
Section 410

Construction Guide Specification for Emulsified Asphalt Fog Seal

410.1. DESCRIPTION

This guide specification is intended to provide information needed for owners or contractors to construct emulsified asphalt fog seals. An emulsified asphalt fog seal is the application of emulsified asphalt, either diluted or undiluted, to a prepared pavement surface and may be followed immediately by a light application of blotter aggregate. Fog seals are intended as a barrier to air and water infiltration of a pavement surface, to arrest low severity raveling, or to create color contrast between traffic markings and the paved surface.

This guide specification refers to quality requirements for materials and methods used to construct fog seals.

All units of measurement are expressed in English units with the exception of the graduated cylinder measurements in Table 3; which are only available in metric units of measurement.

Commentaries are included in this guide specification to 1) emphasize and further explain the section, 2) present options to be considered by the user, or 3) provide sources of additional information. An example of these commentaries is shown below:

Commentary

This guide specification covers construction of emulsified asphalt fog seals that are often used on emulsified asphalt or hot applied chip seals or on newly Add M318 placed hot mix asphalt... The fog seal will help blacken the chip seal and with rock retention.

410.2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

410.2.1.

AASHTO Standards

- M 140, Emulsified Asphalt
- M 208, Cationic Emulsified Asphalt
- M 316, Polymer-Modified Cationic Emulsified Asphalt
- T 27, Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
- T 304, Standard Method of Test for Determining the Uncompacted Void Content of Fine Aggregate

410.2.2.

ASTM Standard

- D5624, Standard Practice for Determining the Transverse-Aggregate Spread Rate for Surface Treatment Applications

410.2.3.

Other Document

- Martin, R. S., Jr., "Chip Seal Practice", Proceedings of the 26th Paving and Transportation Conference, Department of Civil Engineering, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 1989.
- Shuler, S. High Traffic Chip-Seal Construction: The Tulsa Test Road. In *Transportation Research Record No. 1300*, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, 1991, pp. 116–124.

- Shuler, S., A. Epps-Martin, T. Lord, and D. Hoyt. *National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 680: Manual for Emulsion-Based Chip Seals for Pavement Preservation*. National Cooperative Highway Research Program, Transportation Research Board, Washington, DC, 2011.

410.3. TERMINOLOGY

- 410.3.1. *CSS-1h*—a cationic emulsified asphalt that is slow setting, low viscosity, and has a residual binder residue with lower penetration than CSS-1; which can use a softer and higher penetration residual asphalt.
- 410.3.2. *SS-1h*—an anionic emulsified asphalt that is slow setting, low viscosity, and has a residual binder residue with lower penetration than SS-1; which can use a softer and higher penetration residual asphalt.

410.4. MATERIALS

- 410.4.1. *Emulsified Asphalt*—Emulsified asphalt for fog seals shall meet the requirements of M 140 or M 208. Fog seal emulsified asphalt may be diluted with water prior to application but must be diluted at the emulsified asphalt plant and not diluted in the construction field. The residual asphalt content shall not be less than 28 percent by weight of the total mixture.

Commentary

Emulsified asphalts diluted with water can be less stable than the emulsified asphalt concentrate that was diluted. Maximum shelf life expectancy of the diluted emulsified asphalt is two days; unless otherwise noted by the manufacturer. Most manufacturers recommend you shoot what you dilute the same day.

- 410.4.2. *Blotter Aggregate*—When blotter aggregate is used in fog seals, the aggregate size to be used will be as shown in the plans or other contract documents or the requirements shown in Table 1. Aggregate shall be crushed by mechanical means and shall have a minimum void content of 45 percent as determined by T 304. The normal application rate for blotter aggregate can vary from 1-3 lbs/yd².

Table 1. Blotter Aggregate

| Sieve Size, T 27 | Passing, % |
|------------------|------------|
| No. 8 | 100 |
| No. 16 | 50–85 |
| No. 30 | 25–60 |
| No. 50 | 5–30 |
| No. 200 | 0–10 |

Commentary

Blotter aggregate is sometimes used to absorb any excess emulsified asphalt that may occur on the pavement surface due to over application or because of pooling in low areas of the pavement. The normal application rate is 1 to 3 lbs. /yd²

410.5. CONSTRUCTION

- 410.5.1. *Weather Limitations*—Construct fog seal per the following conditions:
- Ambient or pavement surface temperatures shall be 60°F and rising;
 - Application of the fog seal shall be only during daylight hours;

- The road surface shall be dry;
- Suspend fog seal operations when rain is expected before the fog seal emulsified asphalt can set;
- Temperatures below 40°F are not anticipated for at least 24 h after application;
- Sustained winds are less than or equal to 10 mph; and
- Application shall be completed at least 2 h before sunset.

Commentary

A skirt can be attached to the asphalt distributor in the case winds are above 10 mph to prevent the emulsified asphalt from blowing onto passing vehicles.

410.5.2.

Application Rate

The emulsified asphalt application rate for the fog seal shall be between 0.015 gal/yd² for dense graded asphalt pavements to 0.039 gal/yd² of residual asphalt binder for chip seals with aggregates larger than 1/2 inch. Target rates are shown in Table 2 for four types of typical pavement surfaces. The actual rate used for a specific pavement shall be determined using a test strip or by the ring test described below.

Table 1—Initial Target Fog Seal Application Rate

| Surface Type | Residual Rate, gal/yd ² | Undiluted, gal/yd ² ^a | Diluted 1:1, gal/yd ² |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Dense-Graded Asphalt Mixture | 0.015–0.021 | 0.025–0.035 | 0.05–0.07 |
| Open-Graded Asphalt Mixture | 0.021–0.027 | 0.035–0.045 | 0.07–0.09 |
| Chip Seal (<1/2 in. top agg. size) | 0.027–0.033 | 0.045–0.055 | 0.09–0.11 |
| Chip Seal (≥1/2 in. top agg size) | 0.029–0.039 | 0.055–0.065 | 0.11–0.13 |

^a This assumes an emulsified asphalt residual binder content of 60 percent and a water content of 40 percent.

Ring Test:

1. Sweep the section of road to be fog sealed clean of debris and dust.
2. Draw three 6-in. diameter circles on the swept pavement.
3. Select three target application rates and translate them to the required volume of emulsified asphalt from Table 2.
4. Label each circle with its application rate.
5. Use a 10-mL graduated cylinder to pour the required amount of emulsified asphalt into the center of each circle. Evenly distribute the material within the circle.
6. The ideal application rate will evenly and completely cover the pavement within the circle, with no emulsified asphalt draining outside.
7. Record the optimal application rate.

Table 2—Amount of Emulsified Asphalt for Ring Test

| gal/yd ² | mL (6-in circle) |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 0.05 | 4.2 |
| 0.06 | 5.0 |
| 0.07 | 5.8 |
| 0.08 | 6.6 |
| 0.09 | 7.4 |
| 0.10 | 8.3 |
| 0.11 | 9.1 |
| 0.12 | 10.0 |
| 0.13 | 12.8 |

All design work will be carried out using the emulsified asphalt to be used on the job site or from equivalent material from the same source and having substantially the same material properties.

Commentary

The ring test is especially recommended when the pavement surface to be fog sealed is tight and dense and excess emulsified asphalt could result.

410.5.3. *Preconstruction Meeting*—Coordinate a preconstruction meeting prior to construction with the engineer to discuss the following topics:

- Mix design, required to be submitted
- Materials control
- Materials measurement
- Equipment calibration, required to be submitted
- Traffic control plan
- Equipment/process overview
- Inspection
- Test strip
- Unique project conditions
- Project documentation
- Expectations

410.5.4. *Road Surface Preparations*

410.5.4.1. *Cleaning Pavement*—Clean the roadway surface by sweeping no more than 30 min prior to application of the emulsified asphalt fog seal. However, this 30-min window may be extended if authorized by the engineer in cases where extending the time does not jeopardize a clean surface prior to fog seal operations. Sweep the pavement with a motorized broom to remove loose material. Clean depressions not reached by the motorized broom with a hand broom. Clean the outer edges of the pavement to be sealed including an adjacent paved shoulder.

410.5.4.2. *Protecting Accessories*—Cover utility castings (manholes, gate valve covers, catch basins, sensors, etc.) to prevent coating with emulsified asphalt. Suitable coverings include plywood disks, Kraft paper, roofing felt, or other approved methods. Remove the protective coverings before opening the road to traffic.

410.5.5. *Equipment*

410.5.5.1. *Asphalt Distributor*—The asphalt distributor shall have a ground speed control device interconnected with the emulsified asphalt pump such that the specified application rate will be supplied at any speed. The asphalt distributor shall be capable of maintaining the emulsified asphalt at the specified temperature. The spray bar nozzles shall produce a uniform double lap application fan spray, and the shutoff shall be instantaneous, with no dripping. All nozzles shall be oriented at the same angle between 15 and 30 degrees, using the wrench supplied by the distributor manufacturer and as described below in Section 410.5.6.

410.5.5.2. *Blotter Aggregate- Spreader*—If used, a self-propelled mechanical type aggregate spreader with a computerized spread control, capable of distributing the blotter aggregate uniformly to the required width and at the designed rate shall be used. The spreader shall be a self-propelled type mounted on pneumatic-tired wheels.

410.5.5.3. *Brooms*—Motorized brooms with a positive means of controlling vertical pressure shall be used to clean the road surface prior to spraying emulsified asphalt.

Commentary

Vacuum brooms are preferred in urban or residential areas, but push brooms are acceptable in rural areas where debris scattered off the roadway does not pose a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles.

410.5.5.4. *Trucks*—Unless otherwise approved, use trucks of uniform capacity to deliver the aggregate.

410.5.6. *Equipment Calibration*

The contractor shall provide proof of calibration of the asphalt distributor and the aggregate spreader if a blotter aggregate is applied to the fog seal. Calibration shall be conducted no earlier than five days prior to fog seal operations. The contractor shall submit the results of the calibration procedure to the Engineer.

Flow from each nozzle in the asphalt distributor must be within ± 10 percent of the average flow of all nozzles as measured by the procedure described below.

Uniformity of the blotter aggregate applied transverse to the pavement centerline in accordance with ASTM D5624. Tolerance for each pad tested for transverse spread rate shall be ± 10 percent of the average of the total transverse rate.

Commentary

Calibration is very important to assure the quantity of emulsified asphalt and blotter sand applied to the pavement is correct. Although many modern asphalt distributors and aggregate spreaders are computer controlled, calibration is required to tell the computer how much emulsified asphalt is being applied. This quantity must be checked prior to spraying emulsified asphalt and spreading blotter aggregate and checked against the quantity the computer (if the distributor is so equipped) indicates is being applied.

410.5.6.1. *Asphalt Distributor*

All nozzles shall be the same size, provide the same flow rate, be oriented in the same direction, and be the same distance above the pavement.

Commentary

The asphalt distributor applies emulsified asphalt to the pavement surface. This application must be done uniformly both transverse and longitudinal to the centerline of the pavement.

When lower application rates are determined necessary or shown in the plans, smaller nozzles shall be inserted in the spray bar where the emulsified asphalt rate is reduced.

Commentary

Due to minor rutting or heavy truck traffic, it may be desirable to reduce the emulsified asphalt application rate in the wheel paths.

410.5.6.1.1. *Nozzle Angle*

Nozzles shall be positioned at an angle of 15 to 30 degrees from the horizontal of the spray bar in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. All nozzles shall spray a full fan except for the right and left edge nozzles. The right and left edge nozzle shall be adjusted to a half fan such that the spray stays to the inside of the spray bar.

Commentary

The next step in calibrating the distributor is adjustment of the spray bar nozzle angles. Each nozzle has a slot cut across the face of the nozzle. When the nozzle is threaded into the spray bar, the slot should all be positioned at an angle of 15 to 30 degrees to the direction of the spray bar as shown in Figure 1. This angle provides the best position for achieving uniformity in the spray and the triple overlap coverage. The angle should be adjusted using the wrench supplied with the distributor. This wrench is designed when used properly to set the correct angles for each nozzle. Any wrench that fits the hexagonal nozzle can adjust the nozzle angle, but correctness of the angle would have to be visually verified.

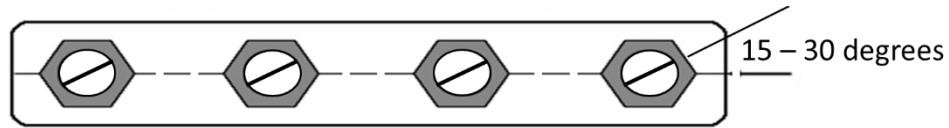


Figure 1—Spray Bar Nozzle Orientation in Spray Bar

The angle at which the nozzles are positioned shall be adjusted using the wrench supplied with the distributor. However, in cases where this wrench is unavailable, a wrench that fits the hexagonal nozzle will suffice but the angle must be judged visually.

All nozzles fitted to the spray bar shall be full fan nozzles except for the right and left edge nozzles. These nozzles shall be half fan nozzles adjusted so the spray from the nozzle remains to the inside of the spray bar.

410.5.6.1.2. *Spray Bar Height*

The spray bar height must be adjusted so that the emulsified asphalt provides exactly two or three overlaps across the entire spray width.

Commentary

Streaking of the emulsified asphalt will occur if the spray bar is set too high or too low as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

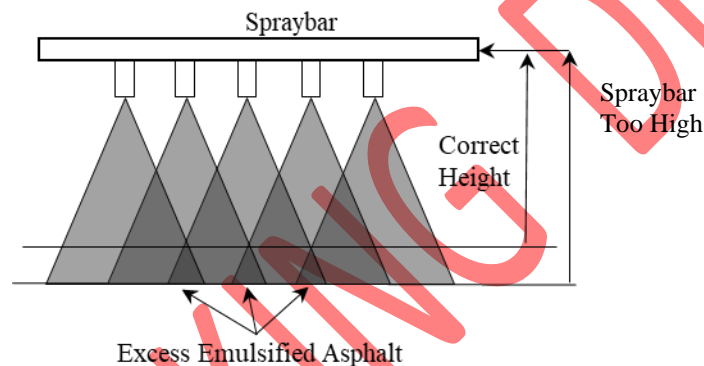


Figure 2—Streaks with Spray Bar Too High for Double Overlap

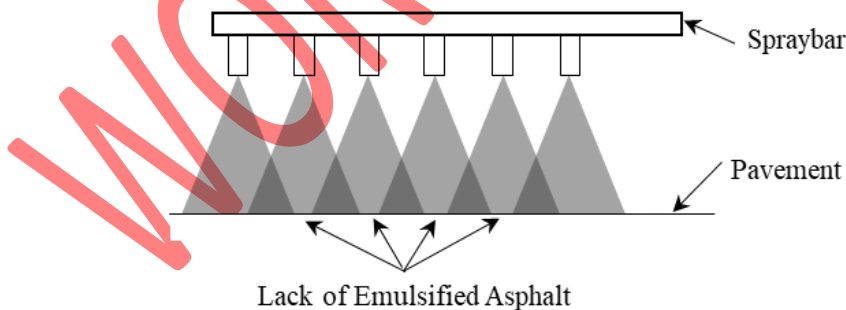


Figure 3—Streaks with Spray Bar Too Low for Double Overlap

To avoid this streaking, the bar must be adjusted to the correct height. This adjustment process is accomplished by shutting off nozzles to determine where the spray pattern contacts the pavement as shown in Figures 4 and 5.

410.5.6.1.2.1. *Bar Height Adjustment to Achieve Double Lap*

Every other nozzle shall be turned off when a double lap application is desired as shown in Figure 4. The distributor operator shall spray emulsified asphalt onto the pavement surface for as short an interval as possible while an observer watches where the emulsified asphalt hits the pavement from each nozzle left open. If there is overlap of emulsified asphalt from adjacent nozzles, the bar is too high. If there is a lack of emulsified from adjacent nozzles, the bar is too low.

Once it is confirmed the bar height is correct, the nozzles that were turned off can be turned back on and a double application of emulsified asphalt will result when spraying resumes.

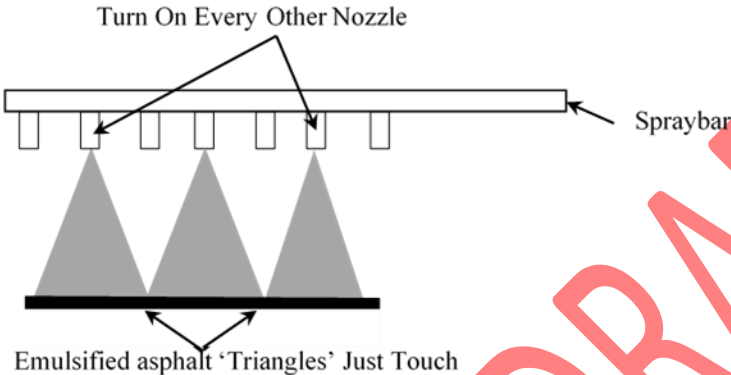


Figure 4—Adjustment of Spray Bar Height for Double Overlap

410.5.6.1.2.2. *Triple Lap Application Bar Height Adjustment*

Every third nozzle shall be turned off when a triple lap application is desired as shown in Figure 5. The distributor operator shall spray emulsified asphalt onto the pavement surface for as short an interval as possible while an observer watches where it hits the pavement from each nozzle left open. If there is overlap of emulsion from adjacent nozzles, the bar is too high. If there is a lack of emulsified asphalt from adjacent nozzles, the bar is too low.

Once it is confirmed the bar height is correct, the nozzles that were turned off can be turned back on and a triple application of emulsified asphalt will result when spraying resumes.

As the distributor empties during spraying, the bar height will rise. However, this is not usually enough to cause significant streaking worth adjustment of the spray bar.

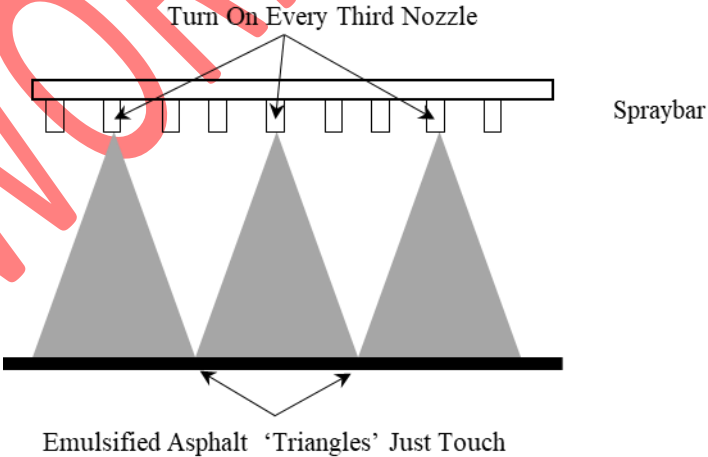


Figure 5—Adjustment of Spray Bar Height for Triple Overlap

410.5.6.1.3. *Transverse Flow Rate*—The flow rate across the spray bar shall be uniform with each nozzle spraying within ± 10 percent of the average flow rate.

Commentary

This is done by measuring the width of the slot in the nozzle and by measuring the orifice diameter. Also, some nozzles are labeled by the manufacturer. Manufacturers supply a list of nozzles in the owner's document describing which nozzles shall be used for various application rates or on a placard mounted on the equipment.

However, nozzles of the same apparent size have been measured with different flow rates. Therefore, it is recommended that all nozzles be checked for flow rate before fog seal operations begin. This is easily accomplished by fabricating a flow apparatus (Martin, 1989). This apparatus consists of a pipe to which each nozzle can be fitted, in turn, on one end and a water source can be fitted to the other end. The flow of water through each nozzle shall be measured by filling a 1-gal container in a measured period. This shall be done for each nozzle to be used on the project. If the flow rate of any of the nozzles is greater than plus or minus 10 percent of the average of all the nozzles to be used, the noncompliant nozzles shall be discarded, or modified to flow within the 10 percent tolerance.

Determination of uniform lateral flow from the spray bar is determined by collecting a measured volume of emulsified asphalt in containers placed under each nozzle. This process is practical using standard 6-in. by 12-in. concrete cylinder molds lined with 1-gal zip-lock freezer bags. The cylinder molds can be reused, and the zip-lock bags discarded appropriately with the contents.

410.5.6.1.4. *Longitudinal Flow Rate*

The longitudinal spray rate shall be accomplished by measuring the volume of emulsified asphalt in the distributor before and after spraying enough emulsified asphalt to reduce the volume of emulsified asphalt in the distributor by 70 to 90 percent.

Commentary

The longitudinal flow rate must be measured with all nozzles inserted in the distributor bar. First, the quantity of emulsified asphalt in the truck must be determined. Although there is a volume indicator on the rear of most modern distributors, these are not calibrated in small enough increments to be of use for longitudinal flow rate calibration and shall not be used for this purpose. Instead, the dipstick supplied with the distributor must be used. This dipstick is usually carried on the top of the tank near the inspection hatch. Prior to shooting emulsified asphalt, take a volume reading with the dipstick.

Pay attention to how the dipstick is used. Many dipsticks are not intended to be submerged in the emulsified asphalt, but instead, are inserted into the top of the tank only until the tip of the dipstick touches the surface of the emulsified asphalt. Then, the volume in the tank is read by indexing the top of the inspection cover to the reading on the dipstick.

- *Record this volume as "beginning volume."*
- *Set up the truck to shoot emulsified asphalt and shoot a minimum of 3000 ft by 12 ft of emulsified asphalt at the design rate using the gallon per minute pump flow volume and truck speed required by the manufacturer to attain this flow rate.*
- *Take a second dipstick reading.*
- *Record this reading as "ending volume."*
- *Subtract ending volume from beginning volume and record this as "volume used."*
- *Determine the area emulsified asphalt sprayed. Divide volume used by the area sprayed in square yards. This is the gallons per square yard applied to the pavement.*
- *This value shall then be compared to the distributor computer, if equipped, to evaluate the accuracy of the computer.*
- *A correction factor may then be applied to the computer output, if needed, and used for the remainder of the day. This calibration shall be accomplished each day.*

An example of this calibration is presented below:

Given:

1800-gal capacity asphalt distributor

12-ft-wide spray width

Trial spray distance = 22500 ft

0.05-gal/yd² design spray rate

Dipstick reading beginning of shot = 1765 gal

Dipstick reading end of shot = 265 gal

Calculations:

1. Check to see if enough volume shot. $1765 - 265 = 1500$ gal
2. $1500/1765 = 85$ percent > 70 percent and < 90 percent. OK, enough applied to be valid
3. Calculate spray rate = $1500 \text{ gal} / (12 \times 22500/9) = 0.05 \text{ gal/yd}^2$

Therefore, distributor is set up correctly.

410.5.6.2. Aggregate Spreader

410.5.6.2.1. Transverse Spread Rate

The blotter aggregate shall be uniform when placed on the fog seal to aid in preventing tracking of the emulsified asphalt.

Commentary

A visual assessment of the distribution of the blotter aggregate is a good place to start the process, since non-uniform distribution can easily be seen. The veil of blotter aggregate deposited on the pavement from the spreader box can be viewed from behind with the spreader moving away from the observer or from the front. Either position for the observer is adequate for viewing how uniform the veil of blotter aggregate is falling out of the spreader box. However, viewing from either front quarter affords the observer a better view of the entire spreader width and is, of course, safer than directly in front of the spreader. Any variation in light passing through the veil of blotter aggregate indicates variation in application rate. More light means a lack of blotter aggregate. Variation in light means the machine shall be stopped, the gates on the spreader contributing to the non-uniformity adjusted and the trial rerun. This procedure provides adjustment to the transverse spread rate. Then, to obtain an objective means of measuring the amount of blotter aggregate being deposited, ASTM D5624 is a good procedure to use.

410.5.6.2.2. Longitudinal Spread Rate

The longitudinal spread rate shall be uniform and be within +/- 10 percent of the design spread rate.

Commentary

Once the transverse spread rate is adjusted the longitudinal rate can be adjusted. This is also done visually, at first. This shall be done well before the emulsified asphalt begins to "break" or "set," but not immediately after spraying unless temperature, wind, or high demulsibility demand it.

The application rate of the blotter aggregate shall be similar to the design rate. This is a rate where immediately upon dropping the blotter aggregate the appearance of the surface has some emulsified asphalt showing. In fact, the quantity should seem somewhat inadequate. The spread rate should not be low enough to cause pickup problems on rubber-tire rollers. However, the rate should be such that a small decrease in rate would cause pickup. Emulsified asphalt should be visible between the aggregate upon dropping and before rolling. It is the responsibility of the construction superintendent to achieve this application rate.

Commentary

Evaluating the quantity of the blotter aggregate being placed is important after the rate is established. This provides a quantitative baseline for future work. The best method to accomplish this evaluation is by weighing the aggregate spreader before and after applying the blotter aggregate and calculating the spread rate based on the area covered. This is often not practical. Therefore, a suitable alternative includes estimating the quantity of spread over a known area by knowing the weight of each transport truck supplying the spreader and dividing the estimated weight of spread by the area covered for that load.

An example follows:

Given:

- Trucks loading the aggregate spreader are 12-ton capacity tandem dumps*
- 12-ft wide pavement*
- 2.8 lb./yd² design spread rate*

Calculations:

- 1. Check Truck No. 1*
 - a. Load = 23,803 lb.*
 - b. Spreader distance = 6400 ft*
 - c. Rate = $23,803 / (6400 \times 12/9) = 2.79 \text{ lb./yd}^2$*
- 2. Check Truck No. 2*
 - a. Load = 23,921 lb.*
 - b. Spreader distance = 6340 ft*
 - c. Rate = $23,921 / (6340 \times 12/9) = 2.83 \text{ lb./yd}^2$*
- 3. Check Truck No. 3*
 - a. Load = 23,848 lb.*
 - b. Spreader distance = 6390 ft*
 - c. Rate = $23,848 / (6390 \times 12/9) = 2.80 \text{ lb./yd}^2$*
- 4. Average Rate = $(2.79 + 2.83 + 2.80) / 3 = 2.81 \text{ lb./yd}^2$*
- 5. No adjustment needed since measured rate is within 1 percent of design.*

Compensation for moisture on must be considered when calibrating spreaders. The above example indicates no adjustment is needed since the measured spread rate is within 0.10 lb./yd² of the design spread rate. However, if the above had contained as much as 1.02 percent moisture that was unaccounted for, the application rate would have been too low.

- 410.5.7. *Test Strip*—Construct a 500-ft test strip and adjust the application rate as needed to assure a uniform application of the fog seal is applied with no streaking. Apply the fog seal to minimize the amount of overspray and do not allow traffic on the fog seal until it has cured. The application rate shall not result in an excess of emulsified asphalt that could run off the pavement area to be sealed.

Commentary

Care should be taken to ensure the fog seal application rate does not cause a significant reduction in the surface texture of the pavement.

- 410.5.8. *Application of Emulsified Asphalt*

Apply the emulsified asphalt at the rate determined by the test strip or the ring test within ± 5 percent. After applying the emulsified asphalt, place the blotter aggregate at an application rate that just covers the emulsified asphalt or is sufficient to blot excess emulsified asphalt.

The temperature of the emulsified asphalt at the time of application shall be above 120°F.

Commentary

If the temperature is lower than 120°F, there is risk of less material being applied than desired due to high viscosity.

The longitudinal construction joint for a fog seal must coincide with the painted lane line or at the outside edge of shoulder. There shall be no overlap of the longitudinal construction joint.

Allow the fog seal to cure undisturbed for at least 2 hours or until the emulsified asphalt breaks and is substantially tack free. Cover unabsorbed asphalt with blotter aggregate to protect traffic or minimize rain damage. Remove excess blotter aggregate after the asphalt is absorbed by sweeping.

410.5.9. *Application of/Blotter Aggregate*—Blotter aggregate shall be used for two purposes: 1) to blot excess emulsified asphalt prior to opening to traffic, and 2) to provide friction. After the emulsified asphalt has been sprayed and has begun to set, apply the blotter aggregates with the aggregate spreader if uniform transverse and longitudinal application on the pavement is required. blotter aggregates may be applied by hand when localized areas requiring blotting of excess emulsified asphalt are present.

410.5.10. *Transverse Paper Joints*—When beginning a new application of the fog seal transversely abutting the previously placed fog seal a transverse paper joint shall be used so excess asphalt and aggregates are not placed at the joint. The transverse paper joint shall be formed by placing 36-in. wide Kraft paper on top of the previously applied fog seal so the edge of the paper aligns with the joint that will be formed when the previously placed fog seal meets the newly applied fog seal. The asphalt distributor shall begin applying emulsified asphalt by starting the application on top of the Kraft paper. After the distributor moves forward and over the joint, the paper shall be removed.

Commentary

Ideally, the paper should also be placed at the end of the distributor shot, as well. This creates a clean, edge with the correct fog seal quantity at the joint. The placement of the paper is calculated based on the emulsified asphalt shot rate and the quantity of emulsified asphalt in the distributor. The distance the distributor travels before encountering the paper and turning off the bar should be approximately equivalent to 80 percent of the distributor tank volume. This assures the distributor does not spray until empty which can result in less emulsified asphalt applied than desired at the end of the shot.

410.5.11. *Traffic Control*—Traffic may be allowed onto the newly placed fog seal (if used) after the emulsified asphalt has completely set and after blotter aggregates have been applied.

410.5.12. *Protection of Motor Vehicles*—The Contractor is responsible for claims of damage to vehicles until the roadways and shoulders have been swept free of loose aggregate and permanent pavement markings have been applied. If permanent pavement markings are to be applied by Agency forces, the Contractor's responsibility ends after completion of the fog seal and placement of temporary pavement markings.

410.5.13. *Sequence of Work*

Construct the fog seal so that adjacent lanes are sealed on the same day when possible. If the adjacent lane(s) has not been sealed sweep all loose aggregates from the unsealed lane(s) before traffic is allowed on the surface without traffic control.

The permanent pavement markings shall not be placed for three days after placing the fog seal for water-borne pavement marking or ten days for other types.

If fog sealing a new chip seal, the fog seal can be applied after the chip seal coat is cured, typically 1 to 2 days after construction.

Permanent pavement markings shall not be placed for three days after placing the fog seal.

Commentary

The fog seal will usually cure, or set, within 2 h under dry conditions and temperatures above 60°F. Interim pavement markings can be placed after the fog seal cures.

410.5.14. *Quality Control*

410.5.14.1. *General*

The Contractor is responsible for quality control (QC) sampling and testing and shall submit a QC plan including materials and procedures for verifying the quality of the fog seal aggregates and emulsified asphalt(s). The Contractor's QC plan shall include but is not limited to sampling, testing, inspection, monitoring, documentation, and corrective action procedures during transport, stockpiling, and placement operations.

A written Quality Control Plan (QCP) shall be developed which details the Contractor's QC program that meets the requirements of these specifications. The QCP shall be contract-specific and signed by the Contractor's representative. Fog seal construction shall not proceed without Agency acceptance of the QCP and QC personnel present on the project. Failure to comply with these provisions will result in shutdown of the operations until such time as the Contractor's operations are in compliance.

410.5.14.2. *Personnel*—The QC staff shall include the following as a minimum:

- a) QCP Manager—The person responsible for the execution of the QCP and liaison with the Agency. This person shall be on the project, and have the authority to stop or suspend construction operations.
- b) QC Technicians—The person(s) responsible for conducting QC tests and inspection to implement the QCP. QC technicians shall have Level 2 Aggregate Testing Certification from the American Concrete Institute (ACI) or other accrediting body approved by the Agency.
- c) Certified Crew Members—Three crew members (job foreman, aggregate spreader operator, and asphalt distributor operator), at a minimum shall possess a valid fog seal certification and be on the project at all times the fog seal is being constructed. The fog seal certification is administered by the National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCP) on behalf of AASHTO TSP2 (Transportation Services Preservation Program).

410.5.14.3. *Testing Facilities and Equipment*—The Contractor shall provide the name of the laboratory conducting QC tests, and shall be qualified or approved by the agency for all testing within the relevant scope of testing. Sampling, testing, and measuring devices shall meet the requirements of the specified standards and test methods. The laboratory shall maintain records of the calibration and maintenance of all sampling, testing, and measuring equipment.

410.5.14.4. *Materials Testing*

Blotter aggregate and emulsified asphalt shall be tested for compliance with the specifications as follows:

410.5.14.4.1. *Aggregate*

410.5.14.4.1.1. *Stockpile*—Test the blotter aggregate gradation a minimum of one time every day in accordance with AASHTO T 27 to determine compliance with Table 1 requirements. If the material is hauled from the production site to a temporary stockpile, test at the temporary stockpile.

410.5.14.4.1.2. *Construction*—Test the blotter aggregate gradation from the hopper of the fog spreader a minimum of one time per day in accordance with AASHTO T 27 to determine compliance with Table 1 requirements. The testing rate for quality values shall be once per source.

410.5.14.4.2. *Emulsified Asphalt*

Only emulsified asphalt from certified or approved sources is allowed for use. Verify the emulsified asphalt(s) meet the specifications by obtaining certificates of compliance from the supplier.

Verify the application rate of the emulsified asphalt by dividing the volume of emulsified asphalt used by the area fog sealed each day. Allowable variation is ± 5 percent of the application rate adjusted from the design quantity. Provide material certification and quality control test results for each batch of emulsified asphalt used on the project. Include the supplier name, plant location, emulsified asphalt grade, and batch number on all reports.

410.5.14.5. *Calibration of Equipment and Workmanship*—Describe the equipment and methods used for equipment calibration and workmanship as follows:

- Longitudinal application rates
- Transverse application rates
- Asphalt transverse application uniformity
- Transverse joint construction technique
- Monitoring method for application rates
- Sweeping operations and schedule, if aggregate is applied
- Method of controlling traffic

410.5.14.6. *Documentation*—Describe the documentation and reporting procedures for all QC activities. Include samples of all QC test forms, inspection and test reports.

410.5.14.7. *Records and Documentation*

The Contractor shall maintain complete records of all QC tests and inspections.

All QC test results shall be submitted to the Agency as required or at the end of the contract. A material certification shall be submitted from each supplier for each batch of material delivered to the project, including test results.

The QC records shall contain all test and inspection reports, forms and checklists, equipment calibrations, supplier material certificates, and non-conformance and corrective action reports. The QC records shall indicate the nature and number of observations made, the number and type of deficiencies found, the quantities conforming and non-conforming, and the nature of corrective action taken as appropriate for materials as well as workmanship. The QC records shall be available to the Agency at all times and shall be retained by the contractor for the life of the contract. The Contractor's documentation procedures will be subject to approval by the Agency prior to the start of work, and to compliance checks by the Agency during the progress of the work.

410.5.14.8. *Compliance with Specifications*—The Contractor shall attest in writing to the Agency that the fog seal has been constructed in accordance with and meets the requirements of the specifications at the conclusion of the project.

410.5.15. *Agency Acceptance*

410.5.15.1. *General*—The Agency will conduct acceptance sampling, testing, and inspection activities to ensure material quality, correct application rates, sweeping, and traffic control are within specification requirements. These activities will be done randomly by the Agency.

410.5.15.2. *Acceptance Activities*

410.5.15.2.1. *Materials Testing*

410.5.15.2.1.1. *Blotter Aggregate (if used)*—Sample blotter aggregate taken from the aggregate spreader hopper once per day. Samples will be stored and tested for gradation at the discretion of the Agency. If the

results vary from the requirements of Table 1, a price reduction will be applied per the Schedule of Price Reduction prepared by the owner agency.

410.5.15.2.1.2. *Emulsified Asphalt*—Sample the first shipment and provide one sample for every 50,000 gal (approximately 200 tons) thereafter. Testing of emulsified asphalts shall be in accordance with M 140, M 208, and M 316.

410.5.15.3. *Equipment*—All equipment to be used on the project shall be evaluated by the Agency to assure it is in acceptable operating condition, that it is calibrated correctly, and that it will provide the quantities of material specified.

410.5.15.4. *Final Inspection*—A final inspection will be done to assure that no bleeding or flushing, excessive fog loss, or crushed aggregate has occurred. Longitudinal and transverse joints will be inspected to assure that no excessive overlap has occurred.

410.6. MEASUREMENT

The Engineer will measure the acceptably completed fog seal as specified in the "AASHTO Guide Specifications for Highway Construction" or as specified in Sections 410.6.1 and 4.10.6.2.

410.6.1. *Emulsified Asphalt*—Measure the undiluted emulsified asphalt by volume, at 60°F.

410.6.2. *Blotter Aggregate*— Blotter aggregate will be paid for by the area of pavement surfaced.

410.7. PAYMENT

Payment for fog seals can be done by either paying for the materials as unit costs, or for the completed fog seal by area of pavement sealed.

410.7.1. *Payment by Unit Price*—The Agency will pay for accepted quantities at the contract price as follows:

1. Payment for the accepted quantity of emulsified asphalt and blotter aggregate for fog seal (including any required additives) at the contract bid price of measure is compensation in full for all costs of furnishing and applying the material as specified.
4. Payment will be made in accordance with the schedule set forth below at the Contract bid price for the specified unit of measure.

| Item No. | Item | Unit |
|----------|--|------|
| State ## | Emulsified asphalt for fog seal | gal |
| State ## | Blotter Aggregate for fog seal | tons |
| State ## | Diluted emulsified asphalt for fog seal, if used | gal |

410.7.2. *Payment for Completed Fog Seal*

1. Payment for the accepted quantity of the fog seal at the Contract bid unit price of measure is compensation in full for all costs of furnishing and applying the material as specified, including cleaning the existing pavement, stationing, purchase of blotter aggregate, delivery of blotter aggregate, all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the placement of the Fog seal for full lane coverage, sweeping of any loose aggregate after construction, and other requirements as specified.
5. Payment will be made in accordance with the schedule set forth below at the Contract bid price for the specified unit of measure.

| Item No. | Item | Unit |
|----------|--|-----------------|
| State ## | Fog seal | yd ² |
| State ## | Diluted emulsified asphalt for fog seal, if used | gal |
| | Blotter Aggregate | tons |

Such payment is full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, labor, and incidentals to complete the work as specified.

Commentary

The advantage of payment by the square yard for a completed fog seal is simplicity if the area is easily defined. The disadvantage is that an incentive is created to reduce material quantities.

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