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## TxDOT's Specifications to Predict Performance



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2%

**CRCP** 

**5%** 

Represents over 79,000 center lane miles

ACP 93%



Source: 2003 PMIS Report

## **Presentation Topics**

- Hamburg Wheel Track Testing.
- Permeable Friction Course.
- Binders.

## Hamburg Wheel Test TxDOT Summary



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## In the Past

- Up until the late 1990's TxDOT was experiencing approximately 3 premature failures per year related to stripping and/or rutting.
- Conventional tests such as Lottman, Hveem Stability, Boil Test, Static Creep etc did not show a very good correlation with performance. Mixes would pass all of these tests yet fail on the roadway.
- Two extensive field studies showed that AASHTO T-283 (Tex-531-C) did a poor job identifying mixtures susceptible to moisture damage.
  - CTR Study: 8 TxDOT Districts, 92 test sections
  - TTI Study: 3 Districts, over 35 pavements

## The Present

- Hamburg Wheel Track testing has <u>increased</u> dramatically
- Stripping and rutting problems have <u>decreased</u> dramatically
- The Hamburg Wheel has proven to be the best identifier of mixtures susceptible to premature failure

# The Future: Effective with the TxDOT 2004 Specification Book

- Hamburg Wheel Track testing will be used as a screening tool on all mixture designs and during production
- AASHTO T283 (Tex-531-C) will no longer be used on TxDOT projects
- Hveem Stability and Static Creep tests will no longer be used on TxDOT projects

### **TxDOT RESEARCH**

A Follow-Up Evaluation of Hot Mix Pavement Performance in Northeast Texas

M. Tahmoressi and T. Scullion, Report 4104-1, Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M, College Station,, 2002

- Hamburg indicated effectiveness of anti-stripping agents (lime and liquids) whereas TSR didn't.
- Hamburg performance was related to visual assessments of pavement performance.

## Hamburg vs. TSR

Aggregate Type	Additive Type	Tensile Strength Ratio	Hamburg Rut Depth (mm)	Visual Perf. Rating
Gravel	Lime	0.91	2.9	90
Gravel	Liquid	0.82	29.3	76
Gravel	None	0.99	18.2	58
Limestone	Liquid	0.86	7.9	90
Limestone	None	0.98	27.7	70

## Hamburg vs. VPR

Avg. Hamburg rut @ 20,000 cycles, mm	Visual Performance Rating	
2.2	87.3	
8.6	80.0	
32.0	65.8	

#### Precision of the Moisture Susceptibility Test Method Tex 531-C: Research Report

M. Solaimanian and T. W. Kennedy, Report No. 7-4909-1, Center for Transportation Research, University of Texas at Austin, 2000.

- Tex 531-C is similar to AASHTO (T-283) Lottman.
- Poor reproducibility for mixes with lime additives.
- Better for mixes with liquid additives.
- Test is sensitive to specimen preparation.

Long-term Evaluation of Stripping and Moisture Damage in Asphalt Pavements Treated with Lime and Anti-Stripping Agents

M. Solaimanian, T. W. Kennedy and W. E. Elmore, Report No. 1286-1F, Center for Transportation Research, University of Texas at Austin, 2000.

- TSR is not related to field performance.
- TSR test results do not indicate any consistent pattern with regard to effectiveness of certain anti-stripping additives versus others.

## In Texas We.....

- Use about 12 million tons of hot mix per year
- Have over 100 aggregate sources for hot mix
- Have over 10 asphalt suppliers
  - Unmodified, Air Blown, SBS, SBR, Tire Rubber (TR) Elvaloy, Crumb Rubber (CRM) etc
- Use Lime and liquid as anti-strip agents
- Use numerous types of mixes
  - Dense graded, Superpave, SMA, Stone filled, CMHB, OGFC, PFC etc
- "Think of the number of possible combinations .....are all these materials compatible?"

## Why We Like Hamburg Testing

- It shows us what we tend to see in the field
- The results are logical..... Better materials produce better results
- It gives you a very good visual image unlike most other tests

## Hamburg (PMW) Wheel-Tracking Device



## Famous Quotes

- "One picture is worth a 1,000 words" - anonymous
- "One test is worth a 1,000 expert opinions" - slogan for TxDOT's Materials Section

## Randism

• "A picture of a test must be worth 1,000,000 something.....it is at least worth a beer" - Dale A. Rand (circa 2000)

#### Rutting: 12.5 mm # of Passes: 15,000\*

#### Temp: 50C



District:Mix Type: "B"Binder: 64-22Aggr.: Gravel+Additive: Lime (1%)ID: 540031

Temp: 50C



District: Mix Type: "B" w/14%RAP Binder: 76-22 Aggr.: Sandstone Additive: Lime (1%) ID: 540087

Rutting: 12.5+ mm # of Passes: 4,800\*

#### Temp: 50C



District: "Research"Mix Type: "C"Binder: 64-22Aggr.: LimestoneAdditive: NoneID: 540017

#### Rutting: 12.5+ mm # of Passes: 6,200\*

#### Temp: 50C



District: "Research"Mix Type: CMHB-CBinder: 64-22Aggr.: LimestoneAdditive: NoneID: 540051

#### Rutting: 12.5+ mm # of Passes: 13,300\* Temp: 50C



District:"Research"Mix Type: CMHB-CBinder: 70-22Aggr.: LimestoneAdditive: NoneID: 540067

Rutting: 7.2 mm # of Passes: 20,000

#### Temp: 50C



Binder: 76-22 District: "Research" Mix Type: CMHB-C Aggr.: Limestone Additive: None ID: 540068

### What Does the Hamburg Test Tell Us?

- Dale's Definition: Hamburg is a torture test that is an indicator of a hot mix paving mixture's susceptibility to premature failure that may be attributed to factors including:
  - A weak aggregate structure
  - Inadequate binder stiffness
  - Moisture Damage
  - Inadequate binder to aggregate adhesion
  - Murphy's Law, etc, etc, etc.

## Hamburg Test Results

- Approximately 1,500 tests have been performed
- Summary only includes PG graded binders tested at 50 °C (about 850 records). These include mixes with modified binders i.e. SBS, SBR (Latex), Tire rubber
- The summary only includes data where there were more than 5 occurrences of a similar variable (binder grade, test temp, additive, aggregate type, mix type)
- The data includes some duplication if the same mix failed 10 times, we entered it 10 times
- "The results are unclear but the conclusions are obvious" Maghsoud Tahmoressi (1995)

## Influence of temperature

Includes all: additives, aggregate types, mix types



## Influence of additives @ 50 °C



#### Influence of aggregate type @ 50 °C

Includes all: additives, mix types





### Effect of binder grade and additive type

Includes all: 50 °C, mix types & aggregate types



# What have we learned about Hamburg testing

- Hamburg does a better job of identifying mixtures that are susceptible to premature failure (Lottman, Hveem, Creep, etc)
- Higher (stiffer) PG grade binders do better
- Adding liquid antistrips or lime <u>usually</u> improves the Hamburg results
- Harder aggregates do better (Igneous -Vs- limestone)
- Stone on stone mixes do better than dense mixes
- There are no absolutes.....
- Do not assume..... Measure!

## Different Aggregate, Same Binder

#### Rutting: 12.5+ mm # of Passes: 18,900\* Temp: 50C



District: W.FallsMix Type: Stone Filled(0.5)Binder: 76-22Aggr.: LimestoneAdditive: Lime (2%)ID: 540010

Rutting: 2.9 mm # of Passes: 20,000

#### Temp: 50C



District: W.Falls Mix Type: Stone Filled(0.5) Binder: 76-22 Aggr.: Granite+ Additive: Lime(1%) ID: 540027
# Same Mix, Different Treatment

## Hamburg Wheel Test Results (20,000 Passes) Wichita Falls (12.5mm SFHMACP) Limestone Aggregate with Koch PG 76-22



## Rutting: 3.4 mm

Additive: None Rutting: 4.1 mm Additive: 1% Lime



Rutting: 3.2 mm Additive: 0.5% ML Rutting: 5.5 mm Additive: 0.5% KB



# Same Aggregate, Different Binder Source



District: Abilene CSJ: 0068-07-046 ID: 01500318

Mix Type: Superpave Aggr.: Limestone Lab Mix Binder: **76-22 (Source 1)** 

Additive: None

Notes:

Rutting: 2.8 mm # of Passes: 20,000

## Temp: 50C



District: Abilene CSJ: 0068-07-046 ID: 01500380

Mix Type: Superpave Aggr.: Limestone Lab Mix

Binder: **76-22** (Source 2)

Additive: None

Notes:

# When In Doubt....

# Hamburg!





# New TxDOT Hamburg Specifications @ 50 °C

Grade	Passes @ 0.5 in rut
PG 64	10,000
PG 70	15,000
PG 76 +	20,000

# Caution!!!

- Hamburg only tells one side of the story
- Rutting resistance versus- Fatigue cracking
- Fatigue cracking is increasingly becoming our biggest problem!
  - Relatively thin (and overly stiff) layers of hot mix placed on flex base can be a recipe for disaster
  - Thick and stiff (OK)
  - Thin and flexible (OK)
  - Thin and stiff (no good)



Now, Switching Topics: Benefits of Using PFC

- Comfort
  - -Lower pavement noise levels
- Safety

–Improved visibility

-Minimized hydroplaning

# Binder Requirements for PFC

PG 76, Fibers, and Lime, or
Type I or II Asphalt-Rubber.

## New CRCP (black truck)



## New Superpave mix (black truck)



## New PFC (black truck)





# **TxDOT's PG Binder Spec**

AASHTO M-320 except:
PAV Temp of 100C
PAV/DSR test temp tied to low temp, based on low temp using PG 64 as basis.
Elastic Recovery (ASTM D 6084 @ 10C) for all binders with a temp spread >= 92C.





# TxDOT

10 Year Historical Binder Breakdown



Asphalt Usage 1994-2004



Asphalt Usage 1994-2004



Tire Rubber Asphalt Usage 1994-2004



Year





















#### Partial Year 2004 Asphalt Usage by Volume


## To Summarize

- Hamburg Wheel used for Design and Project Testing Because It Works.
- PFC Standard Spec and will be utilized significantly.
- TxDOT uses lot of asphalt binders, and the amount of polymer-modified binders continues to rise.

