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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
- D2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichloroethylene
- 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
- D7226 Test Method for Determining the Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalts Using a Rotational Paddle 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.

- D7496 Test Method for Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalt by Saybolt Furol Viscometer
- D7553 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in N-Propyl Bromide

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 or Table 2. If no table is specified, default is 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 or Table 2 shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM test methods:

- 5.1.1 *Viscosity*—Test Method D7496 for Table 1 or Test Method D7226 for Table 2.
- 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 Method D6935.
- 5.1.6 *Sieve Test*—Test Method D6933.
- 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

TABLE 1 Requirements for Emulsified Asphalt

NOTE 1—QS-1h emulsified asphalt shall meet the requirements outlined in Practice D3910.

NOTE 2—QS-1h is used for Quick Set Slurry Seal systems.

Type	Rapid-Setting						Medium-Setting						Quick Setting							
	RS-1		RS-2		HFRS-2		MS-1		MS-2		MS-2h		SS-1		SS-1h		SS-1h		QS-1h	
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
<i>Tests on emulsions:</i>																				
Viscosity, Saybolt Furol at 25°C SFS	20	100	75	400	75	400	20	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Viscosity, Saybolt Furol at 50°C SFS	...	...	75	400	75	400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Storage stability test, 24-h, % ^A	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1
Demulsibility, 35 ml, 0.02 N CaCl ₂ , %	60	...	60	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coating ability and water resistance:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coating, dry aggregate	...	...	...	...	...	...	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good
Coating, after spraying	...	...	...	...	...	...	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Coating, wet aggregate	...	...	...	...	...	...	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Coating, after spraying	...	...	...	...	...	...	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Cement mixing test, %	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sieve test, % ^A	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10
Residue by distillation, %	55	...	63	...	63	...	55	...	55	...	55	...	55	...	55	...	55	...	55	...
Oil distillate by volume of emulsion, %	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Tests on residue from distillation test:</i>																				
Penetration, 25°C 100g, 5 s	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200
Ductility, 25°C 5 cm/min, cm	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...
Solubility in trichloroethylene or n-propyl bromide, %	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...
Float test, 60°C s	...	...	1200	...	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Tests on emulsions:</i>																				
Viscosity, Saybolt Furol at 25°C SFS	20	100	100	...	100	...	50	...	20	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Viscosity, Saybolt Furol at 50°C SFS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Storage stability test, 24-h, % ^A	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1
Demulsibility, 35 ml, 0.02 N CaCl ₂, %	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coating ability and water resistance:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coating, dry aggregate	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good
Coating, after spraying	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Coating, wet aggregate	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Coating, after spraying	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair	fair
Cement mixing test, %	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sieve test, % ^A	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10	...	0.10
Residue by distillation, %	55	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...	65	...
Oil distillate by volume of emulsion, %	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Tests on residue from distillation test:</i>																				
Penetration, 25°C, 100 g, 5 s	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200
Ductility, 25°C 5 cm/min, cm	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...	40	...
Solubility in trichloroethylene or n-propyl bromide, %	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...	97.5	...
Float test, 60°C s	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...

^A This test requirement on representative samples is waived if successful application of the material has been achieved in the field.