

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Hot-Mix Asphalt - Field Voids in the Mineral Aggregate

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR) to improve the performance of HMA pavements through better control of effective asphalt binder content. It has been revised to update the required frequency of plant tests.

This special provision should be inserted in all HMA contracts.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 25, 2008, and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 11, 2008.

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HOT-MIX ASPHALT - FIELD VOIDS IN THE MINERAL AGGREGATE (BDE)

Effective: April 1, 2007

Revised: April 1, 2008

Add the following to the table in Article 1030.05(d)(2)a. of the Standard Specifications:

"Parameter	Frequency of Tests		Test Method See Manual of Test Procedures for Materials
	High ESAL Mixture Low ESAL Mixture	All Other Mixtures	
VMA	Day's production ≥ 1200 tons:	N/A	Illinois-Modified AASHTO R 35
Note 5.	1 per half day of production		
	Day's production < 1200 tons:		
	1 per half day of production for first 2 days and 1 per day thereafter (first sample of the day)		

Note 5. The G_{sb} used in the voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA) calculation shall be the same average G_{sb} value listed in the mix design."

Add the following to the Control Limits table in Article 1030.05(d)(4) of the Standard Specifications:

"CONTROL LIMITS			
Parameter	High ESAL Low ESAL	High ESAL Low ESAL	All Other
	Individual Test	Moving Avg. of 4	Individual Test
VMA	-0.7 % ^{2/}	-0.5 % ^{2/}	N/A

2/ Allowable limit below minimum design VMA requirement"

Add the following to the table in Article 1030.05(d)(5) of the Standard Specifications:

“CONTROL CHART REQUIREMENTS	High ESAL Low ESAL	All Other
	VMA”	

Revise the heading of Article 1030.05(d)(6)a.1. of the Standard Specifications to read:

“1. Voids, VMA, and Asphalt Binder Content.”

Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph of Article 1030.05(d)(6)a.1.(a.) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“If the retest for voids, VMA, or asphalt binder content exceeds control limits, HMA production shall cease and immediate corrective action shall be instituted by the Contractor.”

Revise the table in Article 1030.05(e) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“Test Parameter	Acceptable Limits of Precision
% Passing: ^{1/}	
1/2 in. (12.5 mm)	5.0 %
No. 4 (4.75 mm)	5.0 %
No. 8 (2.36 mm)	3.0 %
No. 30 (600 μm)	2.0 %
Total Dust Content No. 200 (75 μm) ^{1/}	2.2 %
Asphalt Binder Content	0.3 %
Maximum Specific Gravity of Mixture	0.026
Bulk Specific Gravity	0.030
VMA	1.4 %
Density (% Compaction)	1.0 % (Correlated)

1/ Based on washed ignition.”