MODELS SSRW - LS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Prior to the commencement of Installation, all materials MUST be inspected for Damage. Any damage must be reported to CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES, INC., as soon as possible, so that replacement materials may be furnished without delay.

All work must be completed as per Architect's Approved "Shop Drawings", and in accordance with these Installation Instructions. When installation is complete, all materials must be protected from damage until the Architect's FINAL INSPECTION. All materials should be arranged in the order that they are to be installed. All hardware required for each portion of the work should be placed with the appropriate materials.

Please review all Approved Shop Drawings and this Document to familiarize yourself with all the details and components of this assembly.

IMPORTANT: READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO STARTING INSTALLATION

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1.) Before beginning installation of these joint covers, review the layouts for the various runs of joint cover as detailed on the approved CS shop drawings.

2.) The "SSRW-LS" series joint covers must be securely mounted to structurally sound substrates. Repair all cracks or spawled areas of the concrete in the blockouts and in the deck adjacent to the blockout.

3.) The blockouts in which the covers are to be mounted must be **flat**, **level and parallel**. The blockout depth should be made deeper than the actual system depth and self-leveling grout should be used to set the final depth, and to provide a smooth, flat finish. The base of the blockout must be flat (along the length of the joint) to within +/-1/16" and level (across the width of the blockout) to within +/-1/16".

4.) The blockout width shown on the CS shop drawings is a minimum width dimension. The blockout may be made wider to allow for greater installation tolerance.

5.) The surface of the blockouts must be clean and free from any loose dust, dirt, debris and oils that may affect the installation of the covers.

6) It is possible that the expansion/seismic joint may have experienced some amount of movement at the time of installation. For proper installation of the "SSRW" Covers, the joint width **must be within +/-1/4" of nominal**. If the joint width at the time of installation is not within this tolerance, please contact the factory as some adjustments to the key installation dimensions may be required. These instructions assume that the nominal joint is within tolerance.

7) Coordinate installation of cover with installation of fire barrier systems and vapor barrier membrane when required.

IMPORTANT: Concrete will curl the center-plate of this system unless you take proper measures to prevent it.

Selection of the proper concrete mix is essential. Talk to your local Concrete supply Engineer and discuss this special application and get their recommendation(s) for the mix that will prevent excessive curling of the center-plate/pan. (They know concrete, your local practices and weather conditions.)

Their recommendations may include a low water-to-cement ratio; changing the aggregate, adjusting the cement-to-fly ash ratio; longer cure time; controlling shrinkage with an admixture; moist curing, ect.

All such recommendations should be coordinated with the Architect to ensure the integrity of the specification is maintained.

EXTERIOR INSTALLATION of this expansion joint cover system requires yet more care and in addition to any/all of the above possible recommendations from your Concrete Engineer, moist curing has been found to be essential to a successful installation.



<u>Note</u>: Proper installation of the "SSRW" Covers is dependent upon the proper location of the Base Frames. For the Pan Assembly to fit and function properly, the Frames must be anchored parallel to the joint. They must be located at the proper distance from the edge of the joint and the exposed surface dimension must be maintained within a tolerance of +/-1/8".

The Frame Location and Exposed Surface and Joint Width dimensions are shown on the CS shop drawings.





1.1) In the blockout, measure the bottom of the blockout at the frame location dimension. If the blockout has been made wider than the minimum, mark the bottom of the blockout and strike a chalk line at this location. The chalk line should be extended along the full length of the run.

1.2) Beginning near the center of the run and working towards each end, position the first length of Base Frame against the back of the blockout or along the frame location line.

1.3) Using the Frame as a template, drill the holes for the CS supplied anchor bolts. (Follow the drilling instructions provided by the anchor bolt manufacturer.)

1.4) Remove the Frame and clean the holes. Reposition the Frame and anchor the Frame into the blockout with the CS supplied anchors. (Follow the anchor bolt manufacturer's installation instructions.)



<u>Note</u>: To assist in maintaining the alignment of the exposed top edge of Base Frames, alignment pins are to be placed in the Frame sections prior to installation.

- 2.1) Place one of the grooved alignment pins into each of the extrusion bosses of the next length of Base Frame. Insert the grooved end of the pin approximately 1/2 of its length.
- 2.2) Repeat the installation procedures for any additional lengths of frame.





2.3) Position the adjacent lengths of Frame into the blockout and insert the alignment pins into the extrusion bosses of the previous Frame.

2.4) Following the instruction from Step 1, position, drill and anchor each additional length of Base Frame for this side of the joint.

Note: As you approach each end of the run, the last lengths of Frame may have to be cut to the appropriate length.



3.1) Beginning again near the center of the run and working towards each end, position the first length of Lateral Slide Frame against the face of the wall. Note: The top edge must be level with the top edge of the Base Farme and must be level and plumb along its length.

3.2) Using the Lateral Slide Frame as a template, mark and drill the holes in the wall for the CS supplied anchors as indicated on the CS shop drawings.

3.3) Reposition the Lateral Slide Frame and anchor to the wall.

3.4) Repeat and install the remaining Frames for the entire length of the run.

STEP 3A ALTERNATE LATERAL SLIDE FRAME INSTALLATION



ALTERNATE INSTALLATION

3.1) Beginning again near the center of the run and working towards each end, position the first length of Lateral Slide Frame in the blockout.

3.2) Using the Frame as a template, drill the holes in the support angle for the CS supplied hardware.

3.3) Anchor the Frame to the blockout with the CS supplied hardware.

3.4) Repeat and install the remaining Frames for the entire length of the run.

STEP 4



4.1) Position the first length of continuous Edge Bearing so that the long, inside edge (note the orientation in the detail above) is aligned and flush with the joint edge.

4.2) Using the Edge Bearing as a template, mark the hole locations for the Edge Bearing anchors, then remove the Edge Bearing.

4.3) Drill the holes for the appropriate CS supplied anchors. (Drill the holes per the anchor manufacturer's instructions.)

- 4.4) Clean the holes and the surface of the blockout and place the Edge Bearing back into position.
- 4.5) Anchor the Edge Bearing to the slab with the proper anchors.

4.6) Repeat these steps for the remaining Edge Bearing lengths that are required for the full run of Cover.



<u>Note</u>: The Slide Bearing strips are used to provide a sliding surface for the Pan during seismic movement and prevent the Pan bearings from dropping below the level of the Base Frame and causing damage.

5.1) Beginning near the center of the run, position the first Slide Bearing Strip between the Base Frame and the continuous edge bearing. Space the remaining Slide Bearing pieces evenly in the 10' length, approx. 18" O.C.

5.2) Using the Slide Bearing Strip as a template, mark the hole locations for the Bearing Strip anchors, then remove the Slide Bearing Strip.

5.3) Drill the holes for the appropriate CS supplied anchors. (Drill the holes per the anchor manufacturer's instructions.)

5.4) Clean the holes and the surface of the blockout and place the Slide Bearing Strip back into position.

5.5) Anchor the Slide Bearing Strip to the slab with the proper anchors.

5.6) Repeat for the remaining Slide Bearing Strips and anchor them according to the steps above.



6.1) Beginning near the center of the run, hold the first Pan Assembly with the Lateral Slide Nosing towards the Lateral Slide Frame.

6.2) With the Pan at approximately a 30° angle position the Slide Bearing of the Lateral Slide Nosing in the upper portion of the Lateral Slide Frame.

6.3) Begin to rotate the Pan downward and engage the Lateral Slide Nosing into the Lateral Slide Frame. <u>Note</u>: Do not force the Pan to rotate as the extrusions should engage easily. If the Pan does not rotate easily, remove the Pan and check for interference.

6.4) Continue to rotate the Pan down until the Pan bearing is resting on the Base Frame.





<u>Note</u>: Center Pan Assemblies are supplied in typical 10'-0" lengths. Each Pan is to be field spliced to the adjacent Pans to maintain alignment. A minimum 1/16" gap must be maintained between Pan Assemblies to allow for thermal expansion.

7.1) Place the next Pan Assembly onto the Frames as instructed in Step 5.

7.2) Slide the Pan along the Frames until the ends of the Pans butt together. Separate slightly to maintain a minimum 1/16" gap.

7.3) Place a strip of masking tape or duct tape on top of the Pans, over the butt joint, for the full width of the Pan.

7.4) Center one of the CS supplied splice Plates over the butt joint and attach to the Pan using the supplied self-drilling tek screws. <u>Note</u>: Maintain the minimum 1/16" gap at the butt joint.

END OF A RUN REQUIREMENTS

Field Cutting Center Pans - It is likely that a standard 10'-0" length of Center pan will have to be field cut to fit the exact length between the wall and the last standard length of Pan. See Step 8 for field cutting instructions.

Review the layout below to familiarize yourself with the Cover requirements at the end of a run. Then review the next few installation steps before proceeding with installation.



SAMPLE PAN LAYOUT AT THE END OF A RUN



THE ACTUAL FIELD CUTTING LENGTH IS EQUAL TO DIM. "X", MINUS 1".

NOTE: 1" SPACE REQUIRED FOR CAULK JOINT.

8.1) Measure the distance between the top edge of the face of the wall and the nearest edge of the last typical 10' Center Pan (DIM. "X").

8.2) Subtract 1" from Dim. "X" to establish the field cut Pan length.

8.3) Measure and mark a length of Center Pan with the required field cut length. <u>Note</u>: Any of the assembly screws (used to attach the components of the Pan together) that may fall on the cut line, should be removed before cutting.

8.4) Using a circular saw with the appropriate blade and a straight edge or saw guide, cut the Center Pan to the required length.

Proceed to Step 9.





- 9.1) Position and install the field cut Pan as indicated in Step 6.
- 9.2) Install the splice Plate between the field cut Pan and previous Pan as indicated in Step 7.



<u>Note</u>: With the joint cover assemblies installed for the full length of the run, the following steps will complete the installation. The steps do not necessarily have to be completed in the order shown.

10.1) Place the CS supplied oversized backer rod into the slot between the Base Frame and Pan, for the full length of the run. The backer rod should be positioned just below the exposed edges of the Base Frame and Pan. <u>Note</u>: The backer rod is used to prevent dirt and debris from gathering in the slot between the Frame and Pan that could hinder movement or the resting position of the Pan.

10.2) Place duct tape along the top surface of both the Base Frame and Pan Frame so that it spans over the oversized backer rod. Also place tape over the space between the Lateral Slide Frame and Pan. <u>Note</u>: The tape will protect the exposed surfaces while the concrete fill is placed.

10.3) Fill the remaining blockout area with a quality non-shrink grout (not by CS).

10.4) In the Pan, place 4" x 4" - W2.9 X W2.9 rebar mesh (not by CS) along the full length of the run. The rebar mesh should span nearly the full width of the Pan, and should be positioned approximately 3/4" below the top surface of the Pan.

IMPORTANT Note: Select the proper concrete mix: Discuss with your local Concrete supplier Engineer to recommend a concrete for this special application in effort to prevent excessive shrinking, curling, and fracturing of the concrete from occurring. Recommendations include: Low water to cement ratio, #8 coarse aggregate, and/or a 60/40 cement to ash combination, greater full cure time (60 day minimum recommended), and a recommeded shrinkage admixture. If concrete is being applied outside, canopys or burlap should be used to minimize excessive differential curing from occurring. Concrete should not be installed if there is the possibilities the tempertures could drop below recommended curing tempertures during the curing cycle.

10.5) Fill the Pan with the selected concrete (concrete not by CS). Float the concrete level with the exposed edges of the Pan. Smooth and finish as required. Apply misters for moist curing (see Important Note:)

IMPORTANT Note: Measures must be taken to prevent excess shrinking and curling from occurring. Construction Specialties recommends the installer moist cure the concrete for a minimum of 12 days. During the final 5 days reduce duration of moist curing incrementally. These efforts will aid in the reduction of differential curing from occuring causing warping of the concrete and possibly damaging the aluminum pans.

STEP 10 Continued

COMPLETING THE INSTALLATION

Included below are links to articles and documentation for additional resources to aid in the reduction of shrinking and warping caused by improperly specified or curing of the concrete.

http://www.cement.org/tech/cct_floors_shrinkage.asp

http://www.irc.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/ctu-sc/ctu_sc_n44

IMPORTANT Note: After all misting and troweling has been completed, apply the recommended water based concrete curing compound (not a cure and seal) (not by CS) to the entire surface of the concrete.

10.7) When the concrete has set or after any other floor finish work is complete, remove the duct tape from along the exposed surface of the Pan and Base Frames. Before removing the oversized backer rod, vacuum off the top surface to remove all loose grout, concrete, dirt and debris that might fall into the slot as the backer rods are removed. Then remove the backer rods.

10.8) Place new backer rods (not by CS) and caulking (not by CS) along the full length of the slots between the Pan and Base Frames. The caulk should be smooth and level with the exposed surfaces of the Frame and Pan. <u>Note</u>: To provide the proper thermal expansion and compression capability, select a caulking that will provide +/-50% movement capability per nominal width. We recommend using **Sika® 2C NS** where available. The caulking should be applied per the manufactures recommendations and width to depth ratio.

THE INSTALLATION SHOULD NOW BE COMPLETE. PROTECT THE INSTALLATION UNTIL FINAL ARCHITECTURAL INSPECTION.