

**B. Referenced Documents**

AASHTO T 96

AASHTO T 104

ASTM C 295

**811.2 Materials****811.2.01 Rock Embankment Material****A. Requirements**

1. Use unweathered quarry-run stones, smaller than 4 ft (1.2 m), in any dimension as rock embankment material.
2. Include all other quarry stone sizes in the embankment. Limit rock fines to a maximum of 25 percent passing a 2 in (50 mm) sieve and 10 percent passing a No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve.
3. Ensure that the material contains 5 percent or less shaly or flaky particles and meets abrasion requirements for a Class A or B coarse aggregate.
4. Ensure that the material has 15 percent or less loss in the magnesium sulfate soundness test.
5. Use the material only when approved by a petrographic rock analysis.

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

Test as follows:

Test	Method
Abrasion	AASHTO T 96
Soundness (Magnesium Sulfate)	AASHTO T 104
Petrographic analysis	ASTM C 295

**D. Materials Warranty**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**Section 812—Backfill Materials****812.1 General Description**

This section includes the requirements for four types of material used as backfill: foundation backfill, Types I and II, imperfect trench backfill, Type III, and mechanically stabilized wall backfill.

**812.1.01 Related References****A. Standard Specifications**

Section 810—Roadway Materials

**B. Referenced Documents**

AASHTO T 27

GDT 4

GDT 6

GDT 7

GDT 67

**812.2 Materials****812.2.01 Foundation Backfill, Type I****A. Requirements**

1. Use natural or artificial mixtures of materials consisting of hard, durable particles of sand or stone, mixed with silt, clay and/or humus material for Type I backfill.
2. Have the final blend of material meet the requirements of Class I or II soils in Subsection 810.2.01.

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

Test as follows:

Test	Method
Soil gradation	GDT 4
Volume change	GDT 6
Maximum density	GDT 7 or GDT 67

**D. Materials Warranty**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**812.2.02 Foundation Backfill, Type II****A. Requirements**

1. Type

Use material that meets the requirements of Section 800, Class A or B aggregate. Crushed concrete may be used provided it meets the requirements of Section 800 that are applicable to Group 2 Aggregates.

Do not use backfill aggregate containing soil or decomposed rock.

2. Gradation

Use material that meets the following gradation requirements:

Sieve Size	% Passing by Weight
1-1/2 in (37.5 mm)	100
1 in (25 mm)	80-100
No. 8 (2.36 mm)	0-5

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

Test as follows:

Test	Method
Sieve analysis	AASHTO T 27

**D. Materials Warranty**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**812.2.03 Imperfect Trench Backfill, Type III****A. Requirements**

## 1. Type

Use material made from either of the following for Type III backfill:

- A natural soil with a density of less than 95 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (1520 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) when tested with GDT 7
- An artificial mixture of soil and organic material, such as hay, leaves, or straw

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

The laboratory will:

1. Test the soil density with GDT 7.
2. Review the mixture and the percentages of each material, and approve a mixture suitable for the Project.

**D. Materials Warranty**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**812.2.04 Mechanically Stabilized Embankment Backfill****A. Requirements**

Use material comprised of crushed stone, natural sand, or a blend of crushed stone and natural sand free of soils, organic or any other deleterious substances that meet the following additional requirements:

## 1. Crushed Stone

Use a material manufactured from Class A or B stone free of soil overburden and having a soundness loss of not more than 15 percent.

## 2. Natural Sand

Use material that consists of strong, hard, durable particles, is non-plastic, and has a durability index of at least 70.

## 3. Gradation

Sieve Size	% Passing by Weight
4 in (100 mm)	100
2 in (50 mm)	80 -100
No. 10 (2 mm)	20 - 90*
No 200 (75 μm)	0 - 12
* Natural Sand may be 20 - 100	

## 4. Chemical

Ensure the material meets the following chemical requirements:

Test Method	Requirement
Ph	6.0 – 9.5
Resistivity	>3000 ohms/cm
Chlorides	<100 ppm
Sulfates	<200 ppm
Note: These chemical requirements are not applicable to MSE walls stabilized with an approved extensible reinforcement.	

## 5. Maximum Dry Density

Use backfill material with a maximum dry density equal to or greater than the design unit weight shown on the plans. If no maximum dry density of the backfill material is shown, use a weight of 125 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (2000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) .

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

Test the material as follows:

<b>Test Method</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Percent Wear	AASHTO T96 ("A" Grading)
Sieve Analysis	AASHTO T 27
Material Passing No. 200 (75 $\mu$ m) Sieve	AASHTO T 11
Durability Index	GDT 75
Maximum Dry Density	GDT 7 or GDT 24a, GDT 24b
Soundness (Magnesium Sulfate)	AASHTO T 104

**D. Materials Warranty**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

## Section 813—Pond Sand

**813.1 General Description**

This section includes the requirements for pond sand.

**813.1.01 Related References****A. Standard Specifications**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**B. Referenced Documents**

GDT 4

GDT 6

GDT 7

GDT 67

AASHTO T 11 and AASHTO T 27

**813.2 Materials****813.2.01 Pond Sand****A. Requirements**

Make pond sand exclusively of granular crushed stone fines, relatively free of silt balls, that meet these requirements:

<b>Gradation</b>	
<b>Sieve Size</b>	<b>Percent Passing by Weight</b>
4 in (100 mm)	100
1-1/2 in (37.5 mm)	90-100
No. 200 (75 $\mu$ m)	0-35
<b>Other Properties</b>	
Maximum dry density	90 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1440 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (minimum)
Volume change	0-25%