

# SUPPLEMENTAL TEST PROCEDURES FOR HMAC AND EAC

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MATERIALS LABORATORY  
ODOT Test Method 313-05

Method of Test for  
**COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AND MIX DESIGN  
OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT MIXTURES**

**(Modified AASHTO Designation T 165 & 167)**

**SCOPE**

- 1.1 This method of test for compacted Emulsified Asphalt Concrete (EAC) mixtures of the cold-mixed, cold laid type for use in pavement surfaces and base courses is intended to evaluate the asphalt-aggregate compatibility in the mixture. It employs the relative compressive strength of conditioned versus unconditioned test specimens. Mixtures with compatible materials will generally have a compressive strength ratio of 40 or more.

**APPARATUS**

- 2.1 Steel compaction mold -- 4.0 in (101.6 mm.) inside diameter, 4.5 in (114 mm.) outside diameter and 7.0 in (178 mm.) height.

Mold holder, funnel, plunger and mixing bowls approximately 3 quart capacity.

- 2.2 Testing Machine - The testing machine may be of any type of sufficient capacity that will provide a range of accurately controllable rates of vertical deformation. Since the rate of vertical deformation for the compression test is specified as 0.05 in (1.3 mm.) per minute per 1 in (25 mm.) of specimen height, and it may be necessary to test specimens ranging in size from 2 x 2 in (50 x 50 mm.) to perhaps 8 x 8 in (200 x 200 mm.), in order to maintain the specified minimum ratio of specimen diameter to particle size, the testing machine should have a range of controlled speeds covering at least 0.1 in (2.5 mm.) per minute for 2 in (50 mm.) specimens to 0.4 in (10 mm.) per minute for 8 in (200 mm.) specimens.

For central control laboratory installations, the testing machine shall conform to the requirements of section 14 of the Methods of Verification of Testing Machines (AASHTO T67). The testing machine shall be equipped with two steel bearing blocks with hardened faces, one is spherically seated and the other plain. The spherically seated block shall be mounted to bear on the upper surface of the test specimen and the plain block shall rest on the platen of the testing machine to form a seat for

the specimen. The bearing faces of the plates shall have a diameter slightly greater than that of the largest specimens to be tested.

The bearing faces, when new, shall not depart from a true plane by more than 0.0005 in (0.013 mm.) at any point and shall be maintained within a permissible variation limit of 0.001 in (0.025 mm.). In the spherically seated block, the center of the sphere shall coincide with the bearing face. The movable portion of this block shall be held closely in the spherical seal, but the design shall be such that the bearing face can be rotated freely and tilted through small angles in any direction.

- 2.3 Air Bath - The air bath shall be capable of either manual or automatic control for storing the specimens at  $77 \pm 1^\circ \text{ F}$  ( $25 \pm 0.5^\circ \text{ C}$ ) immediately prior to making the compression test.
- 2.4 Balance - A balance having a capacity of 2000 grams or more and a sensitivity of 0.1 g for weighing the ingredients of the mixture shall be provided.
- 2.5 Glass or plexiglass plates for use under the specimens while being cured; 4.5 in (114 mm.) square by 0.25 in (6 mm.) thick. One of these plates shall be kept under each of the specimens during the immersion period and during subsequent handling, except when weighing and testing, in order to prevent breakage or distortion of the specimens.
- 2.6 Containers approximately 5 in (125 mm.) by 5 in (125 mm.) by 6 in (150 mm.) high to surround the test specimens in the conditioning bath, described in section 2.7.
- 2.7 One or more automatically controlled water baths shall be provided for immersing the "B" specimens. The baths shall be of sufficient size to permit total immersion of the test specimens. They shall be so designed and equipped as to permit accurate and uniform control of the immersion temperature within plus or minus  $1.8^\circ \text{ F}$  ( $1^\circ \text{ C}$ ). They shall be constructed of or lined with copper, stainless steel, or other non-reactive material.

## **PREPARATION OF TEST MIXTURES**

- 3.1 In preparing aggregates for making mixtures, a sieve analysis shall be made on each aggregate involved. All coarse aggregates shall be separated individually and recombined in the necessary quantities with the fine aggregates to meet the formula under study.
  - 3.1.1 Obtain test gradation from average field gradations.
  - 3.1.2 Set up worksheets, recording project information and design gradation.

- 3.1.3 Test specimens will normally be 1700 grams per sample. This weight will normally make cylinders 4.0 in (102 mm.) in diameter and  $4.0 \pm 0.1$  in ( $102 \pm 2.5$  mm.) in height. The size of the test specimens has an influence on the results of the compressive strength test. Therefore, if the known specific gravity or unit weight of the aggregate indicates an excessive variation in height, a correction must be determined. Fabricate and measure asphalt coated compacted sample to determine the required correction to the batch weights.
- 3.1.4 Screen and separate aggregate in sizes dictated by the design gradation.
- 3.1.5 Weigh out a minimum of eight samples using the gradation described in section 3.1.2.
- 3.2 Emulsion contents, expressed as percents of the dry aggregate weight, shall be 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0%.

**Example:** Calculation for weight of emulsion at 5.5% of oven dry aggregate when the aggregate weight is 1720 grams:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of Emulsion} &= \frac{(\text{Dry Aggregate})(\% \text{ Emulsion})}{100} \\ &= \frac{(1720 \text{ grams})(5.5)}{100} \\ &= 94.6 \text{ grams} \end{aligned}$$

Two specimens shall be made at each emulsion content. One series shall be designated as “A” specimens and will be tested for compressive strength. These will serve as control or “dry” specimens. The other series, designated as “B” specimens, will be tested “wet” as described in Section 7.

- 3.3 An initial batch shall be mixed for the purpose of “buttering the mixing bowl. This batch shall be emptied after mixing and the sides of the bowl shall be cleaned of mixture residue by scraping with a small limber spatula but shall not be wiped with cloth or cleaned with solvent, except when a change is to be made in the binder or at the end of a run.
- 3.4 Place the aggregate in the mixing bowl. Add clean water to the aggregate in increments of 0.5% of dry aggregate weight. After adding each increment, mix thoroughly by hand. Repeat until the surface of the aggregate is thoroughly moistened and very little free water is present.

- 3.5 Add the pre-determined amount of emulsion to the moistened aggregate. Stir 2 to 3 minutes or until complete aggregate coating is achieved. If mix becomes stiff before aggregate is completely coated, terminate the mixing.
- 3.6 Evenly spread the mixture in a large flat bottomed pan, 2 x 9 x 13 in (50 x 230 x 330 mm.) and cure at room temperature until the emulsion “breaks” and for a minimum of 24 hours. Additional curing time will be required if any “unbroken” emulsion remains in the pan, but should not exceed 72 hours. Stir the sample after each 24 hour increment of curing.
- 3.7 When curing is completed, observe and record the percent of coated aggregate.
- 3.8 Repeat steps 3.4 - 3.7 for each sample required.

## **MOLDING**

- 4.1 Place approximately one-half of the mixture in the mold. The mixture shall be spaded vigorously twenty-five times with a flat bladed spatula with fifteen blows being delivered around the inside of the mold to reduce honeycomb. The remaining half of the mixture shall then be quickly transferred to the mold and similar spading action repeated. The spatula should penetrate the mixture as deeply as possible. The top of the mixture should be slightly rounded or cone-shaped to aid in firm seating of the upper plunger.
- 4.2 In order to place a leveling preload on the specimen, proceed as follows:
  - 4.2.1 Place the mold/mold holder assembly with shims in place, on the bottom platen of compression testing machines.
  - 4.2.2 Place shims in the upper platen to prevent tilting under load.
  - 4.2.3 Place the upper plunger on the specimen and exert an initial leveling load of 150 psi (1034 kPa) which shall be held for 15-20 seconds, and which will set the mixture against the sides of the mold.
- 4.3 The compressive load will be placed as follows:
  - 4.3.1 Remove the shims from the mold/mold holder assembly.
  - 4.3.2 Apply the full molding load of 37800 lbs (168 KN) or 3000 psi (20,685 kPa) at a rate which will produce full load in 0.5 minutes. Hold the load an additional 2 minutes to complete the molding.

## INITIAL CURING

- 5.1 Place the specimens, still in the molds, onto glass or plexiglass plates in trays and cure for 24 hours in an oven at 140° F (60° C).
- 5.2 Cool the specimens in air at room temperature for a period of 2 hours, after which the specimen shall be ejected from the mold while employing a smooth, uniform rate of travel. Determine the Bulk Specific Gravity.

## BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY DETERMINATION

- 6.1 Determine the Bulk Specific Gravity of each specimen by the Geometric Method and calculations as follows:

$$\text{SPECIFIC GRAVITY (GEOMETRIC)} = \frac{1273W}{HD^2}$$

Where:

W = dry weight in grams

H = Height of sample in millimeters (average of 4 measurements)

D = Diameter of sample in millimeters (average of 4 measurements)

Explanation of constants in formula:

$$\frac{W(\text{gr})}{\frac{\pi D^2(\text{mm}^2)}{4} \times H(\text{mm}) \times \frac{1(\text{cm}^3)}{1000(\text{mm}^3)}} \times \frac{1(\text{cm}^3)}{(\text{gr})} = \frac{W \times 4 \times 1000}{HD^2 \pi} = \frac{1273W}{HD^2}$$

## FINAL CURING

- 7.1 Divide the “8” specimens into groups “A” & “B”. For each pair of samples at a given emulsion content, assign the sample with higher Bulk Specific Gravity to the “B” group.
- 7.2 The “A” specimens will be brought to test temperature, 77° F (25° C), by storing in the air bath at this temperature for 24 hours before testing.

- 7.3 The “B” specimens will be placed in a container full of water, then into a water bath at  $140 \pm 1.8^\circ \text{ F}$  ( $60 \pm 1^\circ \text{ C}$ ) for a period of 24 hours.
- 7.4 After 24 hours of curing, place the “B” specimens in a container full of water, then into water bath at  $77 \pm 2^\circ \text{ F}$  ( $25 \pm 1^\circ \text{ C}$ ) for 2 hours.

### **COMPRESSION TEST**

- 8.1 After all curing and temperature stabilization is complete, test the specimens in axial compression without lateral support at a uniform rate of vertical deformation of 0.05 in (1.3 mm.) per minute per 1 in (25 mm) of height (0.2 in [5.1 mm] per minute for specimens 4 in. [102 mm] in height).

### **THEORETICAL MAXIMUM SPECIFIC GRAVITY**

- 9.1 After compression testing described in 8.1 of ODOT TM 313, perform maximum specific gravity tests ( $G_{mm}$ ) per AASHTO T-209, as described in the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures (MFTP) on the dry conditioned samples labeled group “A”. However, the sample size will be smaller than specified in T 209.

### **CALCULATION**

- 10.1 The numerical index of resistance of bituminous mixtures to the detrimental effect of water shall be expressed as the percent of the original strength that is retained after the immersion period. It shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Index of retained strength} = \frac{S_2}{S_1} \times 100$$

Where:

S1 = Compressive Strength of dry specimens (“A” specimens) in psi.

S2 = Compressive Strength of immersed specimens (“B” specimens) in psi.

## DESIGN CRITERIA

- 11.1 EAC is designed based on three parameters: air voids, percent asphalt coating, and Index of Retained Strength (IRS). The gradation is controlled by the broadband specification only. The design criteria are:

AIR VOIDS ( $V_a$ )	15 - 30 %
PERCENT COATING	90 % minimum
IRS	40 recommended minimum

## DESIGN EMULSION CONTENT

- 12.1 The emulsion content target is an estimated starting point, which may be field adjusted at the direction of the Project Manager. The recommended emulsion content should be the lowest emulsion content at which all the criteria are met, but no lower than 5 percent by weight of dry aggregate.
- 12.2 Sometimes, the minimum IRS value cannot be achieved at any emulsion content or at a very high emulsion content. This can be an indication of several different materials problems. The most common one is incompatibility of the aggregate and emulsion. A solution often employed in this situation is to change grades or brands of emulsion to improve compatibility.

## REPORT

- 13.1.1 The report shall include the following:
- 13.1.1.1 The Bulk Specific Gravity of the specimens.
  - 13.1.1.2 The compressive strength in pounds per square inch, determined by dividing the maximum vertical load obtained during deformation at the rate specified in section 8 by the original cross-sectional area of the test specimen.
  - 13.1.1.3 The nominal height and diameter of the test specimens.
  - 13.1.1.4 The Index of Retained Strength (IRS) for each emulsion content calculated to the nearest integer as calculated in section 10.1.
  - 13.1.1.5 The air void content ( $V_a$ ) of each dry specimen based on specific gravities determined in Sections 6.1 and 9.1.
  - 13.1.1.6 Recommended emulsion content as a percent of the dry weight of aggregate.
  - 13.1.1.7 Percentage of oil distillate contained in the emulsion sample.



## **MATERIALS LABORATORY**

### **ODOT Test Method 316-08**

Method of Test for

### **ADDING ANTI-STRIP ADDITIVES, LIME, or LATEX POLYMER TO MIX DESIGN SAMPLES**

#### **SCOPE**

- 1.1 Lime or latex polymer treated aggregate, and/or liquid anti-strip additives in the asphalt may be required to reduce the moisture sensitivity of hot asphalt mixtures. This method describes the procedure for lime or latex polymer treating aggregate in laboratory mixed samples and for adding liquid anti-strip additives to laboratory samples of asphalt.

#### **APPARATUS**

- 2.1 An electronic balance with a capacity of at least 1200 grams and sensitive and accurate to 0.1 gram.
- 2.2 Pans, bowls, cans, stirring implements, brushes and other miscellaneous equipment.
- 2.3 Heating oven capable of maintaining a constant temperature in the 140 to 360 degrees F range.

#### **ADDING LIME TO THE SAMPLES**

- 3.1 Lime should not be added to the samples until the night before the samples will be mixed with asphalt or sooner.
- 3.2 After batching out aggregate test samples to the proper test size, add the correct mass of dry lime to the aggregate samples. For RAP mixes, base the mass of lime on the mass of virgin aggregate only. The correct portion of lime should already have been stored in a closed tin and placed with the aggregate sample.
- 3.3 Using a spoon or spatula, thoroughly stir the lime into the dry aggregate sample.
- 3.4 Add sufficient water to thoroughly wet all the aggregate and achieve "Surface Damp Condition".
- 3.5 Stir the lime, aggregate and water thoroughly. This should take about five minutes per sample. All the described operations should be done in the container that will go into the oven. Transferring material to different containers may result in a loss of fine material.
- 3.6 Do everything possible to retain all fine material. Spatulas and brushes may be needed to clean the fine material from the implements.

- 3.7 Place the wetted sample of aggregate and lime into the drying oven until the samples are completely dry. Set the oven to the temperature at which the aggregate will be held for mixing.
- 3.8 After the samples are thoroughly dry, proceed with mixing in the normal manner.

#### **ADDING LIQUID ANTI-STRIP ADDITIVES TO MIX DESIGN SAMPLES**

- 4.1 Heat sufficient quantities of neat asphalt to make all samples necessary. Samples should be heated to approximately mixing temperatures. This should be done by the procedures normally used for mix preparation.
- 4.2 Heat anti-strip samples to between 110 and 140 degrees F. Read the manufacturer's literature to make sure these temperatures are appropriate.
- 4.3 Obtain a clean mixing/pouring can to combine asphalt and additive into. Tare this can and weigh into it sufficient asphalt to mix test samples.
- 4.4 Calculate the proper amount of liquid anti-strip to be added. Example:

$$0.25\% \text{ anti-strip} \times 850 \text{ grams of asphalt} = 2.1 \text{ grams anti-strip}$$

(The percentage of anti-strip is based on the neat asphalt weight alone.)

- 4.5 Weigh the anti-strip additive into the mix/pour can to the nearest 0.1 gram. Be very cautious with this addition because once it's poured in it is part of the sample.

It is helpful to use a small spoon or stirring rod to introduce the anti-strip into the mix/pour can.

- 4.6 Stir the combined sample thoroughly and replace it in the heating oven until proper mix temperature is reestablished. Be sure to keep the treated sample covered loosely in the oven. If it is uncovered, the volatile additive will escape. If it is covered tightly, the contents may erupt when opened and spill out.
- 4.7 Each time, before weighing the treated asphalt into a mix sample, stir thoroughly again. This is very important.
- 4.8 If you run out of asphalt, repeat the process to treat new samples of asphalt.

#### **ADDING LATEX POLYMER TO MIX DESIGN AGGREGATE SAMPLES**

- 5.1 Follow the recommendations of the latex polymer manufacturer when adding this material to mix design aggregate samples.

**MATERIALS LABORATORY**  
**ODOT Test Method 318-08**

Method of Test for  
**OPEN GRADED HOT MIX DESIGNS**

**SCOPE**

- 1.1 This test method covers the procedures developed by ODOT for designing open graded hot mixes. The open graded mix design guidelines are found in Section 7 of the CONTRACTOR MIX DESIGN GUIDELINES for ASPHALT CONCRETE. Protocols and procedures for ½" (12.5 mm) and ¾" (19 mm) Open Graded hot mixes are found on pages 11-14, and protocols and procedures for ¾" (19 mm) Asphalt Treated Permeable Base (ATPB) are found on page 15 of this Test Method. Draindown charts are found on pages 16-20.

**APPARATUS**

- 2.1 Molds used in the testing described in 4.1.2 shall be approximately 5 in. (125 mm) minimum length and approximately 4 in. (102 mm) in diameter. Plungers and other apparatus shall generally conform to equipment described in AASHTO T-167.

**PREPARING TEST SPECIMENS**

- 3.1 Prepare two compacted  $G_{mb}$  specimens and one draindown sample at 4.5%, 5.5%, and 6.5% asphalt content by weight of total mix for each aggregate gradation. Prepare  $G_{mm}$  samples at 4.5% and 5.5% asphalt content. If lime or liquid antistripping is required, add them according to ODOT TM-316. Refer to Section 6.1 of this procedure to prepare  $G_{mm}$  samples.
- 3.2 Heating Temperature.
- 3.2.1 Heat asphalt cement to 0-36° F (0 - 20° C) above the mixing temperature described in 4.1.1.
- 3.2.2 Heat all aggregates, mixing bowls, molds, and plungers to 0- 72° F (0 - 40° C) above the mixing temperature described in 4.1.1.
- 4.1 Preparation of Mixtures.
- 4.1.1 Weigh into one pan for each batch, the size fractions of each aggregate required to produce three batches for  $G_{mb}$  testing (approximately 3200 - 4000 grams each), three 1000 gm batches for draindown samples and two 2000 gm batches for  $G_{mm}$  samples (eight total batches).

An alternate procedure is to batch individual samples to the appropriate mass for each specimen. Place each pan in an oven and heat to the specified temperature. Charge the heated and buttered mixing bowl with the heated aggregate and dry mix thoroughly with a large spoon. If fibers are required in the mix by specification, add the specified mass of fibers prior to dry mixing the aggregate. If fibers are required by specification, prepare and test two sets of draindown samples, one set with fibers and one set without fibers. Weigh in the required amount of preheated asphalt for each batch. Allow the mixture to come to the desired mixing temperature corresponding to  $800 \pm 100$  cST on the asphalt temperature / viscosity curve prior to mixing. After one minute of mechanical mixing, all mixes will be quickly hand mixed with a large heated spoon to remove mix from the sides of the bowl. Continue mechanical mixing for another one minute period.

Cover the mixing bowl and place in a convection oven heated to a temperature  $20 - 35^{\circ}$  F ( $12 - 20^{\circ}$  C) above the appropriate compaction temperature for a period of  $90 \pm 10$  minutes. An alternative method would be to transfer the mix to a buttered pan, cover the pan and place in a convection oven heated to a temperature  $20 - 35^{\circ}$  F ( $12 - 20^{\circ}$  C) above the appropriate compaction temperature for a period of  $90 \pm 10$  minutes. The appropriate compaction temperature is the temperature on the asphalt temperature / viscosity curve corresponding to  $1400 \pm 200$  cST. Do not cure the draindown samples. See Section 6 for the Draindown procedure. After the curing period, remix the mixture by hand before making the test specimens.

- 4.1.2 Heat the compaction molds and plungers in an oven to the required compaction temperature. Place a paper disc in the bottom of a mold and transfer sufficient mixture to form specimens  $4 \pm 0.5''$  ( $100 \pm 12$  mm) in height. Insert a calibrated metal stem thermometer to check compaction temperature. Do not allow the thermometer to touch the mold. Spade the mixture with a heated spatula 15 times to reduce voids at the side of the mold. Form the surface of the mix to a slightly mounded shape and cover with a paper disc.

## 4.2 Compaction of Specimen

- 4.2.1 Place the charged mold assembly in the compactor. With the top and bottom plungers loosely in place, and the mold temporarily supported on two steel bars, compress the sample under an initial load of about 150 psi (1 Mpa) to set the mixture against the sides of the mold. Hold this load for 15-20 seconds. Remove the support bars to permit full double plunger action and apply the entire molding load of 3000 psi (20.7 Mpa) at a rate that will produce the full load in 30 seconds. Hold the full load for 2 additional minutes. **Compaction of specimens with gyratory compactors is not acceptable.**
- 4.2.2 After compaction, allow the specimens to cool in the mold on their base plate in front of a fan for a minimum of 20 minutes and until they are cool to the touch.

Do not try to remove the paper disk until the specimens have cooled (if removal of the disk damages the specimens leave the paper disk attached to the specimen). Leave the specimens in the mold for volume measurements.

### **DETERMINATION OF BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF COMPACTED ASPHALT SPECIMENS**

- 5.1 Determine specimen bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$ ) by geometric means. Determine the height of each specimen to the nearest 0.05 inches or 1 mm by taking the average of at least four measurements. Determine the average diameter by measuring the diameter of each specimen in at least four locations to the nearest 0.05 inches or 1 mm. Average all the diameter measurements. Calculate the geometric  $G_{mb}$  value to three decimal places. Do NOT divide the calculated density by 0.99707 to determine bulk specific gravity. Assume the factor is 1.0.

### **PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM SPECIFIC GRAVITY**

- 6.1 Determine the theoretical maximum specific gravity ( $G_{mm}$ ) of the mixture according to AASHTO T209 procedure found in the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures, with the following exceptions. Condition the  $G_{mm}$  samples in the same manner as the compacted samples. Test a minimum of one sample at an asphalt binder percentage of 4.5% and a minimum of one sample at 5.5%. The effective specific gravity of the mix ( $G_{se}$ ), calculated from the  $G_{mm}$  tests must be within 0.012. Calculate an average  $G_{se}$  for all samples with  $G_{se}$  values within 0.012. Using the average  $G_{se}$ , recalculate all  $G_{mm}$  values for all subsequent calculations.

Note: Dryback procedure is not required for open-graded mixes due to thick film coating inherent in process.

### **DRAINDOWN EVALUATION**

- 7.1 Place each draindown sample of the mixture evenly in an 8" by 8" (200 mm by 200 mm) Pyrex dish. Store in a convection oven set at  $320^{\circ} \pm 5$  F ( $160^{\circ} \pm 3$  C) for a period of  $60 \pm 2$  minutes. Remove the dishes from the oven, cool in front of a fan for 45 minutes or longer and invert the Pyrex dish and mixture. Evaluate the percent draindown by comparing the bottom of the dishes to standard charts on pages 22-26 of this document.

### **OPEN GRADED MIX DESIGN CALCULATIONS**

- 8.1 Calculate  $V_a$ , VMA, and VFA using the equations in ODOT TM 330, Section 10.5.1.

## CHOOSING THE OPEN GRADED DESIGN ASPHALT CONTENT

- 9.1 Plot the test results for bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$ ), air voids, Draindown and VFA versus asphalt content.
- 9.2 The design asphalt content reported to the nearest 0.1 percent shall be the percent asphalt determined from the ODOT draindown test as near the center of the specified range as possible and at which the air voids and VFA meet the specification requirements. If a set of draindown samples was tested with fibers, contact the ODOT Pavement Materials Engineer (PME) for direction on choosing a design asphalt content.
- 9.3 If the draindown procedure in AASHTO T-305 is used, the design asphalt content reported to the nearest 0.1 percent shall be the percent asphalt at the highest draindown percentage not exceeding 0.3% that is within the specified range for air voids and VFA.

## OPEN GRADED MIX DESIGN REPORT

- 10.1 Submit a mixture design report including the following information:
  - 10.1.1 Gradation: Show to the nearest whole percent except for the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve which shall be recorded to the nearest 0.1 percent..

<u>Sieve</u>	<u>Percent Passing</u>
1" (25 mm)	
3/4" (19 mm)	
1/2" (12.5 mm)	
3/8" (9.5 mm)	
1/4" (6.25 mm)	
No. 4 (4.75 mm)	
No. 8 (2.36 mm)	
No. 16 (1.18 mm)	
No. 30 (0.60 mm)	
No. 50 (0.03 mm)	
No. 100 (0.150 mm)	
No. 200 (0.075 mm)	
  - 10.1.2 Final asphalt content chosen reported to the nearest 0.1 percent.
  - 10.1.3 Brand, grade, specific gravity @ 77 F (25 C) and 60 F (15.6 C), mixing and compaction temperatures for the asphalt used in testing. Identify any antistripping additives in the asphalt.
  - 10.1.4 Test results determined at 4.5%, 5.5%, and 6.5% asphalt for the mixture voids, VMA, VFA, and draindown (report draindown percentages to the nearest 5%).

- 10.1.5 Worksheets for mixture bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$ ), mixture maximum gravity ( $G_{mm}$ ), and aggregate specific gravity ( $G_{sb}$ ) for each aggregate component.
- 10.2 Provide the TSR data from a surrogate dense graded mixture. If a dense graded JMF has been prepared for the same material sources in the last year, the results for the most recent TSR may be applied to the open graded mixture. If not, prepare TSR samples for a dense graded mix using the equivalent top size stone and materials from the same sources, which will represent the open graded mix.

### **3/4" (19 MM) ASPHALT TREATED PERMEABLE BASE (ATPB)**

11.1 For ATPB mix, the only parameter measured is percent asphalt coating by visual evaluation. Prepare and evaluate the mix based on the following procedure.

11.1.1 Prepare three mix samples according to Sections 4.1.1 and 7.1 as if the samples were for the draindown test, WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS. The mix samples are prepared at 2.5%, 3.0 %, and 3.5 % asphalt content and after placing the samples in the Pyrex dishes they are not cured in an oven, but are allowed to cool.

11.1.2 By visual inspection, estimate the percent of the mass of the mix that is fully coated. Record this percentage for each sample.

#### Evaluation

11.2 The design asphalt content is defined as the percentage of asphalt to the nearest 0.1% at which the mix is judged to be 90% coated. If all three samples are judged to be above 90% coating, then 2.5% is the design asphalt content.

#### Report

11.3 JMF: Show to the nearest whole percent except for the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve and asphalt cement, which shall be recorded to the nearest 0.1 percent.

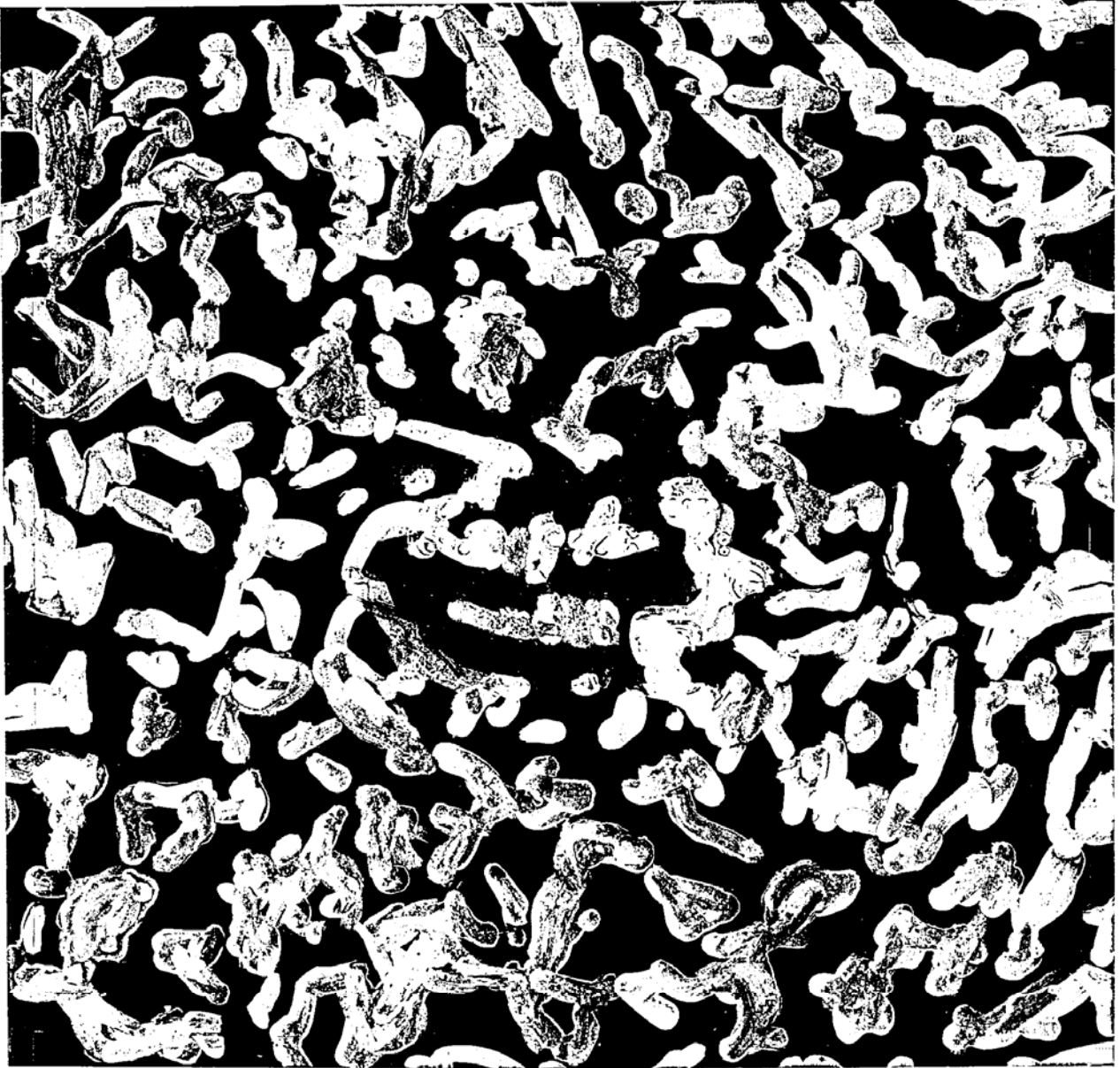
Aggregate gradation:

<u>Sieve</u>	<u>Percent Passing</u>
1" (25 mm)	
3/4" (19 mm)	
1/2" (12.5 mm)	
3/8" (9.5 mm)	
1/4" (6.25 mm)	
No. 4 (4.75 mm)	
No. 8 (2.36 mm)	
No. 16 (1.18 mm)	
No. 30 (0.60 mm)	
No. 50 (0.30 mm)	
No. 100 (0.150 mm)	
No. 200 (0.075 mm)	

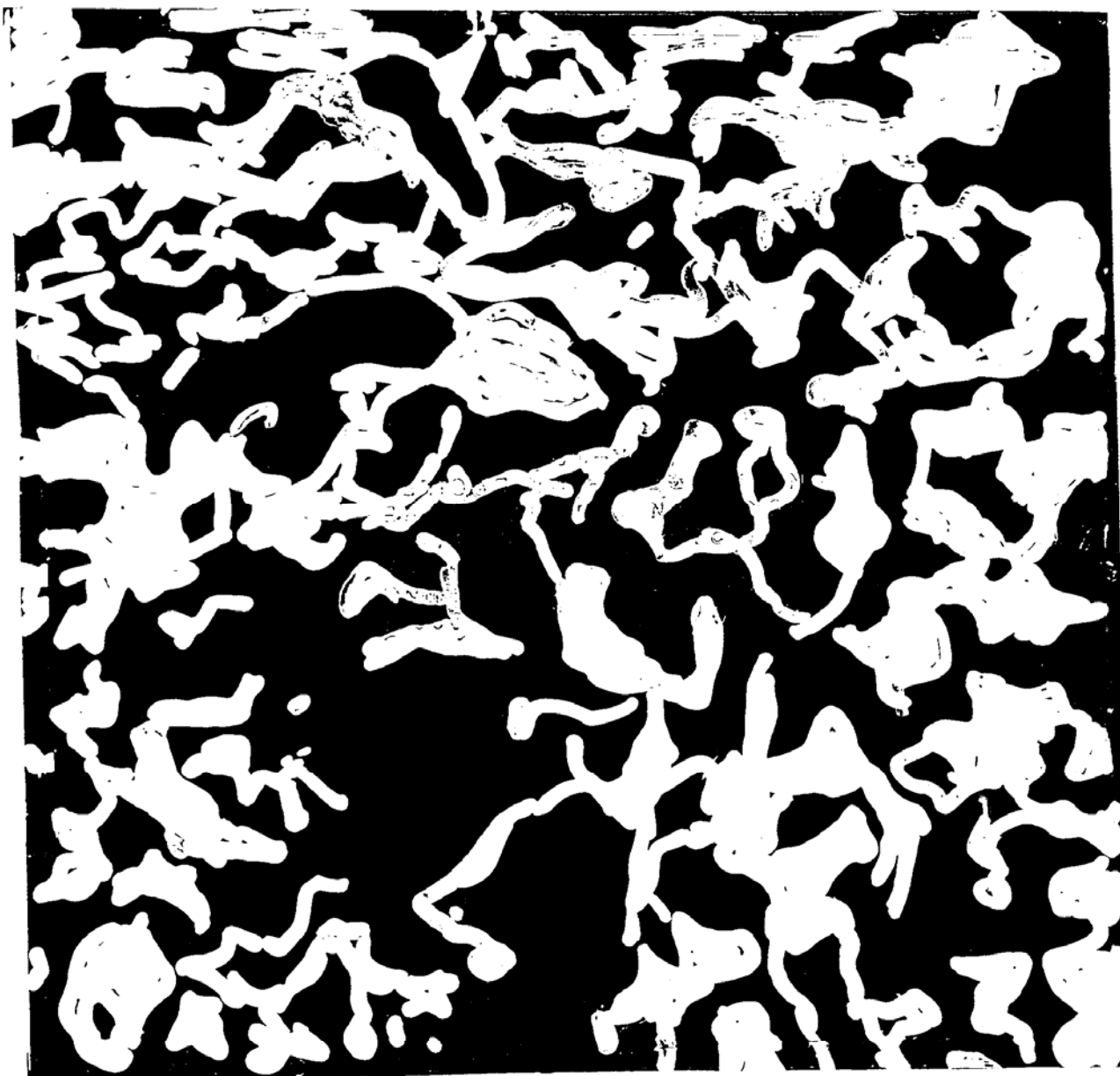
Target asphalt content, percent to the nearest 0.1%.  
Percent coating at each asphalt content to the nearest 5%.



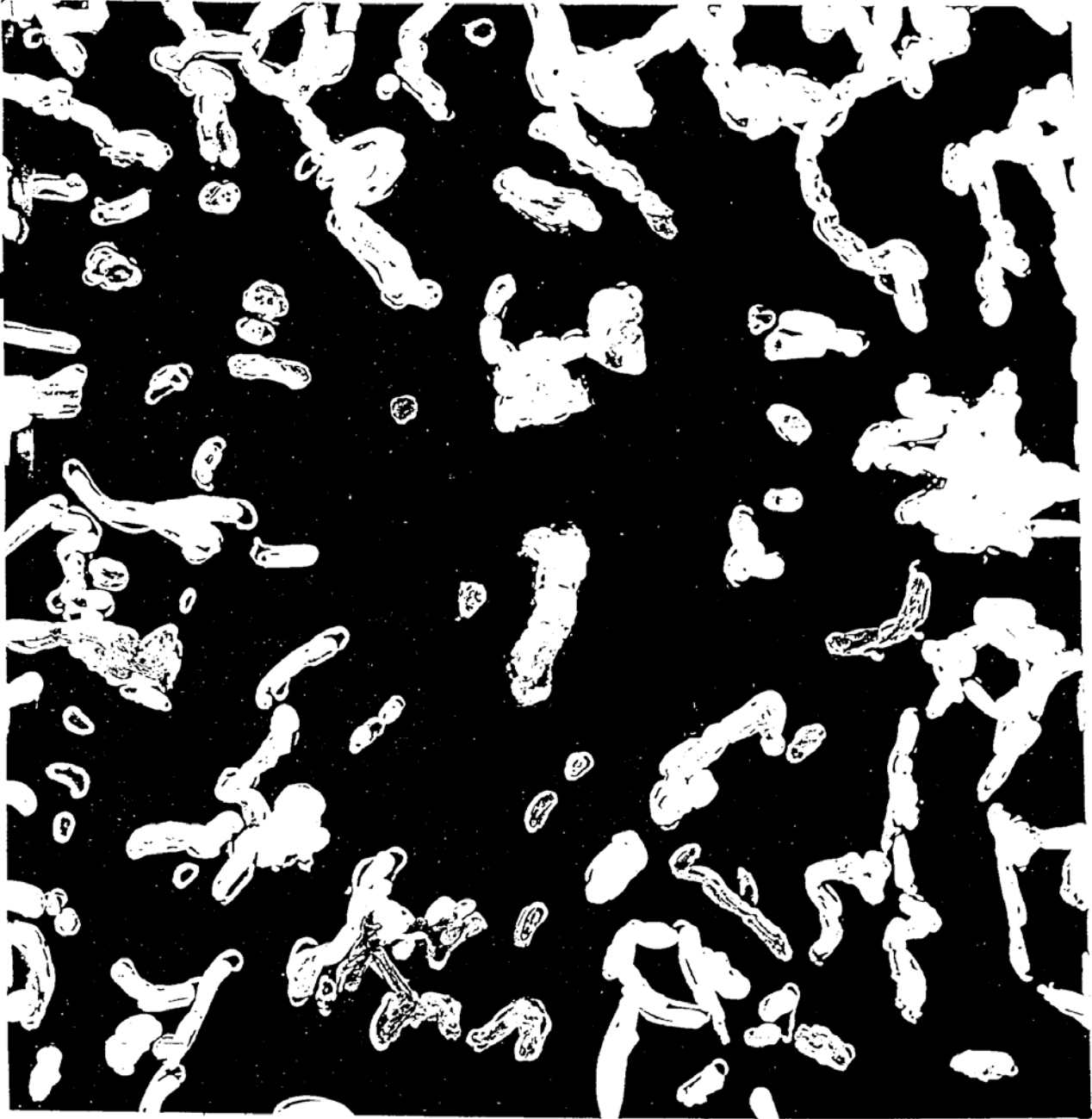
DRAINDOWN CHARTS FOR ODOT TM 318



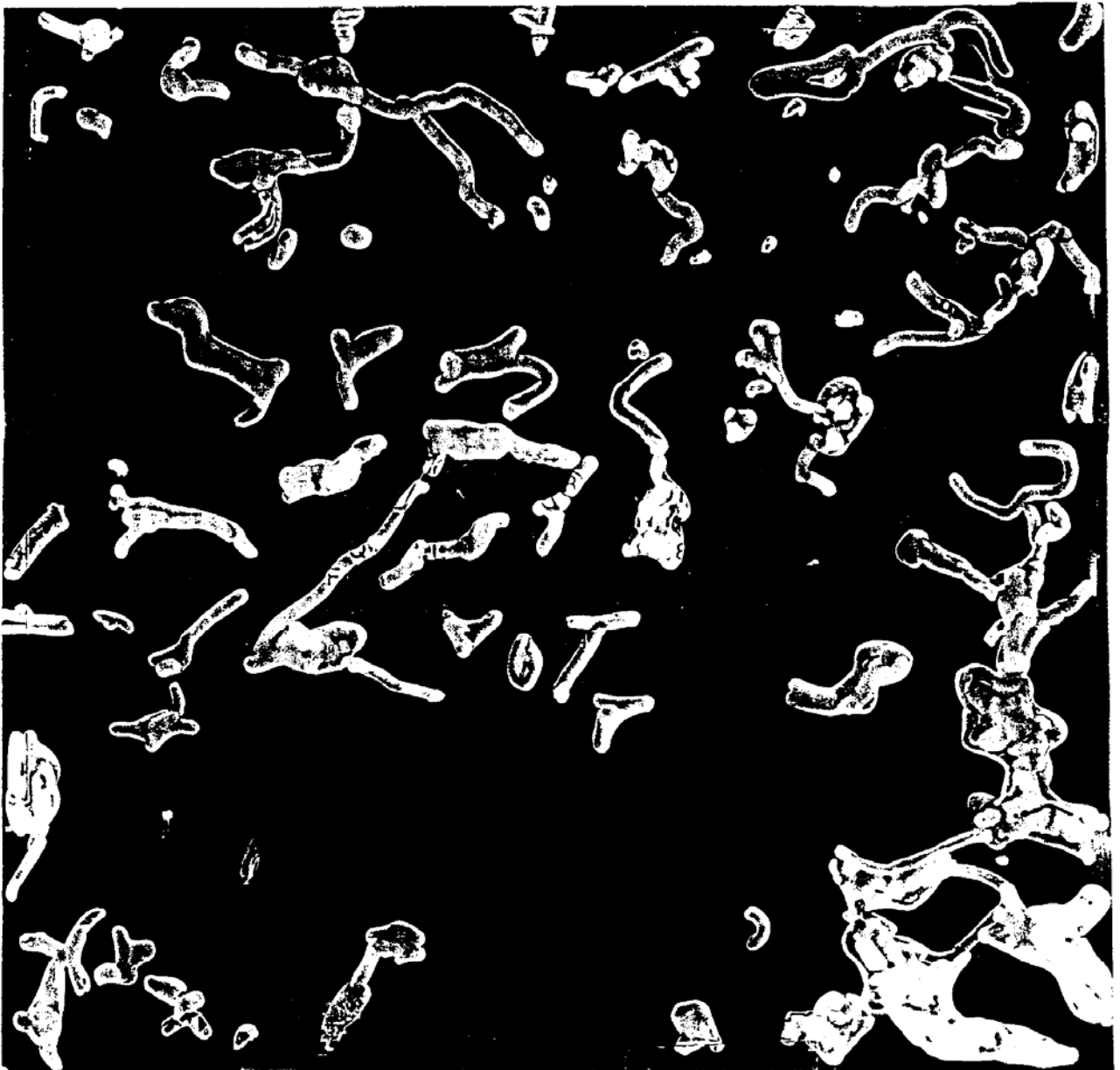
**50 %**



**60 %**



**70 %**



**80 %**



**90 %**

Standard Practice for  
Superpave Volumetric Mix Design  
**For Dense Graded HMAC**  
**ODOT TM 330-08**  
**(A Modification of AASHTO R35)**

**1. SCOPE**

- 1.1. This standard for mix design evaluation uses aggregate and mixture properties to produce a hot-mix asphalt (HMA) job-mix formula. The mix design is based on the volumetric properties of the HMA in terms of the air voids, voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA), and voids filled with asphalt (VFA).
- 1.2. This standard may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this procedure to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

**2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

2.1 AASHTO Standards:

- M320, Performance-Graded Asphalt Binder
- R30, Mixture Conditioning of Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA)
- T 2, Sampling of Aggregates
- T 11, Materials Finer Than 75- $\mu$ m (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
- T 27, Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
- T 84, Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
- T 85, Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
- T 100, Specific Gravity of Soils
- T 166, Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Asphalt Mixtures Using Saturated Surface-Dry Specimens
- T 209, Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity and Density of Bituminous Paving Mixtures
- T 228, Specific Gravity of Semi-Solid Bituminous Materials
- T 248, Reducing Samples of Aggregate to Testing Size
- T 275, Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures Using Paraffin Coated Specimens
- T 283, Resistance of Compacted Asphalt Mixture to Moisture-Induced damage

- T 312, Preparing and Determining the Density of Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) Specimens by Means of the Superpave Gyrotory Compactor
- TP63-03 , Determining Rutting Susceptibility of Asphalt Paving Mixtures Using the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA)

## 2.2. Asphalt Institute Standards:

- SP-2, Superpave Mix Design

## 2.3 ODOT Standards

- Manual of Field Test Procedures – ODOT TM 326 Preparation of Field Compacted Gyrotory Specimens
- Supplemental Test Procedures for HMAC and EAC
- Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction
- ODOT TM 323 Determining the Asphalt Binder Content of Hot Mix Asphalt by the Ignition Method
- ODOT TM 319 Preparation and Characterization of RAP Materials for Mix Design

## 3. TERMINOLOGY

3.1. *HMAC* – hot-mix asphalt concrete.

3.2 *Air voids ( $V_a$ )* – the total volume of the small pockets of air between the coated aggregate particles throughout a compacted paving mixture, expressed as a percent of the bulk volume of the compacted paving mixture.

3.3 *Voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA)* – the volume of the intergranular void space between the aggregate particles of a compacted paving mixture including the air voids in the effective binder content, expressed as a percent of the total volume of the specimen.

3.4 *Absorbed binder volume ( $V_{ba}$ )* – the volume of binder absorbed into the aggregate (equal to the difference in aggregate volume when calculated with the bulk specific gravity and effective specific gravity).

3.5 *Binder content ( $P_b$ )* – The percent by mass of binder in the total mixture including binder and aggregate.

3.6 *Effective binder volume ( $V_{be}$ )* – The volume of binder which is not absorbed into the aggregate.

3.7 *Voids filled with asphalt (VFA)* – the percentage of the voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA) filled with binder (the effective binder volume divided by the VMA).

- 3.8 *Dust-to-binder ratio ( $P_{200}/P_{be}$ )* – by mass, ratio between percent passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve ( $P_{200}$ ) and the effective binder content ( $P_{be}$ ).
- 3.9 *Nominal maximum aggregate size* – one size larger than the first sieve that retains more than 10 percent aggregate (Note 2).
- 3.10 *Maximum aggregate size* – one size larger than the nominal maximum aggregate size (Note 2).

**NOTE 2** - The definitions given in Sections 3.9 and 3.10 apply to Superpave mixes only and differ from the definitions published in other AASHTO standards.

- 3.11 *Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP)* – removed and/or processed pavement materials containing asphalt binder and aggregate.
- 3.12 *Primary Control Sieve (PCS)* – The sieve defining the break point between fine and coarse-graded mixtures for each nominal maximum aggregate size.
- 3.13 *Aggregate Apparent Specific Gravity ( $G_{sa}$ )* – The specific gravity of the solid phase of the aggregate ignoring the volume of the surface pores and voids.
- 3.14 *Percentage of Absorbed Asphalt ( $P_{ba}$ )* – The percent by weight of asphalt absorbed into the surface voids of the aggregate and unavailable to coat the aggregate or lubricate and bind the asphalt – aggregate mixture.
- 3.15 *Percentage of Effective Asphalt ( $P_{be}$ )* – The percent by weight of asphalt not absorbed into the surface voids of the aggregate and is available to coat the aggregate or lubricate and bind the asphalt – aggregate mixture.
- 3.16 *Aggregate Bulk Specific Gravity ( $G_{sb}$ )* – The specific gravity of the solid phase of the aggregate including the volume of the permeable and impermeable voids in the particles.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF THE PRACTICE**

- 4.1 *Materials Selection* – Binder, aggregate and RAP stockpiles, and other additives (e.g. lime) are selected that meet the project specifications Sections 00744 or 00745. The bulk specific gravity of all aggregates, additives and RAP proposed for blending and the specific gravity of the binder are determined.
- 4.2 *Design Aggregate Structure (Stage 1)* – At least three trial aggregate blend gradations from selected aggregate stockpiles are blended. For each trial gradation, an initial trial binder content is determined, and at least two specimens are compacted in accordance with T 312. A design aggregate structure and estimated design binder content are selected on the basis of satisfactory conformance of a trial gradation meeting the requirements given in Section 745.13 of the ODOT Specifications for  $V_a$ , VMA, VFA,



dust-to-binder ratio at  $N_{\text{design}}$ . **Stage 1 is optional for projects under Spec. Section 00744.**

- 4.3 *Design Binder Content Selection* (Stage 2) – Replicate specimens are compacted in accordance with T 312 at the estimated design binder content and at the estimated design binder content  $\pm 0.5$  percent and + 1.0 percent. As an alternate procedure, prepare four sets of replicate specimens, two sets above and two sets below the estimated design binder content. The design binder content is selected on the basis of satisfactory conformance with the requirements of Specification Section 745.13 for  $V_a$ , VMA, VFA, and dust-to-binder ratio at  $N_{\text{design}}$ .
- 4.4 *Evaluating Moisture Susceptibility* (Stage 3) – The moisture susceptibility of the design aggregate structure is evaluated at the design binder content according to AASTHO T 283 as modified in the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures.
- 4.5 *Performance Testing* (Stage 3) – If required by specifications, perform the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA) rut test according to AASTHO TP63-03.

## **5. SIGNIFICANCE AND USE**

- 5.1 The procedure described in this practice is used to produce HMAC that satisfies the mix design requirements of the Project Specifications.

## **6. PREPARING AGGREGATE TRIAL BLEND GRADATIONS (STAGE 1)**

- 6.1 Obtain the binder specified in the Contract bid items.
- 6.2 Determine the specific gravity at 77 F (25 C) and 60 F (15.6 C) of the binder according to T 228, or obtain the specific gravity from the manufacturer.
- 6.3 Obtain samples of aggregates proposed for use on the project from the aggregate stockpiles in accordance with AASTHO T 2. Obtain crushing records (QL mean gradations) for each stockpile produced per Section 745.10(f) of the ODOT Specifications.
- 6.4 If RAP is to be used, obtain RAP samples and characterize per ODOT TM 319. Use and report results obtained from ODOT TM 319 for mix design purposes.
- 6.5 Split out a minimum of two representative samples for each aggregate stockpile according to AASTHO T 248 to samples of the size specified in AASTHO T 27. Dry shake the material according to AASTHO T27 and record the results. Take care to retain all of the aggregate for use in the next step.
- 6.6 Recombine the aggregate sample used in Step 6.5 and test using the wet washed method of T27/T11 and record the results. For each stockpile used, establish a wet to dry correction for each sieve size.

$$\text{Correction Factor} = \frac{\% \text{ Passing per AASHTO T27}}{\% \text{ Passing per AASHTO T27/T11}}$$

Use the correction factor to adjust the mean values from the stockpile's QL level statistical analysis. These adjusted values will be used for batch calculations only. All blend calculations will use the original QL means.

- 6.7 Determine the bulk and apparent specific gravity for each aggregate stockpile according to AASHTO T 85 and/or T 84. **For each stockpile perform duplicate specific gravity tests.** The pair of test results must be reported individually and meet the acceptable range of two results for single operator stated in the respective test method. Also report the average of the two test results. The average result for each stockpile should be used in mix design calculations. If any aggregate stockpile or the RAP has more than 15% of the mass above and below the # 4 sieve, split the material on the #4 sieve and perform a T 84 test on the material passing the #4 sieve and a T 85 test on the material retained on the #4 sieve. Determine the combined bulk and apparent specific gravities by weighted average of the separate gravity results. If less than 15% of the mass of a sample is either retained or passing the # 4 sieve, that fraction of the sample can be ignored for specific gravity purposes. Mechanical devices approved by AASHTO may be used to determine fine aggregate specific gravity.

For any stockpiles requiring both T 84 and T 85, determine the specific gravity of the stockpile using the following equation:

$$G_{sb} = \frac{P_{\#4+} + P_{\#4-}}{P_{\#4+}/G_{\#4+} + P_{\#4-}/G_{\#4-}}$$

To determine the combined aggregate specific gravity of an aggregate blend, use the following equation:

$$G_{sb} = \frac{P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_n}{P_1/G_1 + P_2/G_2 + \dots + P_n/G_n}$$

Combined  $G_{sa}$  can be determined with the same equations by replacing  $G_{sb}$  values with  $G_{sa}$  values.

Note 1: Splitting aggregate samples on the #8 sieve is an acceptable alternative to splitting on the #4 sieve.

Note 2: Determine specific gravity of RAP material per ODOT TM 319.

- 6.8 Determine the specific gravity of the mineral filler in accordance with AASHTO T 100. If lime is used, provide the manufacturer's specific gravity data.

- 6.9 If lime is to be added to the mix, add the lime at the target percentage, which is currently 1% by weight of dry aggregate, rather than the upper or lower tolerance limit.
- 6.10 Blend the aggregate fractions, including all constituents such as lime, and mineral filler using Equation 1:

$$P = Aa + Bb + Cc, \text{ etc.} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- P = Percentage of material passing a given sieve for the combined aggregates A, B, C, etc.;
- A, B, C, etc. = Percentage of material passing a given sieve for aggregates A, B, C, etc.; and
- a, b, c, etc. = Decimal proportions of aggregates A, B, C, etc. used in the combinations, and where the total = 1.00.

6.11 Prepare a minimum of three trial aggregate blends. Each of the three trial blends must differ by a minimum of **3 percent** passing the No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve so that the coarse and fine blends differ by at least 6 percent on the No. 8 sieve. Dry sufficient amounts of aggregate and RAP to prepare laboratory samples for all stages of the mix design process. Fractionate each stockpile on the required sieves per T27. Store the fractionated material in a manner that minimizes moisture absorption.

6.11.1 If the QL mean percent passing is less than 10% on any sieve for a given stockpile then like material from another stockpile crushed from the same source may be substituted in the batching process.

Note: Consideration of particle shape must be evaluated before substitution, as different stockpiles may have significant particle shape difference. Different particle shapes have been shown to impact mixture volumetric properties.

6.12 If aggregate from two or more sources will be used in the mix, be certain to use the aggregate from each source in the proper proportions when batching trial samples.

6.13 Develop a batch plan that utilizes the aggregate fractionated per T27 to produce a sample that meet the required blend targets when tested per T27/T11.

6.14 Batch to the size required in AASHTO T27/T11 one sample for each trial blend and perform sieve analysis on each sample per AASHTO T27/T11. Confirm that the trial

batches meet the trial blends with the following tolerances on percent passing (Report percent passing on all sieves to 0.1%):

Sieves	Allowable Difference (%)
Larger than No. 8	±1.5
No. 8 to No. 50	±1.0
Smaller than No. 50	±0.5

If any sample fails to meet the above, adjust the batch plan and reconfirm per AASHTO T27/T11 until the criteria is met. If RAP is used, mathematically combine the RAP gradation to obtain the final gradation results.

If lime treated aggregate is required by the Contract, add lime according to ODOT TM 316. If bag house fines will be incorporated into the mix, it is advisable to include the bag house fines, in approximately the anticipated proportions, into the trial blends.

## 7. DETERMINING AN INITIAL TRIAL BINDER CONTENT FOR EACH TRIAL AGGREGATE GRADATION

Designers can either use their experience with the materials or the procedure given in Appendix A1, AASHTO R35-04 to determine an initial trial binder content for each trial aggregate blend gradation which will achieve approximately 4% air voids.

**NOTE 4** – When using RAP, the initial trial asphalt content should be reduced by an amount equal to the average asphalt content provided by the RAP.

For “virgin” mixes, the mass of asphalt binder is calculated from the mass of “hot” aggregate as follows:

$$\text{Mass}_{\text{binder}} = \frac{P_b \times \text{Mass}_{\text{agg}}}{(100 - P_b)}$$

For RAP mixes, calculating the mass of binder to add is a two step procedure. RAP is a combination of aggregate and asphalt binder, and the mass of each must be calculated from the mass of RAP and the asphalt content of the RAP ( $P_{br}$ ):

$$\text{Mass}_{\text{RAP binder}} = \text{Mass}_{\text{RAP}} \times \frac{P_{br}}{100}$$

The mass of RAP binder must be subtracted from the total binder to determine the amount of new asphalt binder to be added:

$$\text{Mass}_{\text{binder}} = \frac{P_b (\text{Mass}_{\text{agg}} - \text{Mass}_{\text{RAP binder}})}{(100 - P_b)} - \text{Mass}_{\text{RAP binder}}$$

## 8. MIXING AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT BINDER

### 8.1. Follow HMA Mixture Preparation from AASHTO 312

## 9. COMPACTING SPECIMENS OF EACH TRIAL GRADATION

- 9.1 Prepare replicate mixtures (Note 5) at the initial trial binder content for each of the chosen trial aggregate trial blend gradations. **Trial blends are optional for mixes specified under Section 00744.** Binder contents may be unique to each trial blend or the same binder content for all trial blends. Refer to ODOT Specification Section 745.13 for the proper number of gyrations for the specified level of HMA. These gyrations are designated “ $N_{\text{design}}$ ”.

**NOTE 5** – At least two replicate specimens are required, but three or more may be prepared if desired. Average the test results. Generally, 4500 to 4700 g of aggregate is sufficient for each compacted specimen with a height of 110 to 120 mm for aggregates with combined bulk specific gravities of 2.55 to 2.70, respectively.

- 9.2 Condition the mixtures according to AASHTO R 30, Section 7.1.1 through 7.1.4, and compact the specimens to  $N_{\text{design}}$  gyrations in accordance with ODOT TM 326. Record the specimen height to the nearest 0.1 mm after each revolution. Adjust the mass of future samples to achieve a sample height of 115 mm.
- 9.3 Determine the bulk specific gravity ( $G_{\text{mb}}$ ) of each of the compacted specimens in accordance with T 166 or T 275 as appropriate, according to the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures (MFTP). If the difference between replicate compacted specimens exceeds  $\pm 0.010$ , then compact two additional specimens, and discard the highest and lowest of the four specimens
- 9.4. Determine the theoretical maximum specific gravity ( $G_{\text{mm}}$ ) according to T 209 in the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures, on separate samples representing each of these combinations that have been mixed and conditioned to the same extent as the compacted specimens. Use the “Supplemental Procedure for Mixtures Containing Porous Aggregate” hereafter called the “dryback” method, found in Section 11 of AASHTO T 209 for the trial blends.

## 10. EVALUATING COMPACTED TRIAL MIXTURES

- 10.1 Determine the volumetric requirements for the trial mixtures in accordance with ODOT Specification Section 745.13.

Calculate  $P_{\text{ba}}$  with both the “dryback” and standard procedure. If the standard procedure results in a  $P_{\text{ba}}$  of 1.2% or greater, use the “dryback” results for all calculations. Note on the mix design report that the “dryback” procedure was used.

10.2 Calculate  $V_a$  and VMA at  $N_{\text{design}}$  for each trial mixture using Equations 2 and 3:

$$V_a = 100 \times (G_{\text{mm}} - G_{\text{mb}}) / G_{\text{mm}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{VMA} = 100 - (G_{\text{mb}} \times P_s / G_{\text{sb}}) \quad (3)$$

Where:

$G_{\text{mb}}$	=	bulk specific gravity of the extruded specimen;
$G_{\text{mm}}$	=	theoretical maximum specific gravity of the mixture
$P_s$	=	percent of aggregate in the mix (100-Pb); and
$G_{\text{sb}}$	=	bulk specific gravity of the combined aggregate.

**NOTE 6** – Although the initial trial binder content was estimated for a design air void content of 4.0 percent, the actual air void content of the compacted specimen is unlikely to be exactly 4.0 percent. Therefore, the change in binder content needed to obtain a 4.0 percent air void content, and the change in VMA caused by this change in binder content, is estimated. These calculations permit the evaluation of VMA and VFA of each trial aggregate gradation at the same design air void content, 4.0 percent.

10.3 Estimate the volumetric properties at 4.0 percent air voids for each compacted specimen.

10.3.1 Determine the difference in average air void content at  $N_{\text{design}}$  ( $\Delta V_a$ ) of each aggregate trial blend from the design level of 4.0 percent using Equation 4:

$$\Delta V_a = 4.0 - V_{a \text{ trial}} \quad (4)$$

where:

$V_{a \text{ trial}}$  = air void content of the aggregate trial blend at  $N_{\text{design}}$  gyrations.

10.3.2 Estimate the change in binder content ( $\Delta P_b$ ) needed to change the air void content to 4.0 percent using Equation 5.

$$\Delta P_b = - 0.4 (\Delta V_a) \quad (5)$$

10.3.3 Estimate the change in VMA ( $\Delta \text{VMA}$ ) caused by the change in the air void content ( $\Delta V_a$ ) determined in Section 9.3.1 for each trial aggregate blend gradation, using Equation 6 or 7.

$$\Delta \text{VMA} = 0.2 (\Delta V_a) \text{ if } V_a > 4.0 \quad (6)$$

$$\Delta \text{VMA} = 0.1(\Delta V_a) \text{ if } V_a < 4.0 \quad (7)$$

**NOTE 7** – A change in binder content affects the VMA through a change in the bulk specific gravity of the compacted specimen ( $G_{mb}$ ).

10.3.4 Calculate the VMA for each aggregate trial blend at  $N_{design}$  gyrations and 4.0 percent air voids using Equation 8.

$$VMA_{4.0} = VMA_{trial} + \Delta VMA \quad (8)$$

where:

$VMA_{4.0}$  = VMA estimated at a design air void content of 4.0 percent; and

$VMA_{trial}$  = VMA determined at the initial trial binder content.

10.3.5 Estimate the percent of effective binder ( $P_{be\ 4.0}$ ) and calculate the dust-to-binder ratio ( $P_{200} / P_{be}$ ) for each trial blend using Equations 10 and 11:

$$P_{be\ 4.0} = - (P_{s\ 4.0} \times G_b) \frac{(G_{se} - G_{sb})}{(G_{se} \times G_{sb})} + P_{b\ 4.0} \quad (10)$$

where:

$P_{be\ 4.0}$  = estimated effective binder content @ 4.0  $V_a$

$P_{s\ 4.0}$  = aggregate content (100- $P_{b\ 4.0}$ ),

$G_b$  = specific gravity of the binder,

$G_{se}$  = effective specific gravity of the aggregate,

$G_{sb}$  = bulk specific gravity of the combined aggregate, and

$P_{b\ 4.0}$  = estimated binder content.

$$P_{200}/P_{be} = P_{200\ trial} / P_{be\ 4.0} \quad (11)$$

where:

$P_{200}$  = percent passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve.

**NOTE 8** – If removal of passing No. 200 material at the paving plant is anticipated, use the actual percentage of passing No. 200 material included in test samples to calculate dust to asphalt ratio.

10.3.6 Compare the estimated volumetric properties from each trial aggregate blend gradation at the adjusted design binder content with the criteria specified in the ODOT Specification Section 745.13. Choose the trial aggregate blend gradation that best satisfies the volumetric criteria. An interpolated aggregate blend gradation may be established based upon the three trial blends. Describe in the report the reason for selecting a particular blend.

Generally, the best trial blend to choose is the blend that is near the center of the VFA specification range and approximately 1% above the minimum VMA at 4.0% voids. The chosen blend should also be safely below the maximum allowed dust to effective asphalt ratio. If all volumetric properties are satisfactory for more than one blend, then the blend requiring the lowest percentage of asphalt is desirable for economic reasons.

**Table 2 – Selection of a Design Aggregate Structure (Example)**

Volumetric Property	Trial Mixture (19.0-mm Nominal Maximum Aggregate) 20-Year Project Design ESALs = 5 million			Criteria
	1	2	3	
<b>At the Initial Trial Binder Content</b>				
$P_b$ (trial)	4.4	4.4	4.4	
% $G_{mm,2.0\phi}$ (trial)	95.9	95.3	94.7	
$V_a$ at $N_{design}$	4.1	4.7	5.3	4.0
VMA <sub>trial</sub>	12.9	13.4	13.9	
<b>Adjustments to Reach Design Binder Content (<math>V_a = 4.0\%</math> at <math>N_{design}</math>)</b>				
$\Delta V_a$	-0.1	-0.7	-1.3	
$\Delta P_b$	0.0	0.3	0.5	
$\Delta VMA$	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	
<b>At the Estimated Design Binder Content (<math>V_a = 4.0\%</math> at <math>N_{design}</math>)</b>				
Estimated $P_b$ (design)	4.4	4.7	4.9	
VMA (design)	12.9	13.3	13.6	> 13.0

Notes:

1. The top portion of this table presents measured densities and volumetric properties for specimens prepared for each aggregate trial blend.
2. None of the specimens had an air void content of exactly 4.0 percent. Therefore, the procedures described in Section 9 must be applied to: (1) estimate the design binder content at which  $V_a = 4.0$  percent, and (2) obtain adjusted VMA and relative density values at this estimated binder content.
3. The middle portion of this table presents the change in binder content ( $\Delta P_b$ ) and VMA ( $\Delta VMA$ ) that occurs when the air void content ( $V_a$ ) is adjusted to 4.0 percent for each trial aggregate blend gradation.
4. A comparison of the VMA and densities at the estimated design binder content to the criteria in the last column shows that trial aggregate blend gradation No. 1 does not have sufficient VMA (12.9 percent versus a requirement of >13.0 percent). Trial blend No. 2 exceeds the criterion for relative density at  $N_{initial}$  gyrations (89.6 percent versus requirement of  $\leq 89.0$  percent). Trial blend No. 3 meets the requirements for relative density and VMA and, in this example, is selected as the design aggregate structure.



## 11. SELECTING THE DESIGN BINDER CONTENT (STAGE 2)

11.1 Prepare replicate mixtures (Note 5) containing the selected design aggregate structure at each of the following four binder contents: (1) the estimated design binder content,  $P_b$  (design); (2) 0.5 percent below  $P_b$  (design); (3) 0.5 percent above  $P_b$  (design); and (4) 1.0 percent above  $P_b$  (design). As an alternate procedure, prepare four sets of replicate samples, two sets above and two sets below the estimated design asphalt content,  $P_b$  (design). **Do not use the data from AGGREGATE TRIAL BLEND GRADATIONS (STAGE 1) with the data collected for SELECTING THE DESIGN BINDER CONTENT (STAGE 2).**

11.1.1 At the same time the samples in 10.1 are batched to determine the Design Binder Content, batch an additional sample of the selected blend. Verify the accuracy of the blend gradation by testing this additional sample according to AASHTO T11 and T 27. Report the test results with the mix design data.

For RAP mixes, remove the asphalt from the appropriate mass of RAP by incineration according to AASHTO T 308, or solvent extraction. Gradations for the residual aggregate from the RAP and the virgin aggregate (Including mineral filler, lime, fibers or any other additive) may be determined separately according to AASHTO T 30 and combined mathematically (using the average RAP gradations determined according to ODOT TM 319) or the residual aggregate from the RAP and the virgin aggregate (including mineral filler, lime, fibers or any other additive) may be combined and the gradation determined according to AASHTO T 30.

11.2 Condition the mixtures according to AASHTO R 30, Section 7.1.1 through 7.1.4, and compact the specimens according to ODOT TM 326, to the number of gyrations noted in Section 8.1. Record the specimen height to the nearest 0.1 mm after each revolution.

11.3 Determine the bulk specific gravity of each of the compacted specimens in accordance with T 166 or T 275 as appropriate, according to the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures (MFTP).

11.4 Determine the theoretical maximum specific gravity ( $G_{mm}$ ) of the mixture according to the AASHTO T 209 procedures found in the ODOT MFTP, with the following exceptions. Condition samples in the same manner as the compacted specimens (Section 8.2). Test a minimum of one sample at a minimum of two asphalt contents.

If it was determined in Section 9.1 that the “dryback” procedure is required, use the dryback procedure for  $G_{mm}$  samples in determining the design binder content and all subsequent calculations.

Calculate  $P_{ba}$  with the standard procedure. If the standard procedure results in a  $P_{ba}$  of 1.2% or greater then complete the “dryback” procedure on the samples and use the “dryback” results for all calculation. Note on the mix design report that the “dryback” procedure was used.

The effective specific gravity of the mix ( $G_{se}$ ), calculated from the  $G_{mm}$  tests must be within 0.012. Calculate an average  $G_{se}$  for all samples with  $G_{se}$  values with 0.012. Using the average  $G_{se}$ , recalculate all  $G_{mm}$  values and use the recalculated  $G_{mm}$  values for all subsequent calculations.

11.5 Determine design binder content that produces a target air void content ( $V_a$ ) of 4.0 percent of  $N_{design}$  gyrations using the following steps:

11.5.1 Calculate  $V_a$ , VMA, and VFA at  $N_{design}$  using Equations 2, 3, 12.

$$VFA = 100 \times (VMA - V_a) / VMA \quad (12)$$

11.5.2 Calculate the dust-to-binder ratio, using Equation 13.

$$P_{200}/P_{be} = \frac{P_{200}}{P_{be}} \quad (13)$$

where:

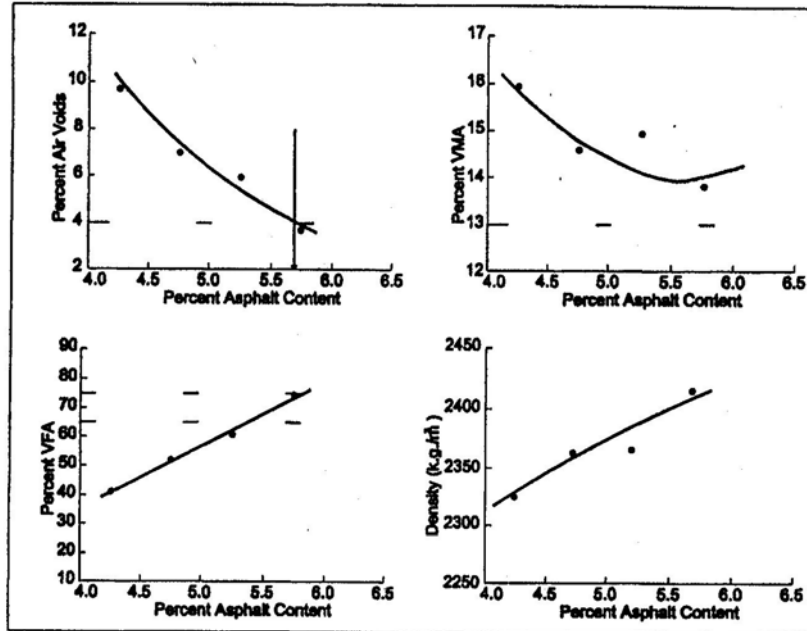
$P_{be}$  = effective binder content.

(14)

11.5.3 Plot the average  $V_a$ , VMA, VFA, and  $G_{mb}$  at  $N_{design}$  for replicate specimens versus binder content.

11.5.4 By graphical or mathematical interpolation, determine the binder content to the nearest 0.1 percent at which the target  $V_a$  is equal to 4.0 percent or the specified percent. This is the design binder content ( $P_b$ ) at  $N_{design}$ .

11.5.5 By interpolation (Figure 2), verify that the volumetric requirements specified in Section 745.13 of the ODOT Specifications are met at the design binder content.



Average  $V_a$ , VMA, VFA, and Relative Density at  $N_{design}$

$P_b$ (%)	$V_a$ (%)	VMA (%)	VFA (%)	Density at $N_{design}$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
4.3	9.5	15.9	40.3	2320
4.8	7.0	14.7	52.4	2366
5.3	6.0	14.9	59.5	2372
5.8	3.7	13.9	73.5	2412

- Notes:
1. In this example, the estimated design binder content is 4.8 percent; the minimum VMA requirement for the design aggregate structure (19.0-mm nominal maximum size) is 13.0 percent, and the VFA requirement is 65 to 75 percent.
  2. Entering the plot of percent air voids versus percent binder content at 4.0 percent air voids, the design binder content is determined as 5.7 percent.
  3. Entering the plots of percent VMA versus percent binder content and percent VFA versus percent binder content at 5.7 percent binder content, the mix meets the VMA and VFA requirements.

Figure 2 – Sample Volumetric Design Data at  $N_{design}$

## 12. EVALUATING MOISTURE SUSCEPTIBILITY (STAGE 3)

- 12.1 Test the specimens and calculate the tensile strength ratio in accordance with AASHTO T 283 as described in the ODOT Manual of Field Test Procedures (MFTP).
- 12.2 If the tensile strength ratio is less than 80, as required in Section 00745.13 of the ODOT Specifications, remedial action such as the use of anti-strip agents is required to improve the moisture susceptibility of the mix. When remedial agents are used to modify the binder, retest the mix for TSR to assure compliance with the 80 minimum requirement.

### 13. ADJUSTING THE MIXTURE TO MEET PROPERTIES

- 13.1 *ADJUSTING VMA* – If a change in the design aggregate skeleton is required to meet the specified VMA, there are three likely options: (1) change the gradation (Note 9); (2) reduce the passing No. 200 (0.075 mm) fraction (Note 10); or (3) change the surface texture and/or shape of one or more of the aggregate fractions (Note 11).

**NOTE 9** – Changing gradation may not be an option if the trial aggregate blend gradation analysis includes the full spectrum of the gradation control area.

**NOTE 10** – Reducing the percent passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve of the mix will typically increase the VMA. If the percent passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve is already low, this is not a viable option.

**NOTE 11** – This option will require further processing of existing materials or a change in aggregate sources.

- 13.2 *Adjusting VFA* – The lower limit of the VFA range should always be met at 4.0 percent air voids if the VMA meets the requirements. If the upper limit of the VFA is exceeded, then the VMA is substantially above the minimum required. If so, redesign the mixture to reduce the VMA. Actions to consider for redesign include: (1) changing to a gradation that is closer to the maximum density line; (2) increasing the passing No. 200 (0.075 mm) fraction, if room is available within the specification control points) or (3) changing the surface texture and shape of the aggregates by incorporating material with better packing characteristics, e.g., less thin, elongated aggregate particles.
- 13.3 *Adjusting the Tensile Strength Ratio* – *The tensile strength ratio can be increased by: (1) adding chemical anti-strip agents to the binder to promote adhesion in the presence of water; or (2) treating aggregate with hydrated lime, or (3) treating the aggregate with a latex polymer emulsion.*

# Standard Practice for

## Preparation and Characterization of RAP Materials for Mix Design

### ODOT TM 319-08

#### 1. SCOPE

This standard for preparation and characterization of RAP materials uses field samples of RAP to produce laboratory ready materials that may be incorporated into Superpave™ or other HMA mixtures as allowed by specifications.

#### 2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

AASHTO Standards:

- T 308, Asphalt Binder Content of HMA by the Ignition Method
- T 30, Mechanical Analysis of Extracted Aggregate
- T 84, Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
- T 85, Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
- T 209, Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity of Bituminous Paving Mixtures

Asphalt Institute Standards:

- SP-2 Superpave Mix Design

#### 3. TERMINOLOGY

HMAC – hot mixed asphalt concrete

RAP – reclaimed asphalt pavement

Binder Content of RAP ( $P_{br}$ ) – The percent by mass of binder in the RAP as determined by AASHTO T 308 applying a universal 0.50% correction factor

Effective Specific Gravity of Aggregates ( $G_{se}$ ) – Specific gravity of aggregates including the water permeable voids not filled with asphalt.

#### 4. BACKGROUND

Incorporating RAP into a mix design poses a unique set of problems. In the majority of instances the properties of the original aggregates and binder used to create the RAP are not readily available. The CMTD must take reasonable steps to quantify the asphalt binder content ( $P_{br}$ ), the aggregate gradation, and the specific gravity of the aggregates contained in the RAP.

The amount of binder in the RAP is accounted for when adding virgin oil to a new mixture. The specific gravity of the RAP binder may lead to a minor change in the overall specific gravity of the blended virgin and RAP oils, however, for mix design purposes, this minor change will be ignored and all calculations will be based on the specific gravity ( $G_b$ ) of the virgin oil.

RAP received from the field for mix design purposes may be processed or unprocessed. Unprocessed RAP is material that is in a raw state that will actually receive some type of processing before being fed into the asphalt plant during mix production. Processed RAP, on the other hand, has been through whatever crushing and screening has been elected by the contractor and is ready to feed into the asphalt plant.

Unprocessed RAP adds more work for the CMTD. Worst case it may arrive as large pieces of the roadway that is intended to be milled during actual paving operations. In other instances a small grinder is used to obtain some “representative” samples from various locations on the project. The material obtained from these small grinders may differ in gradation from material produced by a full size milling machine. Designs incorporating unprocessed RAP may require adjustments to JMF gradation targets once production begins.

Processed RAP may come from a commercial stockpile and may or may not be crushed and screened into one or more separated sizes. Systematic sampling and testing of produced materials will provide the necessary QL information for gradation and average  $P_{br}$ .

Accurately measuring the aggregate specific gravity of RAP is problematic. There is no simple way to completely separate the oil and the aggregate in a RAP sample without altering the aggregate. Chemical extractions are imperfect at removing the oil and burning RAP samples in ignition ovens generally lowers aggregate bulk specific gravities. A combination of measurements on burned and unburned samples will be made to better estimate the actual RAP aggregate bulk specific gravity.

## 5. SAMPLING AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

*Material Sampling (Unprocessed Material)* – Representative samples are taken from a minimum of five locations for each mix type along the project or stockpile. If the mix to be milled was constructed from different mix types, (e.g. – a portion of the mix to be milled is ¾” open-graded and a portion is ½” dense-graded) then sample and evaluate the RAP for each mix type separately.

*Material Sampling (Processed Material)* – Establish a QC random sampling and testing program comparable to the requirements for producing a virgin HMAC aggregate stockpile. A subplot shall be defined as every 2000 tons or a minimum of 5 tests. Sample processed RAP materials per AASHTO T2. Product compliance testing as required under Section 4A of the Manual of Field Test Procedures is not required for RAP.

*Sample Preparation (Unprocessed Material)* – RAP material received as slabs, chunks or otherwise large intact pieces shall be warmed in a controlled oven per WAQTC TM5 and broken apart per AASHTO T 209. Discard any cut or broken aggregate. If a small grinder was used on the grade, then sieve the material on a ¾” sieve to remove and discard any isolated oversize material. If significant oversize exists, then process as above per WAQTC TM5 and AASHTO T209.

*Sample Preparation (All RAP)* – Dry RAP materials overnight at 125±5° F. Cool to room temperature and reduce to the test size listed in AASHTO T209 per AASHTO T 248. A splitter may be used if the material is free flowing, if not use the quartering method.

## 6. COATING OF RAP SAMPLES WITH NEW OIL

Preheat 1 quart of liquid asphalt to the JMF mixing temperature. Determine the dry mass of each RAP sample to the nearest 0.1g (Designate as “A”). Heat each RAP sample to approximately 250° F. Place the heated RAP in a mixing bowl and add 3% new oil (grams of oil = 0.03 x “A”). Mix until thoroughly coated. Immediately cool samples (do not age).

## 7. DETERMINATION OF RICE GRAVITY

Determine the dry mass of each coated sample to the nearest 0.1g (Designate as “C”). Determine the actual grams of added oil (Add oil = “C” – “A”). Test each coated sample for theoretical maximum specific gravity per AASHTO T209 with dryback.

Calculate the dryback  $G_{mm}$  as follows:

$$G_{mm_{ssd}} = \frac{A}{A_{ssd} + D - E - \left[ \frac{C - A}{G_b} \right]}$$

Where,

**A = mass of uncoated dry RAP**

**$A_{ssd}$  = SSD mass of coated RAP**

**C = mass of coated dry RAP**

**D = mass of pycnometer filled with water at  $77 \pm 0.5$  °F**

**E = mass of pycnometer, sample and water at  $77 \pm 1$  °F**

**$G_b$  = specific gravity of liquid asphalt at 77 °F**

Recover each coated sample (without loss of particles) and again dry overnight at  $125 \pm 5^\circ$  F and cool to room temperature. Continue drying until the sample matches the original coated dry weight  $\pm 1$  gram.

## 8. DETERMINATION OF GRADATION AND ASPHALT CONTENT

Test each recovered Rice sample for asphalt content per AASHTO T308. Calculate the asphalt content using the following formula:

$$P_{BRAP} = \left( \frac{M_i - M_{Added\ oil} - M_f}{M_i - M_{Added\ oil}} \right) - 0.50$$

Where,

$P_{BRAP}$  = percent of asphalt cement in RAP specimen

$M_i$  = initial oven "dried" mass of mixture prior to ignition

Madded oil = mass of added asphalt cement from step 7 (C-A)

$M_f$  = final mass of aggregate remaining after ignition

Note: the 0.50 constant is the universal correction factor of 0.50% when determining the asphalt content for RAP.

Perform gradation analysis per AASHTO T30. Apply a negative 1.0% correction factor to the Passing No. 200 value. (Note: The material No. 4 and above may be set aside for testing per AASHTO T 85. Loss of fines during washing precludes using the material smaller than the No. 4 for gravity testing.) The RAP asphalt content ( $P_{br}$ ) shall be the average of all tests (5 minimum). The RAP gradation shall be the average of all tests (5 minimum).



## 9. DETERMINATION OF BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF RAP RESIDUE AGGREGATE

Burn additional RAP material per AASHTO T308 to obtain a minimum of 1 kg of unwashed passing No. 4 material. Combine + No. 4 material with + No. 4 material from step 7 to obtain a sample meeting the requirements of AASHTO T 85. Perform AASHTO T 84 on the - No. 4 residue aggregates and AASHTO T85 on the +No. 4 residue aggregates. Combine as follows:

$$G_{sb} = \frac{100}{\frac{P_1}{G_1} + \frac{P_2}{G_2}}$$

Where  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  are the bulk specific gravities for T 84 & T 85 and  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  are the respective average percentages by mass for the - No. 4 & + No. 4 as determined by AASHTO T30 above.

## 10. DETERMINATION OF DESIGN BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF RAP AGGREGATES

Calculate  $G_{se}$  – Using the Corrected RAP asphalt content for each Rice sample and a universal specific gravity of RAP asphalt ( $G_{br}$ ) = 1.030, calculate  $G_{se}$  as follows:

$$G_{se} = \frac{100 - P_{br}}{\frac{100}{G_{mm}} - \frac{P_{br}}{1.030}}$$

The RAP  $G_{se}$  shall be the average of all tests (5 minimum).

Compare the Average  $G_{sb}$  and  $G_{se}$  :

If  $G_{se} - G_{sb} \leq 0.080$ , then

$$RAP G_{sb} = \frac{Avg G_{se} + 2(Avg G_{sb})}{3}$$

If  $G_{se} - G_{sb} > 0.080$ , then

$$RAP G_{sb} = \frac{Avg G_{se} + 3(Avg G_{sb})}{4}$$

## 11. DETERMINATION OF DESIGN APPARENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF RAP AGGREGATES

Calculate the RAP  $G_{sa}$  as follows:

$$\text{RAP } G_{sa} = \text{Burnt } G_{sa} + \frac{(\text{RAP } G_{sb} - \text{Burnt } G_{sb})}{2}$$

## 12. Report

12.1 The laboratory report shall include the following:

12.1.1 All masses required to calculate  $G_{mm}$  per procedure to the nearest 0.1g.

12.1.2 The specific gravity of the asphalt binder used ( $G_b$ ) to the third decimal place.

12.1.3 The mass of new oil added to each RAP sample for determining  $G_{mm}$  to the nearest 0.1g.

12.1.4 All specific gravities are reported to the third decimal place.

12.1.5 The results of sieve analysis shall be reported as follows: (a) masses retained on each sieve for each sample, (b) calculated percent passing each sieve to the nearest 0.1% for each sample, (c) average calculated percent passing each sieve reported to the nearest 1% except for the percent passing the #200 sieve, which shall be reported to the nearest 0.1%.

12.1.6 Report all masses required to calculate RAP asphalt content ( $P_{br}$ ) to the nearest 0.1g.

12.1.7 Report all  $P_{br}$  to the second decimal place.

12.1.8 Report all masses required for determining the bulk specific gravity of the residual aggregates.

12.1.9 Report the RAP  $G_{sb}$  and  $G_{sa}$  to be used for mix design purposes.