

Proposed Changes in Section 3A.03 of the MUTCD

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The NCUTCD Council approved the following proposed addition to Section 3A.03 of the MUTCD regarding the use of “splatter markings.” The proposed additional support paragraph is shown underlined in blue.

Section 3A.03 Materials

Support:

Pavement and curb markings are commonly placed by using paints or thermoplastics; however, other suitable marking materials, including raised pavement markers and colored pavements, are also used. Delineators object markers, barricades, and channelizing devices are visibly placed in a vertical position similar to signs above the roadway.

Some marking systems consist of clumps or droplets of material with open spaces of bare pavement between the material droplets. The pavement is visible in these open spaces. These marking materials function in a manner very similar to marking materials that completely cover the pavement surface and are suitable for motorist guidance if they meet the agency’s other pavement marking requirements

Guidance:

The materials used for markings should provide the specified color throughout their useful life.

Consideration should be given to selecting pavement marking materials that will minimize tripping or loss of traction for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Object markers and delineators should not present a vertical or horizontal clearance obstacle for pedestrians.

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