

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

INSTRUCTIONS TO SEAL VENDOR FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SEAL

A Texas Professional Engineer (P.E.) is required to comply with board rules and the engineer must obtain a seal of the type specified below. Rubber stamps, impression seals, and electronic seals are all acceptable under Texas Law. The following rules apply to those seals:

§137.31 SEAL SPECIFICATIONS

(a) Upon issuance of a license, each license holder is required to obtain a seal under the requirements of §133.97 of this title (relating to Issuance of License).

(b) In accordance with §1001.401(a) of the Engineering Act, physical and electronic seals shall be of the Board-authorized design illustrated in this section and shall be no larger than two inches in diameter. Regardless of seal size the engineer's name and number must be clearly legible.

(c) All physical seals obtained and used by license holders shall be capable of leaving a permanent ink image or permanent impression of the seal attached to the engineering work.

(d) All seals obtained and used by license holders shall contain any given name, commonly accepted variation of the given name, or initial combination with the surname as currently listed with the board and in the usual written signature. Nicknames shall not be permitted on a seal in lieu of a given name or initial combination. The name can be displayed on the seal using all uppercase letters such as "LESLIE H. DOE" or using the standard combination of upper and lowercase letters, such as "Leslie H. Doe". If after licensure, a license holder legally changes his/her name, the license holder must have a new seal or seals made showing the new legal name.

(e) Preprinting of blank forms with an engineer's seal, or the use of decal or other seal replicas is prohibited.

(f) When signing an engineering work, the engineer may utilize the designation "P.E" or other terms as described in §137.1 of this chapter (relating to License Holder Designations).

(g) This section does not prevent the reproduction of sealed and signed, original works for distribution.

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EXAMPLE



THE SEAL MUST BE DESIGNED AS SHOWN AT THE LEFT AND NO LARGER THAN 2 INCHES. NOTE THE SIZES AND POSITIONS OF THE STARS AND THE TYPE OF BORDER USED. TITLES, SUCH AS, "DR.," "COL." OR P.E. SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE SEAL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN A COMPLIANT SEAL AS USE OF A NON-COMPLIANT SEAL IS A VIOLATION OF BOARD RULE SAND COULD SUBJECT A LICENSEE TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

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