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Standard Classification for Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This classification defines aggregate size designations and ranges in mechanical analyses for standard sizes of coarse aggregate and screenings for use in the construction and maintenance of various types of highways and bridges.

1.2 With regard to sieve sizes and the size of aggregate as determined by the use of testing sieves, the values in inch-pound units are shown for the convenience of the user; however, the standard sieve designation shown in parentheses is the standard value as stated in Specification E 11.

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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

C 136 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates

D 75 Practice for Sampling Aggregates

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² 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.

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3. Significance and Use

3.1 Some contract documents specify certain aggregate sizes for specific uses or may suggest one or more of these sizes as appropriate for the preparation of various end-product mixtures. In some cases, closer limits on variability of the aggregate grading are required.

4. Manufacture

4.1 The standard sizes of aggregate described in this classification are manufactured by means of any suitable process used to separate raw material into the desired size ranges. Production of standard sizes by blending two or more different components is permitted.

5. Standard Sizes

5.1 Standard sizes of coarse aggregate shall comply with the sizes given in **Table 1**. All sizes shall be determined by means of laboratory sieves having square openings and conforming to Specification E 11.

6. Basis of Classification

6.1 Classification is based upon the size number and size ranges shown in **Table 1** with the aggregate sampled in accordance with Practice **D 75** and tested for grading by Test Method **C 136**.