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# Asphalt Construction Program

**Asphalt Plant Technician Certification**  
**An Update/Refresher Course**  
**for**  
**Asphalt Plant Certification**

**February 10, 2022**

**Presented by**

**Northeast Center of Excellence for Pavement Technology**



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- Housekeeping Items
- Certification Categories
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- Course Objective
- Course Agenda
- Acronyms

# Housekeeping

1. Attendance and Participation
2. Course Schedule and Breaks
3. Quiz at the end of each Module
4. Access to Course Material

# 1. Attendance and Participation

- Attendance in the course through Zoom is required.
- Participants' webcams will be off.
- Participants' microphones will be off.
- Have your speakers ON.
- Questions can be asked through Zoom.

## 2. Course Schedule and Breaks

- Finish by 4:30 P.M.?
- Short 5-to-10 Minute Breaks at the End of each Module (after quiz)

### 3. Quiz at the end of each module

- Short Quiz – Self Graded
- 5 to 10 Questions
- 5 to 7 minutes
- **REQUIRED:**
  - Must answer 85 percent of questions
  - Not graded for correct or wrong answers

**NOTE:**

At the end of the module, take the quiz first before taking a break.

The quiz time is limited and will not be reopened.



## 4. Access to Course Material

### Course Material:

is available at the NECEPT Website.

some of the modules will be added after the course.

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Look under “Training”

# Certification Categories

- Asphalt Field Technician
- Asphalt Plant Technician Level I
- Asphalt Plant Technician Level II
- Concrete Field Testing Technician
- Aggregate Technician
- PG Asphalt Binder Technician
  - (Binder Course is through NETTCP)

# Certification Publications

- Asphalt: PennDOT Pub 351
- Concrete: PennDOT Pub 536
- Aggregate: PennDOT Pub 725

# Certification Requirements

Covered in  
Publication 351



## BITUMINOUS OR ASPHALT TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### BITUMINOUS OR ASPHALT PLANT AND FIELD TECHNICIANS

Initial Certification Requirements  
Certification Renewal Requirements  
Registration Procedures  
Performance Review and Code of Ethics  
Course Administration

**November 2018 Edition**

# PennDOT Publication 351

- Publication 351 Covers
  - Requirements for Initial Certification
  - Requirements for Recertification
  - Application Procedure
  - Exam Review & Retests
  - Code of Ethics
  - Covers both plant and field tech certification
- Certification Program developed to satisfy requirements of Code of Federal Regulations, 23 CFR, Part 637, QA Procedures for Construction

# PennDOT Publication 351

## Code of Ethics

- 1. **Beneficence/Autonomy**: demonstrate concern for the welfare and dignity of the recipients of the services, including Department personnel.
- 2. **Competence**: maintain high standards of professional competence
- 3. **Public Information**: provide accurate information about Asphalt technician services
- 4. **Professional Relationships**: function with discretion and integrity in relation with colleagues and other professionals.

# Renewal/Recertification

## Asphalt Level I Plant Technician

### Pub 351: Section XII (Option A)

- Must have been Level I certified for previous 5 years
- Must have **500 documented hours experience** in asphalt lab or plant performing QC/QA testing or inspection since date of last certification
- Must have **sign-off from supervisor** or from a Level II Tech in company.
- Must have **sign-off from PennDOT DME/DMM** Within the previous 5 years, must have attended :
  - Two NECEPT Plant Technician Update/Refresher Courses, or....
  - One NECEPT Update/Refresher Course and one acceptable asphalt-related conference, seminar, or workshop

# Renewal/Recertification

## Asphalt Level II Plant Technician

### Pub 351: Section XIII (Option A)

- Must have been Level II certified for previous 5 years
- Must have **500 documented hours experience** in asphalt lab or plant performing QC/QA testing or inspection since date of last certification
- Must have **sign-off from supervisor** or from a Level II Tech in company.
- Must have **sign-off from PennDOT DME/DMM** Within the previous 5 years, must have attended :
  - Two NECEPT Plant Technician Update/Refresher Courses, or....
  - One NECEPT Update/Refresher Course and one acceptable asphalt-related conference, seminar, or workshop



# Accepted Asphalt-Related Annual Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops

- Annual APC Conferences
- Annual PAPA Conference
- Annual PAPA Regional Technical Meetings
- Annual Asphalt Pavement Conference from any MARTCP states
- Mid-Atlantic States QAW
- Nationally Recognized Conferences or Courses (NAPA, NCAT, NEAUPG, ...)
- PennDOT pre-approved Department or Industry sponsored training

# Accepted Asphalt-Related Annual Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops

## Abbreviations for Terms

- APC: Associated Pennsylvania Contractors
- PAPA: Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association
- MARTCP: Mid-Atlantic Reciprocity Certification Program states
- QAW: Quality Assurance Workshop
- NAPA: National Pavement Association
- NCAT: National Center for Asphalt Technology

# Course Objectives

This is a course for renewal of certification as an Asphalt Plant Level I or Level II Technician.

The course objectives are

- To review the latest changes in PennDOT Specs
- To discuss latest issues and topics related to asphalt pavement materials, design, and construction



# Plant Technician Certification Renewal Course Agenda

- 1. Update on PennDOT Specifications
- 2. Update on PennDOT Bulletin 27
- 3. Use of Rejuvenators in Asphalt Mixture
- 4. Segregation in Asphalt Mixtures
- 5. Update on Asphalt Binders and Mixtures Testing/Design
- 6. Performance Based Testing for Asphalt Mixtures
- 7. Use of Crumb Rubber Modifier in Asphalt Mixtures

# ACRONYMS

01. AASHTO: American Association of State Transportation Officials  
([www.transportation.org](http://www.transportation.org))
02. AET: Asphalt Emulsion Tack
03. AI: Asphalt Institute ([www.asphaltinstitute.org](http://www.asphaltinstitute.org))
04. ATPBC: Asphalt Treated Permeable Base Course
05. DME/DMM: District Materials Engineer/District Materials Manager
06. ESAL: Equivalent Single Axle Load
07. FHWA: Federal Highway Administration ([www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov))
08. HMA: Hot Mix Asphalt
09. JMF: Job Mix Formula
10. LTS: (PennDOT) Laboratory Testing Section

# ACRONYMS

11. MTV: Materials Transfer Vehicle
12. NAPA: National Asphalt Paving Association ([www.asphaltpavement.org](http://www.asphaltpavement.org))
13. NECEPT: Northeast Center of Excellence for Paving Technology  
([www.superpave.psu.edu](http://www.superpave.psu.edu))
14. NMAS: Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size
15. OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov))
16. PAPA: Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association ([www.pahotmix.org](http://www.pahotmix.org))
17. PG: Performance Grade
18. PTM: Pennsylvania Test Method  
([ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/pdf/BOCM\\_MTD\\_LAB/PUBLICATIONS/PUB\\_19/PTM\\_TOC.pdf](ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/pdf/BOCM_MTD_LAB/PUBLICATIONS/PUB_19/PTM_TOC.pdf))
19. QC/QA: Quality Control / Quality Assurance
20. RPS: Restricted Performance Specifications

## ACRONYMS

21. PWL: Percent Within Limits
22. RAM: Reclaimed Aggregate Material
23. RAP: Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement
24. RAS: Recycled Asphalt Shingle
25. SGC: Superpave Gyrotory Compactor
26. SRL: Skid Resistance Level
27. SMA: Stone Matrix Asphalt (Stone Mastic Asphalt)
28. TSR: Tensile Strength Ratio
29. VFA: Voids Field with Asphalt
30. VMA: Voids in the Mineral Aggregate
31. WMA: Warm Mix Asphalt

# Plant Technician Certification Program

## An Update on PennDOT Asphalt Specifications





# Your Role with PennDOT Specifications

- You must be
  - familiar with specifications that cover your project.
  - be aware of the effective change dates and your project let date.

# Powers of Observation

- Do you think this is important for you as a certified plant technician?
- How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best!

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YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY  
COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF  
MANY YEARS.

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# So, Are you using your Powers of Observation?

Be observant to all aspects of the products you are working with.

Learn from you mistakes and mistakes of others.

Be knowledgeable of specifications and JMF.

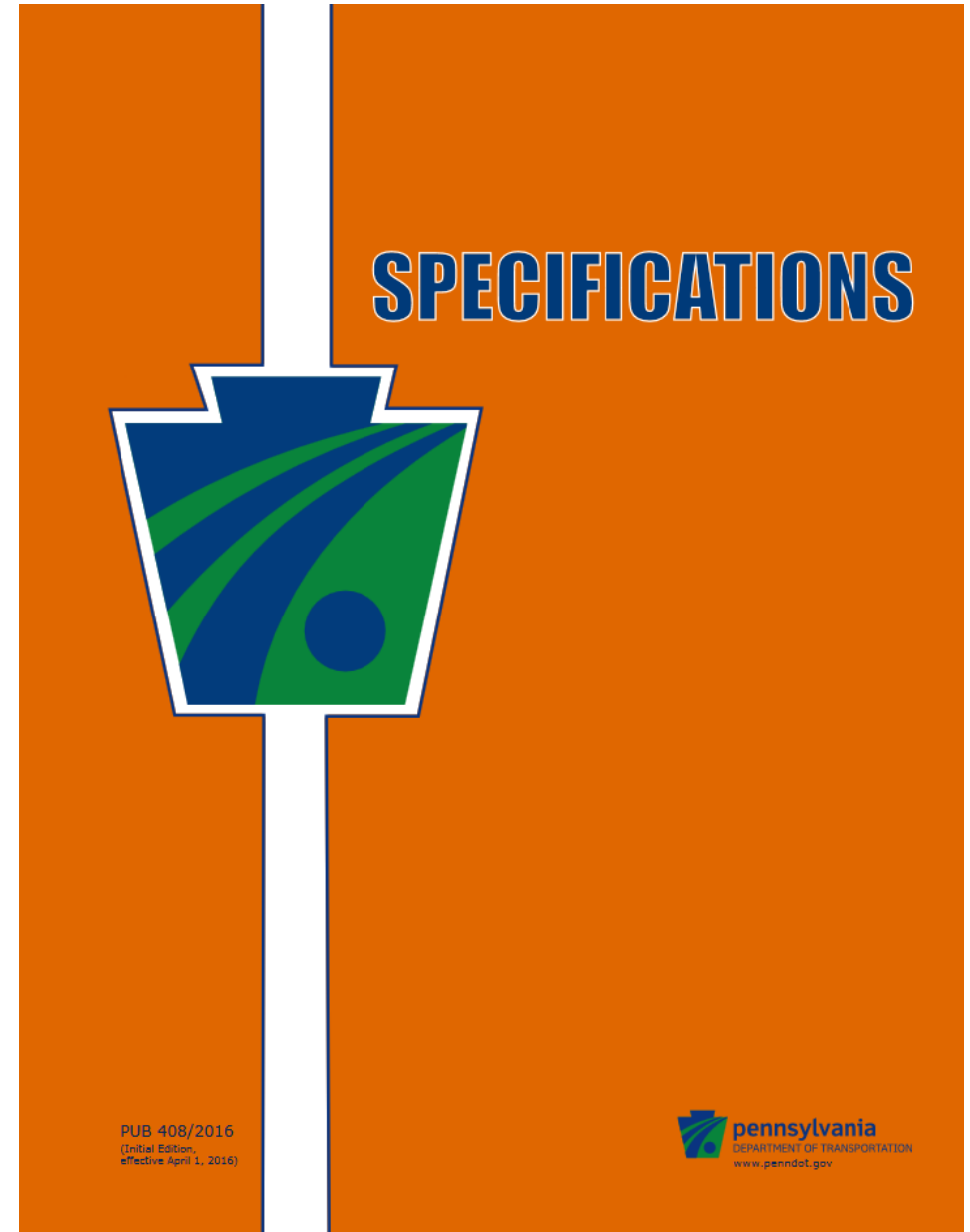
# Publication 408/ Pub 408

Year (Version)	Effective Dates
2000	April 3, 2000 to September 30, 2003
2003	October 1, 2003 to April 1, 2007
2007	April 2, 2007 to March 31, 2011
2011	April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2016
2016	April 1, 2016 to April 2, 2020
2020	April 10, 2020 to October 6, 2023



# PennDOT Specifications (Publication 408)

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# Publication 408/2016

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Change No. 4	April 6, 2018
Change No. 5	October 5, 2018
Change No. 6	April 5, 2019
Change No. 7	October 4, 2019



**2016**

# What you need to know...

- **PennDOT Specifications Publication 408**
- **Sections covering Asphalt & the important aspects of these specifications**



# Publication 408/2020

- PennDOT Pub 408/2020 contains Construction Specifications
- Initial Edition, (Effective April 10, 2020)
- For PennDOT Projects Let after April 10, 2020
- PennDOT Website (Initial Edition):

[http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/Pub\\_408/408\\_2020/408\\_2020\\_IE/408\\_2020\\_IE.pdf](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/Pub_408/408_2020/408_2020_IE/408_2020_IE.pdf)



# PennDOT Specifications (Publication 408)

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**Change No. 3**

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# PennDOT Specifications (Publication 408)

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Initial Edition	April 10, 2020
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<b>Change No. 3</b>	<b>October 8, 2021</b>
Change No. 4	April 1, 2022
Change No. 5	October 7, 2022
Change No. 6	April 14, 2023
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# Sections of Publication 408

**Question:**

**How Many Sections Are There in Spec 408?**

**Answer:**

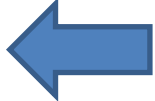
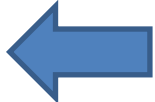
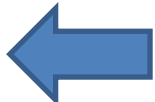
**Twelve**

# Contents of Publication 408


- Sections 1 through 12
- Appendix A - Metric (SI) Information
- Appendix B – Standard Special Provisions
  - as set forth in the Bid Proposals
  - need further tailoring for use on specific projects
  - Includes seven indices (C, D, G, I, N, P, S)
- Appendix C – Designated Special Provisions
  - Standard documents previously included in PennDOT Bid Proposals.
- General Index (indexing the Publication)
- Change Letters and Indices



# Sections of Publication 408

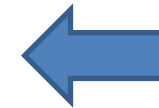
- 100 - General Provisions 
- 200 - Earthwork
- 300 - Base Courses 
- 400 - Flexible Pavements 
- 500 – Rigid Pavements
- 600 – Incidental Construction

# Sections of Publication 408

- 700 - Materials 
- 800 - Roadside Development
- 900 - Traffic Accommodation & Control
- 1000 - Structures
- 1100 - Manufactured Materials
- 1200 - Intelligent Transportation System Devices

# Sections of Publication 408

- 100 - General Provisions
  - Abbreviations and definitions
  - Bidding requirements and conditions
  - Award and contract execution
  - Scope and control of work
  - **Control of materials (Section 106)**
  - Measurement of quantities
  - Payment
  - Several others



# Sections of Publication 408

- 300 – Base Courses
  - SP Asphalt Mix Design & Construction, Base Course (Section 313)
  - Cold Mixes (Sections 341 and 342)
  - Asphalt Treated Permeable Base (Section 360)

# Sections of Publication 408

- 400 – Flexible Pavements
  - SP Asphalt Mix Design & Construction, Plant Mixed Courses with PWL and LTS Testing (Section 413)
  - SP Mixture Design & Construction of Plant Mixed 6.3 mm Thin Asphalt Overlay Courses (Section 412)
  - SMA (Section 419)

# Sections of Publication 408

- 700 – Materials
  - Asphalt Materials (Section 702)
  - Aggregates (Section 703)

# Are You Following Me?

- PA Rank in the Nation
  - Population: **(5<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Population Density: **(9<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Road Miles: **(11<sup>th</sup>) - 2017 Data (FHWA)**

# Discussion of Specification Changes



# Publication 408/2016

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# Relevant Sections Added in Pub 408 Since October 2016

Date	Section	Description
October 2016	<b>420</b>	Pervious Asphalt Pavement System
October 2016	<b>489</b>	Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course
April 2018	<b>412</b>	6.3-mm Thin Asphalt Overlay
April 2020	<b>313</b>	Plant Produced Asphalt Mixes (base course) – Merging 309 and 311
April 2020	<b>413</b>	Plant Produced Asphalt Mixes (wearing and binder courses) – Merging 409 and 411
April 2022	<b>314</b>	Rich Base Courses* (CT: H-21-017)

\* Rich Base Course will be included in **Change No. 4 of 408 Spec (2020 Edition)** in April 2022

# Relevant Sections Removed from Pub 408 within the Last 5 Years

Date	Section	Description
October 2017	<b>422/430/431 /439/440</b>	Removal of FJ & FB mixtures for wearing and binder courses
April 2020	<b>309</b>	SP Asphalt Mixtures, HMA Base Course – Merged into 313.
April 2020	<b>311</b>	SP Asphalt Mixture, Warm Base Course – Merged into 313.
April 2020	<b>320</b>	Aggregate-asphalt Base Course.
April 2020	<b>409</b>	SP Asphalt Mixtures, HMA wearing and binder courses – Merged into 413.
April 2020	<b>411</b>	SP Asphalt Mixtures, WMA wearing and binder courses – Merged into 413.

# Major Asphalt Related Changes in 408 Since April 2017

Date	Section	Description
April 2017	<b>411 (Now 413)</b>	Use of Anti-strip Additive
October 2017	<b>409 (Now 413)</b>	Adding VMA Requirements for 4.75-mm Mixture
October 2017	<b>419</b>	Allowing Use of WMA in SMA
October 2017	<b>460</b>	New Tack with half of AET Water, and inclusion of non-tracking tacks, and revision of application rates.
October 2018	<b>483</b>	Emulsion class changed from CSS-1hPM to CQS-1hPM.
April 2019	<b>409 (Now 413)</b>	Acceptance by Certification can be used for parking lots
April 2019	<b>409 (Now 413)</b>	Change to Weather & Seasonal Limitations

# Major Asphalt Related Changes in 408 Since April 2017 (Continued)

Date	Section	Description
October 2019	<b>409 (Now 413)</b>	Minimum compacted depth changed from 1 ½” to 2” for 12.5-mm mix (to obtain cores for measuring and accepting density for standard specification)
October 2019	<b>409 (Now 413)</b>	Change of material for painting existing vertical surfaces
October 2020	<b>405</b>	Removing reference to “Correction Action” related to Longitudinal Joint Density
April 2021	<b>419</b>	Allow use of HOLA with SMA Mixtures
October 2021	<b>413</b>	Clarification on how to use Form TR-447 for entering Gmm for the Joint core.
October 2021	<b>341 and 342</b>	Use of Foamed Asphalt in addition to Emulsion in Cold Mixes
October 2021	<b>413</b>	Fixing subplot size once established

# Other Major Asphalt Related Changes PennDOT Publications Since April 2017

Effective Date	Publication #	CT # or SSP	Comments
12/21/2020	<b>2 (POM)</b>	H-20-065	Report delivered material using Electronic Ticketing System
4/1/2021	<b>2 (POM)</b>	C-20-002	Check temperature from truck bed holes
October 2019	<b>13M</b>		Safety Edge
October 2020	<b>72M: RC-25M</b>		Safety Edge Drawings
Not Established yet		H-20-053	Virtual Asphalt Acceptance Testing (VAAT)
2/12/2021	<b>408/413</b>	c04132	LLAP Hamburg Tracking and Cracking Tolerances
Next Updated Version	<b>2 (POM)</b>	C-21-003	% Pavement for Defective Asphalt Pavement

# Other Asphalt Related Standard Special Provisions

Effective Date	Publication #	CT # or SSP	Comments
4/10/2020	SSP	a10650	Min. Effective Asphalt for 9.5-mm or 12.5 mixtures
4/10/2020	SSP	Item 4413-0010	Mixture Design for Binder Course (Leveling) – Low Traffic, High RAP
4/10/2020	SSP	c10000	FB-1 and FB-2 for Maintenance Operations, 100% State Funded Projects, <75 trucks per day
4/10/2020	SSP	c10000	Modified FB for Maintenance Operations, 100% State Funded Projects, <75 trucks per day

# Standard Special Provision on Minimum Effective Asphalt Binder

$G_{sb}$	Superpave Mixes	
	9.5 mm	12.5 mm
2.250 to 2.274	6.2	5.8
2.275 to 2.324	6.1	5.7
2.325 to 2.374	6.0	5.6
2.375 to 2.424	5.9	5.5
2.425 to 2.474	5.8	5.4
2.475 to 2.524	5.7	5.3
2.525 to 2.574	5.6	5.2
2.575 to 2.624	5.5	5.1
2.625 to 2.674	5.4	5.0
2.675 to 2.724	5.3	4.9
2.725 to 2.774	5.2	4.8
2.775 to 2.824	5.1	4.7



# Sections of Publication 408 Containing Asphalt Specifications (2020, Chg. 3)

<b>106</b>	Controls of Material Statistics
<b>313</b>	SP Asphalt Mixture Design & Construction of Base Courses
<b>316</b>	Flexible Base Replacement
<b>341</b>	Cold Recycled Asphalt Base Course (In-Place)
<b>342</b>	Cold Recycled Asphalt Base Course (Central Plant)
<b>344</b>	Full Depth Reclamation
<b>360</b>	Asphalt Treated Permeable Base

# Sections of Publication 408

## Removal of Some Sections related to Base Courses

<b>320</b>	Aggregate Bituminous Base Course – REMOVED from SPEC
<b>321</b>	Aggregate-Cement Base Course– REMOVED from SPEC
<b>322</b>	Aggregate-Line Pozzolan Base Course– REMOVED from SPEC

# Sections of Publication 408

## Containing Asphalt Specifications (2020, Chg. 3)

404	Evaluation and Payment of Asphalt Pavement Ride Quality Incentive
405	Evaluation of Asphalt Pavement Longitudinal Joint Density, Payment of Incentive/Disincentive
410	SP. Mix Design, Stand. and RPS Construction of Plant-Mixed Asphalt Fine Graded Courses
412	6.3-mm thin asphalt overlays
413	Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design, Construction of Plant-Mixed Courses with PWL and LTS Testing

# Sections of Publication 408 Containing Asphalt Specifications (2020, Chg. 3)

419	SMA Design & RPS Construction of Wearing Course
420	Pervious Asphalt Pavement System
460	Asphalt Tack Coat
470	Asphalt Seal Coat
471	Asphalt Seal Coat using Precoated Aggregate
480	Asphalt Surface Treatment

**Section 420 Q:** Is RAP allowed in Pervious Asphalt Pavement? **Yes, up to 10%**

**Section 460 Q:** What is asphalt residue range for tack coat? **0.03 to 0.07 gal/yd<sup>2</sup>**

**Section 471 Q:** How much asphalt residual for precoated agg.? **0.6 to 1.2% by weight of mix**

**Section 480 Q:** How is surface treatment different from seal coat? **It is 2 layers of seal coat.**

# Sections of Publication Containing Asphalt Specifications (2020, Chg. 3)

481	Asphalt Surface Treatment using Precoated Aggregate
482	Slurry Seal
483	Polymer-Modified Emulsified Asphalt Paving System (Micro Surfacing)
489	Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course
496	Asphalt Concrete Pavement, 60-month Warranty

# **Specification 2016**

## **Initial Version and Changes 1 through 7**

**April 2016 – October 2019**

# Spec 408/2016- Section 420

## Pervious Asphalt Pavement System

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)

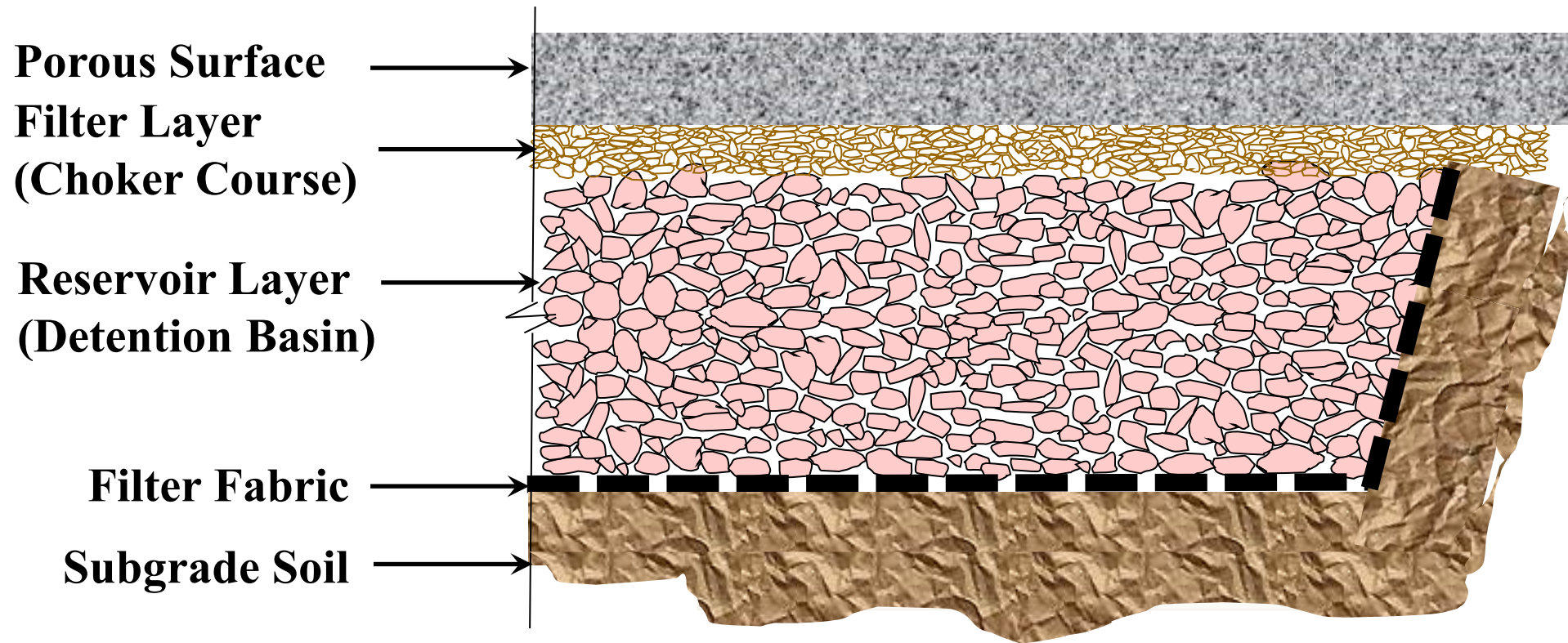
- Use of Pervious Pavements on Department Projects.
- Allows water to percolate and infiltrate through the pavement and underlying layers.
- Minimizes runoff
- It is a System! Includes different layers, different materials, and drainage outlets



# Spec 408/2016- Section 420

## Pervious Asphalt Pavement System

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)





# Spec 408/2016- Section 420

## Pervious Asphalt Pavement System

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)

- Materials
  - Type A Aggregate (for use in Asphalt Concrete)
  - AASHTO No. 3 for primary detention coarse aggregate, topped with AASHTO No. 57 as a choker and leveling coarse
  - Type A, Class 4, Geotextile
  - Edge Restraint to resist lateral roller forces

# Spec 408/2016- Section 420

## Pervious Asphalt Pavement System

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)

- asphalt Materials
  - Pervious 9.5 mm wearing course, PG 70-22 or PG 76-22
  - Pervious 19.0 mm Binder course, PG 64-22
  - RAP limited to 10% of the mixture

### **NOTE the Change in 2020 Edition of Spec:**

- Asphalt Binder Material
  - Pervious 9.5 mm wearing course, PG 64H-22 or PG 64E-22
  - Pervious 19.0 mm Binder course, PG 64S-22
  - RAP limited to 10% of the mixture

# Spec 408/2020- Section 420

## Pervious Asphalt Pavement System

### Table B

Mixture Composition		
Gyrations	$N_{\text{design}}$	50
Air Voids	AASHTO D6752	16.0% - 20.0%
	AASHTO T 275	18.0% - 22.0%
	AASHTO T 269	18.0% - 22.0%
Draindown	AASHTO T 305	$\leq 0.3\%$

**NOTE the name Change in 2020 Edition of Spec:  
“asphalt” replaced by “Asphalt”**

# Spec 408/2016- Section 489

## Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)

- Ultra-thin bonded wearing course of HMA (UTWC) over polymer-modified emulsified asphalt membrane.
- Roll before temperature drops below 185°F
- Minimum of 2 passes with a steel double-drum roller
- Minimum weight of roller: 8 tons
- Compact in static mode except at joints.
- Pneumatic-tire roller may be needed to prevent the “bridging” effect of the steel drum roller

# Spec 408/2016- Section 489

## Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course

### Change No. 1 (October 2016)

Type	NMAS	Placement Rates (pounds per square yard)
A	6.3 mm ( 1/4 inch)	45 to 65
B	9.5 mm ( 3/8 inch)	55 to 80
C	12.5 mm (1/2 inch)	60 to 85

UTWC (typically **gap-graded**) is used to correct surface distresses.

Provides a smooth surface.

Excellent for surface with cracking and raveling.

Needs sound foundation.

# Spec 408/2016- Section 411

## Superpave WMA

### Change No. 2 (April 2017)

#### Using Anti-Strip Additives with WMA

- Incorporate a liquid anti-strip additive at the same dosage rate as the dosage rate for the HMA JMF.
- If the WMA Technology includes an anti-strip additive additional liquid anti-strip additive is not required in mixtures where the moisture sensitivity analysis cannot be performed as specified in Section 411.2(e)1. (now 413.2(e)1.)
- If the WMA Technology includes an anti-strip additive as part of its WMA Technology and moisture sensitivity analysis can be performed according to Section 411.2(e)1 add additional anti-strip additive or make other adjustments to the JMF and meet the specified moisture
- sensitivity requirements.

**NOTE: The modified version of these are now in Section 413 of Spec 408/2020 Edition.**

**SEE NEXT SLIDE**

# Spec 408/2020- Section 413

## Using Anti-Strip Additives

- Use either a compatible, heat stable, amine-based liquid anti-strip or a compatible alternate anti-strip additive.
- If the WMA Technology includes an anti-strip additive, perform susceptibility analysis. Add additional additive or make JMF adjustments if needed.

# Spec 408/2016- Section 409

## Superpave Mixes

### Change No. 3 (October 2017)

Nominal Max Agg. Size (mm)	Each Specimen	Multiple Specimens
Air Voids at $N_{des}$ ( $V_a$ )	$\pm 2\%$	$\pm 1.5\%$
Min. VMA% for 4.75 mm mixes	16.0	-
Min. VMA% for 9.5 mm mixes	15.0	-
Min. VMA% for 12.5 mm mixes	14.0	-
Min. VMA% for 19.0 mm mixes	13.0	-
Min. VMA% for 25.0 mm mixes	12.0	-
Min. VMA% for 37.0 mm mixes	11.0	-



# **Spec 408/2016- Section 419**

## **WMA in SMA**

### **Change No. 3 (October 2017)**

**WMA can be used with SMA**

# Spec 408/2016- REMOVALS

## Change No. 3 (October 2017)

422	Bituminous Wearing Courses FJ-1 ad FJ-1C (Removed)
430	Bituminous Wearing Course FB-2 (Removed)
431	Bituminous Binder Course FB-2 (Removed)
439	Bituminous Wearing Course FB-1 (Removed)
440	Bituminous Binder Course FB-1 (Removed)

Now in Pub 447: Approved Products for Lower Volume Local Roads

# Spec 408/2016- Section 460

## Tack Coat

### Change No. 3 (October 2017)

- New Tack with half of the water of AET (faster curing)
- Inclusion of non-tracking tack coat
- Revision of application rates based on surface texture

# Section 412, Superpave Mixture Design, Construction of Plant Mixed Asphalt 6.3 mm Thin Overlay Courses

## Change No. 4 (April 2018)

- Used in Thin Lifts (3/4” min, 1 1/4” max.)
- Useful Tool for Pavement Preservation
- An alternative to microsurfacing and seal coats.
- PennDOT sponsored a four-year research project to develop specifications and guidelines for 6.3-mm mixes (2012 to 2016).

# Section 412

## 6.3 mm Thin Overlay Courses

Change No. 4 (April 2018)



One-inch thick placed 6.3 mm, SR 220

### Mixture Details

- PG **64E-22** binder required
- Coarse aggregate: Type A
- Sand fine aggregate must be from the same source as coarse aggregate with SRL rating in Bulletin 14
- **Q:** RAP or RAS in mix? **NO**

# Section 412

Change No. 4 (April 2018)

## 6.3 mm Thin Overlay Courses

### Construction details:

- air and surface temperature  $> 50^{\circ}\text{F}$
- MTV required, unless waived by Rep.
- Box samples from roadway, hopper, or screed
- Density acceptance by **Optimum rolling pattern or non-movement**

# Section 412

Change No. 4 (April 2018)

## 6.3-mm Thin Overlay Courses

### Critical points for success:

- Clean existing surface.
- Proper, uniform tack application
- Selection of compaction rollers
- Begin Rolling immediately.
- Time available for compaction is limited.
- Do not use pneumatic-tire rollers.

**Spec 408/2016- Section 483**  
**Microsurfacing**  
**Change No. 5 (October 2018)**

Class of Asphalt Materials Changed

Used to be CSS-1hPM (E-8CPM)

Now it is CQS-1hPM



**Spec 408/2016- Section 409**  
**SP Mixes**  
**Change No. 6 (April 2019)**

**Added**

parking lot mixes to acceptance by certification

**Spec 408/2016 - Section 409**  
**Change No. 6 (April 2019)**

**Major Change to  
the section on**

**Weather and Seasonal Limitations**

# Spec 408/2016 - Section 409

## Change No. 6 (April 2019)

### Weather and Seasonal Limitations

Place between **April 1 to October 15** for

- all PG 76-22 wearing courses, (now PG 64E-22)
- >10 million ESALs wearing courses,
- 4.75 mm wearing courses,
- wearing courses placed less than 1.5 inches (compacted)

Place between **April 1 to October 31** for other mixes

# Spec 408/2016 - Section 409

## Change No. 6 (April 2019)

### Paving in extended season

- Submit requests in writing at least 14 days prior to work
- Group 1: **April 1 to November 15**
- Group 2: **March 1 to December 15**
- Density acceptance will be by pavement cores.
- Utilize a Material Transfer Vehicle (MTV) on any day when the paving length will exceed 1,500 linear feet.

# Spec 408/2016 - Section 409

## Change No. 6 (April 2019)

### Paving in extended season

Paving work completed during the fall portion of the Extended-Season will be subject to a spring evaluation and manual survey by the Department to be conducted by May 1.

Manual surveys will be conducted in accordance with Publication **336**.

# Spec 408/2016 - Section 409

## Change No. 7 (October 2019)

Minimum Compacted Depth to Obtain Cores for Measuring and Accepting Density  
For Standard Specification

Mixture	Minimum Depth
9.5-mm Wearing Course	1 1/2" ( $\approx$ 40 mm)
12.5-mm Wearing Course	2" ( $\approx$ 50 mm)
19-mm Wearing and Binder Course	2 1/2" ( $\approx$ 60 mm)
25-mm Binder Course	3" ( $\approx$ 80 mm)

# Spec 408/2016 - Section 409

## Change No. 7 (October 2019)

Change of Materials for Painting  
Existing Vertical Surfaces in Contact with an Asphalt Mix:

Paint existing vertical surfaces ... in contact with asphalt mixtures with a uniform coating of either emulsified asphalt, consisting of PennDOT Material Class TACK or NTT/CNTT, applied in two or more applications, or hot asphalt material of the class and type designated for the bituminous course.

**NTT: Non-Tracking Tack Coat (Anionic) & CNTT: Non-tracking Tack Coat (Cationic)**

**Removed the following materials for painting vertical surface:**

Class E-6 (AASHTO SS-1 or CSS-1), E-8 (AASHTO SS-1h or CSS-1h), Class AET applied in two or more applications, or of the class and type designated for the asphalt course.

# Section 314: Rich Base Courses

- Asphalt Rich Base Course (ARBC)
- Max. RAP  $\leq$  20% by weight of mix
- No RAS Allowed
- Mix Design Requirements for ARBC for all Traffic Levels:

New Section  
In 408 (Change 4 of  
2020 Edition).  
Will be published in  
April 2022.

Volumetric Mix Design Property	25 mm NMAS
N <sub>design</sub>	50
Design Air Void	2.5
VMA for all Production QC Samples	13.0
VFA	80-85



# 413–Superpave Asphalt Mixture Design and Construction of Plant Mixed Courses with PWL and LTS Testing

- 413.1 Description
- 413.2 Materials
- 413.3 Construction
- 413.4 Measurement & Payment

*Where most changes  
have occurred in Specs.*

*.2 Deals with Materials  
.3 Deals with Construction*

# Section 413.2: MATERIALS

## TABLE A

JMF – Composition Tolerance Requirements

<b>Gradation</b>	<b>Single Sample (n=1)</b>	<b>Multiple Sample (n≥3)</b>
<b>Passing 12.5 mm (1/2 inch) and Larger</b>	<b><u>± 8.0 %</u></b>	<b><u>± 6.0 %</u></b>
<b>Passing 9.5 mm ( 3/8 inch) to 150 μm (No 100) Sieves (Inclusive</b>	<b><u>± 6.0%</u></b>	<b><u>± 4.0 %</u></b>
<b>Passing 75 μm (No. 200 ) Sieve</b>	<b><u>± 3.0%</u></b>	<b><u>± 2.0%</u></b>
<b>Asphalt Content</b>		
<b>19.0 mm asphalt mixtures and smaller</b>	<b><u>± 0.7%</u></b>	<b><u>± 0.4%</u></b>
<b>25.0 mm asphalt mixtures and larger</b>	<b><u>± 0.8%</u></b>	<b><u>± 0.5%</u></b>

# Section 413.2: Materials

## Table A

**Temperature of Mixture (F)**

<b>Class of Material</b>	<b>Type of Material</b>	<b>Chemical, Organic, Foaming Additives, Minimum</b>	<b>Mechanical Foaming Equip/Process Minimum*</b>	<b>Maximum*</b>
PG 58S-28	Asphalt Binder	215	230	310
PG 64S-22	Asphalt Binder	220	240	320
PG 64E-22	Asphalt Binder	240	260	330
All other binders	Asphalt Binder	The higher of 215 or the minimum temp. specified in Bulletin 25 minus 45F	The higher of 230 or the minimum temp. specified in Bulletin 25 minus 30F	As specified in Bulletin 25

\* Outline in the Producer QC Plan and follow more restrictive temperature requirements provided by the WMA technology manufacturer or Technical Representative(s) for production and placement of the mixture. Determine the SGC compaction temperature for the production QC which yields the same target air voids as the designed JMF. Include the SGC compaction temperature in the Producer QC Plan. Compact the completed mixture in the SGC for QC volumetric analysis at the SGC compaction temperature according to the guidelines provided by the Technical Representative.

# Section 413.2:Materials

## TABLE B

### JMF – Volumetric Tolerance Requirements

Nominal Max Agg. Size (mm)	Each Specimen	Multiple Specimens
Air Voids at $N_{des}$ ( $V_a$ )	±2%	±1.5%
Min. VMA% for 4.75 mm mixes	16.0	-
Min. VMA% for 9.5 mm mixes	15.0	-
Min. VMA% for 12.5 mm mixes	14.0	-
Min. VMA% for 19.0 mm mixes	13.0	-
Min. VMA% for 25.0 mm mixes	12.0	-
Min. VMA% for 37.0 mm mixes	11.0	-

# Section 413.2: MATERIALS

## TABLE C

### Mixture Acceptance

<b>Acceptance Level</b>	<b>Acceptance Method</b>
Certification Acceptance	Producer Certification of Mixture Section 413.2 (i) 2
Lot Acceptance	Mixture Acceptance Sample Testing Section 413.3(h) 2

# Section 413.3(h) 2: Mixture Lot Acceptance

- Normal Lot Size: 2,500 tons, 5 equal sublots
- Each sublot: 500 tons
- Special circumstances may change the size of a completed lot:
  - Minimum possible number of sublots: 3
  - Maximum possible number of sublots: 7

# Section 413.3(h) 2: Sublot Size

**(new as specified in Change 3 of  
Spec Edition 2020, (October 2021))**

- Once the sublot size for each specific JMF has been established based on the project's plan quantity, the sublot size **will remain unchanged** throughout project completion.
- A completed sublot has a mixture acceptance box sample and either a core or other density acceptance measures

# Section 413.3: Construction

- **TABLE D.** - Re-adjustment of Lot Size and Associated Number of Sublots
- **TABLE E.** - Density Limits for Partially Completed Lots
- **TABLE F.** - Density Acceptable Levels & Criteria
- **TABLE G.** - Minimum Mixture Compacted Depths



# Section 413.2(h): Density Acceptance

## TABLE E

### Density Limits for Partially Completed Lots

Mixture NMAS	Density Limits
All RPS 9.5 mm, 12.5 mm, 19 mm, and 25 mm Wearing or Binder Course	$\geq 92.0\%$ and $\leq 98.0\%$
All Standard 9.5 mm, 12.5 mm, 19 mm, and 25 mm Wearing or Binder Course	$\geq 91.0\%$ and $\leq 98.0\%$
All 25 mm and 37.5 mm Base Course	$\geq 90.0\%$ and $< 100.0\%$

- **PAYMENT:**
- If density meets Table E Criteria: **100% Pay**
- If density no more than **2%** below min. or no more than **2%** above max: **90% Pay**
- Other cases: Defective work. Remove & Replace unless directed otherwise by the District

# Section 413.2(j): Density Acceptance

## TABLE F

### Density Acceptance

Density Acceptance Level	Acceptance Criteria
Non-movement	Table H
Optimum Rolling Pattern	Table H
Pavement Cores*	Table I
* Only when mixture is accepted by lots	

# Section 413.2(j): Density Acceptance

**Min. Thickness Requirement if Density Acceptance by  
Cores for Standard Construction**

## TABLE G

**Mixture Minimum Compacted Depths**

Mixture	Minimum Depth
9.5-mm Wearing Course	1 ½" (≈ 40 mm)
12.5-mm Wearing Course	2" (≈ 50 mm)
19-mm Wearing and Binder Course	2 ½" (≈ 60 mm)
25-mm Binder Course	3" (≈ 80 mm)

# Section 413.4: Measurement & Payment

- **TABLE H - Mixture Acceptance by Certification**
  - **Asphalt Content**

NMAS	Criteria	Value		PF, %
All sizes	Printed Tickets	<u>At least 90%</u> is $\pm 0.2$ of JMF		100
		<u>Less than 90%</u> is $\pm 0.2$ of JMF		85
19 mm and smaller	QC Sample Testing	Single, n=1	n $\geq$ 2	-----
		$\pm 0.7\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$	100
		$\pm 0.8\%$ to 1.0%	$\pm 0.6\%$	85
		$> \pm 1.0\%$	$\geq \pm 0.7\%$	RR or 50%
25 mm and larger	QC Sample Testing	$\pm 0.8\%$	$\pm 0.6\%$	100
		$\pm 0.9\%$ to 1.2%	$\pm 0.7\%$	85
		$> \pm 1.2\%$	$\geq \pm 0.8\%$	RR or 50%

# Section 413.4: Measurement & Payment

- **TABLE H - Mixture Acceptance by Certification**
  - **Gradation**

NMAS	Criteria	Value		PF, %
		n=1	n≥ 2	
All sizes	QC Sample Testing for % Passing #200 Sieve	±3.0%	±2.1%	100
		±3.1% to ±4.0%	±2.2% to ±2.7%	85
		> ±4.0%	≥ ±2.8%	RR or 50%
All sizes	QC Sample Testing for % Passing #8 Sieve	±6%	±4%	100
		±7% to ±8%	±5%	85
		> ±8%	≥ ±6%	RR or 50%

# Section 413.4: Measurement & Payment

- **Mixture Acceptance by Lots**

**TABLE I:** Upper & Lower Spec Limits for Calculating Percent Within Tolerance

**TABLE J:** : Dispute Resolution Retest Cost Table

# Summary

- **Discussed PennDOT Spec. 408**
- **Reviewed changes in Asphalt Specifications.**
- **Major additions within the last 5 years:**
  - **Pervious Pavements (420)**
  - **Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course (489)**
  - **6.3 mm Thin Lift (412)**
  - **SP Mixes with PWL-LTS (413)**
  - **SP Mixes for Base Course (313)**

# Summary

- **Major Changes within the Last 5 years:**
  - Addition of VMA Criterion for 4.75-mm mixes
  - Use of Antistrip Additives in asphalt mixes
  - Allowing WMA in SMA
  - Revised Tack Coat Spec
  - Revised Emulsion for Microsurfacing (Section 283)
  - Seasonal Limitations for Paving
  - Requirements for Extended Season Paving
  - Revised compacted depth for 12.5-mm mixes
  - Change of Density Limits for Partially Completed Lots



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*Thank You!*

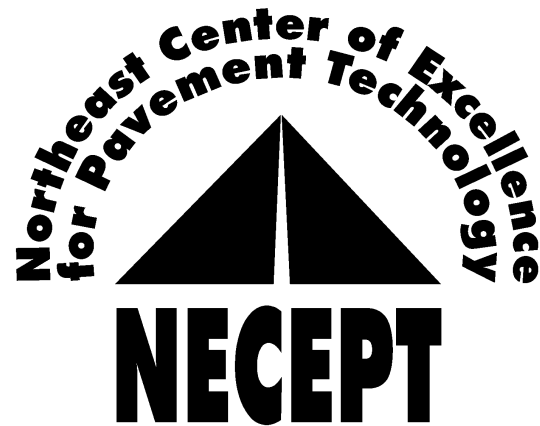


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# Plant Technician Certification Program

## Segregation in Asphalt Concrete



# Objectives

- What Is Segregation?
- How Does It Happen?
- How Can It Be Prevented?
- What Action Needs To Be Taken?
- How Does Segregation Affect Pavement?

# What Is Segregation?





Webster defines *Segregation* as: “to separate from the main mass and collect together in a new body.”

# Applied to Asphalt Mixture:

Segregation is the separation of the coarse and fine aggregate in the mix, collecting and distributing these fractions so that the Mix Asphalt is no longer uniformly textured.

# Can Mix Design Cause Segregation?

- Dense grades mixes are less prone to segregation compared to gap-graded mixes.
- Gap-graded mixes are unforgiving, and errors in plant production or loading are hard to fix during the placement.
- The use of higher binder content and fibers in gap-graded SMA mixes reduces the segregation potential.

# What Is the Effect of Segregation on Pavement?

- Premature Distress
  - Raveling
  - Frost Damage
  - Potholes





# Why Do Premature Failures Occur Due To Segregation?

- **Weaker Aggregate Structure and Gradation**
- **Weaker Mix**
- **Higher Voids**



## **NOTE:**

A large portion of material presented in the next section are developed based on the information from the following source:

Technical Paper T-117, Segregation Causes and Cures

By J. Don Brock, James G. May and Greg Renegar, 1997

# Sources of Segregation

- Stockpiling
- Plant Operation
  - Cold Feed Bins
  - Hot Bins on Batch Plant
  - Drum Mixer
  - Surge & Storage Bins
- Truck Loading



**Plant Technicians  
Responsibility**

- Truck Unloading
- Paver
  - Hopper
  - Slat Conveyer
  - Hopper gates
  - Auger
  - Screed



**Field Technicians  
Responsibility**

# How Does It Happen?

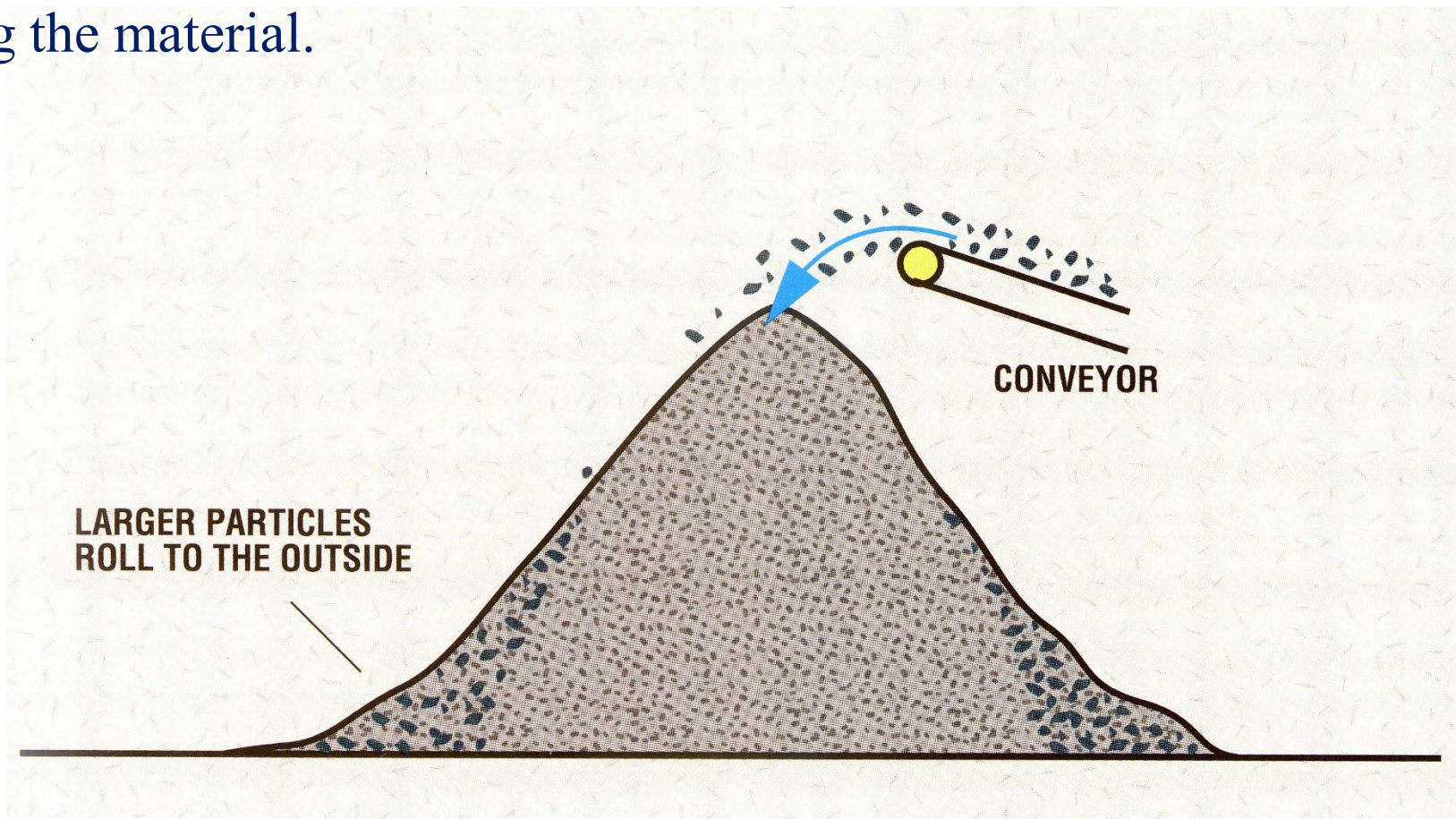
## Stockpiling

- **Overlapping Aggregate Sizes (Contamination)**
- **Large Stockpiles (More Segregation Potential)**

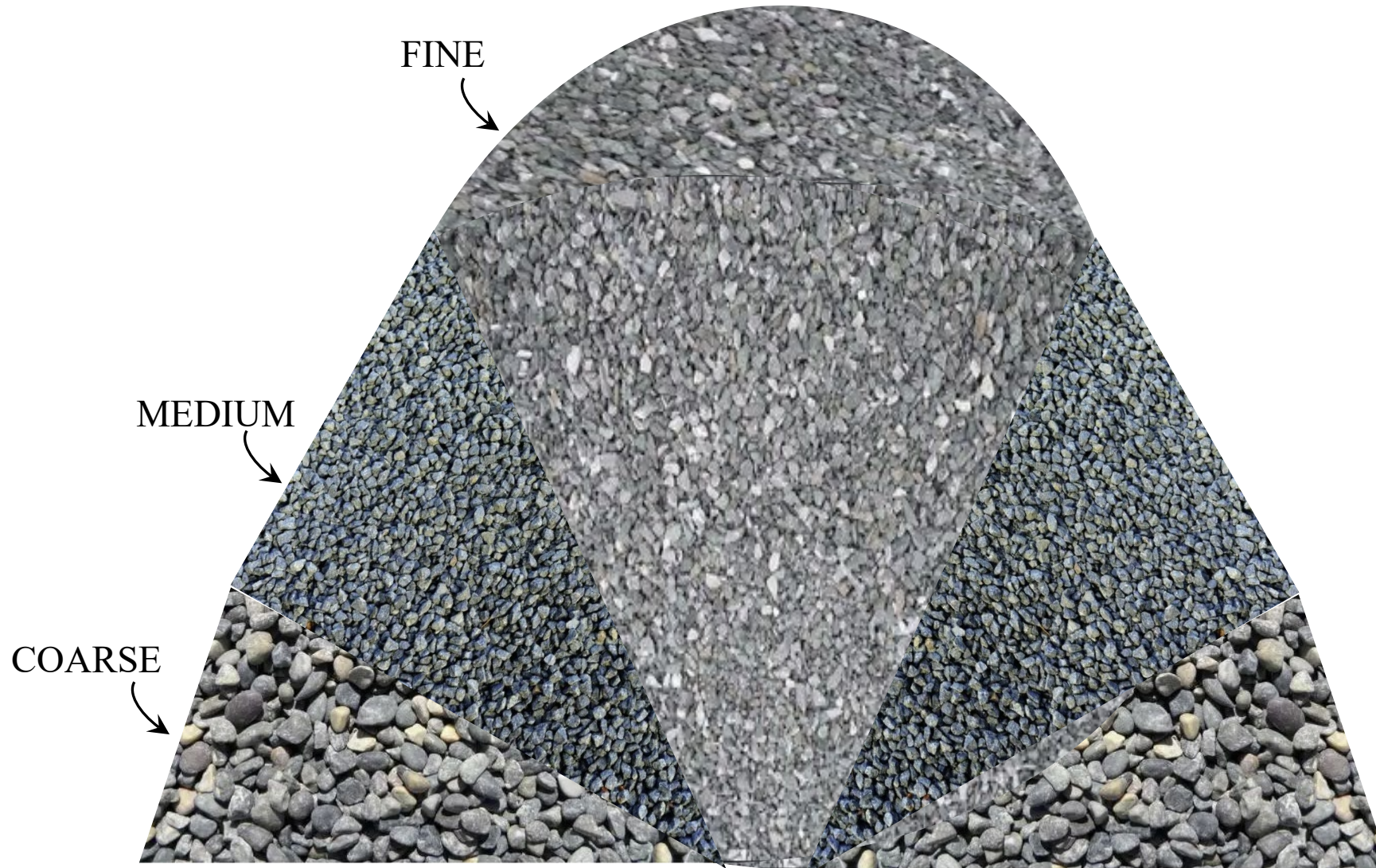
# How Does It Happen?

## In Stockpiling

Larger particles have the tendency to roll to the outside of the pile thereby segregating the material.



# Stockpile Size Separation



# How Does It Happen?

## ■ Stockpiling-Dumping Over the Edge!

- Avoid dumping over the edge.
- High potential for segregation due to increased drop height



# How Is It Prevented?

## Stockpiling

- Different-sized Material
- Separate piles
- Build Horizontal Layers
- Build Sloped Layers



# How Is It Prevented?

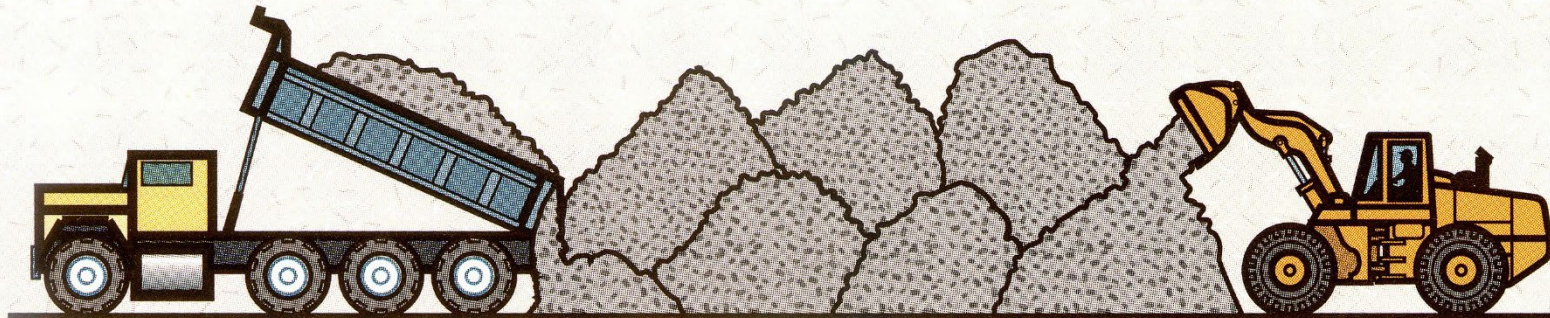
## Stockpiling

### Limit Stockpile Height & Separate Sizes

Generally, different-sized materials are stockpiled separately for feeding to an asphalt plant. To minimize segregation in forming a stockpile use numerous small piles or.....

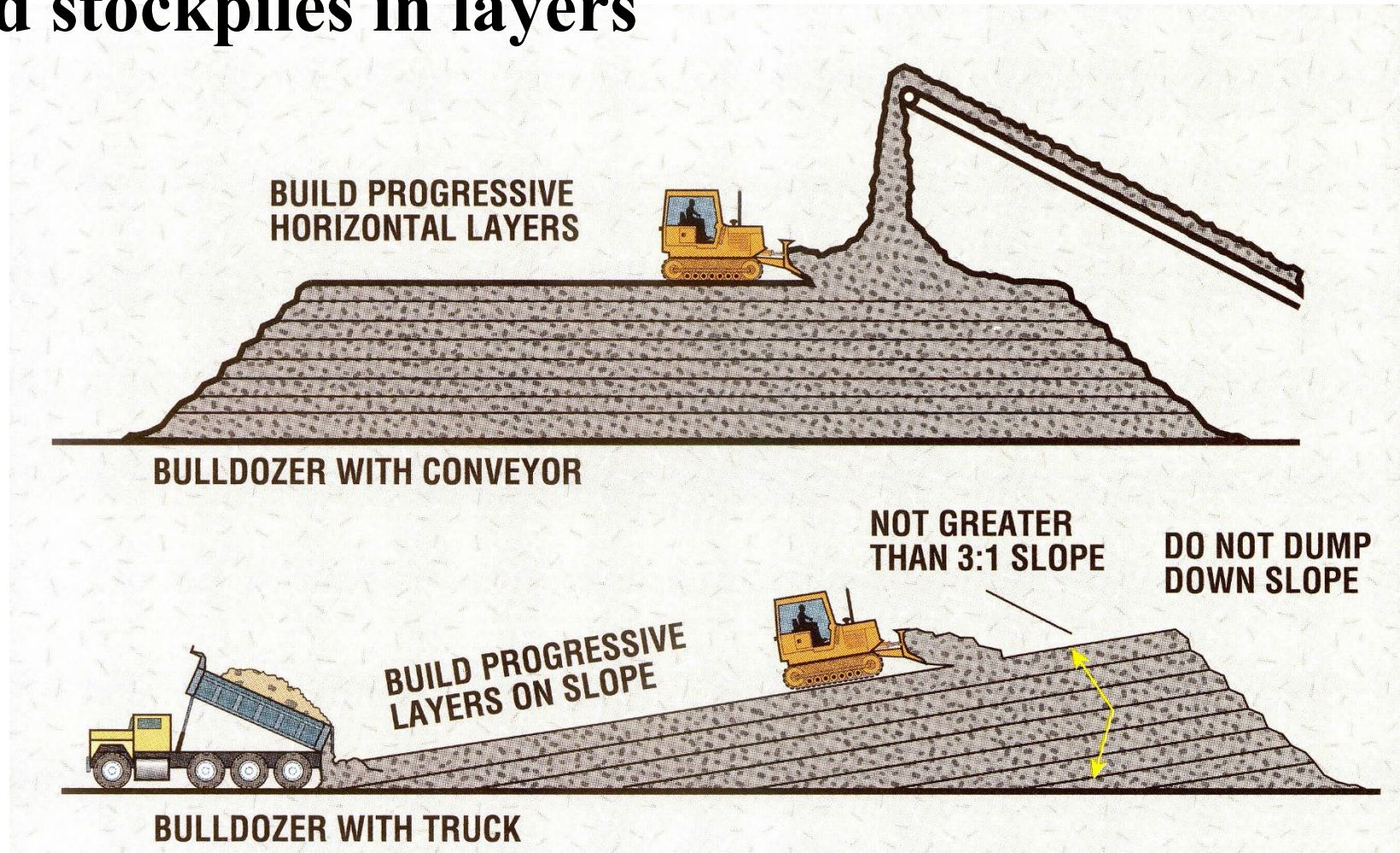
**DUMP AGGREGATES  
IN PILES NOT LARGER  
THAN A TRUCKLOAD**

**MAKE PILES SO THEY STAY  
IN PLACE AND DO NOT ROLL  
DOWN SLOPES**



# How Is It Prevented?

## Stockpiling Build stockpiles in layers



# How Is It Prevented?

## Working the Stockpile

A good front-end operator can take a segregated pile and by working the pile minimize the problem. By the same token, he can take a good pile and mess it up.

Keep the bucket up and don't dig up to prevent contamination)

Every time the loader bucket touches the stockpile, more fine material is produced (as a general rule, 1 percent -#4 sieve)



# How Is It Prevented?

## In Loadout from Stockpile

- Mix the material in stockpile
- Consider three or more vertical cuts around the pile.
- Take loads from each cut
- Use bucket low without touching the ground
- **Push** the bucket into the stockpile and pull upwards (remember coarse material is on the outside and fine material inside)

# Safety around Stockpiles!

## Stockpiles may inhibit visibility around corners!

**Dump truck going over the edge???**

- **Maybe use a berm as visual reference point for operator**
- **Stockpile pad must be clean and sturdy**
- **Make dump area slightly graded for better control (gives better drainage too!)**



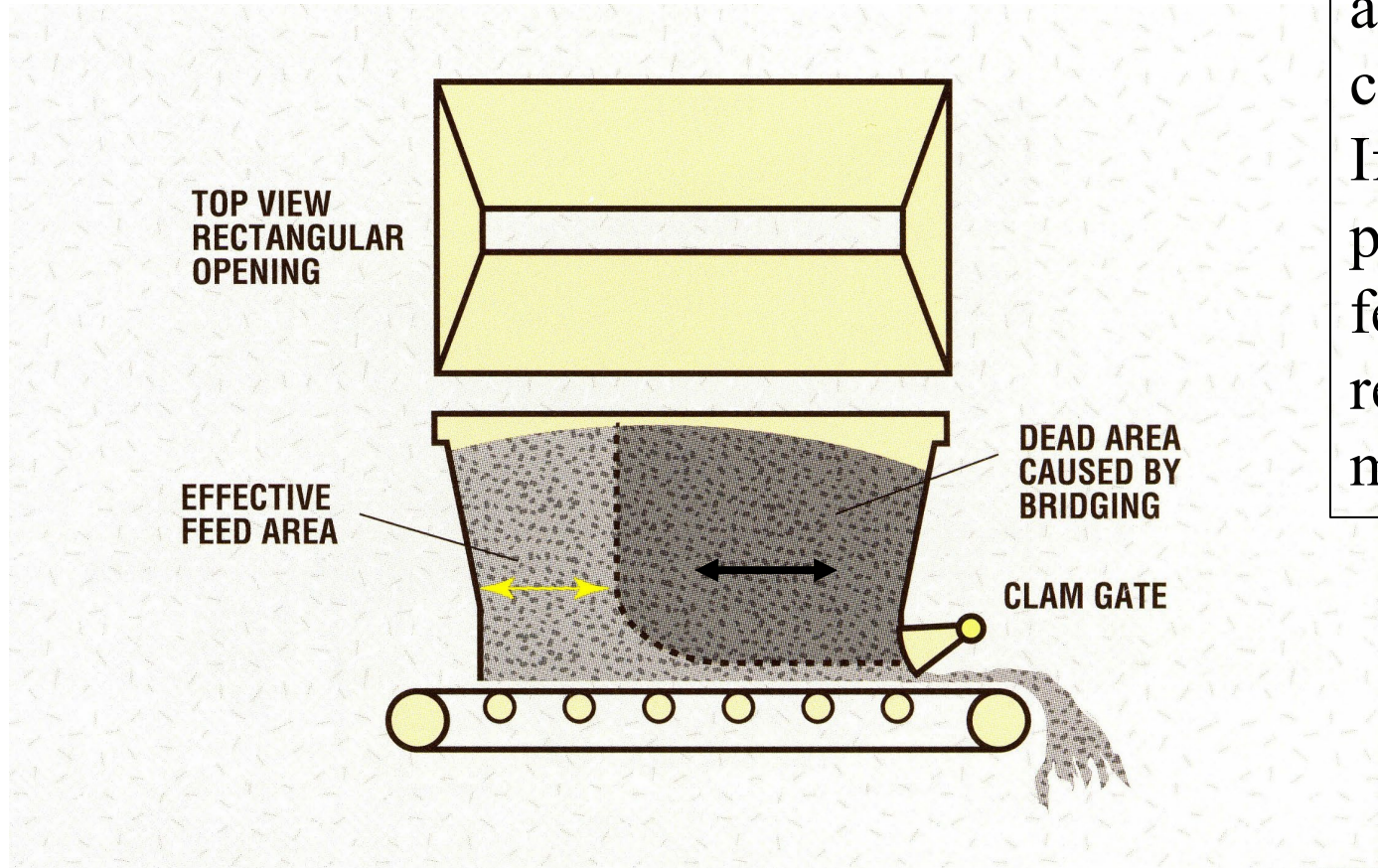
<https://www.worksafenb.ca/hazard-alerts/en/safe-driving-techniques-around-stockpiles.html>

# How Does It Happen?

## In Feeding Cold Feed Bins

- Bridging

Segregation in cold feed bins is usually not a problem unless the aggregate material consists of several sizes. If material bridging takes place non-uniform feeding takes place, resulting in a segregated mix.



# How Is It Prevented?

## In Feeding Cold Feed Bins

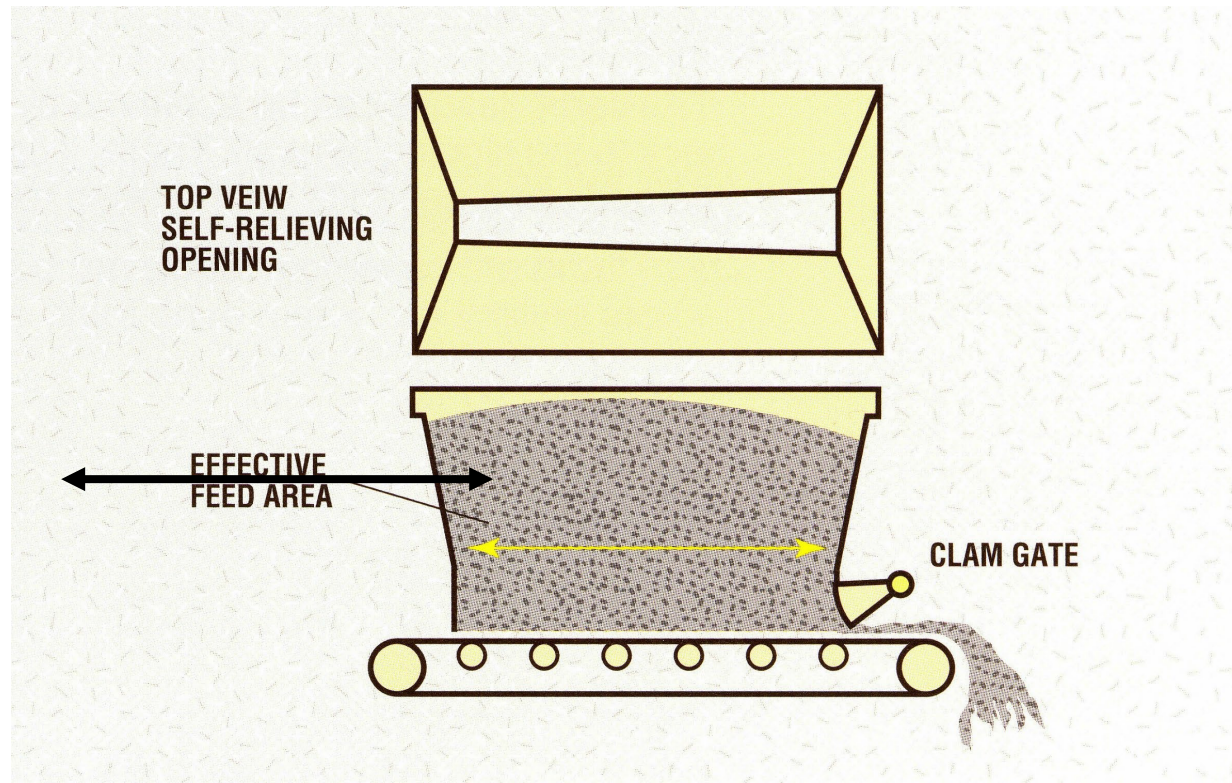
- Reconfigure Opening

Make bin opening variable size

Make bin sides at different angles

Use compressed air to separate the fines from the bin wall

Also, by utilizing a self-relieving bottom, uniform feeding will occur all along the opening of the cold feed bin, eliminating bridging as a source of segregation.

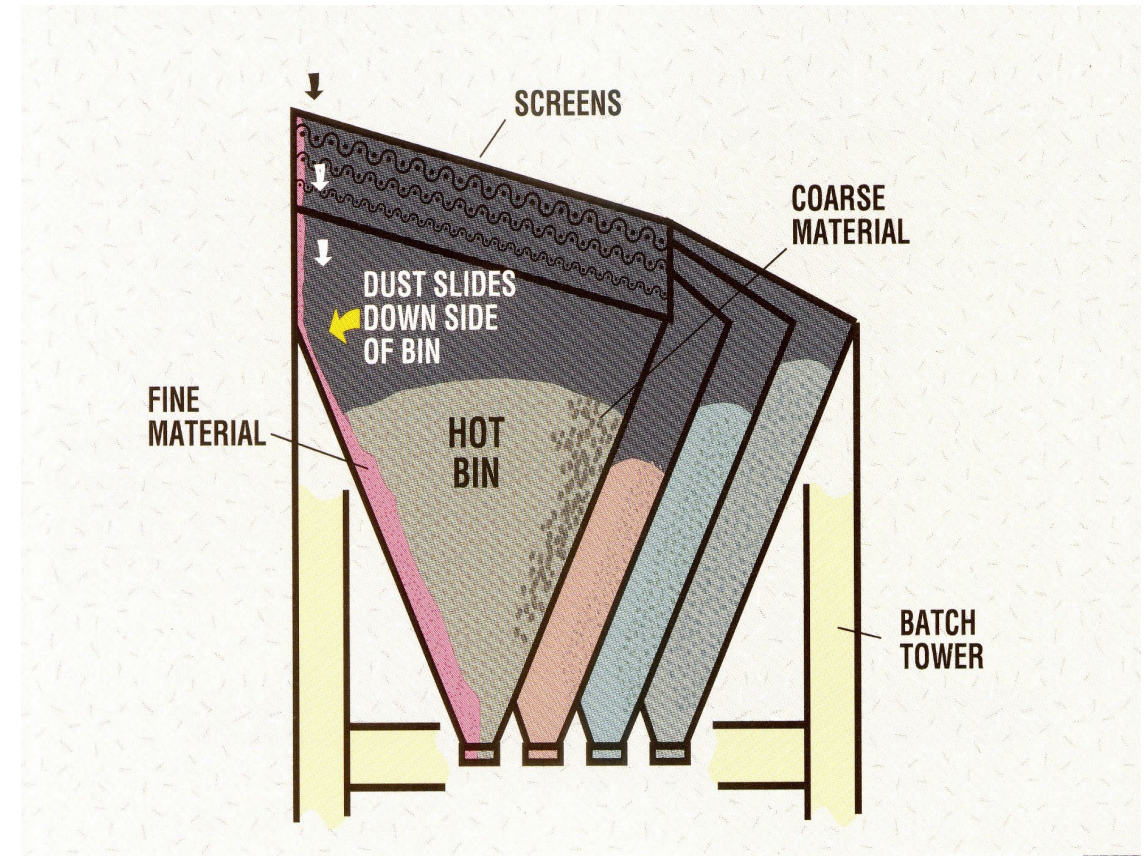


# How Does It Happen?

## In Feeding Hot Bins on a Batch Plant

- Range of Materials
- Size of Bin
- Shape of Bin
- No. 1 Bin

Segregation often occurs in the No.1 hot bin due to the size and shape of the large bin and the wide size range of materials in that bin. The ultra-fine dust may lay on the sloping bin wall and then break loose in large slugs, producing an ultra-fine mix that is segregated and uncoated.



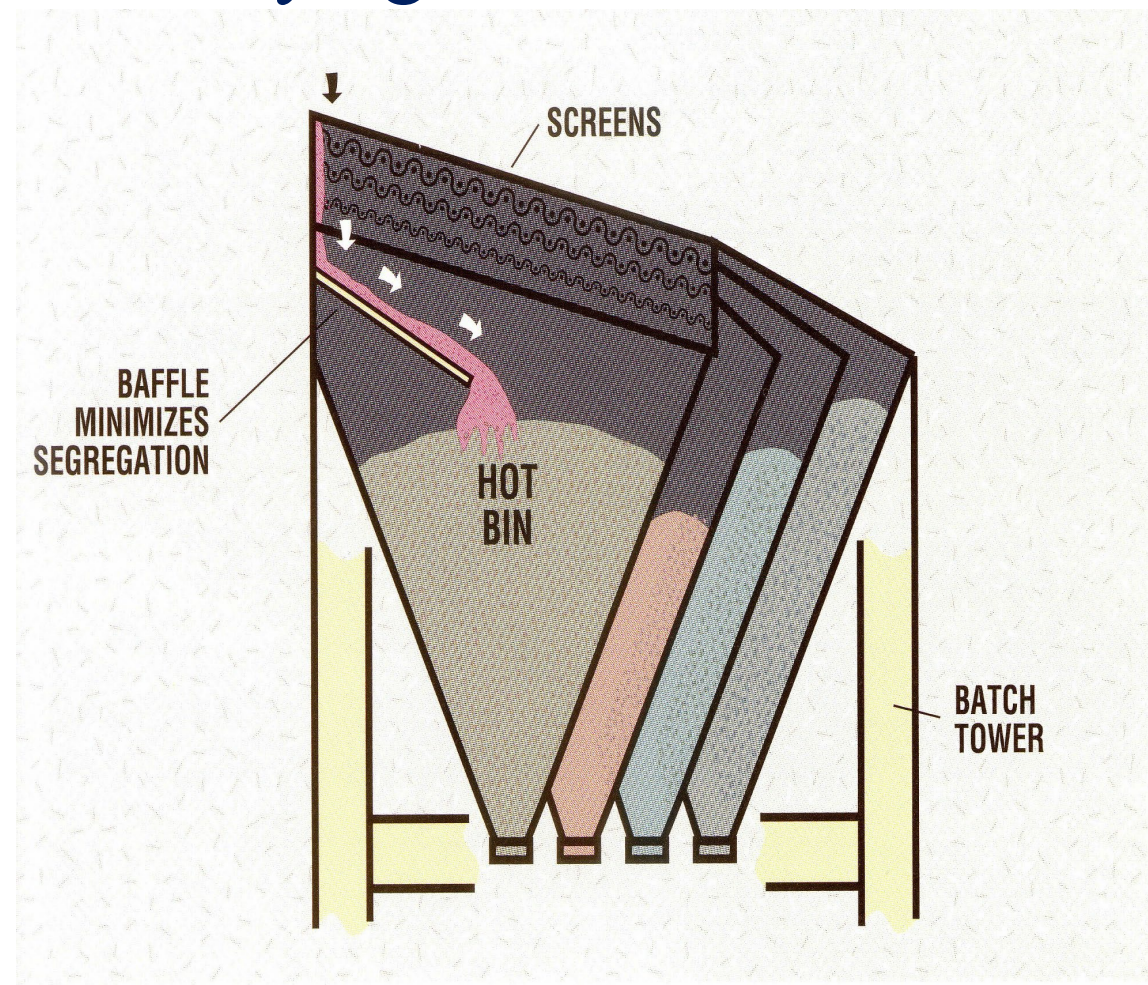


# How Is It Prevented?

## In Feeding Hot Bins on a Batch Plant

- Install Baffle in the hot bin carrying the finest material

The metal plate (baffle) welded part-way across the number one hot bin helps prevent segregation by directing fine material toward the center

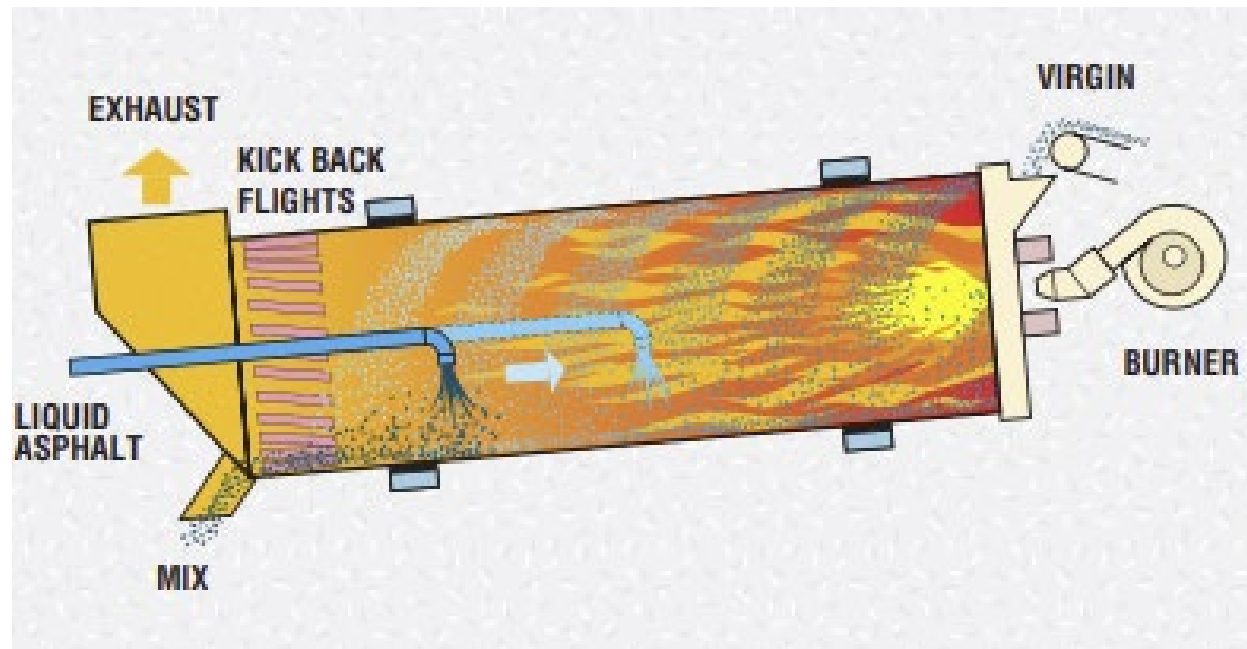


# How Does It Happen?

## In a Drum Mixer

**Mixture speed:** Large Aggregates move faster than Fine Aggregate during initial start up and plant shut-down.

When gap graded mixes are processed in drum mixers, it becomes more difficult to achieve a thorough coating with a uniform thickness. The uncoated or thinly coated coarse materials are more likely to segregate.

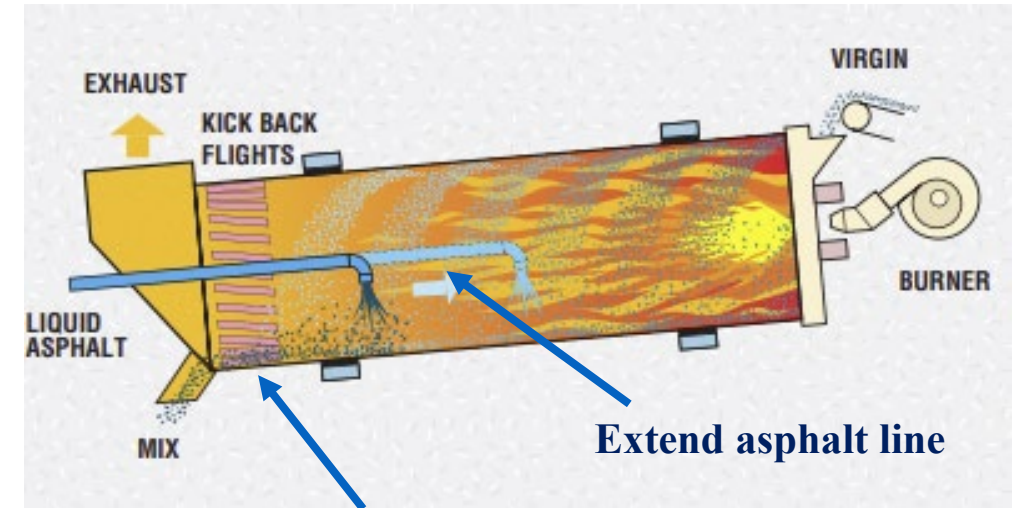


# How Is It Prevented?

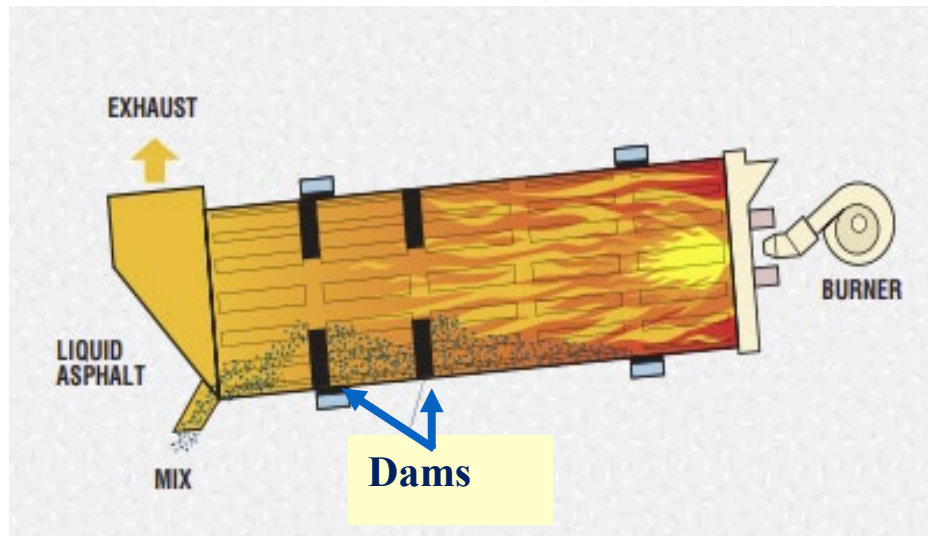
Adjusting the start/stop time intervals between the cold feed bins.

## Increase Mixing Time

- Kick-back flights
- Extend asphalt line
- Install a dam (donut)



Kick-back flights

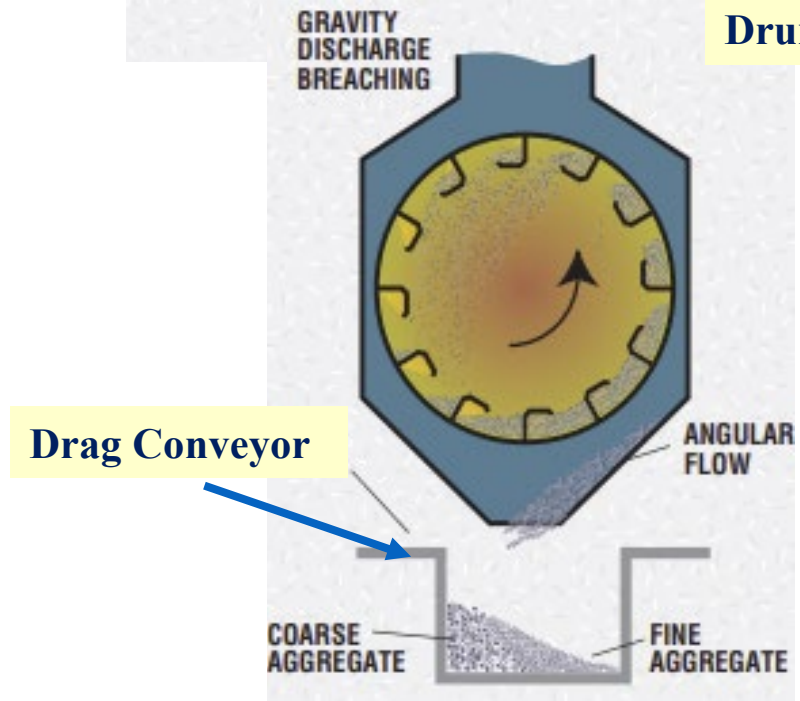
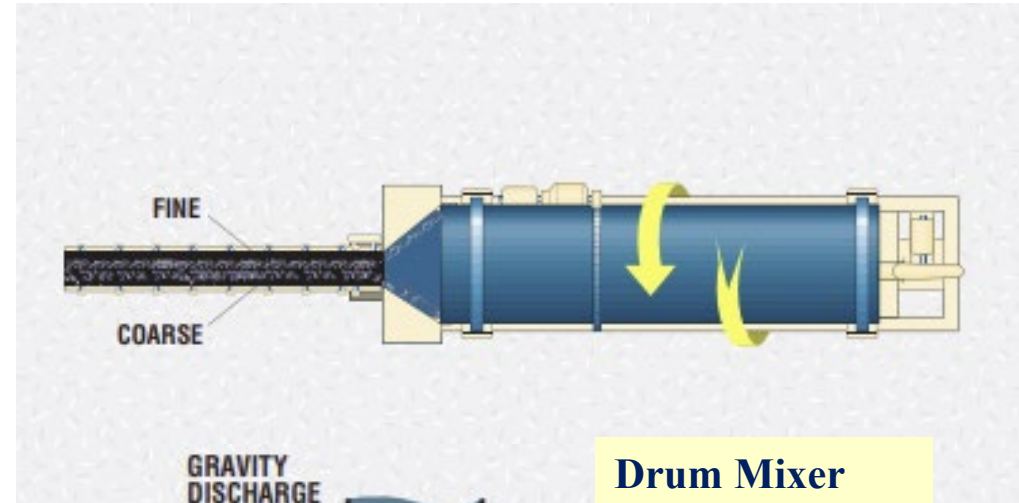


# How Does It Happen?

## In a Drum Mixer

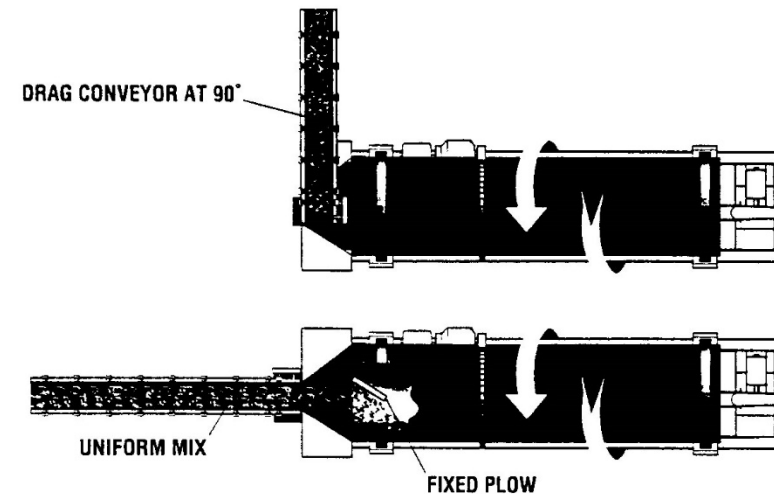
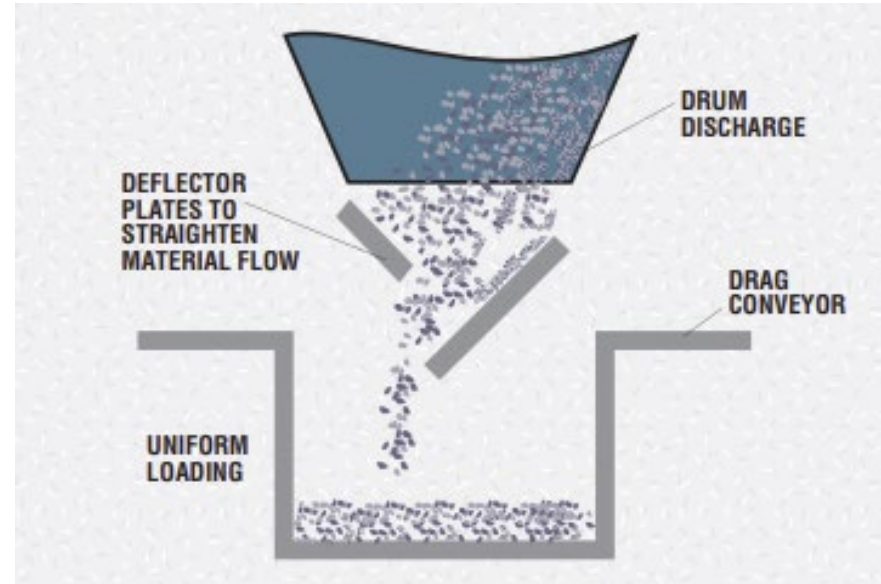
Coarse Material discharges to one side and fine Material to the other side

Mix discharged from drums by gravity feed is more sensitive than mix discharged from drums with a high lift where the material is required to make a 90-degree turn prior to discharge. The segregated material drops directly on a drag conveyor and continues to segregate right on through the plant.



# How Is It Prevented?

- **Deflector Plates**
- **Discharge at 90-degree angle**
- **Install a Plow**



# How Is It Prevented?

**See previous slide:**

The problem can be improved by restricting the discharge chute from the drum to a smaller opening, forcing the mix into the center of the drag conveyor. Adding deflector plates or straightening vanes is also an effective way to ensure the drag conveyor is properly loaded. Another solution is to install a plow or single discharge point in the drum forcing the mix to come out at one point. However, it is difficult to design and install an effective plow on most from drum mixer. When possible, it is best to set the drag conveyor at a 90-degree angle to the drum discharge to create a right-angle change in material flow. This setting reduces or eliminates drum discharge segregation.

# How Does It Happen?

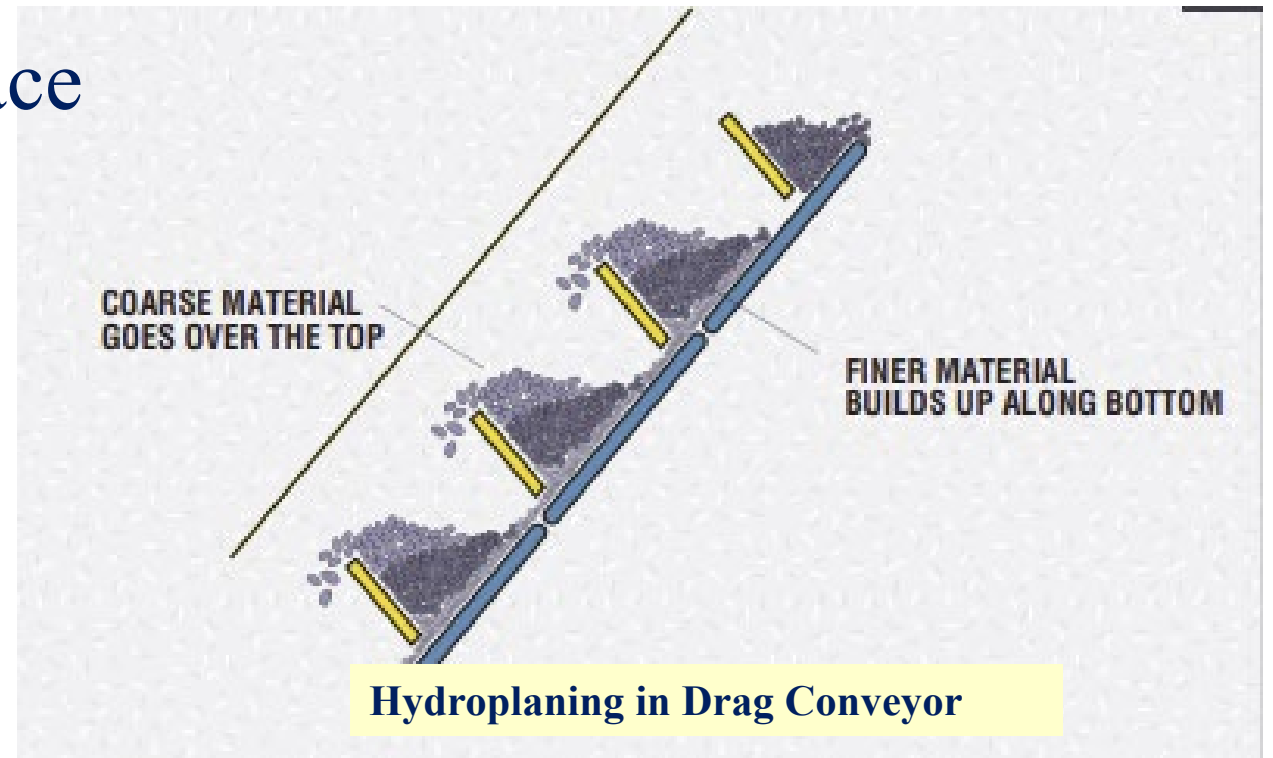
## Filling Surge and Storage Bins

- Drag Conveyor
- Rotating Chute
- Bin Loading Batchers

# How Does It Happen?

## Drag Conveyors

- Hydroplaning (material buildup at bottom of the conveyor) – startup issue (cold)
- High Friction Drag Surface
- Partially Full





# How Does it Happen?

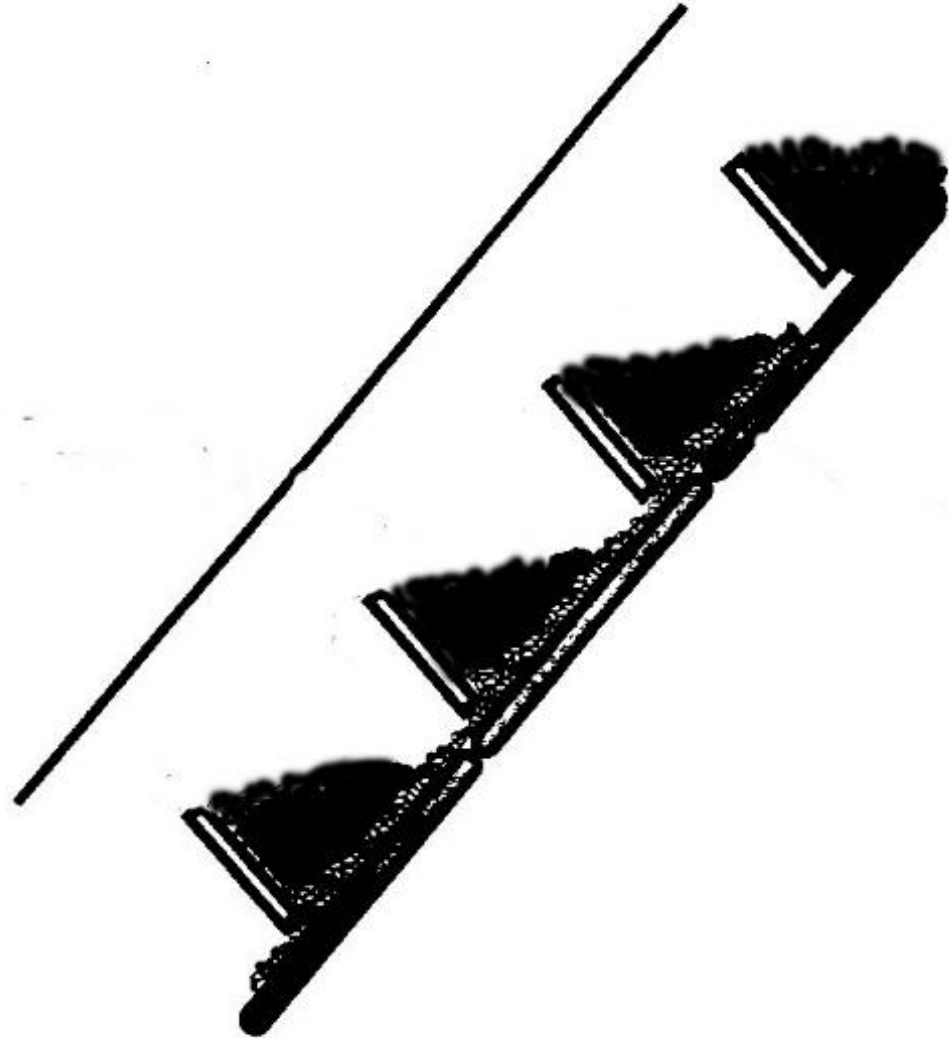
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Segregation will usually not occur in a drag conveyor unless it is “hydroplaning”. Hydroplaning occurs as a result of material build up in the bottom of the drag conveyor. Cold conveyors that do not have floating hold-downs are prone to build-up on the bottom liners. The build-up creates a high friction drag surface that results in material spilling backwards over the drag flights, even at very low production rates. This condition is easily observed. Material falls backward down the drag conveyor instead of moving uniformly in one mass with full material from flight-to-flight.

# How Is It Prevented?

## Drag Conveyors Equipped with

- Floating hold downs
- Heated bottoms
- Full slats



# How Is It Prevented?

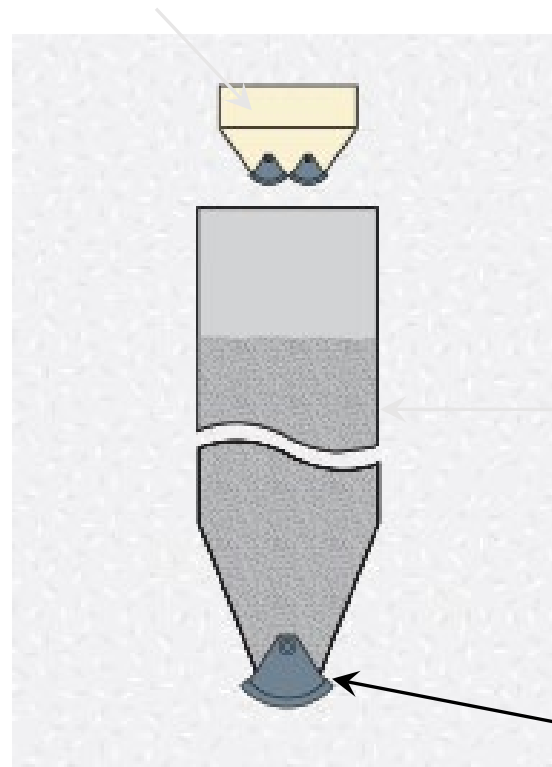
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Drag conveyors should be equipped with floating hold downs and heated bottoms for cold start-ups. Segregation is minimized when the drag conveyor is as full as possible. When the slats are only partially filled, the large aggregate is apt to roll to each side within the drag conveyor. It is better to run at higher production rates to keep the drag conveyor full. When producing a segregation prone mix at production rates higher than the rate used by paving operations, store the extra mix.

# How Does It Happen?

## In Loading Storage or Surge Bins

- **Batcher**



- **Rotating Chute**



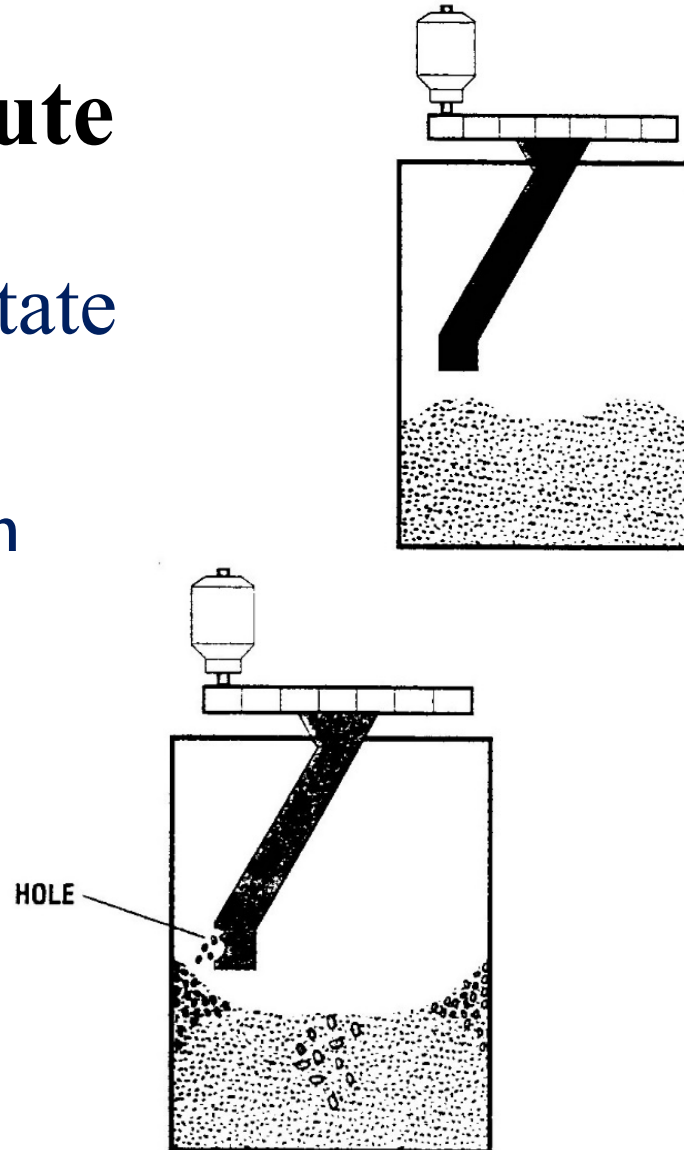
Bin

Clamshell Gate

# How Is It Prevented?

## Rotating Chute

- Must Rotate
- Not worn

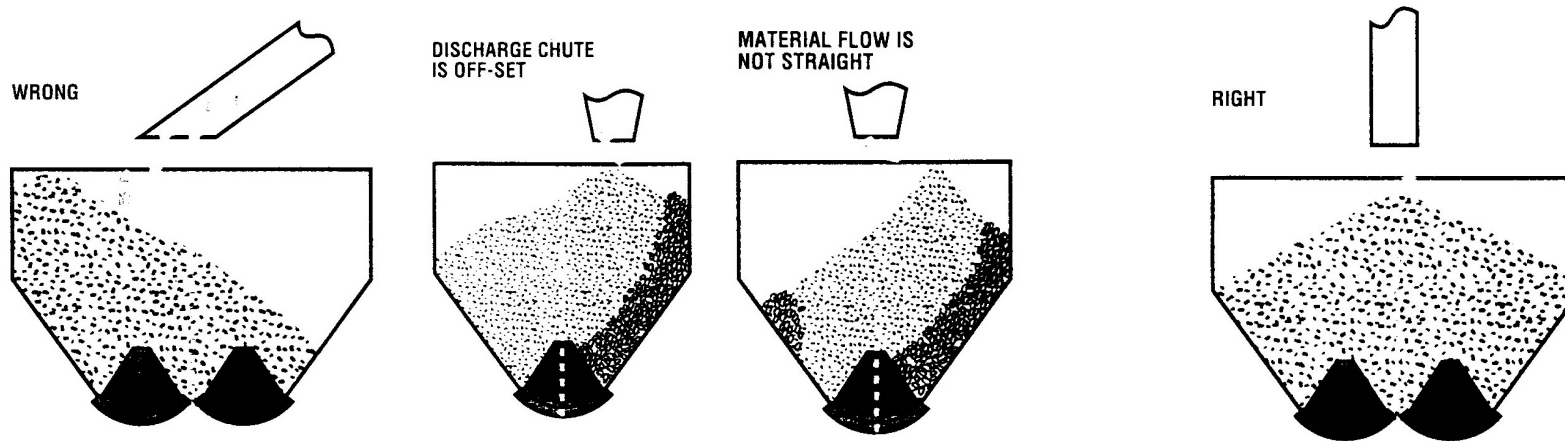


It is essential that the rotating chute does actually rotate and that the material dropping from the chute turns directly downward. When the chute gets older and the end wears out, considerable segregation can occur.

# How Is It Prevented?

## Batcher: Load the

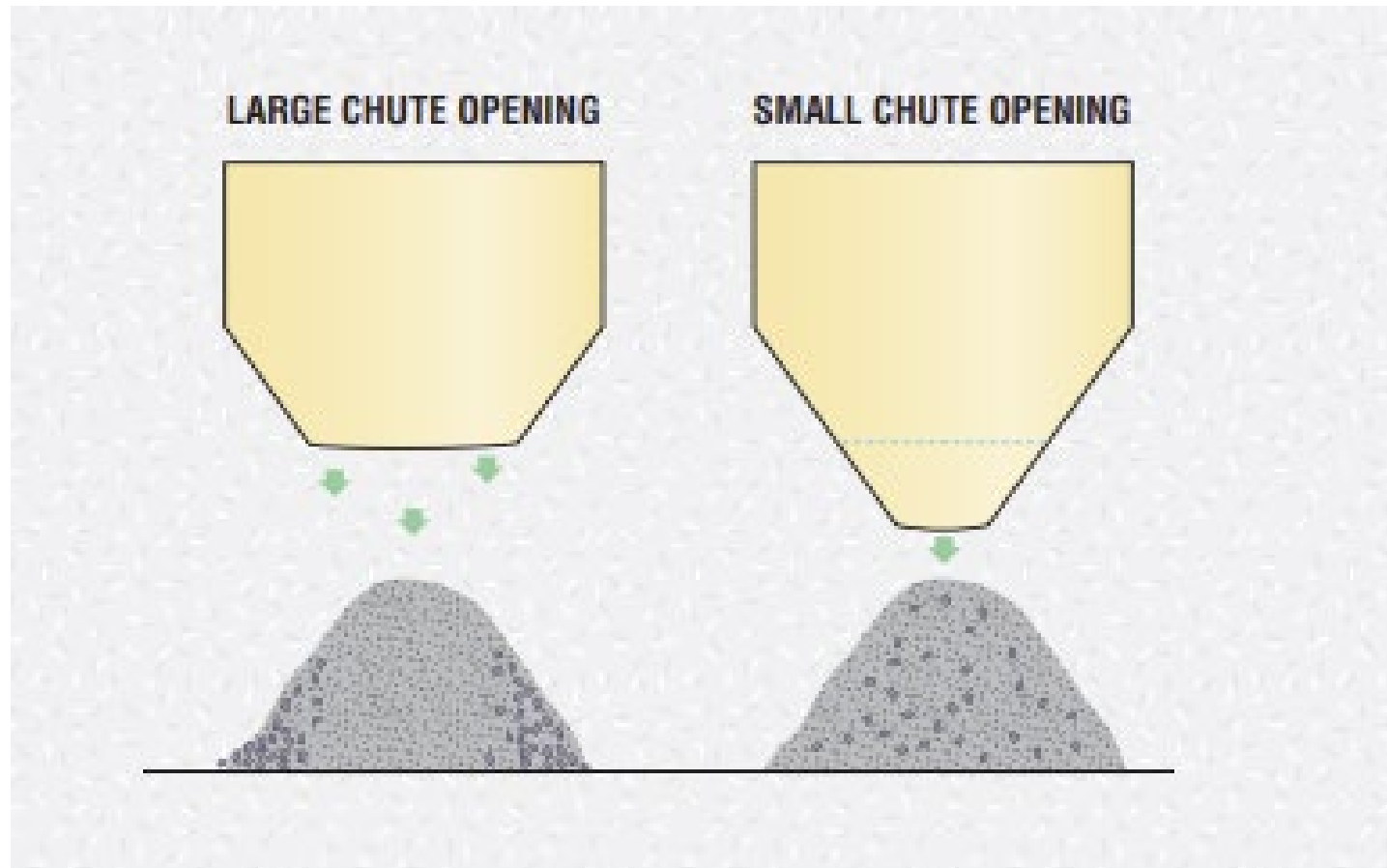
- Loaded in Center
- Filled to Capacity before each drop



The batcher should be filled to its maximum capacity (at least 5000 lbs.) and a relatively large diameter gate opening to insure rapid discharge into the storage bin. The batcher must be loaded directly in the center and the material should have no horizontal trajectory.

# How Is It Prevented?

**Batcher:** A smaller chute opening minimizes segregation



# The Rules for Correct Batcher Operation

## Batcher Rules

1. Batch size should be at least 5000 lbs.
2. Batcher should be loaded in the center.
3. Material should flow straight down into the batcher.
4. Batcher gate timers should be adjusted so that gates shut with 6-8 inches of material left in batcher. Do not allow any free flow through the batcher.
5. Batcher should be maintained so that the mix drops out rapidly as a slug.
6. Do not keep material level consistently near the top.



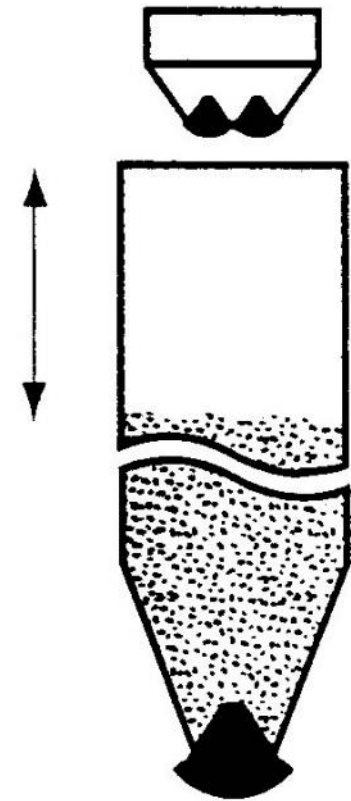
# How Does It Happen?

## In Loading from a Surge or Storage Bin

**Bins: the most sensitive areas for segregation in asphalt plant**

With gap-graded material, material should not be allowed to drop below the cone.

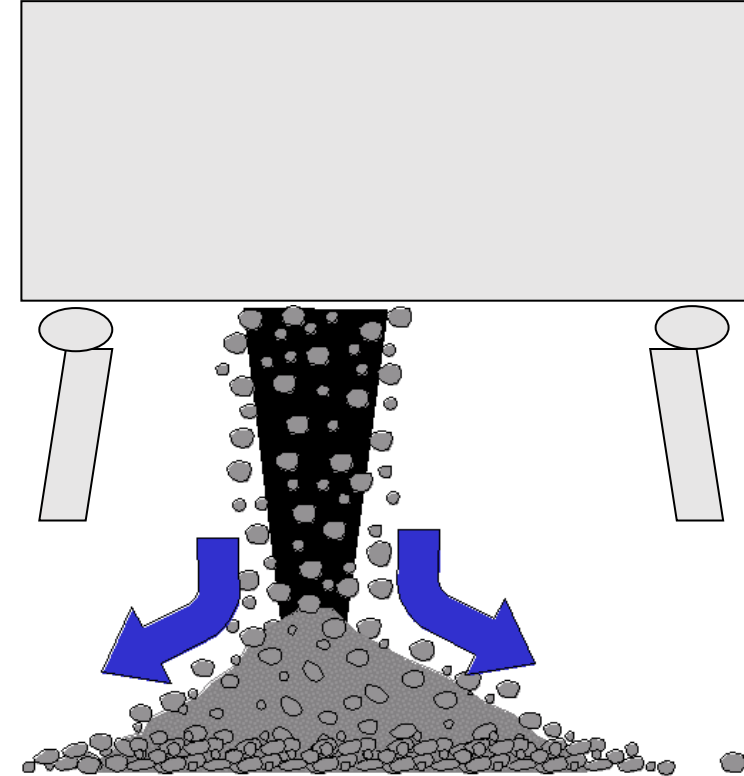
BIN LEVEL AFFECTS  
DROP DISTANCE AND  
MOMENTUM OF  
DROPPED MATERIAL



# How Is It Prevented?

## Rapid Discharge

Rapid discharge from the silo gate. In cold weather, bins should be insulated, at least on the cone.

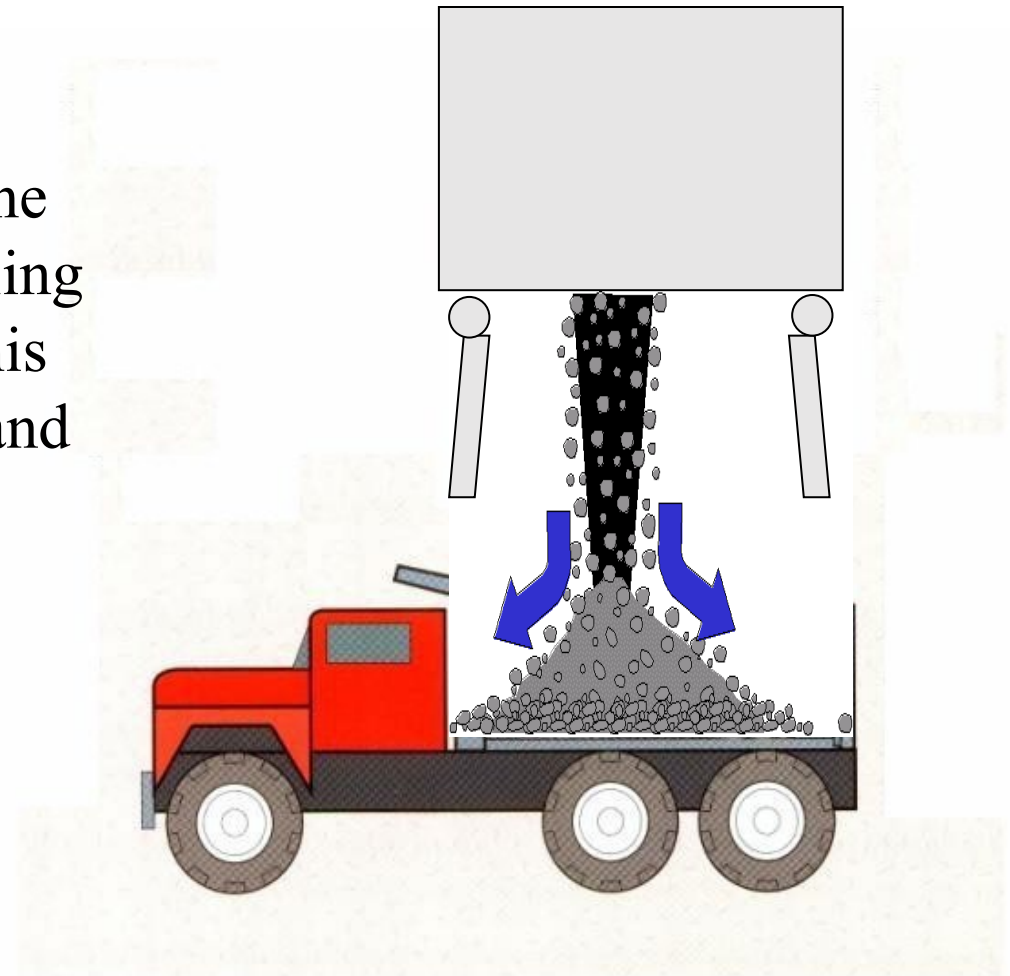


# How Does It Happen?

## In Loading the Truck

- Dribbling the material

Segregation can be caused by not loading the truck in mass, but rather loading it by trickling or dribbling the material into the truck. This will cause the larger aggregate to separate and fall into the truck first.

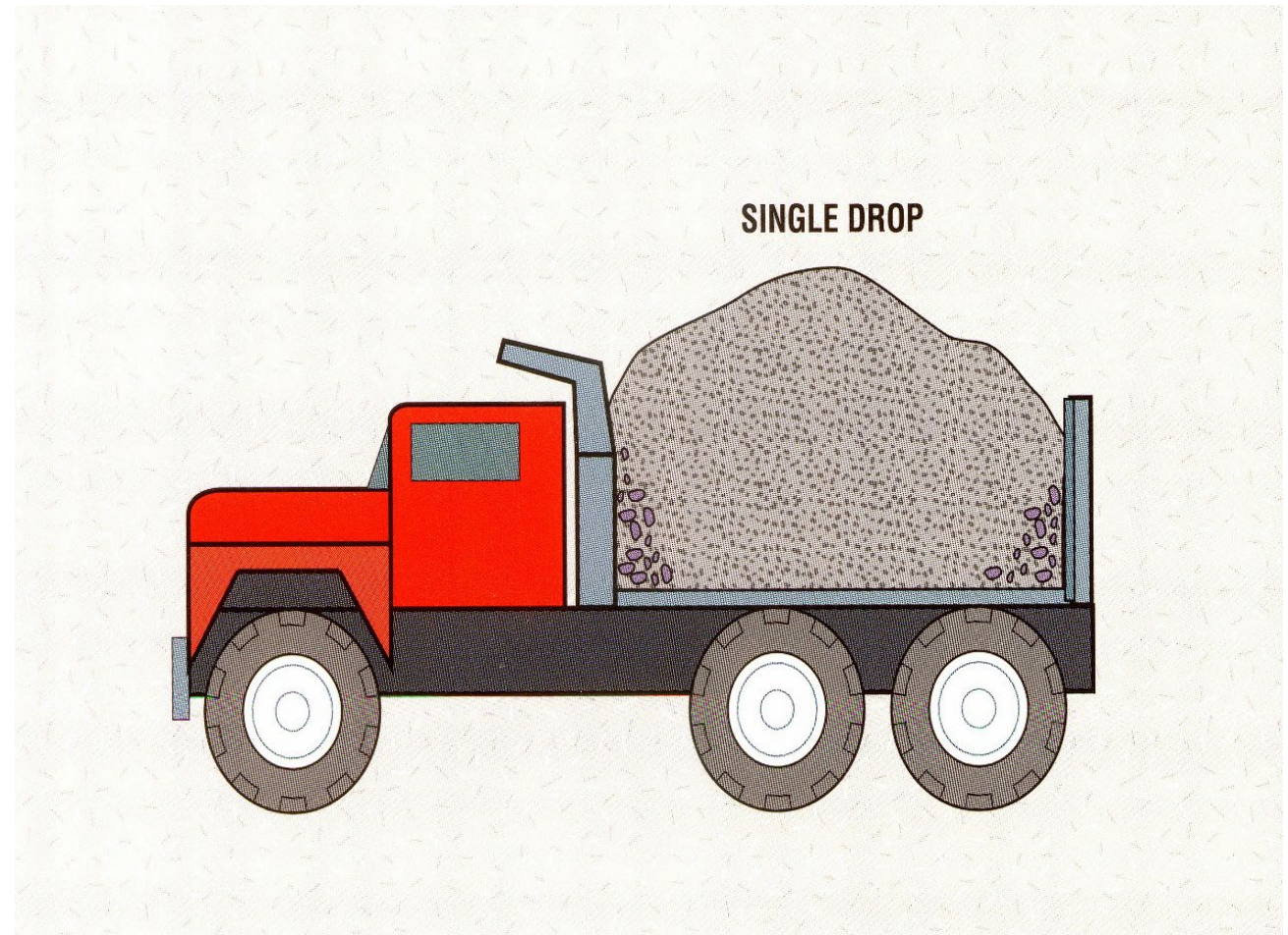


# How Does It Happen?

## In Loading the Truck

- Single Drop

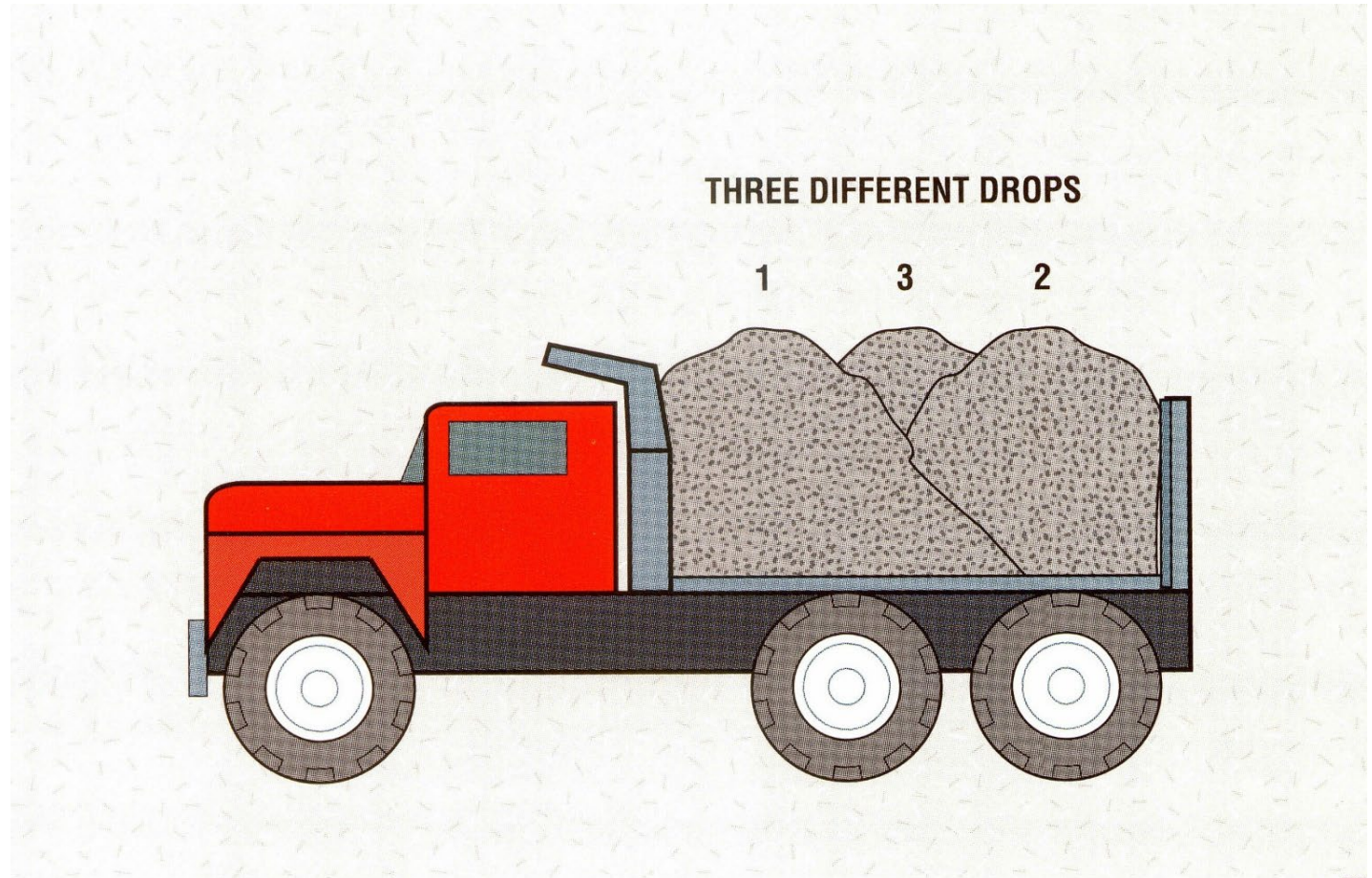
Single drop will cause the larger stones to roll to the front of the truck, to the rear, and to the side, resulting in the coarse material being the first and last material to be discharged from the truck bed.



# How Is It Prevented?

## In Loading the Truck

- Three Drops
  - first drop: very near the front,
  - second drop: very close to the tail gate, and
  - third drop: in the center

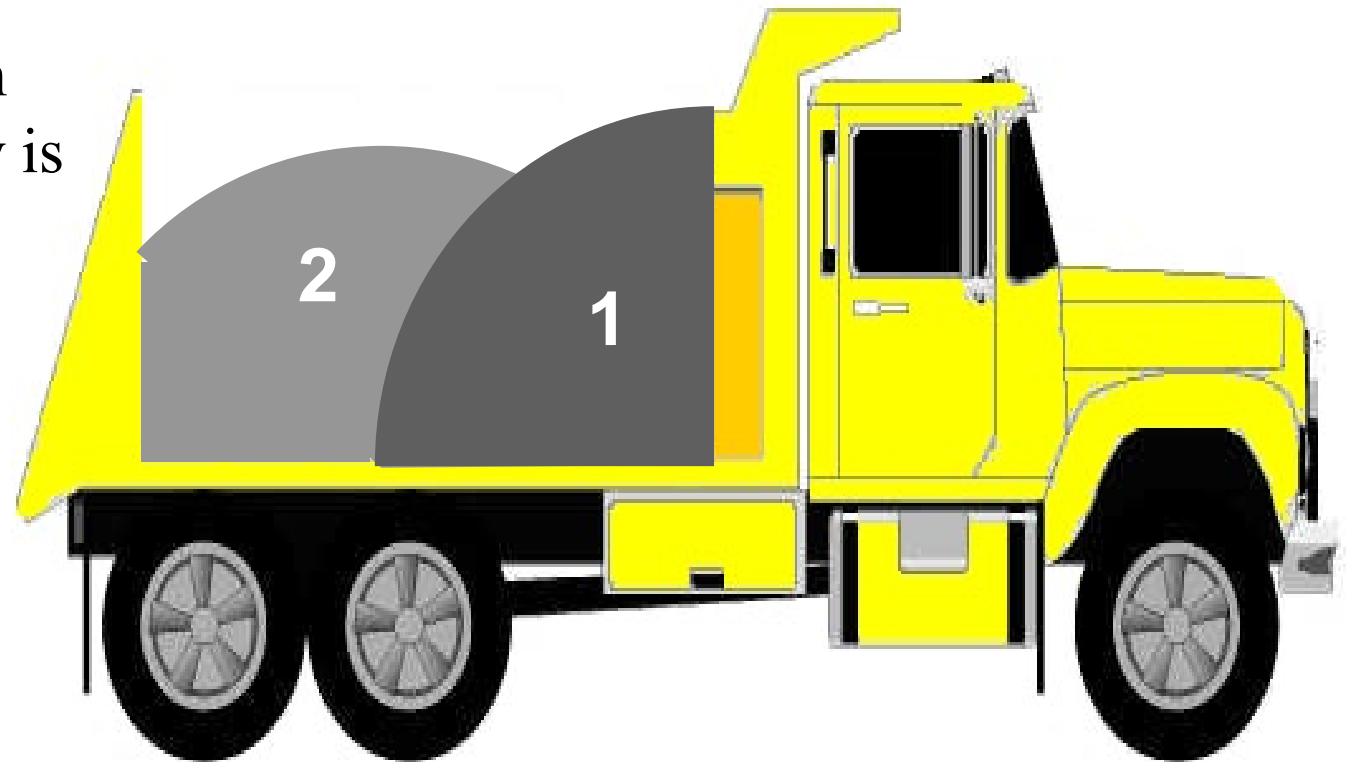


# How Is It Prevented?

## In Loading the Truck

- Two Drops

Two drops could be used when the truck is small, and capacity is limited.



# Segregation Trouble Shooting



- **What is Wrong?**

# Segregation Source And Cause



- **Nothing!**
- **This is one beautiful mat.**



# So, we discussed

- What Is Segregation?
- How Does It Happen?
- How Can It Be Prevented?
- What Action Needs To Be Taken?
- How Does Segregation Affect Pavement?



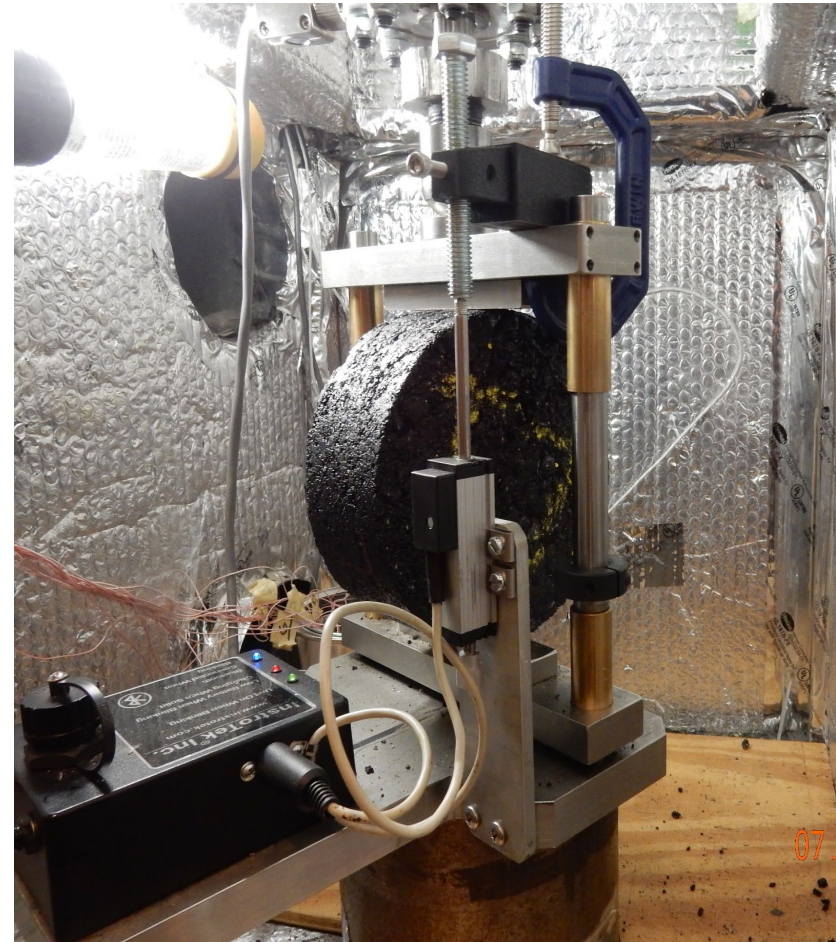
*Thank You!*

# Performance Tests for Asphalt Mixes

## Asphalt Plant Technician Certification



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Course  
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# Discussion Topics

- **Background**
- **Testing Modes**
- **A Review of Performance Tests**
- **Results & Observations**

# What is Performance Test for Asphalt?

## Performance Test or Performance Based Test

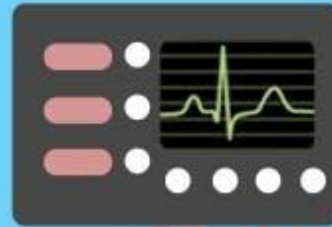
A Quantitative Mechanical Test  
to Measure **Performance** of the Mix  
as Related to Field Performance

Testing is integral to our QC Plans  
but not all tests are performance tests.

# Have you done a stress test lately?

Performance  
Test...

## What is a Treadmill Stress Test?



*A treadmill stress test determines the working nature of your heart when it is made to go under pressure.*

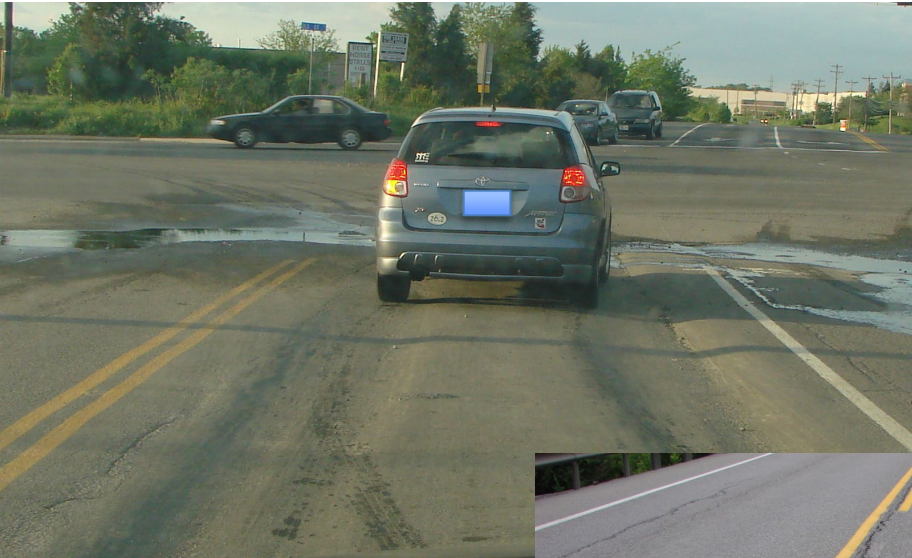
For More Information:  
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# Asphalt Concrete LABORATORY PERFORMANCE TESTS

## Is Your Mix Good and Healthy?

- **Permanent Deformation (Rutting)** ✓
- **Moisture Induced Damage** ?
- **Low Temperature Cracking** ?
- **Fatigue Cracking** ?

# Field Performance (Pavement Distresses)





# Design/Place A Mix that Does Not



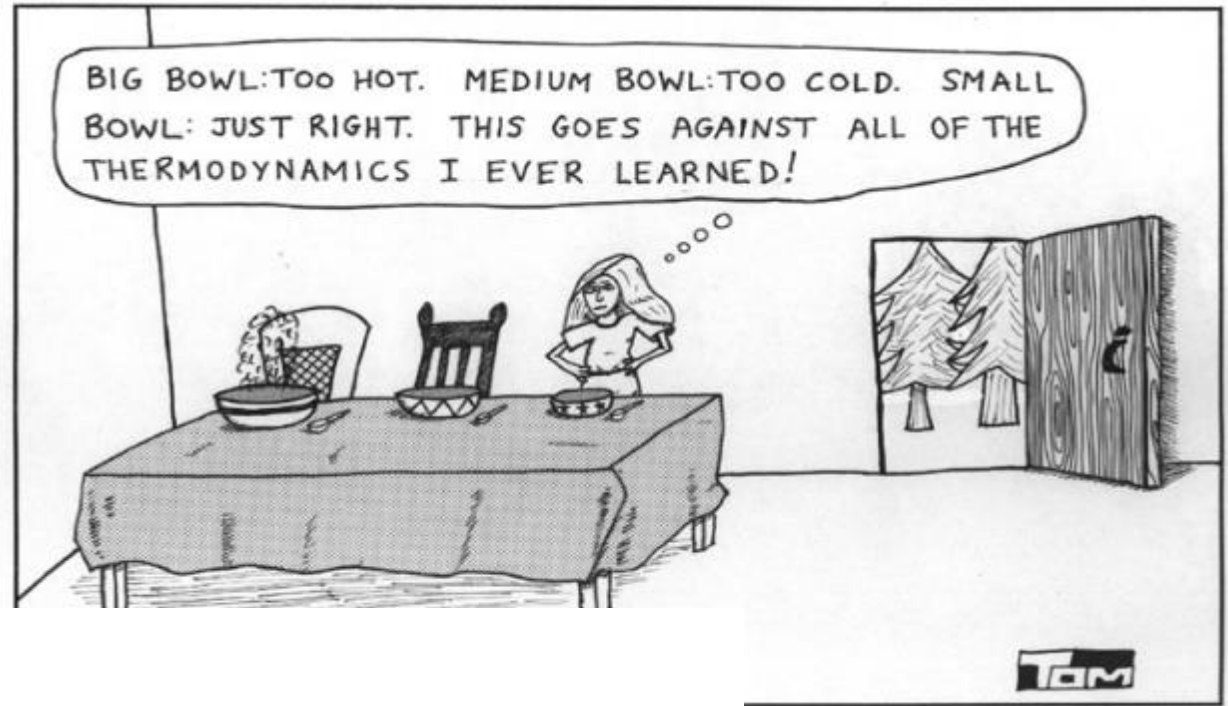
**RUT**

**CRACK**

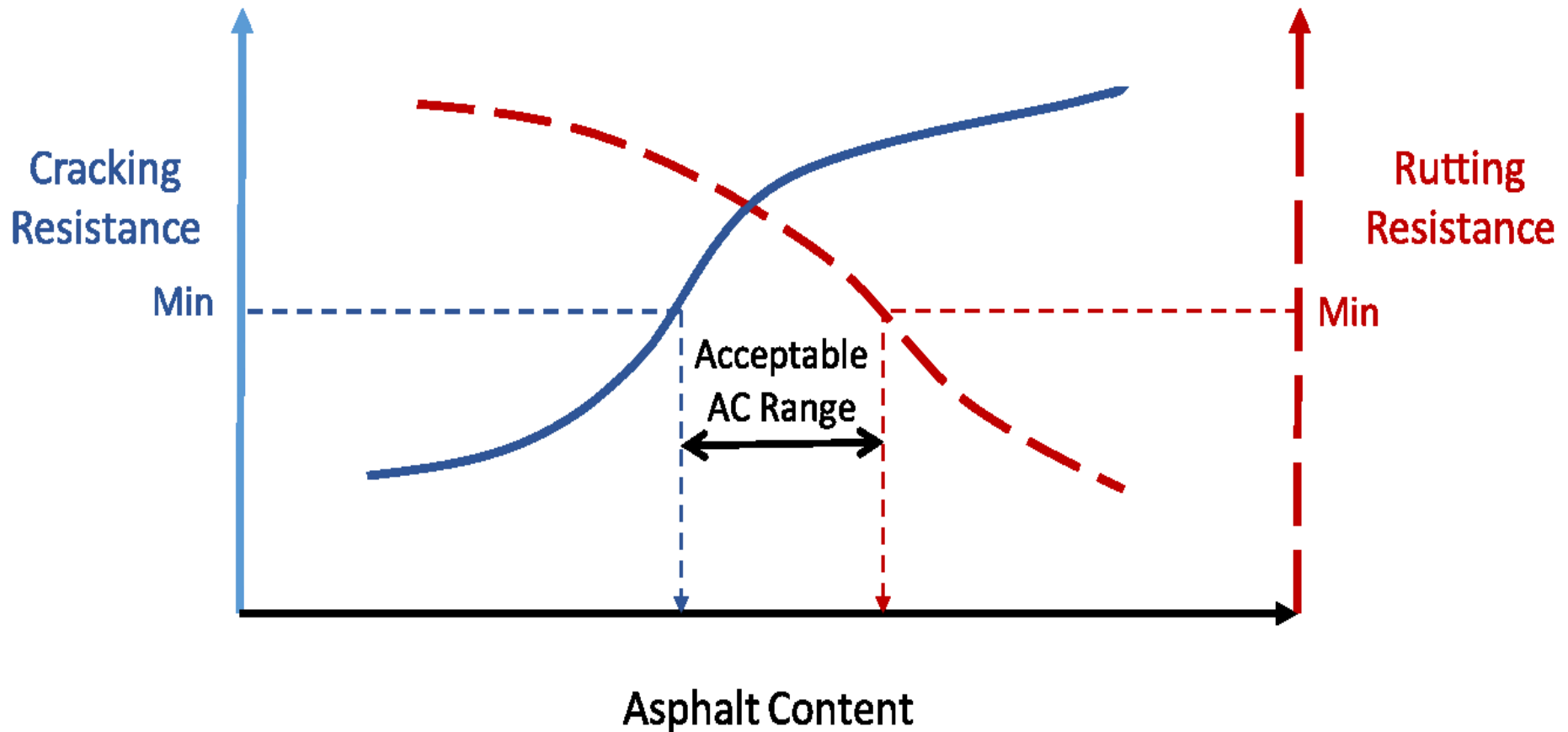


# Balanced Mix Design

## The Goldilocks Principle



# Balanced Asphalt Mix Design



# LABORATORY PERFORMANCE TESTS

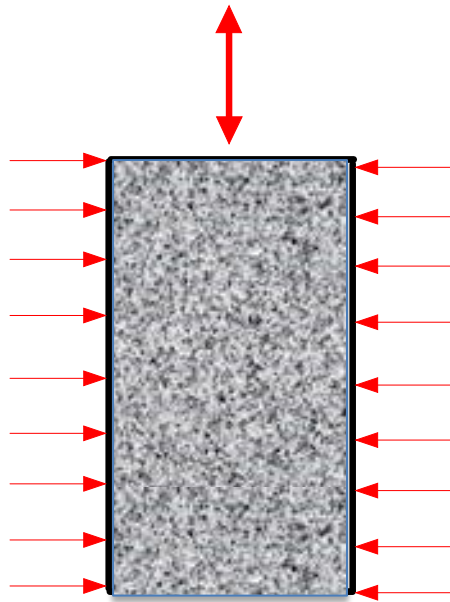
## Modes of Testing

# Loading Modes

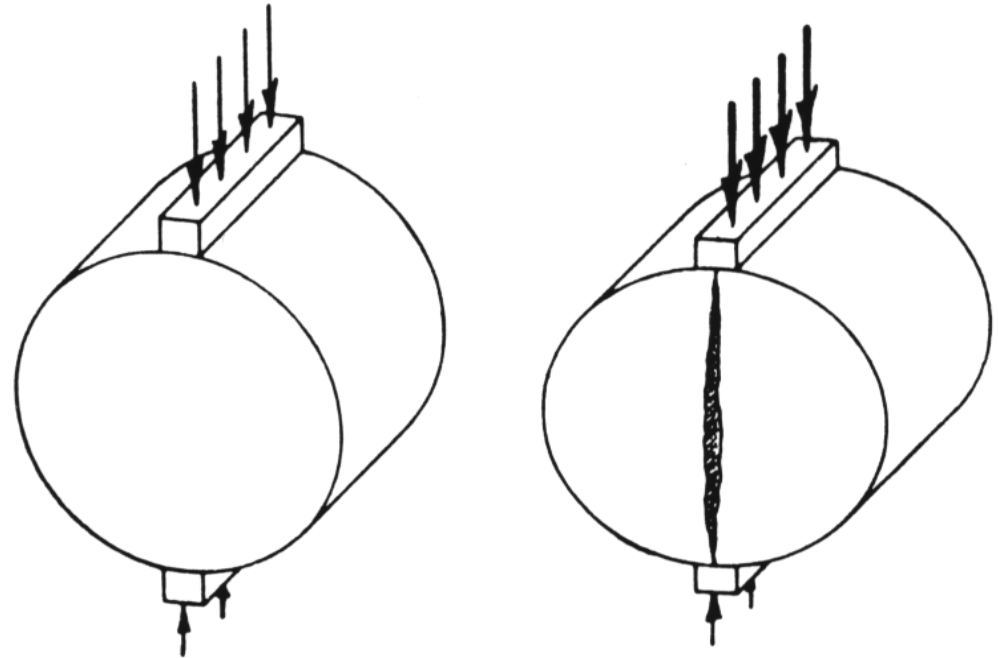
- Uniaxial Compression
- Uniaxial Direct Tension
- Indirect Tension
- Triaxial Compression
- Shear
- Flexure

# Laboratory Tests on Asphalt Concrete

## Triaxial Test

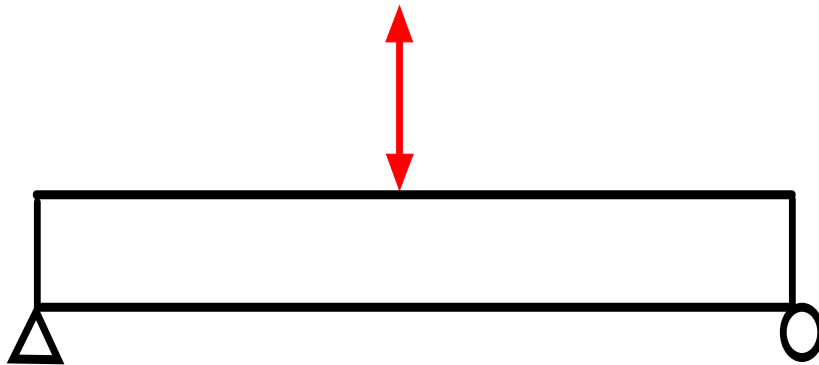
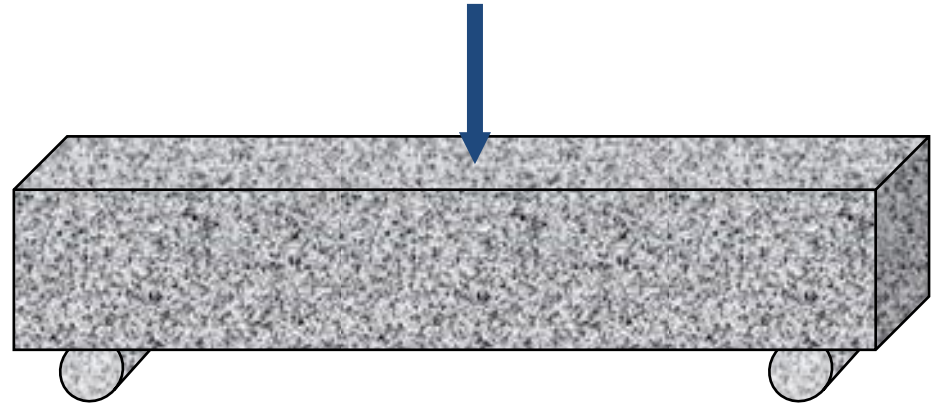


## Indirect Tensile Test

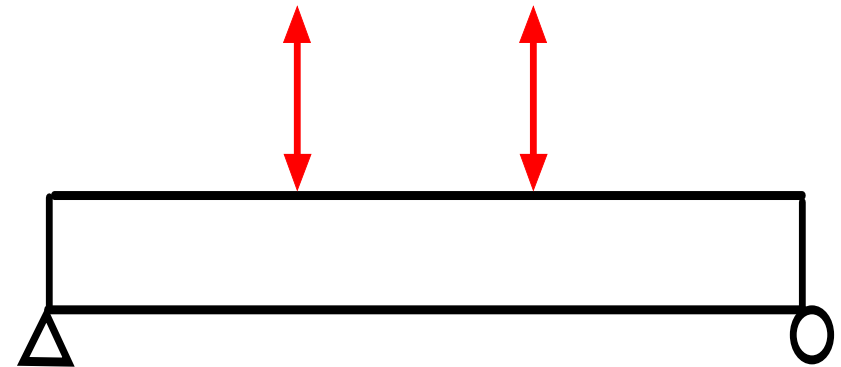


# Laboratory Tests on Asphalt Concrete

## Flexural Beam Test



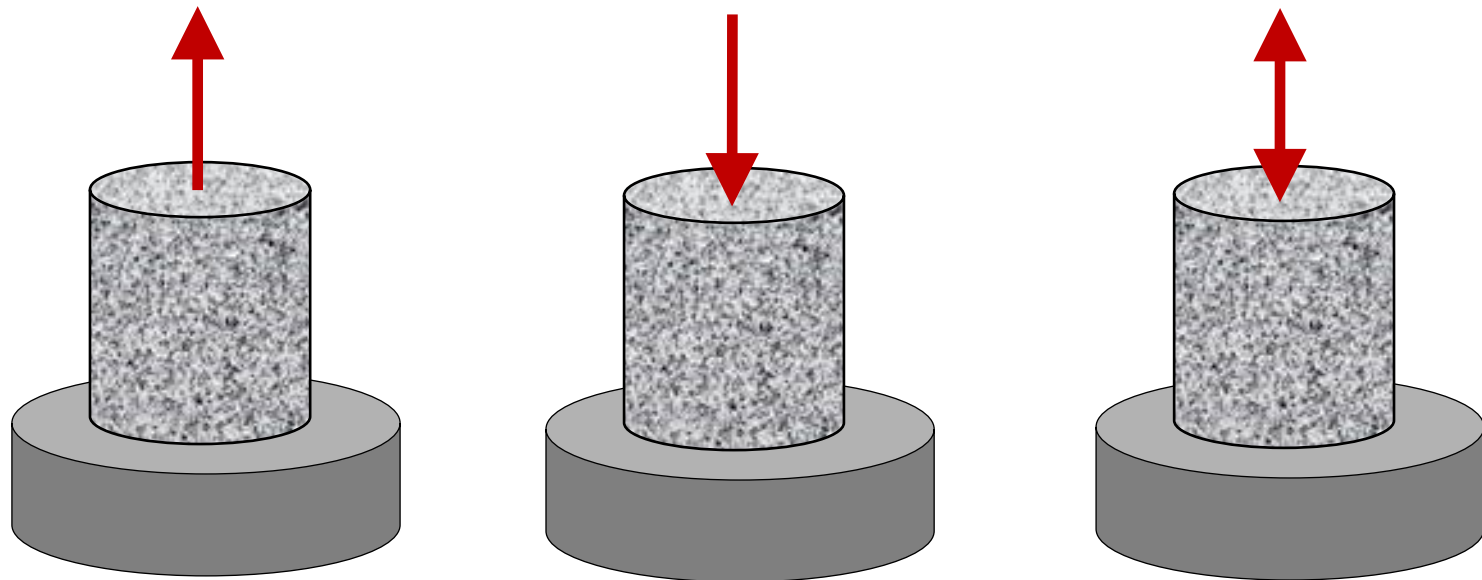
**3-Point Bending Test**



**4-Point Bending Test**

# Laboratory Tests on Asphalt Concrete

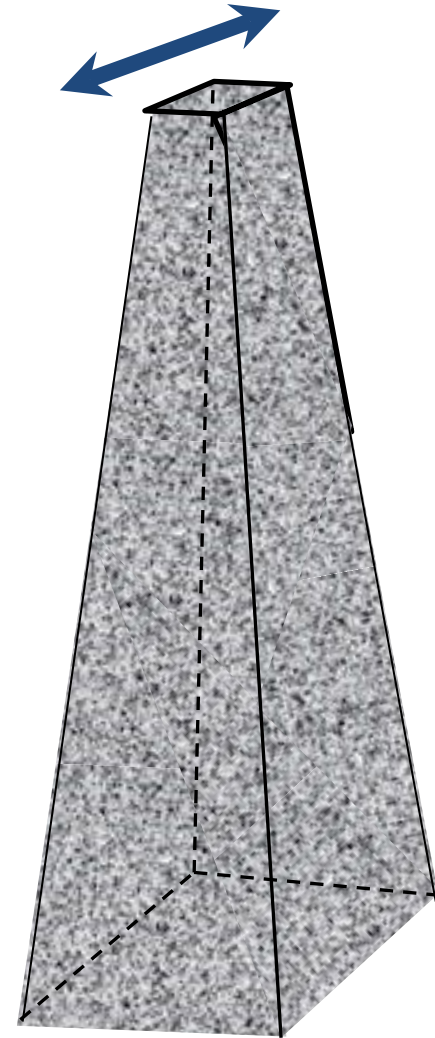
- **Uniaxial Tension**
- **Uniaxial Compression**
- **Cyclic Uniaxial Tension/Compression**





# Laboratory Tests on Asphalt Concrete

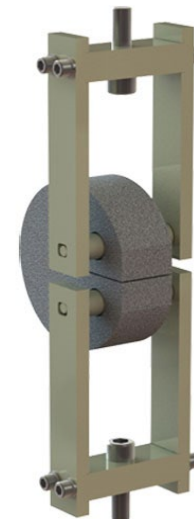
European Standard Test



# Lab Scale Tests

## Monotonic Tests

- Indirect Tensile
- Semi-Circular Beam
- Disk-Shaped Compact Tension



## Cyclic Tests

- Four Point Bending Beam
- Indirect Tensile
- Uniaxial Push-Pull
- Texas Overlay



# How Old is Performance Testing of Asphalt Mixtures?

Very Old,  
Almost 100 years.

# Preliminary Roads (No Performance Test)



John McAdam introduced compacted stone surface in 1815.



A Macadam Road  
1850s, California

# First Asphalt Roads (No Performance Test)

- First Modern Asphalt Road, 1858, Paris
- First Compacted Asphalt Pavement, 1869, London
- First Asphalt Roadway in US, 1870, Newark, NJ

# Rational Approach to Designing Asphalt

## Charles Hubbard and Frederick Field (mid-1920s) Hubbard Field Method of Design

- 2 inches Specimens compacted with a hand rammer.
- 6-inch specimens compacted with two different rammers. (Modified)
- First 30 “heavy blows” with the 2-inch rammer followed by 30 blows with a 5.75-inch rammer. Do both sides
- The specimen placed in a 10,000-pound load compression machine
- allowed to cool in a cold-water bath under compression
- Hubbard Field stability: Specimen squeezed through a ring slightly smaller than the specimen
- Design based on Air Void and Stability

# Rational Approach to Designing Asphalt



Introduced by Francis Hveem of California  
DOT in mid 1920's

# Hveem Mix Design (includes Performance Test)



Kneading Compactor



Hveem Stabilometer

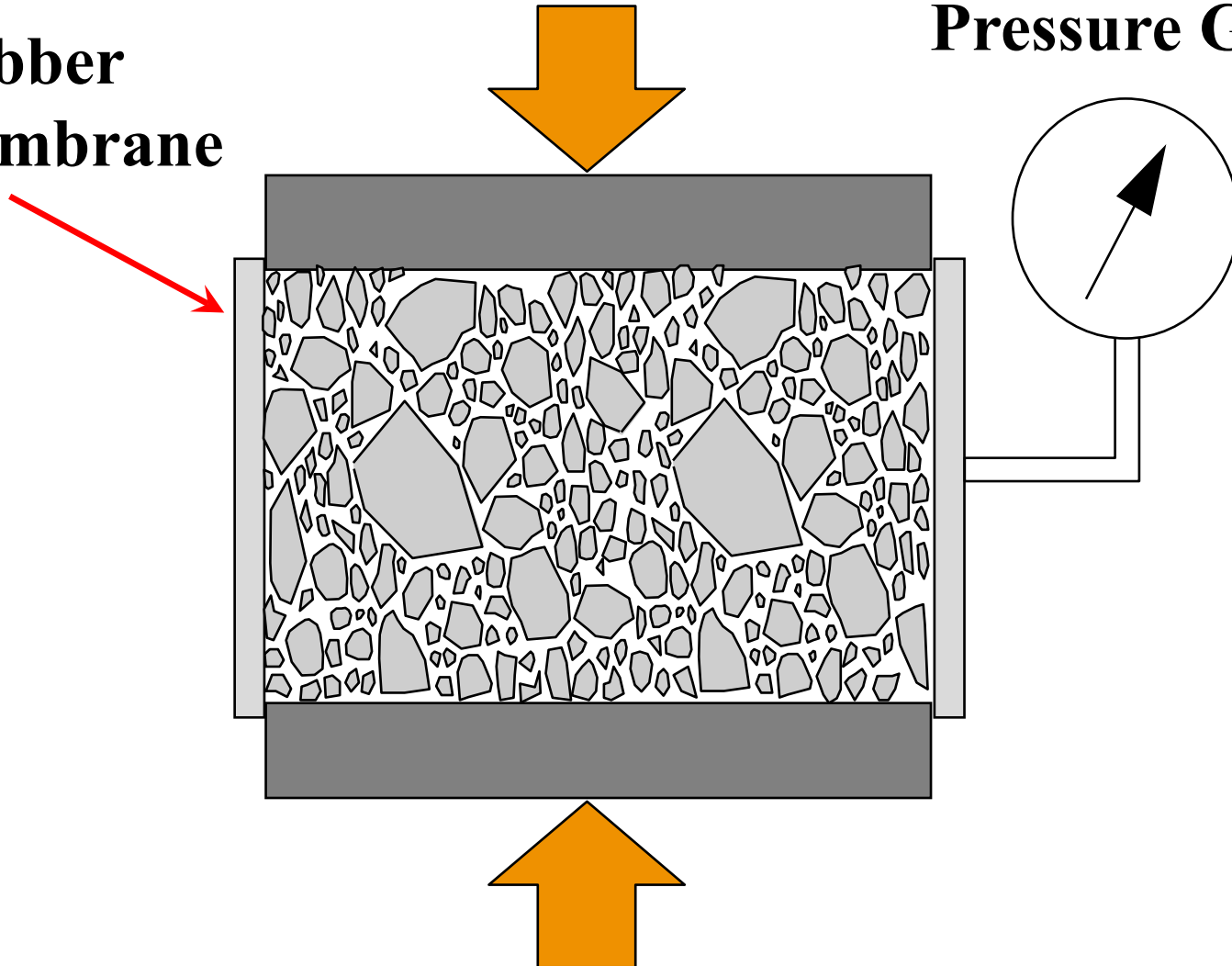


# Hveem Test Using Stabilometer

**Axial Load**

**Pressure Gauge**

**Rubber Membrane**

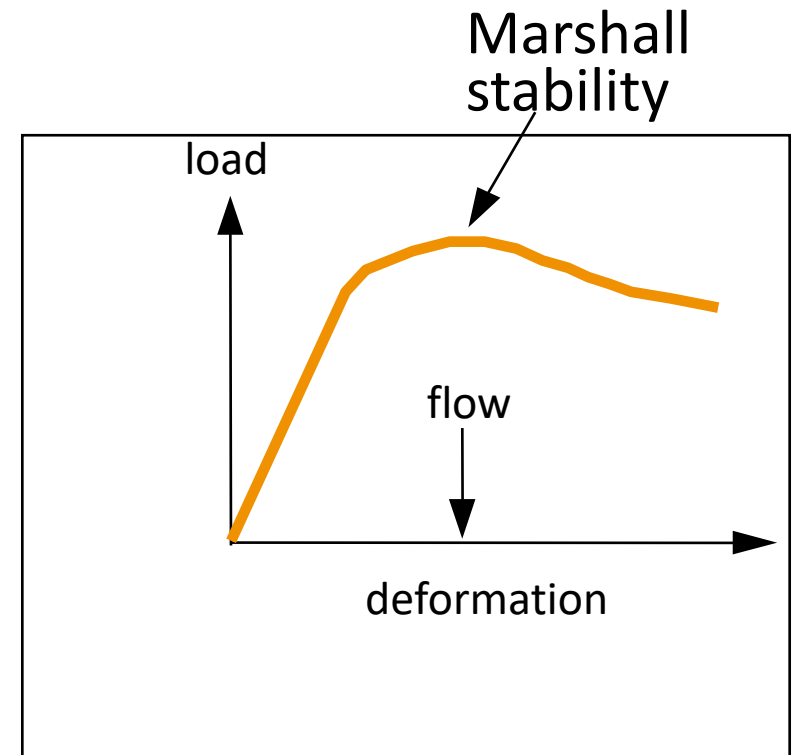
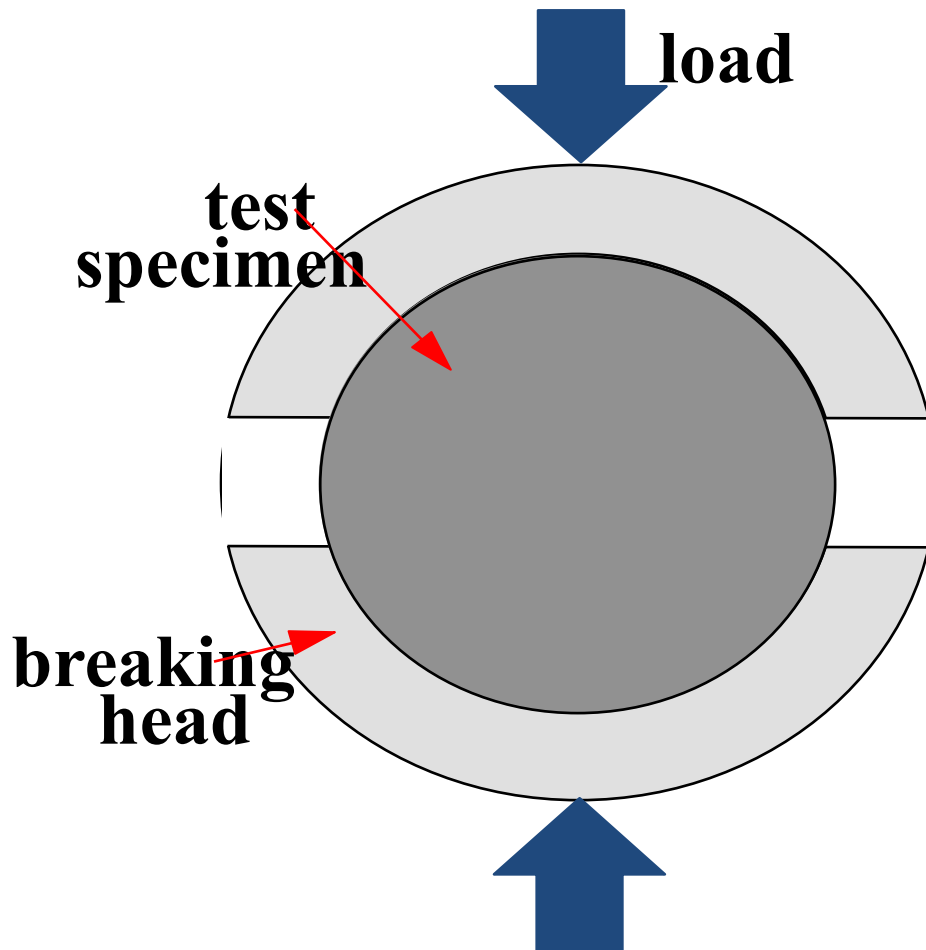


# Marshall Mix Design (includes Performance Test)



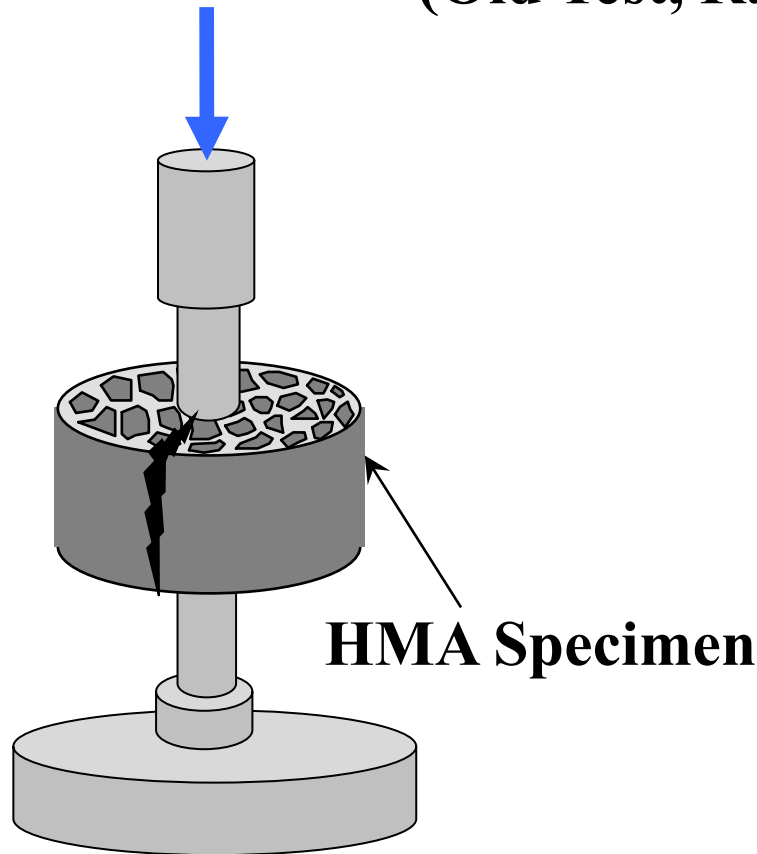
Developed by Bruce Marshall  
for the Mississippi Highway  
Department in the late 1930's.

# Marshall Stability and Flow



# Asphalt Concrete Strength Test

**Double Punch Test (Developed by Jimenez, 1974)  
(Old Test, Rarely Used)**



**Derform. Rate: 25 mm/min**

**Punch Diameter:  
D: 10, 16, 24 mm**

**Test Temp.: 25° C**

**Specimen Size:  
H: 50, 101, 203 mm  
D: 50, 101, 152 mm**

# **FIELD PERFORMANCE TESTS (Test Tracks & Accelerated Loading Facilities)**

# Heavy Vehicle Simulator (HVS) US Corp of Engineers



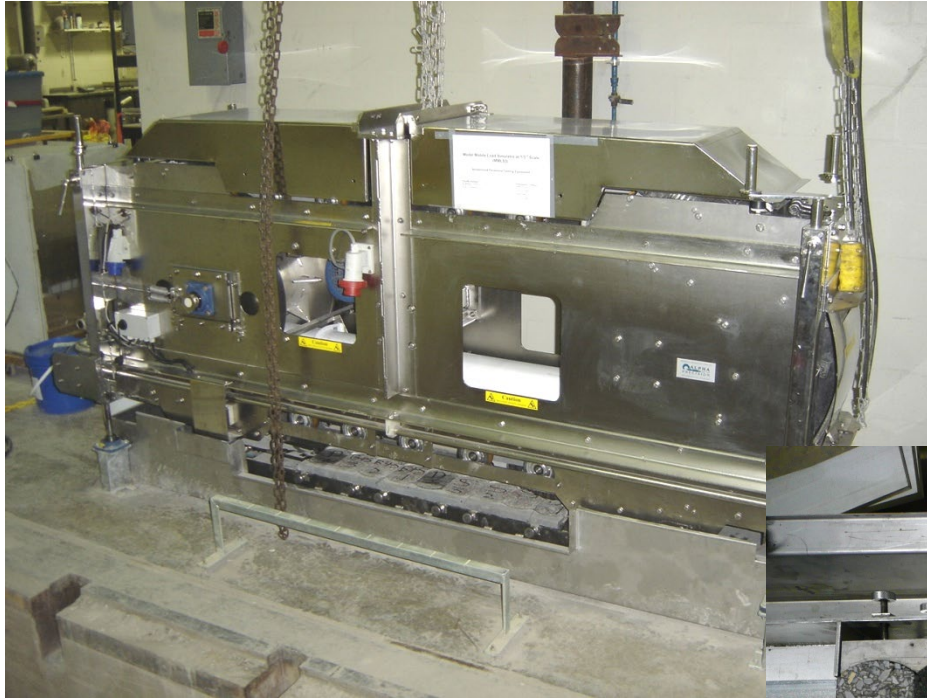


# Penn State Test Track

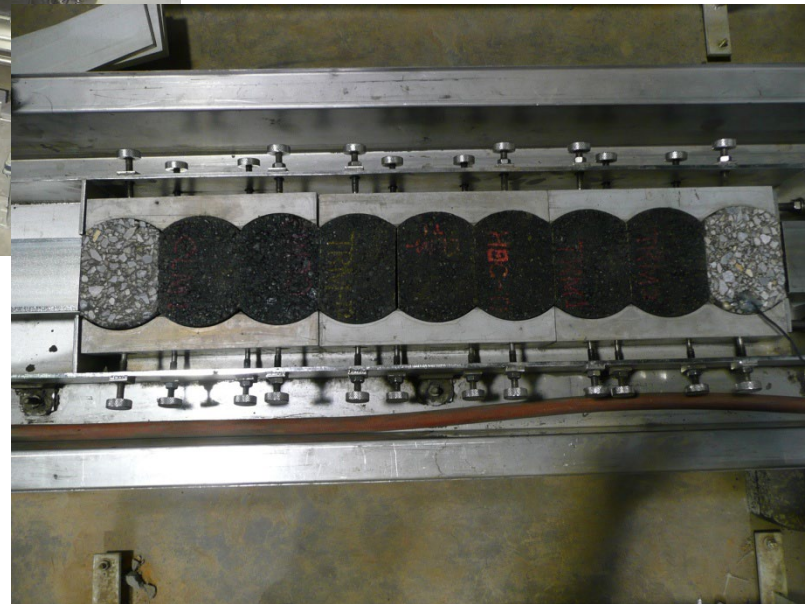
# NCAT Test Track



# Accelerated Pavement Testing



**3<sup>rd</sup> Scale Model  
Mobile Load Simulator  
(MMLS3)**



**Specimen Set-UP &  
Assembly**



# Accelerated Pavement Testing

## Model Scale Accelerated Tests

- Third Scale Model Mobil Load Simulator (MMLS3)



# Model Mobile Load Simulator (3<sup>rd</sup> Scale)



Accelerated Loading

Up to 100 psi pressure

Up to 600 lbs load

7200 passes per hour



# Examples of Performance Tests for Rutting/Moisture Damage

(Measurement of Engineering Properties)

# Asphalt Concrete Dynamic Modulus/Flow Test (Rutting)



# Specimens for DM and Flow Tests



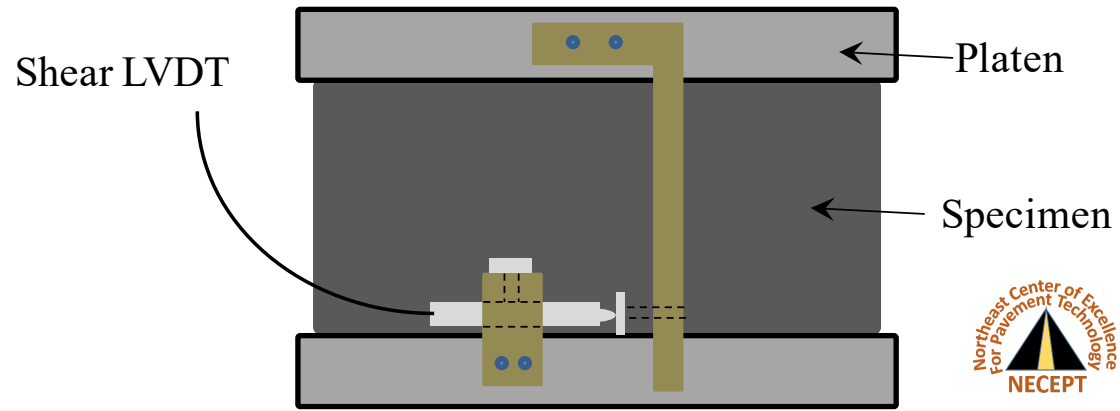
**Coring (left) and sawing (right) of a gyratory compacted specimen**



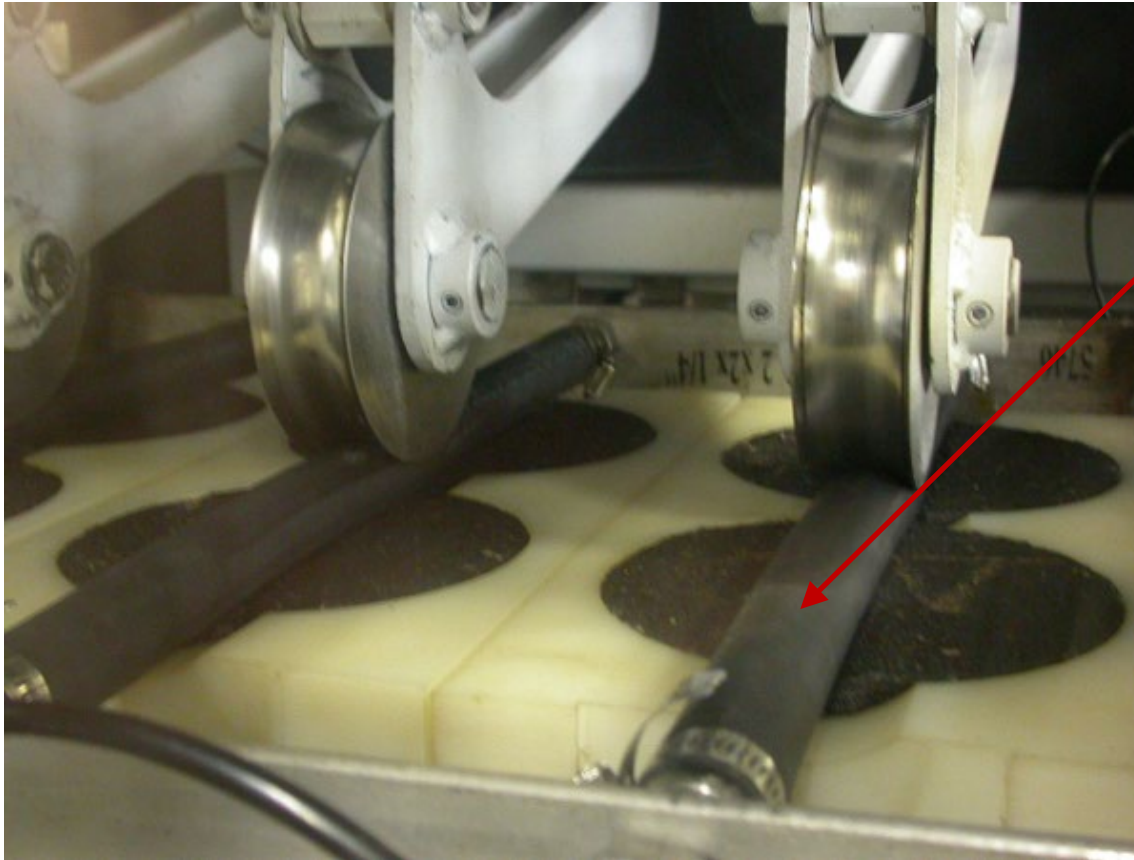
# Shear Test Rutting Test



Specimen glued at  
top & bottom



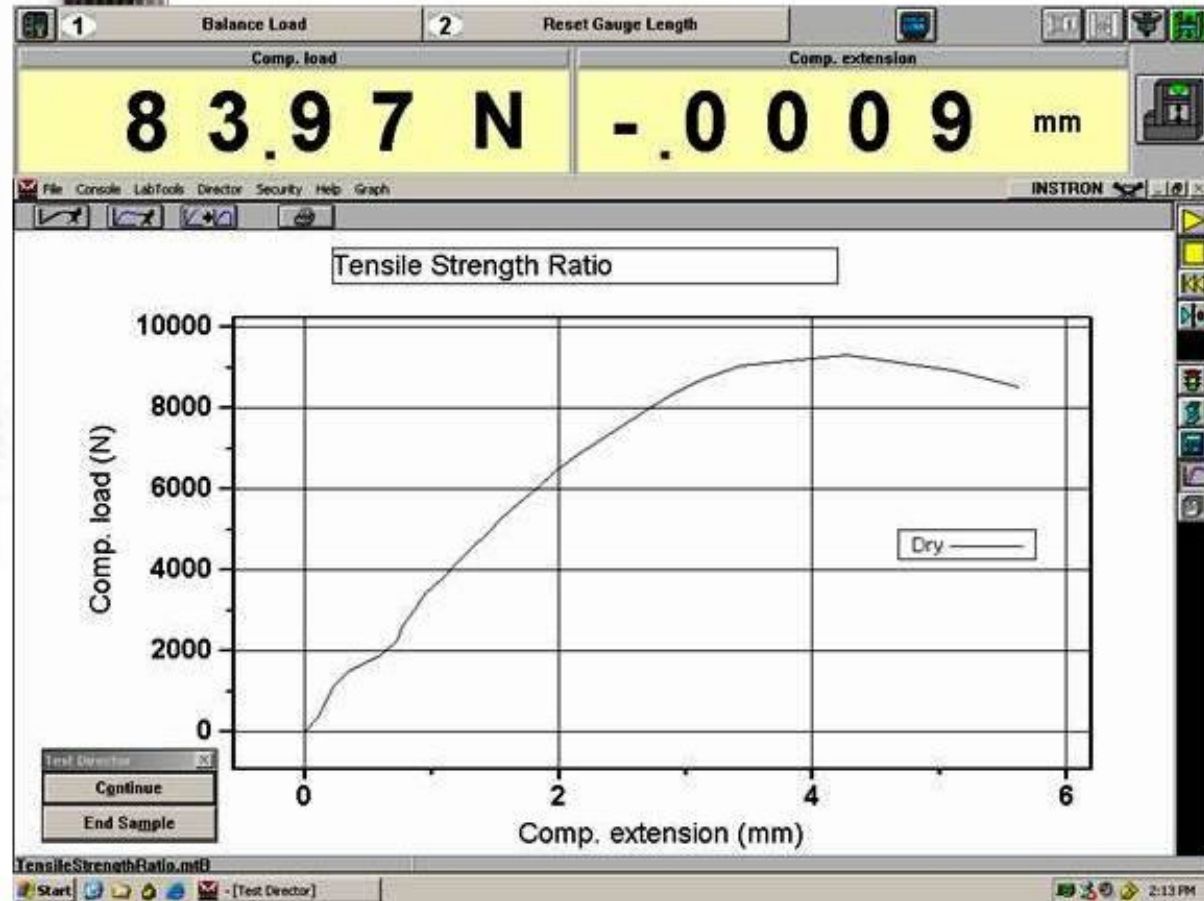
# Asphalt Concrete Rutting Test



**Pressurized  
Hose**

**Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA)**

# Indirect Tensile Test (Moisture Damage)





# Resilient Modulus, ASTM D7369

## Repeated Haversine Loading

$$\mu = \frac{3.588 + 0.2699 \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta H}}{0.0627 - \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta H}}$$

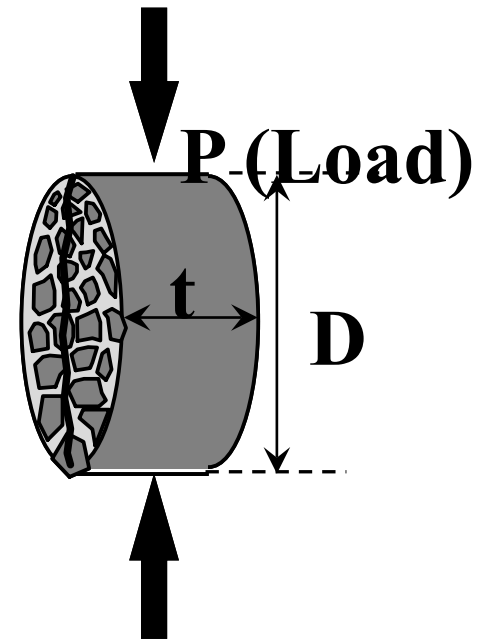
$\Delta V$  = recoverable vertical deformation  
 $\Delta H$  = recoverable horizontal deformation  
 $\mu$  = Poisson's ratio

$P$  = load

$t$  = thickness

$M_r$  = Resilient Modulus

$$M_r = \frac{P}{(\Delta H)xt} (0.2699 + \mu)$$

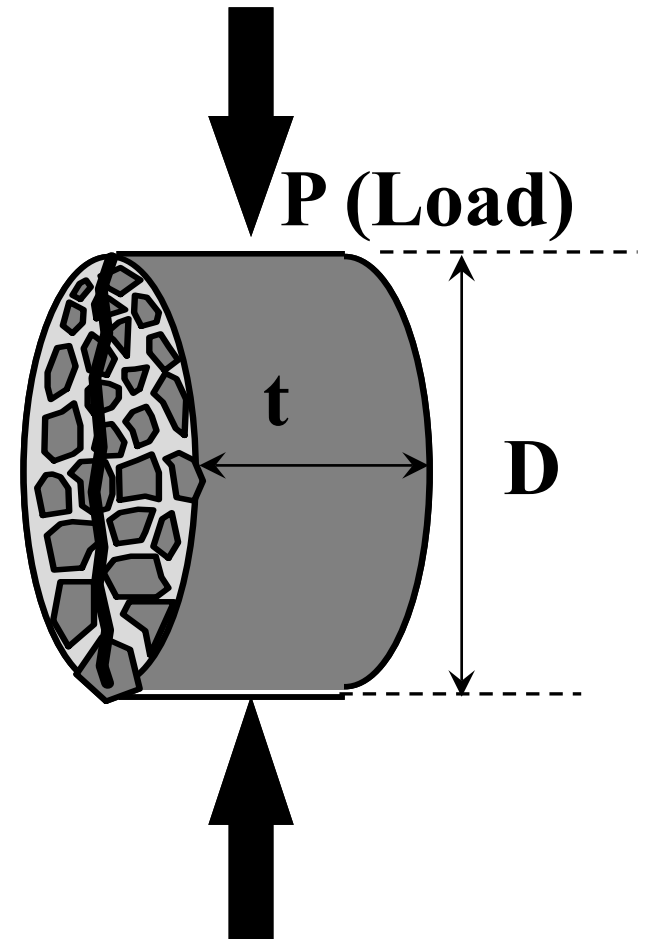


# Asphalt Concrete

## Creep & Strength Test at Low Temperature

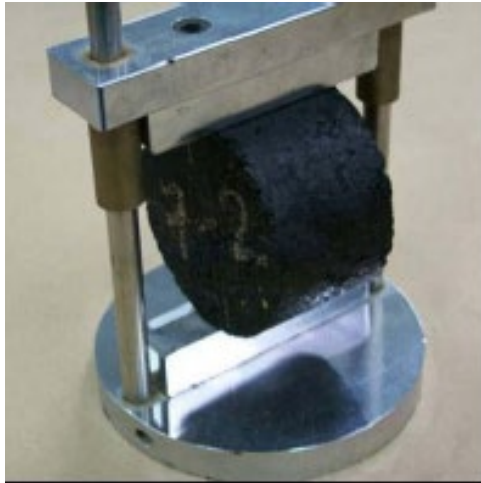
(for example, as input for Pavement ME)

### Indirect Tensile Test



# Moisture Damage Test

Modified Lottman Test (AASHTO T 283)



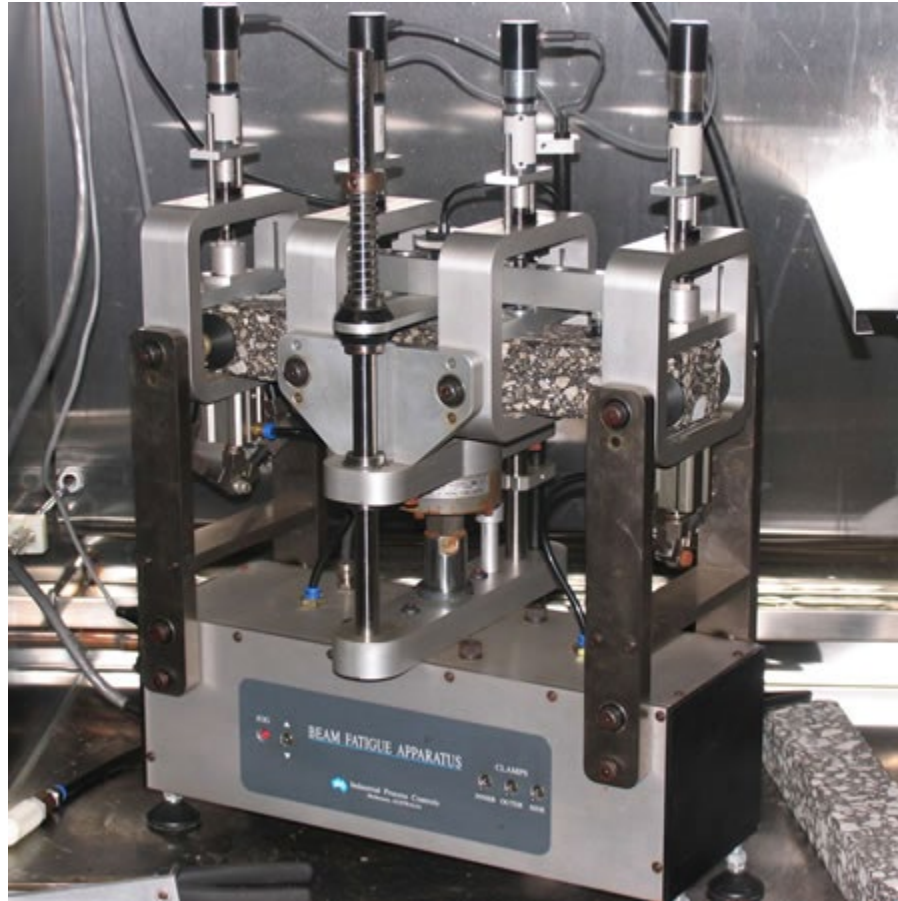
Uses Indirect Tensile Test



# Asphalt Concrete Strength & Fatigue Test

**4-Point  
Bending  
Test**

**Repeated  
Loading  
Used**

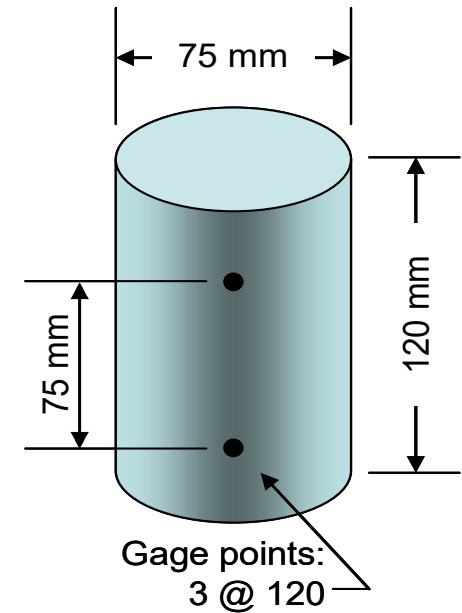


**Test Conducted  
either Load  
Controlled or  
Deformation  
Controlled**

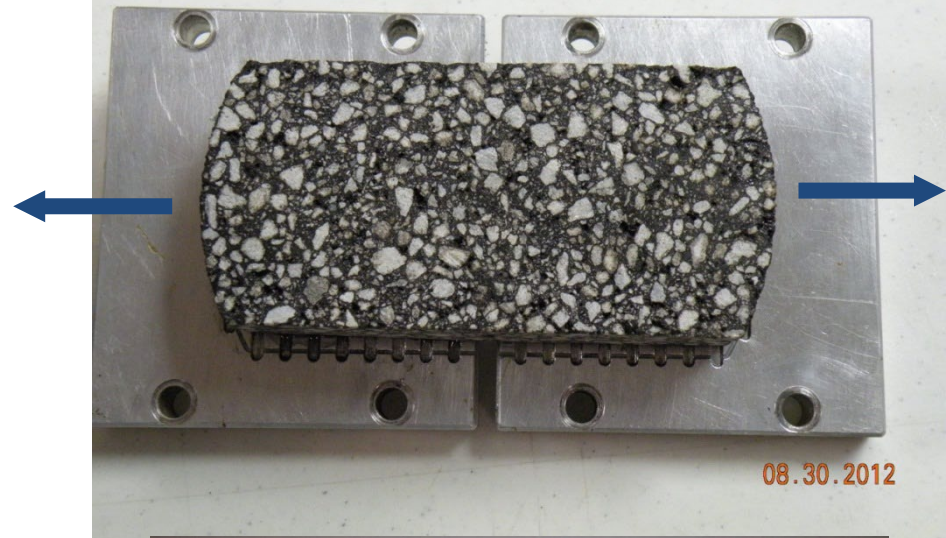
# Tension/Compression (Fatigue)



**NOTE: Specimen is glued at the ends with double-component epoxy**



# Lab Scale Tests (Cyclic Fatigue Tests) Texas Overlay Tester



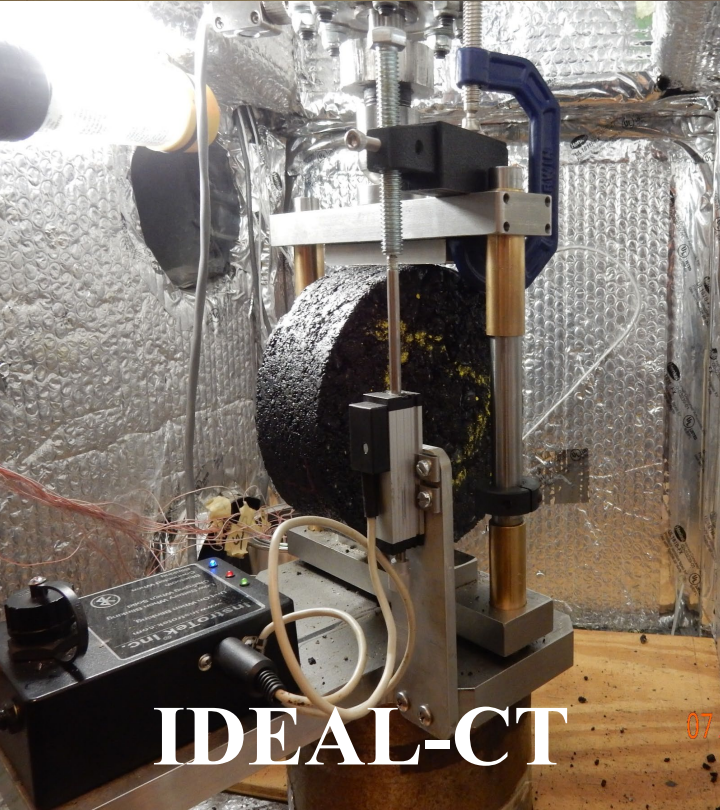
# PA Initiative on Performance Tests

- **Move to Performance Testing**
- **Initiated by Asphalt Quality Improvement Committee, PAPA, and PennDOT**
- **Industry Interested in Accelerating Move to Performance Testing**



**Wheel Tracking**

**DCT**



**IDEAL-CT**

**PA Looking  
into  
Performance  
Tests**



**SCB**



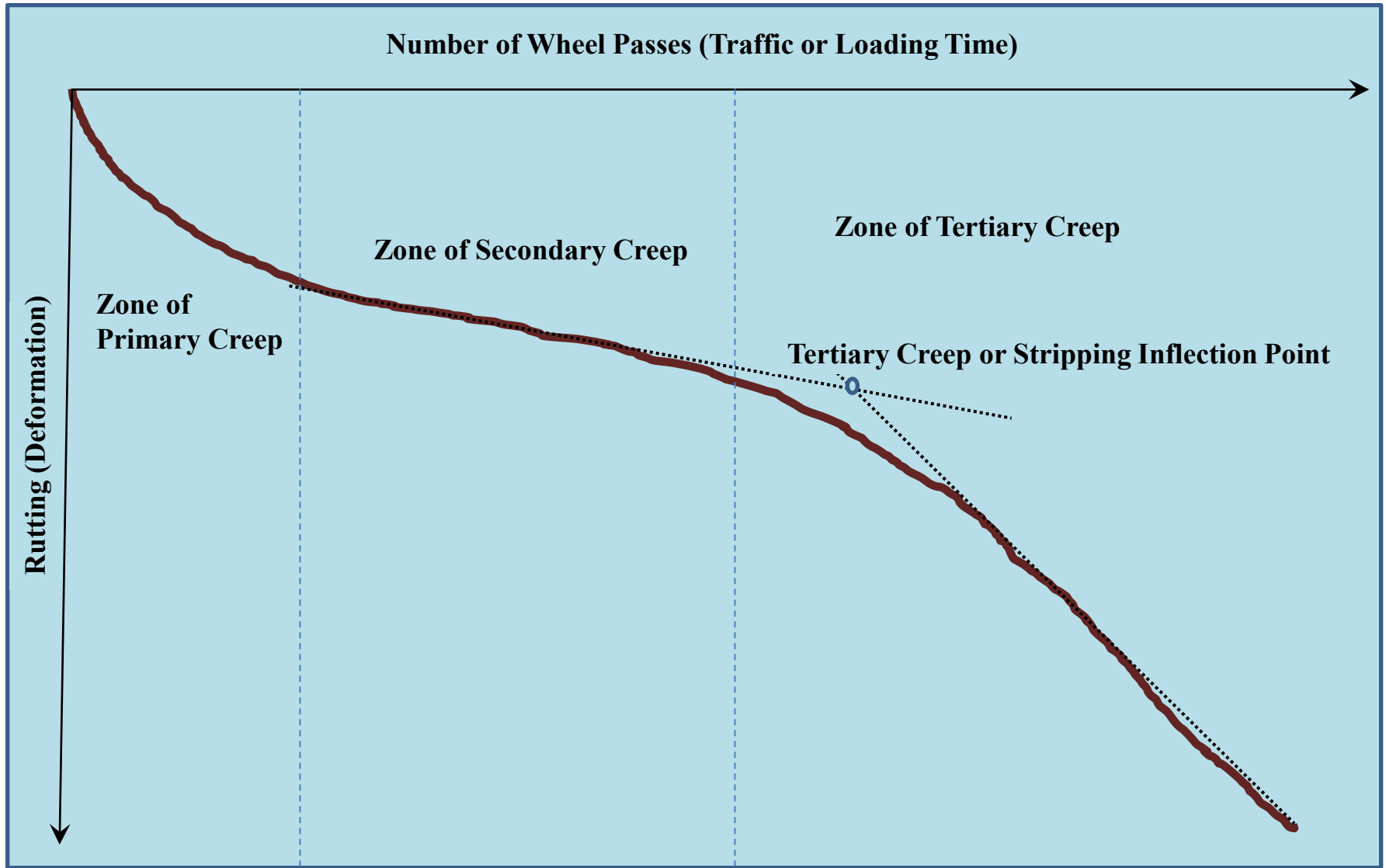
# Performance Tests for Rutting/Moisture Damage (Torture Tests)

# Asphalt Concrete Strength/Moisture Resistance Test



**Hamburg Wheel Tacking Device (HWT)**

# Rutting/Moisture Damage Test



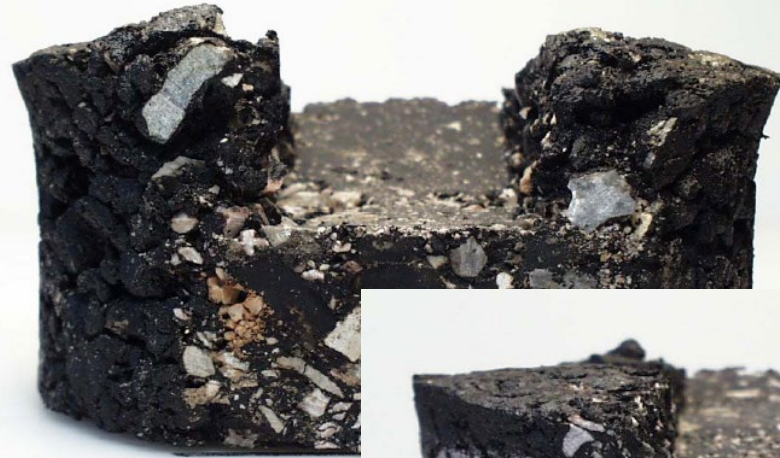
# Binder Stiffness Effect

Hamburg Wheel Tracking

PG 64-22

6,200 passes

> 12.5 mm



PG 70-22

13,300 passes

> 12.5 mm



PG 76-22

20,000 passes

7.2 mm



**TxDOT Research**

# Use Right Additive

**TxDOT Research**



**PG 76-22,  
Limestone,  
2% Lime,  
18,900 passes,  
> 12.5 mm**

**PG 76-22,  
Gravel,  
1% Lime,  
20,000 passes,  
> 2.9 mm**



# Use Right Additive

**TxDOT Research**



**PG 76-22,  
Limestone,  
2% Lime**  
**18,900 passes**  
**> 12.5 mm**

**PG 76-22,  
Limestone,  
0.5% HP**  
**20,000 passes**  
**= 5.8 mm**



# HWT - Submerged



SP 9.5 mm - Local Limestone Aggregate

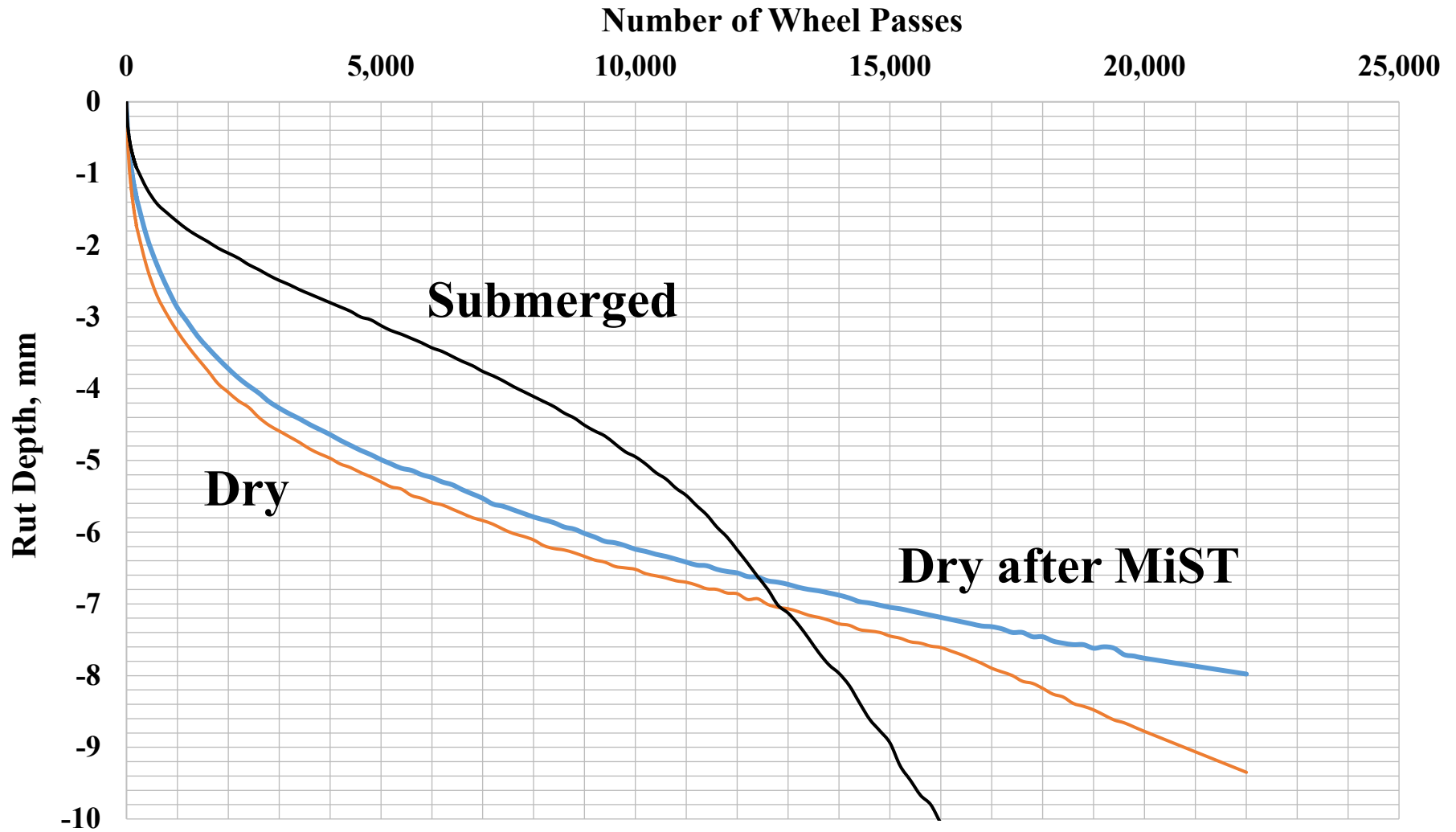
PG 58-28, Tested under water 



 PG 58-28, Tested dry

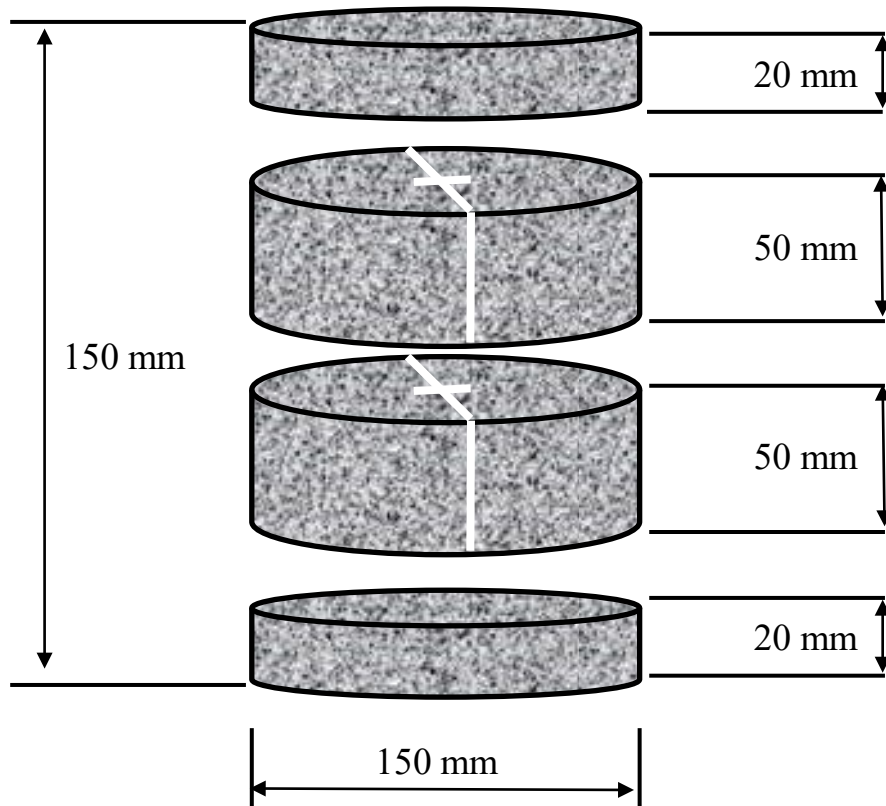


# HWT Results

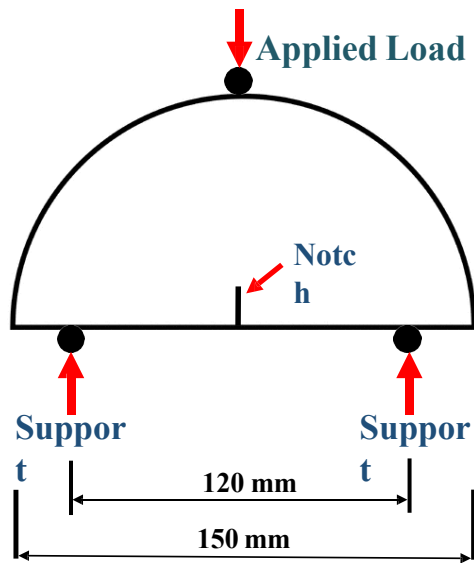


# Lab Scale Tests (Monotonic Fatigue Tests)

## Semi-Circular Bend Test



# SCB Test Setup



**Specimen Thickness: 50 mm**  
**Notch Depth: 15 mm**  
**Notch Width: 1.5 mm**



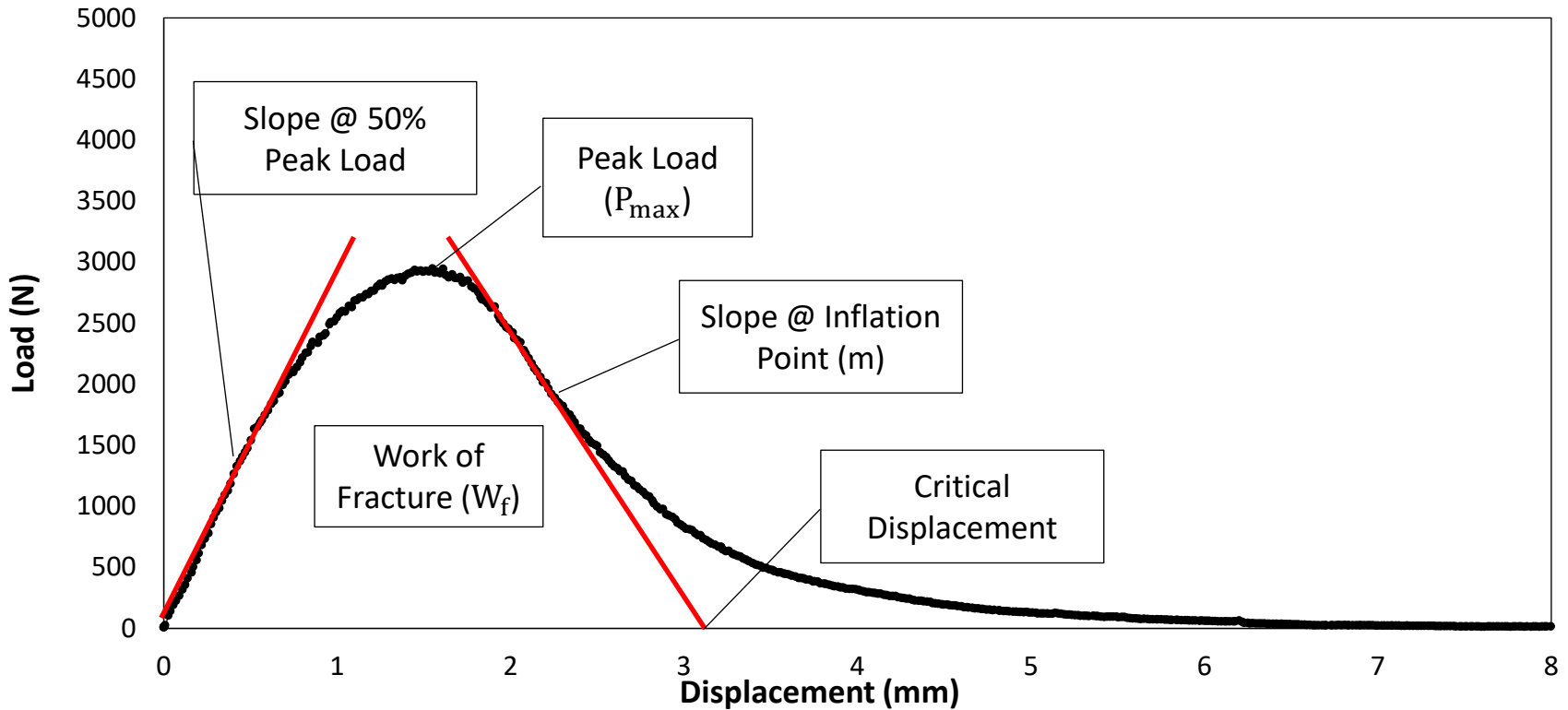


Specimens After Cutting  
Ready for Testing



Specimens Before (L) / After (R)  
Testing

# Parameters Used For Evaluation



## Fracture Energy

$$G_f = \frac{W_f}{B \cdot L}$$

**B:** Specimen Thickness

**L:** Ligament Length

## Flexibility Index

$$FI = A \times \frac{G_f}{\text{abs}(m)}$$

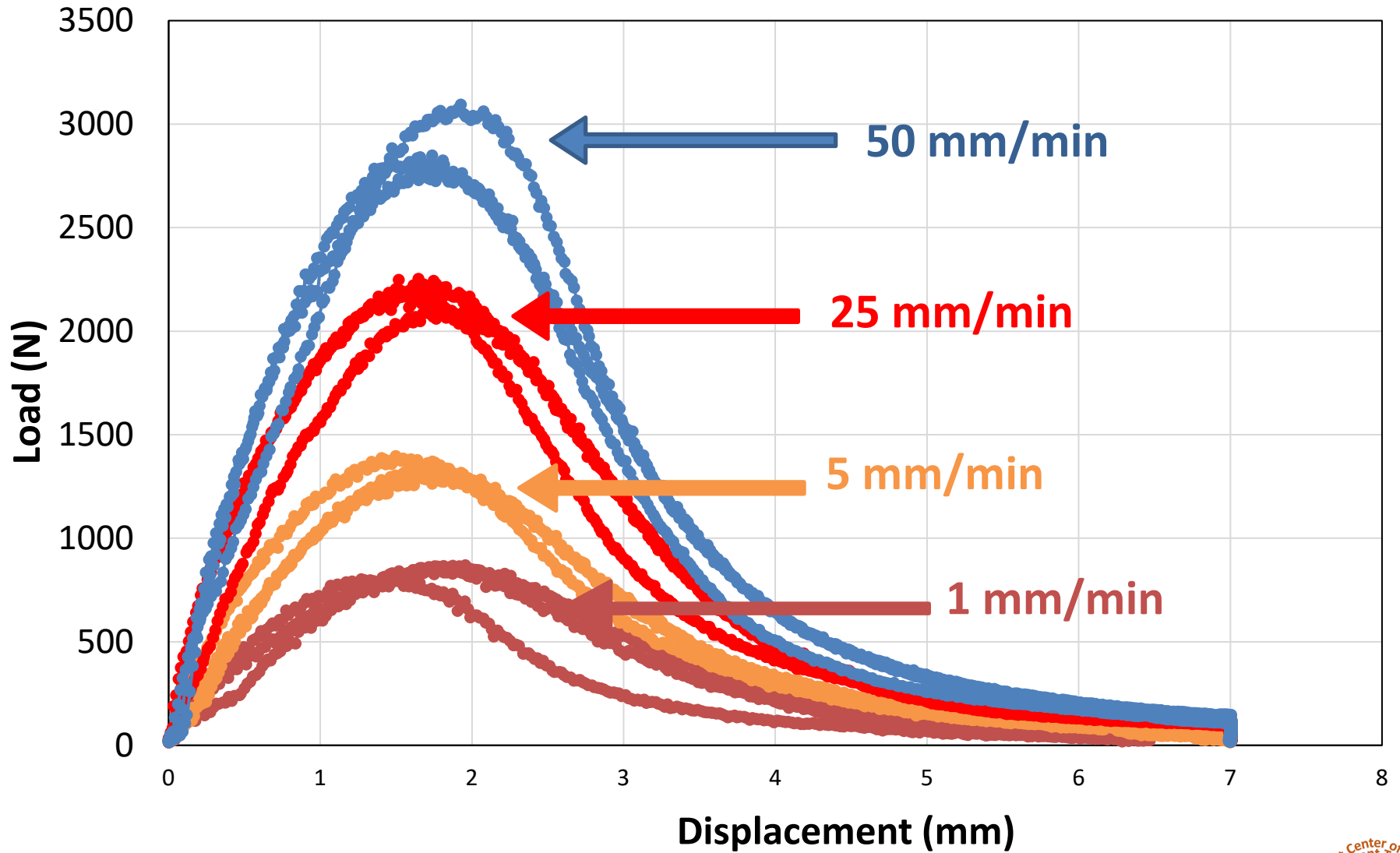
**A:** Constant

## Stiffness Index

Slope @ 50% Peak Load  
in Pre-Peak Curve

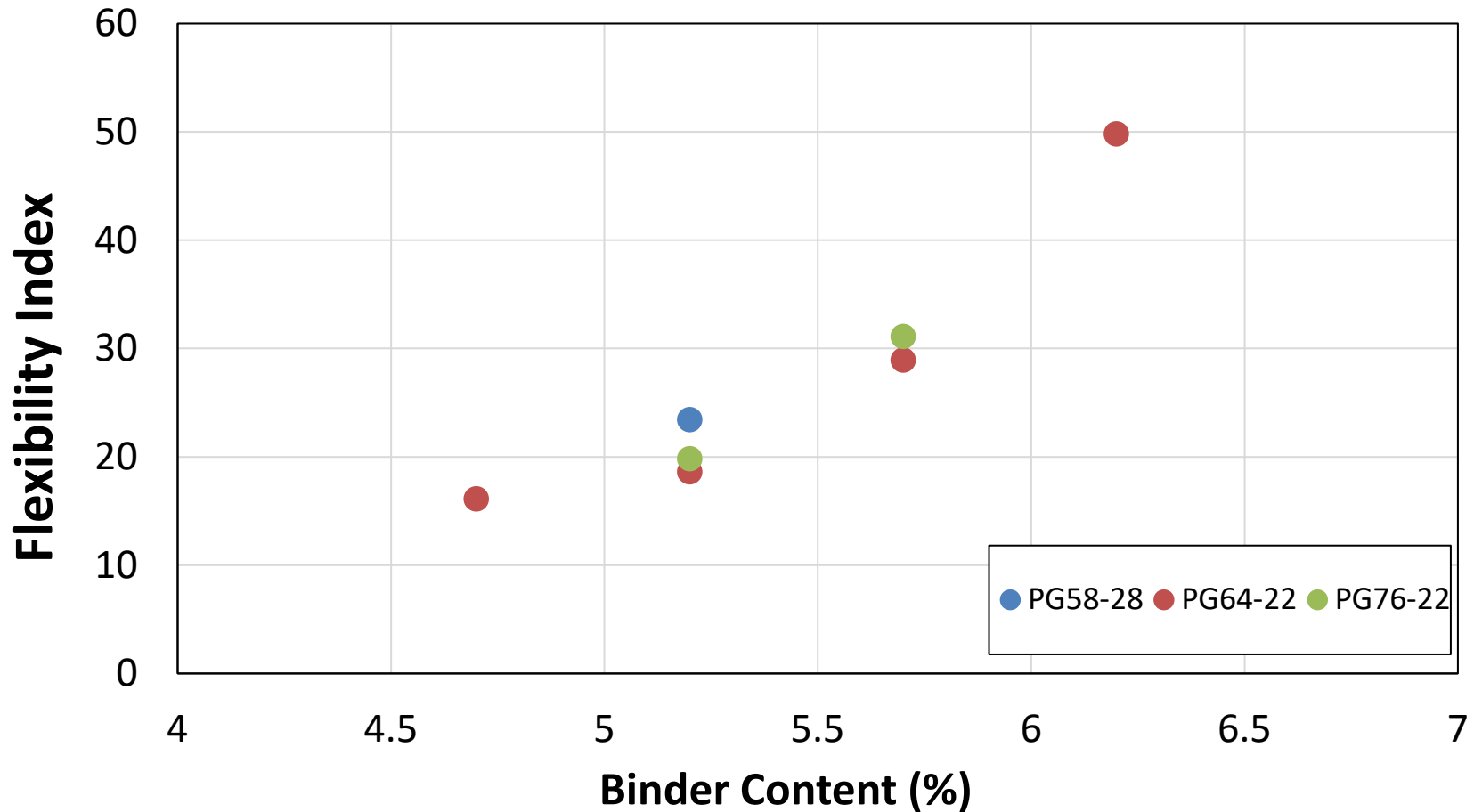
# Typical Load vs Displacement Curves

3 Replicates, **PG 58-28, 25°C**



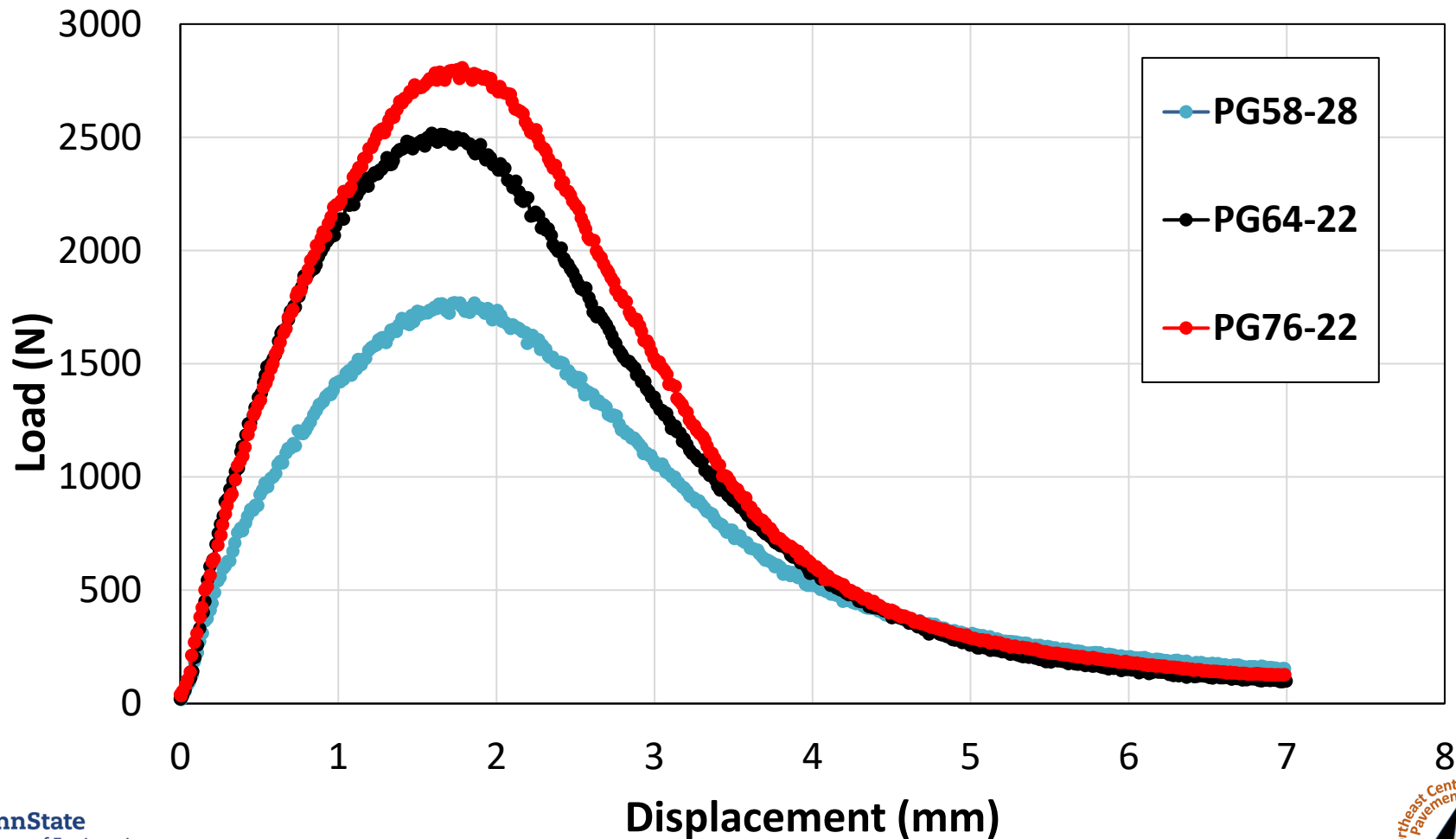
# Effect of Binder Content

7% Air Void



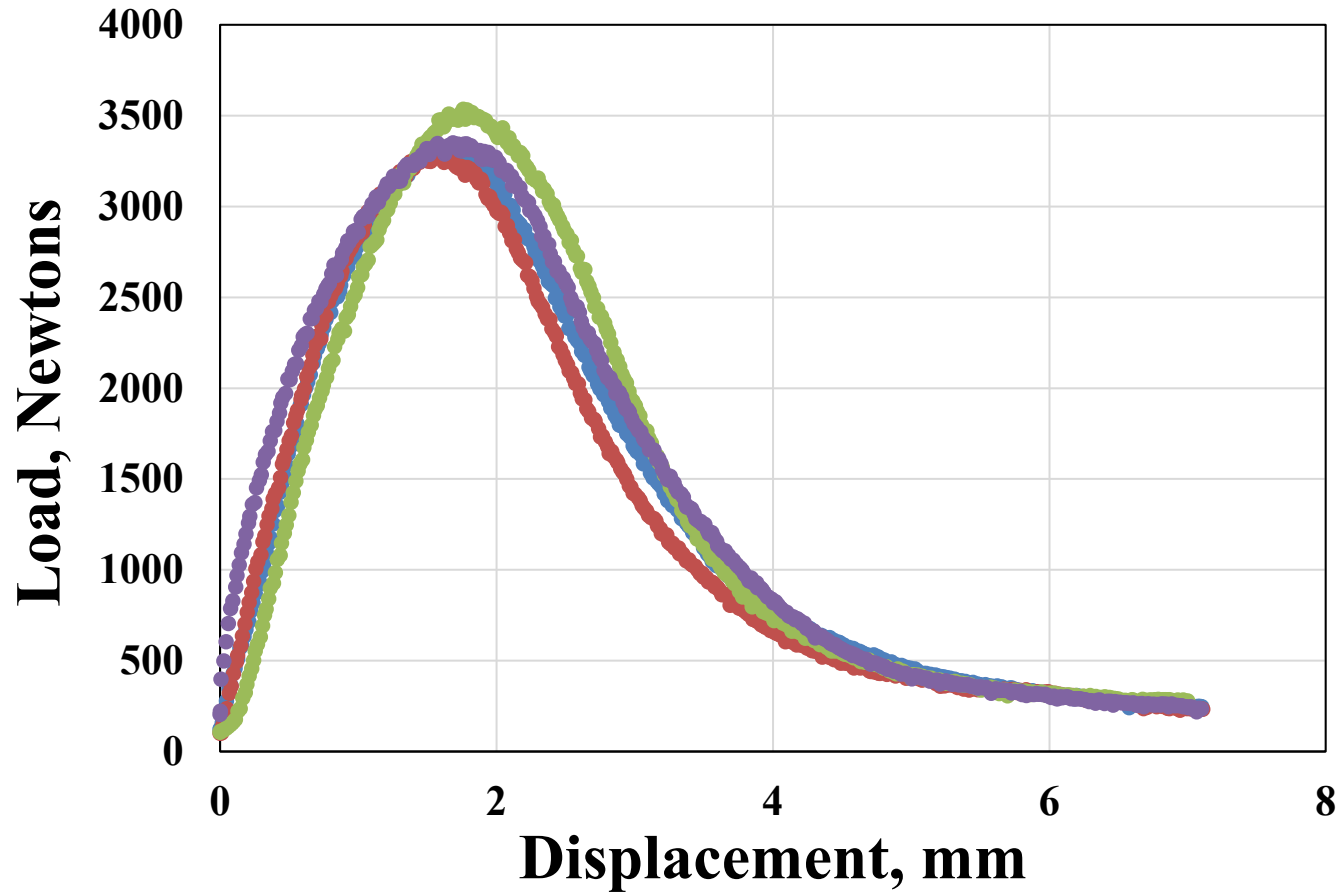
# Effect of Binder Grade (Stiffness)

**STOA, 7% AV, 5.2% BC**

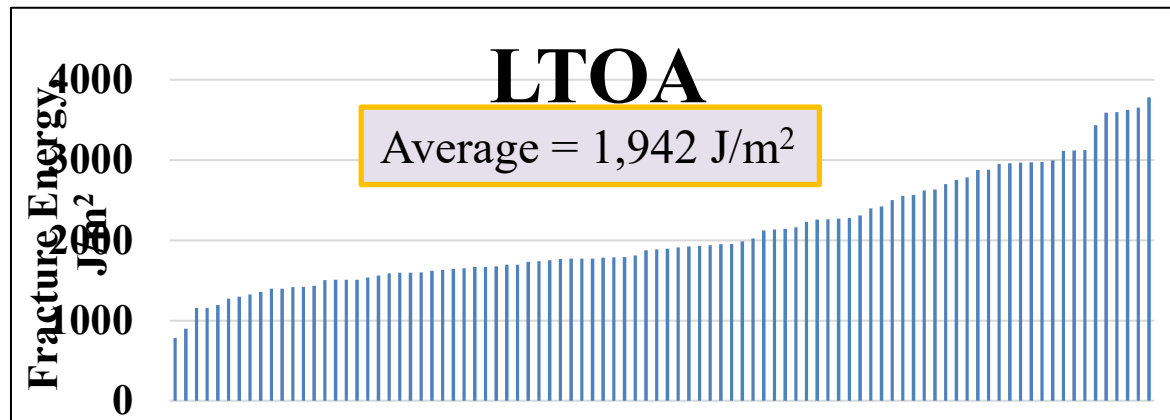
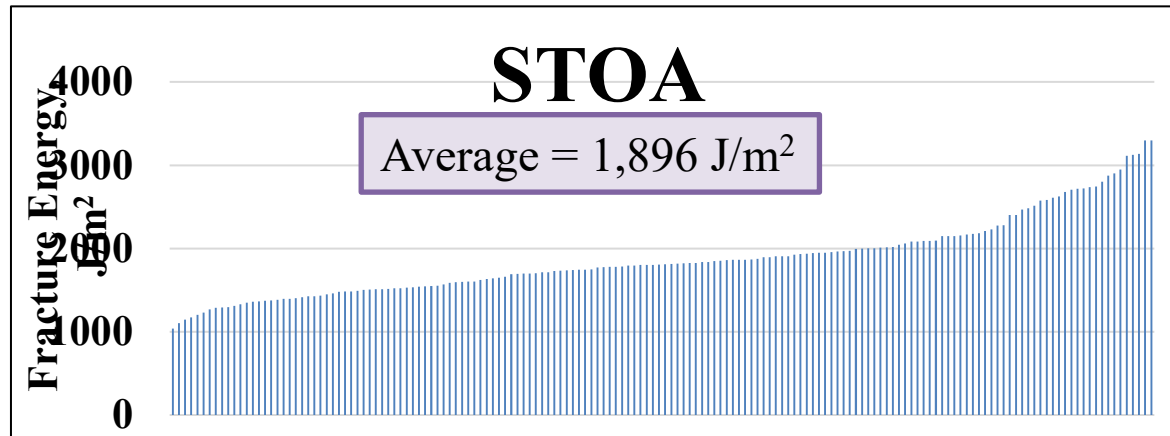




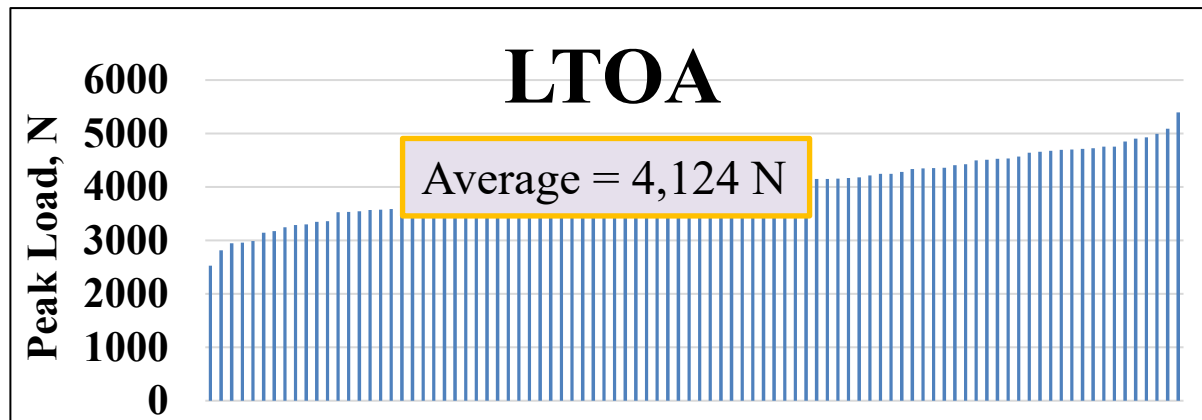
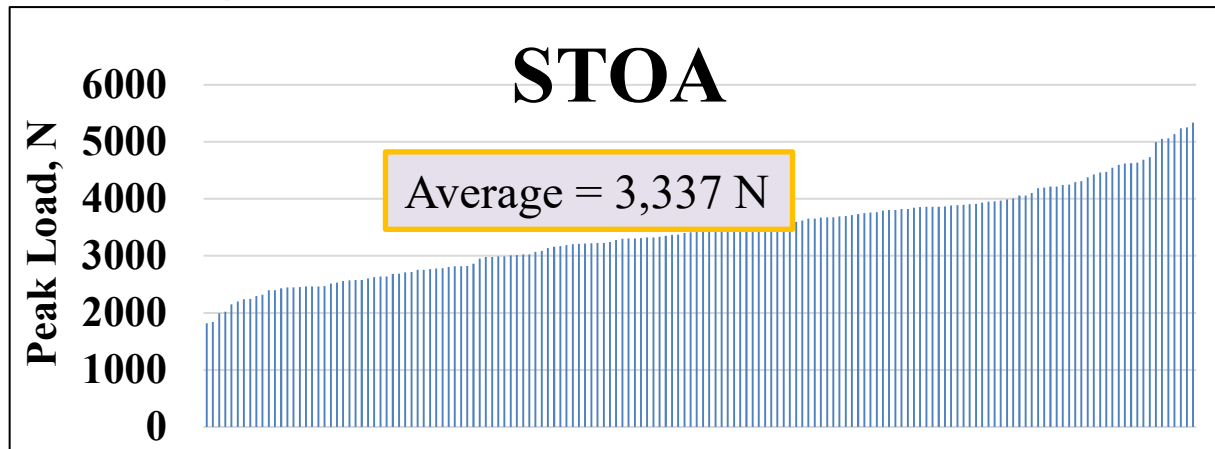
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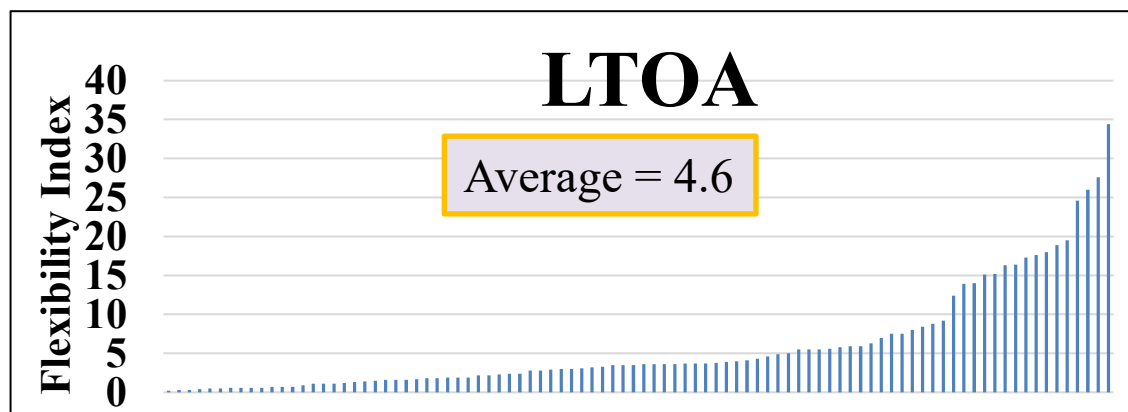
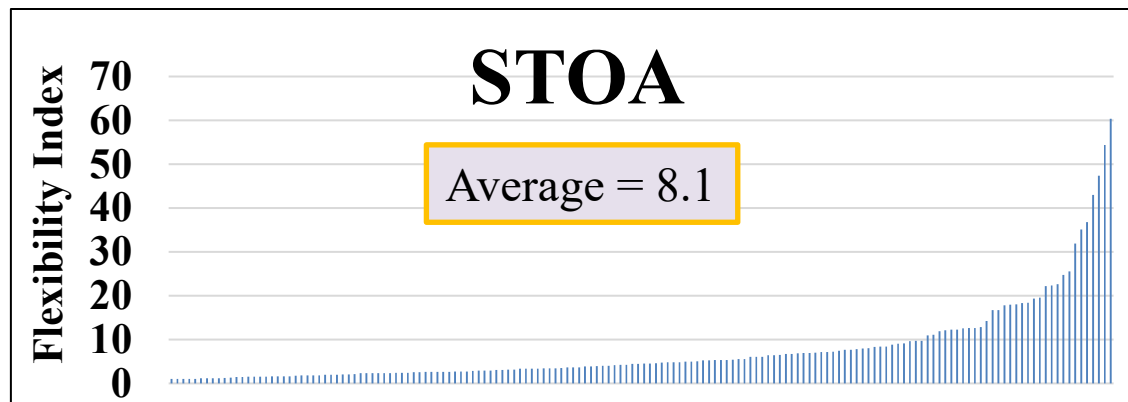
## Data Range: Fracture Energy



## Data Range: Peak Load

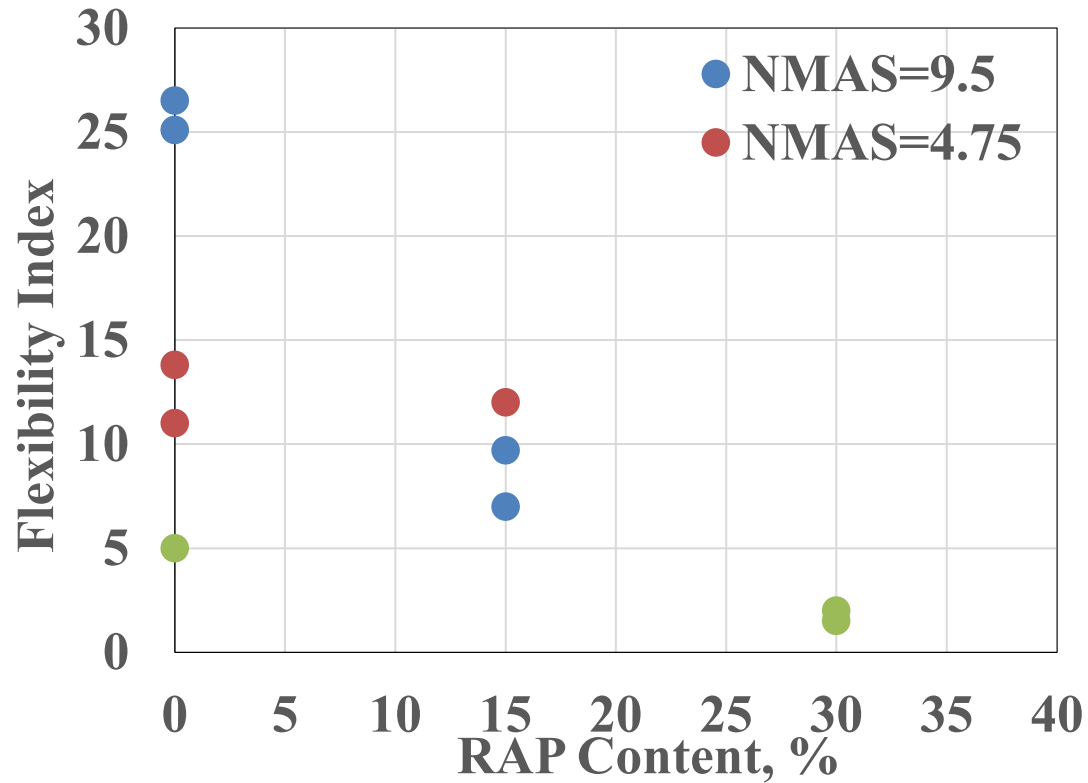


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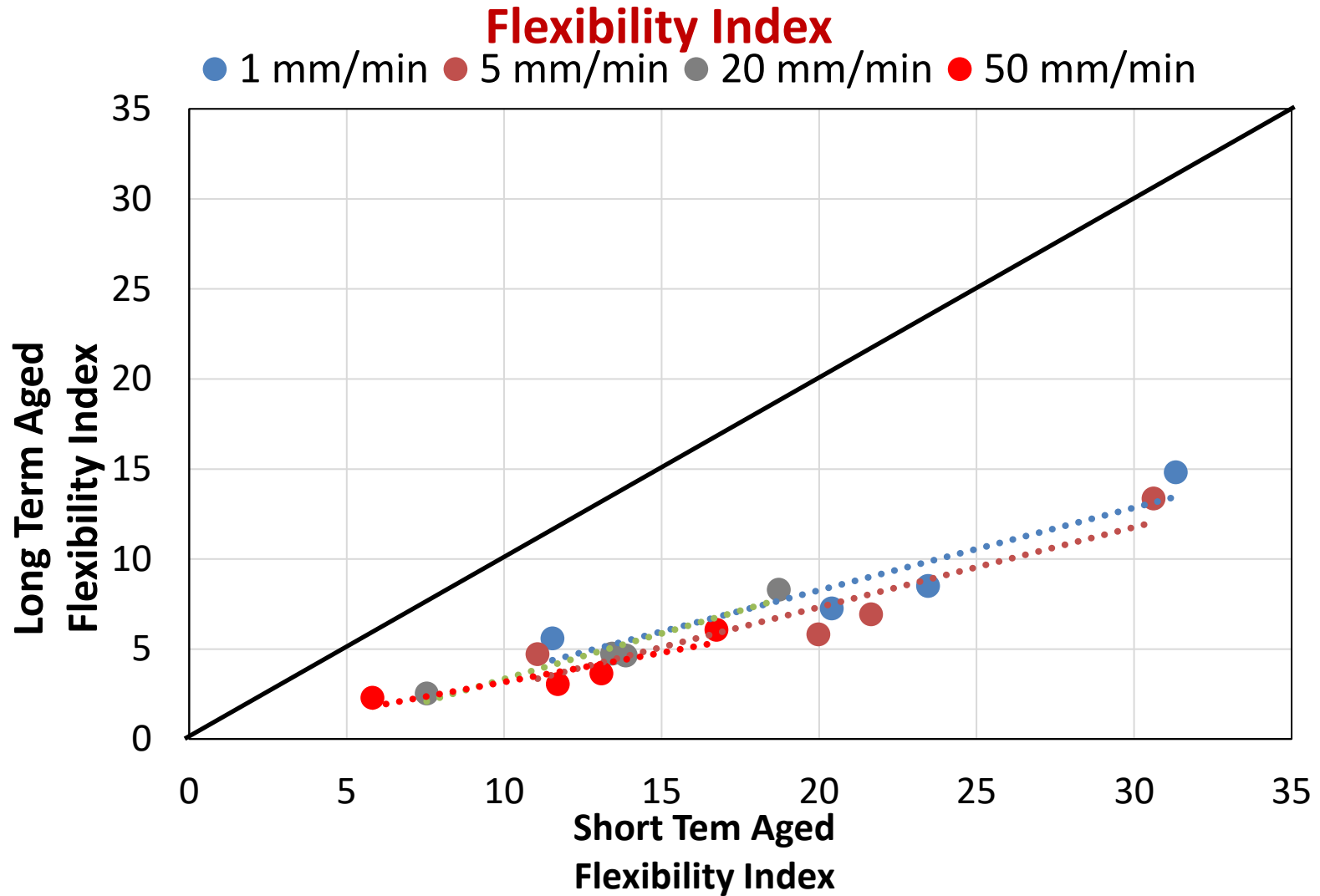


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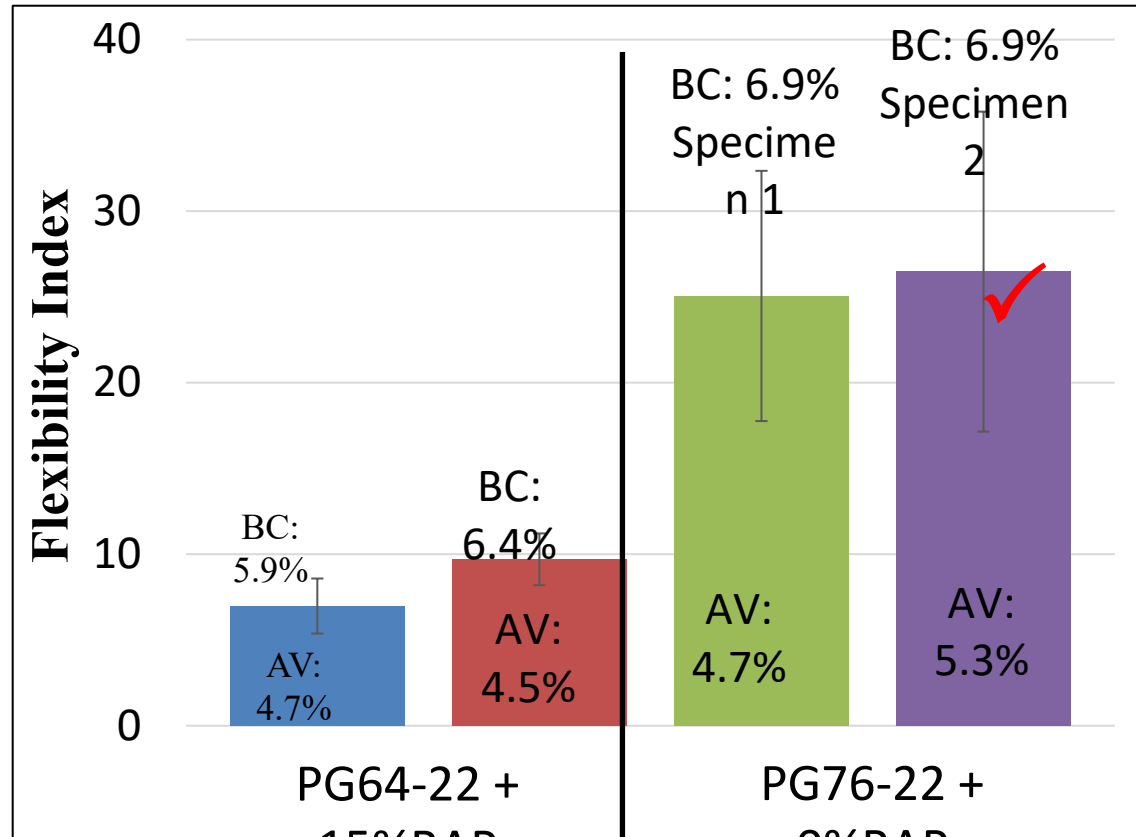
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STOA



# FI of Aged Mixes



## SMA vs Conventional Mix

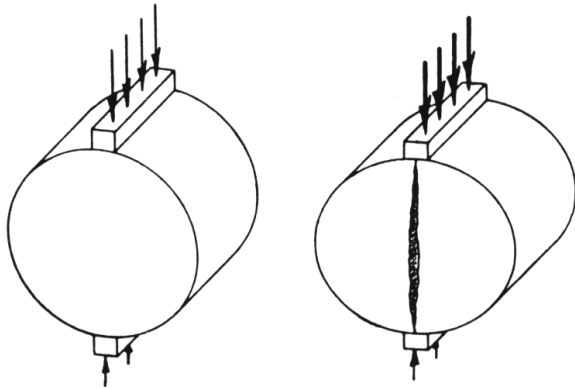


# General Observations

- 1. Higher AC Content → higher F.I.**
- 2. Higher RAP content lower F.I.**
- 3. Longer aging → lower F.I.**
- 4. Plant mix has higher F.I. than lab mix**
- 5. Higher voids → higher F.I.**
- 6. SMA mix delivers higher F.I.**
- 7. Finer mix with high BC → higher F.I.**

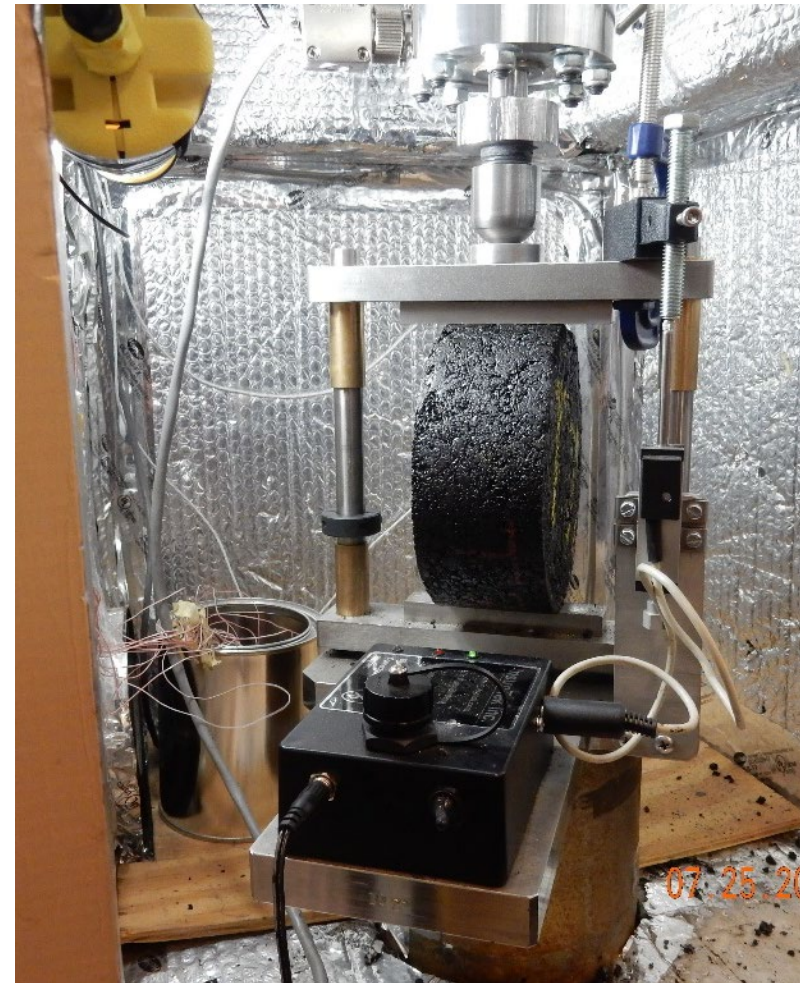


# IDEAL Cracking Test for Asphalt Concrete



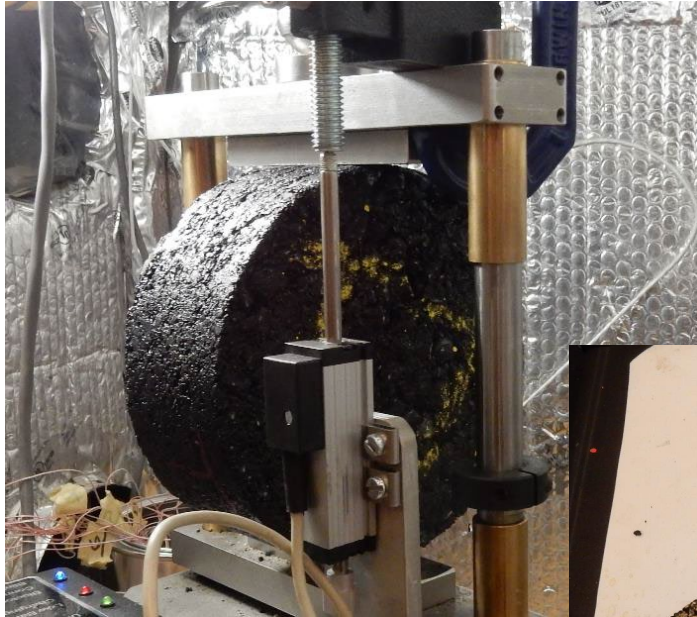
**I**ndirect **T**ensile **A**sphalt  
**C**racking **T**est

IDEAL-CT



Proposed by Research at Texas Transportation Institute  
(TTI)

# Breaking Specimens



**Test Temperature: 25°C**  
**Displacement Rate: 50 mm/min**

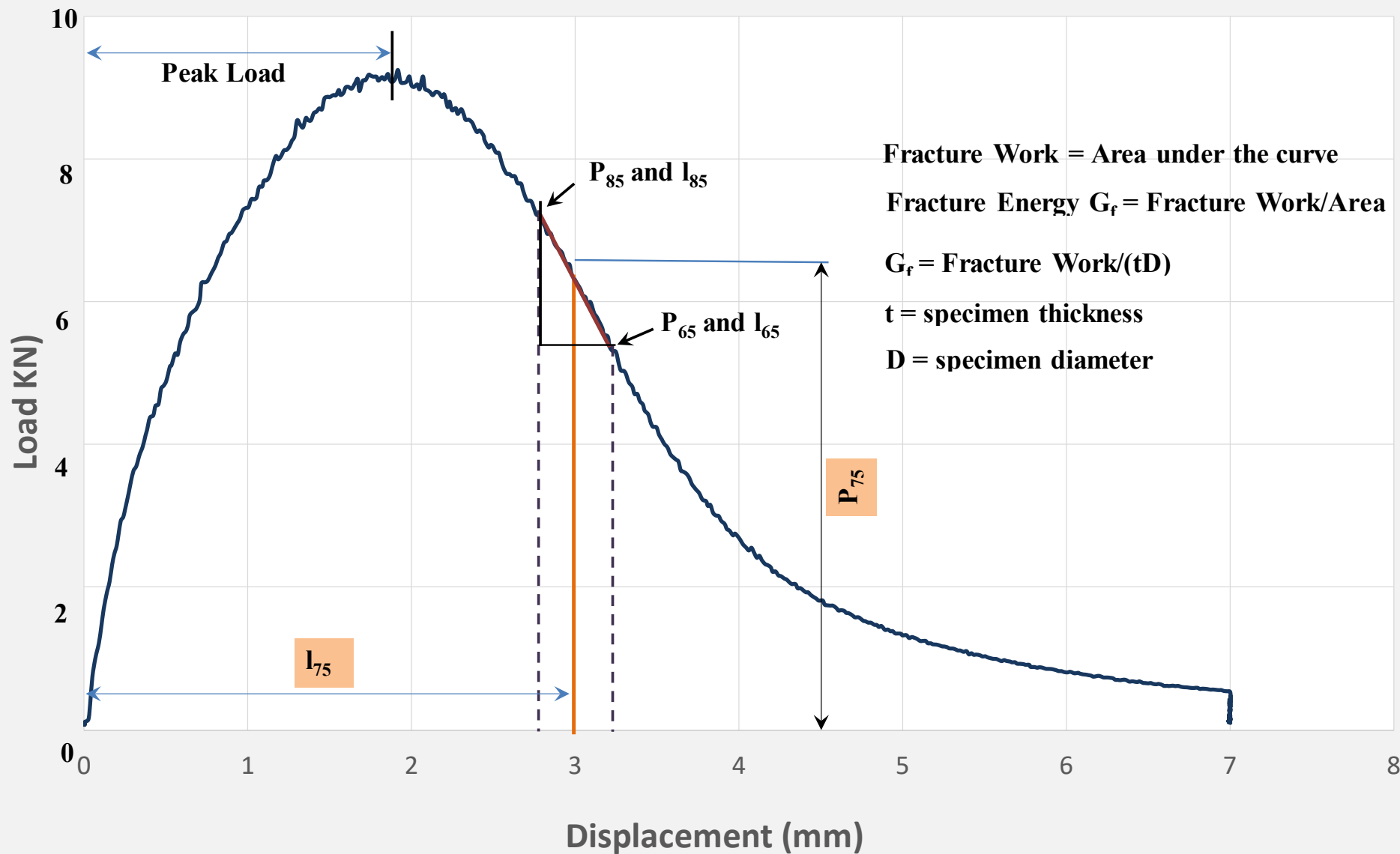


# The Brazilian Test

## (The Split Test or Indirect Tensile Test)

- Tensile Strength of Concrete (Carneiro, 1943)
- Tensile Strength of Stabilized Materials (Hudson, Kennedy, 1967)
- Tensile Strength of Asphalt (Kennedy et al., 1969)
- Tensile Strength of Rocks (ISRM, 1978)

# IDEAL – Test Results



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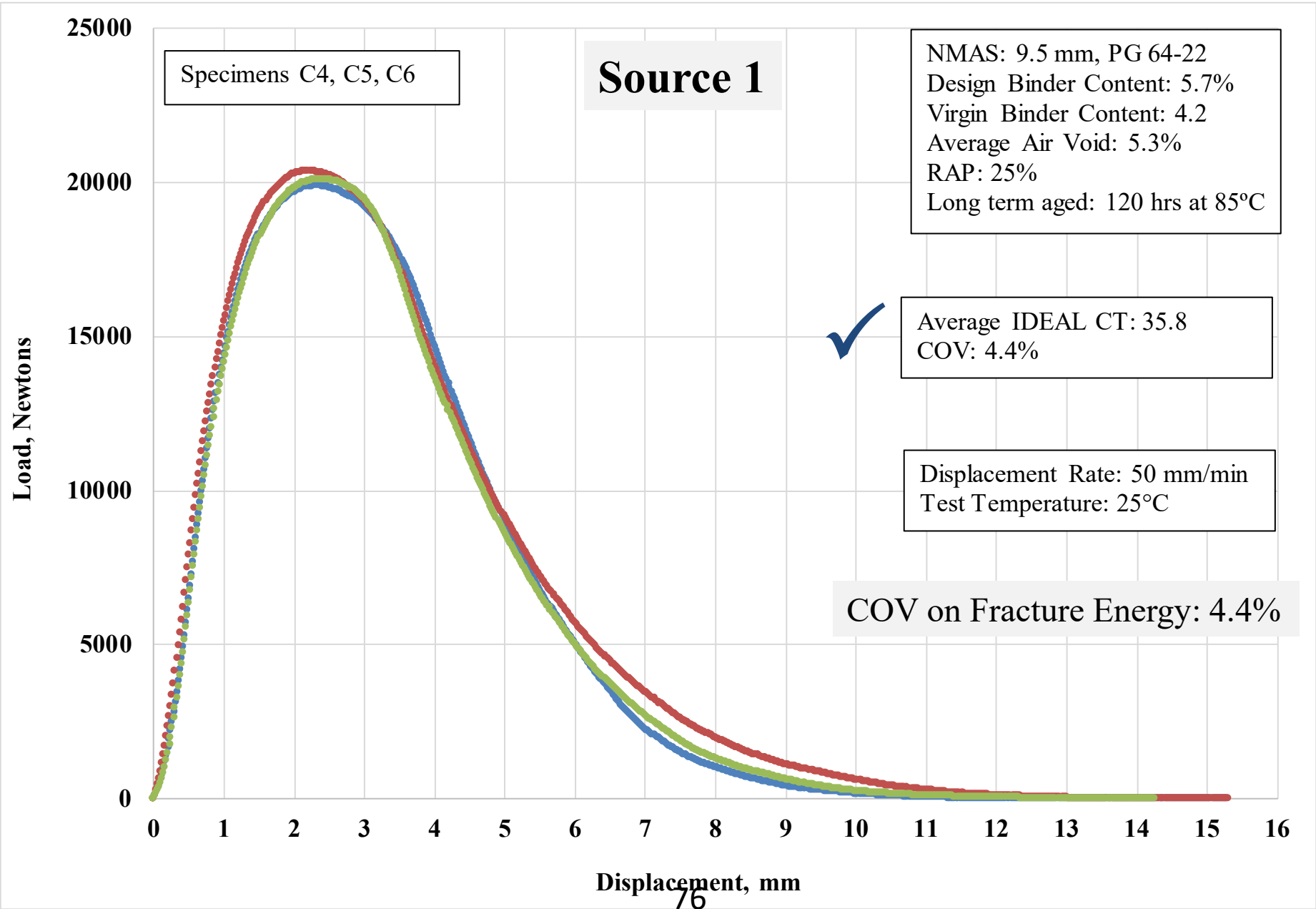
Criteria established based on  $CT_{Index}$

$$CT_{Index} = \frac{G_f}{\bar{l}} \times \left( \frac{l_{75}}{D} \right)$$

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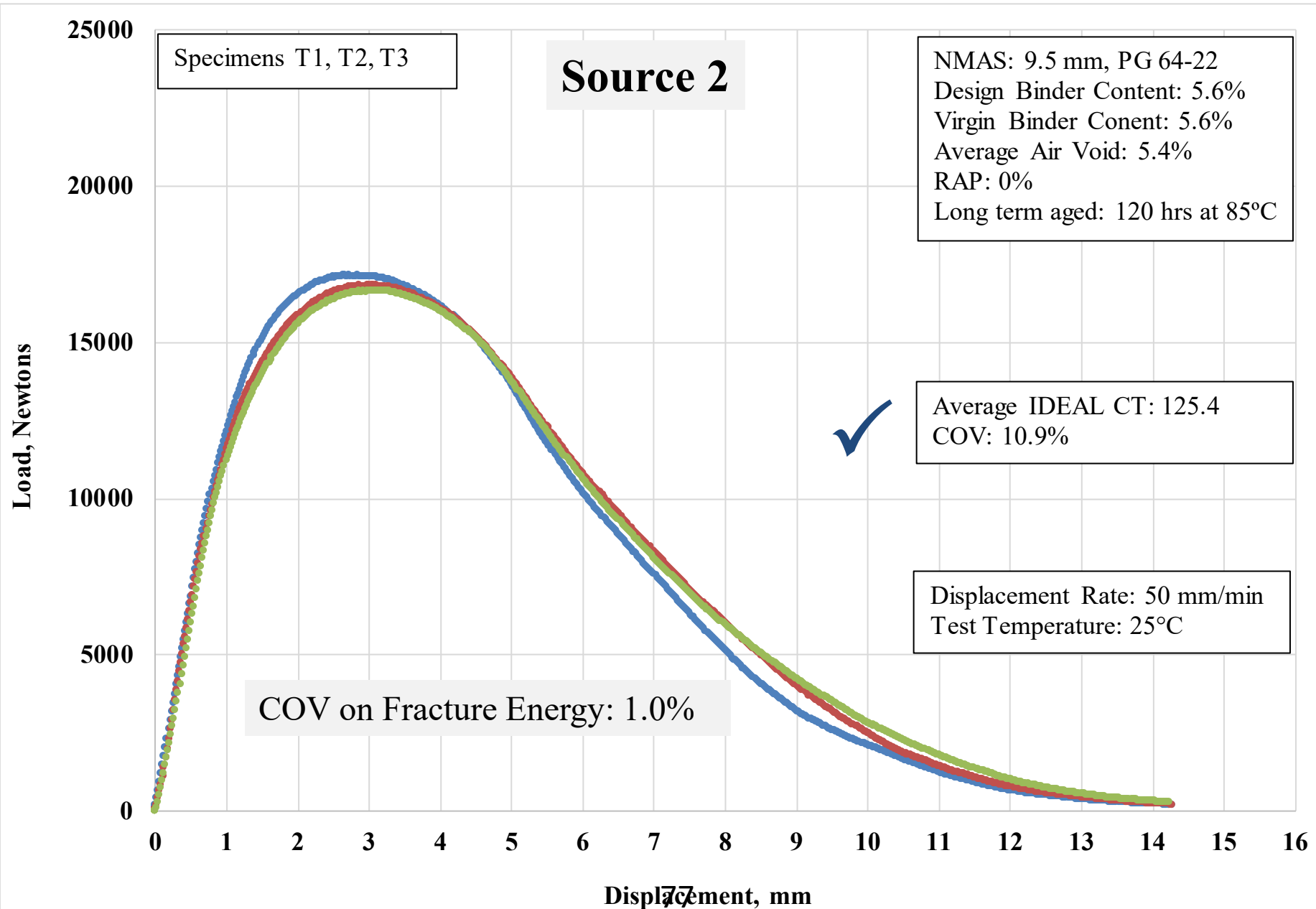
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LTOA



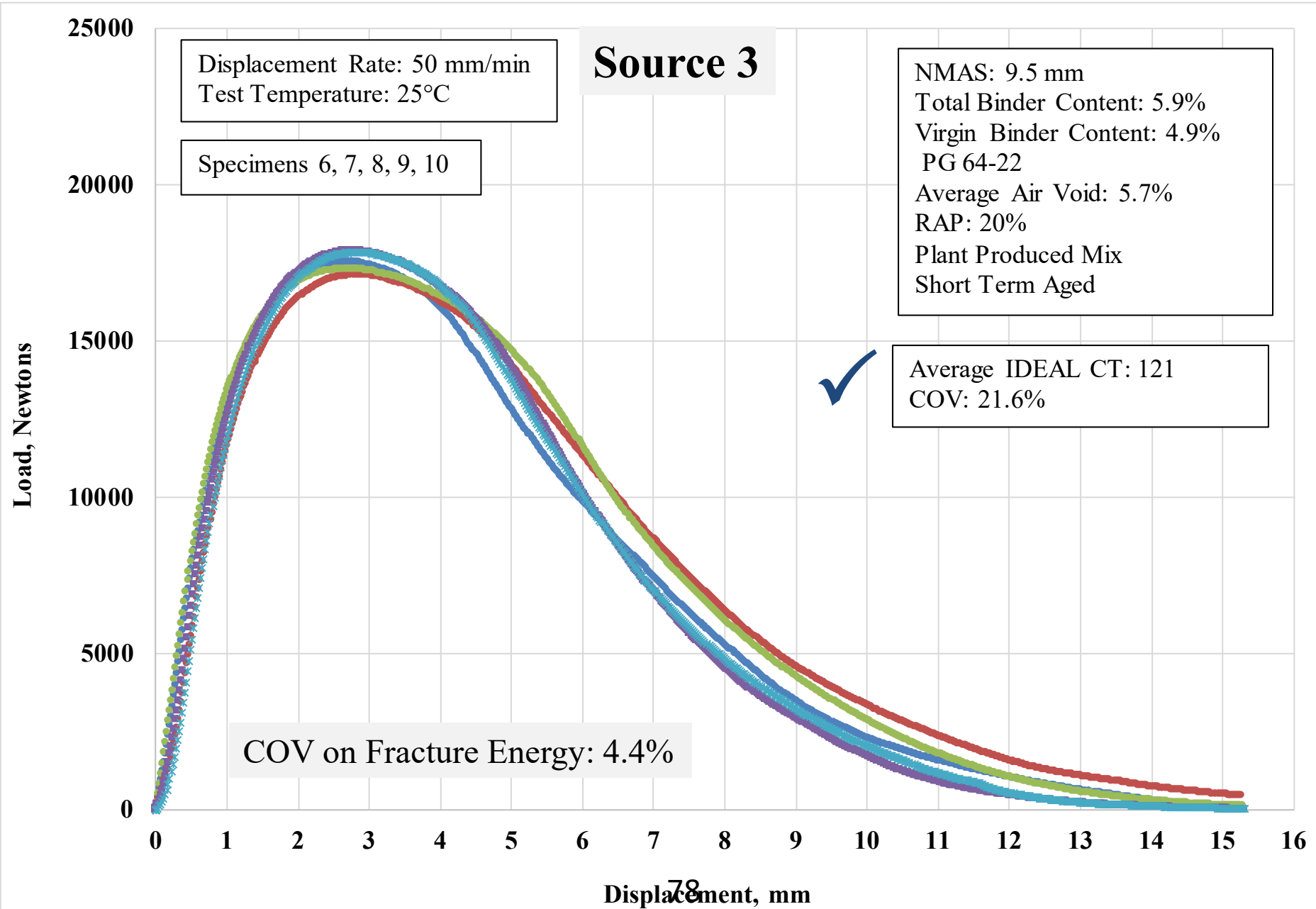
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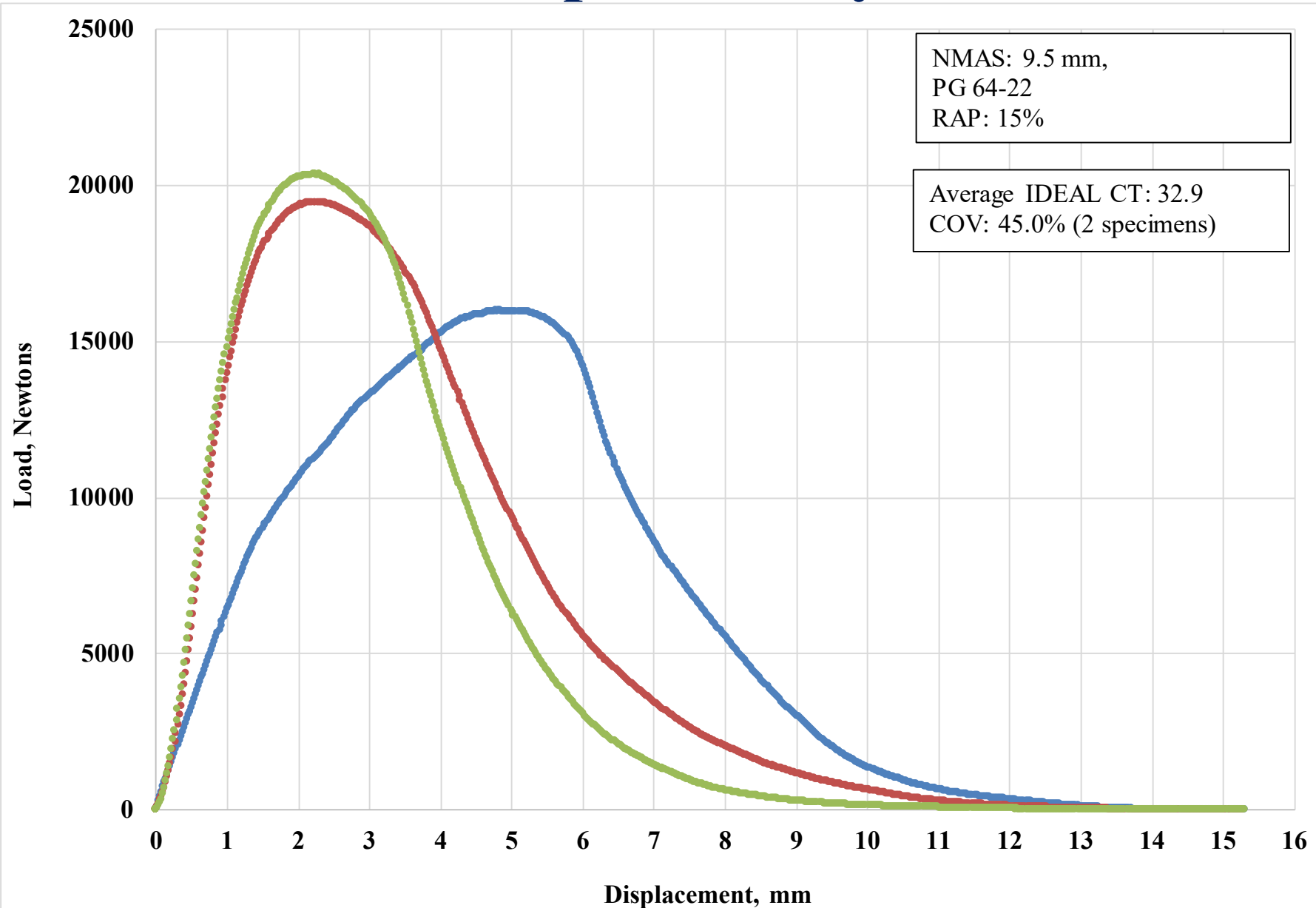
# Test Repeatability

STOA





# Test Repeatability



# Types of Mixes Tested (25 Mixes)

Source	# of Mixes	# of Plugs	Mix Origin	Mix Condition	NMAS, mm	Binder Grade	Binder Content	RAP
01	9	27	Lab Prod.	LTOA	9.5	58-28	5.2 to 6.2	0, 15, 25
						64-22		
						76-22		
02	9	27	Lab Prod.	LTOA	9.5	58-28	5.1 to 6.1	0, 15, 25
						64-22		
						76-22		
03	7	35	Plant Prod.	STOA	6.3	64-22	6.3	0
					6.3	76-22	6.9	0
					9.5 (3)	64-22	5.9 & 6.0	15.0, 20.0
					19 (2)	64-22	4.8 & 5.1	25.0, 28.5

# Source of Mixes & Conditioning

## Sources 1 and 2

Lab Prepared Mix → Long Term Aged (5 days @ 185°F)

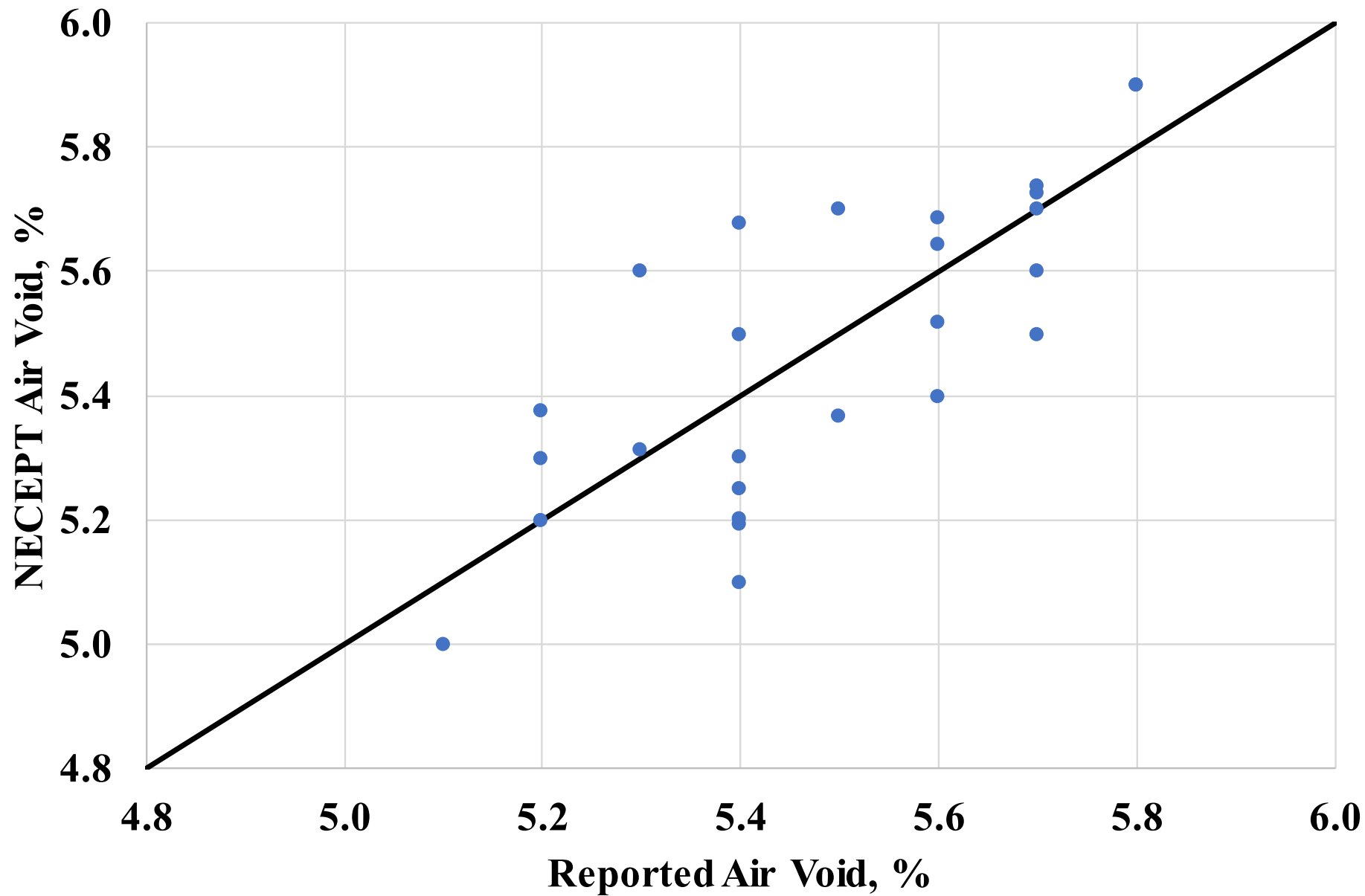
**LTOA**

## Source 3

Plant Prepared Mix → Short Term Aged

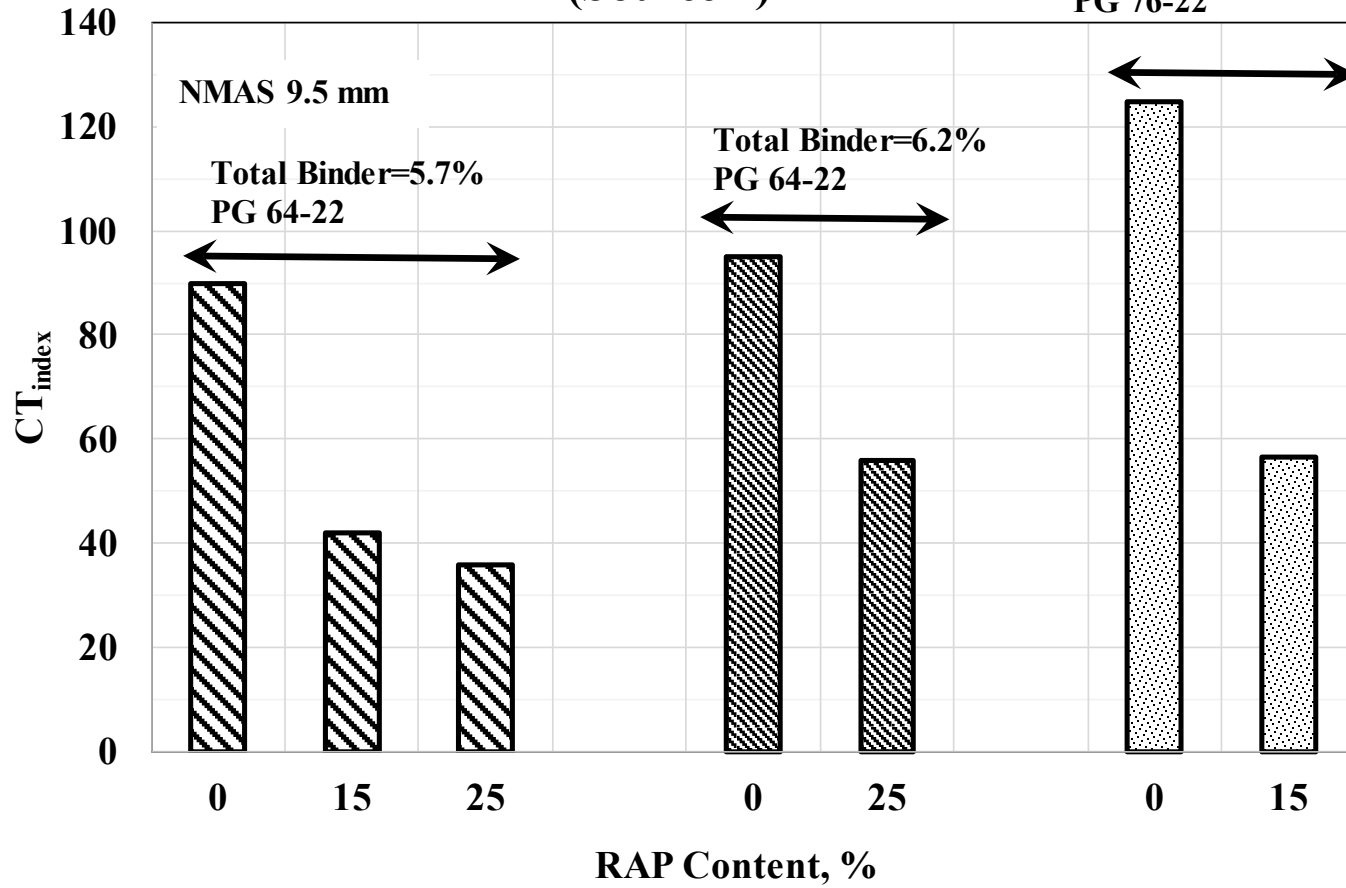
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# Air Void Comparison



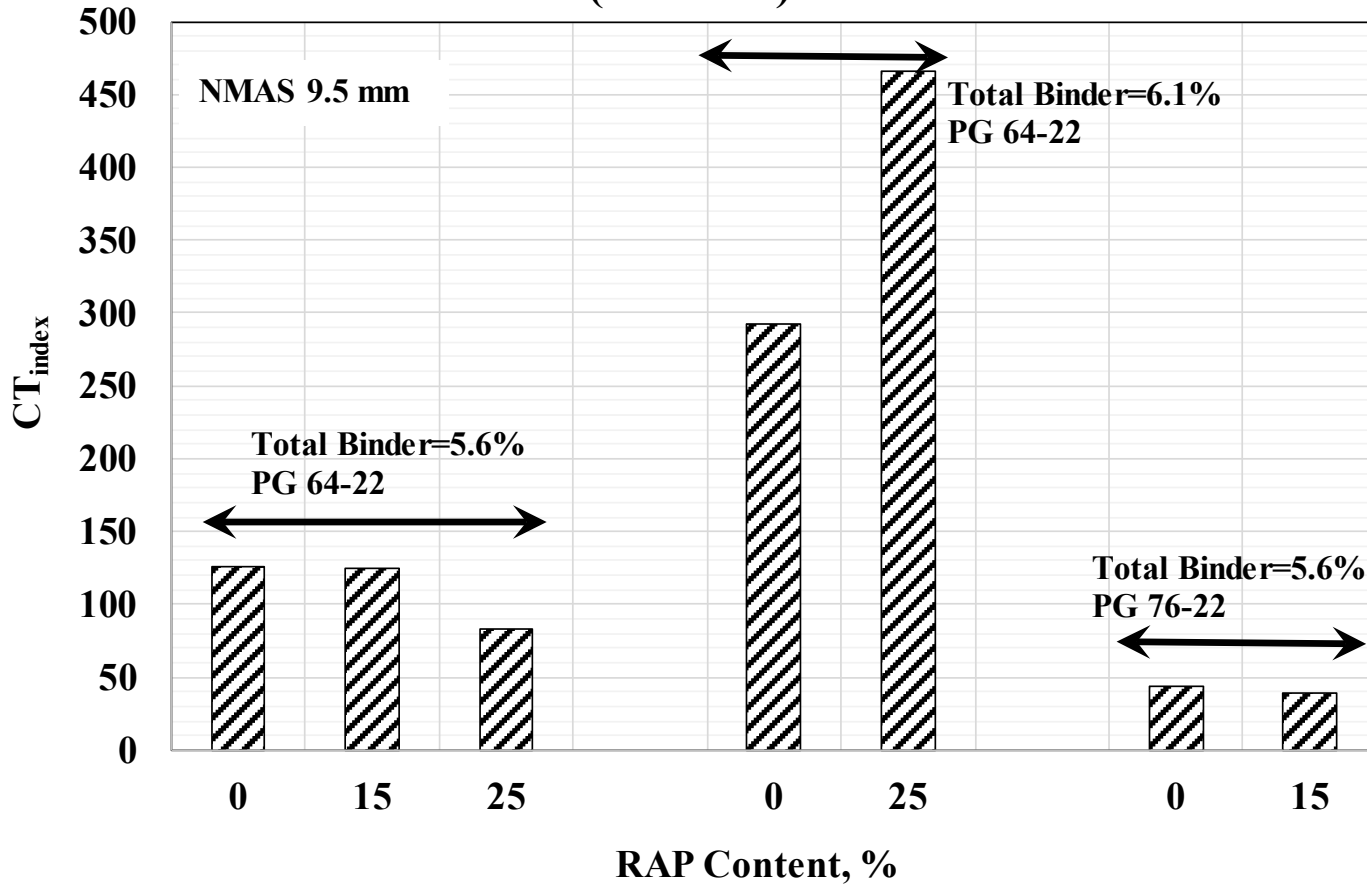
## Effect of RAP Content (Source 1)

**LTOA**  
Total Binder=5.7%  
PG 76-22

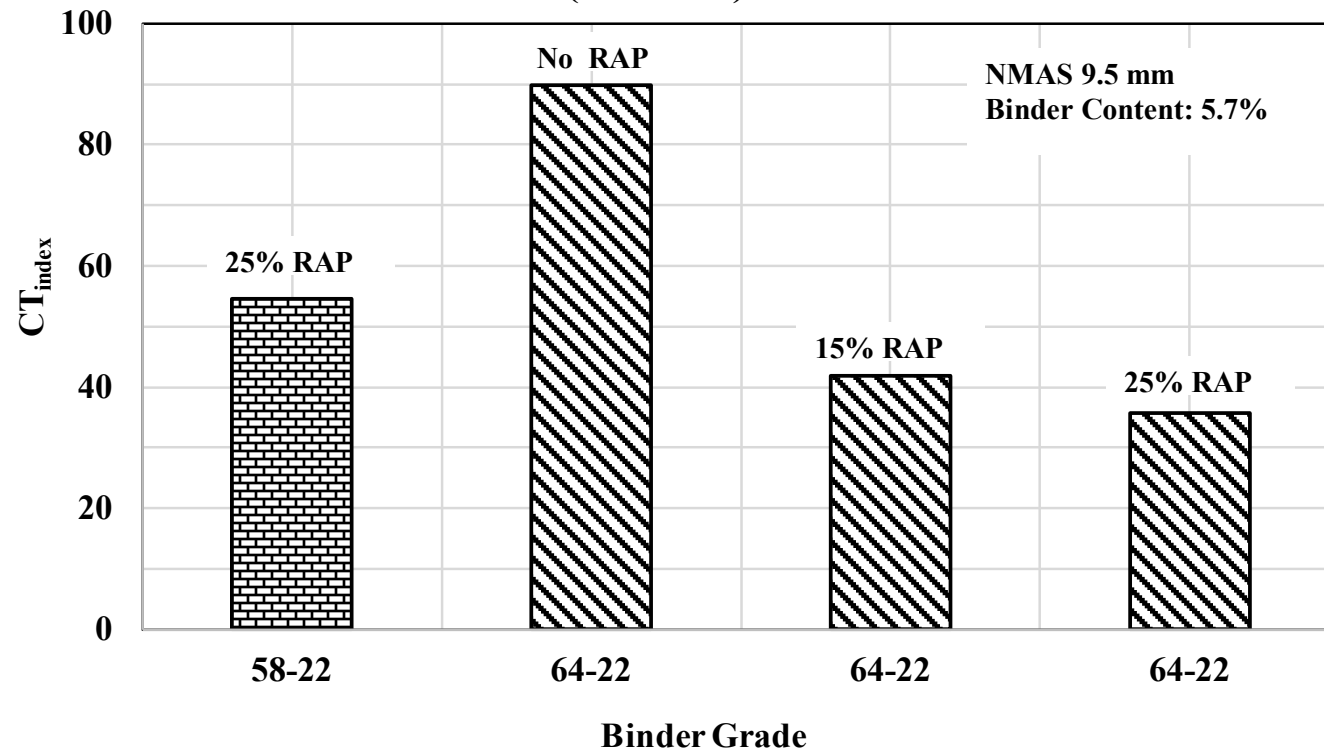


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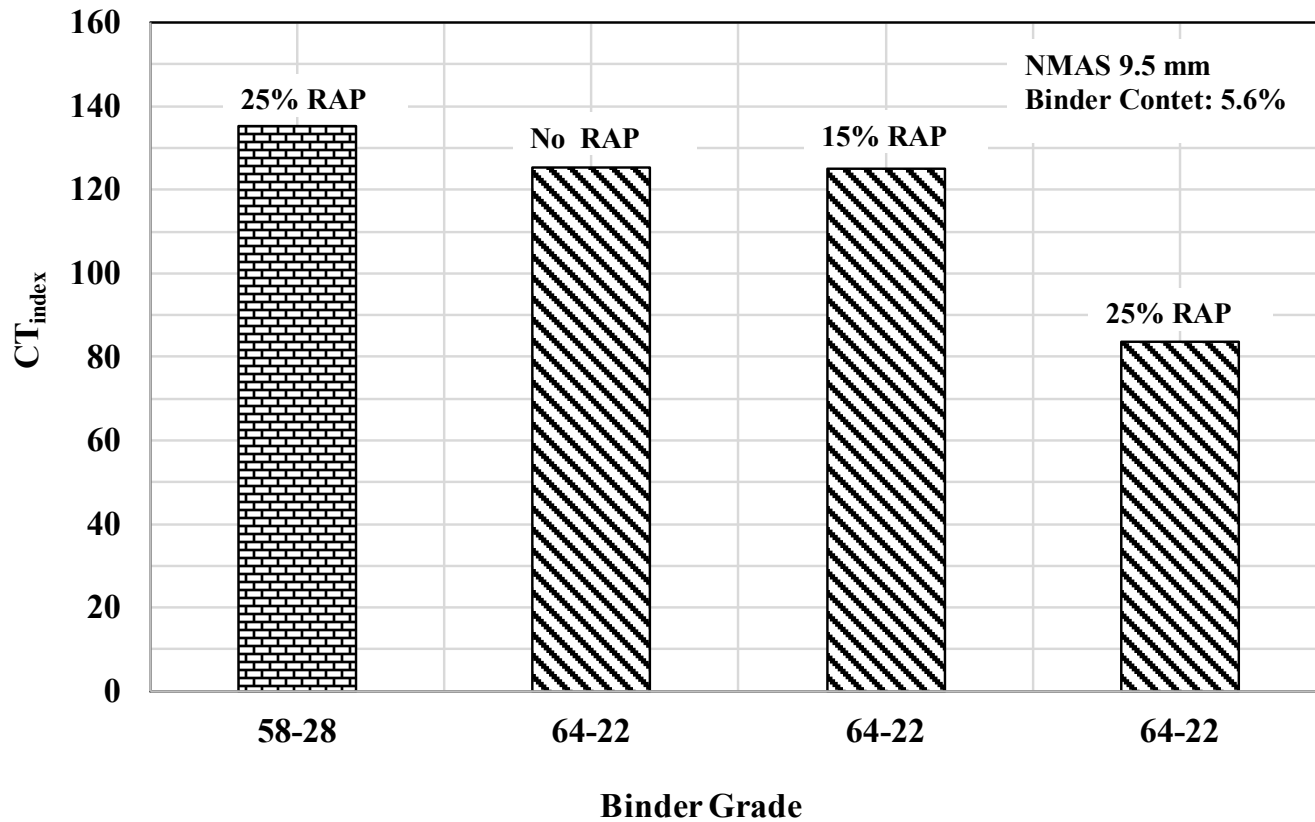
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### Effect of Binder Grade & RAP (Source 1)

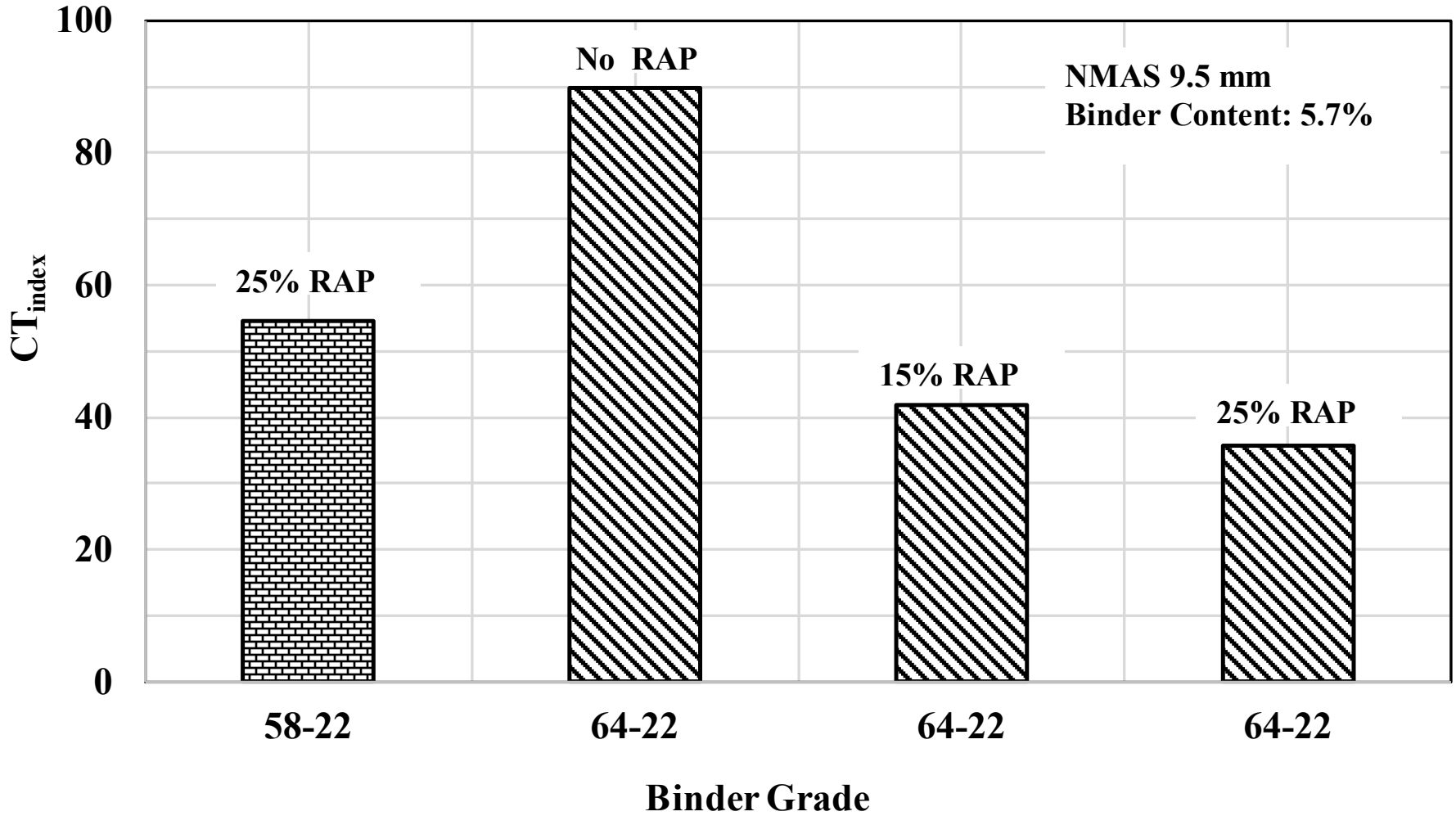


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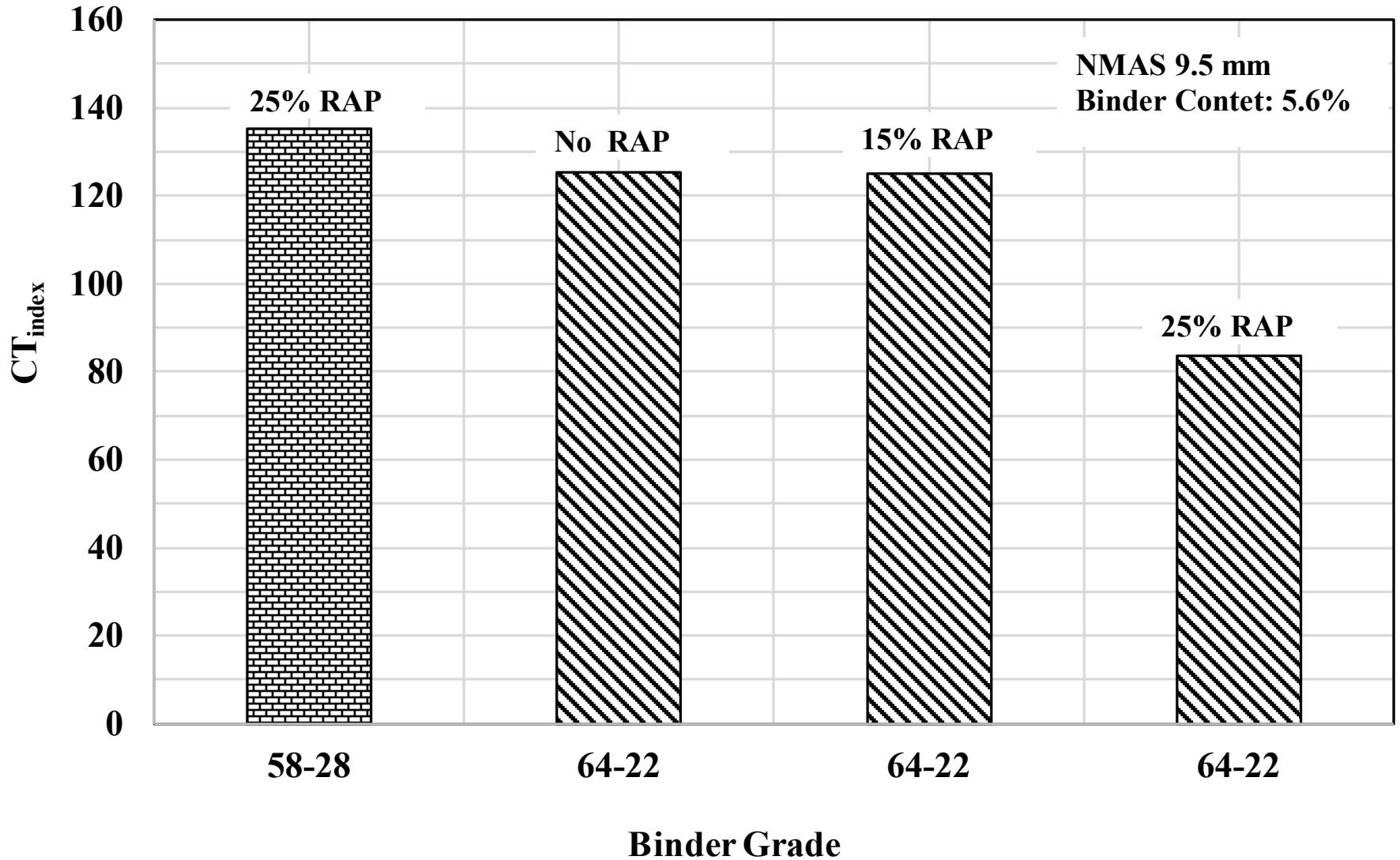




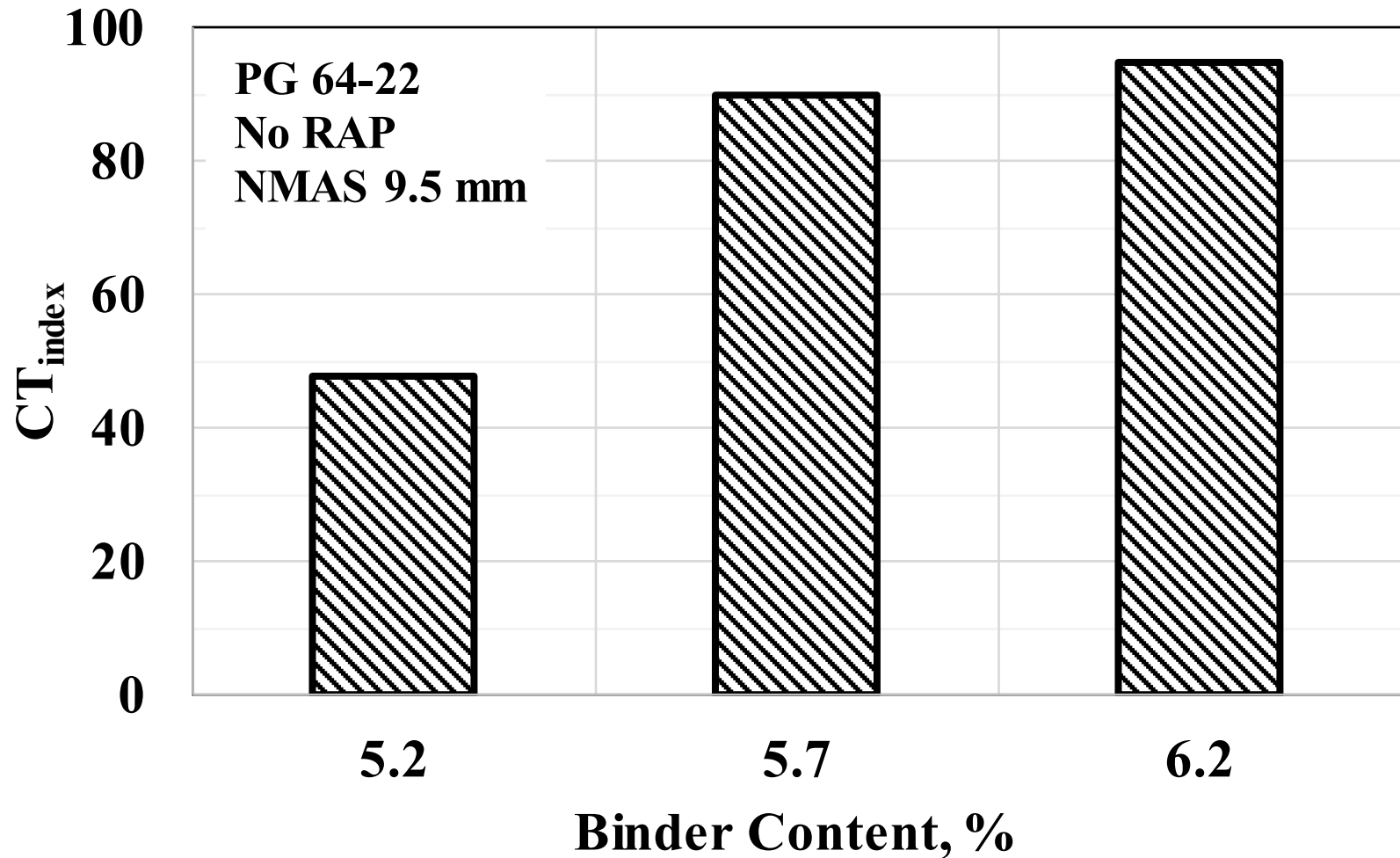
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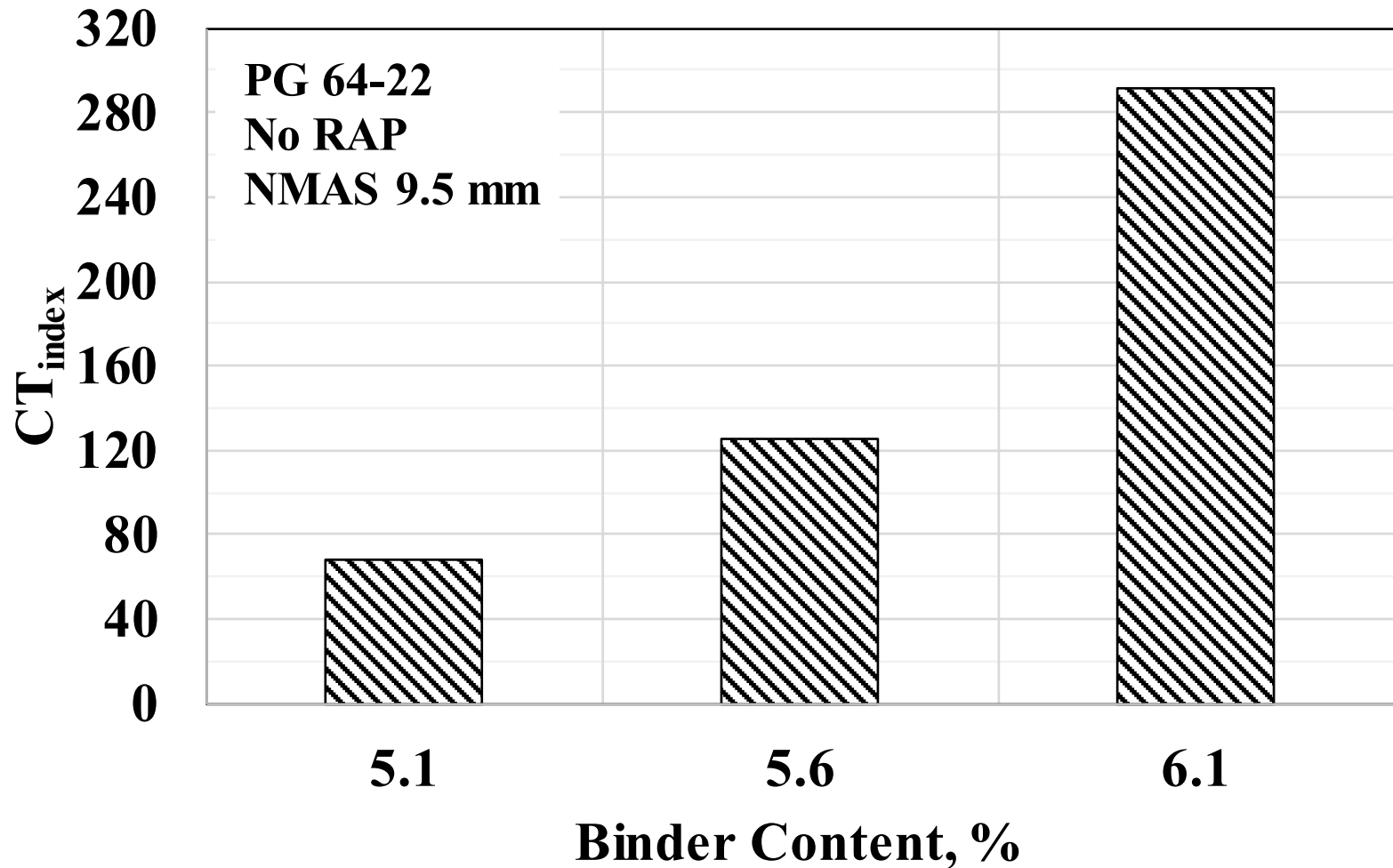
# Effect of Binder Grade & RAP (Source 2)



## Effect of Binder Content (Source 1)



## Effect of Binder Content (Source 2)



# What COV should we use?

Criterion on COV	Number of Mixes
$\geq 30\%$	5
$\geq 25\%$	6
$\geq 20\%$	7
$\geq 15\%$	15
$\geq 10\%$	20

**COV: Coefficient of Variation**

**Total Number of Mixes: 23**

# Summary & Conclusions

- Trend of Data very similar to SCB
- IDEAL-CT Range: **33 to 460**
- **In most cases, the test is very repeatable**
- COV mostly under 25%

# Summary & Conclusions

- Increasing binder increases flexibility
- Increasing RAP over 20% decreases flexibility
- Use of soft binder with high RAP: mixed results (RAP binder stiffness effect?)

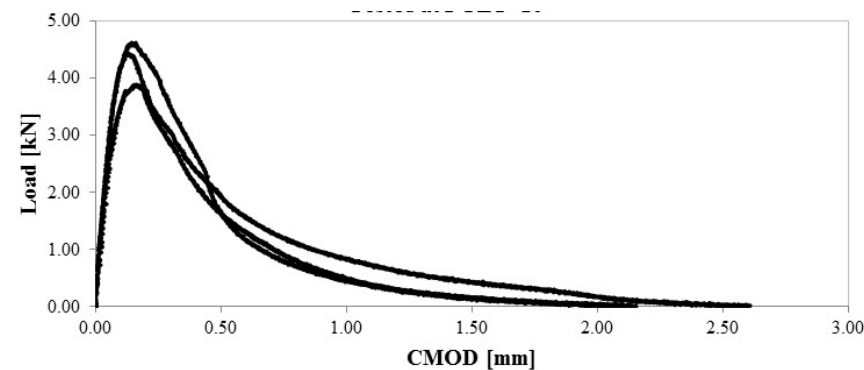
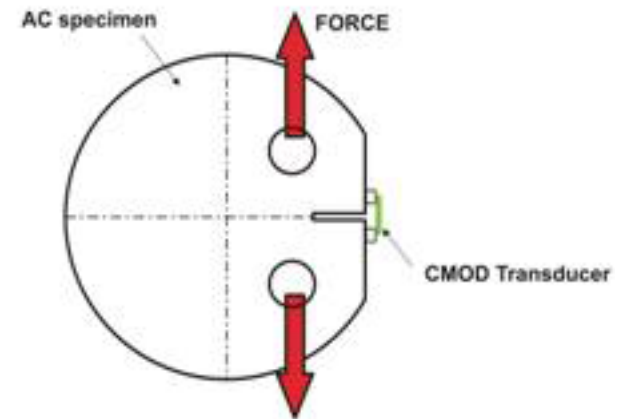
# Recommendations

- Use four replicates
- Need a limit on COV
  - Round robin testing needed
  - Recommendation: 20% to 25%



# Low Temperature Cracking Test

- **Disk-Shaped Compact Tension (DCT) testing.** (ASTM D7313)
  - Measures fracture energy
  - Gyratory samples %7.0 (+/- %1.0) air voids.
  - Test run at 10<sup>0</sup> C above the low PG mix designation. (-12<sup>0</sup>C (10.4<sup>0</sup> F) for PG64-22)
  - Fracture energy requirements vary depending on mix type (SMA) and layer (wearing, binder)

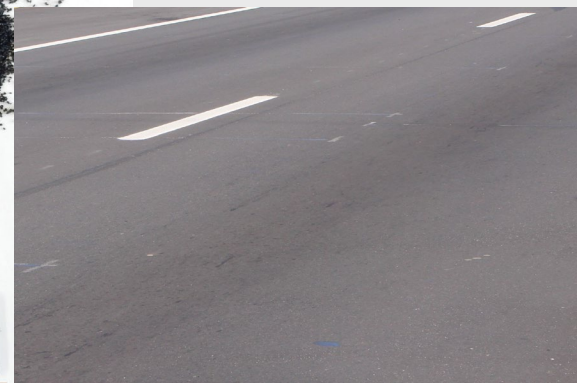




*Thank  
You!*



# Use of Crumb Rubber Modifier with Asphalt Mixes



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# PennDOT Initiative

## on Rubber Asphalt Pavements

Mix Type	County Name	County Code	Highway	Design ESALs	Construction Completion Date
<b>Gap-Graded</b>	Berks	6	SR 0078	>30M	October, 2012
	Snyder	54	SR 0015	3 to <30M	September, 2013
	Lawrence	37	SR 376	3 to <30M	September 2014
	Adams	1	SR 0015	3 to <30M	September, 2015
<b>Dense-Graded</b>	Centre	14	SR 0322	3 to <30M	May, 2016
	Luzerne	40	SR 0924	3 to <30M	June, 2016
	Indiana	32	SR 0954	0.3 to <3M	August, 2016
	Lancaster	36	SR 0272	0.3 to <3M	September, 2016
	Phil/Bucks	67/9	SR 0063	3 to <30M	October, 2016
	Westmoreland	64	SR 0366	3 to <30M	October, 2016

### GG Mixes:

No RAP, %AC: 7.6-8.1, 12.5-mm NMAS

### DG Mixes:

10-15% RAP, and one with no RAP, %AC: 4.8-6.2, 9.5-mm NMAS (except one)

17% CRM  
8.0% AC  
12.5-mm NMAS

Snyder Co.  
SR 0015  
Sept. 2013



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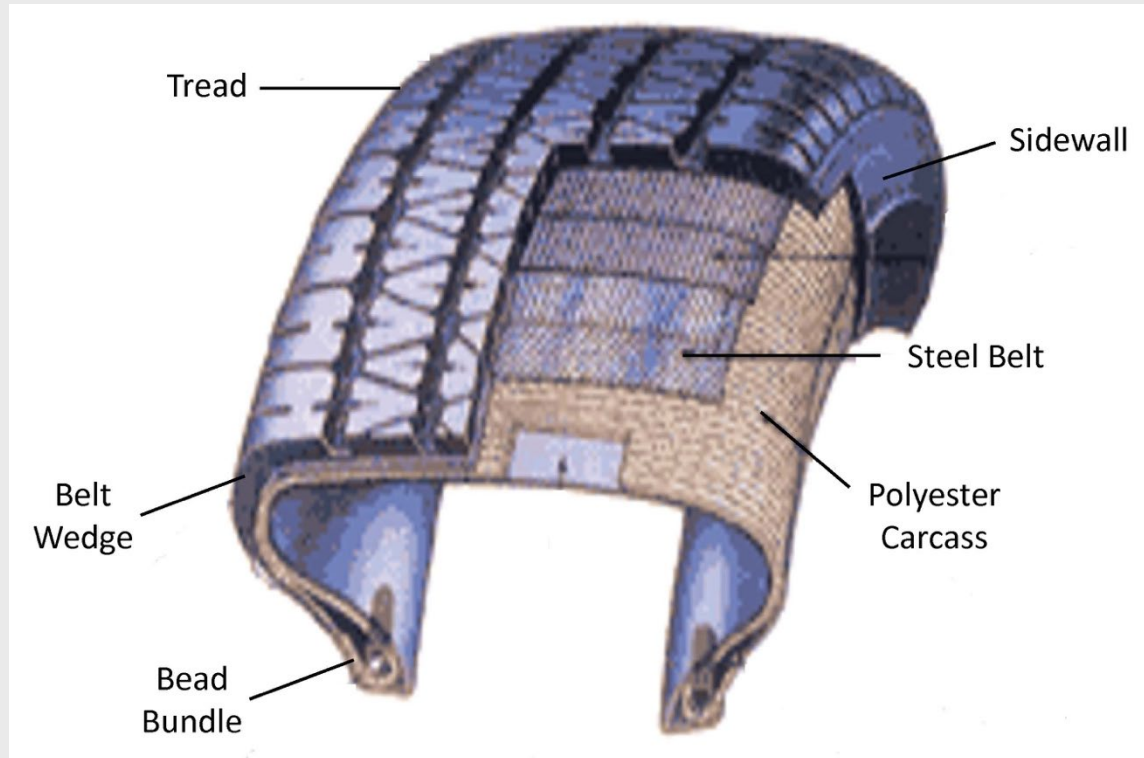


# Related Terminology

- **CRM:** Crumb Rubber Modifier
  
- **Dry Process:** blend rubber particles in aggregate
  
- **Wet Process:** blend rubber particles in binder
  - Asphalt Rubber Binder: rubber content  $\geq 15\%$
  - Rubberized Asphalt: rubber content  $< 15\%$  (often through terminal blending if  $< 10\%$ )

**Note:** percentages are by weight of the blend

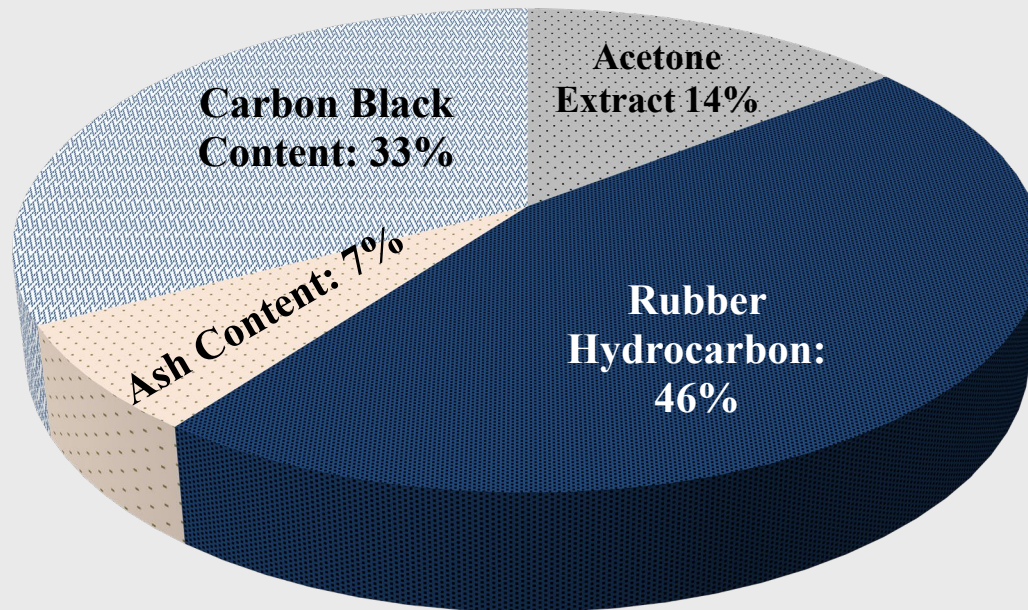
# Rubber Tire Composition



Composition of a tire (Neto et al. 2006).

# Rubber Tire Composition

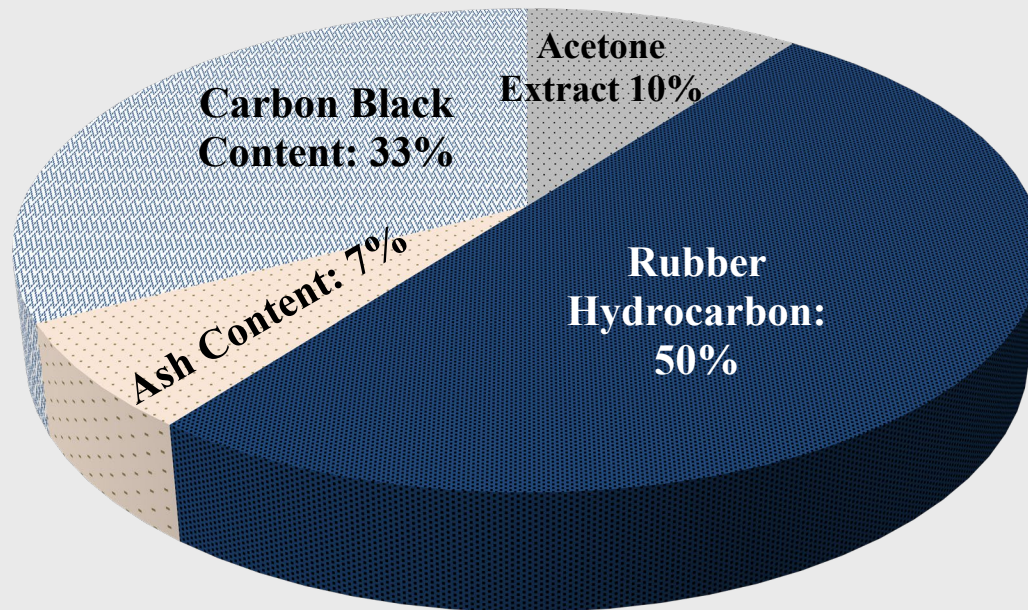
**CRM 1: -#30 Mesh**



**ASTM D297 – 15(2019):  
Standard Test Method of Rubber Products-Chemical Analysis**

# Rubber Tire Composition

**CRM 2: -#20 Mesh**



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Standard Test Method of Rubber Products-Chemical Analysis**

# Rubber Particle Size

- Designation based on ASMT D5603-19
- Example Mesh -#20: at least 99% pass #16 sieve.
- Typical range for asphalt use: -#14 mesh (1.4 mm) to -#80 mesh

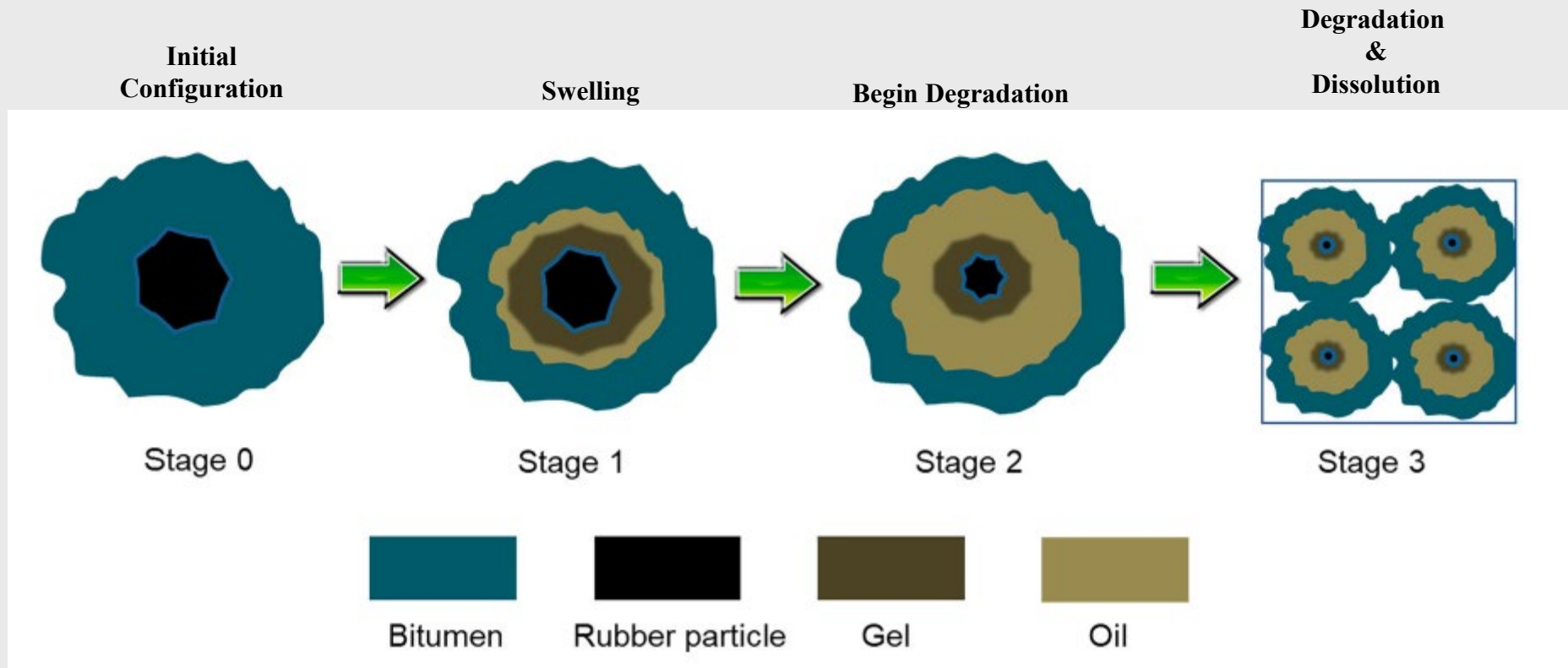
# Terminally Blended CRM Binders

- Rubberized asphalt produced at terminal or refinery
- Finer size CRM (for example #50) used.
- Typically low rubber content (under 10%)
- Can be used in dense graded mixes

# Terminally Blended CRM Binders

Contaminant	Maximum
Fiber Content	Max. 0.5% by weight
Moisture Content	Max. 0.75% by weight
Minerals Content	Max. 0.25% by weight
Metals	No visible metal particles as indicated by thorough stirring of a 50-gram sample with magnet, max. 0.01%

# Asphalt-Rubber Interaction



**Source:** Wang, S., Cheng, D., and Xiao, F., 2017. Recent developments in the application of chemical approaches to rubberized asphalt. *Construction and Building Materials*, 131, 101–113.



# Storage Stability

- Storage stability increases with
  - Higher Blending Temperature
  - Longer Blending time
  - Higher shear rate
- Compatibility between CRM and binder important
- Degree of stability reported as a separation index determined based on ASTM D7173

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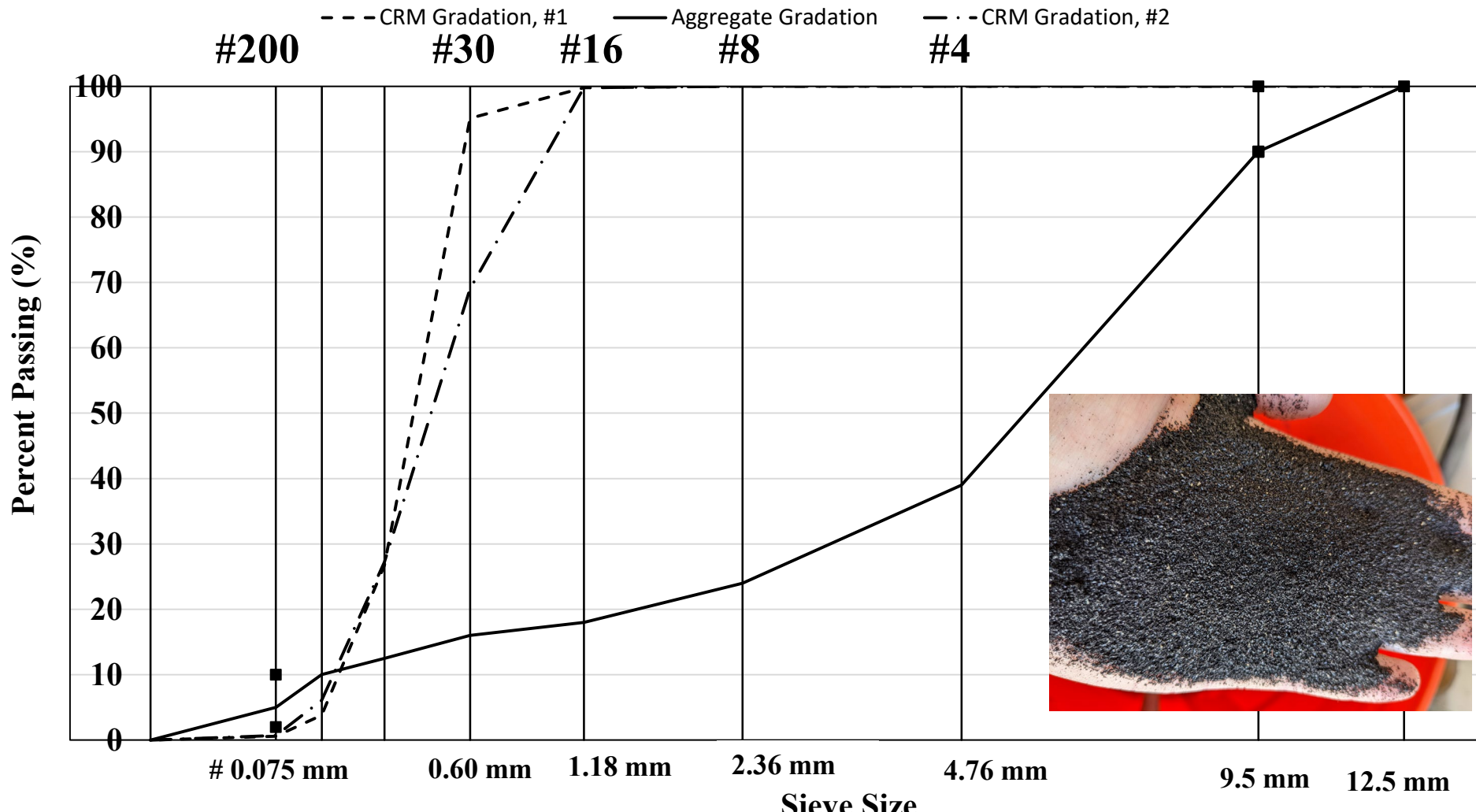
# Research Study Factors

Factor	Levels		
<b>CRM Content</b>	10%, 15% (by mass of modified binder)		
<b>CRM Size</b>	Mesh -#30 and -#20		
<b>Binder Grade</b>	PG 64S-22 and PG 58S-28		
<b>Aggregate Source</b>	Limestone and Calcareous Sandstone		
<b>Curing Level</b>	Low	Intermediate	High

**PG 58S-28:**

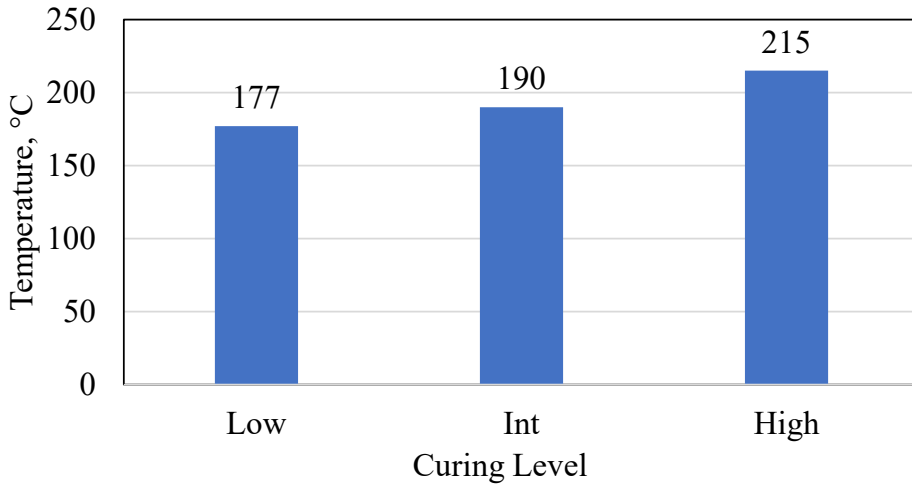
**from two different sources for the mixture work**

# Particle Size Distribution (Gradations)

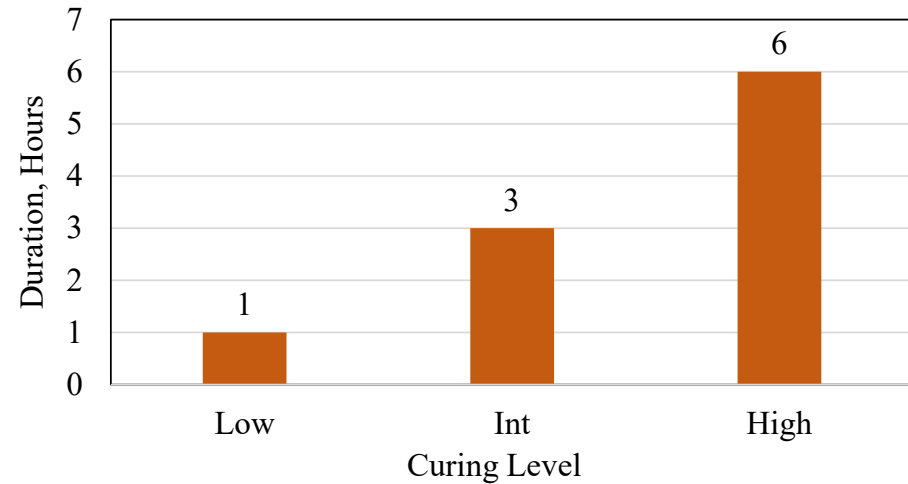


# CRM-Binder Cure Levels

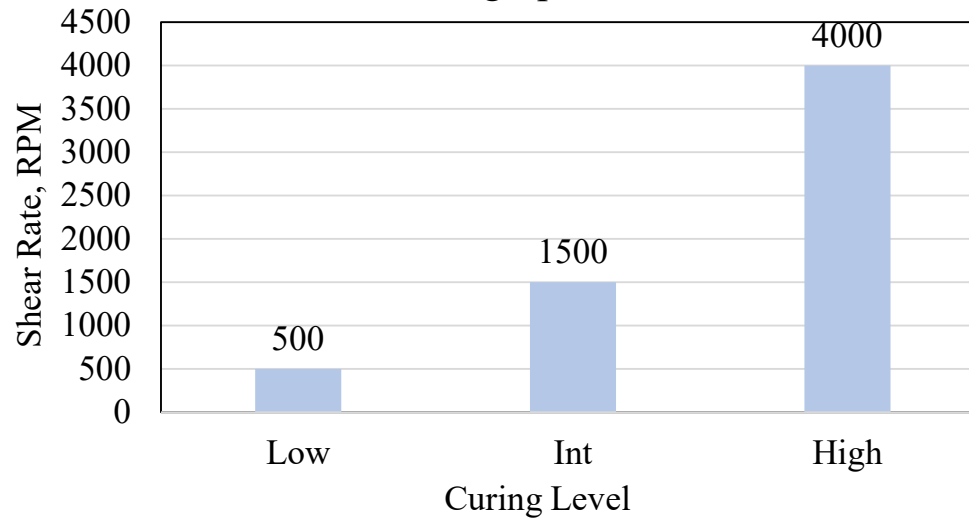
### Curing Temperature



### Curing Duration



### Curing Speed





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# CRM Blending in the Lab



Blending equipment with heating mantle

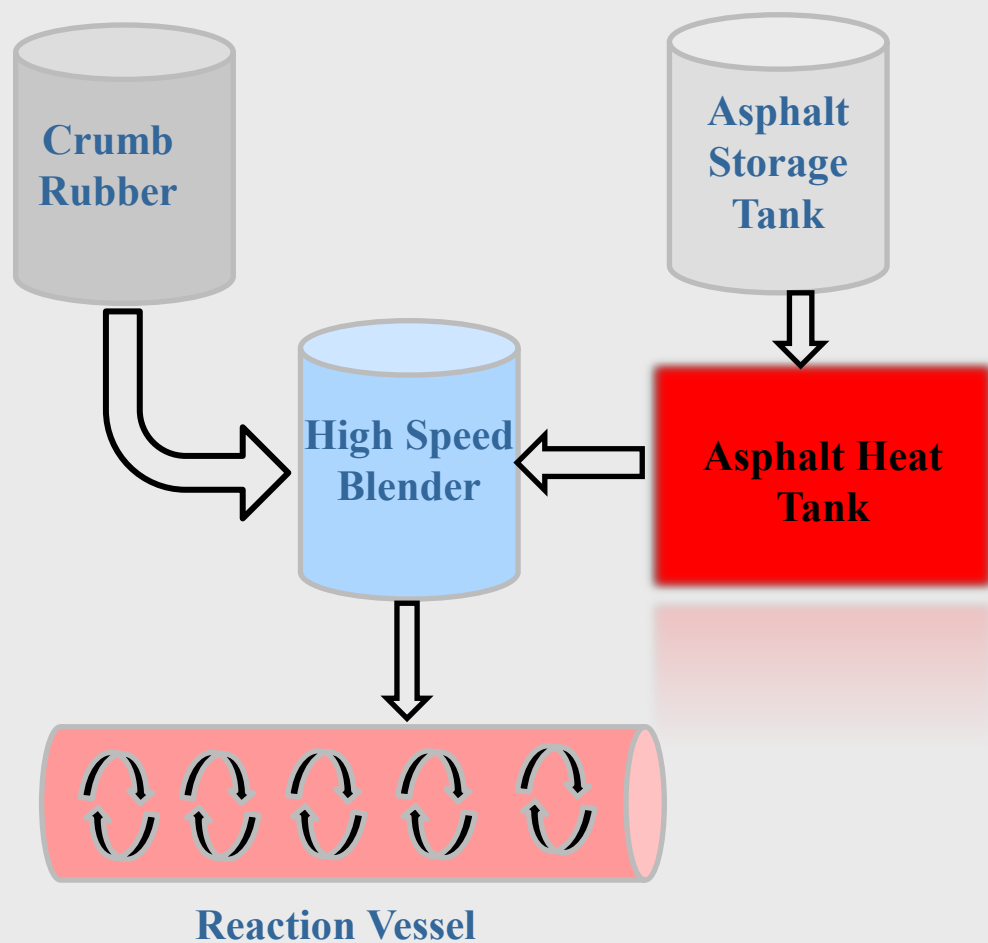
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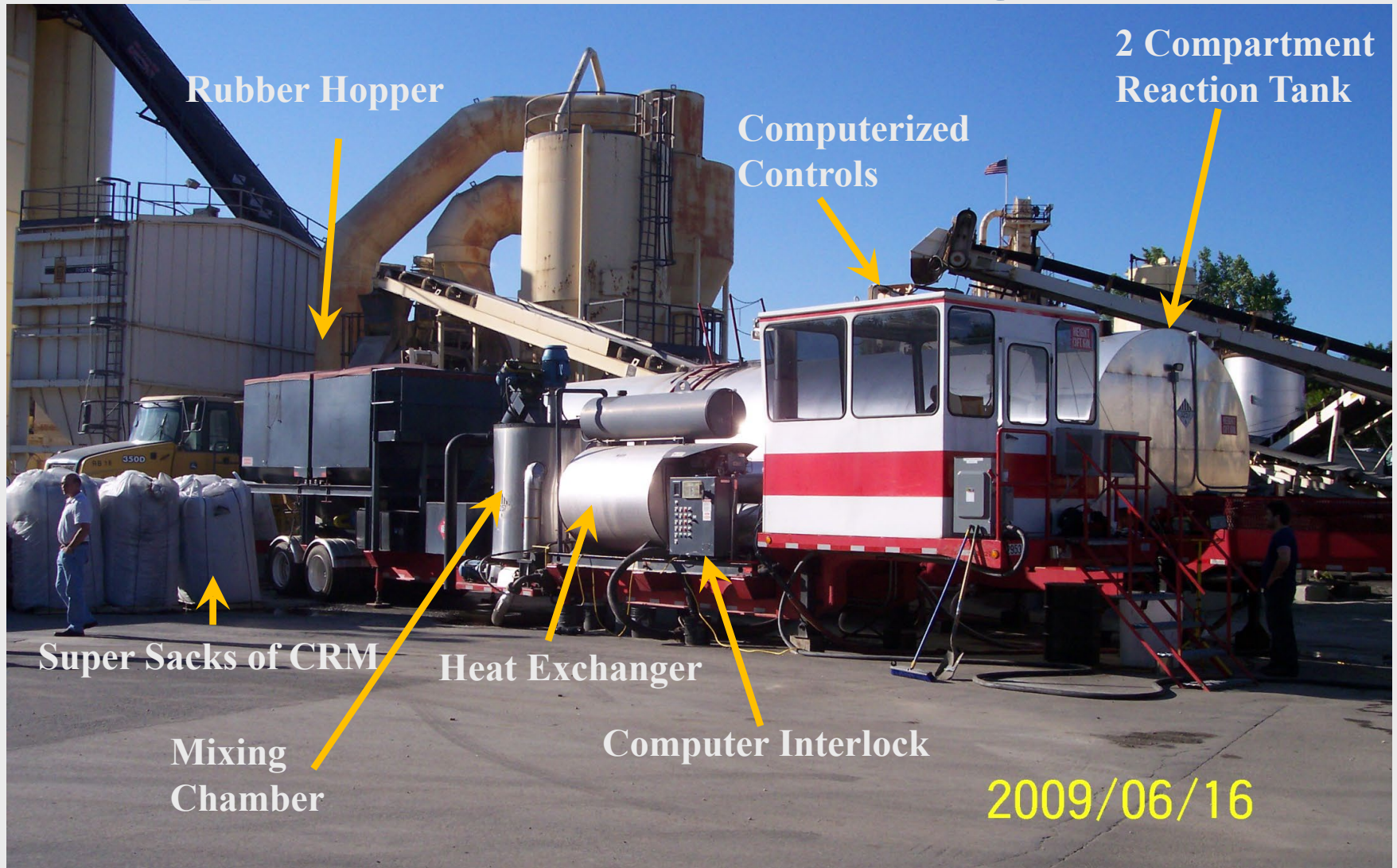
Incorporating CRM



# Asphalt Rubber Blending Process (in the field)



# Asphalt Rubber Blending Process



**Photo:** Courtesy of Mark Edsall, All States Materials Group



# Low Cure versus High Cure



Low Cure

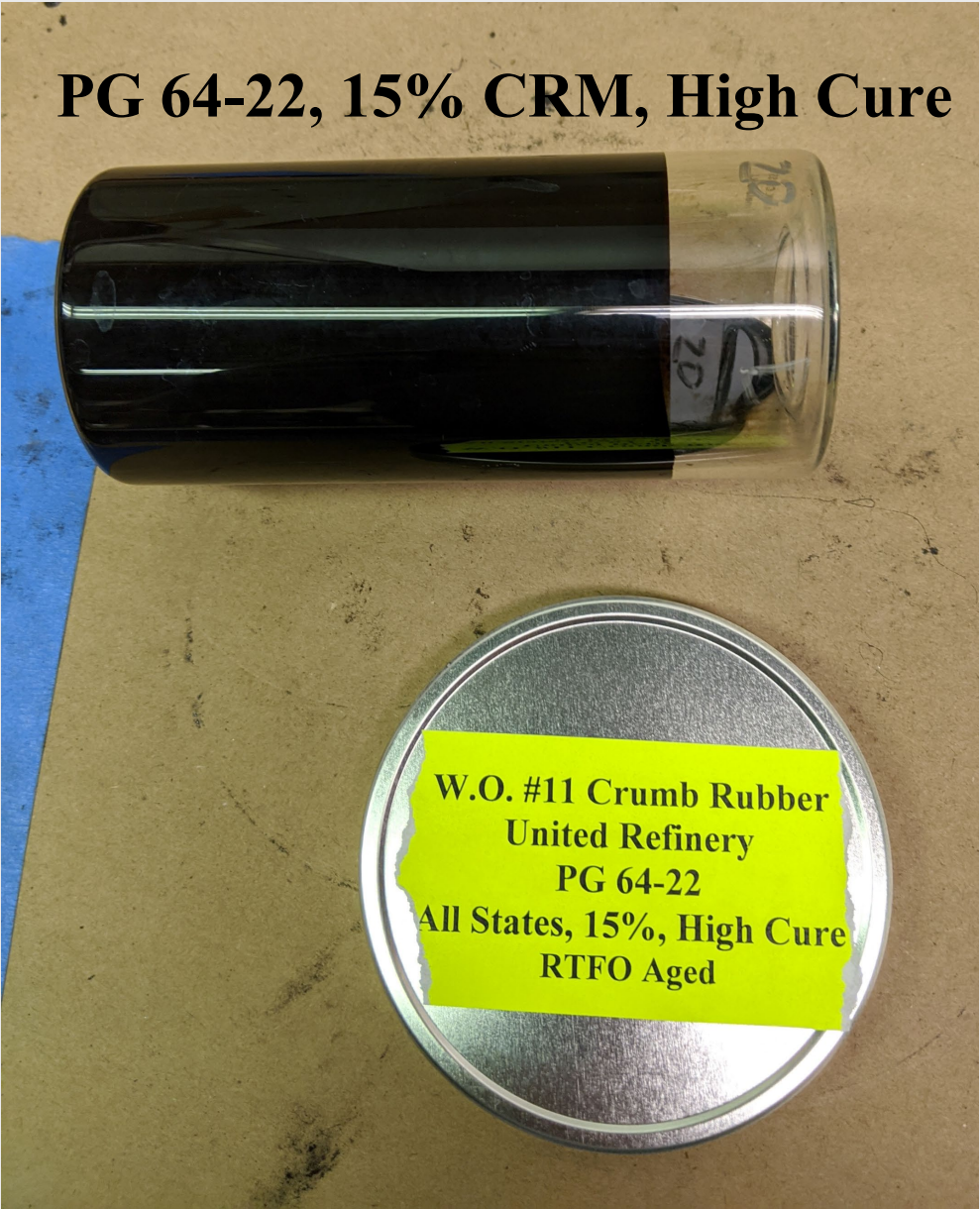


High Cure

15% CRM PG 58-28

# Short-Term Conditioning

**PG 64-22, 15% CRM, High Cure**



# Binder Characterization Tests

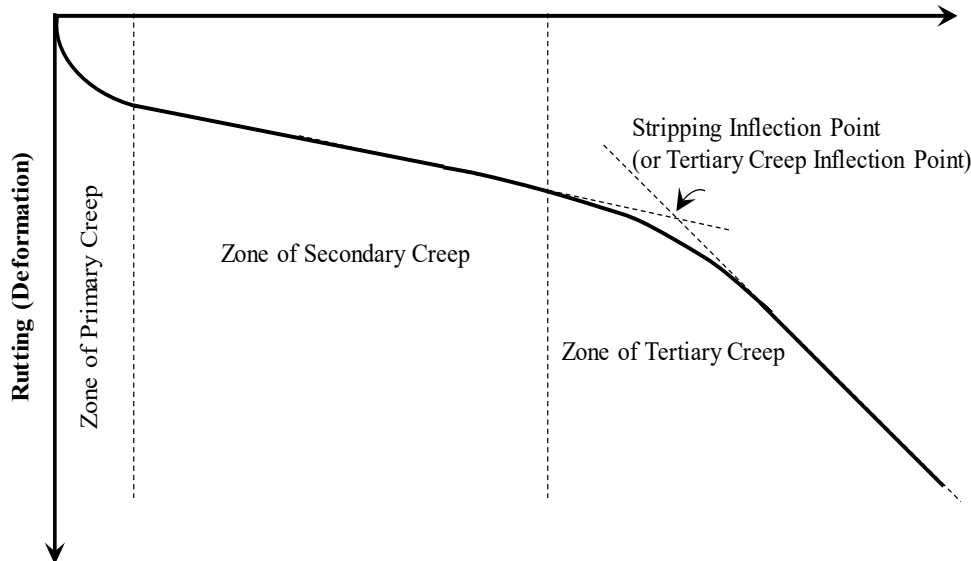
- 1. Cure CRM Binders at Different Levels
- 2. Unaged, RTFO-aged, and PAV-aged
- 3. DSR, BBR, MSCR

# Mixture Performance Tests

- Hamburg Wheel Tracking
  - AASHTO T 324
  - 150-mm diameter, 62-mm tall
  - Trimmed at the side to deliver track
  - 20,000 passes, 50C



Number of Wheel Passes (Traffic or Loading Time)

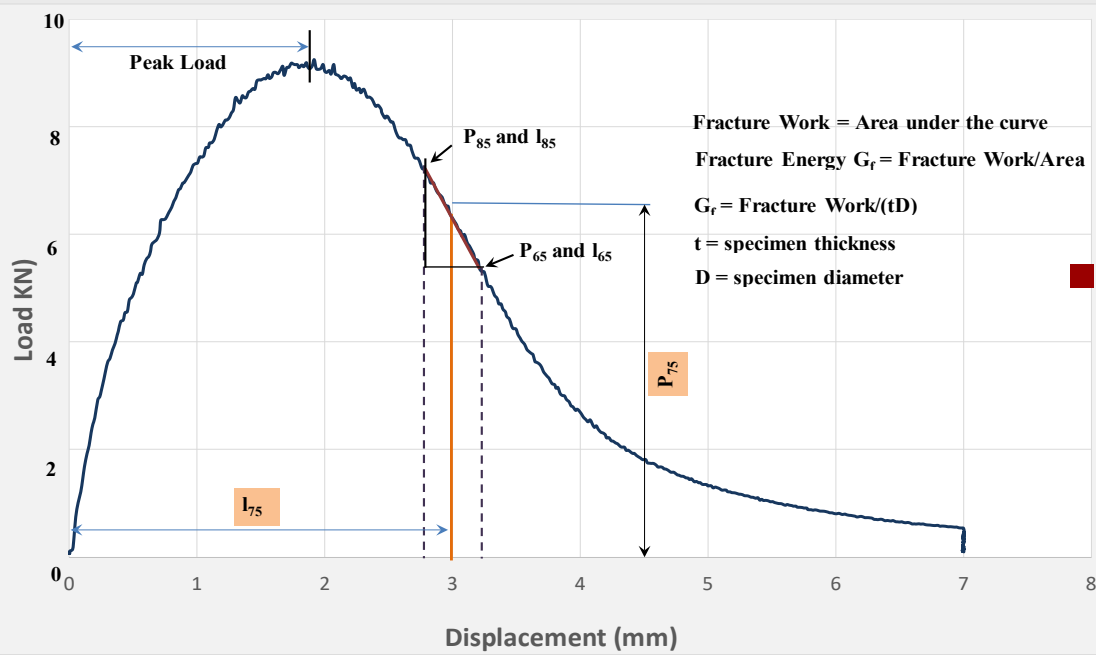
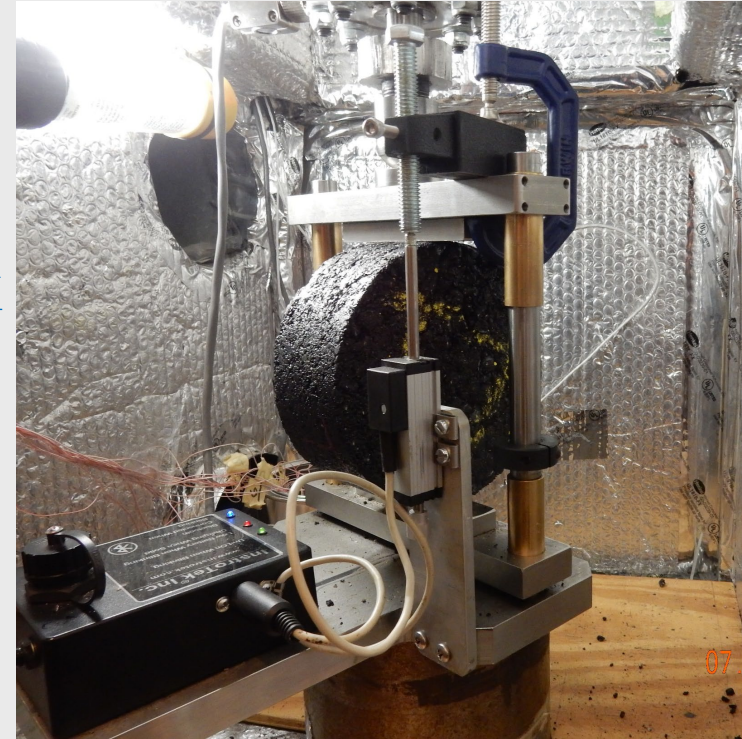


- Measure Resistance to
  - Rutting
  - Moisture Damage

# Mixture Performance Tests

## ■ IDEAL-CT

- ASTM D8225-19
- 150-mm diameter, 62-mm thick
- 50 mm/min loading, 25C

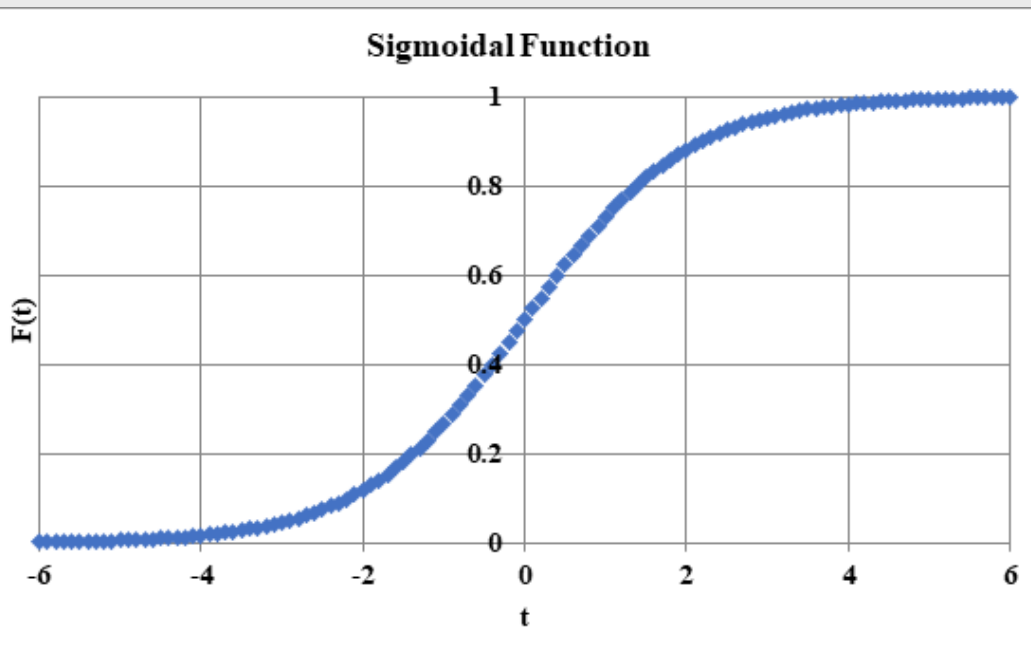


## ■ Measure Resistance to

- Cracking

# Mixture Performance Tests

- Dynamic Modulus
  - AASHTO T 342
  - 100-mm diameter, 150-mm tall
  - Multiple temperatures, freqs.



- Measure Engineering Properties of the Mix
  - Modulus (Stiffness)
  - Phase Angle

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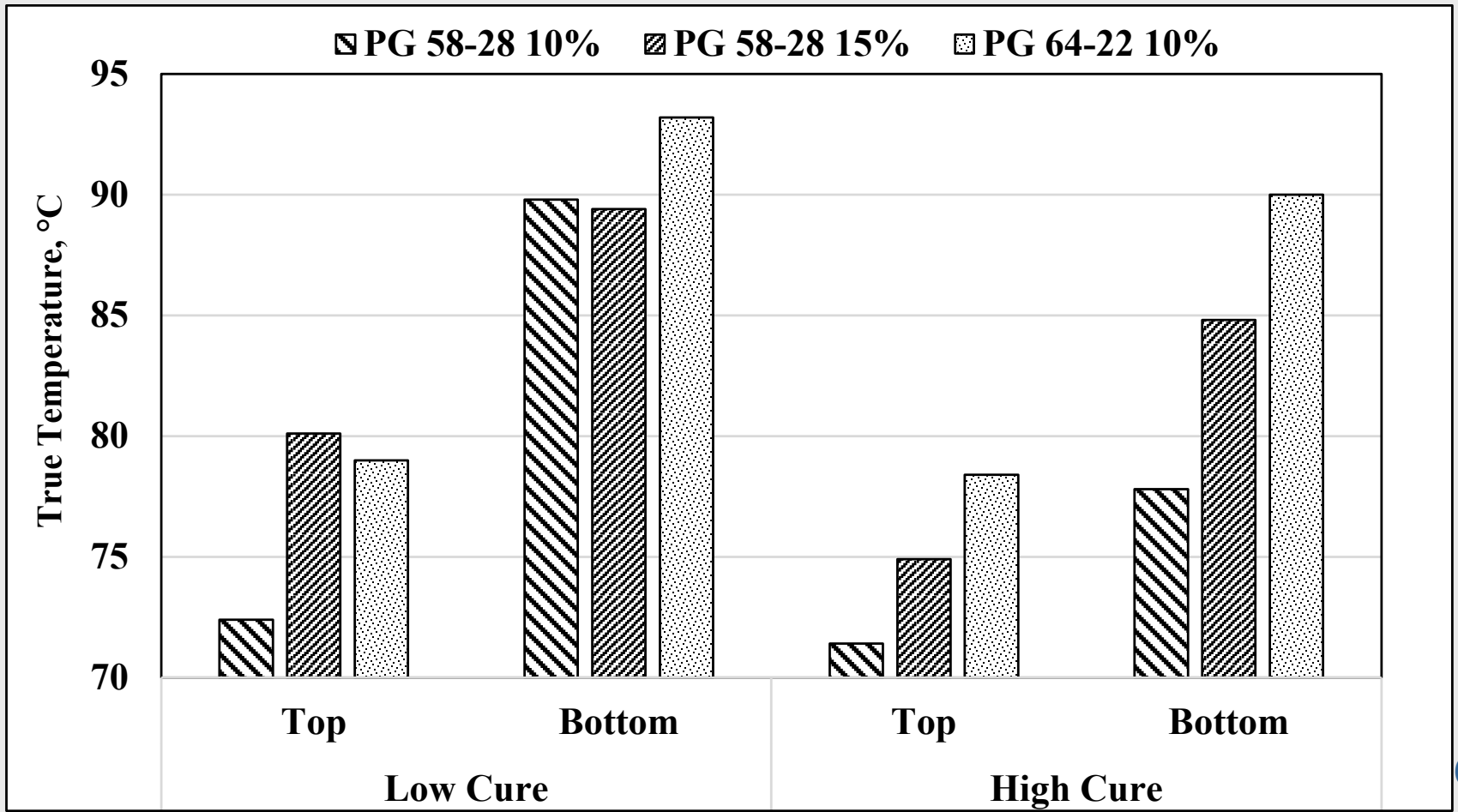
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A measure of degree of incompatibility

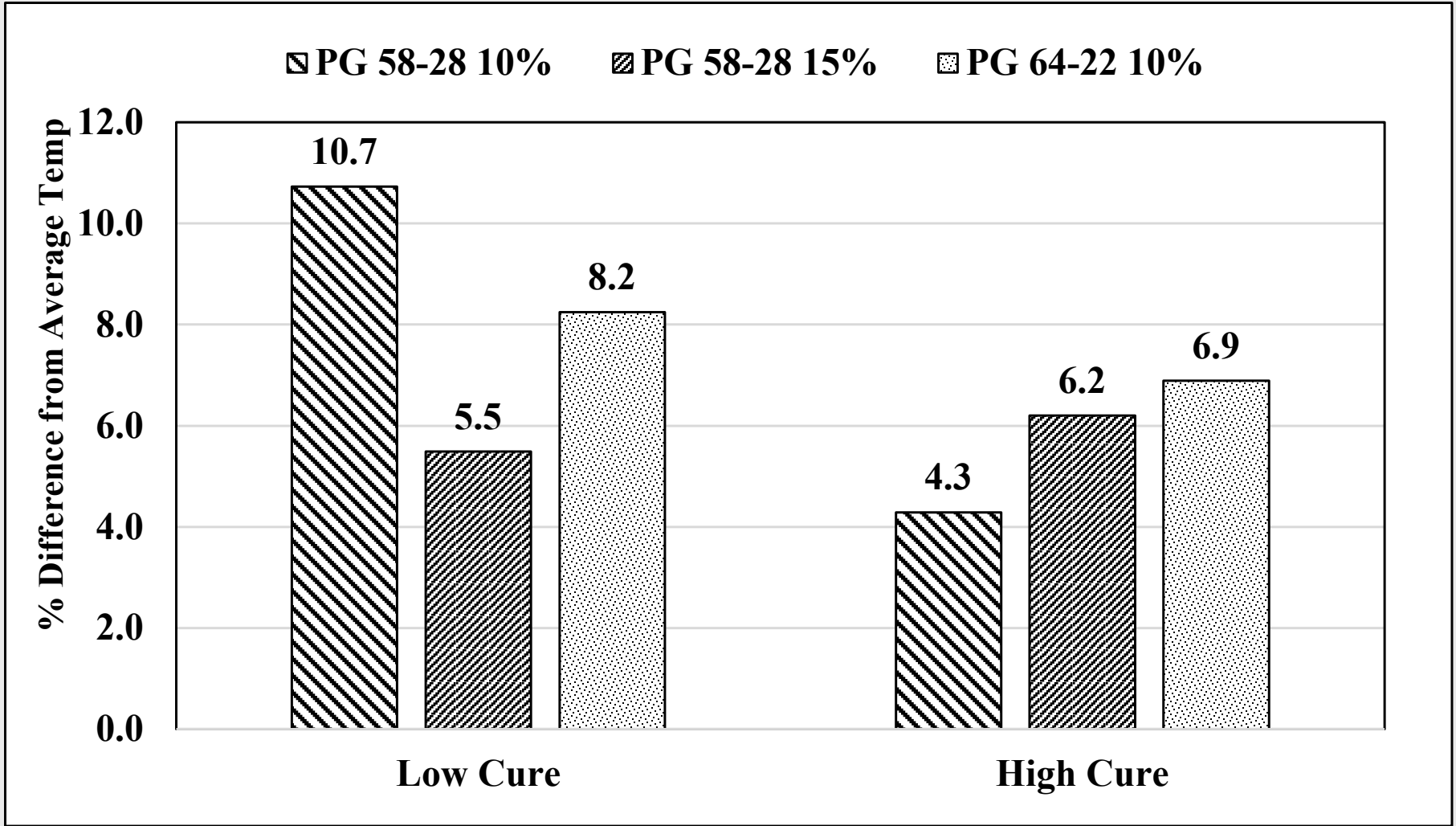
Vertical Tube in  $163 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  oven,  $48 \pm 1$  hr.

Freeze at  $-10 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hrs.

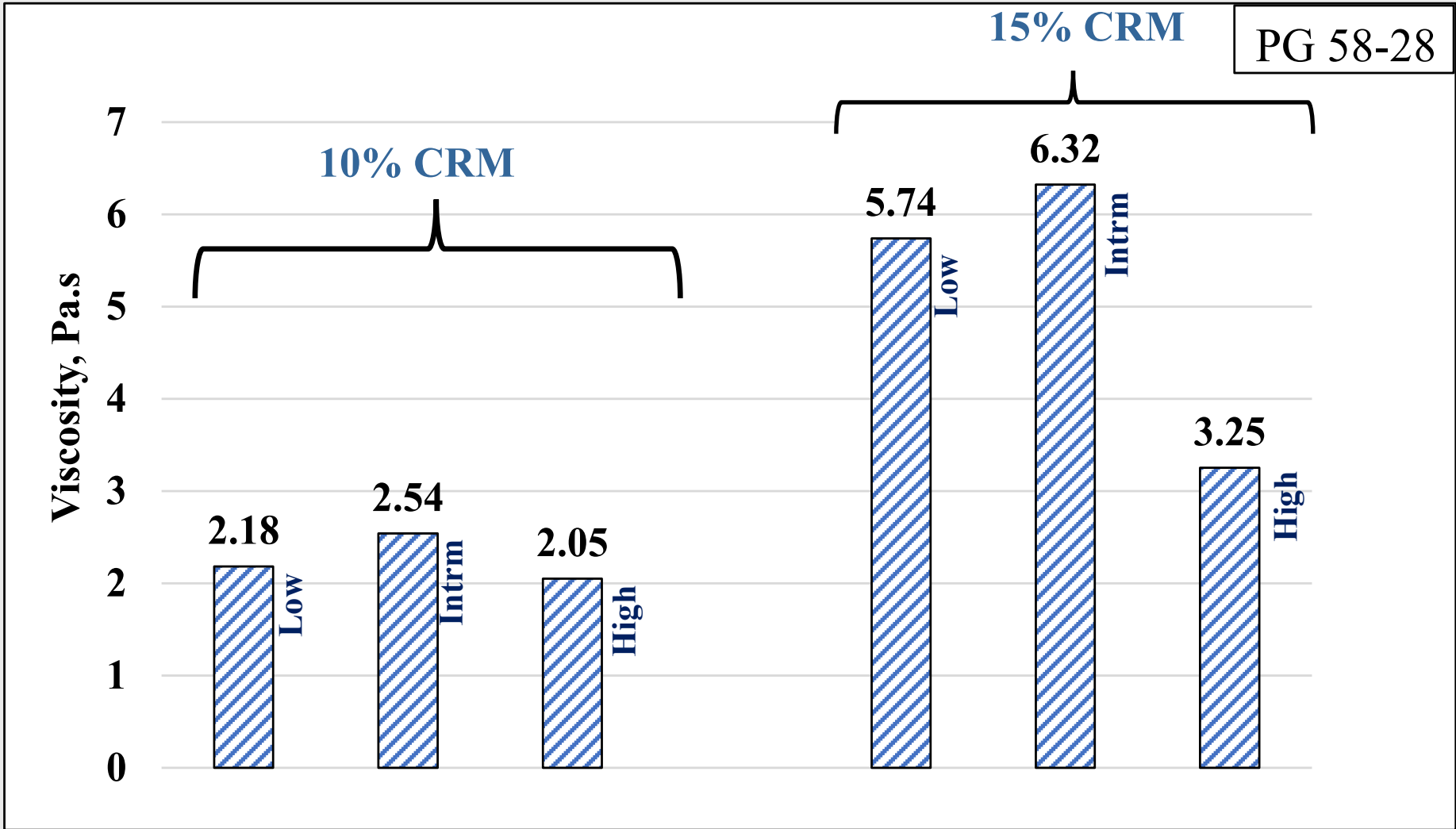




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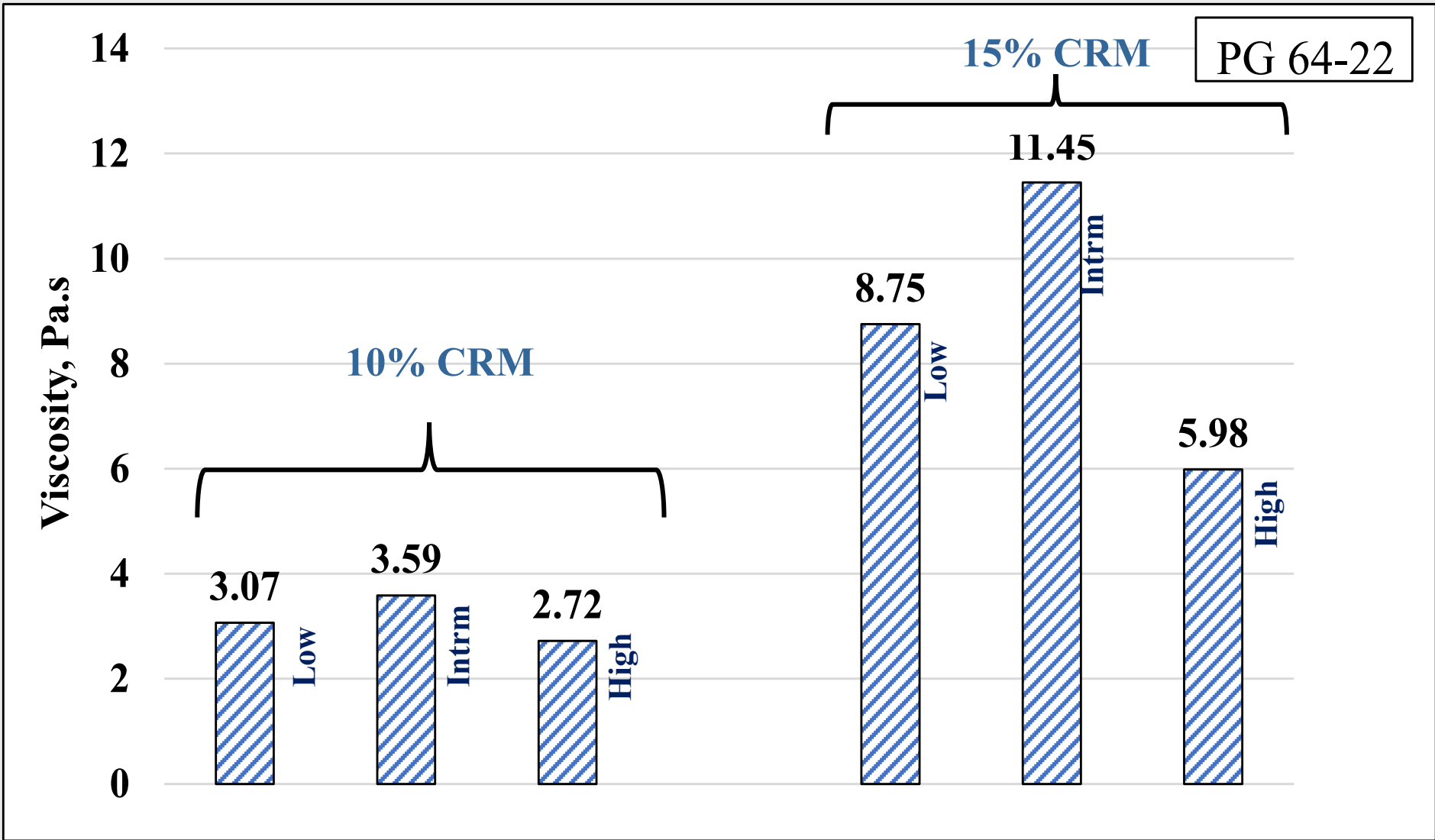


# Binder Viscosity



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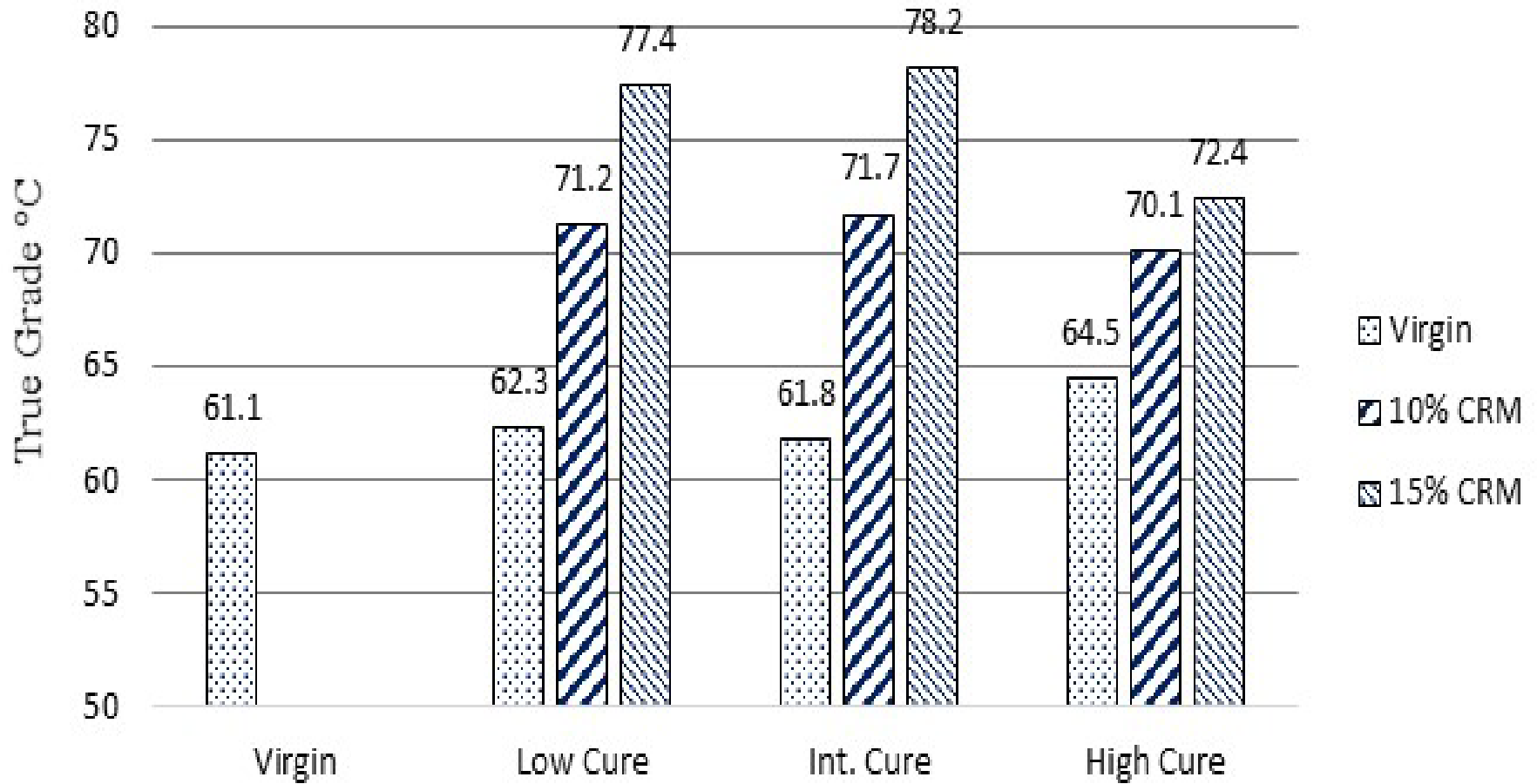
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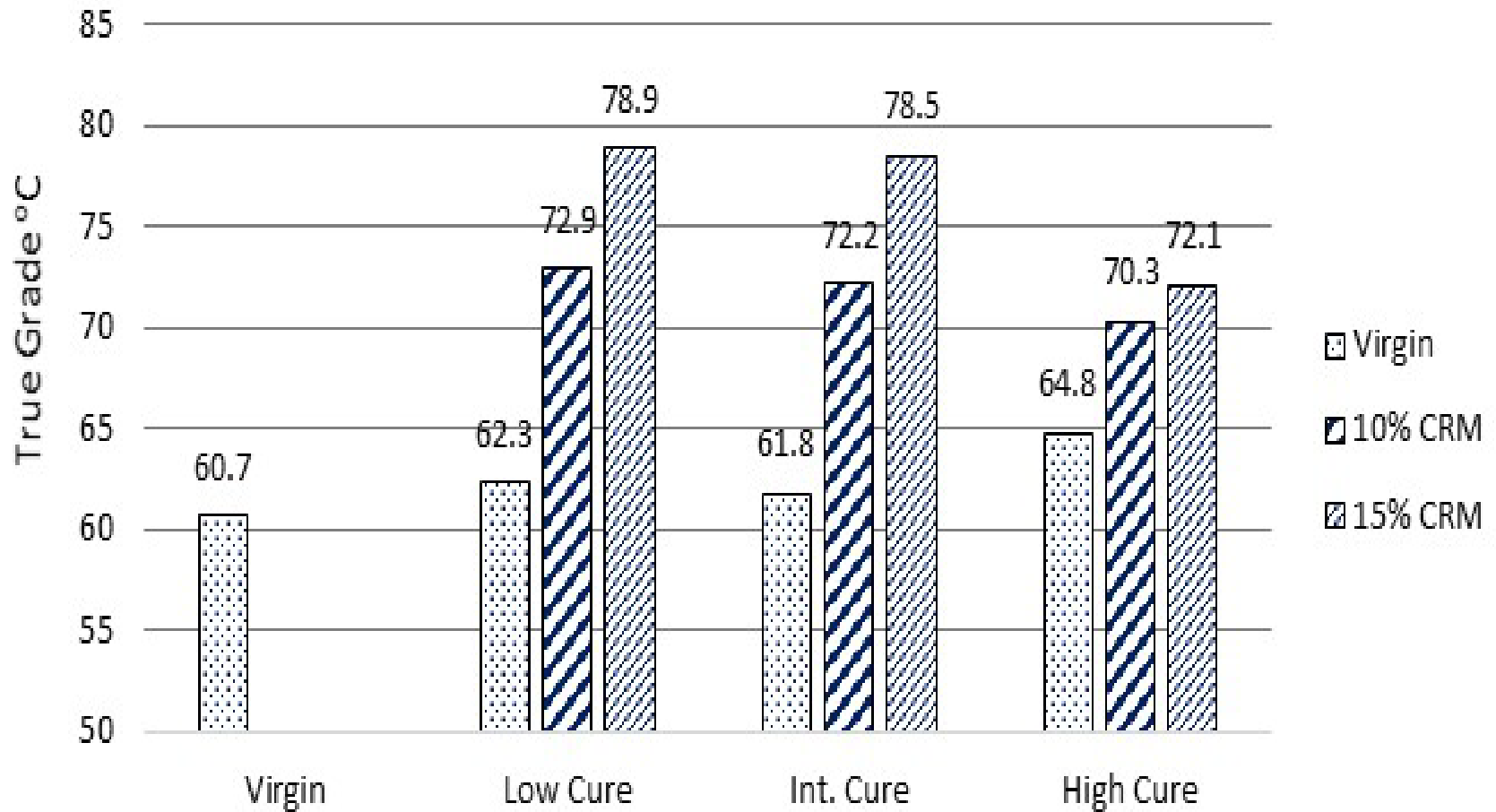
# Binder PG

## PG 58-28 Performance Grading - Unaged



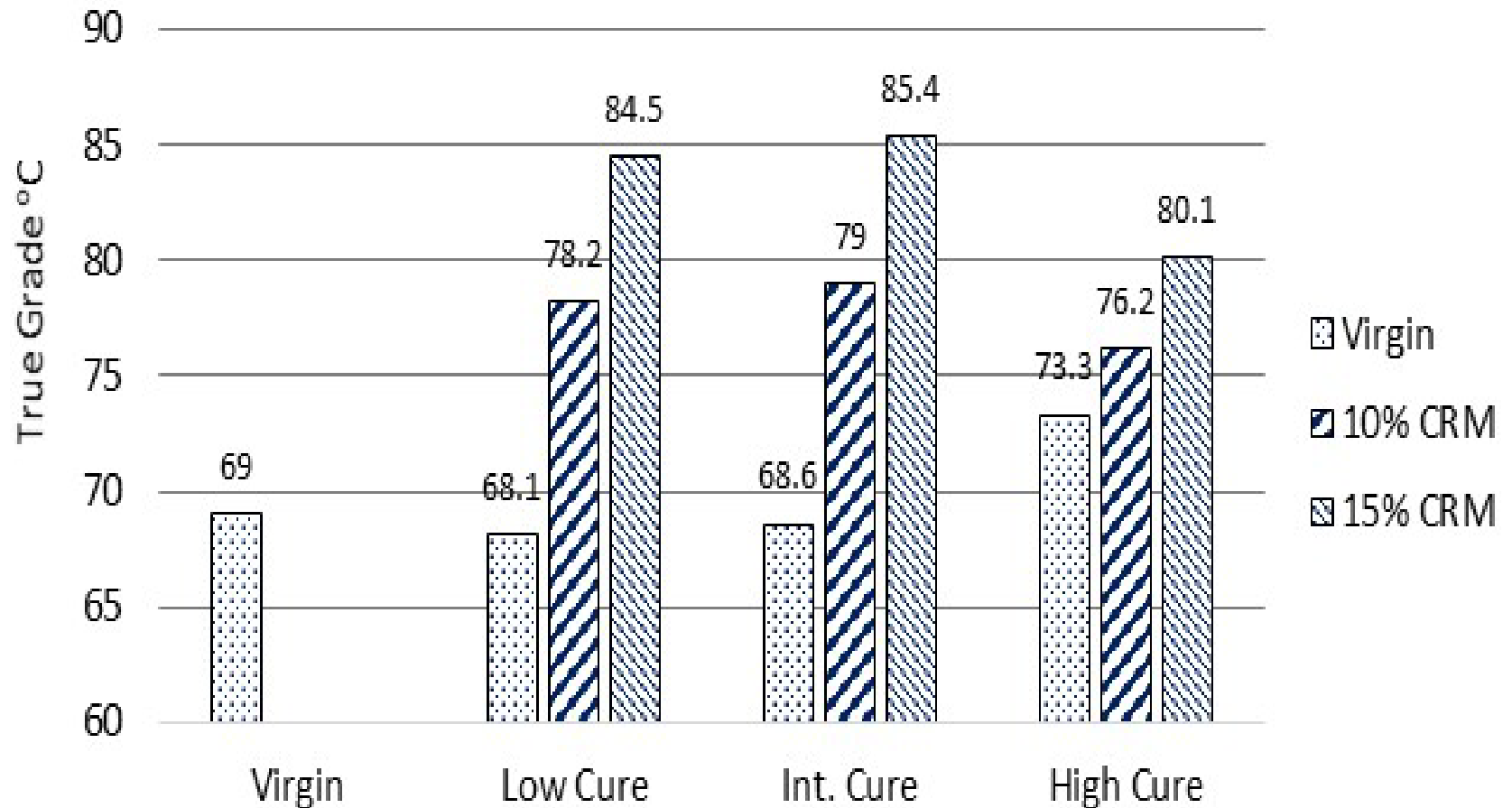
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## PG 58-28 Performance Grading - RTFO Aged



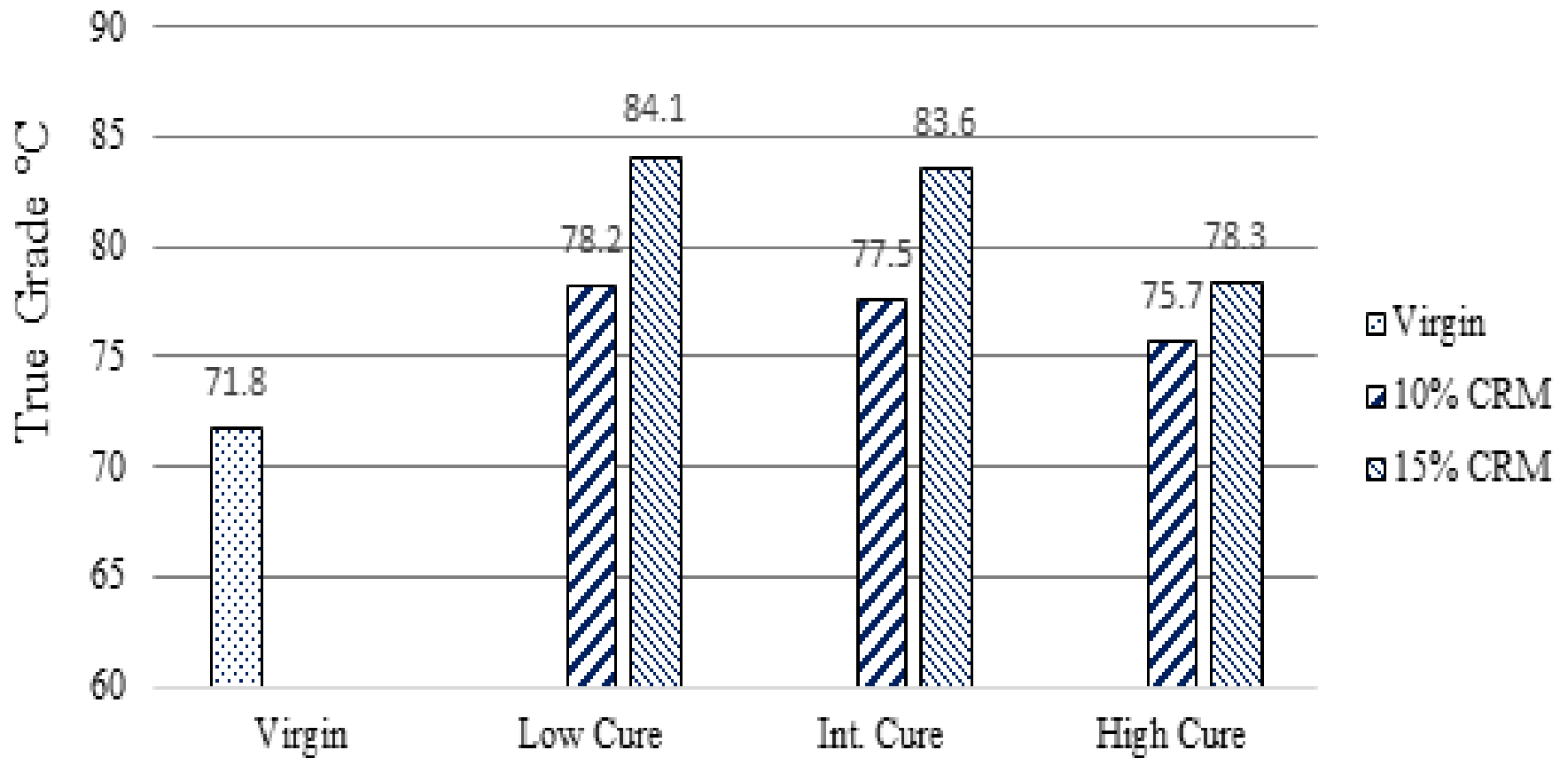
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## PG 64-22 Performance Grading - Unaged



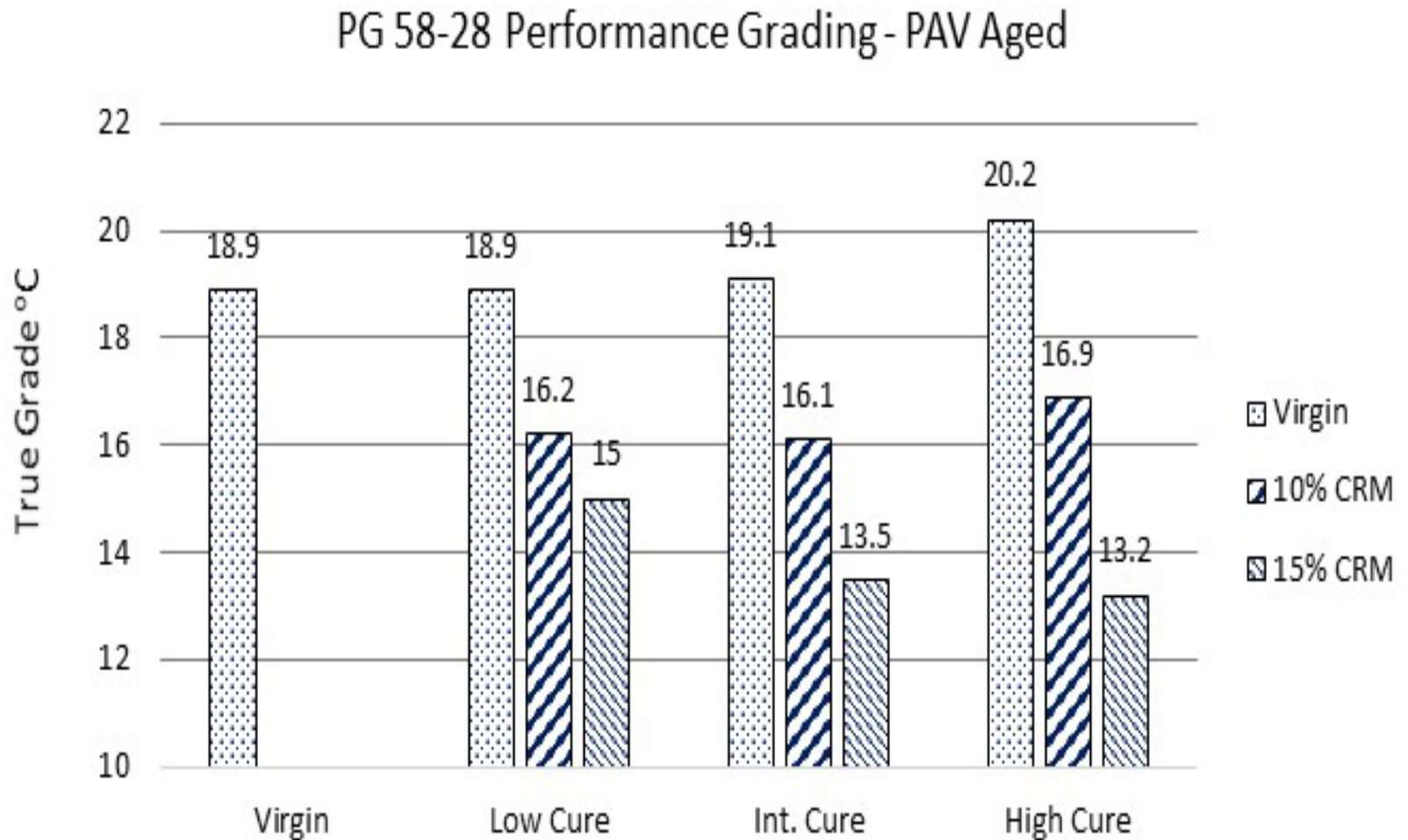
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## PG 64-22 Performance Grading - RTFO Aged



# Binder PG

## Intermediate Temperature

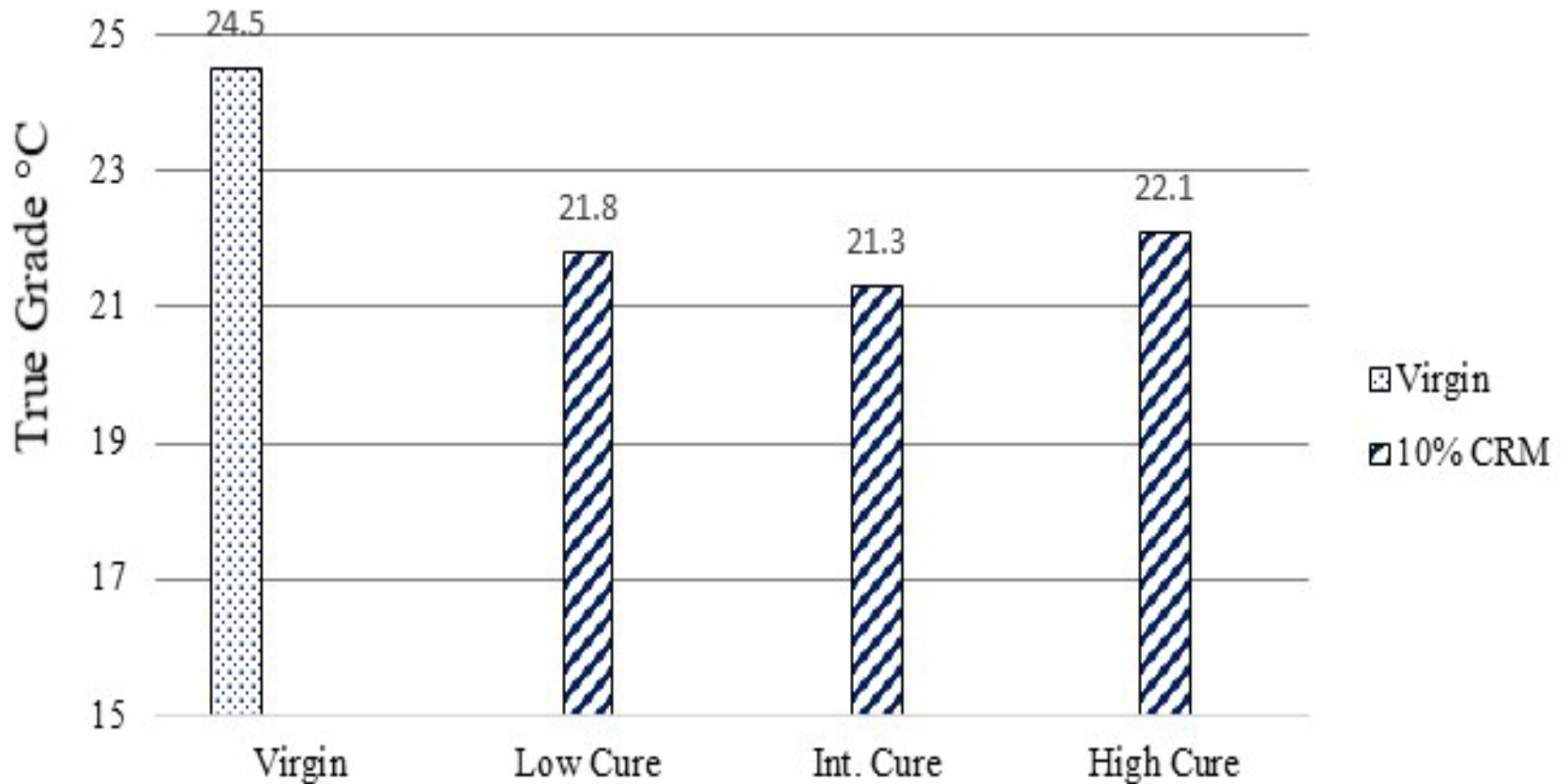




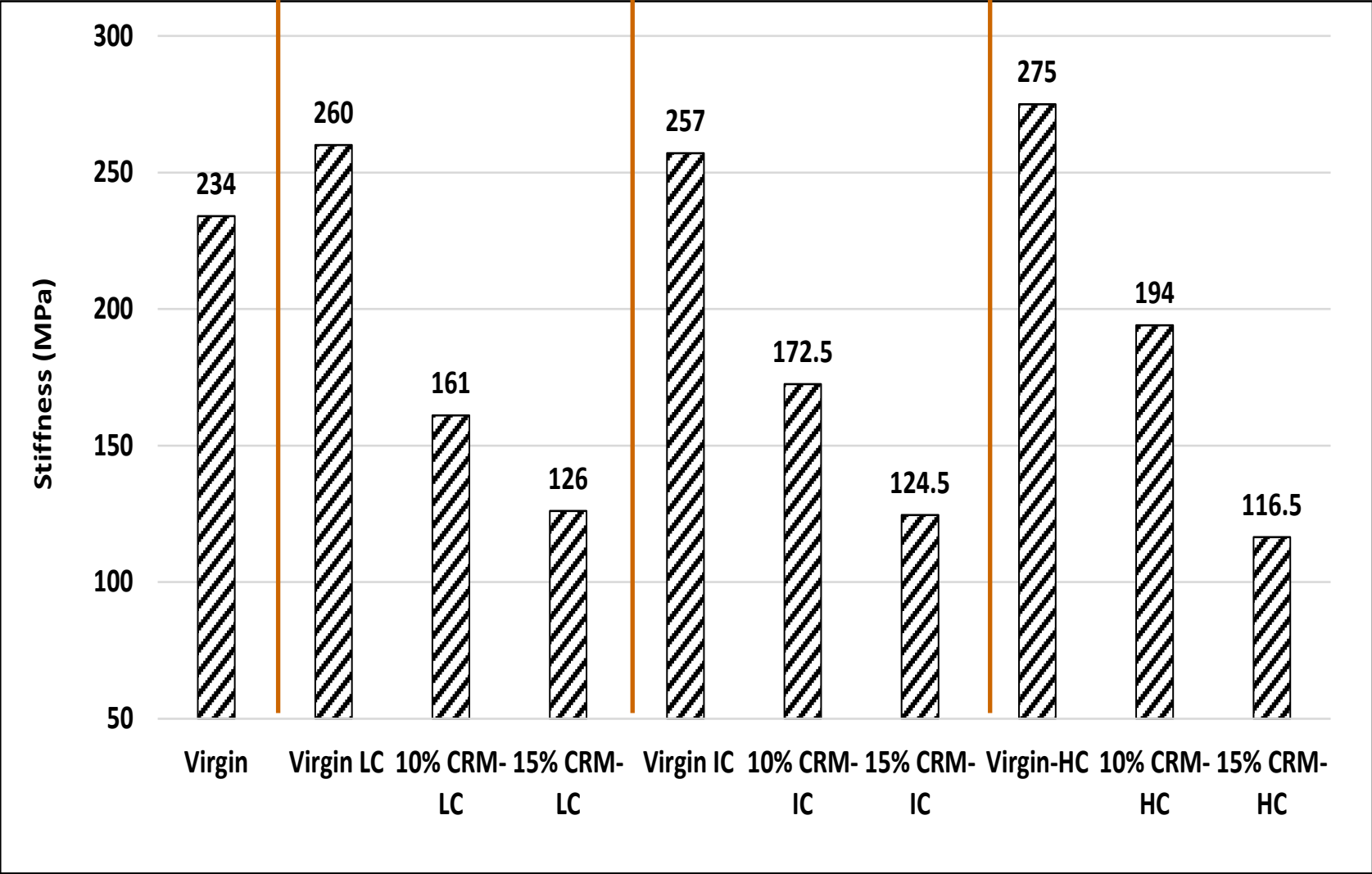
# Binder PG

## Intermediate Temperature

PG 64-22 Performance Grading - PAV Aged

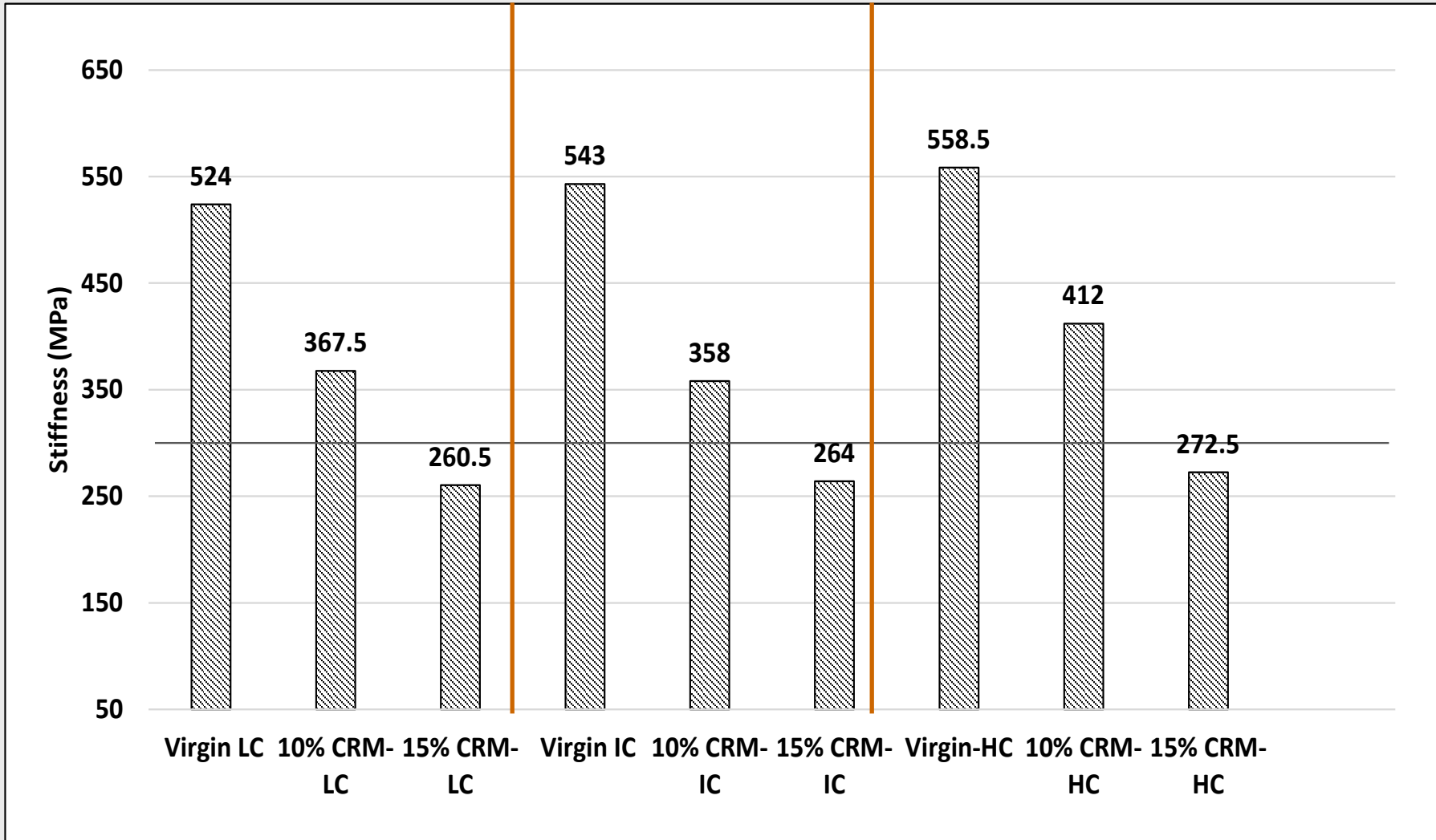


# BBR Stiffness



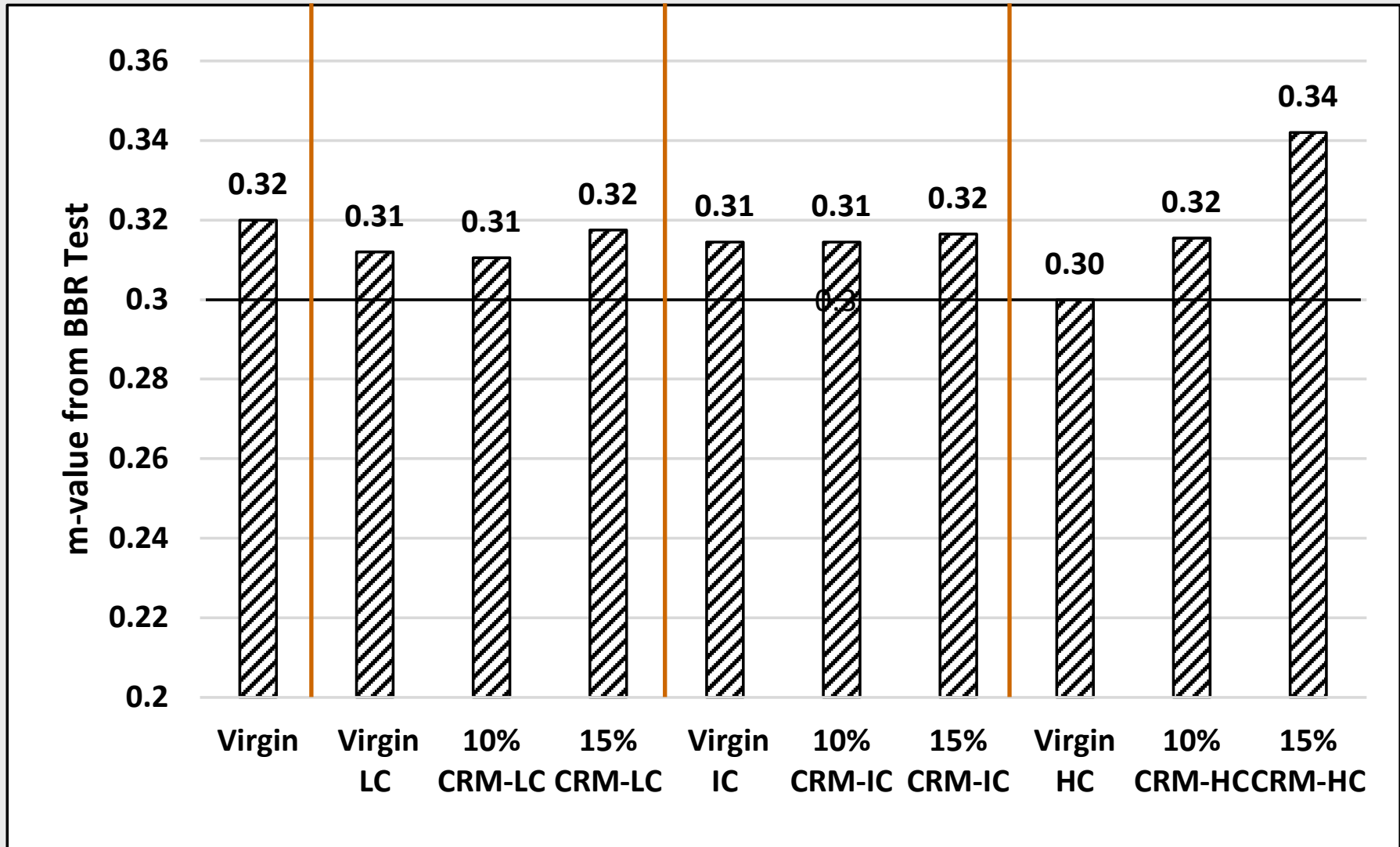
Test Temperature: -18°C

# BBR Stiffness



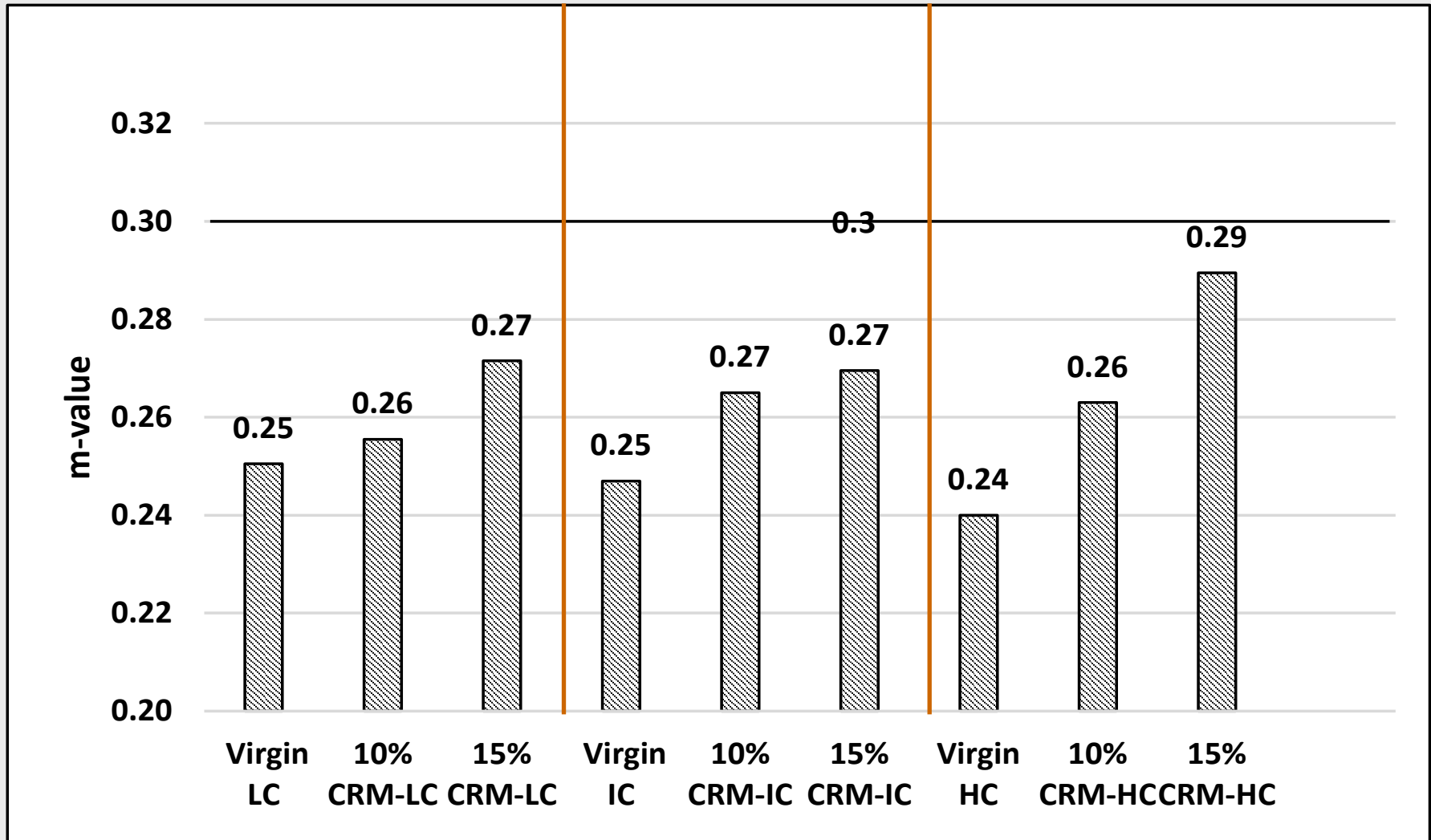
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# BBR m-value



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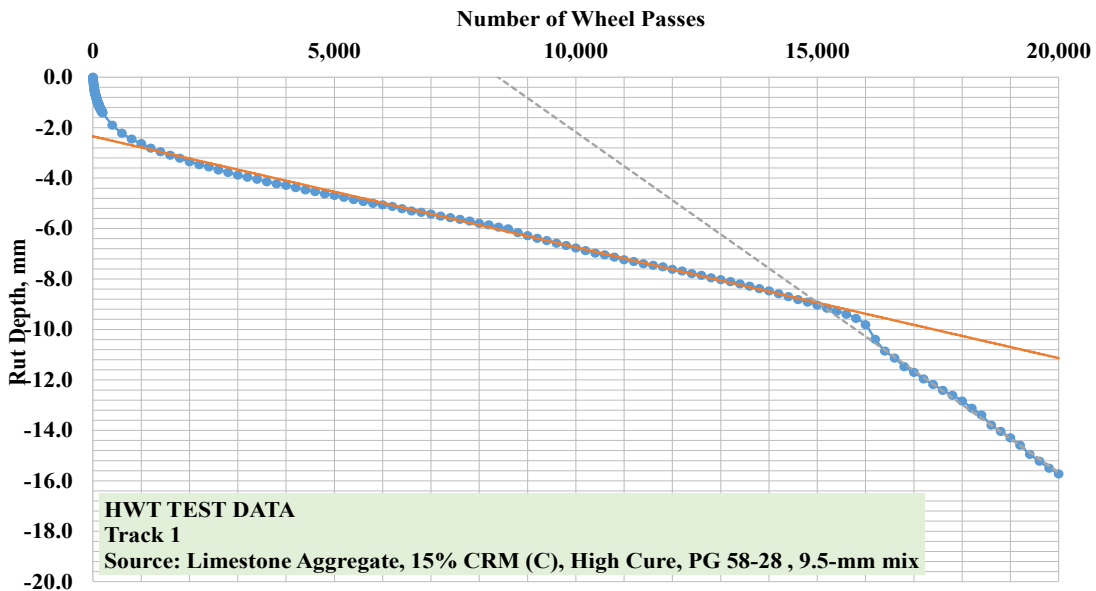
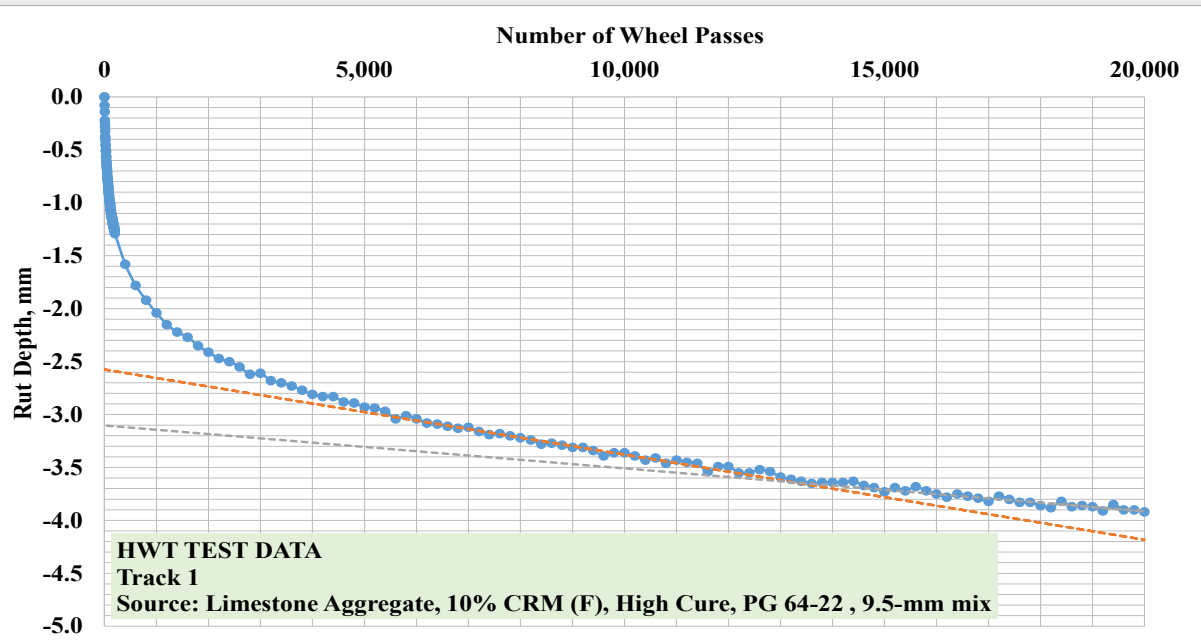
# Binder $\Delta T_c$

Cure Level	CRM %	$\Delta T_c, ^\circ\text{C}$
<b>Low</b>	15	-4.99
<b>Intermediate</b>	15	-4.90
<b>High</b>	15	-1.76
<b>Low</b>	10	-3.46
<b>Intermediate</b>	10	-2.55
<b>High</b>	10	-1.63
<b>Low</b>	0	-0.15
<b>Intermediate</b>	0	0.13
<b>High</b>	0	-0.75
<b>No Cure</b>	0	-0.16

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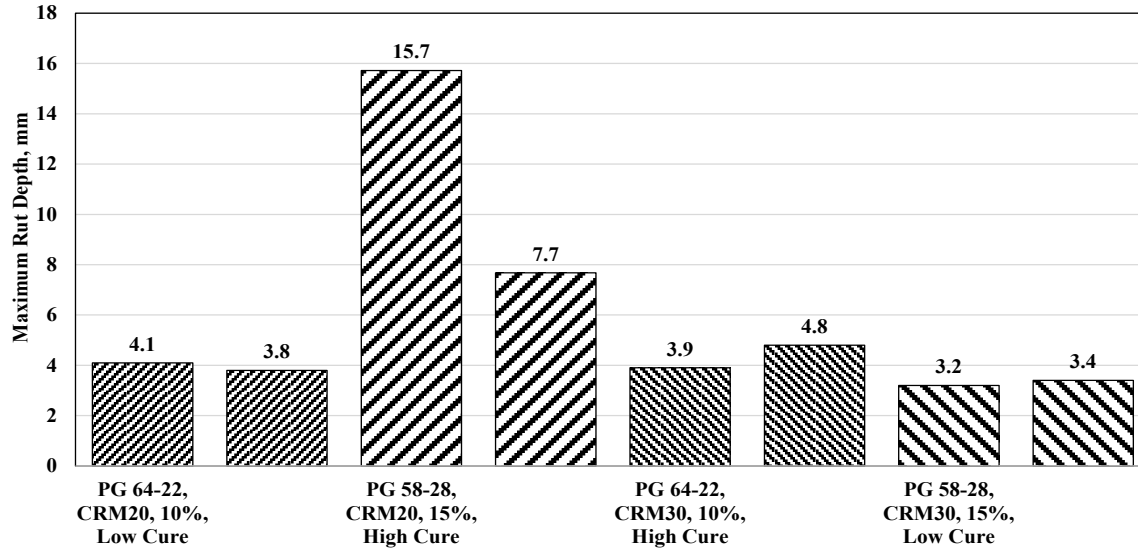
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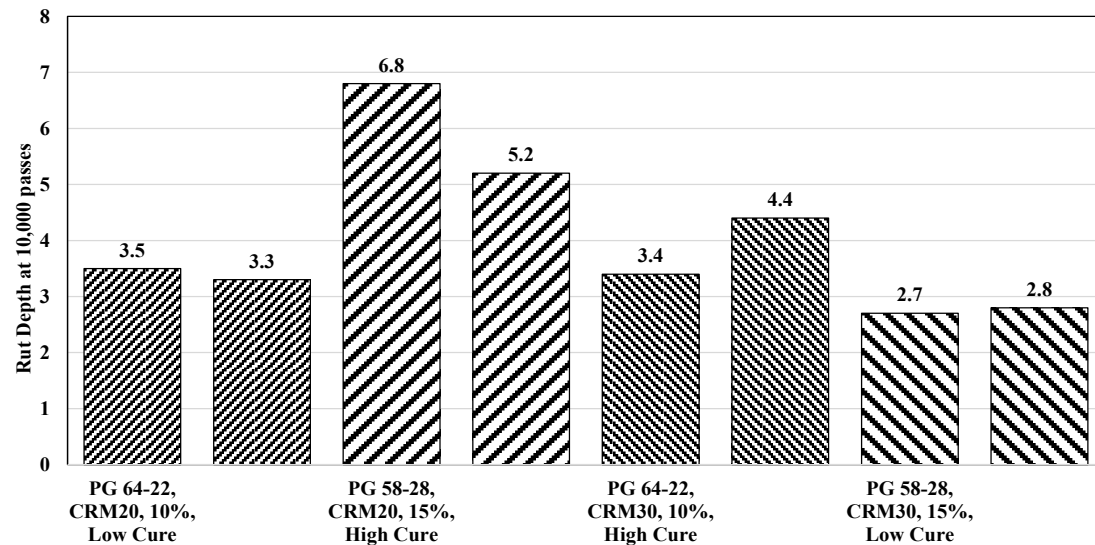


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HWT Test, Limestone, 9.5 mm Mix

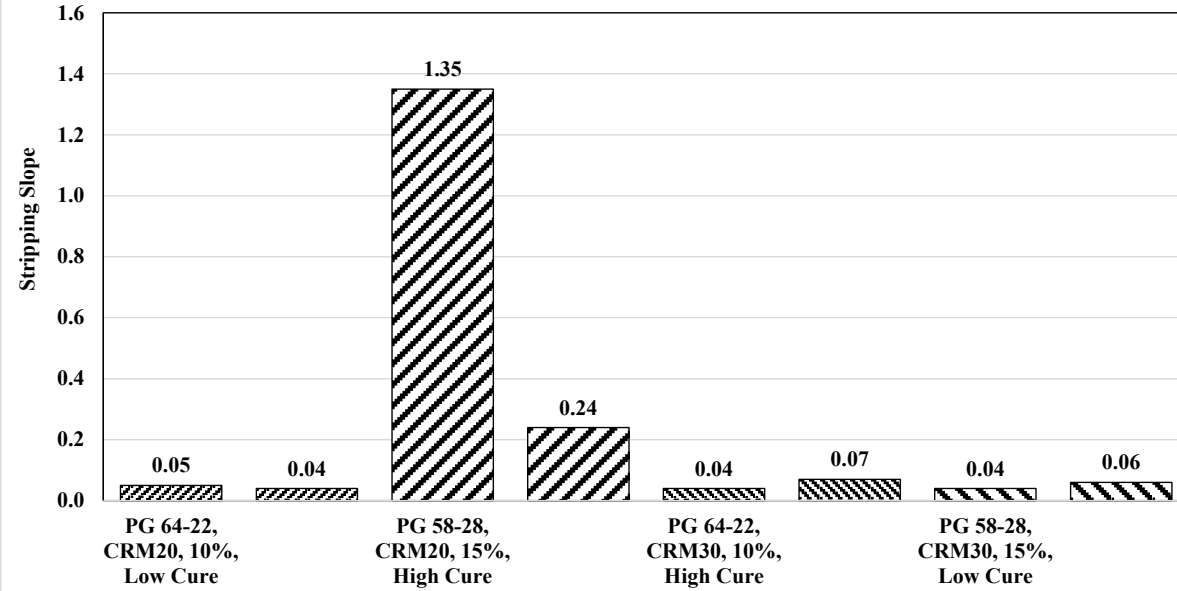


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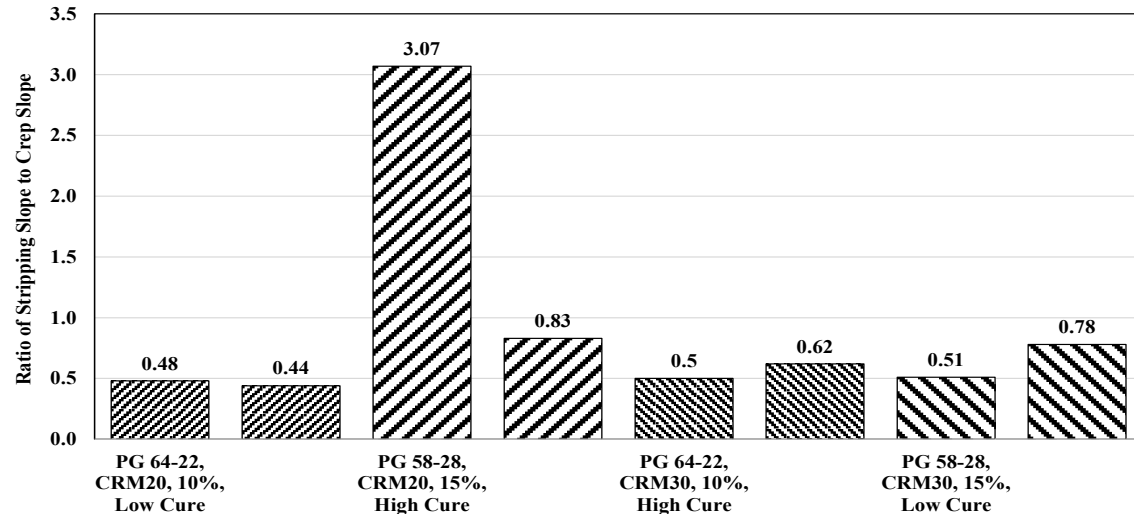


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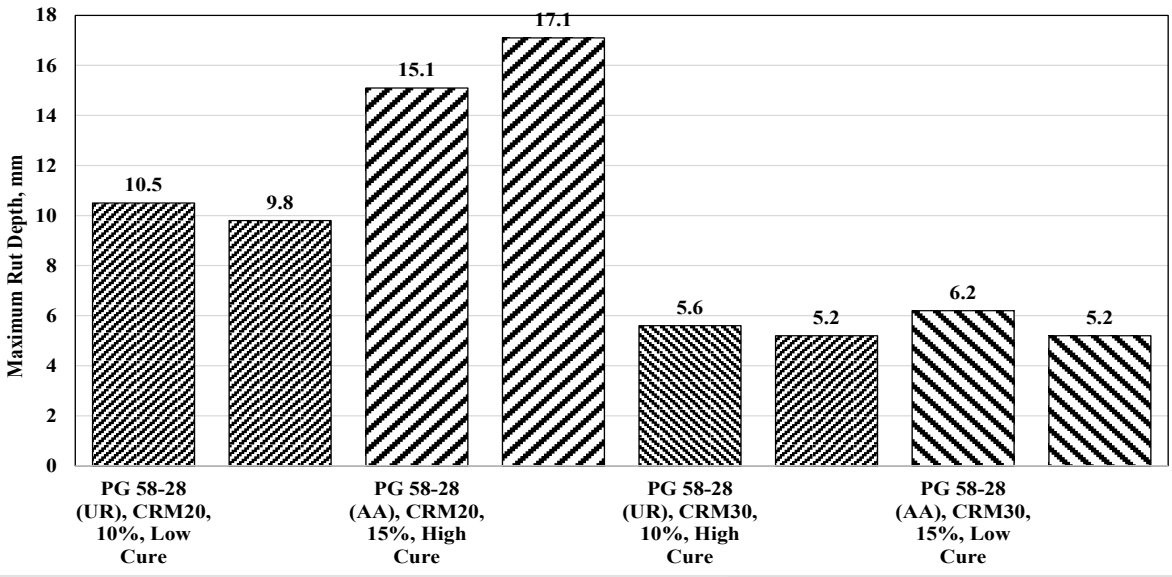


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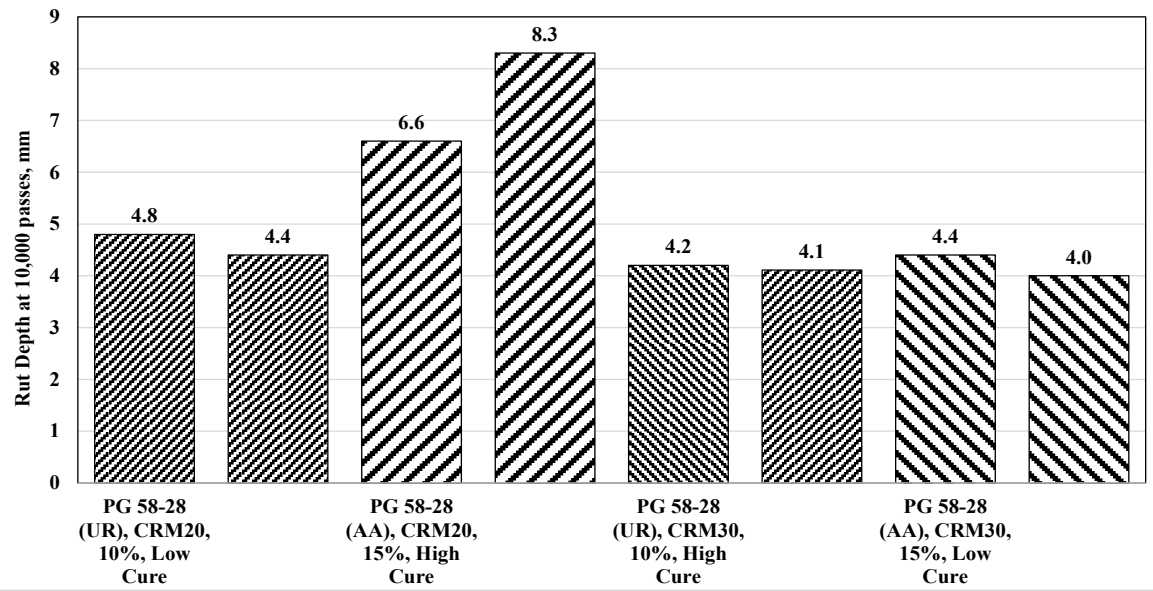


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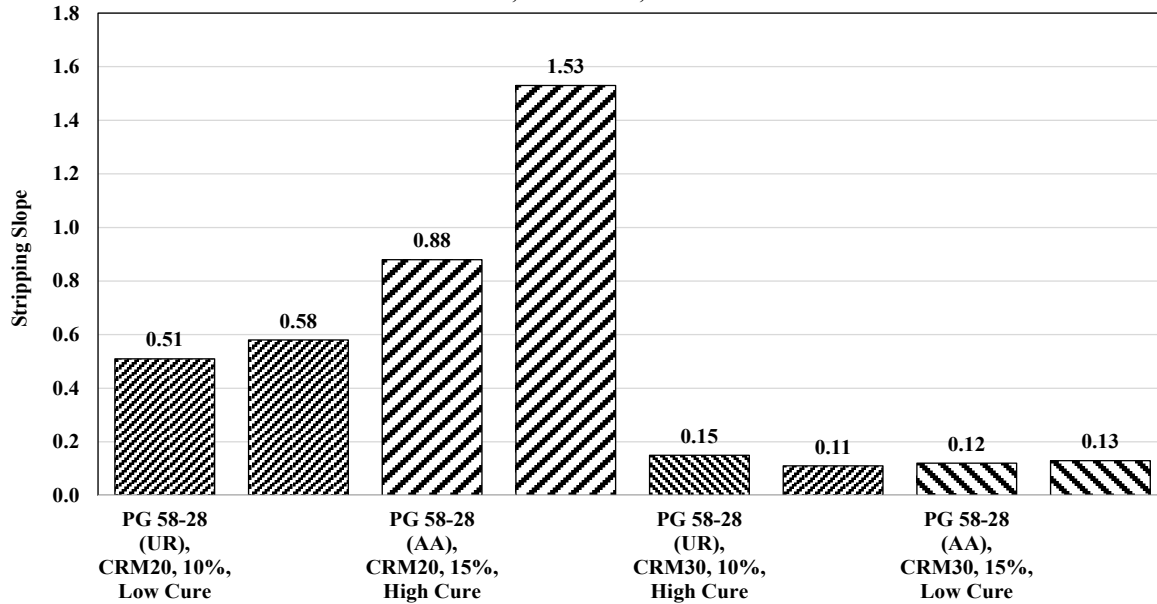


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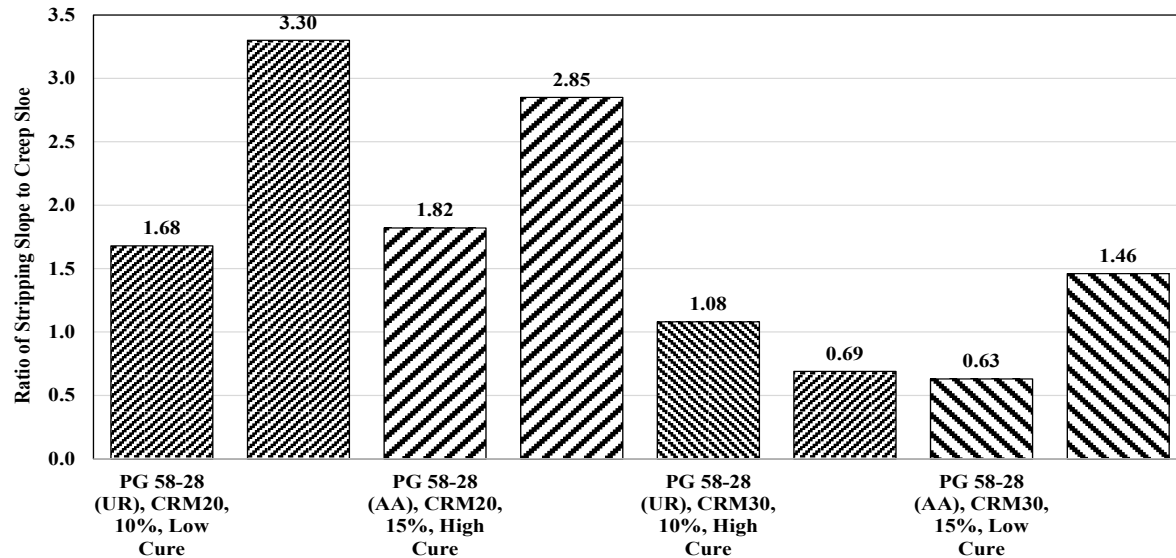


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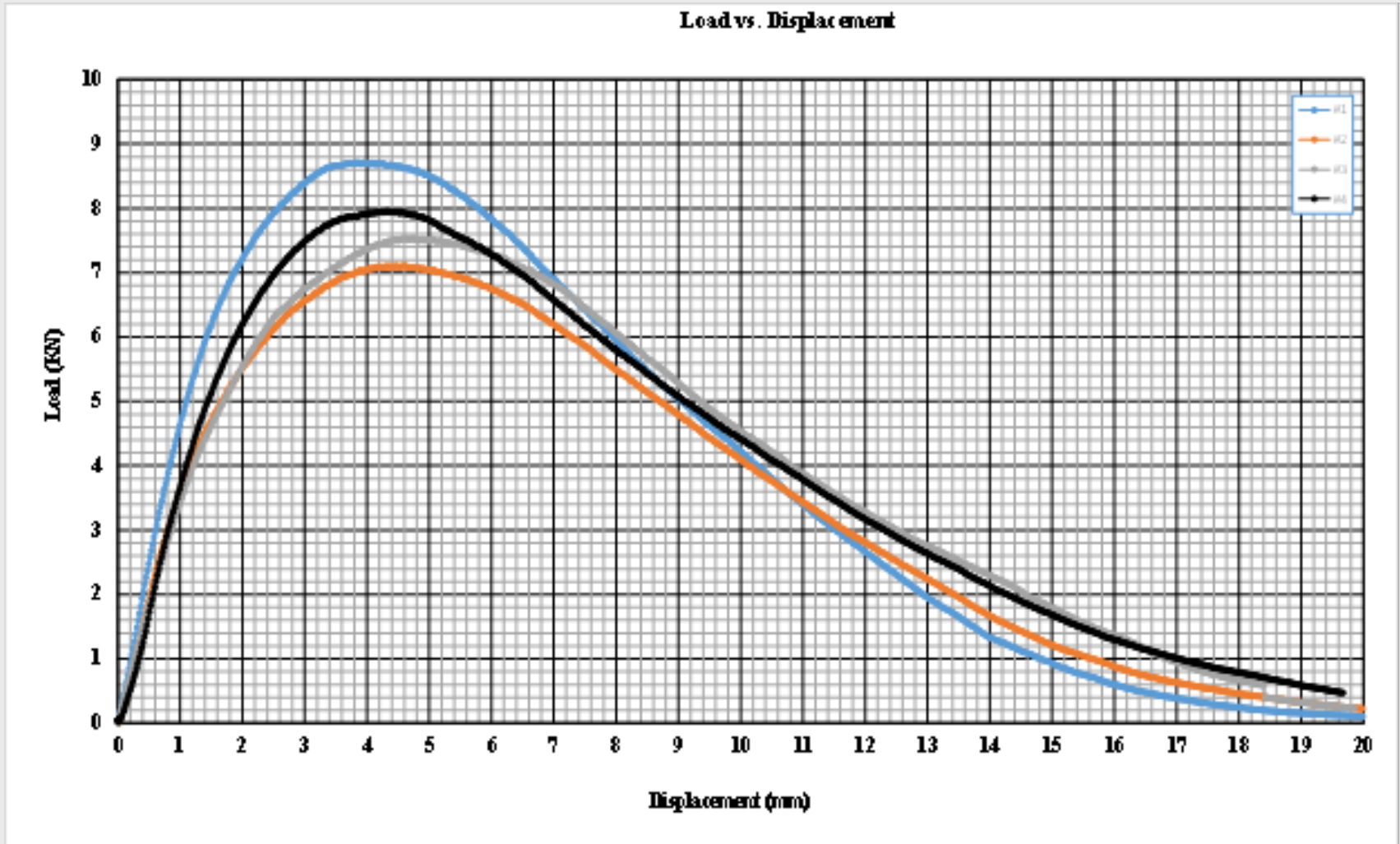
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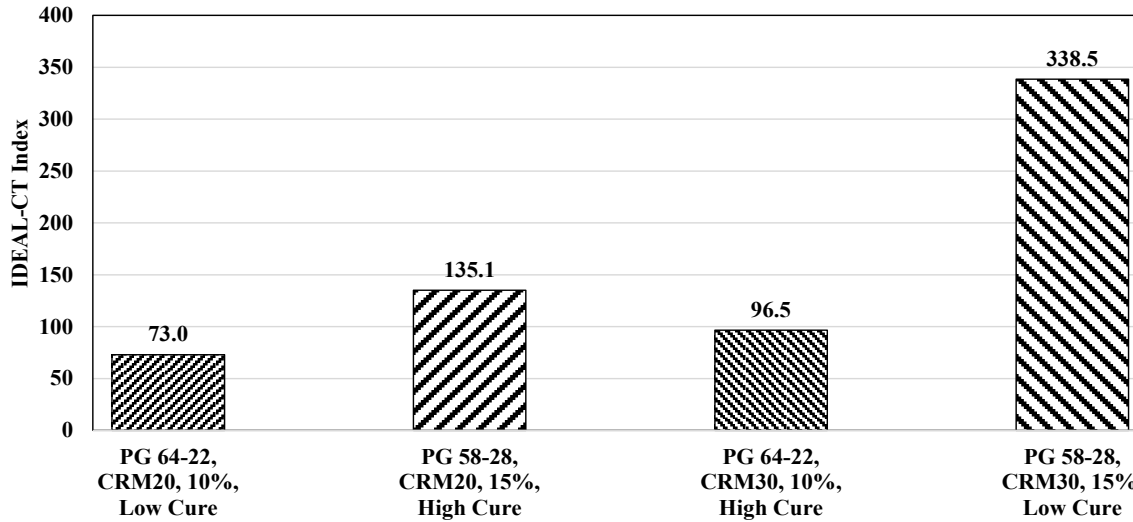


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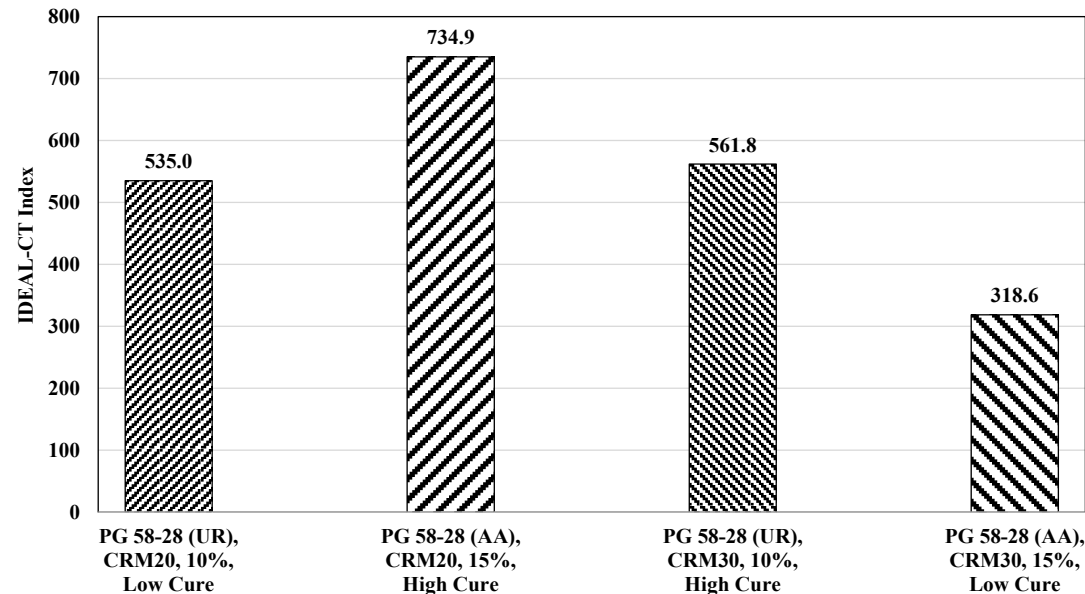


# IDEAL-CT Test Results

IDEAL Test, Limestone, 9.5 mm Mix



IDEAL Test, Sandstone, 9.5 mm Mix



# IDEAL-CT Test Results

Agg. Source	Binder Grade	CRM Type	CRM %	CRM Cure Level	COV (%)
Limestone	64-22	#20	10	L	17.2
	58-28	#20	15	H	0.5
	64-22	#30	10	H	6.1
	58-28	#30	15	L	7.7
Sandstone	58-28	#20	10	L	14.4
	58-28	#20	15	H	14.0
	58-28	#30	10	H	15.9
	58-28	#30	15	L	20.0

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# Summary

- Evaluated the effect of CRM on asphalt binder and mixture
  - Two CRM mesh sizes (-#30 and -#20)
  - Two binder grades (PG 58S-28 and PG 64S-22)
  - Two aggregate sources (limestone and sandstone)
  - Three curing levels (low, intermediate, high)
- Conducted
  - Binder rheological tests
  - Mix design (volumetric)
  - Mixture performance tests
  - Analysis/Usage Guide

# Conclusions

## Effect on Asphalt Binder

- Behavior of rubber asphalt binder heavily depends on curing level.
- CRM increases binder viscosity.
- Low cure has larger impact on viscosity than high cure.
- CRM bumps the binder grade one or two levels.
- CRM decreases low temperature stiffness.
- Low cure increases  $\Delta T_c$  (not a good case).

# Conclusions

## Effect on Asphalt Mixture

- CRM increases design binder content (DBC)
- High cure results in lower DBC increase compared with low cure
- CRM improves rutting resistance and moisture damage resistance compared with unmodified binders
- CRM mixes show high level of flexibility at intermediate temperature

**Thank You!**

