



CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION FOR
DEVELOPMENTS AND SUBDIVISIONS

C223 – Drainage Structures

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GENERAL

C223.01 SCOPE

This Specification is for the construction of drainage structures and shall be read in conjunction with C220 - *Stormwater Drainage* and other drainage specifications as applicable.

Associated Specifications

The work to be executed under this Specification consists of the construction of headwalls, wingwalls, pits, gully pits, inspection pits, junction boxes/pits, drop structures, inlet and outlet structures, energy dissipaters, batter drains and other supplementary structures as shown on the approved design drawings.

Extent of Work

Requirements for quality control and testing, including maximum lot sizes and minimum test frequencies, are cited in *CQC-Quality Control Requirements Sub-Annexure B2*.

Quality

C223.02 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Documents referenced in this Specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated.

Documents Standards Test Methods

Where not otherwise specified in the relevant Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) Construction Specifications or the approved design drawings, the Constructor shall use the latest versions of the Reference documentation, including amendments and supplements, listed in the TRC Construction Specifications at the time of the Works approval.

Currency

(a) Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) Specifications

C213 - Earthworks.

C220 - Stormwater Drainage.

C221 - Pipe Drainage.

C271 - Minor Concrete Works.

CQC - Quality Control Requirements

(b) Australian Standards

References in this Specification or on the approved design drawings to Australian Standards are noted by their prefix AS or AS/NZS.

AS 3996 - Access Covers and Grates.

(c) TRC Standard Drawings Applicable to this Section:

SW001 - Inlet Capacity Chart - On Grade Kerb Inlet with Grate.

SW002 - Inlet Capacity Chart – Kerb Inlet/Grate in Sag.

SW003 - Kerb Inlet Pit with Lintel and Grate - Pipe Under Kerb.

SW004 - Kerb Inlet Pit with Lintel and Grate - Pipe Behind Kerb.

SW005 - Kerb Inlet Pit with Lintel and Grate - Pipe Under Carriageway.

SW006 - Kerb Inlet Pit with Lintel and Grate – Roll Type Kerb.

SW007 - Junction Pit and Grated Inlet Pit.

SW008 - Surface Inlet Pit and Surcharge Pit.

SW009 – Inter Allotment Drainage Pit.

SW010 – Subsoil Drainage.

SW011 – Access Chamber Roof Slab Reinforcement Details.

SW012 – Pipe Bedding.

SW013 – Pipe to Box Culvert Connection.

TRC Standard Drawings shall take precedence over ALL other drawings related to the Works.

Precedence

Where any TRC Standard Drawings conflicts with this Specification, the requirements of this Specification shall take precedence. Proposals to deviate from this Specification shall constitute a **HOLD POINT**.

TRC HOLD POINT

All proposed deviations from the approved design drawings, TRC Standard Drawings, this Specification or the documents referenced within it, shall be submitted for approval to the TRC Representative with supporting evidence at least five (5) working days prior to the work being undertaken.

TRC Hold Point

PROCESS HELD: The lot or element affected by the proposed deviation.

CONSTRUCTION

C223.03 GENERAL

Drainage structures shall be constructed in concrete and in accordance with C271 - Minor Concrete Works.

Concrete Work

All structures shall be constructed as soon as practicable and shall be completed not later than 28 days after the construction of the associated culverts.

Time for Completion

Any drainage structure placed within the maintenance path of a device requiring servicing by heavy vehicles, (i.e. Pollution Control Devices), must be installed with heavy duty grates or maintenance hole covers.

Grates or Maintenance Hole Covers

C223.04 ALIGNMENT

Unless otherwise shown on the approved design drawings, headwalls and pits shall be constructed parallel to the road centreline and wingwalls at 135 degrees to the headwall.

Where the culvert is laid skew to the road, the wingwalls and headwalls shall be splayed so that the front edge of the wing bisects the angle between the centreline of the culvert and the headwall.

Skew Angle

Energy dissipaters shall be constructed in accordance with the approved design drawings and with centreline on the axis of the culvert.

Energy Dissipaters

C223.05 HEADWALLS AND WINGWALLS

The wingwalls shall be constructed to retain the batters at the nominated design grade. Where the approved design drawings do not satisfy this requirement, the Constructor shall consult with the designer to adjust the drainage structure to achieve the nominated design grade. Design amendments shall be submitted to the TRC Representative for approval.

Batter Retention

Where non-erodible rock is encountered at the bottom of excavations for wingwalls and headwalls, and after approval is given by the TRC Representative, the depth of cut-off walls in uniform rock over the full width of the foundations may be reduced to less than that shown in the approved design drawing, but must be not less than 150mm into sound

Rock Foundations

rock. 50mm weepholes at 1800mm centres shall be provided in the face of each headwall and wingwall at the downstream outlet end of the culvert and shall be located 100mm above the outlet invert level.

Headwalls should not protrude above the finished road pavement level. Where there is protrusion, the Constructor shall be responsible for the rectification. All costs associated with the rectification shall be borne by the Constructor.

**Headwall
Protrusion**

C223.06 PITS

All new pits, including access covers, gully grates and frames complying with AS 3996, shall be constructed to the details included in the relevant TRC Standard Drawing unless specific requirements are shown in the approved design drawings.

Modification

Where the full depth of the excavation is in sound rock, and subject to the approval of the TRC Representative, part of the concrete lining of gully pits and sumps may be omitted, provided that a neatly formed pit of the required dimensions is constructed. In all such cases the wall of the pit adjacent to and parallel to the road shall be constructed of concrete.

**Full Depth Rock
Excavation**

Step irons, or ladders shall be installed in accordance with the approved design drawings and relevant TRC Standard Drawings. Where there is a discrepancy, the requirements of the TRC Standard Drawings will prevail.

Step Irons

Step irons or ladders shall be either fixed firmly in the formwork prior to pouring the concrete for the pit walls or by using block-out formers to make recesses in the concrete to receive the arms of the step irons, or alternatively installed at a later date by drilling the pit wall. Holes may only be drilled using a rotary masonry bit or similar. Percussion tools shall not be used to form the hole for the step iron.

Fixing Methods

Where the step irons are installed in recesses or drill holes after the concrete wall is poured, the step irons shall be fixed in position by using an epoxy resin in accordance with the step iron and epoxy resin manufacturers' instructions and specifications. The Constructor shall ensure that no movement of the step irons occurs until the epoxy resin has reached the specified strength.

Epoxy Fixing

Inlet and outlet pipes shall be integrally cast into the pit at the time of pouring the concrete for the pit walls.

Casting Pipes

A subsoil drain shall be installed into the pit or headwall in accordance with the general requirements in *C221 - Pipe Drainage*.

Subsoil Drain

C223.07 PRECAST UNITS

Where precast units including kerb and inlet lintels are shown on the approved design, drawings, they shall be handled and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Manufacturer's
Instructions**

If the Constructor proposes to use precast units, detailed design drawings and complete details of installation procedures shall be submitted for the approval of the TRC Representative.

**Constructor's
Responsibility**

Precast units shall not be delivered to the Works site before satisfactory documentary evidence has been submitted to the Developer's Representative that demonstrates the precast units conform to the approved design drawings and relevant specifications.

Delivery

If precast units are proposed for use to construct drainage pits, the base units (or any other riser units to which incoming drainage pipes will be joined) must be manufactured specifically to suit the design configuration of the particular pit with pre-formed knockouts only in the walls that require them.

Precast Units

C223.08 JOINTING

Where drainage structures abut concrete paving, kerb and gutter or other concrete structures, a 10mm wide joint shall be provided between the structure and paving, or kerb and gutter or other concrete structures. The joint shall consist of preformed jointing material of bituminous fibreboard.

***Preformed
Jointing Material***

C223.09 MASS CONCRETE BEDDING

Mass concrete bedding for reinforced concrete bases shall not be placed on earth or rock foundations until the foundations have been inspected and approved by the TRC Representative. Following such approval, the surface of the foundation shall be dampened and a layer of concrete not less than 50mm thick shall be placed over the excavated surface and shall be finished to a smooth even surface.

***Mass Concrete
Base Foundation
Inspection***

Unreinforced concrete bases may be cast on earth or rock foundations without the mass concrete bedding.

***Unreinforced
Concrete Base***

TRC HOLD POINT

Inspection and approval of the foundations by the TRC Representative at least three (3) working days prior to the placement of the mass concrete bedding.

TRC Hold Point

PROCESS HELD: Placement of the mass concrete bedding.

C223.10 BACKFILL

Backfilling shall not commence until the compressive strength of concrete has reached at least 80% of the concrete design strength.

Commencement

Selected backfill shall be placed against the full height of the vertical faces of structures for a horizontal distance equal to one-third the height of the structure unless specified otherwise on the approved design drawings.

Selected Backfill

Selected backfill shall consist of a granular material in accordance with the requirements in C213 - Earthworks.

Composition

Special care shall be exercised to prevent wedge action against vertical surfaces during the backfilling. Where the sides of the excavation are steeper than 4 horizontally to 1 vertically they shall be cut in the form of successive horizontal terraces at least 600mm in width, as the backfill is placed.

***Horizontal
Terraces***

Backfill on both sides of the structure shall be carried up to level alternately in 300mm thick layers so as to avoid wedge action or excessive horizontal forces. Backfilling and compaction shall commence at the wall. Compaction shall be in accordance with C220 - Stormwater Drainage. Layer thickness shall not exceed 150mm.

Procedure

LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

C223.14 SUMMARY OF LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

The limits and tolerances applicable to the various clauses in this Specification are summarised in Table C223.1 below:

Item	Activity	Limits/Tolerances	Spec Clause
1	Cut-off Walls		
	Depth into sound rock	>150mm	C223.05
2	Mass Concrete Bedding		
	Mass Concrete Bedding Thickness	> 50mm	C223.09
3	Layer Thickness		
	Layer Thickness	< 150mm	C223.10

Table C223.1 - Summary of Limits and Tolerances