



**SPECIFICATION FOR HIGH BRIGHTNESS  
PRISMATIC RETROREFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKER**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Markers shall consist of an acrylic plastic shell filled with a tightly adherent potting compound. The shell shall contain one or two abrasion resistant coated prismatic retroreflective faces as required to reflect incident light from a single or opposite directions. Use markers with Hydrant Market Taping Kit, noted below.

Part #:	PRB-44	Blue Hydrant Marker, 4x4, 50/case
	PRG-44	Green Hydrant Market, 4x4, 50/case
	HTK2	Hydrant Marker Taping Kit, 250/case, 1 per marker

**DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. DESIGN AND FABRICATION**

A. Dimensions and Construction Details

1) Housing 10.16 cm x 10.16 cm x 1.78 cm (nominal)  
4 in. x 4 in. x 0.70 in. (nominal)

2) Lens shall contain metallized prismatic cubes capable of providing internal reflection of the light entering the lens face.

Slope of Lens	30° to base
Normal Area of Each Lens Face	21.0 sq. cm. (3.25 sq. in.)

B. Material

The marker shall be comprised of materials with adequate chemical, water and UV resistance for the intended use.

C. Surface

A coating shall be applied to the lens faces to provide a hard, durable abrasion resistant surface. The remainder of the base's outer surface shall be smooth except for purposes of identification. The base of the marker shall be substantially free from gloss and substances that may reduce its bond to adhesive.

**2. OPTICAL REQUIREMENTS**

A. DEFINITIONS

Retroreflector Axis shall mean the line from the center of the lens that is in a plane parallel to the base of the marker and also in a plane perpendicular to the leading edge of the marker.

Illumination Axis shall mean the line from the center of the lens to the source of illumination.



Observation Axis shall mean the line from the center of the lens to the point of observation.

Entrance Angle shall mean the angle formed between the Retroreflector Axis and the Illumination Axis.

Observation Angle shall mean the angle formed between the Illumination Axis and the Observation Axis.

Coefficient of Luminous Intensity ( $R_l$ ) shall mean the ratio of the luminous intensity of the marker lens in the direction of observation to the illuminance at the marker lens on a plane perpendicular to the direction of the incident light.  $R_l$  is expressed in millicandelas per incident lux (mcd/lx). The corresponding English measure is Specific Intensity (SI) expressed in candles per foot candle (cd/ftc). One cd/ftc is equivalent to 92.9 mcd/lx.

**B. OPTICAL PERFORMANCE**

1) Coefficient of Luminous Intensity

For each lot select 30 markers at random for Coefficient of Luminous Intensity check. Photometer in accordance with procedure 2C. Coefficient of Luminous Intensity of each marker lens shall be not less than shown in Table 1. Failure of more than 10% of the lenses shall be cause for rejection of the lot. In this event, and at the discretion of the purchaser, a resample may be taken consisting of 40 markers at random. Failure of more that 10% of their lenses shall then be cause for rejection of the lot.

**TABLE 1 COEFFICIENT OF LUMINOUS INTENSITY REQUIREMENTS**

Observation Angle (degrees)	Entrance Angle (degrees)	Coefficient of Luminous Intensity mcd/lx					Specific Intensity cd/ftc				
		White	Yellow	Red	Green	Blue	White	Yellow	Red	Green	Blue
0.2	0	279	167	70	93	26	3.0	1.8	0.75	1.0	0.28
0.2	20	112	67	28	37	10	1.2	0.72	0.30	0.4	0.11

2) Optical Testing Procedure

When Coefficient of Luminous Intensity is measured at 15 m (50 ft) test distance, receptor diameter and source diameter shall each be 2.6 cm (1.0 in.). Other test distances may be used, provided they are no shorter than 7.5 m (25 ft), and provided that the receptor and source apertures each subtend 0.1° at the marker.

The testing arrangement shall have the entrance angle in a plane parallel to the base of the marker and the observation angle in a plane perpendicular to that plane. The test shall include both possible 20° entrance angles, left and right. This geometry is consistent with that in ASTM D 4280, Specification for Extended Life Type, Nonplowable, Raised Retroreflective Pavement Markers, which includes illustrations.

**C. COLOR**

Retroreflected color shall conform to the requirements of ASTM D 4280, when tested according to the test method therein.



### 3. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

#### A. LONGITUDINAL FLEXURAL STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS

A random sample of three markers shall be selected for test purposes.

Condition markers at  $23^{\circ}\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73.4^{\circ}\pm 3.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for 4 h prior to testing.

In accordance with ASTM D 4280, place two 12.7 mm  $\times$  25.4 mm (0.5 in.  $\times$  1.0 in.) steel bars, each longer than the width of the marker base, on their 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) faces, onto the platen of the compression apparatus. Place durometer 70 Shore A elastomeric pads approximately 3 mm (0.12 in.) thick onto the bars. Place the marker base down onto the pads. Marker shall have its lengthwise (roadway) direction perpendicular to the two bars. Spacing of the bars shall depend on the length of the marker base, being as great as possible without the bars protruding beyond the lengthwise points of the marker base. Place a durometer 70 Shore A elastomeric pad approximately 25 mm (1 in.) thick and larger than the marker top on top of the marker. Place a third 12.7 mm  $\times$  25.4 mm (0.5 in.  $\times$  1.0 in.) steel bar, longer than the width of the marker top, on its 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) face onto the top of the pad, positioned parallel to the other bars and centered over the marker top.

Apply load to the top of the marker at a rate of 5.0 mm (0.2 in.) per min through the top steel until the marker breaks. Breakage shall constitute complete rupture or other loss of integrity evidenced by a sudden decrease in load. Each marker shall withstand a load of 909 kg (2000 lb) without breakage.

#### B. COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS

A random sample of three markers shall be selected for test purposes.

Condition markers at  $23^{\circ}\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73.4^{\circ}\pm 3.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for 4 h prior to testing.

In accordance with ASTM D 4280, position marker base down at the center of a 13 mm (0.5 in.) thick steel plate larger than the marker. Place a 9.5 mm (3/8 in.) thick Shore A 60 rubber pad larger than the marker atop the marker. Apply a load to the top of the marker through a 13 mm (0.5 in.) thick steel plate larger than the marker that is placed atop the rubber pad. Rate of loading shall be 2.5 mm (0.1 in.) per minute. Each marker shall withstand a load of 2727 kg (6000 lbs) without either breakage or significant deformation.