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Standard Test Method for Determining the Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalts Using a Rotational Paddle Viscometer¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method uses a paddle rotational viscometer to measure the apparent viscosity of emulsified asphalt with viscosities between 30 and 1500 mPa·s (centipoises) at 50°C (122°F). It is applicable to all emulsified asphalt described in Specifications [D977](#) and [D2397](#).

1.2 The values given in SI units are to be considered the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[C670](#) Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials

[D140](#) Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials

[D244](#) Test Methods and Practices for Emulsified Asphalts

[D977](#) Specification for Emulsified Asphalt

[D2397](#) Specification for Cationic Emulsified Asphalt

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

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

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definition:*

3.1.1 *viscosity, n*—ratio of shear stress to shear rate.

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D04](#) on Road and Paving Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D04.42](#) on Emulsified Asphalt Test.

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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.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—The SI unit of viscosity is the Pascal second (Pa·s). The centimetre gram second (cgs) unit of viscosity is the poise (dynes/cm²) and is equivalent to 0.1 Pa·s. One centipoise (cP) is one millipascal second (mPa·s).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The paddle rotational viscometer for this test method is used to measure the apparent viscosity of emulsified asphalt at 50°C (122°F) between 30 and 1500 mPa·s (cP). A microprocessor circuitry system functioning in tandem with a temperature probe and equipped with internal electronic sensors detects and analyzes the preset temperature. A paddle is immersed in the emulsified asphalt sample and is rotated at 100 RPM.³ The apparent viscosity of the sample is obtained within 5 min and read from the electronic display or optional printer.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is useful to measure the apparent viscosity of emulsified asphalt at a temperature of 50°C (122°F) or another agreed-upon temperature.⁴ The preset temperature and rotational speed at 100 RPM allow for an automated determination of an emulsified asphalt apparent viscosity within 5 min.

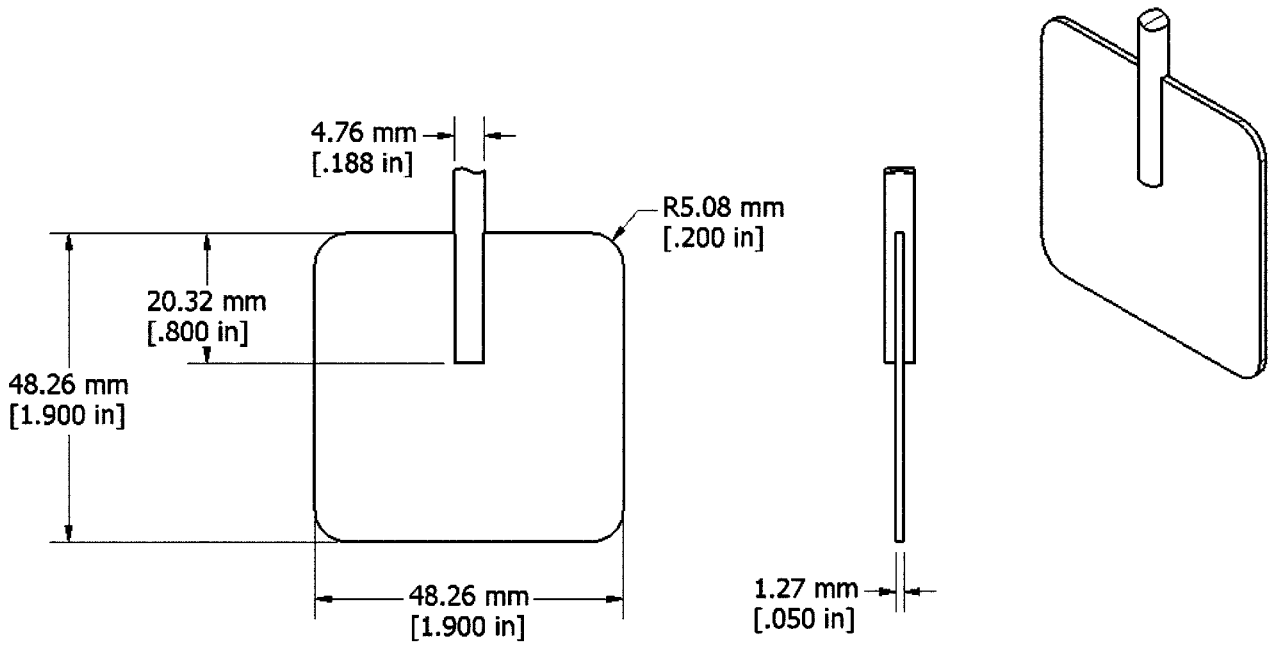
6. Apparatus

6.1 The paddle viscometer test system consists of a paddle, temperature probe, sample cup, the sample cup cover, a means for controlling the sample temperature to 50 ± 0.1°C (122 ± 0.18°F), and readout system to display viscosity. The dimensions of the sample cup and paddle are shown in [Figs. 1-3](#).

6.2 *Thermometer*—ASTM No. 19F or 19C for tests at 50°C conforming to the requirements of Specification [E1](#).

³ Emulsions are sensitive to RPM, therefore, the manufacturer has preset the instrument to run at 100 RPM.

⁴ No accurate predictable conversion from mPa seconds to Saybolt Furool Seconds (SFS) is available at this time. However, an empirical correlation between SFS and mPa seconds can be obtained by performing the respective viscosity measurements on the appropriate equipment.

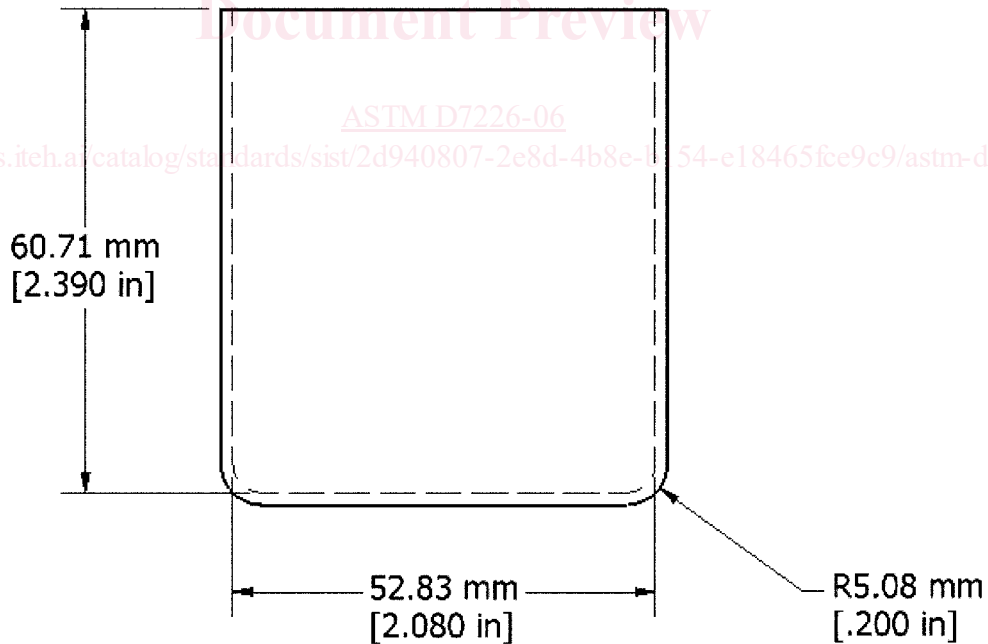


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 $\pm [.005 \text{ in}]$

FIG. 1 Paddle Dimensions, mm (in.)

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Liquid Height



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FIG. 2 Sample Cup Dimensions, mm (in.)

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