



The Colorado Department of Transportation prints a specification book. The printed book is the primary source for all Specifications. It is called the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The most current book was revised 2019. It is commonly referred to as the orange book. Second, Supplemental Specifications are specifications that are revised subsequent to the issuance of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction book (orange book). Standard Special Provisions are specifications that are intended for a group of projects or for temporary use. Standard Special Provisions are typically incorporated into the Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction book when it is revised. Finally, Project Specials are Specifications that are intended for a specific project. They are written specifically for an individual project. The Procedural Directive that dictates how specifications are reviewed and implemented is: PD 513.1 effective 12/03/09. Below is a detailed description and order of precedence for each of the specifications.

105.9 Coordination of Plans, Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, and Special Provisions.

These specifications, the supplemental specifications, the plans, special provisions, and all supplementary documents are essential parts of the Contract, and a requirement occurring in one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complementary and to describe and provide for a complete work.

In case of discrepancy the order of precedence is as follows:

- (a) Special Provisions (101.72)
 1. Project Special Provisions
 - Definition: Additions and revisions to the Standard and Supplemental Specifications, **specific to the project.**
 2. Standard Special Provisions (101.72)
 - Definition: Additions and revisions to the Standard and Supplemental Specifications, specific to a selected group of projects or which are **intended for temporary use.**
- (b) Plans
 1. Detailed Plans
 2. Standard Plans
 1. Calculated dimensions will govern over scaled dimensions
- (c) Supplemental Specifications (101.73)
 - Definition: Additions and revisions to the Standard Specifications that are adopted **subsequent to the issuance of the printed book.**



(d) Standard Specifications (101.73)

- Definition: The Department's **printed book** (including errata) titled Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The book is divided into three parts namely:
 - 1) General Provisions (Division 100)
 - 2) Construction Details (Divisions 200-600)
 - 3) Material Details (Division 700)

