

**Item No. 306S**  
**Prime Coat**

**306S.1 Description**

This item shall govern the application of asphaltic material on the completed base course and/or other approved areas in accordance with the Drawings, these specifications 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.

**306S.2 Submittals**

The submittal requirements of this specification item include:

- A. List of recommended materials (i.e. prime material, dispersal agent, etc.).
- B. Temperature Viscosity data and proposed temperature of application.
- C. Characteristics (i.e. manufacturer, rate of application, speed, etc.) of the proposed pressure distributor including calibration documentation.
- D. List of facilities and equipment proposed for temperature measurements.
- E. List of facilities and equipment proposed for storage and handling of asphaltic materials.

**306S.3 Materials**

A. Asphalt Materials

The asphalt material for Prime Coat shall meet the requirements of Cutback Asphalt, MC-30, Emulsion, SS-1, Emulsion CSS-1 or AE-P, Standard Specification Item No. 301S, "Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions".

B. Water

Water shall be furnished by the Contractor and shall be clean and free from industrial wastes and other objectionable matter.

C. Dispersal Agent

Agent shall be added to water and sprayed on surfaces to be primed in accordance with asphalt manufacturer's recommendations.

**306S.4 Construction Methods**

When, in the opinion of the Engineer or designated representative, the base course or other surface is satisfactory to receive the prime coat, the surface shall be prepared by sweeping or other approved methods as directed by the Engineer or designated representative. The surface shall be lightly sprinkled with water just prior to application of the asphaltic material unless this

requirement is waived by the Engineer or designated representative. The Contractor shall submit a list of prime material(s) recommended for application on the work to the Engineer or designated representative for approval. When emulsions are approved, a dispersal agent shall be added to the water before sprinkling.

The asphaltic material shall be applied on the clean surface by an approved type of self-propelled pressure distributor operated so as to distribute the prime coat at a rate ranging from 0.1 to 0.3 gallons per square yard (0.45 to 1.36 liters per square meter) of surface area. The material shall be evenly and smoothly distributed under pressure sufficient to assure proper distribution. During the application of prime coat, care shall be taken to prevent splattering of adjacent pavement, curb and gutters or structures. The Contractor shall be responsible for cleaning all splattered areas.

Prime Coat may be applied when the temperature of the surface on which the prime coat is to be placed is 60°F (16°C) or above and the air temperature is above 50°F (10°C) and rising; the air temperature being taken in the shade and away from artificial heat. Asphaltic material shall not be placed when general weather conditions, in the opinion of the Engineer or designated representative, are not suitable.

The Contractor shall provide all necessary facilities and equipment for determining the temperature of the asphaltic material in all of the heating equipment and in the distributor, for determining the rate at which it is applied, and for securing uniformity at the junction of two (2) distributor loads.

The distributor shall have been calibrated within three (3) years from the date it is first used on this project. The Engineer or designated representative shall be furnished an accurate and satisfactory record of such calibration. After beginning the work, if the yield on the asphaltic material applied appears in error, the distributor shall be calibrated in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer or designated representative before proceeding with the work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the maintenance of the surface until the work is accepted by the Engineer or designated representative. No traffic, hauling or placement of any subsequent courses shall be permitted over the freshly applied prime coat for a minimum of 48 hours or until the prime coat is accepted as dry and cured completely by the Engineer or designated representative.

All storage tanks, piping, retorts, booster tanks and distributors used in storing or handling asphaltic material shall be kept clean and in good operating condition at all times and they shall be operated in such a manner that there will be no contamination of the asphaltic material with foreign material. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide and maintain in good working order a recording thermometer at the storage heating unit at all times.

The Engineer or designated representative will approve the temperature of application based on the temperature-viscosity relationship that will permit application of the asphalt within the limits recommended in Standard Specification Item No. 301S, "Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions". The Contractor

shall apply the asphalt at a temperature within 15<sup>0</sup>F (8<sup>0</sup>C) of the temperature specified in Standard Specification Item No. 301S, "Asphalt, Oils and Emulsions".

### 306S.5 Measurement

The prime coat will be included in the unit price bid for Standard Specification Item No. 340, "Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement" unless included as a separate pay item in the contract. When included for payment, it shall be measured at point of delivery on the project in gallons (liters: 1 liter equals 0.264 gallons) at the applied temperature. The quantity to be paid for shall be the number of gallons used in the accepted prime coat.

### 306S.6 Payment

The work performed and materials furnished as prescribed by this item, when included as a contract pay item, will be paid for at the unit bid price per gallon for "Prime Coat". The price shall include full compensation for cleaning the base course or other surface, for furnishing, heating, hauling and distributing the prime coat specified; for all freight involved and for all manipulations, labor, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment, when included as a contract pay item, will be made under:

**Pay Item No. 306S:** Prime Coat Per Gallon.

**End**

<b><u>SPECIFIC</u> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS</b>
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**City of Austin Standard Specifications**

<b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Item No. 301S	Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions

<i>Item No. 340S</i>	<i>Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement</i>
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<b><u>RELATED</u> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS</b>
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**City of Austin Standard Specifications**

<b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Item No. 206S	Asphalt Stabilized Base
Item No. 210S	Flexible Base
Item No. 307S	Tack Coat
Item No. 310S	Emulsified Asphalt Treatment
Item No. 311S	Emulsified Asphalt Repaving
Item No. 320S	Two Course Surface Treatment

**City of Austin Standard Details**

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
1000S-10	Local Street Sections
1000S-11 (1)	Residential and Neighborhood collector Street Sections
1000S-11 (2)	Industrial and Collector Street Sections
1000S-12 (1)	Primary Collector Street Sections
1000S-12 (2)	Primary Arterial Street Sections
1000S-13 (1)	Minor Arterial Street Sections (4 Lanes)
1000S-13 (2)	Minor Arterial Street Sections- (4 Lanes divided)
1000S-14	Major Arterial Street

<b><u>RELATED</u></b> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS - <i>Continued</i>
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<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item 300	Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions
Item 301	Asphalt Antistripping Agents
Item 310	Prime Coat (Cutback Asphaltic Materials)
Item 314	Emulsified Asphalt Treatment
Item 345	Asphalt Stabilized Base (Plant Mixed)
Item 520	Weighing and Measuring Equipment