



**SECTION 403**

**ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT**

**403.1 Description.** This work shall consist of providing a bituminous mixture to be placed in one or more courses on a prepared base or underlying course as shown on the plans or as directed by the engineer. The contractor shall be responsible for QC of the bituminous mixture, including the design, and control of the quality of the material incorporated into the project. The engineer will be responsible for QA, including testing, to assure the quality of the material incorporated into the project.

**403.1.1 Naming Convention.** The nomenclature of Superpave bituminous mixture names, such as SP125CLP, will be as follows. When only the aggregate size is shown, such as SP125, the specifications shall apply to all variations of that size, such as SP125B, SP125C, SP125CLP, etc. When "x" is indicated, such as SP125xLP, specifications shall apply to all variations of mixture designs. Stone Matrix Asphalt will be generally referred to as SMA and designated by SM or SMR.

<b>Superpave Nomenclature</b>	
<b>SP</b>	<b>Superpave</b>
048	4.75mm (No. 4) nominal aggregate size
095	9.5 mm (3/8 inch) nominal aggregate size
125	12.5 mm (1/2 inch) nominal aggregate size
190	19.0 mm (3/4 inch) nominal aggregate size
250	25.0 mm (1 inch) nominal aggregate size
x	Mixture design: B, C, E or F (as described below)
LP	Limestone porphyry (when designated)
SM	Stone Matrix Asphalt (when designated)
SMR	Stone Matrix Asphalt limestone/non-carbonate (when designated)

**403.1.2 Design Levels.** The following cumulative equivalent single axle loads (ESALs) shall be used for the specified mix design. The same size aggregate mix design at a higher design traffic may be substituted at the contractor's expense for the contract specified mixture design with the approval from the engineer. Substitutions shall be done uniformly and project mixing of various designs for the same work will not be permitted. For example, an SP125B mixture may be substituted for an SP125C mixture, or SP190C for SP190E, etc. Mixture design substitution will be limited to one design level higher than that specified in the contract.

<b>Design Traffic (ESALs)</b>	<b>Design</b>
< 300,000	F
300,000 to < 3,000,000	E
3,000,000 to < 30,000,000	C
≥ 30,000,000	B

**403.2 Material.** All material shall be in accordance with Division 1000, Material Details, and specifically as follow:

Item	Section
Aggregate	1002
Asphalt Binder, Performance Graded (PG) <sup>a</sup>	1015
Fiber Additive	1071
Anti-Strip Additive	1071

<sup>a</sup>The grade of asphalt binder will be specified in the contract.

**403.2.1 Fine Aggregate Angularity.** Fine aggregate angularity (FAA) shall be measured on the fine portion of the blended aggregate. When tested in accordance with AASHTO T 304 Method A, aggregate particles passing the No. 8 sieve shall meet the following criteria for the minimum percent air voids in loosely compacted fine aggregate:

Design	FAA
F	--
E	40
C	45
B	45

**403.2.2 Coarse Aggregate Angularity.** Coarse aggregate angularity (CAA) shall be measured on the coarse portion of the blended aggregate. When tested in accordance with ASTM D 5821, the coarse aggregate shall meet the following criteria. Crushed limestone, dolomite, steel slag and porphyry will be considered as having 100 percent two fractured faces unless visual observations indicate an undesirable particle shape is being produced.

Design	CAA <sup>a</sup>
F	55/None
E	75/None
C	95/90
B	100/100

<sup>a</sup>The criteria denotes the minimum allowable percentage of the coarse aggregate with "one/two" fractured faces, such as a "95/90" requirement, means that the coarse aggregate shall have a minimum of 95 percent particles by weight with one fractured face and a minimum of 90 percent particles by weight with two fractured faces.

**403.2.3 Clay Content.** When tested in accordance with AASHTO T 176, blended aggregate particles passing the No. 4 sieve shall meet the following minimum sand equivalent criteria:

Design	Sand Equivalent
F	40
E	40
C	45
B	50

**403.2.4 Thin, Elongated Particles.** For all mixtures except SMA, the blended aggregate particles retained on the No. 4 sieve shall not exceed 10 percent, based on a ratio of 5:1 when tested for flat and elongated particles in accordance with ASTM D 4791.

**403.2.5 Stone Matrix Asphalt.** In addition to other requirements, material for SMA mixtures shall meet the following. Coarse aggregate shall consist of crushed limestone and either

porphyry or steel slag in accordance with the quality requirements of [Sec 1002](#), except as follows. The Los Angeles (LA) abrasion, when tested in accordance with AASHTO T 96, shall not exceed 40 percent based on initial ledge approval and source approval. The percent absorption, when tested in accordance with AASHTO T 85, shall not exceed 3.5 percent based on the individual fractions. The amount of flat and elongated particles, measured on material retained on a No. 4 sieve, of the blended aggregate shall not exceed 20 percent based on a 3:1 ratio or 5 percent based on a 5:1 ratio.

**403.2.5.1 Filler Restriction.** Rigden void content determined in accordance with MoDOT Test Method TM-73 shall be no greater than 50 percent.

**403.2.5.2 Fibers.** A fiber additive shall be used as a stabilizer when required to prevent draindown during production. Fibers shall be uniformly distributed by the end of the plant mixing process. The dosage rate for fibers shall be no less than 0.3 percent by weight of the total mixture for cellulose and no less than 0.4 percent by weight for mineral fibers.

**403.2.6 Reclaimed Asphalt.** A maximum of 30 percent virgin effective binder replacement may be used in mixtures without changing the grade of binder. The asphalt binder content of recycled asphalt materials shall be determined in accordance with AASHTO T 164, ASTM D 2172 or other approved method of solvent extraction. A correction factor for use during production may be determined for binder ignition by burning a sample in accordance with AASHTO T 308 and subtracting from the binder content determined by extraction. The aggregate specific gravity shall be determined by performing AASHTO T 209 in accordance with [Sec 403.19.3.1.2](#) and calculating the  $G_{se}$  to use in lieu of  $G_{sb}$  as follows:

$$G_{se} = \frac{100 - P_b}{\frac{100}{G_{mm}} - \frac{P_b}{G_b}}$$

**403.2.6.1 Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement.** Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) may be used in any mixture, except SMA mixtures. Mixtures may be used with more than 30 percent virgin effective binder replacement provided testing according to AASHTO M 323 is included with the job mix formula that ensures the combined binder meets the grade specified in the contract. All RAP material, except as noted below, shall be tested in accordance with AASHTO T 327, *Method of Resistance of Coarse Aggregate Degradation by Abrasion in the Micro-Deval Apparatus*. Aggregate shall have the asphalt coating removed either by extraction or binder ignition during production. The material shall be tested in the Micro-Deval apparatus at a frequency of once per 1500 tons. The percent loss shall not exceed the Micro-Deval loss of the combined virgin material by more than five percent. Micro-Deval testing will be waived for RAP material obtained from MoDOT roadways. All RAP material shall be in accordance with [Sec 1002](#) for deleterious and other foreign material.

**403.2.6.2 Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles.** Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles (RAS) may be used in any mixture specified to use PG 64-22 in accordance with AASHTO PP 53 except as follows: When the ratio of virgin effective binder to total binder in the mixture is between 60 and 70 percent, the grade of the virgin binder shall be PG 52-28 or PG 58-28. Shingles shall be ground to 3/8-inch minus. Waste, manufacturer or new, shingles shall be essential free of deleterious materials. Post-consumer RAS shall not contain more than 1.5 percent wood by weight or more than 3.0 percent total deleterious by weight. Post-consumer RAS shall be certified to contain less than the maximum allowable amount of asbestos as defined by national or local standards. The gradation of the aggregate may be determined by solvent extraction of the binder or using the following as a standard gradation:

Shingle Aggregate Gradation	
Sieve Size	Percent Passing by Weight
3/8 in.	100
No. 4	95
No. 8	85
No. 16	70
No. 30	50
No. 50	45
No. 100	35
No. 200	25

#### 403.3 Composition of Mixtures.

**403.3.1 Gradation.** Prior to mixing with asphalt binder, the combined aggregate gradation, including filler if needed, shall meet the following gradation for the type of mixture specified in the contract. A job mix formula may be approved which permits the combined aggregate gradation during mixture production to be outside the limits of the master range when the full tolerances specified in [Sec 403.5](#) are applied.

Sieve Size	Percent Passing by Weight						
	SP250	SP190	SP125	SP095	SP048	SP125xSM(R)	SP095xSM(R)
1 1/2 in.	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
1 in.	90 - 100	100	---	---	---	---	---
3/4 in.	90 max.	90 - 100	100	---	---	100	---
1/2 in.	---	90 max.	90 - 100	100	---	90-100	100
3/8 in.	---	---	90 max.	90-100	100	50-80	70-95
No. 4	---	---	---	90 max.	90-100	20 - 35	30-50
No. 8	19 - 45	23 - 49	28 - 58	32-67	---	16 - 24	20-30
No. 16	---	---	---	---	30-60	---	21 max.
No. 30	---	---	---	---	---	---	18 max.
No. 50	---	---	---	---	---	---	15 max.
No. 100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. 200	1 - 7	2 - 8	2 - 10	2-10	7-12	8.0-11.0	8.0-12.0

**403.3.2 Anti-Strip Agent.** An anti-strip will be allowed by the engineer to improve resistance to stripping. Anti-strip agents and application rates shall be from a list approved in accordance with [Sec 1071](#).

**403.3.3 Porphyry Mixtures.** For LP and SMA mixtures, at least 50 percent by volume of the aggregate shall be crushed porphyry retained on the following sieves: No. 30 for SP048, No. 16 for SP095 and No. 8 for SP125. Depending on the actual gradation of porphyry aggregate furnished, the amount of crushed porphyry required may vary, however at least 40 percent by weight of crushed porphyry will be required. Steel slag may be substituted for porphyry in LP and SM mixtures, except at least 45 percent by weight of crushed porphyry and/or slag will be required. The engineer may approve the use of other hard, durable aggregate in addition to porphyry and steel slag. . When an SMR mixture is designated, the mixture shall contain aggregate blends with at least 30 percent non-carbonate material in accordance with [Sec 403.3.5](#).

**403.3.4 Minimum Stone Matrix Asphalt Binder.** The percent asphalt binder for SMA mixtures shall not be less than 6.0 percent unless otherwise allowed by the engineer.

**403.3.5 Surface Mixtures.** Design level B surface mixtures and SP048NC, except as described in [Sec 403.15.3](#), containing limestone coarse aggregate shall contain a minimum amount of non-carbonate aggregate. The LA abrasion values, AASHTO T 96, of the limestone will determine the type and amount of non-carbonate aggregate required as shown in the table below. The LA abrasion value will be determined from the most recent source approval sample. In lieu of the above requirements, the aggregate blend shall have an acid insoluble residue (AIR), MoDOT Test Method TM 76, meeting the plus No. 4 criteria of crushed non-carbonate material. Non-carbonate aggregate shall have an AIR of at least 85 percent insoluble residue.

Coarse Aggregate (+ No. 4)	Minimum Non-Carbonate by Volume
Limestone, LA ≤ 30	30% Plus No. 4
Limestone, LA > 30	20% Minus No. 4 <sup>a</sup>
Dolomite	No Requirement

<sup>a</sup> Use for all SP095 and SP048NC containing limestone.

**403.4 Job Mix Formula.** At least 30 days prior to placing any mixture on the project, the contractor shall submit a mix design for approval to Construction and Materials. The mixture shall be designed in accordance with AASHTO R 35 or R 46 and shall be tested in accordance with AASHTO T 312 except as noted herein. A detailed description of the mix design process shall be included with the job mix formula (JMF). Representative samples of each ingredient for the mixture shall be submitted with the mix design. Aggregate fractions shall be provided in the same proportions as the proposed job mix formula. A minimum of 150 pounds will be required for any individual fraction. The amount of each ingredient submitted shall be as follows for each mix design to be verified:

Ingredient	Minimum Amount
Aggregate	750 Pounds
Hydrated Lime, Mineral Filler and/or Baghouse Fines	20 Pounds)
Asphalt Binder	10 Gallons

**403.4.1 Proficiency Sample Program.** Laboratories that participate in and achieve a score of three or greater in the AASHTO proficiency sample program for T 11, T 27, T 84, T 85, T 166, T 176, T 209, T 304 (ASTM C 1252), T 308 and T 312 will have the mixture verification process waived. The mix design shall be submitted to Construction and Materials for approval at least seven days prior to mixture production.

**403.4.2 Required Information.** The mix design shall include raw data from the design process and contain the following information:

- (a) All possible sources intended for use, and grade and specific gravity of asphalt binder.
- (b) Source, type (formation, etc.), ledge number if applicable, gradation, and deleterious content of each aggregate fraction.
- (c) Bulk and apparent specific gravities and absorption of each aggregate fraction in accordance with AASHTO T 85 for coarse aggregate and AASHTO T 84 for fine aggregate including all raw data.

- (d) Specific gravity of hydrated lime, mineral filler or baghouse fines, if used, in accordance with AASHTO T 100.
- (e) Percentage of each aggregate component.
- (f) Combined gradation of the job mix.
- (g) Percent asphalt binder, by weight, based on the total mixture and percent asphalt binder contributed by reclaimed asphalt materials.
- (h) Bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$ ) by AASHTO T 166 Method A of a laboratory compacted mixture compacted at  $N_{design}$  gyrations.
- (i) Percent air voids ( $V_a$ ) of the laboratory compacted specimen compacted to  $N_{design}$  gyrations.
- (j) Voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA) and voids in the mineral aggregate filled with asphalt binder (VFA) at  $N_{design}$  gyrations.
- (k) Theoretical maximum specific gravity ( $G_{mm}$ ) as determined by AASHTO T 209, in accordance with [Sec 403.19.3](#), after the sample has been short term aged in accordance with AASHTO R 30.
- (l) The tensile strength ratio as determined by AASHTO T 283 including all raw data.
- (m) The gyratory sample weight to produce a 115 mm minimum height specimen.
- (n) Mixing temperature and gyratory molding temperature.
- (o) Number of gyrations at  $N_{initial}$ ,  $N_{design}$ , and  $N_{maximum}$ .
- (p) Dust proportion ratio ( $-200/P_{be}$ ).
- (q) Bulk specific gravity ( $G_{sb}$ ) of the combined aggregate.
- (r) Percent chert contained in each aggregate fraction.
- (s) Percent of  $G_{mm}$  at  $N_{initial}$  and  $N_{maximum}$ .
- (t) Blended aggregate properties for clay content, angularity, and thin and elongated particles.
- (u) Voids in coarse aggregate (VCA) for both the mixture and dry-rodded condition for SMA mixtures.
- (v) Draindown for SMA mixtures.
- (w) Baghouse fines added for design.
  - (i) Batch and continuous mix plants – Indicate which aggregate fraction to add baghouse percentage during production.

(ii) Drum mix plants – Provide cold feed settings with and without baghouse percentage.

**403.4.3 Approval.** No mixture will be accepted for use until the JMF for the project is approved by Construction and Materials.

**403.4.4 Job Mix Formula Modification.** The JMF approved for each mixture shall be in effect until modified in writing by the engineer. When unsatisfactory results occur or should a source of material be changed, a new JMF may be required.

**403.4.5 Design Gyration.** The number (N) of gyrations required for gyratory compaction shall be as follows:

Design	<sup>b</sup> N <sub>initial</sub>	<sup>a</sup> N <sub>design</sub>	<sup>a,b</sup> N <sub>maximum</sub>
F	--	50	--
E	7	75	115
C	8	80 or 100	160
B	9	125	205

<sup>a</sup>SMA mixtures shall have N<sub>design</sub> equal to 100 and no N<sub>maximum</sub> requirement.

<sup>b</sup>Design Level C mixtures designed at 80 gyrations shall have no N<sub>initial</sub> or N<sub>maximum</sub> requirements.

In addition, the compaction level, as a percent of theoretical maximum specific gravity, shall be less than or equal to 91.5 percent for Design F, 90.5 percent for Design E and 89.0 percent for Designs C and B at N<sub>initial</sub>, equal to 96.0 percent at N<sub>design</sub> and less than or equal to 98.0 percent at N<sub>maximum</sub>.

**403.4.6 Mixture Characteristics.** When compacted in accordance with AASHTO T 312, the mixture shall meet the following criteria.

**403.4.6.1 Air Voids (V<sub>a</sub>).** Design air voids for all mixtures at all traffic levels shall be 4.0.

**403.4.6.2 Voids in the Mineral Aggregate (VMA).**

Mixture	VMA Minimum (percent)
SP250	12.0
SP190	13.0
SP125 (except for SMA)	14.0
SP095 (except for SMA)	15.0
SP048	16.0
SMA	17.0

**403.4.6.3 Voids Filled With Asphalt (VFA).**

Design	VFA (percent) <sup>a</sup>
F	70 - 80
E	65 - 78
C	65 - 75 <sup>b</sup>
B	65 - 75 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>SMA and SP048 mixtures shall have a minimum VFA of 75 percent.

<sup>b</sup>Maximum 76 percent for SP095 and 78 percent for SP048.

**403.4.7 Dust to Binder Ratio.** For all mixtures except SMA and SP048, the ratio of minus No. 200 material to effective asphalt binder ( $P_{be}$ ) shall be between 0.8 and 1.6. For SP048, the ratio of minus No. 200 material to effective asphalt binder ( $P_{be}$ ) shall be between 0.9 and 2.0.

**403.4.8 Moisture Susceptibility.** For all mixtures except SMA, the mixture shall have a tensile strength ratio (TSR) greater than 80 percent when compacted to 3.7 inches with  $7 \pm 0.5$  percent air voids and tested in accordance with AASHTO T 283. SMA mixtures shall have a TSR greater than 80 percent when compacted to 3.7 inches with  $6 \pm 0.5$  percent air voids and tested in accordance with AASHTO T 283.

**403.4.9 Draindown.** AASHTO T 305, Draindown Test, shall be performed on all SMA mixtures prior to job mix approval. The mixture shall be stabilized in such a way that the draindown of the asphalt binder shall not exceed 0.3 percent by weight of mixture.

**403.4.10 Voids in Coarse Aggregate.** The percent  $VCA_{MIX}$  of SMA mixtures shall be less than or equal to the  $VCA_{DRC}$  as determined using AASHTO T 19. This may be calculated using the following equations:

$$VCA_{DRC} = 100 \times (G_{CA}\gamma_w - \gamma_s) / G_{CA}\gamma_w$$

$$VCA_{MIX} = 100 - (P_{bp} \times G_{mb} / G_{CA})$$

$$P_{bp} = P_s \times PA_{bp}$$

Where:

$G_{CA}$	=	bulk specific gravity of the combined coarse aggregate (AASHTO T 85),
$\gamma_s$	=	unit weight of coarse aggregate in the dry-rodded condition (DRC) (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) (AASHTO T 19),
$\gamma_w$	=	unit weight of water (62.34 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ),
$P_{bp}$	=	percent aggregate by total mixture weight retained on No. 4 sieve and
$PA_{bp}$	=	percent aggregate by total aggregate weight retained on No. 4 sieve*.

\*Use No. 8 sieve for SP095xSM

#### **403.5 Mixture Production Specification Limits.**

**403.5.1 Gradation and Deleterious Content Control.** The gradation of the aggregate shall be determined from samples taken from the hot bins on batch-type or continuous mixing plants or from the composite cold feed belt on drum mix plants. The gradation may also be obtained by sampling the mixture and testing the residual aggregate. The deleterious content of the aggregate shall be determined from samples taken from the composite cold feed belt. The RAP shall be sampled from the RAP feeding system on the asphalt plant. The contractor shall determine on a daily basis at minimum, the gradation on the aggregate reclaimed from the RAP by either extraction or binder ignition. The results shall be used to determine the daily specification compliance for the combined gradation.

**403.5.1.1 Stone Matrix Asphalt Tolerances.** In producing mixtures for the project, the plant shall be operated such that no intentional deviations from the job mix formula are made. The maximum deviation from the approved job mix formula shall be as follows for SMA mixtures:

Sieve	Max. Tolerance	
	SP095	SP125
3/4 in.	---	---
1/2 in.	---	±4
3/8 in.	±4	±4
No. 4	±3	±3
No. 8	±3	±3
No. 200	±2	±2

**403.5.1.2 Mixture Tolerance.** For all other SP mixtures, the percent passing the first sieve size smaller than the nominal maximum size shall not exceed 92.0 percent, a tolerance not to exceed 2.0 percent on the No. 8 sieve from the table in [Sec 403.3.1](#), and within the range listed in [Sec 403.3.1](#) for the No. 200 sieve. The deleterious content of the material retained on the No. 4 sieve shall not exceed the limits specified in [Sec 1002.2](#).

**403.5.2 Density.** The final, in-place density of the mixture shall be  $94.5 \pm 2.5$  percent of the theoretical maximum specific gravity for all mixtures except SMA. SMA mixtures shall have a minimum density of 94.0 percent of the theoretical maximum specific gravity. The theoretical maximum specific gravity shall be determined from a sample representing the material being tested. Tests shall be taken not later than the day following placement of the mixture. The engineer will randomly determine test locations.

**403.5.2.1 Shoulder Density.** Density on non-integral shoulders shall be in accordance with [Sec 403.15.3](#).

**403.5.2.2 Integral Shoulder.** When shoulders are placed integrally with the traveled way, tests shall be taken on the traveled way.

**403.5.2.3 Longitudinal Joint Density.** Density along longitudinal joints shall be in accordance with [Sec 403.16.1](#).

**403.5.3 Asphalt Content.** The asphalt content (AC) shall be within  $\pm 0.3$  percent of the approved mix design.

**403.5.4 Voids in the Mineral Aggregate.** The VMA shall be within  $-0.5$  and  $+2.0$  percent of the minimum required for each type of mixture at  $N_{des}$  gyrations.

**403.5.5 Air Voids.** Air voids shall be within  $\pm 1.0$  percent of the approved mix design at  $N_{des}$  gyrations.

**403.5.6 Tensile Strength Ratio.** The TSR shall be greater than or equal to 75 percent as determined from loose mixture taken from the roadway and tested in accordance with AASHTO T 283.

**403.5.7 Aggregate Properties.** Aggregate properties from [Sec 403.2](#) on the combined aggregate during production shall be no less than 2 percent below the minimum for FAA, no less than 5 percent below the minimum for CAA, no less than 5 percent below the minimum for clay content and no more than 2 percent above the maximum for thin, elongated particles.

**403.5.8 Fibers.** The fiber proportioning and delivery system for SMA mixtures shall have an accuracy of 10 percent by weight of the material actually being measured in any given period of time.

**403.5.9 Moisture Content.** The asphaltic concrete mixture, when sampled and tested in accordance with AASHTO T 329, shall not contain more than 0.5 percent moisture by weight of the mixture.

**403.5.10 Contamination.** The asphaltic concrete mixture shall not be contaminated with deleterious agents such as unburned fuel, objectionable fuel residue or any other material not inherent to the job mix formula.

**403.6 Field Laboratory.** The contractor shall provide a Type 3 field laboratory in accordance with [Sec 601](#). The contractor shall furnish the bituminous mixture equipment to perform all required test methods for QC and QA work. The gyratory compactor shall be evaluated in accordance with AASHTO PP 35. An approved list will be maintained by Construction and Materials. All other equipment shall be capable of performing tests in accordance with the approved test methods.

**403.7 Bituminous Mixing Plants.** Bituminous mixing plants and preparation of material and mixtures shall be in accordance with [Sec 404](#).

**403.8 Hauling Equipment.** Trucks used for hauling bituminous mixtures shall be in accordance with [Sec 404](#).

**403.9 Pavers.** Bituminous pavers shall be self-contained units, provided with an activated screed or strike-off assembly, heated if necessary, and capable of spreading and finishing asphaltic concrete in lane widths applicable to the specified typical sections and thicknesses shown on the plans.

**403.10 Construction Requirements.**

**403.10.1 Weather Limitations.** No mixture shall be placed on any wet or frozen surface. Temperatures shall be obtained in accordance with MoDOT Test Method TM 20.

**403.10.2 Substitutions.** With approval from the engineer, the contractor may substitute a smaller nominal maximum size mixture for a larger sized mixture. Specifications governing the substitute mixture shall apply. Except for a single surface layer, the total pavement thickness shall be maintained when the substitute mixture layer is reduced as allowed in [Sec 403.13](#) by increasing the thickness of other layers or courses. The contract unit price for the original mixture shall be used.

**403.11 Field Adjustments of Job Mix Formulas.** When test results indicate the mixture produced does not meet the specification requirements, the contractor may field adjust the job mix formula as noted herein. Field adjustments may consist of changing the percent binder as listed on the original approved job mix by no more than 0.3 percent. Additional fractions of material or new material will not be permitted as field adjustments. The engineer shall be notified immediately when any change is made in the cold feed settings, the hot bin settings or the binder content. A new  $G_{sb}$  shall be calculated using the new aggregate percentages. The gradation of the adjusted mixture shall meet the requirements of the mixture type specified in the contract. When the binder content is adjusted more than 0.3 percent, the mixture will be considered out of specification, and a new mix design shall be established.

**403.11.1 Field Mix Redesign.** When a new mix design will be required, the contractor will be permitted to establish the new mix design in the field. The mixture shall be designed in accordance with AASHTO R 35 or AASHTO R 46 and shall meet the mix design requirements, including TSR. A representative sample of the mixture shall be submitted with

the new mix design to the Central Laboratory for mixture verification. The amount of mixture submitted for verification shall weigh at least 50 pounds.

**403.11.1.1 Approval.** New mix designs established in the field shall be submitted for approval to Construction and Materials. Upon approval, Construction and Materials will assign a new mix number to the mixture.

**403.11.1.2 Resume Production.** No mixture shall be placed on the project until the new field mix design is approved.

**403.12 Application of Prime or Tack.** The prime coat, if specified, shall be applied in accordance with [Sec 408](#). A tack coat is required on all existing pavement and shoulder surfaces that will be overlaid with a bituminous mixture. A tack coat is also required between all lifts of bituminous pavements placed within the driving and turn lanes, unless otherwise specified in the contract. All construction requirements of a tacked surface shall be in accordance with [Sec 407](#), and specified herein. The tack coat shall be applied uniformly and shall completely cover the surface upon which the bituminous mixture is to be placed. Placement of a bituminous mixture shall not be placed upon a tacked surface that is not uniformly covered or surfaces that have experienced excessive loss of tack due to tracking. Re-application of tack due to excess tracking or non-uniform coverage shall be at the contractor's expense.

**403.13 Spreading and Finishing.** The base course, primed or tacked surface, or preceding course or layer shall be cleaned of all dirt, packed soil or any other foreign material prior to spreading the asphaltic mixture. If lumps are present or a crust of mixture has formed, the entire load will be rejected. The thickness and width of each course shall conform to the typical section in the contract. The contractor may elect to construct each course in multiple layers. The minimum compacted thickness shall be 0.75 inches for SP048, 1.25 inches for SP095, 1.75 inches for SP125, 2 inches for SP190, and 3 inches for SP250.

**403.13.1 Paving Widths.** The following shall apply for roadways constructed under traffic. For pavements having a width of 16 to 24 feet, inclusive, the asphaltic concrete pavement shall be laid in lanes approximately one half the full width of the completed pavement, and the full width shall be completed as soon as practical. Unless otherwise permitted, a single lane of any course shall not be constructed to a length that cannot be completed to full width of the pavement the succeeding operating day. For pavements greater than 24 feet wide, single lane width construction shall be limited to one day's production and completion to full width shall be accomplished as soon as practical. Uneven pavement shall be left in place for no more than seven days, unless approved by the engineer. Removal of pavement to be in accordance with this specification shall be at the contractor's expense.

**403.13.2 Segregation.** No segregation will be permitted in handling the mixture at the plant, from the truck or during spreading operations on the roadbed. All layers shall be feathered out, by hand raking if necessary, in transitioning the depth of the surface to meet present grades at bridges or ends of projects, to provide a uniform, smooth riding surface free of irregularities. Where only the top layer of the surfacing continues across a bridge, the bottom layers shall be feathered out. In situations where there is a dispute in the existence of segregation, the area in question will be tested in accordance with MoDOT Test Method TM 75. Mixture production shall immediately cease if either criteria of MoDOT Test Method TM 75 fail. Segregated mixture shall be removed and replaced to the limits determined by the engineer.

**403.13.3 Release to Traffic.** If the asphaltic concrete construction consists of more than a single layer, each layer shall be compacted as specified and allowed to cool to the ambient

temperature before the next layer is placed. The contractor shall keep traffic off the asphaltic concrete until the surface of the asphaltic concrete is 140 F or below and the asphaltic concrete has cooled sufficiently to prevent flushing of the asphalt binder to the surface, marking or distorting the surface or breaking down the edges.

**403.13.4 Draindown.** Evidence of asphalt binder separation or draindown at delivery will be cause for rejection.

**403.13.5 Shoulder Substitution.** When a [Sec 403](#) mixture is specified for traffic lanes, the same mixture may be used for the adjacent shoulder, subject to the density requirements in [Sec 403.5.2](#).

**403.14 Spot Wedging and Leveling Course.** The engineer will specify the locations and thickness of spot wedging and the thickness of leveling course to obtain the smoothest possible riding surface. This procedure may result in spot wedging operations over small areas with feather-edging at high points and ends of wedge areas. Rigid control of the placement thickness of the leveling course shall be required. Leveling course, consisting of a layer of asphaltic concrete of variable thickness used to superelevate curves and eliminate irregularities in the existing base, shall be spread uniformly to the specified profile grade and cross section. The mixture shall be uniformly spread and compacted, with only minor segregation as accepted by the engineer. Type SP125 or finer mixtures, as applicable, shall be used for the spot wedging and for the leveling course.

**403.15 Compaction.** After the asphaltic mixture has been spread, struck off and surface irregularities adjusted, the asphaltic mixture shall be compacted thoroughly and uniformly by rolling to obtain the required compaction while the mixture is in a workable condition. Excessive rolling, to the extent of aggregate degradation, will not be permitted. A pneumatic tire roller shall be used as the initial or intermediate roller on any course placed as a single lift, as a wedge or leveling course. Rollers shall not be used in the vibratory mode when the mixture temperature is below 225 F. When warm mix technology is used, as approved by the engineer, rollers shall not be used in the vibratory mode when the mixture temperature is below 200 F .

**403.15.1 Rolling.** Any displacement occurring as a result of starting, stopping or changing direction of a roller, or from other causes, shall be avoided. Excess liquid, to prevent adhesion of the mixture to the rollers, will not be permitted. Diesel fuel, fuel oil or other detrimental products shall not be used as wetting agents. Along forms, curbs, headers, walls and other places not accessible to the roller, the mixture shall be thoroughly compacted with hot hand tampers, smoothing irons or with mechanical tampers.

**403.15.2 Defective Mixture.** Any mixture that becomes loose and broken, mixed with dirt or is in any way defective shall be removed and replaced with fresh, hot mixture, which shall be compacted to conform with the surrounding area. Any area showing an excess or deficiency of asphalt binder shall be removed and replaced.

**403.15.3 Non-Traffic Areas.** [Sec 403](#) mixtures used for surfacing medians and similar areas, shoulders adjacent to rigid or flexible pavement and shoulders adjacent to resurfaced pavement shall be compacted to the specified densities for the mixture. Once an established rolling pattern has been demonstrated to provide the required density for shoulders, at the engineer's discretion, the pattern may be used in lieu of density tests provided no changes in the material, typical location or temperatures are made. Regardless of the method, density will still be required and subject to testing as deemed necessary by the engineer. In lieu of roller and density requirements, temporary bypasses to be maintained at the expense of the

contractor shall be thoroughly compacted. The rolling shall be performed at proper time intervals and shall be continued until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation.

**403.15.4 Density Measurement.** Measurements for determining the in-place density of the mixture shall be taken no later than the day following placement. Measurements not obtained within the prescribed time limits shall be subject to the requirements of [Sec 403.22](#). If a core is taken, material from underlying layers that remain adhered to the core shall be removed in a manner that does not harm the integrity of the specimen. If the contractor elects to place a lift of mixture greater than six times the nominal maximum aggregate size, cores shall be cut in half and the density of each half determined separately.

**403.16 Joints.** Transverse joints shall be formed by any method that will produce a dense, vertical section for use when laying is resumed. When a transverse vertical edge is to be left and opened to traffic, a temporary depth transition shall be built as approved by the engineer. The joint formed when the fresh mixture is placed shall be dense, well sealed, and the grade, line and surface texture of the succeeding surface shall conform to that of the joined surface. If directed by the engineer, the transverse joint shall be painted with a light coating of liquid asphalt. Hand manipulation of the mixture shall be minimized to avoid unsightly surface texture.

**403.16.1 Joint Composition.** Longitudinal joints shall be formed by the use of an edging plate fixed on both sides of the finishing machine. Care shall be taken to obtain a well bonded and sealed longitudinal joint by placing the hot mixture in a manner ensuring maximum compaction at this point. If directed by the engineer for properly sealing the longitudinal joint, a light coating of bituminous material shall be applied to the exposed edge before the joint is made. The minimum density of all traveled way pavement within 6 inches of a longitudinal joint, including the pavement on the traveled way side of the shoulder joint, shall not be less than 2.0 percent below the specified density when unconfined. The density of the longitudinal joint when confined will be included in the evaluation of the remainder of the mat. Each side of the joint shall be flush and along true lines.

**403.16.2 Joint Offset.** The longitudinal joint in any layer shall offset that in the layer immediately below by a minimum of 6 inches; except, the joints in the completed surfacing shall be at the lane lines of the traveled way or other required placement width outside the travel lane. The placement width shall be adjusted such that pavement marking shall not fall on a longitudinal joint.

#### **403.17 Quality Control.**

**403.17.1 Quality Control Operations.** The contractor shall maintain equipment and qualified personnel to perform all QC field inspection, sampling and testing as required by this specification. All contractor personnel included in the QC operation shall be qualified by the MoDOT Technician Certification Program. Under no circumstances will unqualified personnel be allowed to perform QC sampling or testing. Personnel will be disqualified if acceptable methods and procedures are not followed.

**403.17.1.1 Asphalt Test Results.** The contractor shall record all test results and furnish a copy, including all raw data, to the engineer no later than the beginning of the day following the test. The contractor shall maintain all test results in an organized format and shall be available to the QA inspector at all times. Scale readings and other measurements not directly recorded by electronic media shall be recorded in an organized format. Printouts from gyratory compactors and asphalt content devices shall be retained as part of the testing records.

**403.17.2 Bituminous Quality Control Plan.** Prior to approval of the trial mix design by the engineer, the contractor shall submit a QC Plan to Construction and Materials for approval. The QC Plan shall include:

- (a) The contractor representative in charge of QC and the project level representative if different from the contractor representative. Contact information should be recorded for these individuals.
- (b) Lot and subplot sizes and how they will be designated.
- (c) The test method for determining asphalt content and number of cores to be cut for density determination.
- (d) A proposed independent third party name, contact, address, and phone number for dispute resolution.

**403.17.2.1 Third Party.** The third party shall be independent of the contractor, MoDOT consultants and all project subcontractors or suppliers on each specific project. All testing of material for dispute resolution shall be performed by an approved laboratory. Approved laboratories shall be AASHTO Accreditation Program certified in the areas of the material being tested.

**403.17.2.2 Plant Calibration.** Plant calibration shall be performed by the contractor in accordance with [Sec 404](#), and records shall be made available to the engineer.

**403.17.2.3 Retained Samples.** All samples taken by the contractor, including but not limited to tested aggregate, volumetric and density samples, shall be retained for the engineer for a minimum of seven days after the contractor's tests are complete and accepted unless otherwise instructed. These samples shall be maintained in clean covered containers, without contamination, readily accessible to the engineer. The retained sample's identification shall consist of, but is not limited to:

- (a) Time and date sampled.
- (b) Product specification number.
- (c) Type of sample, i.e. belt, bin, stockpile.
- (d) Lot and subplot designation.
- (e) Sampler/Tester.
- (f) Project Job Number.

**403.17.2.3.1 Gradation and Deleterious Content Samples.** For each gradation and deleterious sample taken, the contractor shall retain for the engineer, the portion of the sample not tested after reducing the original sample to testing size.

**403.17.2.3.2 Loose Mix Sample.** All loose mix samples for determination of volumetrics, asphalt binder content and TSR shall be taken from the roadway at random locations designated by the engineer. A companion loose mix sample shall be taken, identified and retained for the engineer.

**403.17.3 Quality Control Laboratory.** All QC mixture testing shall be performed in an approved laboratory.

**403.17.3.1 Calibration Schedule.** The contractor shall calibrate or verify all significant test equipment associated with tests covered in this specification. Intervals as set by the contractor shall not exceed the following limits:

Equipment - Test Method (AASHTO)	Requirement	Interval (Month)
Gyratory Compactor - T 312	Calibrate – $1.16 \pm .02^\circ$ internal angle	12 <sup>a</sup>
Gyratory Compactor - T 312	Verify	Daily
Gyratory Molds - T 312	Check Critical Dimensions	12
Thermometers - T 209, T 166, T 312	Calibrate	6
Vacuum System - T 209	Check Pressure	12
Pycnometer (Flask) - T 209	Calibrate	Daily
Binder Ignition Oven - T 308	Verify	12 <sup>b</sup>
Nuclear Content Gauge – T 287 or MoDOT TM 54	Drift & Stability – Manuf. Recommendation	1
Mechanical Shakers - T 27	Check Sieving Thoroughness	12
Sieves	Check Physical Condition	6
Weighted Foot Assembly - T 176	Check Weight	12
Mechanical Shaker - T 176	Check Rate & Length of Throw	12
Liquid Limit Device - T 89	Check Wear & Critical Dimensions	12
Grooving Tool - T 89	Check Critical Dimensions	12
Ovens	Verify Temp. Settings	4
Balances	Verify	12 <sup>b</sup>
Timers	Check Accuracy	6

<sup>a</sup>Calibrate and/or verify after each move.

<sup>b</sup>Verify after each move.

**403.17.3.1.1 Inventory.** An inventory of all major sampling, testing, calibration and verification equipment, including the serial number or other identifying number shall be maintained.

**403.17.3.1.2 Calibration Records.** Calibration and verification records shall include but are not limited to:

- (a) Detailed results of the work performed (dimensions, mass, force, temperature, etc.)
- (b) Description of the equipment calibrated including identifying number.
- (c) Date the work was performed.
- (d) Identification of the individual performing the work.
- (e) Identification of the calibration or verification procedure used.
- (f) The previous calibration or verification date and next due date.
- (g) Identification of any in-house calibration or verification device used (including identification to establish traceability of items such as standard masses, proving rings, standard thermometers, balances, etc.).

**403.17.3.2 Record Retention.** Test records shall be maintained to permit verification of any test report. Records pertaining to testing, equipment calibration and verification, test reports, internal quality systems review, proficiency sample testing, test technician training and evaluation and personnel shall be retained in a secure location for a minimum of three years.

**403.17.3.3 Test Method Availability.** A current copy of all test methods and procedures shall be maintained in the QC laboratory at all times for reference by the technicians. Examples of report formats and procedures may be found in AASHTO R 18.

**403.18 Quality Assurance.** All QA field inspection, sampling and testing will be performed by a qualified MoDOT technician. The QA inspector shall have free access to any and all testing equipment used by the mixture producer and any workbooks, records or control charts maintained by the mixture producer for the QC process. The QA inspector shall also have sufficient access to the plant grounds to assure compliance with the approved QC Plan.

**403.18.1 Assurance Testing.** The engineer will independently sample and test the mixture from the roadway at the frequency listed in [Sec 403.19.3](#). The independent sample will be of sufficient size to retain half for possible disputes. Further testing of this sample will be under the direction of the engineer. The retained portion of the QC samples for mixture properties, gradation, and deleterious content will be tested at a frequency no less than once per week. The engineer's test results, including all raw data, will be made available to the contractor when completed and no later than the next working day.

**403.18.2 Core Chain of Custody.** QA density cores that are not in possession of the engineer for the entire time from extraction till testing shall be sealed in tamper proof bags after extraction.

**403.18.3 Aggregate Comparison.** Comparison for aggregate will be considered favorable when the contractor's QC results and the engineer's QA test results of a retained sample compare within the following limits.

**403.18.3.1 Gradation.**

Sieve Size	Percentage Points
3/4 inch and larger	5.0
1/2 inch	5.0
3/8 inch	4.0
No. 4	4.0
No. 8	3.0
No. 10	3.0
No. 16	3.0
No. 20	3.0
No. 30	3.0
No. 40	2.0
No. 50	2.0
No. 100	2.0
No. 200	1.0

**403.18.3.2 Coarse Aggregate Angularity.** Angular particles shall be within 5 percentage points.

**403.18.3.3 Fine Aggregate Angularity.** Void content shall be within 2 percentage points.

**403.18.3.4 Sand Equivalent.** Sand equivalency shall be within 8 percentage points.

**403.18.3.5 Thin, Elongated Particles.** Flat, elongated particle content shall be within one percentage point.

**403.18.3.6 Deleterious.** The total and individual deleterious content shall not exceed the specification limits.

**403.18.4 Federal Highway Administration Requirements.** Performance and acceptance of QC/QA testing under these specifications shall not eliminate any FHWA requirements for acceptance of the material.

**403.19 Acceptance of Material.** Acceptance of bituminous mixture will be based on lots. Material will be sampled from the roadway behind the paver in lots or sublots on a random basis through the use of a random number system and evaluated using a Quality Level Analysis (QLA). A QLA will determine payment based on a combination of the total PWL (PWL<sub>T</sub>) determined for each pay factor item for each lot of material produced.

**403.19.1 Random Numbers.** The engineer will generate random numbers.

**403.19.2 Lots.** The lot size shall be designated in the contractor's QC Plan. Each lot shall contain no less than four sublots with a maximum subplot size of 1,000 tons. Sublots from incomplete lots shall be combined with the previous complete lot for determination of pay factors. When no previous lot exists, the mixture shall be treated in accordance with [Sec 403.23.7.4.1](#). A new lot shall begin when the asphalt content of a mixture is adjusted in accordance with [Sec 403.11](#).

**403.19.3 Test and Pay Factor Items.** As a minimum, the contractor and engineer shall test in accordance with the following table. Where multiple test methods are allowed, the contractor shall designate the test method to be used in the QC Plan. Final payment will be based on the indicated pay factor items.

Tested Property	Pay Factor	Test Method	Contractor Frequency	Engineer Frequency
Mixture temperature	No	----	1/Sublot	1/day
Temperature of base and air	No	----	As needed	As needed
Mat Density (% of theoretical maximum density) by contractor	Yes	MoDOT Test Method TM-41 or AASHTO T 166 <sup>e</sup>	1 Sample <sup>b</sup> /Sublot As needed for joints & shoulders.	1 Sample/4 Sublots
Unconfined Joint Density	No	MoDOT Test Method TM-41 or AASHTO T 166 <sup>e</sup>	1 Sample <sup>b</sup> /Sublot	1 Sample/4 Sublots
Cold feed or hot bin gradation and deleterious content	No	AASHTO T 27 and AASHTO T 11	1/2 Sublots	1/4 Sublots

Ground shingles	No	AASHTO T 27	1/10,000 tons with a minimum of 1/project	1/project
FAA, CAA, Clay Content and Thin, Elongated Particles from material sampled from the cold feed or hot bin	No	AASHTO T 304, ASTM D 5821, AASHTO T 176 and ASTM D 4791	1/10,000 tons with a minimum of 1/project/mix type	1/project
Asphalt content	Yes	AASHTO T 164, or MoDOT Test Method TM-54, or AASHTO T 287, or AASHTO T 308	1/Sublot	1/4 Sublots
Asphalt content of RAP	No	AASHTO T 164 <sup>d</sup>	1/4 Sublots	1/project
VMA @ N <sub>des</sub> gyrations	Yes <sup>a</sup>	AASHTO T 312 and R 35 <sup>e</sup>	1/Sublot	1/4 Sublots
V <sub>a</sub> @ N <sub>des</sub> gyrations	Yes <sup>a</sup>	AASHTO T 312 and R 35 <sup>e</sup>	1/Sublot	1/4 Sublots
VFA @ N <sub>des</sub> gyrations	No <sup>a</sup>	AASHTO T 312 and R 35 <sup>e</sup>	1/Sublot	1/4 Sublots
Theo. max SG of the mixture	No	AASHTO T 209	1/Sublot	1/4 Sublots
TSR of the in place mixture	No <sup>c</sup>	AASHTO T 283	1/10,000 Tons or fraction thereof	1/50,000 Tons or 1/project combination

<sup>a</sup>Based on the average of a minimum of two compacted specimens.

<sup>b</sup>Core samples shall consist of one core. Up to two additional cores, as stated in the QC Plan, may be obtained at the same offset within one foot of the randomly selected location. If more than one core is obtained, all cores shall be combined into one sample.

<sup>c</sup>Payment will be based on the table in [Sec 403.23.5](#).

<sup>d</sup>Other methods may be approved by establishing correction factors for RAP from the same source.

<sup>e</sup>AASHTO T 331 may be substituted for AASHTO T 166.

#### **403.19.3.1 Test Method Modification.**

**403.19.3.1.1 Binder Ignition Modification.** Asphalt content determination in accordance with AASHTO T 308, Section 6.9.1 shall be modified by adding the following: If the calibration factor exceeds 1.0 percent, lower the test temperature to 800 ± 8 F and repeat test. Use the calibration factor obtained at 800 F even if it exceeds 1.0 percent. If RAP is used, the binder ignition oven shall be calibrated in accordance with MoDOT Test Method TM 77. At the engineer's discretion, testing may be waived when production does not exceed 200 tons per day. The contractor shall certify the proper proportions of a previously proven mixture were used.

**403.19.3.1.2 Rice Test.** When the water absorption of any aggregate fraction is greater than 2.0 percent, the test method for determining theoretical maximum specific gravity, AASHTO T 209, shall be modified as follows: After completing the procedure in accordance with Section 9.5.1 or 9.5.2, drain water from the sample. To prevent loss of fine particles, decant the water through a paper towel held over the top of the container. Spread the sample

before an electric fan to remove surface moisture. Weigh at 15-minute intervals, and when the loss in mass is less than 0.05 percent for this interval, the sample may be considered to be surface dry. This procedure requires about 2 hours and shall be accompanied by intermittent stirring of the sample. Break conglomerations of mixture by hand. Take care to prevent loss of particles of mixture. Calculate the specific gravity of the sample by substituting the final surface-dry mass for A in denominator of Equations 2 or 3.

**403.19.3.1.3 Mixture Bulk Specific Gravity.** Determining bulk specific gravity using paraffin-coated specimens, AASHTO T 275, shall not be used when required by AASHTO T 166. Alternate methods are AASHTO T 331 and ASTM D1188. The surface of specimens prepared for testing by these methods may have the surface texture removed by sawing a minimal amount. Specimens shall be securely held in a jig or other clamping device to eliminate distortion and retain a face parallel to the original surface. Measurements for lift thickness shall be made prior to sawing.

#### **403.19.3.2 Miscellaneous Applications.**

**403.19.3.2.1 Small Quantities.** Small quantities are less than 4000 tons for each separate mixture. This applies to individual projects, individual projects in combination contracts or projects with short discontinuous sections. The contractor has the option to use all testing frequencies in accordance with [Sec 403.19.3](#) or the following shall apply:

- (a) A field laboratory will not be required for monitoring mixtures. All required QC and QA testing shall be performed in an approved laboratory.
- (b) QC tests required in [Sec 403.19.3](#) shall be performed at a frequency of no less than one per day if production does not exceed 750 tons and at a frequency of no less than two per day if production exceeds 750 tons. Independent or retained sample QA tests shall be performed at least once per 1500 tons, as indicated.

**403.19.3.2.2 Base Widening and Entrances.** For base widening mixture and entrance work, the following will apply:

- (a) All base widening shall be constructed in accordance with [Sec 401.7](#) and subsections.
- (b) The minimum density of these mixtures shall be attained as specified herein, except, compaction may be performed in accordance with [Sec 403.15.3](#).

**403.19.4 Dispute Resolution.** When there are significant discrepancies between the engineer's and the contractor's test results, dispute resolution procedures will be used.

**403.19.4.1 Cease Work.** The contractor's operations may be required to cease until the dispute is resolved if the test results indicate the mixture is subject to failure.

**403.19.4.2 Third Party Resolution.** The first step in dispute resolution will be to identify differences in procedures and correcting inappropriate procedures before moving to third party resolution. If that does not resolve the dispute, either the contractor or the engineer may request the approved QC Plan third party involvement. The recommendations of the approved third party shall be binding on both the engineer and contractor.

**403.19.4.3 Third Party Payment.** The contractor shall be responsible for the cost associated with the third party testing and resolution if the final result indicates the engineer's test results were correct. Likewise the Commission will be responsible for the cost associated with the

third party testing and resolution when the final result indicates the contractor's results were correct.

**403.19.4.4 Other Adjustments.** The contractor shall not be entitled to any additional payment for costs incurred due to use of the dispute resolution procedures such as, but not limited to, those for delay, cessation of operations, costs to subcontractors, etc. The engineer may give consideration to adjustment of working days if warranted.

**403.20 Surface Smoothness.** The finish of the pavement surface shall be substantially free from waves or irregularities and shall be true to the established crown and grade. The pavement surface shall be thoroughly tested for smoothness by profiling or straightedging in accordance with [Sec 610](#).

#### **403.21 General Requirements.**

**403.21.1 Sequence of Operations.** To reduce inconvenience to the traveling public during widening or surfacing, the contractor will not be permitted to place any final surface course until the base widening, the leveling course and the binder course have been completed throughout the entire combination of sections, unless otherwise authorized by the engineer. The proper condition of the base widening, the leveling course and the binder course, at the time of placing the surface course, shall be the contractor's responsibility.

**403.21.2 Pavement Marking.** If the contractor's work has obliterated the existing pavement marking on resurfacing projects open to through traffic, the pavement marking shall be replaced in accordance with [Sec 620](#).

**403.21.3 Surfaced Approaches.** At locations designated in the contract or as specified by the engineer, approaches shall be primed in accordance with [Sec 408](#) and surfaced with Type SP125 asphaltic concrete. The asphaltic concrete surface shall be placed in accordance with the details shown on the plans or as specified by the engineer. Approaches shall not be surfaced until after the surface course adjacent to the entrance is completed. Any work required to condition and prepare the subgrade on the approaches will be at the contractor's expense.

**403.21.4 Filling Drain Basins.** If shown on the plans, existing drain basins shall be filled to the top of the lip with plant mix bituminous base course or asphaltic concrete from the pavement edge to the edge of the shoulder. Any difficulty or delay created by this requirement will be at the contractor's expense.

**403.21.5 Pavement Repairs (Blow-Ups).** A blow-up will be considered that area where excessive expansion has resulted in distress to the existing pavement. Blow-ups occurring prior to the application of the tack coat on the existing surface will normally be repaired by the Commission. Blow-ups occurring after the application of the tack coat shall be repaired by the contractor by removing the distressed concrete and replacing the pavement in accordance with [Sec 613](#).

#### **403.22 Method of Measurement.**

**403.22.1 Weight Determination.** The weight of the mixture will be determined from the batch weights if a batch-type plant is used, and will be determined by weighing each truck load on scales in accordance with [Sec 310](#) if other types of plants are used. Measurement will be made to the nearest 0.1 ton for the total tonnage of material accepted.

#### **403.22.2 Full Depth.**

**403.22.2.1** The final driving surface area, for the full depth of the pavement, will be used as the area for all underlying bituminous lifts and will not include the additional quantity needed to construct the 1:1 slope.

**403.22.2.2** Final measurement of the completed pavement will not be made except for authorized changes during construction, or where appreciable errors are found in the contract quantity. Where required, measurement of the pavement complete in place will be made to the nearest 0.1 square yard. The revision or correction will be computed and added to or deducted from the contract quantity.

**403.22.3 Alternate Overlay.**

**403.22.3.1 Field Established Quantity.** When bid as an alternate to a Portland cement concrete overlay, the contractor shall establish the existing roadway profile and set the final overlay profile. The engineer may adjust the final profile as needed. The tons of hot mix asphalt required will be determined by the engineer from the set or adjusted profile. This quantity will be the field established plan quantity.

**403.22.3.2 Overlay Measurement.** Final measurement of the completed pavement will be based on the field established plan quantity except for authorized changes during construction. The revision or correction will be computed and added to or deducted from the contract quantity. Measurement of the pavement complete in place will be made to the nearest 0.1 ton.

**403.22.4 Pavement Testing.** The finished courses shall have the nominal thickness shown on the plans. Tests will be conducted to ensure that each course is being constructed to proper thickness, composition and density. The contractor shall cut samples from any layer of the compacted mixture at locations designated by the engineer. QA samples shall be cut and delivered to the engineer no later than the end of the next day following the laydown operation. If the samples are not cut and delivered as stated, the asphaltic laydown operation may be suspended and a deduction of 5 percent per day of the contract unit price of the representative material may be applied, until samples are cut and delivered to the engineer. Samples may be obtained by either sawing or drilling 4-inch minimum diameter cores. Each sawed sample shall consist of a single piece of the pavement of the size designated by the engineer, but no larger than 12 inches square.

**403.22.4.1 Pavement Thickness.** Lift thickness may be determined by the average thickness of cores taken for density measurements for each lot. Total thickness samples for new full depth asphalt pavements shall be obtained after all bituminous construction is completed on the project and shall be taken at locations specified by the engineer. For the purpose of determining the constructed thickness of full depth pavement, cores shall be taken at random intervals in each traffic lane at the rate of one core per 1000 feet or increment thereof, or at any other locations as may be determined by the engineer and measured in accordance with AASHTO T 148. Sections of any asphaltic concrete determined to be 0.5 inches or more, less than the thickness shown on the plans, shall be corrected by the contractor. No payment will be made for any costs incurred by the contractor in correcting pavement deficient in thickness. Each core is representative of the pavement thickness for a distance extending one-half the distance to the next core, measured along centerline, or in the case of a beginning or ending core, the distance will extend to the end of the pavement.

**403.22.4.2 Surface Restoration.** The surface from which samples have been taken, including those for density measurements, shall be restored by the contractor with the mixture then being produced no later than the next day of plant operation, if construction is still active. If bituminous construction has been completed, the surface from which samples have been

taken shall be restored within 48 hours with an approved commercial mixture or with cold patch mixtures acceptable to the engineer.

**403.23 Basis of Payment.**

**403.23.1 Aggregate Variation.** Due to possible variations in the specific gravity of the aggregates, the tonnage of mixture used may vary from the proposal quantities. No adjustment in contract unit price will be made because of such variation.

**403.23.2 Compacted Samples.** Payment for obtaining and delivering samples of compacted mixture from the pavement and replacing the surface will be made per sample at the fixed price specified in [Sec 109](#). No direct payment will be made for samples taken for QC testing.

**403.23.3 Payment for Pavement Repairs (Blow-ups).** Payment for repairing blow-ups will be made in accordance with [Sec 104](#).

**403.23.4 Smoothness Adjustment.** The contract unit price for all mixes, except wedge or level course, will be adjusted in accordance with [Sec 610.5](#). The contract unit prices for asphaltic concrete pavement will be considered full compensation for all materials entering into the construction of the pavement and for the cost of the smoothness testing and correction.

**403.23.5 Tensile Strength Retained Adjustment.** The contract unit price of each 10,000 tons or fraction thereof for all mixtures shall be adjusted based on TSR according to the following:

TSR	Percent of Contract Price
90% and above	103
75-89%	100
70-74%	98
65-69%	97
<65%	Remove

**403.23.6 Density Adjustment.** Pay adjustments due to longitudinal joint density will apply to the full width of the lane paved. The average of joint cores from each lot will determine specification compliance. Adjustments will be in accordance with [Sec 403.23.7.4.1\(b\)](#). If payment reductions are necessary, the lower adjusted contract unit price of the PWL or unconfined joint density adjustment will apply. Adjustments due to joint density will apply to the lot from which the cores are obtained.

**403.23.7 Percent Within Limits.** PWL will be based on the mean, standard deviation and quality index of each lot's test results. The upper PWL (PWL<sub>u</sub>) and lower PWL (PWL<sub>l</sub>) is determined from the table in [Sec 502.15.8](#). Total percent within limits, PWL<sub>t</sub> is: PWL<sub>t</sub> = (PWL<sub>u</sub> + PWL<sub>l</sub>) - 100.

The mean is:  $x_a = (\sum x_j)/n$

Where:  $x_a$  = Average of the individual values being considered

$\sum x_j$  = The summation of all the individual values being considered

n = The number of individual values under consideration

The Standard Deviation is:  $s = (\sum(x_i - x_a)^2/(n - 1))^{1/2}$

The Upper Quality Index is:  $Q_u = (USL - x_a)/s$

The Lower Quality Index is:  $Q_l = (x_a - LSL)/s$

Where:  $Q_u$  = Upper Quality Index  
 $Q_l$  = Lower Quality Index  
USL = Pay Factor Item Upper Spec Limit  
LSL = Pay Factor Item Lower Spec Limit

**403.23.7.1 Quality Level Analysis.** The engineer will make the QLA no more than 24 hours after receipt of the contractor's test results, by determining the  $PWL_t$  for each designated pay factor item.

**403.23.7.1.1 Acceptance.** The contractor's test results will be used when applicable to determine the PWL, provided the contractor's QC tests and the engineer's QA tests compare favorably, and provided the engineer's inspection and monitoring activities indicate the contractor is following the approved QC Plan.

**403.23.7.1.2 Comparison.** Favorable comparison will be obtained when the engineer's QA test results on a production sample are within two standard deviations, or one-half the specification tolerance, whichever is greater, from the mean of the contractor's test results for that particular lot.

**403.23.7.1.3 Outliers.** No test result shall be discarded, except individual test results on a lot basis may be checked for an outlier in accordance with the statistic T in ASTM E 178, at a significance level of 5 percent. If an outlier is found, material from the retained QA sample may be tested, in the presence of the engineer, to determine a replacement test value. The replacement test value shall be used in the PWL determination.

**403.23.7.1.4 Roadway/Shoulder Lots.** For the purpose of QLA, mixture placed on the traveled way and placed on the traveled way and shoulders integrally, shall be accounted for in a regular lot/sublot routine. Mixture placed on shoulders only shall be accounted for in a shoulder lot/sublot routine.

**403.23.7.1.5 Random Sampling.** For the purpose of QLA, all mixture placed on the roadway shall be subject to random testing, except mixture placed within 6 inches of an unconfined longitudinal joint shall not be subject to evaluation. Random samples taken in the same day may be separated by 200 tons.

**403.23.7.2 Pay Factors.** The total pay factor ( $PF_T$ ) for each lot will be equal to the weighted sum of the pay factors (PF) for each pay factor item for each lot, and is determined as follows:

$$PF_T = + (0.25) PF_{\text{density}} + (0.25) PF_{AC} + (0.25) PF_{VMA} + (0.25) PF_{Va}$$

The  $PF_T$  for each lot, on the shoulder or otherwise when the density pay factor is not directly included, will be equal to the weighted sum of the PF for each pay factor item for each lot, and will be determined as follows:

$$PF_T = + (0.3333) PF_{AC} + (0.3333) PF_{VMA} + (0.3333) PF_{Va}$$

The PF for each pay factor item for each lot will be based on the  $PWL_t$  of each pay factor item of each lot and will be determined as follows:

$$\text{When } PWL_t \text{ is greater than or equal to } 70: PF = 0.5 PWL_t + 55$$

$$\text{When } PWL_t \text{ is less than } 70: PF = 2 PWL_t - 50$$

**403.23.7.2.1 Density Pay Factor.** The theoretical maximum specific gravity of the mixture, as determined for each subplot and the bulk specific gravity of no less than one core from each subplot, will be used to perform the QLA for the percent of theoretical maximum density.

Thick cores required to be cut in half in accordance with [Sec 403.15.4](#) shall effectively double the number of sublots for cores. When density is not used as a pay factor, additional adjustment of the contract unit price will be based on the table in [Sec 403.23.7.4.1\(b\)](#).

**403.23.7.2.2 Asphalt Content Pay Factor.** The QLA will be performed using the asphalt content test results from each lot.

**403.23.7.2.3 Voids in the Mineral Aggregate and Air Voids Pay Factor.** Two gyratory specimens shall be compacted for each subplot and the average of the two specimens will be used to calculate the volumetrics of the subplot. The VMA, VFA, and air voids shall be determined from the gyratory compacted specimens. The VMA and air voids for the QLA shall be those calculated using the combined bulk specific gravity of the aggregate as listed on the approved job mix formula, the average bulk specific gravity of the gyratory compacted specimens and the theoretical maximum specific gravity of the mixture determined for the subplot of material. The aggregate content used for the calculation shall be that determined from field asphalt content testing for that subplot.

**403.23.7.3 Removal of Material.** All lots of material with a  $PF_T$  less than 50.0 shall be removed and replaced with acceptable material by the contractor. Any subplot of material with a percent of theoretical maximum density of less than 90.0 percent or greater than 98.0 percent shall be removed and replaced with acceptable material by the contractor. For SMA mixtures, any subplot of material with a percent of theoretical maximum density of less than 92.0 percent shall be removed and replaced with acceptable material by the contractor. Any subplot of material with air voids in the compacted specimens less than 2.5 percent shall be removed and replaced with acceptable material by the contractor. No additional payment will be made for such removal and replacement. The replaced material will be tested at the frequencies listed in [Sec 403.19](#). Pay for the material will be determined in accordance with the applicable portions of [Sec 403.23](#) based on the replacement material.

**403.23.7.4 Miscellaneous Applications.**

**403.23.7.4.1 Small Quantities.** Small quantities are defined in [Sec 403.19.3.2.1](#). Unless the contractor has elected to use the normal evaluation in the Bituminous QC Plan for small quantities, the following shall apply for each separate mixture qualifying as a small quantity:

- (a) QLA and PWL will not be required.
- (b) Mixtures shall be within the specified limits for VMA,  $V_a$ , AC and density. In addition to any adjustments in pay due to profile, the contract unit price for the mixture represented by each set of cores will be adjusted based on actual field density above or below the specified density using the following schedule:

Field Density (Percent of Laboratory Max. Theoretical Density)		Pay Factor (Percent of Contract Unit Price)	
<b>For all SP mixtures other than SMA:</b>			
		92.0 to 97.0 inclusive	100
97.1 to 97.5	or	91.5 to 91.9 inclusive	90
	or	91.0 to 91.4 inclusive	85
97.6 to 98.0	or	90.5 to 90.9 inclusive	80
	or	90.0 to 90.4 inclusive	75
Above 98.0	or	Below 90.0	Remove and Replace
<b>For SMA mixtures:</b>			
		>94.0	100

	93.5 to 93.9 inclusive	90
	93.0 to 93.4 inclusive	85
	92.5 to 92.9 inclusive	80
	92.0 to 92.4 inclusive	75
	Below 92.0	Remove and Replace

**403.23.7.4.2 Base Widening and Entrances.** For base widening mixtures and entrance work, QLA and PWL will not be required. Payment for these mixtures will be made at 100 percent of contract unit price for material that otherwise meets the specifications.

**403.23.7.4.3 Single Lift or Leveling Course Work.** For resurfacing projects specifying a single lift, surface mixture of 3,000 tons or more, or for leveling course work, the following shall apply to the traveled way mixture. All bituminous mixture QC/QA requirements shall apply, except the density pay factor designated in [Sec 403.23.7.2](#) will not be directly included in the total pay factor. In lieu of that, one density sample shall be taken per subplot and the pay adjustment for density will be made using the table in [Sec 403.23.7.4.1\(b\)](#).