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Standard Specification for Penetration-Graded Asphalt Cement for Use in Pavement Construction¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asphalt cement for use in the construction of pavements.

1.2 This specification covers the following penetration grades:

40–50,	120–150, and
60–70,	200–300.
85–100,	

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D 5 Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials

D 92 Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup

D 113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials

D 140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials

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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.

D 1754 Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on Asphaltic Materials (Thin-Film Oven Test)

D 2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichloroethylene

3. Manufacture

3.1 Asphalt cement shall be prepared by the refining of crude petroleum by suitable methods.

4. Properties

4.1 The asphalt cement shall be homogeneous and shall not foam when heated to 347°F (174°C).

4.2 The various grades of asphalt cement shall conform to the requirements prescribed in **Table 1**.

5. Methods of Sampling and Testing

5.1 The material shall be sampled and the properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM methods:

5.1.1 *Sampling*—Practice **D 140**.

5.1.2 *Penetration*—Test Method **D 5**.

5.1.3 *Flash Point*—Test Method **D 92**.

5.1.4 *Ductility*—Test Method **D 113**.

5.1.5 *Thin Film Oven Test*—Test Method **D 1754**.

5.1.6 *Solubility in Trichloroethylene*—Test Method **D 2042**.