



# **Products**

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The SUDAS Specifications do not reference proprietary products. Specific technical specifications are included as a means of identifying products that will be acceptable for the project requirements.

To verify compliance with the SUDAS Specifications, engineers must work with contractors to identify products that meet the current technical specifications and that meet the project needs. If a new product is proposed for use on a project, the engineer can establish their own special provisions to allow the use of the specific product, whether it meets the SUDAS Specifications or not. If the new product does not meet the current technical specifications and the engineer feels the product has consistent application on similar projects, they can bring it forward to their SUDAS district committee. The engineer must be willing to discuss their use of the product and how they see the product benefiting the urban public works projects being developed around the state.

Once a new product is proposed, the members of the district committees from across the state are asked to give their input as to whether the product has statewide appeal and if standard specifications should be written. If that response is favorable, specifications are drafted and taken around to the next set of district meetings. Compliance with national standards met by other similar products is important to the group's deliberations.

If there is a favorable recommendation from the district committees, the change is brought to the Board of Directors for a vote and possible inclusion in a future edition of the SUDAS Specifications.