



**MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FOR  
HEAVY CLASS STEEL AND  
SECTIONAL STEEL POLES, BASE MOUNTED**

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**2422.01 SCOPE**

This specification covers the requirements for base mounted galvanized heavy class steel and sectional steel poles 6.0, 7.5, 9.0, and 10.50 metres in height.

**2422.01.01 Specification Significance and Use**

This specification is written as a provincial-oriented specification. Provincial-oriented specifications are developed to reflect the administration, testing, and payment policies, procedures, and practices of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

Use of this specification or any other specification shall be according to the Contract Documents.

## **2422.01.02 Appendices Significance and Use**

Appendices are not for use in provincial contracts as they are developed for municipal use, and then, only when invoked by the Owner.

Appendices are developed for the Owner's use only.

Inclusion of an appendix as part of the Contract Documents is solely at the discretion of the Owner. Appendices are not a mandatory part of this specification and only become part of the Contract Documents as the Owner invokes them.

Invoking a particular appendix does not obligate an Owner to use all available appendices. Only invoked appendices form part of the Contract Documents.

The decision to use any appendix is determined by an Owner after considering their contract requirements and their administrative, payment, and testing procedures, policies, and practices. Depending on these considerations, an Owner may not wish to invoke some or any of the available appendices.

## **2422.02 REFERENCES**

When the Contract Documents indicate that provincial-oriented specifications are to be used and there is a provincial-oriented specification of the same number as those listed below, references within this specification to an OPSS shall be deemed to mean OPSS.PROV, unless use of a municipal-oriented specification is specified in the Contract Documents. When there is not a corresponding provincial-oriented specification, the references below shall be considered to be to the OPSS listed, unless use of a municipal-oriented specification is specified in the Contract Documents.

This specification refers to the following standards, specifications, or publications:

### **Ontario Ministry of Transportation Publications**

Structural Manual

### **CSA Standards**

G40.20-13/G40.21-13 General Requirements for Rolled or Welded Structural Quality Steel/ Structural Quality Steel

G164-M92 (R2003) Hot Dip Galvanizing of Irregularly Shaped Articles

S6-14 Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code

W59-13 Welded Steel Construction (Metal Arc Welding)

### **American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)**

LTS-5-M Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires and Traffic Signals, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Interim Revisions (2010)

## **2422.03 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this specification, the following definitions apply:

**Product Drawings** means drawings prepared by the manufacturer that have been approved by the Owner for use with the product.

## **2422.04 DESIGN AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **2422.04.01 Design Requirements**

All poles shall be designed to support the required traffic signal and lighting system components and shall be according to CSA S6 and MTO Structural Manual. All poles shall be according to CSA S6 and AASHTO LTS-5-M for fatigue requirements, AASHTO Fatigue Importance Category 2.

#### **2422.04.01.01 Wind Loading**

Wind loading shall be based on the maximum wind pressure for Ontario according to CSA S6.

#### **2422.04.01.02 Ice Loading**

Ice loading shall be based on the maximum ice loading for Ontario according to CSA S6.

#### **2422.04.01.03 Geometric Parameters**

Latitude of design and fabrication details is at the discretion of the supplier and is subject to approval of the design by the Owner.

#### **2422.04.01.04 Supported Load Parameters**

Design calculations shall employ force and dimensions for various items of equipment to be mounted on the poles as shown in Table 1.

#### **2422.04.01.05 Heavy Class Steel and Sectional Steel Pole**

Heavy class steel and sectional steel poles used for traffic signal or combination traffic signal and lighting system shall be capable of bearing the loads associated with configurations shown in Table 2.

#### **2422.04.01.06 Location of Equipment**

Mast arms shall be to be solidly attached to the pole at a height above the pole base plate as given by:

$$H_A = 5,650 \text{ mm} - H$$

where:  $H_A$  = mast arm height above the pole base plate  
 $H$  = mast arm height from Table 1

Where more than one mast arm is considered, the shorter arm shall be attached to the pole at a point 300 mm above that of the longer arm.

Pedestrian heads shall be mounted at a height of 2,750 mm above the pole base plate.

Luminaire brackets shall be mounted at a point 150 mm from the top of the pole.

### **2422.04.02 Submission Requirements**

#### **2422.04.02.01 Product Drawings**

The heavy class steel and sectional steel pole manufacturer shall submit the product drawings and the design assumptions and calculations for the poles to the Contract Administrator.

As a minimum, the product drawings shall include the following information:

- a) Material properties and standards.
- b) Dimensions.
- c) Hardware requirements.
- d) Plans, elevations, sections, and details to show pole structural details.
- e) Anchor bolt locations.
- f) Welds.
- g) Joining method for heavy class steel poles sections.

The product drawings and calculations shall bear the seals and signatures of the design and design-checking Engineers.

#### **2422.04.02.02            Working Drawings**

Working Drawings shall be prepared for the fabrication of heavy class steel and sectional steel poles.

Three sets of Working Drawings shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator at least 14 Days prior to the commencement of fabrication of the heavy class steel and sectional steel poles for information purposes only. An Engineer shall affix his or her seal and signature on the Working Drawings verifying that the Working Drawings are consistent with the Contract Documents and sound engineering practices.

Where multi-discipline engineering work is depicted on the same Working Drawing and a single Engineer is unable to seal and sign the Working Drawing for all aspects of the work, the drawing shall be signed and sealed by as many additional Engineers as necessary.

As a minimum, the Working Drawings shall include the following information:

- a) Detailed dimensions.
- b) Plans, elevations, sections, and details to show pole structural details.
- c) Equipment layout.
- d) Anchor bolt locations.
- e) Exact pole weight.
- f) Detailed bill of materials.
- g) Details of equipment nameplates.

A copy of the Working Drawings shall be retained at the fabricator's plant during and after the heavy class steel and sectional steel pole fabrication.

#### **2422.05                    MATERIALS**

##### **2422.05.01                General**

All steel used in the production of poles shall be according to CAN/CSA G40.21, Grade 300WT, for pole shafts, base plates, and gussets.

All galvanized steel shall be according to CSA G164.

All welding shall be according to CSA W59.

**2422.07                      PRODUCTION**

**2422.07.01                  General**

General requirements for electrical work shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

All welds, except for fillet welds, shall be ground smooth.

The pole base plate for any height of pole shall be made with mounting holes suitable for the anchor rod or anchorage assembly. The pole base plate shall be reinforced with four welded gussets equally spaced around the pole or with a welded collar or combination of both welded collar and gussets.

The underside of the anchor base shall be true, distortion free, and perpendicular to the centreline of the pole shaft after fabrication.

A waterproof, removable galvanized steel top cap shall be furnished with the pole. The cap shall blend with the general pole design to present a neat overall appearance. The cap shall be rigidly secured to the top of the pole by a hexagonal head stainless steel set screw.

Wiring apertures at the bracket mounting level and at the handhole shall be accurately positioned on the pole. The wiring apertures shall provide a smooth cable entrance.

For lighting applications, a wiring aperture, complete with rubber grommet, shall be provided.

Handholes, complete with covers, shall be reinforced with a steel handhole frame of such strength and cross-section that the strength of the pole is not reduced.

**2422.07.02                  Heavy Class Steel Poles**

The poles, as specified in the Contract Documents, shall be round or octagonal in cross-section and shall taper uniformly inwards from the base for the height of the pole.

Poles shall have one or two longitudinal automatically electrically welded joints from top to bottom.

The maximum permitted number of circumferential (transverse) welded joints shall be as shown in Table 3.

The pole sections shall be joined by an electrical weld before galvanizing.

Sweep shall not exceed 3.2 mm per 4.57 m, and the overall sweep shall not be greater than:

$$(\text{Pole height (m)}/4.57 \text{ m}) \times 3.2 \text{ mm}$$

In all cases, the base shall telescope the butt end of the pole and be secured with one continuous weld on the inside of the base at the end of the pole and another continuous weld on the outside at the top of the base. All welding at base shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that the welded connection shall develop the same strength of the adjacent pole section to resist any bending action.

### **2422.07.03 Heavy Class Sectional Steel Poles**

The pole sections shall be of round tapered construction so that a number of sections may be assembled by means of an overlapping press fit to form a tapered steel pole of the height specified in the Contract Documents.

Each section shall have one longitudinal automatically electrically welded joint from top to bottom.

Each section shall be stencilled with O-L (nominal overlap requirement) and graduations in one-inch increments.

### **2422.07.04 Ground Bar**

A ground bar with a bronze ground connector suitable for No. 6 AWG wire shall be welded to the inside of each pole. The bronze ground connector shall be attached to the ground bar before shipment.

### **2422.07.05 Marking**

Each pole shall have identification marking located approximately 300 mm above the top of the handhole showing the following:

- a) Manufacturer's name or trade mark.
- b) Height of pole.
- c) Gauge of steel.
- d) Bolt circle diameter.
- e) Designation OPSS 2422.
- f) Date of manufacture (i.e., yyyy-mm-dd).

This marking shall be on a corrosion-resistant metal plate securely attached to the surface of the pole.

### **2422.07.06 Packaging and Shipping**

Each pole shall be shipped complete with hardware suitably packaged to ensure that all parts are delivered as an entity.

The Contract Administrator shall be notified of the shipping date 3 Business Days prior to delivery.

## **2422.08 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

### **2422.08.01 Inspection**

All work is subject to an inspection by the Contract Administrator prior to shipment.

The supplier shall notify the Contract Administrator of the date that the fabrication of the poles is to commence.

The Contract Administrator shall have free access to the place of fabrication of the poles for the purpose of inspecting and examining plant records and certificates while work on the poles is being performed; materials used; process of fabrication, including welding and galvanizing; and to make any tests as may be considered necessary.

**2422.09                      OWNER PURCHASE OF MATERIAL**

**2422.09.01                  Working Drawings**

Within 30 Days of receipt of a purchasing order to supply heavy class steel and sectional steel poles, the supplier shall submit 4 copies of pole Working Drawings, as described in the Submission Requirements subsection, to the Owner, for approval.

Working Drawings shall be given final approval by the Owner, if found to be acceptable, or shall be marked with deficiencies, if unacceptable.

Unacceptable drawings shall be returned to the supplier for correction. The supplier shall resubmit 4 copies of corrected Working Drawings within 14 Days. When the resubmitted drawings are acceptable to the Owner, they shall be given final approval.

One copy of the final approved drawings shall be returned to the supplier along with written notification to commence fabrication. Within 14 Days of receipt of the notification to commence fabrication, the supplier shall submit 4 copies of all final approved Working Drawings to the Owner.

Fabrication of the equipment shall not commence until the supplier has received final approved Working Drawings and written notification to commence fabrication from the Owner. All fabrication shall conform to the dimensions indicated on the final approved Working Drawings.

The supplier shall advise the Owner of the shipping date 3 Business Days prior to delivery.

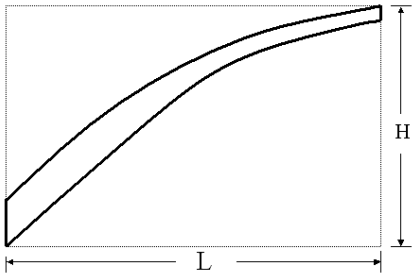
**2422.09.02                  Measurement and Payment**

For measurement purposes, a count shall be made of the number of heavy class steel and sectional steel poles supplied and accepted.

Payment at the price specified in the purchasing order shall be for the supply of the heavy class steel and sectional steel poles delivered to the destination on the date and time specified.

The cost of all testing, except that performed by the Owner, shall be included in the price.

**TABLE 1**  
**Supported Load Parameters**

Item of Equipment	Dimensions mm	Projected Area m <sup>2</sup>	Weight N
Roadway Lighting Luminaire (Ovuloid)	990 L x 380 H	0.22	107
Roadway Lighting Bracket (Aluminum)	2400 L x 1200 H (tapered)	0.15	112
Double Arm Brackets (Aluminum)	400 L x 42 Dia. (2 per set)	0.04	24
Mast Arm (Aluminum) 	610 L x 250 H (tapered)	0.04	78
	1200 L x 530 H (tapered)	0.10	91
	1800 L x 610 H (tapered)	0.15	114
	2400 L x 840 H (tapered)	0.19	65
	3000 L x 610 H (tapered)	0.23	94
	3600 L x 840 H (tapered)	0.38	113
	4600 L x 1070 H (tapered)	0.47	216
	5500 L x 910 H (tapered)	0.70	324
	6100 L x 1070 H (tapered)	0.79	307
	6700 L x 1150 H (tapered)	0.85	354
	7600 L x 1140 H (tapered)	1.10	504
Traffic Signal Heads (Aluminum: 4-Section)	1650 H x 610 W	1.01	123
Pedestrian Heads (Aluminum: 2-Section)	690 H x 345 W	0.23	78
Traffic Signs	Varies: see Table 2	1.50	23

**TABLE 2**  
**Heavy Class Steel and Sectional Steel Pole Configurations**

Pole Height m	Luminaire and Bracket set	Longest Mast Arm with Head m	Maximum Mast Arm Total Length (Note 1) m	Number of Pedestrian Heads (Note 2)	Traffic Signs (Note 3) m <sup>2</sup>
10.5	1	7.6	13.1	2	0.75
9.0	1	7.6	13.1	2	0.75
7.5	1	7.6	13.1	2	0.75
6.0	0	7.6	13.1	2	0.75

Notes:

1. Mast arm total length applies to the sum of the lengths of two mast arms at 90-degree orientation.
2. Two pedestrian heads at 90-degree orientation include a set of double arm brackets for each.
3. Traffic signs shall be split to give 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> mounted on the mast arm beside the signal head and 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> mounted at 2.75 m height above the pole base plate.



**TABLE 3**  
**Circumferential Welded Joints**

<b>Pole Height m</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Welds</b>
6.0	1
7.5	1
9.0	1
10.5	2

**Appendix 2422-A: November 2016  
FOR USE WHILE DESIGNING MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS**

**Note:** This is a non-mandatory Commentary Appendix intended to provide information to a designer, during the design stage of a contract, on the use of the OPS specification in a municipal contract. This appendix does not form part of the standard specification. Actions and considerations discussed in this appendix are for information purposes only and do not supersede an Owner's design decisions and methodology.

**Designer Action/Considerations**

No information provided here.

**Related Ontario Provincial Standard Drawings**

No information provided here.