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Subject: Bridge Advertisement (DSI 25-023) Laminated Bearing Pad Material Requirements
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The [Missouri Standard Specifications](#) have been updated as described below:

Implementation Statement: Effective immediately for all jobs even if submitted to Design or under contract.

(The Implementation Statement is a recommendation by the Development Section. The SPM is responsible for the level of implementation for any particular job.)

Revision Date	Items Revised	Description of Change
May 2026	EPG: NA	Sec 1038 updated to clarify laminated bearing pad material requirements. Laminates shall be rolled mild steel sheets that meet the requirements of AASHTO M 251. The previous version of the specifications (since 2004) referred to ASTMs that are not applicable for tapered shims which require a sheet thicker than 1/8 inch. The Bridge Division has been specifying tapered shims for decades without issue, so the construction specifications have likely been ignored.
	Bridge Standard Drawings: NA	
	MicroStation Cells: NA	
	Std. Specifications: 1038	
	Standard Plans: NA	
	Bridge Special Provisions: NA	

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