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Standard Test Method for Mechanical Size Analysis of Extracted Aggregate¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a procedure for determination of the particle size distribution of fine and coarse aggregates extracted from bituminous mixtures using sieves with square openings.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as 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](#)

[D2172 Test Methods for Quantitative Extraction of Bitumen From Bituminous Paving Mixtures](#)

[D6307 Test Method for Asphalt Content of Hot-Mix Asphalt by Ignition Method](#)

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

2.2 *AASHTO Standard:*³

[AASHTO Test Method T 30 Mechanical Analysis of Extracted Aggregate](#)

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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 Available from American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), 444 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 249, Washington, DC 20001, <http://www.transportation.org>.

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method is used to determine the grading of aggregates extracted from bituminous mixtures. The results are used to determine compliance of the particle size distribution with applicable specifications requirements, and to provide necessary data for control of the production of various aggregates to be used in bituminous mixtures.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Balances*, or scales, readable to 0.1 g and accurate to 0.1 g or 0.1 % of the test load, whichever is greater, at any point within the range of use.

4.2 *Sieves*, with square openings, mounted on substantial frames constructed in a manner that will prevent the loss of materials during sieving. Suitable sieve sizes shall be selected to furnish the information required by the specifications covering the material to be tested. The woven wire cloth sieves shall conform to the requirements of Specification E11.

4.3 *Mechanical Sieve Shaker*—If used, it shall impart a vertical, or lateral and vertical, motion to the sieve, causing the particles thereon to bounce and turn so as to present different orientations to the sieving surface. The sieving action shall be such that the criterion for adequacy of sieving described in 6.8 is met in a reasonable time period.

4.4 *Oven*, of appropriate size, capable of maintaining a uniform temperature of $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ ($230 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$).

4.5 *Container*—A pan or vessel of a size sufficient to contain the sample covered with water and to permit vigorous agitation without loss of any of the sample or water.

5. Sample

5.1 The sample shall consist of the entire sample of aggregate from Test Method D2172 or Test Method D6307.

5.1.1 Aggregate extracted by the ignition method in Test Method D6307 shall not be used for gradation analysis if the correction factor obtained in Test Method D6307 is greater than 1.0 (see Note 1).

5.2 The size of the test sample shall be governed by the nominal maximum aggregate size and shall conform to the mass requirements shown in Table I.