

Construction Advisory

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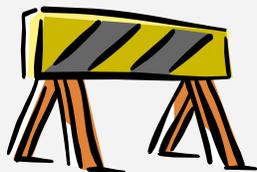
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Construction Advisory
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Buy America, Water Main Compliance

The purpose of this construction advisory is to notify field staff of water main fittings that do not meet Buy America requirements.

It has been brought to MDOT's attention that Star Pipe Products mechanical restrained joint water main fittings, when foundry stamped with "EF", are not compliant with Buy America requirements. Other markings on iron products should also be verified to ensure that they are of domestic origin. It should be noted that Star Pipe Products does produce and supply Buy America compliant fittings that are available to contractors in Michigan.

A field picture of mechanical restrained joint fittings is shown below. Further details on what these fittings look like can be found at:
http://www.starpipeproducts.com/pdf/joint%20resraint/catalog/stargrip_12-01.pdf.

Each engineer should investigate the usage of these fittings on their current projects and ensure usage falls under the de-minimus amount for the project. Field issues should be directed to Jason Gutting,
guttingj@michigan.gov.



Foundry stamps and other markings may be stamped on the bolt head as well as the wedge and nut in the bolt assembly.