

**Item No. 640S  
Mortared Rock Wall**

**640S.1 Description**

This item shall govern the construction of mortared rock walls, as herein specified, on a prepared subgrade, including furnishing the stone, mortar and other related materials to construct walls, the excavation and backfilling the wall, removal of any old structure or portions thereof encountered, disposal of surplus excavated material and the completion Mortared Rock Walls as indicated on the Drawings or as directed by the Engineer or designated representative.

This specification is applicable for projects or work involving either inch-pound or SI units. Within the text, the inch-pound units are given preference followed by SI units shown within parentheses.

**640S.2 Submittals**

The submittal requirements for this specification item shall include:

- A. Details concerning the p.c. concrete footing including dimensions of the footing, the p.c. concrete mix design, steel reinforcement, etc.
- B. Source, type and gradation of rock
- C. Mortar mix design.

**640S.3 Materials**

A. Rock:

All types used shall be native limestone suitable for horizontal course type construction. The size of rock to be used for construction shall be as indicated on the Drawings, but may vary as approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

B. Portland Cement: ASTM C 150, Type I

C. Masonry Cement: ASTM C 91

D. Sand: ASTM C 144, Natural

E. Water: Free from matter that could impair suitability for use in mortar

F. Hydrated Lime: ASTM C 207, Type S

G. Mortar:

Mortar shall be composed of 1 part Portland Cement, 1 part hydrated lime and 6 parts sand (by volume) and water. Mortar shall have a consistency that insures that it can be easily spread by a trowel. An alternate mix composed of 1 part masonry cement and 3 parts sand may be used. The sand shall be measured damp and loose.

#### 640S.4 Construction Methods

Stone shall be laid plumb, level or true to a line. All stone shall be laid in a full bed of mortar with head joints and edge joints completely filled. The face shall be aligned or exposed as indicated on the Drawings. Exterior joints that will remain exposed shall be finished in a manner approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

In hot weather, stone work shall be kept moist until the mortar has set. No mortar work will be done when the temperature is below 40°F (4°C) in the shade and all work may be suspended during freezing or undesirable weather. The mortar materials shall be mixed mechanically for not less than 5 minutes after all ingredients are in the mixer. Mortar that has begun to set or that has been mixed for more than 2 hours shall not be used.

Spalls may be used in partially filling the large voids, provided they are keyed in properly and are well coated with mortar. All finished rockwork shall be protected from damage. Chipped rockwork, that will remain exposed, shall be satisfactorily repaired or replaced.

Mortared rock walls shall consist of courses or layers of rock with the spaces between them filled with mortar and shall be constructed at such places as indicated on the Drawings or as directed by the Engineer or designated representative, in accordance with these specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades, height, depth and other details shown on the pertinent typical sections.

Excavation and concrete footings for mortared rock walls shall not be paid for directly, but shall be included in the unit price bid for mortared rock wall construction.

Prior to placing any material, the footings shall have been placed by the Contractor as part of this contract to the approved line and grade and allowed at least 36 hours curing time. The rock shall then be thoroughly wet and bedded in 1 inch (25 mm) of mortar placed on the footings, one against the other, with the resulting voids being completely filled with mortar. The finished surface shall be even and level.

#### 640S.5 Measurement

Mortared rock wall will be measured by the square foot (square meter: 1 square meter equals 10.76 square feet) of the outside, vertical face of wall. No measurement will be made for concrete footing and shall be included in the unit price bid for the rock wall construction.

#### 640S.6 Payment

Mortared rock wall acceptably completed will be paid for at the contract unit bid price per square foot. The unit bid price shall include full compensation for furnishing all materials, for excavation, and backfill, for all forming, transporting, placing, finishing and for all equipment, tools, labor and incidentals necessary to place mortared rock wall on concrete footing as specified and indicated on the Drawings.

Payment will be made under:

**Pay Item No. 640S:** Mortared Rock Wall Per Square Foot.

**End**

<b><u>SPECIFIC</u> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS</b>
Specification 640S, "Mortared Rock Wall"

American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
C 91	Specification for Masonry Cement
C 144	Specification for Aggregate for Masonry
C 150	Specification for Portland Cement
C 207	Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry

<b><u>RELATED</u> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS</b>
Specification 640S, "Mortared Rock Wall"

City of Austin Standard Specifications

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 101S	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 102S	Clearing and Grubbing
Item No. 111S	Excavation
Item No. 401	Structural Excavation and Backfill
Item No. 403S	Concrete for Structures
Item No. 405	Concrete Admixtures
Item No. 406	Reinforcing Steel
Item No. 606S	Fertilizer
Item No. 608S	Planting
Item No. 610S	Preservation of Trees and Other Vegetation
Item No. 620S	Filter Fabric

Texas Department of Transportation: Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 100	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 110	Excavation
Item No. 132	Embankment
Item No. 158	Specialized Excavation Work