

Hot Mix Asphalt Reference Guide

I Mix Design Submittal

Submitted to Hot Mix Asphalt Design Laboratory by the contractor on NDOT Mix Design Submittal form – available on NDOT website.

Attachment A: Mix Design Submittal form

Approved Mix Design in OnBase by the Hot Mix Asphalt Design Laboratory Lab - labeled as Approval Letter in NDOT Mat Material Acceptance Documentation – includes Job Mix Formula (JMF) number.

Attachment B: Approval Letter

Any mix design changes shall be submitted on the NDOT Mix Design Submittal form to the Hot Mix Asphalt Design Laboratory Lab thru the consultant.

II Emulsion and Binder Sampling

Emulsion – One 1 Quart sample per type of emulsion per project for each supplier. Delivered to Bituminous Rheology Laboratory within 5 days of obtaining sample.

Binder – One 2 Quart sample per 200 tons binder or portion thereof, per binder grade for each project (for each supplier if more than one). Delivered to Bituminous Rheology Laboratory within 10 days of obtaining sample.

Both to be tested at the Bituminous Rheology Laboratory in Lincoln.

III Production Sampling and Testing, and Cold Feed Sampling and Testing, and Density

Acceptance Testing – contractor will sample and test all Control Strip samples, unless waived, and all subplot samples from mainline or shoulder paving (not drives or intersections). Sample size should be 75 lbs. – split into 2 representative portions and properly identified. Possession of the verification split sample shall be maintained in a clean, dry, and secure location.

Sample Identification

HMA Samples

One Unique Sample ID# for each verified subplot sample – **If Cold Feed is required by contract** the Cold Feed samples do not have a separate ID#.

Density Cores

One Unique Sample ID# for each verified subplot core or Joint Density core.

All samples shall be marked as Complete (if all results correlate), or Fail (if any test results do not

correlate), and authorized upon completion of tests in AASHTOWare Project.

Tensile Strength Ratio Specimens

One Unique Sample ID# for each set of 6 TSR's

Documentation of TSR results to be entered on NDOT Lab Summary Software by Hot Mix Asphalt Design Laboratory in OnBase.

Verification Testing - if contractor runs a Control Strip – all 3 Control Strip samples shall be verified – contractor chooses location within each of the three 200-ton sections. Control Strip must be accepted prior to full production.

If Control Strip is waived, Sublot 1-1 and all sublots identified with an "X" in the FAA/CAA Cold Feed column shall be verified at the indicated tonnage on the Random Sample Schedule (RSS).

Attachment I: Random Sample Schedule

Cold Feed Sampling is not allowed for material acceptance for project lettings after Dec 2025

Cold Feed Sampling

Shall be taken to represent the material taken for the HMA sample. Must be taken before the truck with the tonnage shown on the RSS is loaded.

Contractor must take minimum 1 Cold Feed for FAA/CAA testing per lot as identified on RSS.

Contractor may take Cold Feed for FAA/CAA on any other sublots they choose.

Verification Testing – test the same subplot Cold Feed for FAA/CAA as the HMA sample, as indicated on the RSS.

Density Testing

Contractor will choose cores or density gage.

Cores – contractor will test 1 for every subplot plus 1 Joint Density per lot at locations indicated on RSS. Cores shall be properly identified and maintain possession in a climate controlled, secure location after completion of contractor testing.

Verification – 1 per subplot as indicated on RSS, plus 1 Joint Density per lot.

Gage - contractor will cut minimum first 3 cores in first lot and lot 1 Joint Density core, and run gage in same location, as indicated on RSS, for correction factor determination (gage results before cutting cores). Joint Density will have a separate correction factor. Correction factor verification

cores will be cut for every 15th density and at the Joint Density in the same lot. Usually cores are cut at 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1JD, 4-1, 4JD, 7-1, 7JD, 10-1, 10JD, etc. for verification and gage correlation.

Gage results below 90% are inaccurate and a core must be cut in that location.

Core results below 90% shall not be used to establish or verify correction factor.

Verification – If using gage, every core cut shall be verified.

IV QA/QC Lab Verification Testing

Contractor Test Results

Entered on correct version of NDOT Superpave Software and e-mailed to verification testing laboratory and project staff promptly upon completion of tests (Usually daily).

Attachment J: Superpave Software

Verification Laboratory Test Results

Entered on correct version of NDOT Lab Summary Software and e-mailed to contractor and project staff promptly upon completion of tests (Usually the day tests are complete). The NDOT Lab Summary Software is JMF specific and is provided by the NDOT Hot Mix Asphalt Design Laboratory in OnBase in NDOT Mat Material Acceptance Documentation as Test Summary. This document should be filled out in OnBase and updated as a revision, as results are entered.

Attachment K: Lab Summary Software

Test Results

HMA Sample and Cold Feed Correlating Results

All results correlate – contractor's results are used for pay factor determinations.

Density Correlating Results

Contractor's results used for pay factor determination. Verify correction factors are calculated correctly.

HMA Sample and Cold Feed Non-Correlating Results

An Independent Assurance (IA) Review is required for those tests.

Notify contractor and project staff promptly via e-mail.

Attachment L: IA E-mail example

Check and record all contractor's equipment and procedures used to obtain sample and test material.

Test a biased split sample of material to verify results.

Include contractor and verification lab's IA Review results on NDOT Lab Summary Software.

Notify contractor and project staff of findings and test results via e-mail.

Attachment M: Findings E-mail

Upload all correspondence to OnBase.

Testing of additional sublots in that lot may be required. Can seek guidance from NDOT.

If Air Voids or FAA test results do not correlate, the verification lab's results must be used to calculate pay factors. These values will be required to be entered in the appropriate **Red Box** on the contractor's NDOT Superpave Software.

All other non-correlating results will consider the findings of the IA Review and additional subplot test results to determine which results will be used for pay factors on a case by case basis.

Density Non-Correlating Results

Notify contractor and project staff promptly via e-mail.

The core shall be dried and an IA Review performed at the contractor's lab with the core.

Check and record all contractor's equipment and procedures used to obtain sample and test material.

If the contractor's new results correlate with the verification results, those results shall be used for pay factor calculations. If not, the verification lab's results shall be used for pay factor calculations.

Include contractor and verification lab's IA Review results on NDOT Lab Summary Software.

Notify contractor and project staff of findings and test results via e-mail.

Upload all correspondence to OnBase.

Density Re-cuts

Contractor may request re-cuts on any lot or Joint Density with a pay factor less than 1.00.

Re-cuts must be completed by the working day following completion of the lot testing or Joint Density testing.

Lot density re-cuts are all 5 cores in the lot – **gauge not allowed** – and must use all 5 re-cut cores to calculate pay factors. Must be in location as indicated on RSS – distance from edge does not change from original density location.

Joint Density re-cuts must be a core – **gauge not allowed** – and must use the re-cut to calculate pay factor. Must be in location as indicated on RSS – In or Out does not change from original joint density location.

All re-cut cores are verified at verification testing laboratory.

Referee Testing

The contractor may request Referee Testing on any non-correlating result.

Will be performed at NDOT Laboratory if enough material remains in the verification lab's split HMA sample or Cold Feed sample for the subplot with non-correlating results.

V Final Details

Final Lot

HMA samples, Cold Feed Samples, and Joint Densities for mainline or shoulder paving shall be taken at the tonnage indicated on the RSS.

If one or more HMA samples are taken, a minimum of 3 lot density samples are required to calculate lot average density.

The final subplot tonnage may be greater than normal subplot size if the next sample isn't acquired based on the RSS tonnage.

Project Completion

Review contractor's final NDOT Superpave Software to verify:

Everything filled in correctly

All pay factors are calculated correctly

Red Boxes are filled in if necessary

Reported tonnage is correct

Create an AASHTOWare Project Sample ID# and select the correct template for this sample. This is a field authorized sample.

BAF003001 Asphaltic Concrete Final Summary/Pay Factor-Field

Upload the Superpave Software Excel file to OnBase in NDOT Mat Material Acceptance Documentation with the correct Sample ID# as Superpave Software.

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Resources

Standard Specifications for Highway Construction

Sections 500, 1028, 1080, 1081, and 1082

Material Sampling Guide

Sections 2, 3, 4, and 28

Attachments

Attachments - A

State of Nebraska		CONTRACTOR MIX DESIGN SUBMITTAL FORM			NEBRASKA	
Department of Transportation					DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
Materials and Research Division						
Form must be filled out completely						
Project No.:	Project Name.:	Control No.:	Contractor:	Mix Type:	Grading Band:	
				Binder Type:	Binder Grade:	
				Compaction Temperature:		
Comments:						
Tested by:						
Submitted by:						
Phone No.:						
Fax No.:						
Date:						
Note: These submittal sheets shall be the first two pages of the submittal package for mix design verification. Attached to these sheets will be your lab worksheets for <u>at least</u> the 4 point design and all other pertinent design information.						

Attachments - A

Project No.:

Project Name:

PM and related areas only

SIE PROPERTIES AND VOLUMETRICS									
Proposed Aggregate Blend									
Aggregate Type	%	PM Load/SC	SC	AM	SC	SC	SC	SC	SC
TGM									
Contractor Aggregate									
PM Location = 11.000, Thickness = 10									
Proposed Total Binder and RAP Assists									
Gravel or Sand - %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
RAP or AGG. M.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

Project No: STP-59-6(101)
Control No. 32126

Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Random Sampling Schedule			
Name of Road:	JCT. N-57 - JCT. N-15		
Asphalt Weight:	32000	Asphalt Type:	SPR

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Lot Size: 5000 Tons

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Asphaltic

Project No:
Control No.

STP-59-6(101)
32126

Name of Road:
Asphalt Weight:

				8 ft	12 ft	14 ft	0 ft							
Lot Number	Sublot Number	Ton to be Sampled		Distance from Edge	Distance from Edge	Distance from Edge	Distance from Edge	Distance to Core	FAA/CAA Cold Feed	Recuts:	Distance to Core	Field Density	Joint Density*	TSR
		Lot	PJT											
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1	2	1425	1425	3	7	0	0	51		-68				
1	3	2401	2401	7	0	13	0	-59	X	-27	X	X		
1	4	3204	3204	5	10	5	0	94		68				
1	5	4788	4788	2	6	11	0	-80		-8				
2	1	496	5496	6	11	7	0	67		34			OUT	
2	2	1680	6680	5	6	9	0	-40		93				
2	3	2139	7139	3	9	5	0	-41		-54				
2	4	3916	8916	6	9	1	0	-96		-78				
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PROJECT NUMBER:		MIX TYPE:	
NAME OF ROAD:		IMF NUMBER:	
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CONTRACTOR:		COMPACTION TEMPERATURE:	
LAB TECHNICIAN:		BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF AGG.:	
LAB NUMBER:		FAA ADD. SPECIFIC GRAVITY:	
PROJECT MANAGER:			Version 4.3

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Mix Design Targets	% FAD Burn-off	% IMF Cold Feed	% CCA Burn-off	% CCA Cold Feed	Rate [t/m]	Intensity @10m			% Binder	Dust / Binder Ratio	% VMA	% HMA	3/4"	1/2"	3/8"	No. 4	No. 6	No. 16	No. 30	No. 50	No. 200
Enter your targets in the appropriate column																					

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15 Binder Correction Factor 0.00

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18 **Software Legal Disclaimer:** The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) allows the use of the software, but NDOT expressly disclaims warranty of any type for such information, and makes no representation whatsoever regarding the correctness, the completeness, the merchantability or fitness for a particular use of such information. NDOT does not warrant such information against deficiencies of any type or nature. The use of such information for work which is under contract with NDOT does not relieve the contractor of any obligation incurred by the contractor for the complete and proper fulfillment of the terms of the contract. NDOT shall not be responsible for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, or consequential damages (including, but not limited to, procurement of substitute goods or services, loss of use, data, or profits, or business interruption) however caused and on any theory of liability, whether in contract, strict liability, or tort (including negligence or otherwise) arising in any way out of the use of this software, even if advised of the possibility of such damage.

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERPAVE SOFTWARE LOTS 1-6 SUMMARY																	
PROJECT NUMBER: NAME OF ROAD: CONTROL NUMBER: CONTRACTOR: LAB TECHNICIAN: LAB NUMBER: PROJECT MANAGER:			NEBRASKA Good Life. Great Journey.												MIX TYPE: IMF NUMBER: BINDER SOURCE & GRADE: COMPACTION TEMPERATURE: BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF AGG.: FAA AGG. SPECIFIC GRAVITY:		
SAMPLE ID			DATE / LOCATION		DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION												
Sample Number	JMF	Date	Station/Lift/Lane	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB	SLAB
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*All Specifications are minimums, except for Air Voids and Gradations																	

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Lab Calculations 1-1																	
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DATE:			DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION												LANE:		
Gyratory Bulk Gravity			Maximum Mix Gravity			Fine Aggregate Angularity (FAA)			Coarse Aggregate Angularity (CAA)			Grad. Sample Wt:					
Wt. Air	---	---	Cont. and Mix wt.	---	---	Cylinder Volume	---	---	Burn-off	---	---	Steve	Wt., gm	% Ret.	% Pass.		
Wt. SSD	---	---	Container in air	---	0.0	Cylinder Weight	---	---	Cold Feed	---	---	3/4"					
Wt. Water	---	---	Mix in air	---	---	Specific Gravity	---	---	Sample Wt.	---	---	1/2"					
Volume	---	0	Cont./Mix in water	---	0	Cyl. & Agg. Wt. #1	---	1 fractured face	Wt.	---	---	3/8"					
Volume	---	0	Container in water	---	0.0	Cyl. & Agg. Wt. #2	---	2 fractured face	Wt.	---	---	# 4					
Gmb	---	---	Mix in water	---	0	Average FAA	---	---	Wt.	%	Wt.	# 8					
Gmm	---	---	Mix Volume	---	0.0	Sample Wt.	---	---	Wt.	%	Wt.	#16					
Gmm	---	---	Gmm	---	0	1 fractured face	---	---	Wt.	%	Wt.	#30					
Gmb	---	---	Gmb	---	---	2 fractured face	---	---	Wt.	%	Wt.	#50					
Ht., mm			Gmb			%Gmm			%Air Voids			# 100					
N des =			Gmb			%			%			# 200					
DO NOT fill in unless directed by NDOT.																	
NDOT Air Void Results:																	
NDOT Binder Results:																	
NDOT Dust/Binder Results:																	
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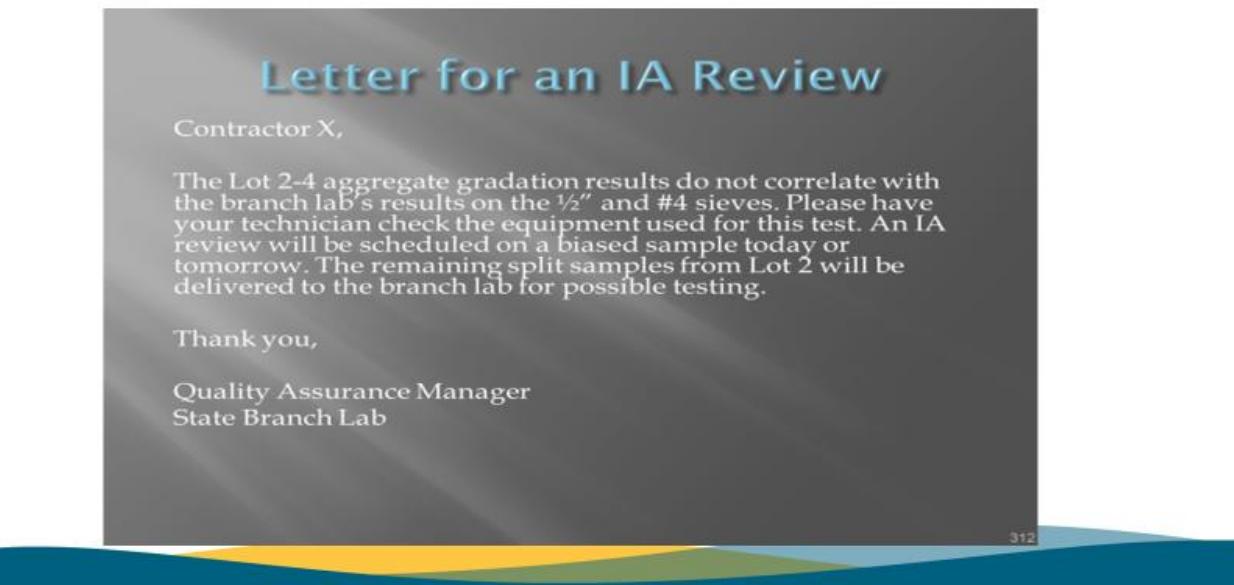
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Follow-up Letter

Contractor X,

I performed an IA review on the splitting, washing and sieving in the lab located north of Fremont on 10-21-10. **A #10 or #16 cover sieve is needed for the wash test.** I couldn't find any other issues with the equipment or technicians techniques. The IA sample and subsequent samples are within testing tolerances for gradations.

The Norfolk Branch Lab air voids for sample 3-2 do not correlate with your technicians results. Be advised the Norfolk Branch Lab results shall be used for single test results and when calculating running average of 4 tests for air voids. I will request the remaining split samples from lot 3 be delivered to the branch lab for testing. I plan to be at this lab tomorrow for IA review of equipment and procedures related to the RICE test and gyratory compaction.

Thank you,

Quality Assurance Manager
State Branch Lab