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## Standard Test Method for Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalt by Saybolt Furol Viscometer<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method utilizes the Saybolt Furol viscometer to measure the consistency of emulsified asphalt. It is applicable to all the emulsified asphalts specified in Specifications [D977](#) and [D2397/D2397M](#).

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in noncompliance with the standard.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.4 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 standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.5 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

[D88](#) Test Method for Saybolt Viscosity

[D977](#) Specification for Emulsified Asphalt

[D2397/D2397M](#) Specification for Cationic Emulsified Asphalt

[E1](#) Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers [D7496-18](#)

[E11](#) Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves [D7496-18](#)

[E1137/E1137M](#) Specification for Industrial Platinum Resistance Thermometers

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Viscosity has significance in the use of emulsified asphalts because it is a property which affects their utility. When used in application types of construction, the material must be thin enough to be uniformly applied through the spray bar of distributor, yet thick enough so that it will not flow from the crown or grade of the road. For mixing-grade emulsions, the viscosity may affect ~~mixability~~ ~~mixability~~ and resulting thickness of film on the aggregate. The viscosity of many emulsified asphalts is affected by shear. Therefore, strict adherence to test procedure is necessary to achieve precision.

### 4. Sample Conditioning for Testing

4.1 All emulsified asphalts shall be properly stirred to achieve homogeneity before testing.

4.2 All emulsified asphalts with the viscosity testing requirements of 50 °C [122 °F] shall be heated to 50 ± 3 °C [122 ± 5 °F] in the original sample container in a water bath or oven. The container should be vented to relieve pressure. After the sample reaches 50 ± 3 °C, 3 °C [122 ± 5 °F], stir the sample to achieve homogeneity.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](#), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](#). For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.