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Cast-in-Place Risers



1. Scope

This standard covers the requirements for cast-in place risers to bring the vault access to grade.

This standard addresses 42-inch round risers and 5496 equipment hatch risers. The "5496" refers to the riser's inside dimension of 54 in x 96 in.

2. Application

This standard provides direction to SCL crews and contractors regarding proper installation of cast-in place risers for slope adjustment on Seattle City Light (SCL)-owned and maintained vaults. Cast-in place risers will be used where standard height risers do not work, or access is located on a sloped grade.

This standard reflects content presented in SCL Power Production & Substations Drawing B-7470. See Appendix.

3. Requirements

3.1 General

The minimum compressive strength of the concrete shall not be less than 4,000 pounds per square inch in 28 days as determined by the ASTM Method C39.

Concrete finish shall be free of rock pockets and honeycombed areas.

The interior walls and exterior exposed surfaces shall be smooth.

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Rock pockets over 3/8-inch-deep and other imperfections on all surfaces shall be patched and troweled to match the surrounding surface.

Steel reinforcing bars shall conform to ASTM A615, Grade 60 or ASTM A706, Grade 60 Reinforcing bar size shall be a minimum of #4.

The ends of the reinforcing bars shall have an overlap minimum of 18 in.

Welding of the reinforcing bars shall conform to the Structural Welding Code, Reinforcing Steel (AWS D1.4) of the American Welding Society.

The number of reinforcing bar hoops shall be as described in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1. Reinforcing Bar Hoop Requirements

Riser Height of the Low End (t) (in)	# of Rebar Hoops Required
3–4	1
4–6	2
6–8	3
8–10	4

The concrete cover (measured from the surface of the concrete to the outside surface of the reinforcement) for reinforcement shall be a minimum of 2 inches for main reinforcing bars, with a 2-in typical cover on the bottom of the riser.

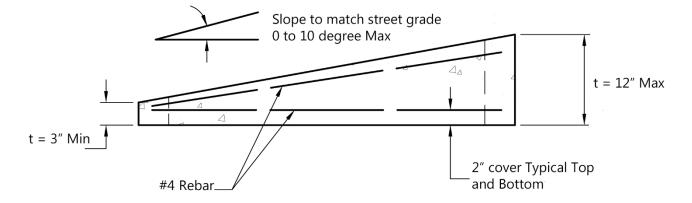
Dimensions shall be as shown in Figure 3.1a.

The keyway shall either 1) be of the dimensions and configuration as shown in Figure 3.1b, or 2) match the surface profile of adjoining piece (roof opening, other riser or casting frame).

A 2-day minimum cure time shall be required prior to installation of steel cover and frame.

A 4-day minimum cure time shall be required prior to traffic loading.

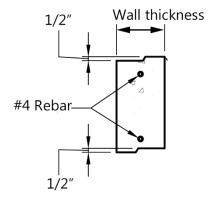
Figure 3.1a. Riser Height and Rebar Detail



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Figure 3.1b. Keyway Detail



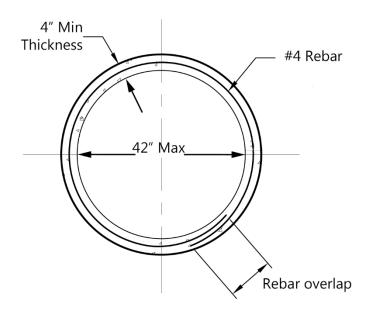
3.2 Round Riser

Round risers shall meet the requirements as shown in Table 3.2 and Figure 3.2.

Table 3.2. Round Riser Requirements

Wall thickness, minimum	4 in
Inside diameter, maximum	42 in
Outside diameter, maximum	50 in

Figure 3.2. Round Riser



3.3 5496 Equipment Hatch Riser

Equipment hatch risers shall meet the requirements as shown in Table 3.3 and Figure 3.3.

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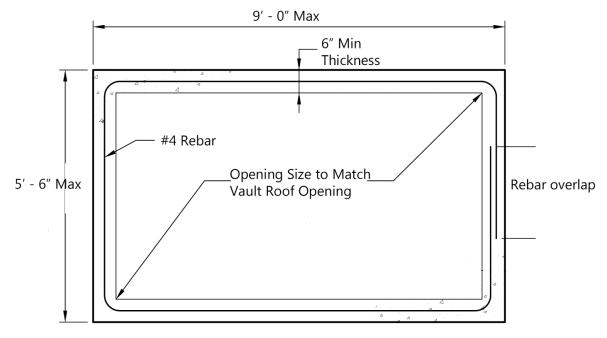
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Table 3.3. Equipment Hatch Riser Requirements

Wall thickness, minimum	Match existing riser outline, 6 in minimum
Outside dimensions, maximum	5 ft-6 in x 9 ft
Inside opening dimensions	Match vault roof opening, 4 ft-6 in x 8 ft (typical)

Figure 3.3. Equipment Hatch Riser



4. References

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Appendix: SCL Drawing B-7470, Cast-in-Place Vault Riser

