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Standard Practice for Sampling Compacted Asphalt Mixtures for Laboratory Testing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes a procedure for removal of a sample of compacted asphalt mixture from a pavement for laboratory testing.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

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:*²

[D8 Terminology Relating to Materials for Roads and Pavements](#)

[D3665 Practice for Random Sampling of Construction Materials](#)

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D04 on Road and Paving Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D04.30 on Methods of Sampling.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

3. Terminology

3.1 Refer to Terminology [D8](#).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Samples obtained in accordance with the procedure given in this practice may be used to measure many different properties of a compacted asphalt pavement including, but not limited to: pavement thickness, density, resilient or dynamic modulus, tensile strength, Marshall or Hveem stability, or for extraction testing, to determine asphalt content, asphalt properties, and mix gradation.

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.

5. Apparatus

5.1 To minimize distortion of the compacted asphalt course(s), power equipment shall be used to secure the sample. The equipment may be either a core drill or power saw.

5.2 The cutting edge of the core drill bit shall be of hardened steel or other suitable material with diamond chips embedded in the metal cutting edge.

5.3 Saw blades used in a power saw shall be either a hardened metal blade with diamond chips embedded or an abrasive blade such as carborundum or similar material.

5.4 A source of cooling water, dry ice, liquid nitrogen, or other cooling material is normally required but in some cases may be omitted when only a single sample is to be secured. If at any time there is evidence of damage to the edge of the sample due to the generation of heat caused by friction, a cooling material shall be applied to the cutting tool or to the pavement surface to minimize sample distortion or other damage.