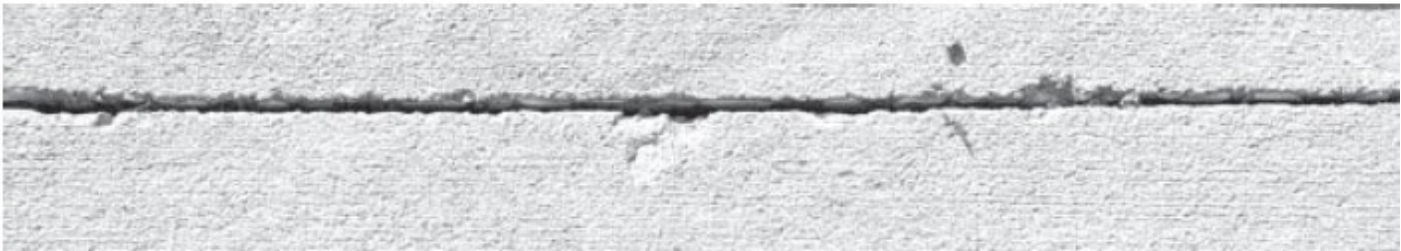
# Factors Affecting Sawing Window

- **Weather:**
  - Sudden temperature drop or rainshower
  - Sudden temperature rise
  - High winds & low humidity
  - Cool temperatures & cloudy
  - Hot temperatures & sunny
- **Subbase:**
  - High friction between the subbase & concrete slab
  - Bond between the subbase & concrete slab
  - Dry surface
  - Porous aggregate subbase materials
- **Concrete Mixture:**
  - High water demand
  - Rapid early strength
  - Retarded set
  - Cementitious content & composition
  - Supplementary cementing materials
  - Fine aggregate (fineness and grading)
  - Coarse aggregate (maximum size and/or percentage)

# Sawing Window



*A. UNACCEPTABLE RAVELING - Sawed too early*



*B. MODERATE RAVELING - Sawed early in window*




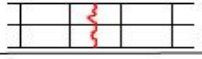
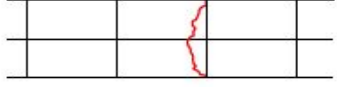
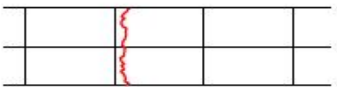

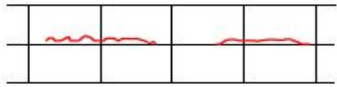
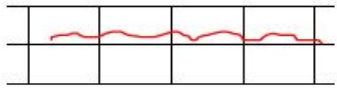
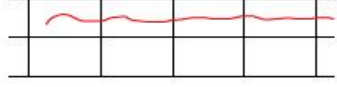
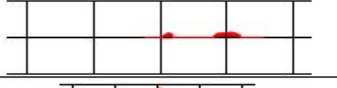
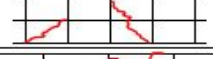
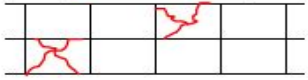
*C. NO RAVELING - Sawed later in window*



# Late Saw Cut



# Iowa DOT Construction Manual Appendix 9-6

Defect	Orientation	Location	Description	Dowelled/Undowelled Transverse Joints	Recommended Repair	
Plastic Shrinkage	Any	Anywhere	Partial-depth and more than 0.007 in. wide	Either	Do nothing	
Uncontrolled Crack	Transverse	Mid-Panel	Full-Depth	Undowelled	Saw/route and seal crack	
				Dowelled	Full-Depth Repair or LTR <sup>a</sup>	
Uncontrolled Crack	Transverse	Crosses or ends at transverse joint	Full-Depth	Undowelled	Saw & seal crack; Epoxy sawed joint if uncracked	
				Dowelled	Full-Depth Repair or If crack jumps from sawcut to edge of slab within 3 feet of edge of slab, stop sawcut, saw & seal crack	
Uncontrolled Crack	Transverse	Parallel to & within 5 ft. of joint	Full-Depth	Undowelled	Saw and seal crack Seal joint	
				Dowelled	Full-Depth repair to replace crack and joint	
Spalled sawcut or uncontrolled crack	Transverse	Anywhere	Spalling; more than 3.0 in. wide	Either	Partial-Depth Repair	
Uncontrolled Crack	Longitudinal	Relatively parallel to & within 1 ft. of joint; May cross or end at longitudinal joint	Full-Depth	Either	Saw/route & seal the crack or cross-stitch the crack Epoxy sawed joint if uncracked	
Uncontrolled Crack	Longitudinal	Relatively parallel to & within wheel path; 1 - 5 ft. from joint	Full-Depth, hairline, or spalled	Either	Remove and replace panel or cross-stitch crack	
Uncontrolled Crack	Longitudinal	Relatively parallel to & further than 5 ft. from a longitudinal joint or edge	Full-Depth	Either	Cross-stitch crack	
Spalled sawcut or uncontrolled crack	Longitudinal	Anywhere	Spalled	Either	Partial-Depth Repair	
Uncontrolled Crack	Diagonal	Anywhere	Full-Depth	Either	Full-Depth Repair	
Uncontrolled Crack	Multiple per panel	Anywhere	Two or more full depth cracks dividing panel into 3 or more pieces	Either	Remove and replace panel	
Full-Depth repair per <a href="#">Specification 2529</a> Partial-Depth repair per <a href="#">Specification 2530</a> Cross-stitch repair per <a href="#">Construction Manual 9.27</a> Repairs should be made without use of Calcium Chloride unless early opening to traffic is necessary.			a LTR = load-transfer restoration (if faulted less than 1/2"); 3 dowel bars per wheel path grouted into slots sawed across the crack. Slots must be parallel to each other and the longitudinal joint. Backfill with non-shrink, cement-based grout. Diamond grind if faulting is severe.			Appendix 9-6 Iowa DOT Construction Manual

# Sawing Practices

## Early Entry Saws

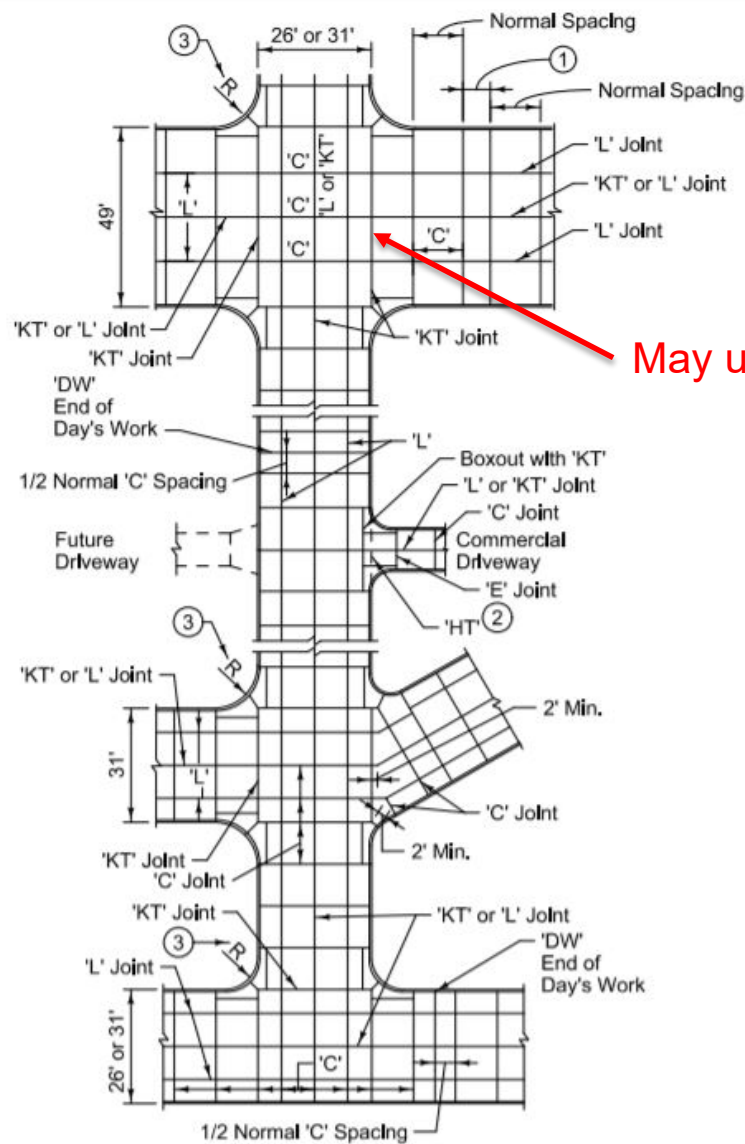
- Transverse and Longitudinal
- 10" diameter blade (typical), 350 lbs, 11 hp, \$15.9k
- Upward blade rotation
- Skid plate is critical
- Stop short on pavement edge & curb

## Other

- L sheets are critical
- Sawing window
- 'Leap frog' operation  
(return with T/4)



# Intersections



PLAN VIEW


Refer to Figure 7010.901 for maximum transverse joint spacing.

Where new and existing pavements meet, and no existing dowels, tie bars, or keyed joints are present, provide a 'BT', 'RT', or 'RD' joint.

- ① Shorten jointing pattern on either side of openings to allow joints to intersect round castings and fall at the edges of intake boxouts.
- ② Where pavement abuts an unimproved street, terminate with a type 'HT' joint.
- ③ When radius exceed 20 feet, add one additional 'C' joint at radius intersections.

May use L Joint

ACPA Wikipave "Joint Layout"  
10 Step process

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	SUDAS Standard Specifications
	TYPICAL JOINTING LAYOUT






# Roundabouts

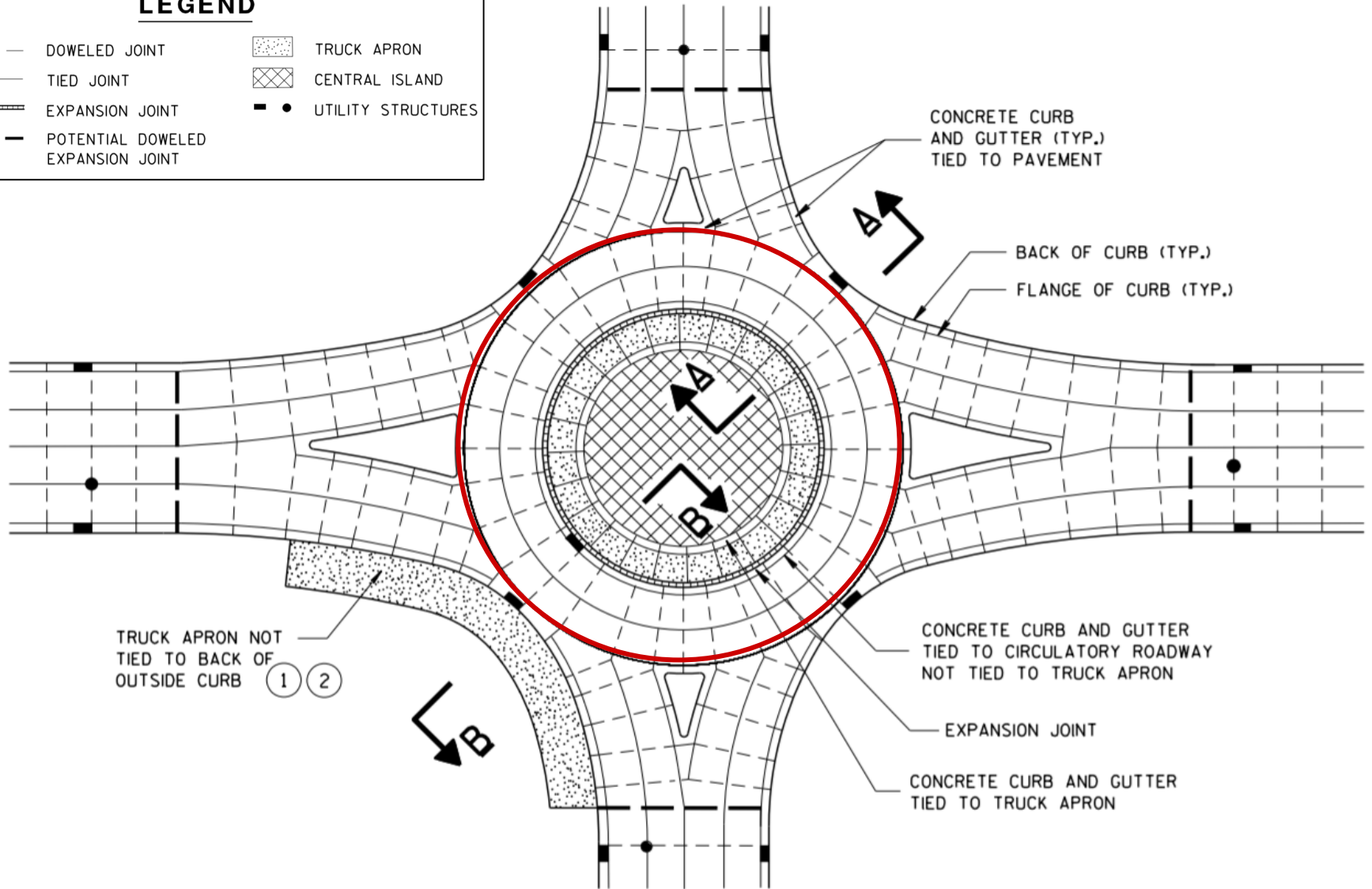
- Three common types
  - Isolated circle
  - Pinwheel
  - Pave-through
- Follow 6-step method for joint layout



# Isolated Circle

## LEGEND




— —	DOWELED JOINT		TRUCK APRON
— —	TIED JOINT		CENTRAL ISLAND
	EXPANSION JOINT	— •	UTILITY STRUCTURES
— —	POTENTIAL DOWELED EXPANSION JOINT		

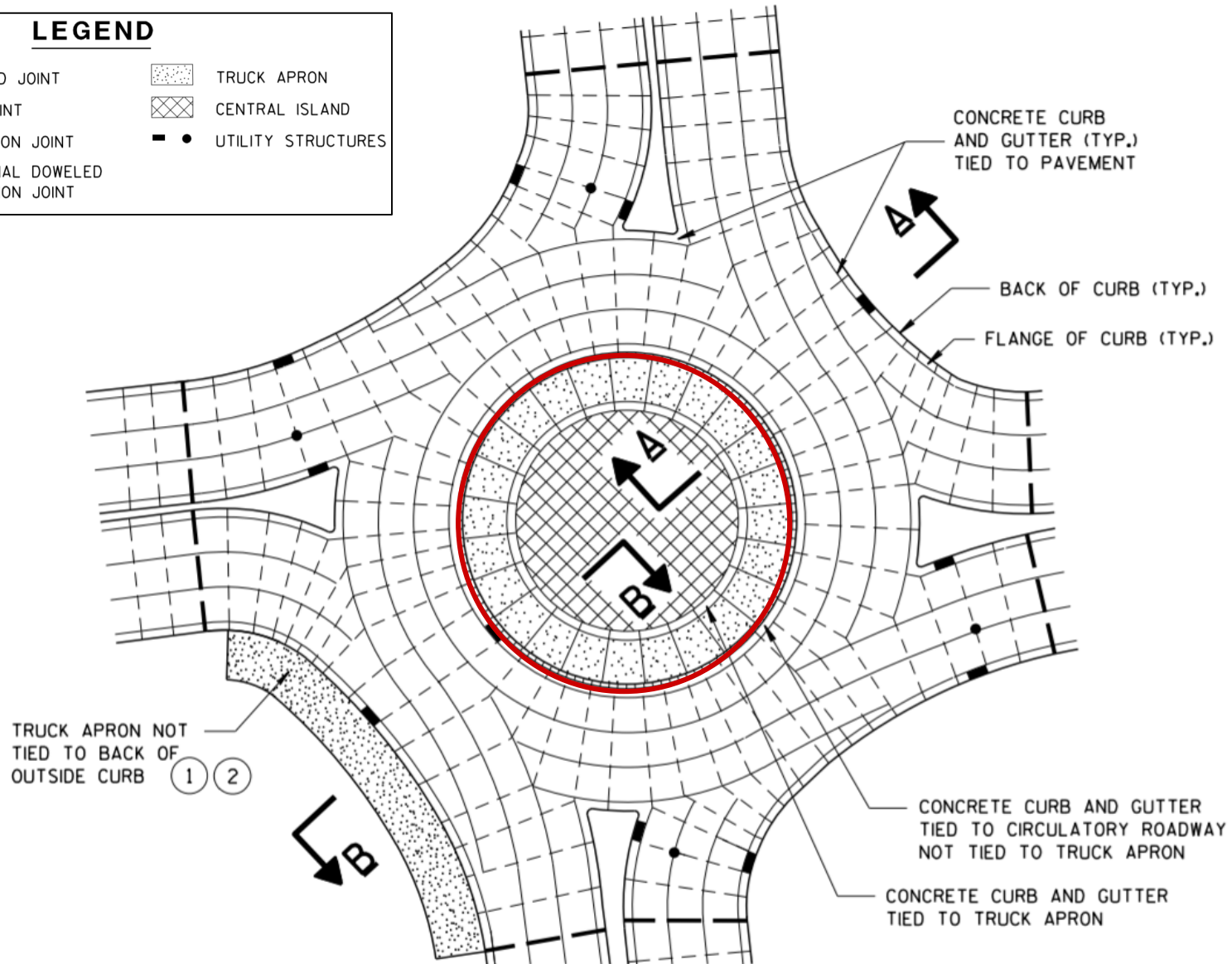




# Pinwheel

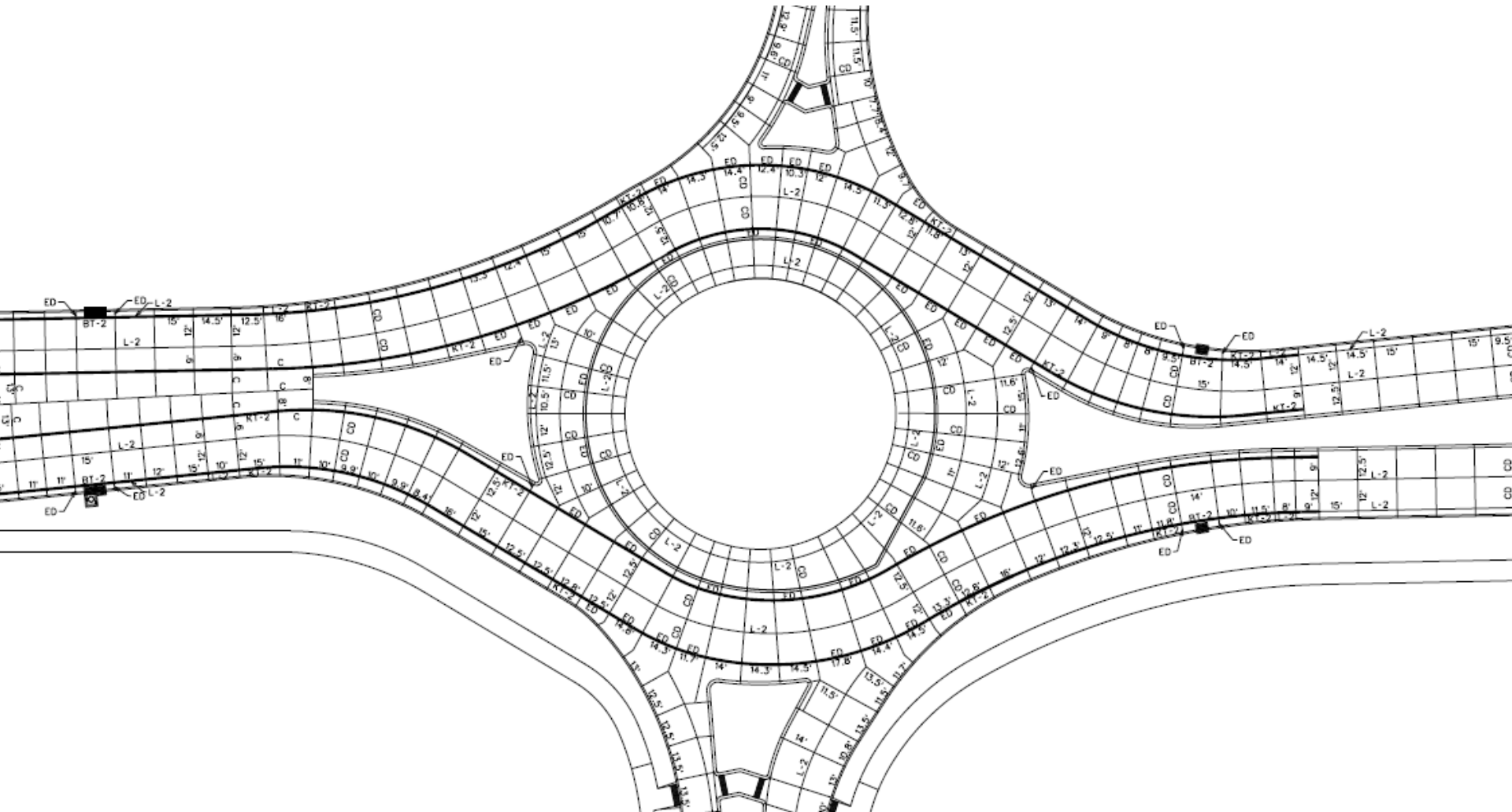
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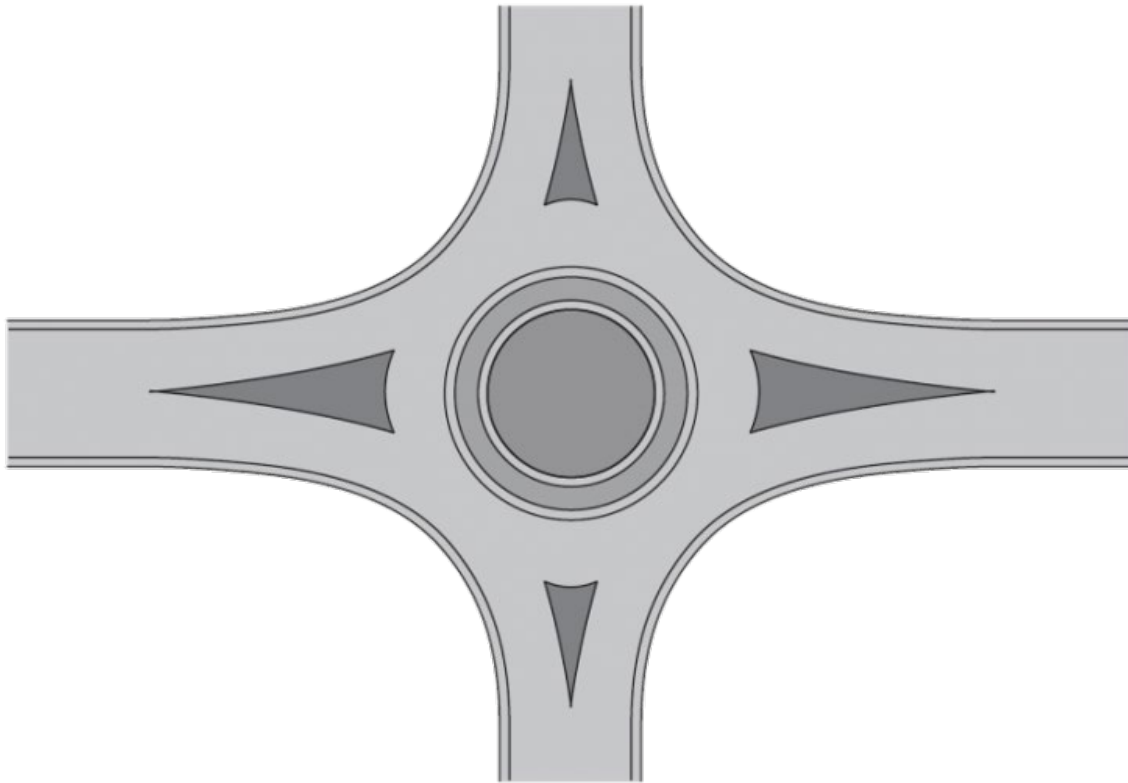
# Pavethrough

- Allows paver to move through
- Remaining paving is hand pours



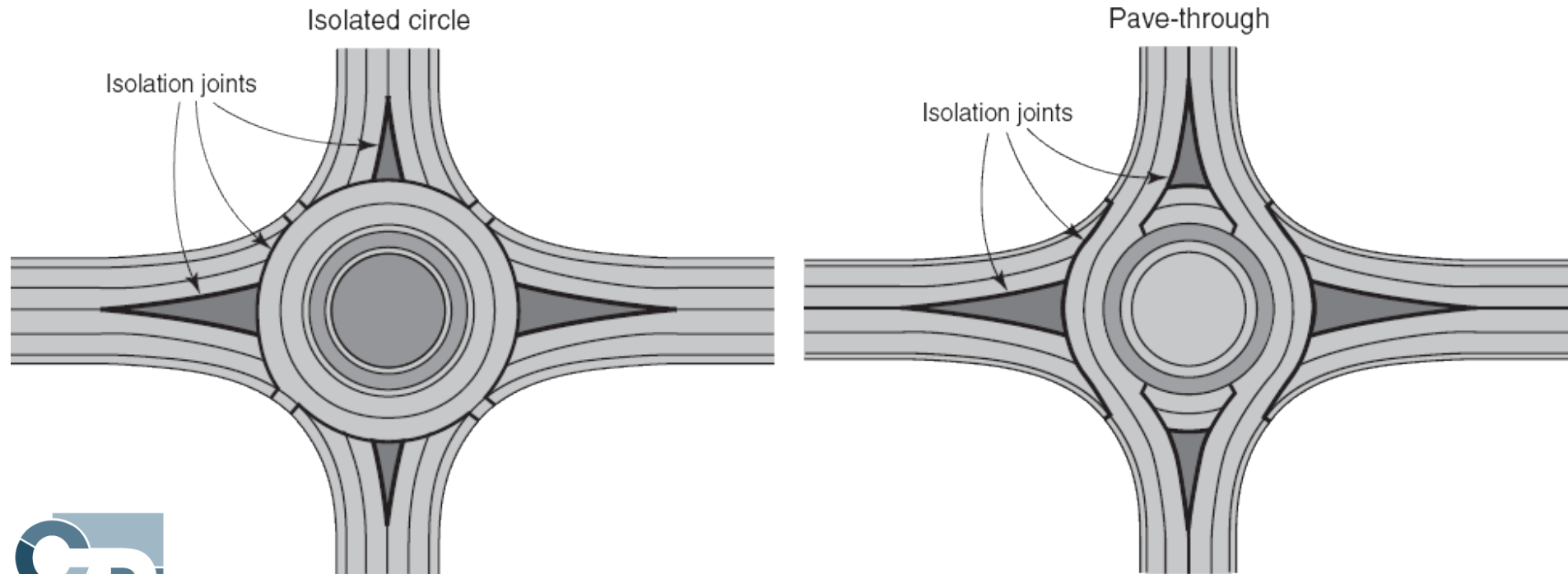
# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 1:** Draw pavement edges and back-of-curb lines. Draw locations of all manholes, drainage inlets, and valve covers so that joints can intersect



# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 2:** Draw all lane lines on the legs and in the circular portion, accounting for roundabout type.



Make sure no distance is greater than the recommended lane width (~~typ. 15ft - 16ft.~~)

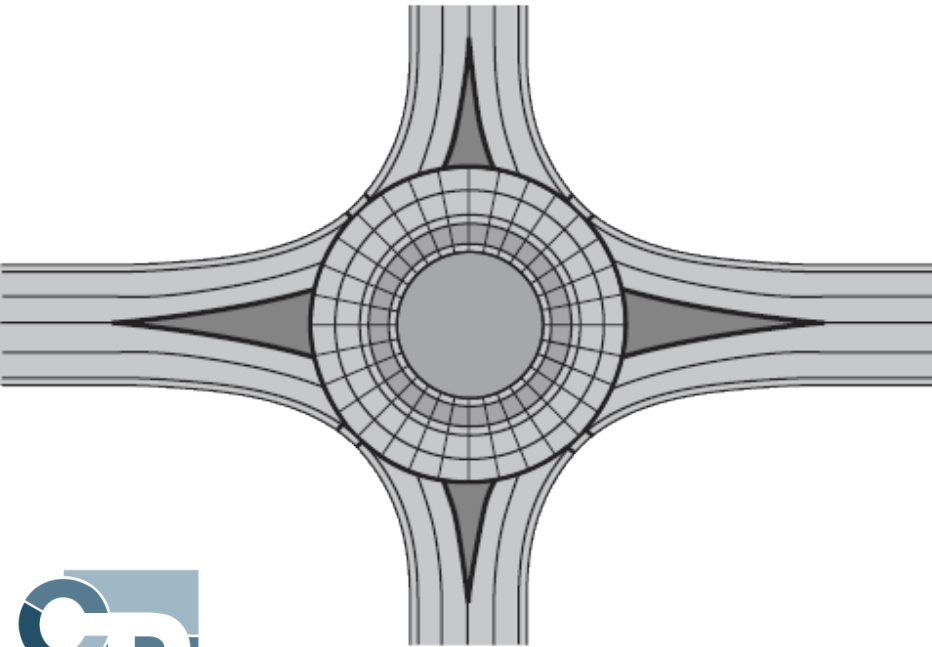
**SUDAS 12.5' – 13' max**



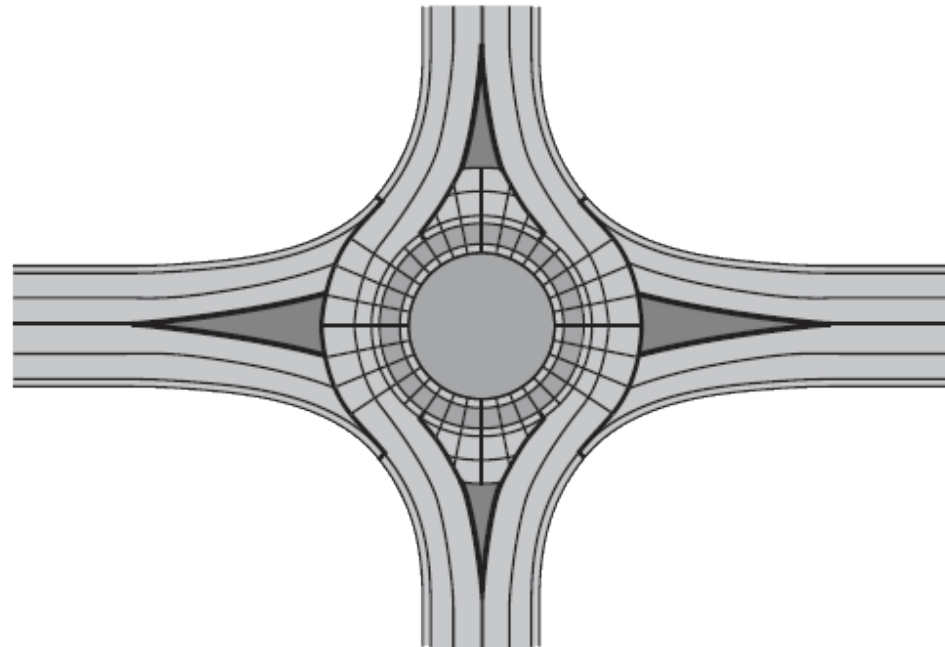
# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 3:** Add “transverse” joints in the circle, being mindful of the maximum joint spacing.

Isolated circle



Pave-through

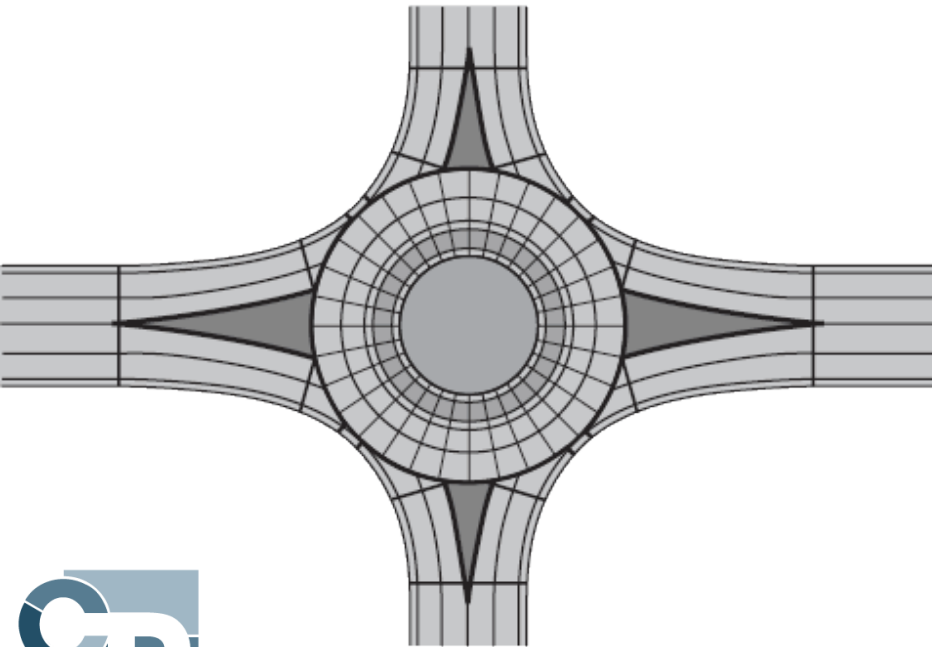


Joints are not perpendicular to each other but to edge of pavement

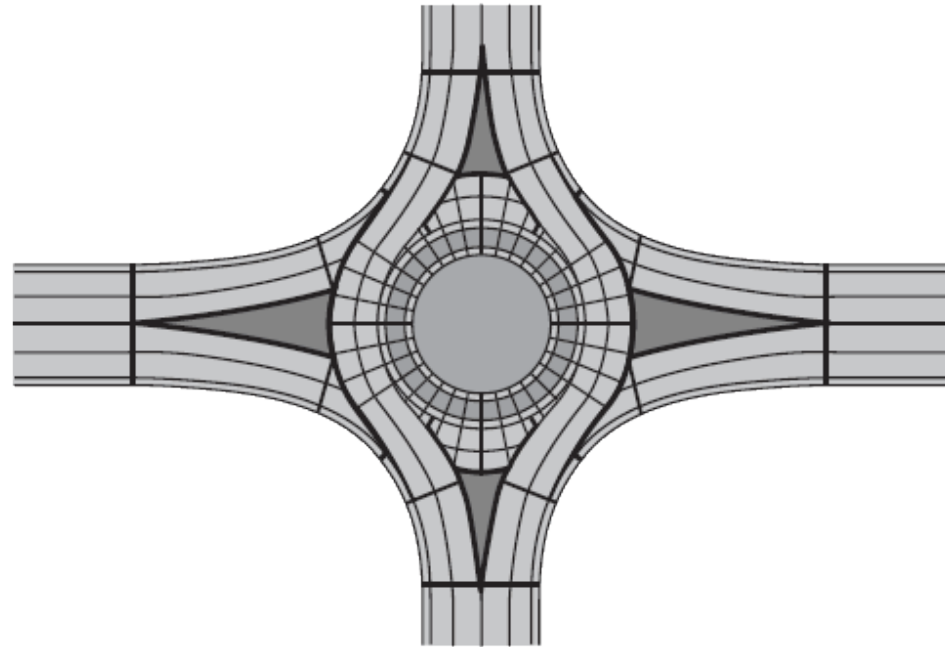
# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 4:** On the legs, add transverse joints where width changes occur.

Isolated circle



Pave-through



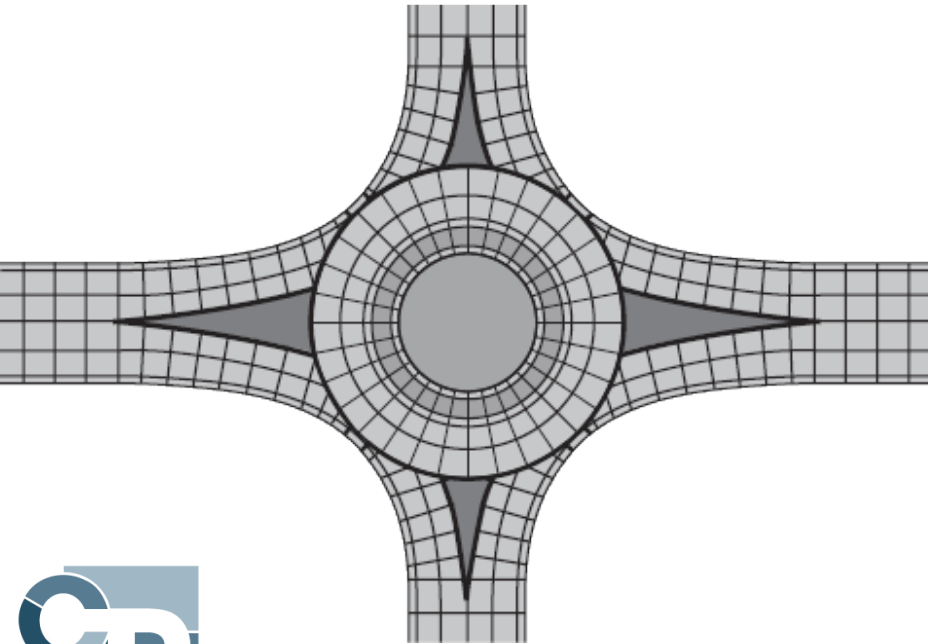
Perpendicular to the edge of pavement at bullnose of median, begin/ends curves, tapers, tangents



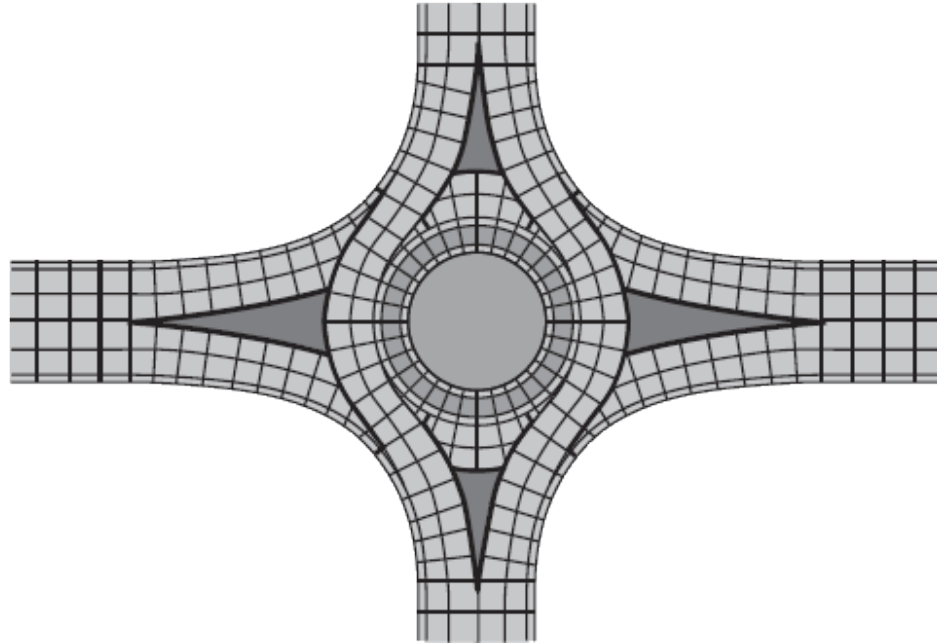
# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 5:** Add transverse joints between those added in Step 4, minding the maximum joint spacing.

Isolated circle



Pave-through

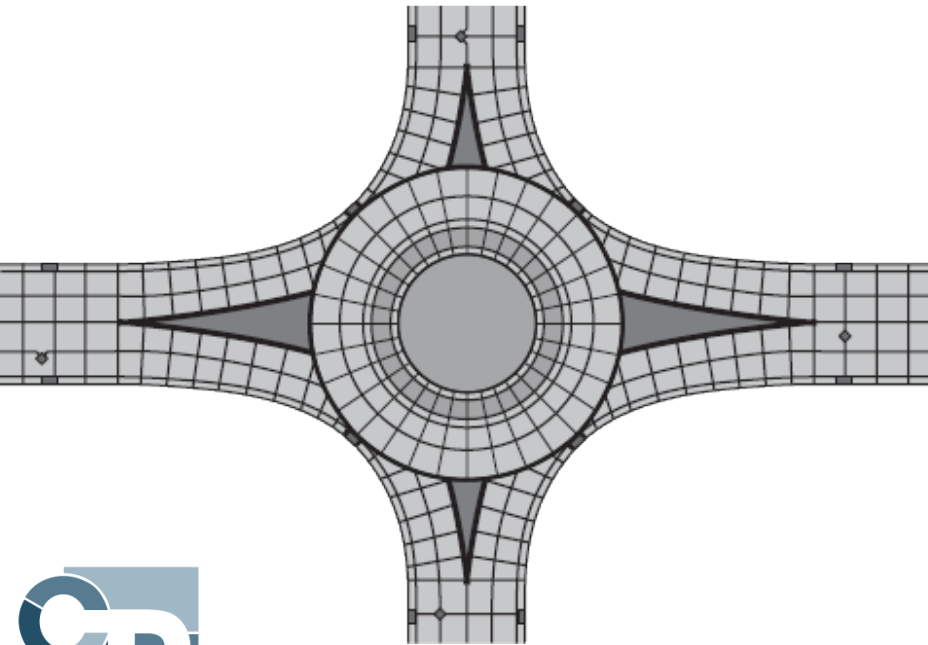


Space joints evenly & perpendicular to pavement edge and extend thru back of curb

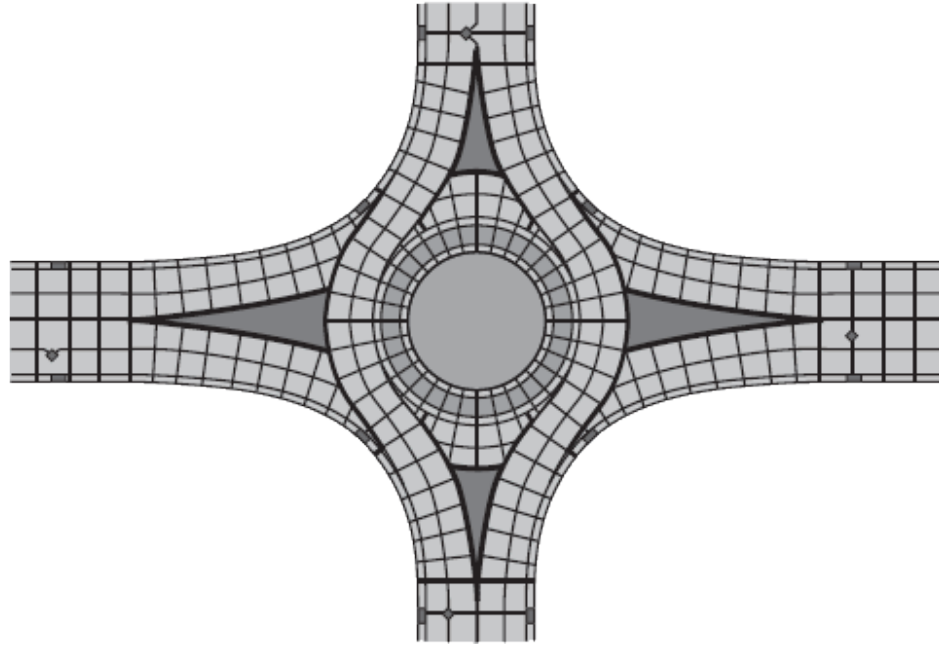
# Jointing a Roundabout

**Step 6:** Make adjustments for in-pavement objects, fixtures, and to eliminate odd shaped slabs.

Isolated circle



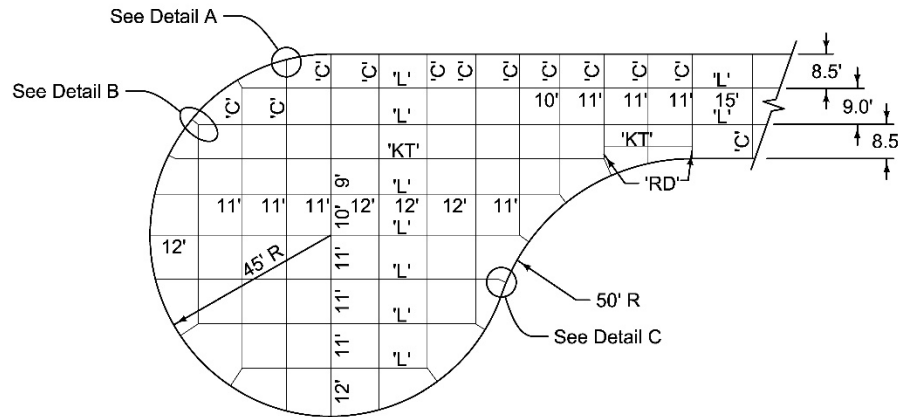
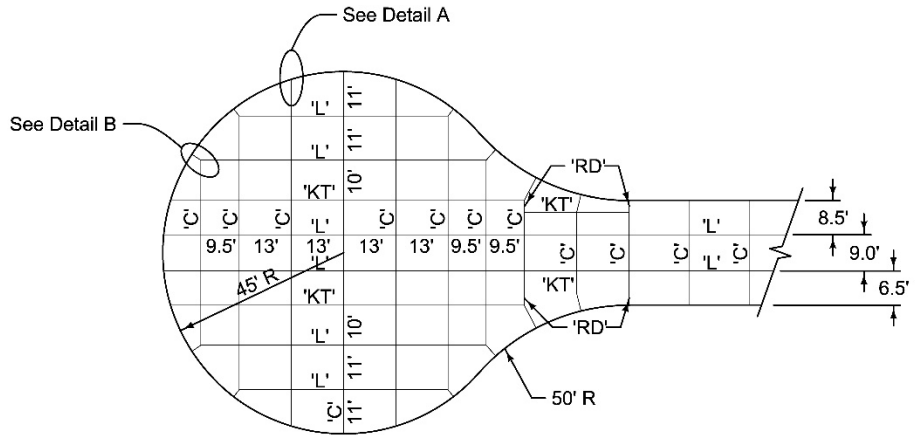
Pave-through




Allow for field adjustments with review by Engineer

# Cul-De-Sacs

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Manual Ch. 5G-3  
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Fig 7010.905

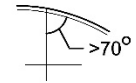
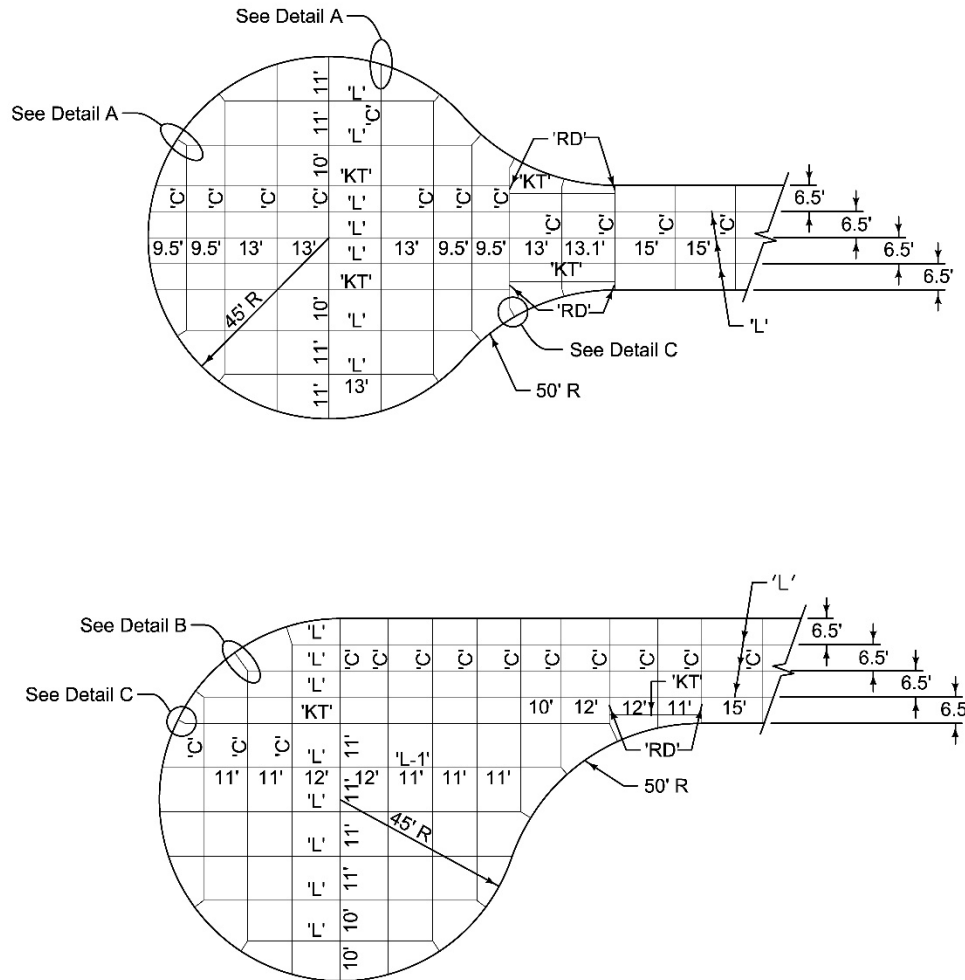


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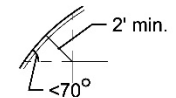
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# Cul-De-Sacs

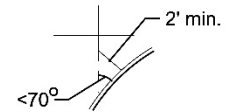
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DETAIL A




DETAIL B



DETAIL C

QUARTER POINT JOINTING

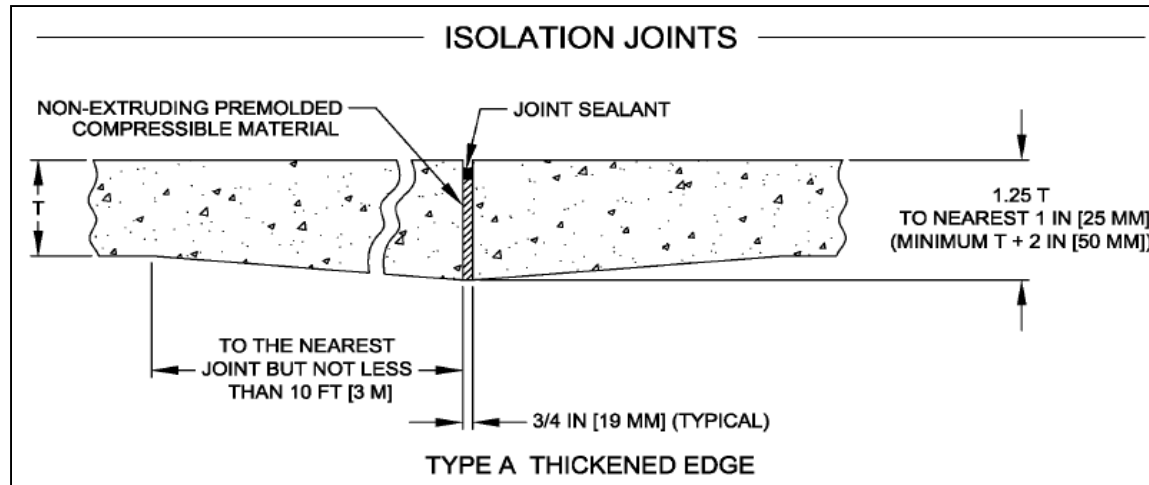
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# Runway Joint Layout

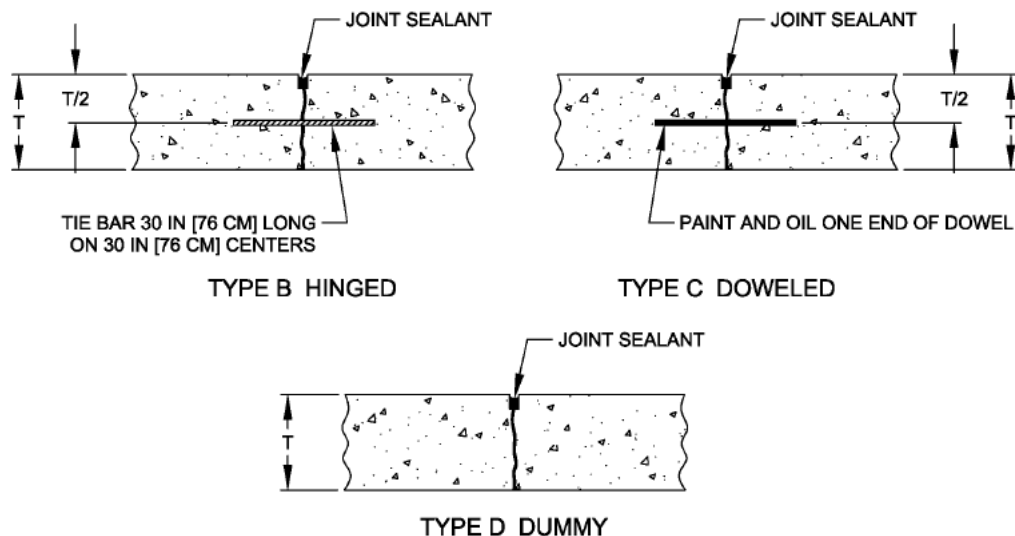
- No tiebars on interior panels
  - Similar to parking lot tension ring design
- General Aviation (GA) runways
  - Last 3 transverse joints receive tiebars
  - Last longitudinal joint receives tiebars
    - Except
      - When it is a construction joint AND the pavement is greater than 6" in thickness (then use dowels)
- Commercial Aviation runways
  - Last 3 transverse contraction joints are doweled
  - All longitudinal construction joints are doweled
  - Longitudinal contraction joints
    - $\geq 9$ " thick
      - Undoweled for interior joints
      - Dowelled for all of the last three joints
    - $< 9$ " thick (All are tied)



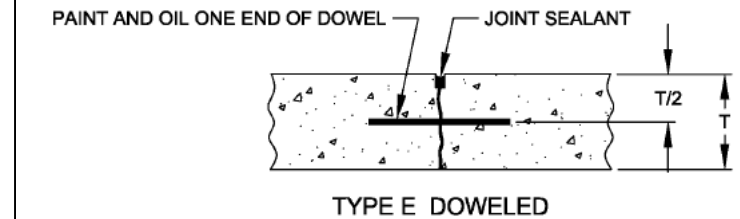
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## CONTRACTION JOINTS

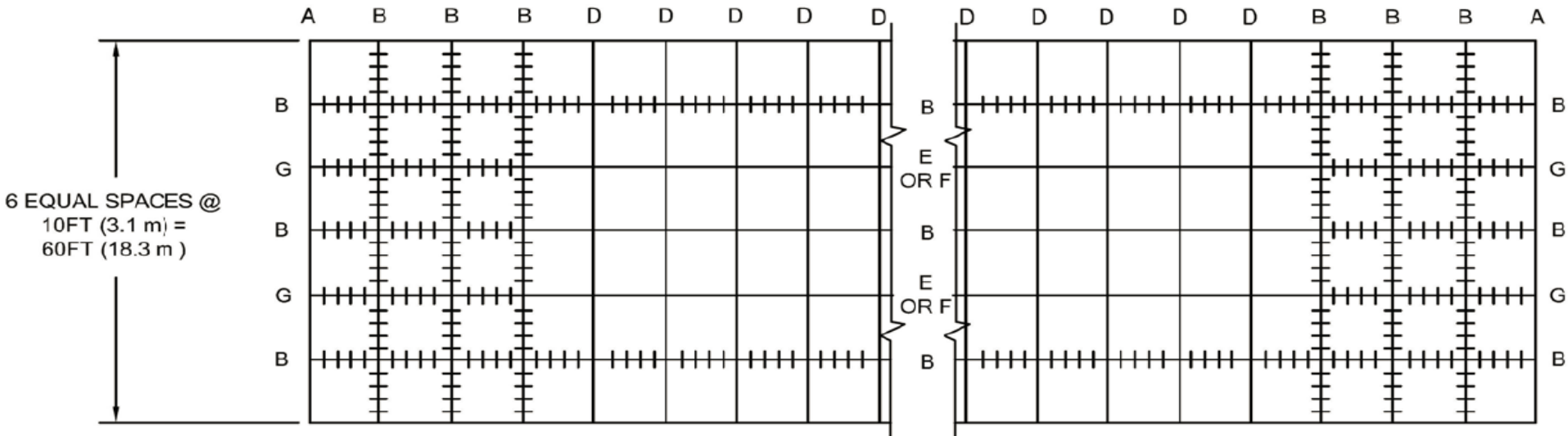


## CONSTRUCTION JOINTS





# General Aviation Runway



## General Aviation

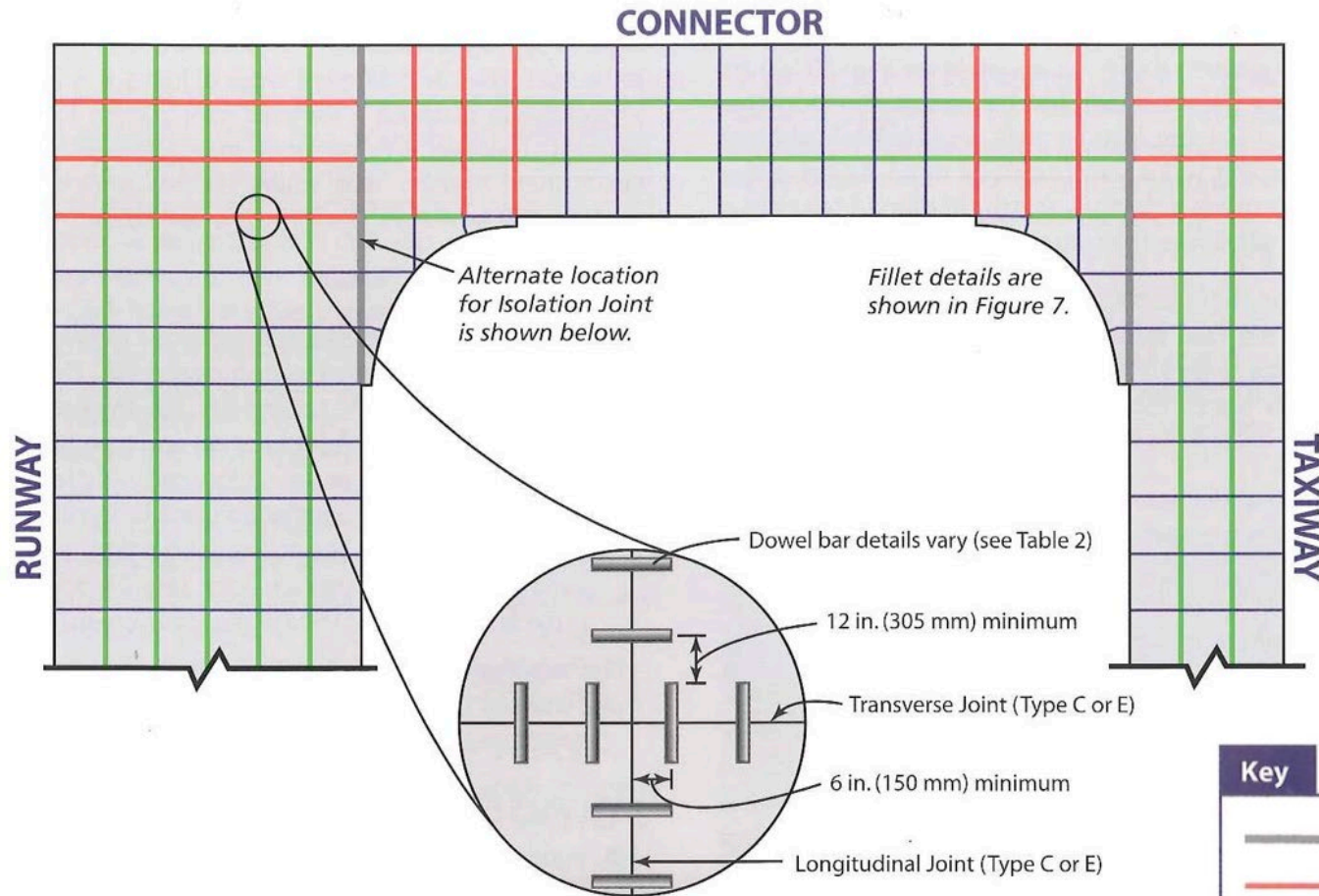
- Tie bars may be used instead of dowels
- Last three joints are tied
- Joint spacing = 12.5' to 15' (T=6"-9")

### LEGEND:

- A: THICKENED EDGE
- B: HINGED CONTRACTION
- D: DUMMY CONTRACTION
- E: DOWELED CONSTRUCTION
- F: BUTT CONSTRUCTION
- G: TIED BUTT CONSTRUCTION

FIGURE 5-6. JOINTING LAYOUT PATTERNS FOR LIGHT-LOAD RIGID PAVEMENT – 60 FEET WIDE

# Commercial Aviation Runway



Key	
	Isolation Joint (Type A - Thickened Edge)
	Doweled Contraction Joint (Type C)
	Undoweled Contraction Joint (Type D)
	Doweled Construction Joint* (Type E)

\* Intermediate longitudinal joints alternatively may be Tied (Type B), Doweled (Type C) or Undoweled (Type D) Contraction Joints; see section titled "Load Transfer at Longitudinal Joints."

- Dowel bars are used
- Last three joints are doweled

Figure 6 from ACPA TB017P

& Fig. 9.3 ACPA Best Practices for Airport Concrete Pavement Construction

# Airfield Panel Sizes

Table 6. FAA Recommended Maximum Joint Spacings (FAA 2009a)

Concrete Pavement on Unstabilized (Granular) Subbase		
Slab Thickness	Maximum Longitudinal Joint Spacing	Maximum Transverse Joint Spacing
5 - 6 in. (125 - 150 mm)	12.5 ft (3.8 m)	12.5 ft (3.8 m)
6.5 - 9 in. (165 - 230 mm)	15 ft (4.6 m)	15 ft (4.6 m)
> 9 in. (230 mm)	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)
Concrete Pavement on Stabilized Subbase		
Slab Thickness	Maximum Longitudinal Joint Spacing	Maximum Transverse Joint Spacing
8 - 10 in. (203 - 254 mm)	12.5 ft (3.8 m)	12.5 ft (3.8 m)
10.5 - 13 in. (267 - 330 mm)	15 ft (4.6 m)	15 ft (4.6 m)
13.5 - 16 in. (343 - 406 mm)	18.75 ft (5.7 m)	17.5 ft (5.3 m)
> 16 in. (406 mm)	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)

When subgrades may be stiff, smaller panels are recommended



# Parking Lots



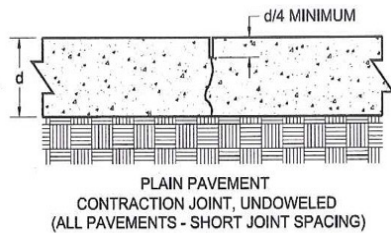
[pavementdesigner.org](http://pavementdesigner.org)

- Primary reference for guidance
  - Design & Construction
  - SUDAS Design Manual Ch. 8
- Concrete parking lots
  - ACI 330R-08 – Parking Lots (cars & trucks)
    - 1 ADTT through 700 ADTT
  - ACPA IS416.01P - Trucking Facilities
    - 70 trucks/day through 1,200 trucks/day
- ACI 330.2R17 – Industrial Facilities

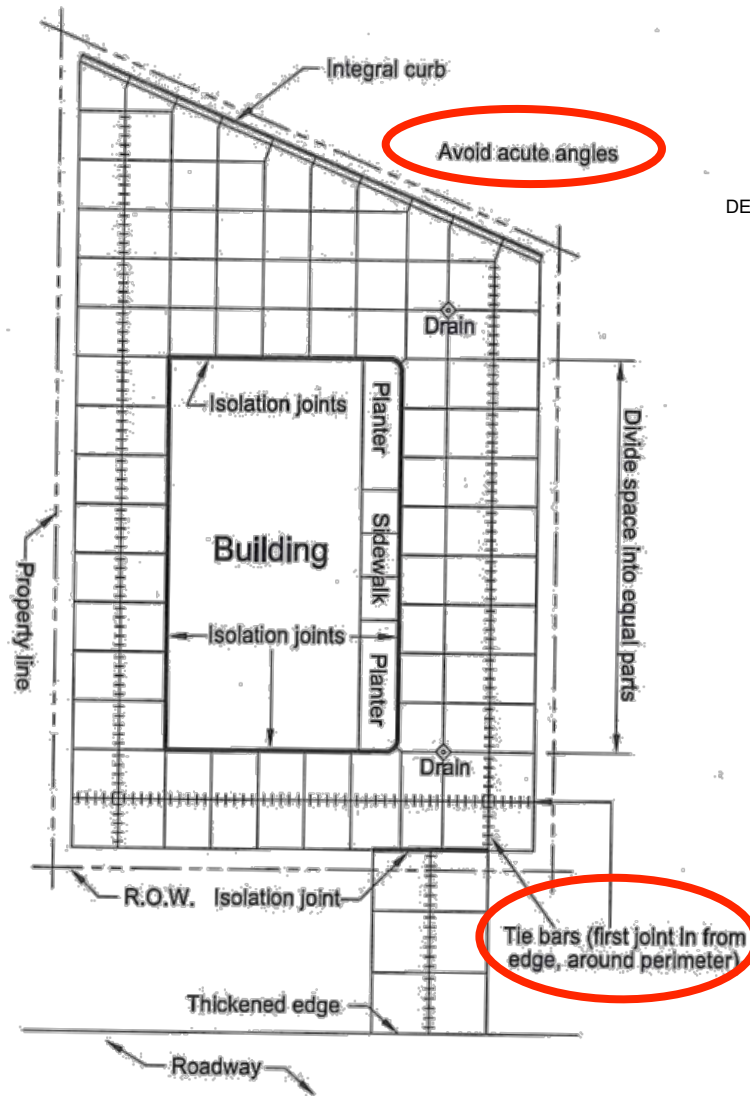
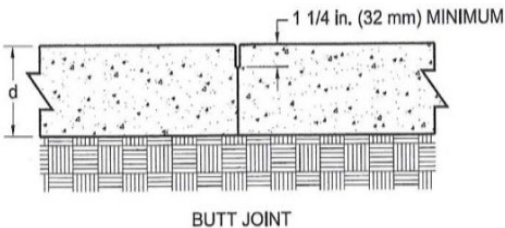




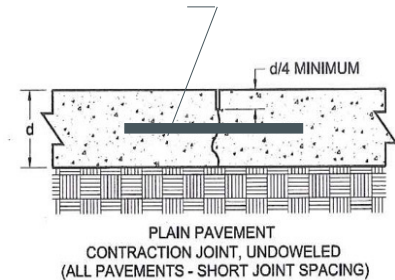
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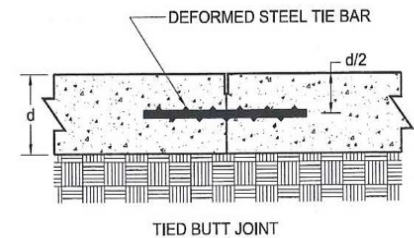
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DEFORMED STEEL TIE BAR



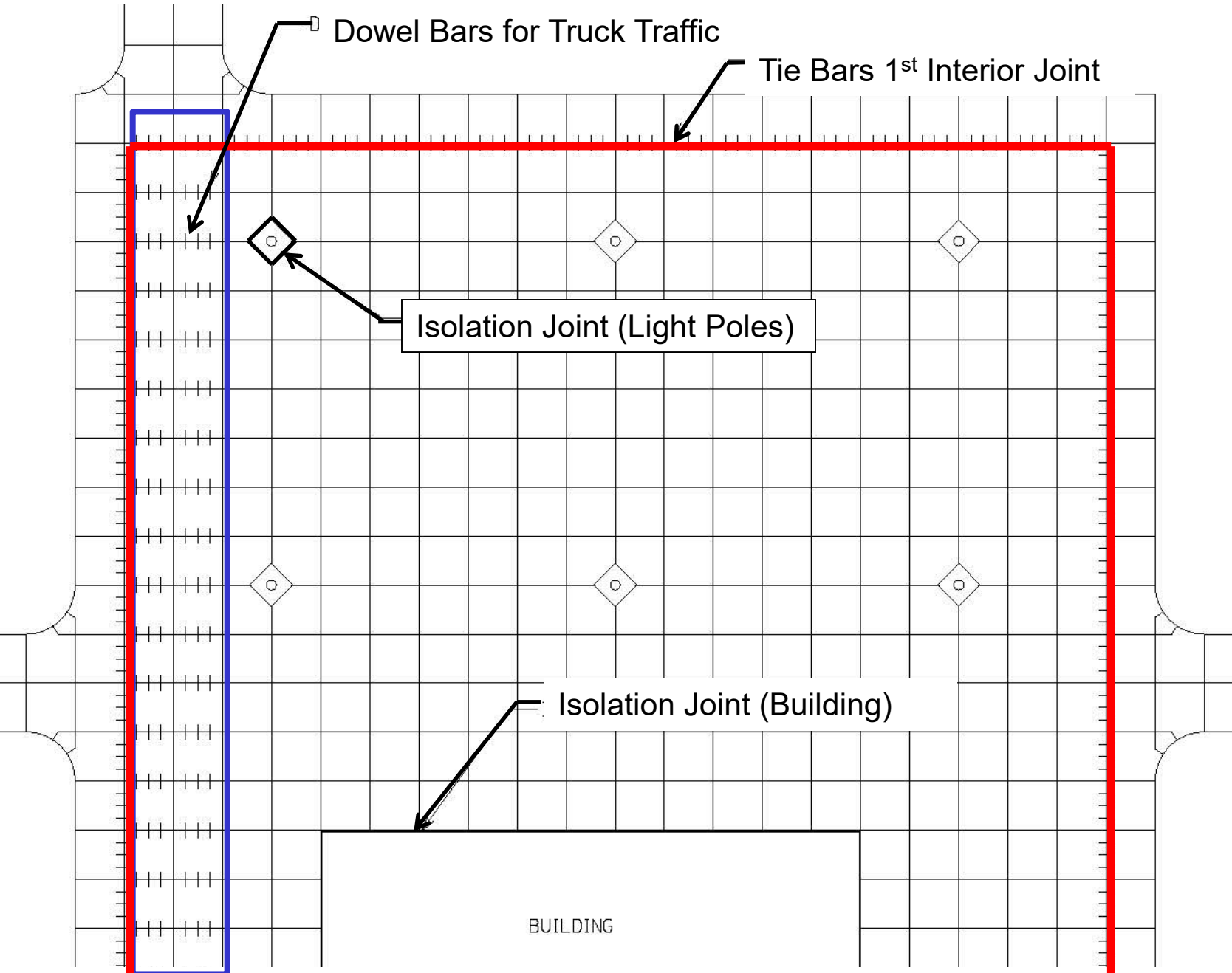
With tiebars  
- First joint in from edge



MAY BE USED FOR A LONGITUDINAL JOINT NEAR PAVEMENT EDGE OR FOR A TRANSVERSE JOINT THAT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THE REGULARLY SPACED JOINTS IN ADJACENT LANES.

Figure C.1 ACI 330

# Parking Lot Jointing Plan





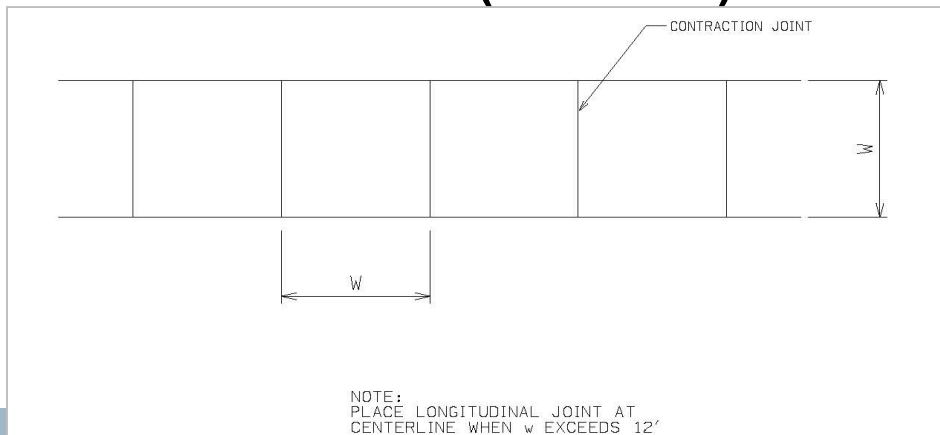
# Parking Lot Panel Size

- Table 3.5 in ACI 330
- Note that spacing never exceeds 15 feet

Pavement Thickness, in.	Maximum Spacing, ft.
4, 4.5	10
5, 5.5	12.5
6 or greater	15

# Shared Use Path Panel Size

- Iowa DOT Spec Section 2511
- SUDAS Spec Section 7030
- Transverse joints spacing = pavement width
  - 10' width demands 10' transverse spacing
- Longitudinal joints at centerline when trail width **exceeds 12'** (tie-bar)



# Shared Use Path Thickness

- SUDAS
  - Design Chapter 12B-2
  - Minimum of 4"
    - Recommend min. 5"
    - Allows less than 4" (with pavement determination)
- Iowa DOT
  - Typical cross-section #7402
  - 4" thickness
    - 5" for widths greater than 10'



# Shared Use Path - Joint Construction

- SUDAS
  - Sawcut (1/8" width, T/3 depth)
  - OR Tooled (prefer sawed)
  - No Seal
- Iowa DOT
  - Sawcut only (1/8" width, 1" depth)
  - No Seal



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