

**STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
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SECTION 602 — STEEL REINFORCEMENT

602.01 DESCRIPTION. Furnish and place steel for reinforcement of concrete. Furnish bars, spirals, welded wire fabric, bar mat, or other specified reinforcement, of the quality, type, size, and quantity designated by the Contract.

602.02 MATERIALS.

602.02.01 Steel Reinforcement. Conform to Section 811.

602.02.02 Epoxy Coating Material. Conform to Section 811.

602.02.03 Welded Steel Wire Fabric (WWF). Conform to Section 811.

602.03 CONSTRUCTION.

602.03.01 Protection of Material. Handle and store steel reinforcement to prevent bending, excessive rusting, or contamination with objectionable substances.

602.03.02 Straightening. Before placing in the work, straighten reinforcement bent during shipment or handling without injuring the steel. Do not heat the steel, or use steel with sharp kinks.

602.03.03 Bending. Bend reinforcement cold to the dimensions and shapes specified in the Plans and to within tolerances designated in the CRSI Manual of Standard Practice. In bending, do not injure the steel. Bend bars in the shop before shipment, not in the field.

602.03.04 Placing and Fastening. Accurately place all steel reinforcement as shown, and firmly hold in position while placing and during hardening of concrete. Hold in position to within a tolerance of $\pm 1/2$ inch, and place to within a tolerance of $\pm 1/4$ inch of specified clearance from the face of concrete, except for bridge deck reinforcement steel. Place steel reinforcement for bridge slabs to within the tolerances specified in Subsection 609.03.03. Dimensions shown from the face of concrete to bars are clear distances. Bar spacings are from center to center of bars. Tie bars at all intersections, except where spacing is less than one foot in both directions, then tie alternate intersections. Always pass vertical stirrups around the main tension members and securely attach them to the members.

Use Engineer approved supports to maintain distances from forms. Use precast blocks composed of mortar or Engineer approved metal chairs as supports for holding reinforcement from contact with the forms. Ensure that the tips of metal chair supports in contact with the surface of the concrete are plastic coated steel. When using plastic coated steel supports, provide a minimum of $1/8$ inch thickness of the plastic material between the metal tips and the exposed surface of the concrete. The Engineer will accept metal supports as specified for epoxy coated bars. Securely tie down the steel placed in reinforced concrete slabs to prevent any possibility of steel rising above the specified elevation during placing, vibrating, and finishing the concrete as required by Subsection 609.03. Ensure that metal supports have a shape that will be easily enveloped by the concrete.

Separate the top and bottom mats of bars with precast mortar blocks or by other equally suitable devices. Do not use pebbles, pieces of broken stone or brick, metal pipe, and wooden blocks as separators. Securely place reinforcement in any member, and then obtain the Engineer's approval before placing concrete. The Engineer may reject concrete placed in violation of this provision.

When using grout to install steel bars into existing concrete, conform to Section 511.

602.03.05 Special Requirements for the Installation of Epoxy Coated Bars.