

MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
ACCEPTANCE OF HMA MIXTURE ON LOCAL AGENCY PROJECTS

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a. Description. This special provision provides acceptance testing requirements for use on local agency projects that do not include the QC/QA special provision. The HMA mixture shall be provided to meet the requirements of the standard specifications for construction except where modified herein.

b. Materials. Aggregates, mineral filler (if required), and asphalt binder shall be combined as necessary to produce a mixture proportioned within the master gradation limits shown in the project documents, and meeting the uniformity tolerances listed in Table 1. The master gradation range is to be used for establishing mix design only. Topsoil, clay, or loam shall not be added to aggregates which are to be used in plant mixed HMA mixtures.

c. Construction. After the job-mix-formula is established, the aggregate gradation and the binder content of the HMA mixture furnished for the work shall be maintained within the Range 1 uniformity tolerance limits permitted for the job-mix-formula specified in Table 1. However, if deviations are predominantly either below or above the job-mix-formula, the Engineer may order alterations in the plant to bring the mixture to the job-mix-formula. If two consecutive aggregate gradations on one sieve, or binder contents as determined by the field tests, are outside Range 1 but within Range 2 tolerance limits, the Contractor shall suspend all operations. Contract time will continue during these times when the plant is down. Before resuming any production, the Contractor shall propose, for the Engineer's approval, all necessary alterations to the materials or plant so that the job-mix-formula can be maintained. The Engineer, after evaluating for effects on AWI and mix design properties, will approve or disapprove such alterations.

Acceptance sampling and testing will be performed by the Engineer using the sampling method and testing option selected by the Engineer. Each day of production, a minimum of two samples will be obtained for each mix type. Acceptance testing will be performed at the frequency specified by the Engineer. No less than three samples shall be obtained for each mix type. Quality control measures to insure job control are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The crushed particle content of the aggregate used in the HMA mixture shall not be more than 10 percentage points above or below the crushed particle content used in the job-mix-formula nor less than the minimum specified for the aggregate in the project documents.

Pavement density will be measured by the Engineer with a Nuclear Density Gauge using the Gmm from the Job Mix Formula (JMF) for the density control target. The required in place density of the HMA mixture shall be 92.0 - 96.0% of the density control target. The Contractor is responsible for establishing a rolling pattern that will achieve the required in place density.

Table 1: Uniformity Tolerance Limits for HMA Mixtures

PARAMETER	TOP & LEVELING COURSE		BASE COURSE	
	* Range 1	Range 2	* Range 1	Range 2
Binder Content	± 0.40	± 0.50	± 0.40	± 0.50
% Passing # 8 and Larger Sieves	± 5.0	± 8.0	± 7.0	± 9.0
% Passing # 30 Sieve	± 4.0	± 6.0	± 6.0	± 9.0
% Passing # 200 Sieve	± 1.0	± 2.0	± 2.0	± 3.0
*This range allows for normal mixture and testing variations. The mixture shall be proportioned to test as closely as possible to the Job-Mix-Formula.				

d. Rejected Mixtures. If for any one mixture, two consecutive aggregate gradations on one sieve or binder contents as determined by field tests exceed the uniformity tolerance of Range 2 under Table 1, or do not meet the minimum requirements for crushed particle content specified in the project documents, the mixture will be rejected. If such mixtures are placed in a pavement, the remaining portions of the failing field samples (split sample) will be sent to the MDOT Central Laboratory to confirm the field test results. If the Laboratory's results do not confirm the field test results and there are no price adjustments required due to test failures on the asphalt binder, then no price adjustments will be made for the mixture involved. If the Laboratory's results confirm the field test results and if, in the Engineer's judgment, the defective mixture can remain in place and there are no price adjustments required due to test failures on the asphalt binder, the contract unit price for the defective mixture involved, as determined from field tests, will be decreased on the following basis:

The contract unit price for material outside of Range 2 or with a crushed particle content below that specified in the project documents will be decreased 25 percent.

If three consecutive aggregate gradations on one sieve, or bitumen contents as determined by field tests are outside Range 1 but within Range 2 tolerance limits, the mixture produced from the time the third sample was taken until the gradation, or bitumen content is corrected back into Range 1 will be decreased in contract unit price by 10 percent. Field tests indicating that mixtures are subject to the 10 percent penalty will be confirmed in the same manner as mixtures subject to the 25 percent penalty as described herein.