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# Standard Practice for Evaluating the Effect of Freezing on Emulsified Asphalts<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 Emulsified asphalt is normally damaged by freezing temperatures, but specially formulated materials are expected to pass this practice.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

[D3666 Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and Inspecting Road and Paving Materials](#)

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Certain agencies who desire to use, store, or transport emulsified asphalt under less than ideal weather conditions may require that the product remain homogeneous (unbroken) after being subjected to a temperature of  $-18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

<sup>1</sup> This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D04 on Road and Paving Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D04.42 on Emulsified Asphalt Test.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

NOTE 1—The quality of the results produced by this standard are dependent on the competence of the personnel performing the procedure and the capability, calibration, and maintenance of the equipment used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Specification D3666 are generally considered capable of competent and objective testing, sampling, inspection, etc. Users of this standard are cautioned that compliance with Specification D3666 alone does not completely ensure reliable results. Reliable results depend on many factors; following the suggestions of Specification D3666 or some similar acceptable guideline provides a means of evaluating and controlling some of those factors.

## 4. Sample Conditioning

4.1 All emulsified asphalts shall be properly stirred to achieve homogeneity.

4.2 All emulsified asphalts with viscosity testing requirements of  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  shall be heated to  $50 \pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the original sample container in a water bath or oven. The container should be vented to relieve pressure. After the sample reaches  $50 \pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , stir the sample to achieve homogeneity.

4.3 Emulsified asphalts with viscosity testing requirements of  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  should be mixed or stirred at  $25 \pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the original sample container to achieve homogeneity.

NOTE 2—Emulsified asphalts with viscosity testing requirements of  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  may be heated and stirred as specified in 4.2, if necessary. In the event the 4.2 method is used, the sample should be cooled to  $25 \pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

## 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Freezer*—Capable of maintaining a test temperature of  $-18 \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

5.2 *Metal Container*, such as a 500-mL press-top can.

5.3 *Glass Stirring Rod*, of optional size.

## 6. Procedure

6.1 Place approximately 400 g of the emulsified asphalt in a clean metal container.

6.2 Expose the emulsified asphalt in the closed container to an air temperature of  $-18 \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 12 to 18 consecutive hours.

6.3 At the expiration of the freezing period, permit the emulsified asphalt to thaw by exposure of the container to ambient temperature.

6.4 Repeat the freezing and thawing periods until the emulsified asphalt has been subjected to three cycles of freezing and thawing.