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Standard Specification for Emulsified Asphalt¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers thirteen grades of emulsified asphalt for use in pavement construction in the manner designated.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

- D5 Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials
- D113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials
- D139 Test Method for Float Test for Bituminous Materials
- D140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials
- D244 Test Methods and Practices for Emulsified Asphalts
- D3910 Practices for Design, Testing, and Construction of Slurry Seal
- D6930 Test Method for Settlement and Storage Stability of Emulsified Asphalts
- D6933 Test Method for Oversized Particles in Emulsified Asphalts (Sieve Test)
- D6935 Test Method for Determining Cement Mixing of Emulsified Asphalt
- D6936 Test Method for Determining Demulsibility of Emulsified Asphalt
- D6997 Test Method for Distillation of Emulsified Asphalt
- D7553 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in N-Propyl Bromide
- D2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichloroethylene
- D7496 Test Method for Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalt by Saybolt Furoil Viscometer

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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. Requirements

3.1 The emulsified asphalt shall be tested within 14 days of delivery. The emulsified asphalt shall be homogeneous after thorough mixing provided separation has not been caused by freezing. Emulsified asphalts separated by freezing shall not be tested.

3.2 Emulsified asphalt shall conform to the requirements prescribed in [Table 1](#).

4. Sampling

4.1 Samples of emulsified asphalt shall be taken in accordance with Practice [D140](#).

4.2 Samples shall be stored in clean, airtight sealed containers as specified in Practice [D140](#) at a temperature of not less than 4°C until tested.

5. Test Methods

5.1 The properties of the emulsified asphalts given in [Table 1](#) shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM test methods:

- 5.1.1 *Viscosity*—Test Methods [D7496](#).
- 5.1.2 *Storage Stability*—Test Method [D6930](#).
- 5.1.3 *Demulsibility*—Test Method [D6936](#).
- 5.1.4 *Coating Ability and Water Resistance*—Test Methods [D244](#).
- 5.1.5 *Cement Mixing*—Test Methods [D6935](#).
- 5.1.6 *Sieve Test*—Test Method [D6933](#), except use distilled or deionized water in all wetting and washing operations in place of the nonionic surfactant solution (1 %).
- 5.1.7 *Distillation*—Test Method [D6997](#).
- 5.1.8 *Tests on Residue from Distillation*—Test Methods [D244](#).
 - 5.1.8.1 *Penetration*—Test Method [D5](#)
 - 5.1.8.2 *Ductility*—Test Method [D113](#)
 - 5.1.8.3 *Solubility*—Test Method [D2042](#) or [D7553](#)
 - 5.1.8.4 *Float Test*—Test Method [D139](#)

6. Keywords

6.1 emulsion; emulsified asphalt; high float; medium setting; rapid setting; slow setting