



# Standard Specification for Type II Polymer Modified Asphalt Cement for Use in Pavement Construction<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asphalt cements that have been modified by the addition of an appropriate polymer for use in pavement construction. It was developed to provide a reference for specifying polymer modified asphalt and reflects the properties of currently available commercial products. The tests are intended to measure compatibility and degree of modification, not performance characteristics. This is not intended to be a performance based specification.

1.2 Type II polymer-modified asphalts are typically made with styrene-butadiene rubber latex or polychloroprene latex. However, any polymer may be used that will give the required test results when blended with the desired asphalt.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 5 Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials<sup>2</sup>
- D 92 Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup<sup>3</sup>
- D 113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials<sup>2</sup>
- D 140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials<sup>2</sup>
- D 1754 Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on Asphaltic Materials (Thin-Film Oven Test)<sup>2</sup>
- D 2170 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Asphalts (Bitumens)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.03.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

D 2872 Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on a Moving Film of Asphalt (Rolling Thin-Film Oven Test)<sup>2</sup>

D 4957 Test Method for Apparent Viscosity of Asphalt Emulsion Residues and Non-Newtonian Bitumens by Vacuum Capillary Viscometer<sup>2</sup>

P 243 Test Method for Toughness and Tenacity of Bituminous Materials<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Physical Requirements

3.1 The polymer modified asphalt cement shall be homogeneous, free from water and shall not foam when heated to 347°F (175°C).

3.2 The polymer modified asphalt cement shall conform to the requirements of Table 1.

3.3 The polymer modifier and the asphalt cement shall be compatible and pre-blended prior to use.

## 4. Sampling and Test Methods

4.1 Sample and test the polymer modified asphalt cement in accordance with the following test methods and practices.

4.1.1 *Sampling*—Practice D 140.

4.1.2 *Penetration*—Test Method D 5.

4.1.3 *Viscosity at 140°F (60°C)*—Test Method D 4957.

4.1.4 *Viscosity at 275°F (135°C)*—Test Method D 2170.

4.1.5 *Ductility*—Test Method D 113.

4.1.6 *Flash Point, Cleveland Open Cup*—Test Method D 92.

4.1.7 *Rolling Thin-Film Oven Test*—Test Method D 2872.

4.1.8 *Thin-Film Oven Test*—Test Method D 1754.

4.1.9 *Toughness and Tenacity*—Proposed Test Method P 243.