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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report describes the establishment of a proposed Simple Performance Test (SPT) specification in order to contribute to the asphalt materials technology in the state of Michigan. The properties and characteristics of materials, performance testing of specimens, and field analyses are used in developing draft SPT specifications. These advanced and more effective specifications should significantly improve the qualities of designed and constructed hot mix asphalt (HMA) leading to improvement in pavement life in Michigan.

The objectives of this study include the following: 1) using the SPT, conduct a laboratory study to measure the five parameters including the dynamic modulus terms  $(E^*/sin\varphi \text{ and } E^*)$  and the flow number (Fn) for typical Michigan HMA mixtures, 2) correlate the results of the laboratory study to field performance as they relate to flexible pavement performance, and 3) Make recommendations for the SPT criteria at specific traffic levels (e.g. E3, E10, E30), including recommendations for a draft test specification for use in Michigan.

Dynamic modulus and flow number tests were used in this project. Three replicate samples (samples from the same source and design) were used in each single test. The collected field information includes pavement structure, type of maintenance and rutting performance.

An extensive literature review was done on the past research on SPT and different types of methods and approaches that were used to evaluate the test results (dynamic modulus and flow number tests). Conclusions and summary from this research project include:

- 1. The basic relationship of viscoelastic material, that  $|E^*|$  increased when temperature decreased, and when temperature increased, phase angle increased.
- Dynamic modulus increased with a decrease in air asphalt content, air void, and compaction effort. Additionally, |E\*| increased when viscosity increased.
- 3. In some cases, the phase angle increased as the test temperature increased from -2 to 20°C. However, for high temperatures at 40°C to 50°C, the phase angle decreased when the temperature increased. The reason for decreased phase angle at high temperatures is the aggregate interlock becoming the controlling factor.
- 4. The SPT suggested strain level used in dynamic modulus test should be adjusted between 50 to 150 micro-strains. However, this range might be too large and would affect the variability and the accuracy of the result. The research suggests a strain level controlled between 50 to 100 micro-strains so it would not affect the material's viscoelastic behavior.
- 5. The research indicated that the dynamic modulus, |E\*|, could be used as the specification and guideline to control the pavement rutting performance. The relationship of |E\*| and rutting can be established by plotting a graph of |E\*| versus rutting depth. This graph can be generated for various traffic levels, climatic and structural condition, and any combination of the two.
- 6. In this project, flow number and flow number slope were used to evaluate SPT criteria based on field rutting performance and contractor warranty criteria. It is recommended that 45°C should be used as the test temperature. The maximum flow number slope and minimum flow number were developed for each mixture

type, and these values are proposed as the preliminary flow number criteria for the state of Michigan.

- 7. The rate of deformation was also evaluated and compared with the flow number. An excellent relationship (R-square=0.96) was found between rate of deformation and flow number. The result also indicated that the rate of deformation from the modified dataset using stepwise approach can be used to compute the flow number.
- 8. The proposed specification criteria of dynamic modulus were developed based upon field rutting performance and contractor warranty criteria. The contractor warranty for asphalt pavements was used as the quality control and quality assurance (QC/QA) to ensure the performance of mixtures.
- 9. A similar approach used to develop the specification criteria of |E\*| was used in developing the flow number specification. Since not all of the flow number tests underwent tertiary flow, the slope of the secondary stage during the flow number test was considered for evaluation. The Theoretical Pavement Rutting Life Index was used in this section; incorporating contractor warranty criteria and flow number results to develop the SPT specification.

#### **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### Background

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has successfully implemented the Superpave volumetric mixture design procedure. However, a number of studies have shown that the Superpave volumetric mixture design method alone is insufficient to ensure reliable mixture performance over a wide range of traffic and climatic conditions [1]. Some research projects have been conducted at Michigan Tech through support of MDOT to evaluate the performance of mixtures designed using the volumetric design procedure. However, there has been a lack of a simple performance test (SPT) criteria to evaluate pavement rutting, fatigue cracking, and low temperature cracking of flexible pavements.

The development of an SPT performance criterion has been the focus of considerable research efforts in the past several years. In fact, some aspects of the tests have been available for decades, such as the dynamic modulus test of hot mix asphalt (HMA). The dynamic modulus test was introduced in the asphalt pavement area four decades ago [2]. However, the term "dynamic modulus" was around even earlier to describe concrete behavior as described by Valore and Yates [3], Preece [4], and Linger [5].

A few recent research projects on the SPT are introduced here as part of the background information of this report. Carpenter and Vavrik (2001) reported on the application of a repeated triaxial test for performance characterization [6]. Goodman et al. (2002) studied the shear properties using SPT testing as an approach for the characterization of permanent deformation of HMA in Canada [7]. Wen and Kim (2002)

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investigated SPT testing for fatigue cracking, with validation using WesTrack mixtures [8]. Shenoy and Romero (2002) focused on using the dynamic modulus |E\*| data to predict asphalt pavement distresses [9], whereas Pellinen and Witczak (2002) reported the possibility of using the stiffness of HMA as the basis for the SPT performance criteria [10]. Martin and Park (2003) used the Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA) and the repeated simple shear test (SST) to assess rutting performance of mixtures [11]. McCann and Sebaaly (2003) evaluated the moisture sensitivity and performance of lime-modified HMA through use of the resilient modulus, tensile strength, and simple shear tests [12]. Zhou and Scullion (2003) preliminarily validated the SPT for permanent deformation in a field case study, finding that both the dynamic modulus test ( $E^*/sin \delta$ ) and the repeatedload test (Fn) can distinguish between good and poor performing mixtures [13]. Sotil et al. (2004) investigated the reduced confined dynamic modulus testing protocol for asphalt mixtures [14]. Tandon et al. (2004) investigated the results of integrating an SPT with an environmental conditioning system [15]. Galal et al. (2004) investigated in-service accelerated pavement testing in order to model permanent deformation. Most recently, Bonaquist and Christensen (2005) reported a practical procedure for developing dynamic modulus master curves for pavement structural design [16]. Faheem and Bahia (2005) estimated mixture rutting using the rutting rate and the flow number (Fn) from the SPT test for different traffic levels [17]. Yet, even with all this research, an SPT specification that considers specific trafficking levels for engineering applications is not available at this time.

As this summary of past research indicates, a number of potential performance tests have been investigated to measure and assess fundamental engineering material properties that can link the advanced material characterization to the development of criteria for HMA mixture design [18]. A number of tests evaluated for the SPT include the dynamic modulus test, shear modulus test, triaxial repeated test, triaxial and uniaxial creep test, triaxial compressive strength test, asphalt pavement analyzer, gyratory shear stress test, indirect tensile strength and fatigue test, and direct tensile strength test [18]. The evaluation of the SPT was based on the following criteria:

- Correlation of the HMA response characterization to actual field performance;
- Reliability;
- Ease of use; and
- Equipment cost.

Table 1 lists the experimental test method and relationship to performance (test types, equipment, and associated pavement performance) for selecting an SPT. Based upon the results of a comprehensive testing program, the test-parameter combinations for permanent deformation include: (1) the dynamic modulus term,  $E^*/sin\varphi$ , which is determined from the triaxial dynamic modulus test, (2) the flow time, Ft, which is determined from the triaxial static creep test, and (3) the flow number, Fn, which is determined from the triaxial repeated load test. These laboratory parameters correlated very well with the pavement performance observed at MnRoad, WesTrack, and in the FHWA ALF experiments. In order to correlate the lab test to field fatigue cracking performance, the NCHRP Project 9-19 recommended that the dynamic modulus,  $E^*$ , measured at low test temperatures be used [18]. Creep compliance from the indirect

tensile creep test at long loading times and low temperatures is recommended for low temperature cracking based on the work carried out for SHRP, C-SHRP, and NCHRP Project 1-37A (Development of the 2002 Guide for the Design of New and Rehabilitated Pavement Structures) [19].

# Table 1 Experimental test method factorial for selecting the Simple PerformanceTest [18]

Test Method		Distress	
Type of Test / Load	Equipment /Test Geometry	Permanent Deformation	Fracture
Dynamic	Uniaxial, Unconfined	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Modulus	Triaxial, Confined	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Tests	SST, Constant Height	$\checkmark$	
	FST	$\checkmark$	
	Ultrasonic Wave Propagation	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
	Predictive Equations	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Strength	Triaxial Shear Strength	$\checkmark$	
Tests	Unconfined Compressive Strength	$\checkmark$	
	Indirect Tensile Strength		$\checkmark$
Creep	Uniaxial, Unconfined	$\checkmark$	
Tests	Triaxial, Confined	$\checkmark$	
	Indirect Tensile		$\checkmark$
Repeated	Uniaxial, Unconfined	$\checkmark$	
Load	Triaxial, Confined	$\checkmark$	
Tests	SST, Constant Height	$\checkmark$	
	FST	$\checkmark$	
	Indirect Tensile		$\checkmark$

#### **Problem Statements**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has successfully implemented the Superpave volumetric mixture design method. However, the Superpave volumetric mix design method alone is insufficient to ensure reliable mixture performance since a mixture that has passed the Superpave volumetric mix specification may still perform poorly in rutting, low temperature cracking, and/or fatigue cracking. In order to minimize poor mixture performance, many researchers and agencies have employed laboratory testing such as the dynamic modulus test, shear modulus test, triaxial repeated load test, triaxial and uniaxial creep test, triaxial compressive strength test, asphalt pavement analyzer (APA) rutting test, gyratory shear stress test, bending beam fatigue test, indirect tensile strength, fatigue test, direct tensile strength test, and many others. However, it is time consuming and costly to conduct all these tests and even if all these tests could be done, it is still difficult to conclude if a given mixture will resist rutting, low temperature cracking, and fatigue cracking. NCHRP Project 9-19 provided five parameters that should be obtained from the SPT to ensure mixture performance:

- 1) Dynamic modulus terms ( $E^*/\sin\varphi$ );
- 2) Flow number (F<sub>N</sub>);
- 3) Flow time  $(F_T)$
- 4) Dynamic modulus (E\*); and
- 5) Creep compliance (D(t)).

In order to utilize the five parameters from the SPT, it is necessary to correlate these parameters to a specific mixture and pavement design. Of these five parameters, dynamic modulus terms ( $E^*/sin\varphi$  and  $E^*$ ) and the flow number (Fn) are used to reflect pavement rutting and fatigue potential. Therefore, the question is, for a given traffic level (e.g. E1, E3, E10, or E30), what specification criteria (in terms of these parameters) is required to ensure performance?

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of this study include the following: 1) using the SPT, conduct a laboratory study to measure the five parameters including the dynamic modulus terms  $(E^*/sin\varphi \text{ and } E^*)$  and the flow number (Fn) for typical Michigan HMA mixtures, 2) correlate the results of the laboratory study to field performance as they relate to flexible pavement performance (rutting, fatigue, and low temperature cracking), and 3) Make recommendations for the SPT criteria for specific traffic levels (e.g. E3, E10, E30), including recommendations for a draft test specification for use in Michigan. Additionally, this study involved both laboratory testing and field data collection.

#### **CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### Introduction

Asphalt mixture is a composite material of graded aggregates bound with asphalt binder plus a certain amount of air voids. The physical properties and performance of asphalt mixture is governed by the properties of the aggregate (e.g. shape, surface texture, gradation, skeletal structure, modulus, etc.), properties of the asphalt binder (e.g., grade, complex modulus, relaxation characteristics, cohesion, etc.), and asphalt-aggregate interactions (e.g., adhesion, absorption, physio-chemical interactions, etc.). Therefore, the structure of asphalt mixture is very complex, which makes properties (such as stiffness and tensile strength) for design and prediction of field performance very challenging.

Traditionally, Marshall and Hveem designs were used in designing the asphalt mixtures for pavements. The objective of these designs was to develop an economical blend of aggregates and asphalt binders that meet the design expectations as defined by various parameters. However, due to the increasing traffic loads and traffic volumes, the reliability and durability of these designs have been significantly affected. In the United States, asphalt pavements have experienced increased rutting and fatigue cracking, which lead to poorer ride quality as well as major road safety concerns. The U.S. government spends millions of dollars annually on highway pavement construction, maintenance and rehabilitation to provide a national transportation infrastructure system capable of maintaining and advancing the national economy. Providing a safe and reliable transportation system requires continual maintenance. Therefore, higher quality asphalt pavements are necessary to build a more durable, safer, and more efficient transportation infrastructure.

From 1987 to 1993, the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) examined new methods for specifying tests and design criteria to ensure a high quality asphalt material [20, 21]. The final product of the SHRP asphalt research program is a new system referred to as Superpave, which stands for Superior Performing Asphalt Pavements [22-24]. Asphalt mixture performance is affected by two major factors: climate and traffic loading. The Superpave design system was first to collect the HMA responses from different climate and traffic loads, analyze the responses, and provide recommendations and limitations based on the responses versus the severity of distress. It represents an improved system for specifying the components of asphalt concrete, asphalt mixture design and analysis, and asphalt pavement performance prediction [21, 23-26]. All of the analysis and limitations of each test were to design an asphalt concrete to reduce the potential of three major distresses – rutting, thermal cracking, and fatigue cracking in asphalt pavements.

From a materials design aspect, the Superpave volumetric mixture design method has been a success in many states. However, results from WesTrack, NCHRP Project 9-7 claimed that the Superpave design alone was insufficient to ensure the reliability of mixture performance over a wide range of climate and traffic conditions [27]. In order to minimize poor mixture performance, researchers [28-33] and agencies have employed laboratory testing such as the dynamic modulus test, shear modulus test, triaxial repeated load test, triaxial and uniaxial creep test, triaxial compressive strength test, asphalt pavement analyzer (APA), gyratory shear stress test, bending beam fatigue test, indirect

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tensile strength and fatigue test, direct tensile strength test, and many others. However, conducting these tests is time consuming and costly, and even if all these tests could be done, it is still difficult to conclude if a given mixture will resist rutting, low temperature cracking, and fatigue cracking. Additionally, industry expressed their needs on a more simple type of testing to be used in pavement design, especially design-build or warranty type projects [27, 34]. The development of Simple Performance Test (SPT) is an example of industry's effort toward this objective.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) opened a request for proposals for SPT development in 1996. In addition, this project was going to be used in conjunction with a new pavement design guide (e.g. the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide) [35]. The SPT primary focus was on identifying a fundamental property of asphalt mixtures that could be used in the pavement design guide. It was defined as "a test method(s) that accurately and reliably measures a mixture response characteristic or parameter that is highly correlated to the occurrence of pavement distress (e.g. cracking and rutting) over a diverse range of traffic and climate conditions" [27].

NCHRP Project 9-19 recommended several parameters that should be obtained from the Simple Performance Test (SPT) to ensure mixture performance: dynamic modulus terms ( $E^*/\sin\varphi$  and  $E^*$ ) and the flow number ( $F_N$ ). These tests were found to have good correlation with field performance [36]. The dynamic modulus terms are the most critical with respect to the Mechanical-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) [34, 37-39]. The MEPDG relies heavily on the E\* of asphalt mixtures for nearly all predictions of pavement deterioration. Therefore, the dynamic modulus must be measured or estimated. The assessment of these critical material properties is intended to provide the basis for better understanding of pavement response and performance.

In this project,  $|E^*|$  and  $F_N$  were evaluated. The advantages and disadvantages of these  $|E^*|$  and  $F_N$  tests are shown in Table 2 [27]. Over the past few years, researchers have also tried to develop different parameters used in  $|E^*|$  and flow number  $F_N$ . In addition, different kinds of analysis methods on  $|E^*|$  and  $F_N$  were developed, such as master curve development, viscoelastic models, etc. The main purpose of the literature review is to collect information from laboratory experiment and previous research on the  $|E^*|$  and  $F_N$ .

# Table 2 Simple Performance Test's Advantages and Disadvantages

Test	Advantages	Disadvantages
Dynamic Modulus	<ul> <li>An important parameter in level 1 Mechanistic-Empirical Design Guide (Direct input)</li> <li>Master curve is not necessary</li> <li>Can be easily linked to established regression and this can provide a preliminary parameter for mix criteria</li> <li>Non destructive Test</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sample fabrication (coring and sawing)</li> <li>The possibility of minor error in measuring the mixture responses due to arrangement of LVDTs</li> <li>Poor result obtained from confined testing and this need a further study on its reliability.</li> </ul>
Repeated Loading	- Easy to operate	- Specification is hard to establish
(Flow Number)	- Affordable (inexpensive)	- May not simulate traffic/ field condition (dynamic
	- Provide a better correlation in field rutting	loading)
	distress.	- Sample fabrication (coring and sawing)

#### **Dynamic Modulus Literature Reviews**

The dynamic modulus,  $|E^*|$  is not a new concept in the asphalt pavement area. The first dynamic modulus test procedure was developed by Papazian (1962) which he described asphalt mixtures as a viscoelastic material [2, 40]. Papazian applied a sinusoidal stress at different frequencies and found out that the responses of asphalt mixtures were lagged by an angle  $\varphi$  [2]. Thus, Papazian concluded that there is a complex relationship which is the function of loading rate between stress (applied) and strain (response) [2]. In 1964, Coffman et al (1964) performed  $|E^*|$  testing using the mixture simulated from AASHTO Road Test [35, 41]. He determined the basic relationship of viscoelastic material: that  $|E^*|$  increased when temperature decreased, and when temperature increased, phase angle increased. In 1969, Shook and Kallas (1969) studied the factors that affected the  $|E^*|$  measurement [42]. They conducted  $|E^*|$  testing over various temperatures and frequencies on mixtures and varied the mixture components (e.g. asphalt content, air void, viscosity and compaction effort). Shook and Kallas determined  $|E^*|$  increased with a decrease in air asphalt content, air void, and compaction effort [42]. Additionally, Shook and Kallas also found the  $|E^*|$  increased when viscosity increased [42].

Witczak et al. (2002) indicated that  $|E^*|$  testing has a good correlation with field performance based on the several rutting test results (i.e. WesTrack, FHWA's Accelerated Loading Facility (FHWA ALF) and MnRoad) [29, 30]. They also found that  $E^*/$  (sin $\varphi$ ) tested at unconfined condition shows the strongest relationship with field performance. For  $|E^*|$  tested at confined condition, poor relationship was found when compared to field performance [30]. For the relationship between  $|E^*|$  test with fatigue and thermal cracking, Witczak et al. indicated that none of the results showed a good relationship after running numerous  $|E^*|$  tests at low temperatures with confined and unconfined condition [30]. However, they indicated that  $|E^*|_{max}/(\sin\varphi)$  at unconfined condition were highly correlated with field fatigue distress.

A further field validation of SPT development in terms of  $|E^*|$  was conducted by Zhou and Scullion (2003) [13]. A total of 20 test sections (known as Special Pavement Studies-1) were constructed using the same degree of traffic level on US-281 in Texas. The permanent deformation of these test sections was then measured by Zhou and Scullion using a trenching operation. Zhou and Scullion (2003) analyzed and compared results from the test sections with laboratory  $|E^*|$  test results, and concluded that  $|E^*|/(\sin \phi)$  can effectively distinguish the quality of the mixture in terms of rutting susceptibility. A similar relationship between  $|E^*|$  and rutting from Witczak et al. (2002) was found by Zhou and Scullion (2003) that  $|E^*|$  increased, the rutting depth decreased.

Clyne et al (2003) evaluated  $|E^*|$  and phase angle of asphalt mixture from four different MnROAD test sections [40]. Six temperatures (range from -20°C to 54.4°C) and five frequencies (range from 0.01 to 25 Hz) were used. The results from Clyne et al (2003) indicated that phase angle increased as the temperature increased from -2 to 20°C. However, for high temperatures at 40°C to 50°C, the phase angle decreased when temperature increased. The reason for decreased phase angle at high temperature is the aggregate interlock becoming the controlling factor. Mohammad et al. (2005) also performed an evaluation of  $|E^*|$  [43]. The testing included both field and laboratory prepared samples. The main results obtained from the testing included [43]:

- 1. When asphalt content in the mixture decreased, the  $|E^*|$  increased and the  $\varphi$  decreased.
- 2. The  $\phi$  decreased with an increase in frequency at 25°C. At high temperature (i.e. 45°C and 54°C), the phase angle increased with frequency up to approximately 10hz, and  $\phi$  began to decrease.

3. No statistical difference for the test results from multiple days of production.

#### Potential Uses of Dynamic Modulus in Pavement Rutting Performance

Witczak (2007) indicated that  $|E^*|$  could be used as the specification and guideline to control the pavement rutting performance [32, 34, 44]. The relationship of  $|E^*|$  and rutting can be established by graphing  $|E^*|$  versus rutting depth. This graph can be generated for various traffic, climatic, and structural conditions, and any combination of them [44]. As mentioned previously,  $|E^*|$  is a measurement of mixture stiffness. Mixtures that have higher  $|E^*|$  tend to have a better rutting resistance (stiffer). Figure 1 shows a typical chart using  $|E^*|$  as the specification in rutting performance's quality control [44]. There are two zones/ phases in Figure 1, which are "Accepted" and "Rejected". "Accepted" indicated rutting depth within specifications used in the design and "Rejected" is the rut depth exceeds the design limit. Additionally, the "rutting failure criteria" is the minimum allowed rut depth for the design. The benefits of using this graph is that engineers can evaluate different types of asphalt mixtures based on  $|E^*|$  test results by comparing the rutting depth with  $|E^*|$  [44]. Thus, engineers can design an appropriate pavement with rutting resistance using a specific  $|E^*|$ .



Figure 1 Quality Control using Dynamic Modulus for Rutting Distress

#### **Flow Number Literature Review**

In 1974, Brown and Snaith (1974) performed experiments to investigate the effect and response of an asphalt mixture from repeated load [45]. The failure of the asphalt mixture was defined as the cycle number when a marked deformation occurred. Results from these experiments were [45]:

- 1. The strain increased when temperature increased or the stress applied increased;
- 2. The strain increased when the confining stress increased; and
- 3. The strain rate was time dependent when the frequencies above 1 Hz were applied.

In 1984, Brown and Cooper performed repeated triaxial load tests at varying mixture's gradation, confining stresses and binder grade (based on penetration) [46]. The results show [46]:

 The penetration grade slightly affected the development of permanent shear strain in the specimen; and
2. The gradation of the mixture affected the shear strain significantly. Higher shear strain was found under fewer load cycles for gap-graded mixtures.

In 1995, Mallick et al. (1995) investigated the effects of air voids on repeated loading test [47]. These tests were correlating to field rutting performance with the measured strain from a repeated load test. The tests were performed at 60°C (an average of high pavement temperature in the United States) based on the ASTM D4123-82 standard specification. Various loads and confining pressures were used in the test. A logarithmic relationship was found between air voids and permanent strain when a 826.8kPa normal pressure and a 137.8kPa confining pressure were applied. The results also indicated that samples at or below 3.0% air void level underwent dilation and samples with greater than 3.0% air voids underwent consolidation. The authors indicated samples undergoing dilation reflected the field performance (e.g. shoving). Mallick et al. (1995) also analyzed the rutting behavior using the field procured samples under the same condition (e.g. 826.8kPa normal pressure and a 137.8kPa confining pressure). A strong correlation was found between permanent strain and rutting rate and it was concluded the dynamic confined testing could used to identify rutting performance of a mixture.

In 1996, Brown and Gibb (1996) investigated the roles of asphalt binder and aggregate on permanent deformation using the uniaxial compression [48]. Different binder contents, binder types and aggregate gradation were used. It was found that the aggregate of the mixture carry the load to resist permanent deformation when the binder's stiffness decreased. The repeated loading (uniaxial compression) was better at identifying the permanent deformation because the accumulated strains were related or similar to field conditions.

In 2002, Witczak et al. defined the cycle number where shear deformation happened as flow number ( $F_N$ ) [29]. Witczak et al. (2002) indicated  $F_N$  can be used to identify the quality of

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asphalt mixtures in terms of rutting resistance. Kaloush and Witczak (2002) indicated that the repeated load test can be used for different applications [49]. They found out that confined testing had a good relationship with field results. In addition, the axial or radial strain could be used for Flow Time ( $F_T$ ) measurement. It was reported that results obtained from both of the  $F_T$  and  $F_N$  testing were comparable [34, 44, 50].

Further investigation of flow number testing was performed by Zhou and Scullion (2003) [13]. Similar to Witczak et al. (2002), Zhou and Scullion (2003) found that there was a good correlation between field permanent deformation and  $F_N$ . They also indicated that  $F_N$  could be used to compare the quality of the mixtures in terms of rutting performance.

A study of effects of binder content on  $F_N$  was performed by Mohammad et al (2005) [43, 51]. Different binder contents were used by the author during the  $F_N$  test. It was found that the  $F_N$  was not as sensitive as dynamic modulus test for the changes in asphalt content based on statistical analysis.

## **CHAPTER 3: EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN**

Asphalt mixture preparations and performance testing were completed by using the Superpave Mix Design Specification, SP-2 [52]. A total of three different mix sizes (mixture nominal maximum aggregate size) ranging from size 3 to 5 (19.00mm to 9.5mm) were chosen in this project. Additionally, the traffic level of these design mixes were ranged from 0.3 million equivalent single axle loads (ESALs) to 30 million ESALs.

For asphalt mixture performance testing, dynamic modulus and flow number tests were employed. Previous findings indicated that the outcome for Flow Time ( $F_T$ ) testing were comparable with flow number ( $F_N$ ) testing; hence, only flow number testing was considered in this research study. Two air void levels (i.e. 4% and 7% air void levels) were used and three replicate specimens were prepared for each test (at single temperature and single frequency), and an average value is presented in this report. The test results were analyzed using statistical methods which are discussed in ensuing sections. The general test flow chart is illustrated as Figure 2.



Figure 2 General Flow Chart for the Experimental Design

# **Sample Collection**

All the samples collected for this project are located within the State of Michigan and were collected during summer time from year 2002 to 2005. Figure 3 shows the sample collection area in the state of Michigan [53]. Approximately 25% of the mixtures were collected from Upper Peninsula and the rest of the sampled mixtures were from the Lower Peninsula. Table 3 shows the information of all the samples collected at each job site.



Figure 3 Sample Collection Areas<sup>1</sup> in Michigan<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: " $\uparrow$ " indicated the location where sample were collected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Michigan State Map was obtained from Destination360 [20]

Table 3 Asphalt Mixture Information

Mix size	Traffic Level	Control Section	Job Mix Number	Project Location		
3		47014	34519A	Interchange of US-23 and M 59 (Hartland		
	E10			Township, Livingston County)		
	EIU	82062	47064A	US-12 (Michigan Ave), Dearborn From		
				Firestone(Evergreen Rd) to I-94		
	E30	50015	46273A	M 53 (From South of 28 Mile Road to North of Mile Road), Macomb, Michigan		
	E1	BIO631012	53244A	M-26, South Range, Houghton County (From Kearsarge Street to Tri-Mountain Ave.)		
	E3	MG73031	60476A	M-52 (From the Saginaw/Shiawassee County line northerly to South Branch of the Bad River in the village of Oakley, City of St. Charles)		
		M74022	45440A	M-90, Lexington, MI (From Babcock Road to Farr Road)		
4		82151	52804A	M-53, Detroit (From M-3 to M-102)		
	E10	82062	47064A	US-12 (Michigaeh .n Ave), Dearborn From Firestone(Evergreen Rd) to I-94		
	E30	81104	47546A	I-94, Dexter, MI 48130 (Entrance ramp from Baker Road to I-94 Highway)		
		82143	45164A	M102, Wayne and Macomb Counties (From M-53 to I-94)		
	E1	BIO631012	53244A	M-26, South Range, Houghton County (From Kearsarge Street to Tri-Mountain Ave.)		
		M66041	80168A	M-38, Ontario-Houghton-Baraga Counties (From M-26 to Baraga Plains Road)		
	E3	NH27021	48344A	US-2, Bessemer, MI (From Wisconsin/Michigan State Line to Eddy Street, Wakefield)		
5	E10	MG63091	84049A	I-75BL, Auburn Hills, MI (From north of Woodward Avenue northeasterly to Opdyke Road in the city of Auburn Hills and Pontiac, Oakland County)		
		63022	83707A	I-96, MI (From West of Oakland County line to Novi Road, in the cities of Wixon and Novi, Oakland County)		
	E30	25031	45446A	I-75, MI (From South Junction of I-475 to North Junction of I-475)		
		58151	74577A	I-75, MI (From the Ohio State line northerly to La Plaisance Road in the township of Erie, La Salle, and Monroe, Monroe County)		
Note:	te:Mix Size:Traffic Level: $3-19.0mm$ E1 $-$ Traffic < 1 millions ESALs					

### **Compaction Process**

In order to compact a sample to the desired volumetric properties, there were three procedures needed to follow: 1) measuring theoretical maximum specific gravity; 2) measuring bulk specific gravity and determining air voids, and; 3) estimating gyration number and volume of mixture used. These procedures will be explained in the following sections.

#### Rice Test (Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity)

The Rice Test was performed to determine the theoretical maximum specific gravity  $(G_{mm})$  and density of the asphalt mixture according to ASTM D2041 [54]. 2000g of material for each type of sample during the compacting process was used for the Rice Test and was left on the table to dry for one day. The rice sample was then reduced to a loose sample for subsequent testing in accordance with ASTM D2041.

#### Bulk Specific Gravity and Air Void

The sample's bulk specific gravity  $(G_{mb})$  and density test were performed according to ASTM D2726 [55]. Utilizing the test results from the Rice Tests  $(G_{mm})$  and the  $G_{mb}$ , the air voids for each sample were determined.

#### Estimating Gyration Number and Mixture Volumetric Property

The desired gyration number and mixture volumetric property can be estimated by using a trial mixture by calculating its estimated bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$  estimated), corrected bulk specific gravity, theoretical maximum specific gravity and air void level. In this project, a trial 1200g mixture for each mixture type was used for the 100mm diameter specimens. All of the mixtures were compacted using a trial gyration number (i.e. 120 gyrations). Figure 4 shows the pine gyratory compactor used in this project.



**Figure 4 Pine Gyratory Compactor** 

During the compaction, height for each gyration was recorded. For each gyration, the estimated  $G_{mb}$  can be calculated using the following equation [56]:

Estimated 
$$G_{mb} = \frac{W_m / \gamma_m}{\gamma_w}$$

where,

- $W_m$ : Mass of Specimen (gram);
- $\gamma_{mx}$ : Density of water (1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>); and

 $\gamma_w$ : Volume of Sample (cm<sup>3</sup>).

The estimated  $G_{mb}$  was then compared with measured  $G_{mb}$  (Gmb calculated using the ASTM D2726 [55]) to find out the correction factor. The correction factor can be easily calculated using the equation below [56]:

$$Correction\_Factor = \frac{Measured\_G_{mb}}{Estimated\_G_{mb}}$$

The measured  $G_{mb}$  for each gyration can be found by multiplying the correction factor with the estimated  $G_{mb}$ . Figure 5 shows a sample of estimated and corrected  $G_{mb}$  calculated in this project.



Figure 5 Estimated and Corrected Bulk Specific Gravity for Trial Sample

The air void level for each gyration number was then calculated using the corrected  $G_{mb}$ . The equation to find out the air void level is [57]:

$$Air\_Void(\%) = 1 - \frac{G_{mb}}{G_{mm}}$$

Figure 6 shows a sample of air void levels calculated at each gyration number. The gyration number was then estimated using this graph. For example, Figure 6 shows that a gyration number 84 was needed in order to compact the sample to air void level of 4%. In addition to this, the height of the sample could be estimated using the equation below:

$$Sample\_Height = \frac{1}{G_{mb} \cdot \pi \cdot r^2} \times Sample\_weight$$

where,

Sample_Height:	Height of Sample (mm);
G <sub>mb</sub> :	Corrected Bulk Specific Gravity at the desired gyration number;
π:	3.142;
r:	Radius of the mold (mm); and
Sample Weight:	Weight of the sample (gram).



Figure 6 Air Void Level for a Trial Sample

# **Sample Fabrication**

All the compacted samples were fabricated (i.e. cutting and sawing to the desired size) prior to the asphalt mixture performance testing. Samples were cut at a height of 150mm and a diameter of 100mm by using a diamond masonry saw after the compaction process shown at Figure 7. Additionally, Figure 8 shows the samples after fabrication.

After the asphalt concrete specimens were cut, all the samples' bulk specific gravity ( $G_{mb}$ ) were measured again. It was notable that the drying process took approximately seven days before thesample's dry weight for  $G_{mb}$  could be measured.



**Figure 7 Cutting and Coring Process** 



Figure 8 Asphalt Mixture after Cutting and Coring process

# **Dynamic Modulus Test**

The dynamic modulus test was conducted according to AASHTO TP62-03 [58]. The purpose of the Dynamic Modulus ( $|E^*|$ ) test is to find out the dynamic modulus,  $|E^*|$  of the asphalt mixture.  $|E^*|$  is the modulus of a viscoelastic material. The dynamic modulus of a viscoelastic test is a response developed under sinusoidal loading condition [36, 50]. In this project, an IPC UTM 100 [59] was used for  $|E^*|$  testing.



Figure 9 Dynamic Modulus Test Device (IPC UTM 100)

All the samples were attached with platens using high strength glue to the side of the sample by using the loading platen device prior to the  $|E^*|$  testing (shown in Figure 10). Samples were then attached with three Linear Variable Differential Transformers (LVDTs) and placed in the environment chamber. Temperatures and temperature equilibrium time used for  $|E^*|$  in this project are shown in Table 4.



Figure 10 Platen Loading Device

Test Temperature (°C)	Temperature Equilibrium Time from Room Temperature (Hour)
-5	12
4	8
13	6
21.3	4
39.2	7

Table 4 Test Temperatures and Temperature Equilibrium Time for |E\*| Test

Both top and bottom surfaces of the samples were covered with a friction reducing end treatment cream. After that, samples were loaded into the dynamic modulus test device shown below in Figure 11.



Figure 11 Dynamic Modulus Test Setup

The dynamic modulus test was started after the temperature in the transducer device display reached the required test temperature. In addition, the frequencies used in this test were 0.1hz, 0.5hz, 1hz, 5hz, 10hz and 25hz. During the test, the recover axial strain was controlled to be between 50 and 100 in order to obtain a precise  $|E^*|$  by adjusting the positive dynamic stress and static stress level [60]. The applied stress and the resulting recoverable axial strain response of the specimen was measured and used to calculate the dynamic modulus and phase angle. Test results were recorded after the test was done. Figure 12 shows the typical result from the  $|E^*|$  test.



Figure 12 Sample Test Results of Dynamic Modulus Test<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stress (1 curve) and strain (3 curves) in dynamic loading using 25 Hz frequency at temperature -5°C

### **Flow Number Test**

The flow number test, also called dynamic creep or repeated creep test, was widely used to determine the rutting distress as well as permanent deformation characteristic since the mid-70s [61, 62]. This test was performed based on NCHRP Report 465 [36] and NCHRP 9-19 [18]. The test for flow number is based upon result from repeated loading and unloading of a HMA specimen where the permanent deformation of the specimen is recorded as a function of the number of load cycles. A sample size of 100mm diameter by 150mm height was used. Samples were tested under unconfined condition and the duration of 0.1 second loading time followed by 0.9 second dwells(shown in Figure 13). During the test, the permanent strain at each test cycle was recorded. The  $F_N$  can be located at the minimum point of the strain rate versus cycle number slope.

Flow Number test is a destructive test where a compressive stress was applied until the sample failed. Figure 14 shows the failing sample after the flow number test.



Figure 13 Loading and unloading of Flow Number Test



Figure 14 Sample Fail after the Flow Number Test

## Loading Level used in Flow Number Test

It is important to determine the magnitude of loading level used in each  $F_N$  test because this will significantly affect the  $F_N$ . The NCHRP 9-19 used 69kPa for loading stress and 3kPa for contact stress for  $F_N$  unconfined test [27, 34]. This loading level was defined for the intermediate and high test temperature in the dynamic modulus test. However, this loading level might not be feasible for some of the mixtures (e.g. high traffic level mixture) as the samples would not undergo tertiary flow. Based on a discussion with Dr. Williams and previous research [35, 63-65], stress level of 600kPa (simulated from the gyratory compactor) and 30kPa for contact stress were determined for this test.

#### Effective Rutting Temperature

Effective temperature is defined as a single temperature at which amount of permanent deformation which occurred would be equivalent to that measured by considering each season separately throughout the year [66]. The effective pavement temperature for rutting, which is defined by the temperature of 20mm below the surface of the pavement, was shown as below [64]:

 $T_{eff rutting} = 30.8 - 0.12 Z_{cr} + 0.92 MAAT_{design}$ 

where,

$T_{eff rutting}$ :	Effective Rutting Temperature (°C);
Z <sub>cr</sub> :	Critical depth down from pavement surface (mm);

MAAT<sub>design</sub>: Mean annual air temperature (°C);

and,

MAAT<sub>design</sub>: MAAT<sub>Average</sub> +  $K_{\alpha} \sigma_{MAAT}$ 

where,

MAAT<sub>Average</sub>: Average annual air temperature;

 $K_{\alpha}$ : Appropriate reliability level of 90%; and

 $\sigma_{MAAT}$ : Standard deviation of distribution of MAAT for site location.

The critical depth,  $Z_{cr,}$  is 20mm in this case. The MAAT<sub>average</sub> were collected from the Michigan State Climatology Office from stations around the entire State of Michigan. In this report, the calculation of  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  used was different due to the climate in Michigan. Traditional  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  was calculated using historical MAAT<sub>Average</sub>. Michigan climate was known to have a huge

temperature difference between winter and summer period (about a 72°C difference). Hence, using the traditional  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  calculation was not appropriate. In this report, the  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  was calculated based on historical MAAT<sub>Average</sub> from each month in a year. The effective temperature was calculated at each Michigan Department of Transportation region (shown in Figure 15): Superior Region, North Region, Grand Region, Bay Region, Southwest Region, University Region and Metro Region [67]. An average of T<sub>eff rutting</sub>, 45°C computed from each region was used as the F<sub>N</sub> test temperature.



Figure 15 MAAT Average and MAAT Standard Deviation in Michigan<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map taken from MDOT Website

### **CHAPTER 4: TEST RESULTS AND FIELD INFORMATION**

### Introduction

The laboratory tests (including flow number and dynamic modulus tests) were conducted at Michigan Technological University. Table 5 shows the descriptor for the sample used in this study. Dynamic modulus (|E\*|) for different mixtures were tested using the Universal Testing Machine (UTM). Temperatures used in |E\*| test were -5°C, 4°C, 13°C, 21.3°C and 39.2°C, and frequencies used were 0.1hz, 0.5hz, 1hz, 5hz, 10hz and 25hz. The air void level used in this project was 4% and 7%. One analysis file was obtained for each load frequency and temperature. A total of three to six replicate specimens were tested for each mixture type. Results from |E\*| test were plotted and are shown in the following section.

The field information obtained included rutting performance, traffic data and pavement structure. The field rutting performance and pavement structure were provided by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) [68] and the traffic information were obtained from MDOT Traffic Monitoring Information System (MDOT TMIS). All this information is shown in the following section as well.

Mix size	Traffic Level	Job Mix Number	Descriptors
	E10	34519A	3E10I
3	EIU	47064A	3E0 II
	E30	46273A	3E30 I
	E1	53244A	4E1 I
	E2	60476A	4E3 I
4	ЕJ	45440A	4E3 II
	E10	52804A	4E10 I
	E30	45164A	4E30 II
	E1	53244A	5E1 I
	EI	80168A	5E1 II
	E3	48344A	5E3 I
5	E10	84049A	5E10 I
	EIU	83707A	5E10 II
	E20	45446A	5E30 I
	E30	74577A	5E30 II

**Table 5 Descriptors for each Asphalt Mixture** 

## **Dynamic Modulus Test Results**

As mentioned previously, the dynamic modulus test was conducted according to AASHTO TP62-03 [58]. An IPC UTM-100 machine [59] was used for the |E\*| testing. The temperatures used were -5°C, 4°C, 13°C, 21.3°C and 39.2°C. The frequencies used in this testing were 0.1hz, 0.5hz, 1hz, 5hz, 10hz, and 25hz. A total of three replicates samples were tested for each of the fifteen mixtures at each temperature and loading frequency each single test. The recoverable axial micro-strain in this test was controlled within 50 and 100 micro strain so that the material was in the viscoelastic range [60]. Results of the dynamic modulus test are shown in Figure 16 to Figure 25.



Figure 16 Dynamic Modulus for 4% Air Void Level at -5°C



Figure 17 Dynamic Modulus for 7% Air Void Level at -5°C



Figure 18 Dynamic Modulus for 4% Air Void Level at 4°C



Figure 19 Dynamic Modulus for 7% Air Void Level at 4°C



Figure 20 Dynamic Modulus for 4% Air Void Level at 13°C



Figure 21 Dynamic Modulus for 7% Air Void Level at 13°C



Figure 22 Dynamic Modulus for 4% Air Void Level at 21.3°C



Figure 23 Dynamic Modulus for 7% Air Void Level at 21.3°C



Figure 24 Dynamic Modulus for 4% Air Void Level at 39.2°C



Figure 25 Dynamic Modulus for 7% Air Void Level at 39.2°C

### **Flow Number Test Results**

The flow number test was conducted according to NCHRP Report 465[66] with unconfined testing. During the flow number testing, some of the mixtures did not undergo tertiary flow because these mixtures have a much higher stiffness (high modulus). A simple approach to determine the flow number of asphalt mixtures during a dynamic creep test was used in this project. The result of the flow number testing is shown in Table 6.

		4% Air Void Level		7% Air Void Level	
Descriptors	Test Temperature	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
3E10I	45	3029	330	1759	92
3E0 II	45	1731	308	725	69
3E30 I	45	13099	3279	4829	777
4E1 I	45	320	35	134	11
4E3 I	39.2	No FN	No FN	No FN	No FN
4E3 II	45	13995	3093	1710	-
4E10 I	45	11136	420	-	-
4E30 II	-	-	-	-	-
5E1 I	45	468	327	346	-
5E1 II	45	450	17	251	111
5E3 I	45	439	193	220	50
5E10 I	39.2	No FN	No FN	No FN	No FN
5E10 II	39.2	No FN	No FN	No FN	No FN
5E30 I	45	No FN	No FN	No FN	No FN
5E30 II	45	No FN	No FN	No FN	No FN

Table 6 Average Flow Number Measured using Stepwise Approach

## **Field Rutting Results**

The field rutting performance was provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) [68]. Field data for all HMA pavements with up to seven years in service were collected in this study. An average rutting value from left and right lanes was used in this study. The summary of the field rutting results are shown in Table 7.

Mix Name/ Type	Job Mix Number	Year	Average Rut Value (left/right), inch
		2003	0.000
3E10 I	34519A	2005	0.035
		2007	0.170
2E10 H	470644	2003	0.000
3E10 II	4/004A	2007	0.245
		2002	0.000
3E30 I	46273A	2005	0.080
		2007	0.169
4521	60476A	2005	0.000
4E3 I		2006	0.136
	45440A	2000	0.000
4E2 H		2002	0.218
4E3 II		2004	0.067
		2006	0.207
		2003	0.000
4E10 I	52804A	2005	0.057
		2007	0.114
	I 45164A	1999	0.000
		2000	0.057
4E30 II		2002	0.105
		2004	0.058
		2006	0.275
5E1 II	53244A	2005	0.000

### **Table 7 Field Rutting Results**

		2006	0.245
5E2 1	19211 1	2005	0.000
JE3 I	40344A	2007	0.245
5E10 I	84040 A	2006	0.000
	04049A	2007	0.156
5E10 H	82707 A	2006	0.000
5E10 II	83/0/A	2007	0.155
	45446A	2000	0.000
		2001	0.158
5E30 I		2003	0.027
		2005	0.039
		2007	0.161
5E20 II	745778	2006	0.000
3E30 II	/43//A	2007	0.180

## **Pavement Structure**

The pavement structure and maintenance associated with each mixture type were provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) [68]. Most of the pavement structure (i.e. base and sub-base) are not recorded well. A summary of these results are shown in Table 8.
Miy Type	<b>Base Thickness</b>	Sub-base Thickness	Commente	
witx Type	(inch.)	(inch.)	Comments	
3E10 I	Not found	Not found		
3E10 II	6.3"	18.1"		
3E30 I	6.3"	18.1"		
4E1 I	8"	18"		
4E3 I	Overlay	Overlay	Not found in plans	
4E3 II	mill and resurface	mill and resurface	Not found in plans	
4E10 I	Not found	12"		
4E10 I	mill and resurface	mill and resurface	Not found in plans	
4E10 II	6.3"	18.1"		
4E3 I	3"	14"		
4E30 II	mill and resurface	mill and resurface	Not found in plans	
5E1 I	8"	18"		
5E1 II	Overlay	Overlay	Not found in plans	
5E3	mill and resurface	mill and resurface	Not found in plans	
5E3 II	8"	21"		
5E3 II	8"	21"		
5E10 I	mill and resurface	mill and resurface	Not found in plans	
5E10 II	Mill and Overlay	Mill and Overlay	Not found in plans	
5E30 I	7.9"	17.7"		
5E30 II	concrete pavement repair	concrete pavement repair	Not found in plans	

### **Collected from the Field**

## **Traffic Information**

The traffic information for each project was obtained from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) [68]. Traffic survey data at year 2007 was used. An equivalent single axle load was also calculated using the information obtained from MDOT. A summary of the traffic information is shown in Table 9. This traffic survey data will be used as a reference in developing the preliminary |E\*| criteria.

Mix Name/ Type	Project	Year	AADT <sup>1</sup>	Number of Equivalence Truck	ESALs <sup>2</sup>
		2003	47933		
3E10 I	M-59 Brighton	2005	49213	2927	4.05E+05
		2007	48298		
3E10 H	Michigan Ave,	2003	23761	522	0 50E+04
5110 11	Dearborn	2007	25081	522	9.391104
		2002	24706		
3E30 I	Vandyke, Detroit	2005	27471	1322	2.03E+05
		2007	31289		
4F3 I	Lansing MI	2005	8058	248	3 <b>27</b> E+04
41/3 1	Lansing, wit	2006	6805	240	J.27E+04
		2000	7594		
4F3 II	Levington	2002	7594	111	1 <b>7</b> 1E+04
41.5 11	Lexington	2004	8206		1.71E+04
		2006	6805		
		2003	16701		
4E10 I	M-53 Detroit	2005	17147	859	1.44E+05
		2007	15266		
4F10 H	Michigan Ave	2003	23761	522	9 59E+04
411011		2007	24617		9.39E+04
		2000	51601		
	I 04 Ann Arbor	2001	5224		
4E30 I	(SMA)	2003	54460	6296	8.44E+05
		2005	49256		
		2007	54841		
		1999	58143		
		2000	57070		
4E30 II	8 Mile Road	2002	66062	5722	7.80E+05
		2004	70426	-	
		2006	60279		
5F1 II	M-38	2005	586	31	4 91E+03
5E1 II	IVI-38	2006	698	51	4.71£703

Table 9 Traffic Information for each Mixture

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annual Average Daily Traffic <sup>2</sup> Equivalent single axle loads

5E3 1	Bessemer, MI	2005	49213	279	3.72E+04
		2007	50170		
5E10 I	A	2006	16636	601	9.63E+04
5E101	Aubuili fillis	2007	16837	091	
5E10 H	v OH	2006	64553	718	1.30E+05
561011	х, Оп	2007	66782		
5E30 I	I-75 Clarkston	2000	62421	2836	4.06E+05
		2001	65781		
		2003	63873		
		2005	60055		
		2007	60858		
5E30 II	I I-75 Toledo	2006	62117	3330	4.94E+05
		2007	60937		

## **CHAPTER 5: ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS**

### Introduction

Currently, the analysis of the pavement structure was not used in this project due to the limited information obtained. Hence, the analysis and discussion of results will fall into five main categories, they are:

- 1. Analysis and discussions of dynamic modulus test results;
- 2. Evaluation of field rutting performance;
- 3. Evaluation of traffic data;
- 4. Analysis of field rutting performance over various traffic levels; and
- 5. Development of specifications for dynamic modulus.

For the first category, the dynamic modulus was analyzed using different methods including recommendations from the literature reviews ( $E^*/\sin\varphi$ ,  $E^*$ , different traffic levels, etc). The main objective is to determine appropriate criteria from dynamic modulus testing that can be used in developing the specification for dynamic modulus. The second and third categories were analyzed to determine an appropriate parameter for the comparison of the field rutting performance, traffic levels and dynamic modulus. The fourth category is to analyze the quality of the mixture in the field based on the mixture design. Finally, the fifth category is the most important part in the entire report, which is to develop the criteria of the dynamic modulus based on current results and information obtained.

### Analysis and Discussions of Dynamic Modulus Test Results

Past research work indicated that there were two kinds of parameters from the dynamic modulus test that could be used to evaluate the pavement rutting performance:  $|E^*|$  and  $|E^*|/\sin\varphi$ . In this study, these two parameters were evaluated. Figure 26 and Figure 27 show the  $|E^*|$  tested at different traffic levels. The nominal maximum aggregate sizes were 19.0mm (designated mix size "3" in the Michigan DOT specification), 12.5mm (mix size 4), and 9.5mm (mix size 5), as mentioned in the previous section. For each frequency, an average of the  $|E^*|$  values at the same traffic level over three different mix sizes (size 3, 4 and 5) was plotted. Similarly,  $|E^*|/\sin\varphi$  at various traffic levels are plotted and shown in Figure 28 and Figure 29. As expected, the dynamic modulus values are increased when the design traffic level increased. This also indicated that mixtures with higher modulus values are able to resist more rutting or allow higher traffic volumes. For  $|E^*|/\sin\varphi$ , it is noticeable that this trend (traffic level increased,  $|E^*|/\sin\varphi$  increased) is not apparent at the 0.1 hertz and 0.5 hertz frequencies for the test results at 39.2°C.

Based on the current dynamic modulus test results,  $|E^*|$  alone was found to be more suitable in developing the specification because it is more consistent in terms of traffic level when compared to  $|E^*|/\sin\varphi$ .



Figure 26 Comparing |E\*| with Various HMA Design Traffic Level at 21.3°C



Figure 27 Comparing |E\*| with Various HMA Design Traffic Level at 39.2°C



Figure 28 Comparing |E\*|/sino with Various HMA Design Traffic Level at 21.3°C



Figure 29 Comparing |E\*|/sino with Various HMA Design Traffic Level at 39.2°C

Dynamic modulus for mixtures with different nominal maximum aggregate size (NMAS) was compared in this study as well, which are shown in Figure 30 and Figure 31 .Based on the results in Figure 30 and, it is observed that there is no significant trend showing the effect of NMAS on dynamic modulus at 21.3°C. The comparison of the NMAS and dynamic modulus values at 39.2°C shows that the dynamic modulus increases when the NMAS increases for mixtures with traffic levels  $\leq$  30 millions ESALS. However, this trend is not apparent for mixtures with other traffic levels. More testing is underway to verify the relationship of NMAS and dynamic modulus and will be reported in subsequent publications.



Figure 30 Comparison of Dynamic modulus of different Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size (NMAS) at 21.3°C and 0.1hz



Figure 31 Comparison of Dynamic modulus of different Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size (NMAS) at 39.2°C and 0.1hz

### **Analysis of Flow Number Results**

In this section, the flow number measurement using Stepwise approach was compared with the Three-stage Model [62], the mathematical product of Creep Stiffness and Cycles versus Cycles method [69] and FNest method [70]. All the flow number data were compared and shown in Figure 32 to Figure 35. It can be observed that the stepwise method has flow number measurement similar to the Three-Stage and the mathematical product of Creep Stiffness and Cycles versus Cycles versus Cycles methods. The correlation between the stepwise method and these two methods was excellent, by showing the R-square  $\geq 0.98$ . The flow number measured from the stepwise method was significantly higher than the FNest method. As mentioned previously, Archilla et. al. [70] recommended that a more stable method that is less dependent on operator input and interoperation was needed for FN<sub>est</sub> Method.

In this study, the proposed stepwise method was compared with the traditional method. Figure 35 shows the comparison results. It was observed the correlation between stepwise and traditional method was fair (R-square=0.5969). It is worth noting that the traditional method may provide a misleading flow number due to some deceptive points as previously mentioned.

Even though the flow number can be well-defined by all the methods discussed, the stepwise method was determined to be more practical and easier to compute.



Figure 32 Comparisons of Stepwise and Three-Stage Methods



Figure 33 Comparison of Stepwise and Creep Stiffness times Cycles versus Cycles Methods



Figure 34 Comparison of Stepwise and FNest Methods



Figure 35 Comparison of Stepwise and Traditional Methods

### **Relationship between Deformation Rate and Stepwise Flow Number**

Previous studies indicated that the rate of deformation (slope of the secondary flow) in the dynamic creep test correlated well with permanent deformation [71]. In addition, the rate of deformation was an important factor for determining the final flow number [72]. In this study, flow number was computed using the stepwise method at 39.2°C and 45°C. Also, air void levels ranging from 4% to 7% were used. Figure 36 shows the comparison between the stepwise flow number and rate of deformation for all mixtures tested. It is notable that the rate of deformation was computed using the stepwise modified dataset. Observations of Figure 36 indicate that an excellent relationship was found when a regression analysis using the equation below was employed:

# Flow Number = $\alpha \times FN_{Slope}$

Where "a" and "b" are regression coefficients and  $FN_{Slope}$  is the rate of deformation. Since the equation above was built using different temperatures and air void levels, an R-square of 0.96 showed that this equation is able to compute flow number of an asphalt mixture using the rate of deformation tested at any temperature and any air void level. In this case, "a" and "b" were calibrated and determined to be 31,753 and -1.081, respectively. Four potential benefits were identified from using the above equation:

- 1) Flow number can be computed for the test that does not undergo tertiary flow
- 2) The computation of effective rutting temperature can be neglected.
- 3) The duration of the dynamic creep test can be shortened.

 The dynamic creep test could become a non-destructive test if a lower cycle number was used.



Figure 36 Relationship of Flow Number and Rate of Deformation at Secondary Stage

### **Evaluation of Field Rutting Performance**

In this preliminary study, it was assumed that deformation of each layer (surface and leveling layers) have an equal amount of deformation. Hence, rutting depth measured from the pavement surface was used in this evaluation. Field data for all HMA pavements with up to seven years of in service performance were collected in this study. The field rutting performances for all the mixtures are plotted in a single graph and are shown in Figure 37. It is notable that the rutting of a pavement would decrease if pavement maintenance was scheduled for that year. It was observed that three pavements underwent maintenance -4E3I, 4E3II and 5E30I. According to MDOT, a detail inspection is required to determine the need of warranty work when average rut depth exceed 0.25 inches [73]. This means that pavement maintenance or warranty work is needed when the field rutting reaches approximately 0.25 inches. It is noteworthy that this guideline was only applied to pavement surface and not the base and sub-base layers. Based on the field rutting performance data collected from MDOT, the pavements indicated had maintenance between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year for 4E3I; between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year for 4E3II; and between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year for 5E30I. For pavements that did have maintenance, it is observed that most of the pavements had rut depths around or below 0.25 inches, except 4E3I which was 0.27 inches.

In this study, an average of total rutting per year was calculated based on the current information. It was assumed that the field rutting increased linearly within a three-year period. Even though this does not truly reflect the trend of rutting in the field, it was assumed that the differences were not significant within the short period of time (up to three years). Typically, pavement rutting performance will be collected every two years in Michigan. The rutting rate in this study is calculated as the total rutting that occurred in the first two-year period (i.e. the

difference of rutting at year 3 and year 1); and if the rutting rate calculated is negative (i.e. rutting at year 3 is lower than rutting at year 1), then the rutting rate for that two-year period was not considered because maintenance might have occurred within that timeframe. The average rutting rate was calculated as the average of all two-year period rutting rate for that mixture.

The theoretical pavement life for rutting resistance (known as the theoretical pavement rutting life index) was calculated using the equation below:

Theoretical Pavement Rutting Life Index (TPRLI):  $\frac{Rutting_{Allow}}{Rutting_{Actual}}$ 

where,

TPRLI:	An index indicated the theoretical pavement life in the field, year;
Rutting Allow:	Allowed maximum rutting, 0.25 inch; and
Rutting Actual:	Actual rutting in the field per year, inch/year.

The average of pavement rutting and TPRLI for each mixture is shown in Table 10. It is notable that mixtures with larger TPRLI indicated the pavement will last longer in the field. This information will be used for different traffic levels and in the development of dynamic modulus specification criteria.



Figure 37 Field Rutting Data (Maintenance occurred when rutting reached approximately

0.25 in.)

# Table 10 Field Rutting Performance and Mixture's Theoretical Pavement Rutting Life

# Index

Mix Name/ Type	Year	Average Rut Value (left/right), inch	Average Rut Value (left/right), inch/year	TPRLI
	2003	0.000		
3E10 I	2005	0.035	0.0425	5.8824
	2007	0.170		
2E10 II	2003	0.000	0.0612	1 0916
3E10 II	2007	0.245	0.0013	4.0810
	2002	0.000		
3E30 I	2005	0.080	0.0356	7.0221
	2007	0.169		
4E2 I	2005	0.000	0 1262	1 9227
4E3 I	2006	0.136	0.1303	1.0557
	2000	0.000		
4E2 H	2002	0.218	0.0204	2 7090
4E3 II	2004	0.067	0.0894	2.7980
	2006 0.207			
	2003	0.000	0.0286	8.7500
4E10 I	2005	0.057		
	2007	0.114		
4E10 H	2003	0.000	0.0612	4.0816
4E10 II	2007	0.245	0.0013	
	2000	0.000		2.3838
	2001	0.210		
4E30 I	2003	0.096	0.1049	
	2005	0.116		
	2007	0.305		
	1999	0.000		3.9587
	2000	0.057		
4E30 II	2002	0.105	0.0632	
	2004	0.058		
	2006	0.275		
5E1 II	2005	0	0.2450	1 0204
	2006	0.245	0.2430	1.0204
5E2 1	2005	0.000	0 1225	2 0409
5E3 1	2007	0.245	0.1223	2.0408

5E10 I	2006	0.000	0 1564	1.5988
	2007	0.156	0.1304	
5E10 II	2006	0.000	0 1547	1.6158
JEIUII	2007	0.155	0.1347	
5E30 I	2000	0		3.3308
	2001	0.158		
	2003	0.027	0.0751	
	2005	0.039		
	2007	0.161		
5E30 II	2006	0	0 1902	1 2940
	2007	0.180	0.1803	1.3809

### **Evaluation of Traffic Data**

In this project, equivalent single axle loads (ESALs) for each mixture were calculated based on the traffic information obtained from the MDOT TMIS. The traffic level for each mixture type is shown in **Table 11**. It is assumed that the pavement will fail and need maintenance when the accumulated field traffic reaches the designed traffic level. The design pavement life (known as design life index) can be calculated using following equation:

Design Life Index: 
$$\frac{ESALs_{Allow}}{ESALs_{Actual}}$$

where,

Design Life Index: An index indicated the theoretical pavement life based on design, year;

ESALs Allow: Designed asphalt mixture's traffic level, ESALs; and

ESALs <sub>Actual</sub>: Actual traffic level in that area, ESALs/year.

The designed life index of each mixture is shown in

Table 12. It is notable that the larger value in design life index indicated the pavement will last longer based on the design. This information will be used as a reference when developing the trial dynamic modulus and flow number specification.

# Table 11 Traffic Level for each Mixture Type

Mixture Type	Designed Traffic Level, ESALs
E1	1 million
E3	3 millions
E10	10 millions
E30	30 millions

# Table 12 Field Traffic Level and Design Life Index

Mix Name/ Type	Field Traffic Level, ESALs <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Designed Traffic Level, ESALs	Design Life Index
3E10 I	4.05E+05	1.00E+07	23.74
3E10 II	9.59E+04	1.00E+07	100.26
3E30 I	2.03E+05	3.00E+07	142.10
4E3 I	3.27E+04	3.00E+06	88.21
4E3 II	1.71E+04	3.00E+06	168.69
4E10 I	1.44E+05	1.00E+07	66.77
4E10 II	9.59E+04	1.00E+07	100.26
4E30 I	8.44E+05	3.00E+07	34.18
4E30 II	7.80E+05	3.00E+07	36.98
5E1 II	4.91E+03	1.00E+06	195.83
5E3 1	3.72E+04	3.00E+06	77.54
5E10 I	9.63E+04	1.00E+07	99.85
5E10 II	1.30E+05	1.00E+07	73.96
5E30 I	4.06E+05	3.00E+07	71.05
5E30 II	4.94E+05	3.00E+07	58.39

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equivalent single axle loads

### **Development of Trial Dynamic Modulus Specification**

In this project, the trial specification criteria of dynamic modulus were developed based on field rutting performance and contractor warranty criteria. The rutting performance in the field was shown in a previous section by using the term called Theoretical Pavement Rutting Life Index (TPRLI). In this section, the Actual Life Index was used; incorporating contractor warranty criteria and dynamic modulus test results to develop the SPT specification. The contractor warranty for the pavement is summarized in Table 13[73].

Warranty Period	Work Type	
	Chip Seal	
2 years	Micro-Surfacing	
	Crack Treatment	
	Non-Structural Overlays	
3 years	Cold Mill and Resurfacing	
	Hot-in-place Recycling	
	Repair/ Rehabilitate	
5 years	Reconstruction	
	Multiple Overlays	

 Table 13 Contractor Warranty for Asphalt Pavement

The contractor warranty for asphalt pavement was used as the quality control and quality assurance (QC/QA) to ensure the performance of the mixture. Based on the information from MDOT [74], most of the mixture tested in this project were milling and re-surfacing, and only a few mixtures are overlays. Hence, in this report, a 2 year warranty period was chosen as the one for the design criteria in the SPT development.

The 2 year design period was compared with the TPRLI and two category mixtures were defined as: 1) mixtures that meet the warranty, and; 2) mixtures that do not meet the warranty. These two categories are shown in

Table 14 and Table 15, respectively.

TPRLI
8.75
7.02
5.88
4.08
4.08
3.96
3.33
2.80
2.38
2.04

**Table 14 Mixtures That Meet the Warranty Specification** 

 Table 15 Mixtures That do not meets the Warranty Specification

Mixture Type	TPRLI
4E3 I	1.83
5E10 II	1.60
5E10 I	1.62
5E30 II	1.39
5E1 II	1.02

Table 14 and Table 15 were used as a reference to evaluate the qualification of mixtures in developing the minimum allowable  $|E^*|$ . It is noteworthy that the modulus values of asphalt mixtures generally increase (stiffen) from a base layer (mixture with NMAS = 3) to a leveling layer (mixture with NMAS = 4) and from a leveling layer to a surface layer (mixture with NMAS = 5). The increasing layer stiffness mainly arises from layered elastic pavement design and generally from the use of lower quality materials deeper in a pavement system as compared to higher quality asphalt materials at the surface. A substantial amount of detail regarding this topic is found elsewhere [75]. The general trend of this design was followed during the development of minimum allowable  $|E^*|$  values. A sample of developing the minimum allowable  $|E^*|$  is shown in this study using the test results at T<sub>eff rutting</sub> (39.2°C) and 0.1Hz. First,  $|E^*|$  values

were divided into two categories as shown in Table 16, and then the minimum allowable  $|E^*|$  was defined based on these categories. A sample procedure of selecting the minimum allowable  $|E^*|$  is shown as follows:

### Scenario 1:

For mixtures with a traffic level  $\leq 1$  million ESALs (E1 mixture), only one mixture type is available (5E1). In this case, the minimum |E\*| criteria is justified based on |E\*| value of 5E1, and E3 mixtures. It is observed that the |E\*| of 5E1 is 493MPa at 1.02 TPRLI, |E\*| for 4E3 I is 558MPa at 1.83 TPRLI, and |E\*| of 4E3 II is 495MPa at 2.3 TPRLI. Typically, the performance of pavements is affected by the construction and traffic volume as well. It was suspected that poor construction might have occurred for mixture 5E1 II because it has a low TPRLI and has low traffic volume (based on Table 12) as well. For 4E3 I and 4E3 II, it is observed that TPRLI for 4E3 I is lower than 4E3 II and this probably can be explained because the traffic volume for 4E3 I is much higher than 4E3 II. In order to prevent rutting for E1 mixtures, |E\*| for E3 mixtures were used. In this case, minimum |E\*| for E1 mixtures was justified by having the lower E3 mixture's |E\*|, which is 495MPa for both 4E1 and 5E1.

#### Scenario 2:

For mixture with traffic level  $\leq$  3 million ESALs (E3 mixture), It is observed that |E\*| for 5E3 I is 568MPa at 2.04 TPRLI (slightly above the contractor warranty criteria). It is also observed that 4E3 I has a similar traffic volume compared to 5E3 I, however, the TRRLI for 4E3 I is much lower than 5E3 I. For mixtures with the same design traffic volume, it is ideal to have a similar |E\*| to resist rutting. Even though the TPRLI for 4E3 II is higher than the contractor warranty

criteria, the traffic volume for 4E3 II is much lower than both 4E3 I and 5E3 I. Hence for this case, the minimum  $|E^*|$  is rationalized by using  $|E^*|$  of 568 MPa as the minimum limit for both 4E3 and 5E3 mixtures.

### Scenario 3

For mixtures with a traffic level  $\leq 10$  million ESALs (E10 mixture), minimum |E\*| criteria were selected based on 3E10 I, 3E10 II, 4E10 I, 5E10 I and 5E10 II mixtures. For the 3E10 mixture type, it is observed that the |E\*| for 3E10 I is 716MPa with 5.88 TPRLI, and the |E\*| for 3E10 II is 432 with 4.08 TPRLI. It is also observed that the traffic volume for 3E10 I is much higher than 3E10 II. Based on the traffic volume, it can be explained that the |E\*| for 3E10 I is much higher than 3E10 II; and at the same time TPRLI for 3E10 I is slightly higher than 3E10 II. It is assumed that the TPRLI is reduced when |E\*| is decreased. The minimum |E\*| in this case is justified to be slightly lower than |E\*| of 3E10 I. Additionally, the ideal |E\*| for E10 mixtures should be higher than E3 mixtures (compare to |E\*| of 5E3). Hence, |E\*| for 3E10 mixture is selected slightly higher than E3 mixtures, and slightly lower than 3E10 I. An |E\*| of 600MPa for 3E10 mixture level is selected in this case.

For the 4E10 mixture type, it is observed that 4E10 I has a high TPRLI and  $|E^*|$ , and slightly higher traffic volume compared to 3E10 II. The justification of selecting the minimum  $|E^*|$  in this case is similar to 3E10. As mentioned earlier, the stiffness of an asphalt mixture should increase from a base layer to a leveling layer. Hence, a slightly higher criterion will be selected for 4E30 mixtures. In this case,  $|E^*|$  of 650MPa was selected.

For the 5E10 mixture type, both mixtures sampled and tested– 5E10 I and 5E10 II do not meet the minimum warranty criteria, and they have lower traffic volume compared to both 4E10

I and 3E10 I. It is suspected that poor production quality could have occurred for both 5E10 I and 5E10 II mixtures. Thus in this case,  $|E^*|$  value of 650MPa, which is the same as the 4E10 criteria, is used as the minimum requirement.

### Scenario 4

For mixtures with a traffic level  $\leq$  30 million ESALs, minimum |E\*| criteria were selected based on 3E30 I, 4E30 II, 4E10 I, 5E30 I and 5E30 II. It is observed that the |E\*| for 3E30 is 806MPa and has a high TPRLI of 7.02. Based on the traffic volume of 3E30 I, it is observed that traffic volume for 3E30 I is much lower than 3E10 I, and the high TPRLI can be explained because 3E30 I has higher |E\*| and lower traffic volume at the same time compared to 3E10 I. Ideally, |E\*| value should increase when designed traffic level increases. In this case, |E\*| for 3E30 I was selected as the minimum |E\*| required. This value can be adjusted when more data becomes available.

For the 4E30 and 5E30 mixture types, it is observed that traffic volume for 4E30 II is much higher than 5E30 I and 5E30 II. Based on 5E30 II, it is observed that  $|E^*|$  of 984MPa does not meet the contractor warranty limit (at similar traffic volume of 5E30 I). Thus, it is apparent that the minimum  $|E^*|$  for 4E30 and 5E30 have to be higher than 984MPa. It is observed that the TPRLI for 5E30 I is lower than 4E30 II, and  $|E^*|$  of 5E30 I is higher than 4E30II, and the traffic volume of 5E30 I is lower than 4E30 II. Hence, it is assumed that construction for 4E30 II is better than 5E30 I. E30 mixtures are usually designed for high volume traffic (with traffic volume up to 30 million ESALs). 4E30 II has a high traffic volume, and has TPRLI of 3.96 which it is higher than contractor warranty limit. Hence, the minimum  $|E^*|$  can be justified as

selecting a  $|E^*|$  value slightly lower than the  $|E^*|$  of 4E30 II. In this case,  $|E^*|$  of 1450MPa is selected for both 4E30 and 5E30 mixture types.

Table 16 Dynamic Modulus for HMA Mixtures that meet Warranty Criteria and did notmeet Warranty Criteria at 39.2°C and 0.1Hz

Comments	Mixture Type	Dynamic Modulus,
		MPa
	3E10 I	716
	3E10 II	432
	3E30 I	806
Mixtures that meet Warranty	4E3 II	495
Criteria	4E10 I	974
	4E30 II	1547
	5E3 1	568
	5E30 I	1855
	4E3 I	558
Minturnes that mat most	5E1 II	493
Warranty Critaria	5E10 I	473
warranty Citteria	5E10 II	435
	5E30 II	984
No field conformance Decult	4E1	716
No field performance Result	5E1 I	432



Figure 38 Specification of Dynamic Modulus at Various Traffic Levels and Aggregate Sizes

A summary of allowable  $|E^*|$  values are shown in Figure 38. It is noteworthy that the objective of this study is to try to relate the measured  $|E^*|$  to the field rutting data. A more general  $|E^*|$  based criteria can only be developed when additional mixtures are tested and the criteria validated through field performance data.

A similar method could be used to define the minimum and/or maximum allowable  $|E^*|$  at each temperature and each frequency. The sigmoidal master curve technique could also be used to establish all these minimum and/or maximum allowable  $|E^*|$  into one single curve for various distresses including fatigue and thermal cracking. However, for brevity, the authors have elected to limit the paper to rutting. For example, a maximum  $|E^*|$  value should be specified for thermal cracking whereas a range of  $|E^*|$  values should be considered acceptable for fatigue cracking [76]. A sample sigmoidal master curve using all the minimum and/or maximum allowable  $|E^*|$  values for a 3E10 HMA mixture was constructed using the reference temperature of 21.3°C and is shown in Figure 39. All other master curves, including mixtures with 4% and 7% air void level were constructed using the reference temperature of -5°C and are shown in Figure 40 to Figure 59. It is recommended that all the future mixtures should be tested at 3

different temperatures (range from -5°C to 40°C) and 5 different frequencies (range from 0.1Hz to 25Hz). A sigmoidal master curve should be constructed and compared with the master curve using the minimum E\* criteria in this project. It is suggested that all the master curves should be constructed using the reference temperature of -5°C and the curve should be higher than the desired master curve using the minimum E\* criteria in this project.





Temperature of 21.3°C



## Figure 40 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 3E10 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.2223
ά	2.2369
β	-3.5632
γ	0.6759
a	0.0003
b	-0.1123
c	2.4275

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.5239
55.4	-2.8941
70.34	-4.0215
102.56	-6.0082



Figure 41 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 3E10 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.3545
ά	2.0665
β	-2.6820
γ	0.6816
a	0.0000
b	-0.0678
с	1.5466

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.0739
55.4	-2.1350
70.34	-3.1022
102.56	-5.1511



Figure 42 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 3E30 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.1082
ά	2.3814
β	-2.6435
γ	0.5508
a	0.0001
b	-0.0700
c	1.5784

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.0749
55.4	-2.1194
70.34	-3.0556
102.56	-4.9867



Figure 43 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 3E30 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.1082
ά	2.3814
β	-2.6435
γ	0.5508
a	0.0001
b	-0.0700
c	1.5784

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.0749
55.4	-2.1194
70.34	-3.0556
102.56	-4.9867



Figure 44 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E1 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.5466
ά	1.8752
β	-2.7874
γ	0.7653
a	0.0001
b	-0.0868
c	1.9196

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.2598
55.4	-2.4432
70.34	-3.4670
102.56	-5.4542



Figure 45 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E1 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.4565
ά	1.9119
β	-2.3894
γ	0.7179
a	0.0002
b	-0.0837
c	1.8404

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.1949
55.4	-2.3061
70.34	-3.2566
102.56	-5.0640


Figure 46 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E3 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.4233
ά	2.0586
β	-3.2097
γ	0.6506
a	0.0004
b	-0.1255
С	2.6675

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.6157
55.4	-3.0138
70.34	-4.1104
102.56	-5.8456



Figure 47 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E3 at 7% Air Void Level

Note:	Master	Curve	Parameter:
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Constant	Value
δ	4.4948
ά	1.8910
β	-3.3604
γ	0.5897
a	0.0006
b	-0.1574
c	3.3154

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.9697
55.4	-3.6372
70.34	-4.9072
102.56	-6.7715



Figure 48 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E10 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.5488
ά	2.0095
β	-3.1735
γ	0.5434
a	0.0005
b	-0.1493
c	3.1564

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.8887
55.4	-3.5010
70.34	-4.7429
102.56	-6.6209



Figure 49 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E10 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.5079
ά	1.9702
β	-2.9992
γ	0.5299
a	0.0004
b	-0.1266
c	2.7165

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.6781
55.4	-3.1617
70.34	-4.3575
102.56	-6.3736



Figure 50 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E30 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	3.7702
ά	2.7254
β	-4.6031
γ	0.5041
a	-0.0004
b	-0.0403
c	1.1409

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.0598
55.4	-3.6566
70.34	-6.9303
102.56	-7.4831



Figure 51 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 4E30 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.5274
ά	2.0042
β	-2.8580
γ	0.4778
a	0.0003
b	-0.1161
c	2.5227

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.6008
55.4	-3.0561
70.34	-4.2692
102.56	-6.4643



Figure 52 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E1 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.6476
ά	1.7194
β	-2.3465
γ	0.7428
a	0.0003
b	-0.1044
C	2 2230

Note:	Master	Curve	Parameter:
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Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.3526
55.4	-2.5290
70.34	-3.4578
102.56	-4.9507



Figure 53 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E1 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.6476
ά	1.7194
β	-2.3465
γ	0.7428
a	0.0003
b	-0.1044
c	2.2230

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.3526
55.4	-2.5290
70.34	-3.4578
102.56	-4.9507



Figure 54 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E3 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.6771
ά	1.7401
β	-2.5643
γ	0.7240
a	0.0004
b	-0.1132
c	2.4019

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.4509
55.4	-2.7026
70.34	-3.6804
102.56	-5.2128



Figure 55 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E3 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.6014
ά	1.7526
β	-2.5013
γ	0.6852
a	0.0003
b	-0.1093
c	2.3346

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.4296
55.4	-2.6816
70.34	-3.6789
102.56	-5.3158



Figure 56 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E10 at 4% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.2032
ά	2.3653
β	-3.6560
γ	0.5996
a	0.0004
b	-0.1300
с	2.7800

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.7052
55.4	-3.2013
70.34	-4.3958
102.56	-6.3667



Figure 57 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E10 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.2769
ά	2.2372
β	-3.4896
γ	0.5768
a	0.0005
b	-0.1464
c	3.0853

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.8359
55.4	-3.3931
70.34	-4.5822
102.56	-6.3397



Figure 58 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E30 at 4% Air Void Level

Note: 1	Master	Curve	Parameter:
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Constant	Value
δ	4.5577
ά	2.0472
β	-3.0249
γ	0.4920
a	0.0004
b	-0.1275
c	2.7448

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.7087
55.4	-3.2318
70.34	-4.4719
102.56	-6.6088



Figure 59 Master Curve for Minimum Required Dynamic Modulus of 5E30 at 7% Air Void Level

Constant	Value
δ	4.6226
ά	1.9538
β	-2.7080
γ	0.4946
a	0.0003
b	-0.1118
c	2.4291

Temperature (°F)	Log (aT)
23	0.0000
39.2	-1.5389
55.4	-2.9357
70.34	-4.0978
102.56	-6.1924

### **Development of Trial Flow Number Specification**

A similar approach in developing the specification criteria of  $|E^*|$  was used in developing the trial flow number specification. Since not all the flow number tests underwent tertiary flow, the slope of the secondary stage during the flow number test was considered for evaluation. The TPRLI was used in this section; incorporating contractor warranty criteria and flow number results to develop the trial SPT specification. Table 17 and Table 18 shows the ranking of mixtures (4% and 7% air void level) based on the flow number slope.

Table 17	' Ranking of Mix	ture with 4% Ai	r Void Level based	on Flow Number	Slope at
45°C					

	4% Air Void Level		
Descriptors	Average	Standard Deviation	
5E30 I	0.0401	0.0130	
4E30 II	0.2372	0.0833	
4E3 II	0.3921	0.2730	
3E30 I	0.9782	0.1723	
4E10 I	1.3596	0.0181	
3E10I	5.7866	1.2779	
3E10 II	13.0318	1.4058	
5E1 II	24.9128	1.5759	
5E3 I	33.2563	9.2458	
4E1 I	34.8156	5.2335	
5E1 I	40.6422	25.3791	

Table 18 Ranking of Mixture with 4% Air Void Level based on Flow Number Slope at45°C

	7% Air Void Level		
Descriptors	Average	Standard Deviation	
5E30 I	0.0374	0.0108	
4E30 II	0.8471	0.1429	
3E30 I	3.3515	0.5221	
4E3 II	4.0470	-	
3E10I	12.5223	0.2037	
5E1 I	20.0745	24.1038	
3E10 II	38.6647	2.1836	
5E3 I	64.0833	25.5252	
5E1 II	66.6397	29.2130	
4E1 I	89.3230	8.7479	

Table 10 in the previous section was used as the reference for determining the flow number criteria. Again, a two year warranty period was chosen as the one for the design criteria in the SPT development. A maximum flow number slope was developed based on the Rank index for each mixture type. Flow number was also back-calculated using the equation generated in Figure 36, as shown below:

### Flow Number = 31753 × FN<sub>Stope</sub> -1001

A summary of maximum flow number slope and minimum flow number criteria are shown in Table 19 and Table 20. It is recommended that all the future mixtures should be tested at a temperature of 45°C.

		Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size			
	Traffic Level	3	4	5	
Maximum	E1		20.00	20.00	
Flow Number Slope	E3		10.00	10.00	
	E10	5.50	5.00	5.00	
	E30	1.00	1.00	0.50	
	E1		830	830	
Minimum Flow Number	E3		1600	1600	
	E10	2850	3100	3100	
	E30	14700	14700	2860	

Table 19 Flow Number Criteria for Mixture with 4% Air Void Level

Table 20 Flow Number Criteria for Mixture with 7% Air Void Level

		Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size			
	Traffic Level	3	4	5	
Maximum Flow Number Slope	<b>E</b> 1		40.00	40.00	
	E3		35.00	35.00	
	E10	30.00	30.00	30.00	
	E30	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Minimum Flow Number	E1		430	430	
	E3		480	480	
	E10	560	560	560	
	E30	3900	3900	3900	

#### **CHAPTER 6: SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has successfully implemented the Superpave volumetric mixture design procedure. Yet, a number of studies have shown that the Superpave volumetric mixture design method alone is insufficient to ensure reliable mixture performance over a wide range of traffic and climatic conditions. The development of an SPT and corresponding performance criteria has been the focus of considerable research efforts in the past several years. In fact, some aspects of the tests have been available for decades, such as the dynamic modulus test of hot mix asphalt. The objectives of this study were:

- 1. Using the SPT, conduct a laboratory study to measure parameters including the dynamic modulus terms ( $E^*/sin\varphi$  and  $E^*$ ) and the flow number (Fn) for typical Michigan HMA mixtures;
- 2. Correlate the results of the laboratory study to field performance as they relate to flexible pavement performance (rutting, fatigue, and low temperature cracking); and
- 3. Make recommendations for the SPT criteria at specific traffic levels (e.g. E3, E10, E30), including recommendations for a draft test specification for use in Michigan.

The current report focuses intensely on rutting performance criteria. Hence, a summary and recommendations from this preliminary SPT development project are reported as follows:

1. The effective temperature was calculated at each Michigan Department of Transportation region: Superior Region, North Region, Grand Region, Bay Region, Southwest Region,

University Region and Metro Region. An average of  $T_{eff rutting}$ , 45°C, computed from each region, was used as the  $F_N$  test temperature.

- 2. It was found that using the traditional  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  calculation was not appropriate for the state of Michigan. In this report, the  $\sigma_{MAAT}$  was calculated based on historical MAAT<sub>Average</sub> from each month in a year.
- 3. Dynamic modulus values within the range of 50-100 micro-strains are lower as compared to 100-150 micro-strain level. The literature reviews suggested that the strain level should be controlled between 50 to 100 micro-strains to maintain the material's viscoelastic behavior.
- 4. Based on the test results, the dynamic modulus increases with a decrease in asphalt content, a decrease in air voids, and a decrease in compaction effort. The dynamic modulus increases when the temperature is decreased and the frequency is increased. Additionally, the dynamic modulus increases when the asphalt viscosity increases.
- 5. The dynamic modulus is higher at a higher design traffic level. This indicates that a mixture with a higher modulus is able to better resist rutting than a mixture with a lower modulus value.
- Based on the dynamic modulus test results, |E\*| alone was found to be more suitable in developing the draft specification.
- 7. In this project, the draft specifications for dynamic modulus were developed based on field rutting performance and contractor warranty criteria. A 2-year warranty period was chosen as the design criteria in the SPT development. The minimum dynamic modulus values were selected at each frequency at each temperature based on the test results developed for this study. The sigmoidal master curve technique was used to develop

minimum criteria for a single master curve criteria for the various mix sizes and trafficking levels. All the master curves, including mixtures with 4% and 7% air void levels, were constructed using the reference temperature of -5°C. These master curves can be used as the preliminary dynamic modulus criteria for the State of Michigan.

- 8. It is recommended that all the future mixtures should test at 3 different temperatures (range from -5°C to 40°C) and 5 different frequencies (range from 0.1Hz to 25Hz). A sigmoidal master curve should be constructed and compared with the master curve using the minimum E\* criteria suggested. Additionally, it is suggested that all the master curves should be constructed using the reference temperature of -5°C and the curves constructed should be higher than the desired master curve using the minimum E\* criteria in this project.
- 9. For flow number testing, a simple stepwise approach to determine flow number was developed. The stepwise approach provides a practical and consistent method to determine the initiation of tertiary flow. This approach used a smoothing technique to give a stepwise increasing trend. The flow number was defined as the minimum point of strain rate versus load cycle number using the new modified data point.
- 10. In order to validate the applicability of the proposed approach, this method was also compared with existing methods: Three-Stage model [62], FNest method [70], and the mathematical product of creep stiffness times cycles versus cycles approach [69]. The R-square ≥0.98 was derived from these comparisons and indicated that these methods have shown an excellent correlation with the proposed stepwise method. A comparison of the stepwise method and the traditional method were performed as well. The results show that the correlation between stepwise and traditional methods was fair (R-square=0.60).

However, it was noteworthy that the traditional method may provide a misleading flow number due to some deceptive data points.

- 11. In this project, flow number and flow number slope were used to evaluate the trial SPT criteria based on field rutting performance and contractor warranty criteria. It is recommended that 45°C should be used as test temperature. The maximum flow number slope and minimum flow number were developed for each mixture type. These values will be used as the preliminary flow number criteria for the state of Michigan.
- 12. The rate of deformation was also evaluated and compared with the flow number. An excellent relationship (R-square=0.96) was found between rate of deformation and flow number. The result also indicated that the rate of deformation from the stepwise approach can be used to compute the flow number.

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### **APPENDIX 1: PROJECT'S JOB MIX FORMULA**

## **Project:** Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

<b>Project Information</b>	
Project No.	34519A
Location:	US-23/M-59 Interchange
Traffic Level:	E10
Agg. Type:	Limestone
Mix Size:	3
Gradation:	Coarse

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.485	
Gmb	2.41	
Gb	1.027	
Gse	2.718	
Gsb	2.652	

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	99.9
1/2 (12.5)	88.2
3/8 (9.5)	72.6
#4 (4.75)	49.1
#8 (2.36)	31.8
#16 (1.18)	20.7
#30 (.60)	14.5
#50 (.30)	9.9
#100 (.15)	6.3
#200 (.075)	4.6
1/2 * 3/8	33
3/4 * 1/2	25
Man. Sand	15
Man. Sand	12
RAP	15

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Marathon Det.	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	58-22	
Asphalt Content:	5.7	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives (%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	45.5	
Dust Corr.:	0.4	
1 Face Crush (%):	98.1	
2 Face Crush (%):	97.7	
Volumetric		
VMA:	14.3	
VFA:	78.9	
AV:	3	
F/Pbe:	0.96	
Pbe:	4.79	

## **Project:** US-23/ M- 59 Brighton

Project Information	
Project No.	47064 A
Location:	Michigan Ave.
Traffic Level:	E10
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	3
Gradation:	Coarse

<b>Specific Gravities</b>	
Gmm	2.496
Gmb	2.419
Gb	1.025
Gse	2.725
Gsb	2.634

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	85.3
3/8 (9.5)	71
#4 (4.75)	43.8
#8 (2.36)	25.9
#16 (1.18)	17.5
#30 (.60)	13.3
#50 (.30)	9.6
#100 (.15)	6.8
#200 (.075)	5.3
#4's	33
1/2"	25
Man. Sand	15
Man. Sand Sora	12
RAP	15

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Marathon Det.	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	58-22	
Asphalt Content:	5.6	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives (%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	45.4	
Dust Corr.:	0	
1 Face Crush (%):	99.3	
2 Face Crush (%):	98.8	
Volumetric		
VMA:	13.3	
VFA:	76.7	
AV:	3.1	
F/Pbe:	1.2	
Pbe:	4.42	

# **Project:** Vandyke, Detroit

<b>Project Information</b>	
Project No.	46273A
	M 53/28 Mi to 31 Mi
Location:	Rd.
Traffic Level:	E30
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	3
Gradation:	Coarse

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	5.577
Gmb	2.495
Gb	1.031
Gse	2.81
Gsb	2.769

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	98.9
1/2 (12.5)	90
3/8 (9.5)	83.9
#4 (4.75)	66.6
#8 (2.36)	43.7
#16 (1.18)	30.5
#30 (.60)	21.2
#50 (.30)	11
#100 (.15)	6.2
#200 (.075)	4.3
2NS	15
HL3	8
Otr	43
Mfg. Sand	15
6A	19
RAP	N/A

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Marathon Det.	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	64-22	
Asphalt Content:	5.2	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	45.5	
Dust Corr.:	0.4	
1 Face Crush (%):	98.4	
2 Face Crush (%):	98.4	
Volumetric		
VMA:	14.6	
VFA:	78.2	
AV:	3.2	
F/Pbe:	0.86	
Pbe:	5	

## **Project:** M - 26 Trimountain

Project Information	
Project No.	53244A
Location:	Hancock
Traffic Level:	E1
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	4
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.496	
Gmb	2.396	
Gb	1.025	
Gse	2.718	
Gsb	2.674	

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	93.9
3/8 (9.5)	85
#4 (4.75)	64.8
#8 (2.36)	51
#16 (1.18)	36.2
#30 (.60)	26.7
#50 (.30)	15.4
#100 (.15)	6.9
#200 (.075)	4.7
Crushed 1 Face	90.5

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Murphy Oil	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	52-34	
Asphalt Content:	4.4	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives (%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	43.6	
Dust Corr.:	0.4	
1 Face Crush (%):	90.5	
2 Face Crush (%):	N/A	
Volume	etric	
VMA:	15.2	
VFA:	73.7	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1	
Pbe:	N/A	

## **Project:** M – 52, Lansing

<b>Project Information</b>	
Project No.	60476A
Location:	Lansing, Michigan
Traffic Level:	E3
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	4
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.489	
Gmb	2.39	
Gb	1.031	
Gse	2.716	
Gsb	2.651	

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 1/2" (37.5)	100
1" (25)	100
3/4" (19)	100
1/2" (12.5)	98.7
3/8" (9.5)	86.6
#4 (4.75)	71.8
#8 (2.36)	51.4
#16 (1.18)	36.1
#30 (.60)	25.5
#50 (.30)	14.7
#100 (.15)	7.7
#200 (.075)	5.4
Crushed 1 Face	89.1
Crushed 2 Face	85.9

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	Asphalt Informati	Asphalt Information	
	Asphallt Source(PG):	ABS8505	
	Asphalt Grade (PG):	64-28	
	Asphalt Content:	5.57	
)	Asphalt Additives:	N/A	
	Asphalt Additives (%):	4.9	
	SuperPave Consensus P	SuperPave Consensus Properties	
j.	Angularity (%):	44.9	
	Dust Corr.:	N/A	
	1 Face Crush (%):	89.1	
Percent	2 Face Crush (%):	85.9	
	Volumetric	Volumetric	
	VMA:	14.3	
	VFA:	14.9	
	AV:	73.1	
	F/Pbe:	1.1	
	Pbe:	N/A	

## **Project:** M - 90, Lexington

Project Information	
Project No.	45440A
Location:	Port Huron
Traffic Level:	E3
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	4
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	2.474
Gmb	2.349
Gb	N/A
Gse	2.719
Gsb	2.658

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 1/2" (37.5)	100
1" (25)	100
3/4" (19)	100
1/2" (12.5)	99.1
3/8" (9.5)	89.6
#4 (4.75)	74.9
#8 (2.36)	56.2
#16 (1.18)	38.6
#30 (.60)	26.8
#50 (.30)	16.5
#100 (.15)	8.7
#200 (.075)	5.6
Crushed 1 Face	96.5
Crushed 2 Face	N/A
Asphalt	6
3/8 * 0	18
5/8 * 3/8	18
MFG Sand	64

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Marathon Det.	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	64-28	
Asphalt Content:	N/A	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	48.1	
Dust Corr.:	0.5	
1 Face Crush (%):	96.5	
2 Face Crush (%):	N/A	
Volumetric		
VMA:	16	
VFA:	75	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1.1	
Pbe:	N/A	
# **Project:** M - 53 Detroit, 8 Mile Road, Detroit

<b>Project Information</b>		
Project No.	52804A/52805A	
	M-53/M-3 to M-	
Location:	102	
Traffic Level:	E10	
Agg. Type:	N/A	
Mix Size:	4	
Gradation:	Coarse	

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.553	
Gmb	2.451	
Gb	1.035	
Gse	2.796	
Gsb	2.738	

	Gradation
Sieve Size	Percent
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	98.6
3/8 (9.5)	86.7
#4 (4.75)	51.1
#8 (2.36)	29.3
#16 (1.18)	19.7
#30 (.60)	14
#50 (.30)	9.5
#100 (.15)	6.1
#200 (.075)	4.5
1/2"	33
4 * 3/8"	25
Otr Sand	15
HL3	12
RAP	4

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):		Marathon Det.
Asphalt Grade (PG):		70-22
Asphalt Content:		5.6
Asphalt Additives:		None
Asphalt Additives		
(%):		N/A
SuperPave C	onsensus Pi	coperties
Angularity (%):		45.9
Dust Corr.:		N/A
1 Face Crush (%):		95.6
2 Face Crush (%):		92.8
Vo	olumetric	
VMA:		15.5
VFA:		74.2
AV:		4
F/Pbe:		0.99
Pbe:		4.55

# **Project:** 8 mile Road, Detroit Michigan

<b>Project Information</b>		
Project No.	45164A	
Location:	Utica(Detroit)	
Traffic Level:	E30	
Agg. Type:	N/A	
Mix Size:	4	
Gradation:	N/A	

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.554	
Gmb	2.439	
Gb	N/A	
Gse	2.785	
Gsb	2.728	

	Gradation
Sieve Size	Percent
1 1/2" (37.5)	100
1" (25)	100
3/4" (19)	100
1/2" (12.5)	99
3/8" (9.5)	87.3
#4 (4.75)	55.7
#8 (2.36)	29
#16 (1.18)	18.8
#30 (.60)	14
#50 (.30)	10
#100 (.15)	6.6
#200 (.075)	4.8
Crushed 1 Face	96.7
Crushed 2 Face	94
Asphalt	5.3
3/8 CLEAR	17
1/2" x 3/8"	21
Otr Sand	23
Mfg. Sand	21
1/2 "	18

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Marathon Det.	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	70-22	
Asphalt Content:	5.3	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives (%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	47.1	
Dust Corr.:	0	
1 Face Crush (%):	96.7	
2 Face Crush (%):	94	
Volumetric		
VMA:	15.3	
VFA:	70.6	
AV:	4.5	
F/Pbe:	1	
Pbe:	N/A	

## **Project:** M-26, Kearsarge St., Calumet

<b>Project Information</b>		
Project No.	53244A	
Location:	Houghton, Mi	
Traffic Level:	E1	
Agg. Type:	N/A	
Mix Size:	5	
Gradation:	N/A	

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.484	
Gmb	2.385	
Gb	1.029	
Gse	2.66	
Gsb	2.729	

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 1/2" (37.5)	100
1" (25)	100
3/4" (19)	100
1/2" (12.5)	100
3/8" (9.5)	95.2
#4 (4.75)	73.7
#8 (2.36)	54.7
#16 (1.18)	43.7
#30 (.60)	32.4
#50 (.30)	18.1
#100 (.15)	8.1
#200 (.075)	5.2
Crushed 1 Face	91.9
Crushed 2 Face	N/A

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	ABS4510	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	52-34	
Asphalt Content:	4.85	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consei	nsus Properties	
Angularity (%):	42.5	
Dust Corr.:	N/A	
1 Face Crush (%):	91.9	
2 Face Crush (%):	N/A	
Volumetric		
VMA:	15.68	
VFA:	74.5	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1.03	
Pbe:	N/A	

## **Project:** Mathy M38

<b>Project Information</b>		
Project No.	80168A	
Location:	M-38	
Traffic Level:	E1	
Agg. Type:	N/A	
Mix Size:	5	
Gradation:	N/A	

Specific Gravities		
Gmm	2.523	
Gmb	2.422	
Gb	1.026	
Gse	2.768	
Gsb	2.73	

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 1/2" (37.5)	100
1" (25)	100
3/4" (19)	100
1/2" (12.5)	100
3/8" (9.5)	93.6
#4 (4.75)	66.9
#8 (2.36)	54.4
#16 (1.18)	45.1
#30 (.60)	36.1
#50 (.30)	17.9
#100 (.15)	9
#200 (.075)	5.6
Crushed 1 Face	96.9
Crushed 2 Face	N/A

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	ABS4510	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	58-34	
Asphalt Content:	5.73	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	45.1	
Dust Corr.:	N/A	
1 Face Crush (%):	96.9	
2 Face Crush (%):	N/A	
Volumetric		
VMA:	16.38	
VFA:	75.6	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1.07	
Pbe:	N/A	

## Project: US 2 Bessemer, MI

<b>Project Information</b>	
Project No.	488344A
Location:	Bessemer, MI
Traffic Level:	E3
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	5
Gradation:	N/A

<b>Specific Gravities</b>	
Gmm	5.517
Gmb	2.416
Gb	1.027
Gse	2.769
Gsb	2.703

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	100
3/8 (9.5)	95.2
#4 (4.75)	72
#8 (2.36)	57.2
#16 (1.18)	40.9
#30 (.60)	25.4
#50 (.30)	11.8
#100 (.15)	7
#200 (.075)	4.4
#4's	86.8
1/2 x1/4"	25
Nat. Sand	39
3/8 Dense Washed	19
Man. Sand	22

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	Murphy Oil	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	58-34	
Asphalt Content:	5.91	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	43.9	
Dust Corr.:	0	
1 Face Crush (%):	86.8	
2 Face Crush (%):	N/A	
Volumetric		
VMA:	15.9	
VFA:	74.8	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1.08	
Pbe:	N/A	

# **Project:** Auburn Hill

Project Information	
Project No.	84049A
Location:	Auburn Hills, Mi
Traffic Level:	E10
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	5
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	2.473
Gmb	2.374
Gb	1.032
Gse	2.739
Gsb	2.637

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	99.5
3/8 (9.5)	97.4
#4 (4.75)	67.4
#8 (2.36)	37.5
#16 (1.18)	23.5
#30 (.60)	17.1
#50 (.30)	12
#100 (.15)	7.9
#200 (.075)	8.4
Crushed 1 Face	97.3
Crushed 2 Face	96.7
Man. Sand	30
Man. Sand #6	19
3/8x#4	25
31A	10

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):		Marathon Det.
Asphalt Grade (PG):		64-22
Asphalt Content:		5.66
Asphalt Additives:		None
Asphalt Additives		
(%):		N/A
SuperPave Con	sensus	Properties
Angularity (%):		45.8
Dust Corr.:		0
1 Face Crush (%):		97.3
2 Face Crush (%):		96.7
Volumetric		
VMA:		15.83
VFA:		74.73
AV:		4
F/Pbe:		1.25
Pbe:		N/A

## **Project:** Brighton

Project Information	
Project No.	83707A
Location:	Brighton, Mi
Traffic Level:	E10
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	5
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	2.469
Gmb	2.37
Gb	1.032
Gse	2.749
Gsb	2.619

	Gradation
Sieve Size	Percent
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	99.7
3/8 (9.5)	98.2
#4 (4.75)	88.2
#8 (2.36)	48.8
#16 (1.18)	26.5
#30 (.60)	17.4
#50 (.30)	11.8
#100 (.15)	7.6
#200 (.075)	6.2
Crushed 1 Face	98.2
Crushed 2 Face	98.1
RockWood Man.	
Sand	18
Sora Man. Sand	33
Sora 3/8x#4	29
3/8 4 Blasst Fumed	10

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):		Marathon Det.
Asphalt Grade (PG):		64-22
Asphalt Content:		6.31
Asphalt Additives:		None
Asphalt Additives		
(%):		N/A
SuperPave Co	onsensus	Properties
Angularity (%):		45.2
Dust Corr.:		0.4
1 Face Crush (%):		98.2
2 Face Crush (%):		98.1
Volumetric		
VMA:		15.68
VFA:		74.43
AV:		4
F/Pbe:		1.2
Pbe:		N/A

## **Project:** I - 75 Clarkston, Flint

Project Information	
Project No.	45446A
Location:	Clarkston, MI
Traffic Level:	E30
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	5
Gradation:	N/A

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	2.564
Gmb	2.463
Gb	N/A
Gse	2.828
Gsb	2.746

Sieve Size	<b>Gradation Percent</b>
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	100
3/8 (9.5)	97.5
#4 (4.75)	70.6
#8 (2.36)	42.6
#16 (1.18)	27.3
#30 (.60)	18.1
#50 (.30)	12.7
#100 (.15)	8.2
#200 (.075)	5.3
Crushed 1 Face	25
Crushed 2 Face	15
Man. Sand	20
HL1	10
3/8x4	10
Fish Lake	10
Lime Sand	15
Trap Sand	35

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	t and M Oil	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	70-22	
Asphalt Content:	6	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives (%):	N/A	
SuperPave Consensus Properties		
Angularity (%):	48.2	
Dust Corr.:	0	
1 Face Crush (%):	25	
2 Face Crush (%):	15	
Volumetric		
VMA:	15.7	
VFA:	74.7	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	N/A	
Pbe:	N/A	

# Project: I-75 Toledo

Project Information	
Project No.	74577A
Location:	Jan-75
Traffic Level:	E30
Agg. Type:	N/A
Mix Size:	5
Gradation:	Coarse

Specific Gravities	
Gmm	2.51
Gmb	2.409
Gb	1.029
Gse	2.737
Gsb	2.711

	Gradation
Sieve Size	Percent
1 (25)	100
3/4 (19)	100
1/2 (12.5)	100
3/8 (9.5)	95.4
#4 (4.75)	64.5
#8 (2.36)	36.4
#16 (1.18)	22.4
#30 (.60)	16.5
#50 (.30)	11.6
#100 (.15)	7.4
#200 (.075)	5.4
3/8x4	10
Man Sand	28
Fine Crush	10
Man. Sand	32
1/4 Chip	10
1/2 Clear	10

Asphalt Information		
Asphallt Source(PG):	6505 MPM Oil	
Asphalt Grade (PG):	70-22	
Asphalt Content:	5.4	
Asphalt Additives:	None	
Asphalt Additives		
(%):	N/A	
SuperPave Co	nsensus Properties	
Angularity (%):	46	
Dust Corr.:	0.4	
1 Face Crush (%):	98	
2 Face Crush (%):	96.1	
Volumetric		
VMA:	15.9	
VFA:	74.9	
AV:	4	
F/Pbe:	1.07	
Pbe:	5.05	

#### **APPENDIX 2: MIXTURE'S VOLUMETRIC PROPERTIES**

Mixture Type:3E10Project Location:US-23/M-59, BrightonMaximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:2.492

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-EST	2.447	1.80%
4-2	2.427	2.63%
4-3	2.431	2.44%
7-1	2.372	4.81%
7-2	2.361	5.25%
7-3	2.350	5.70%
10-1	2.284	8.37%
10-2	2.283	8.41%
10-3	2.296	7.89%

Mixture Type:	3E10
Project Location:	Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.499

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-4	2.437	2.47%
4-7	2.419	3.19%
4-9	2.416	3.31%
7-2	2.338	6.43%
7-4	2.334	6.61%
7-8	2.342	6.26%
10-1	2.266	9.34%
10-7	2.265	9.37%
10-9	2.241	10.31%

Mixture Type:	3E30
Project Location:	Vandyke, Detroit
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.606

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.489	4.50%
4-2	2.485	4.65%
4-3	2.478	4.94%
7-1	2.409	7.57%
7-2	2.394	8.16%
7-3	2.408	7.59%

Mixture Type:	4E1
Project Location:	M-26 Trimountain
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.494

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.423	2.85%
4-2	2.424	2.78%
4-3	2.428	2.63%
7-1	2.371	4.91%
7-2	2.359	5.40%
7-3	2.362	5.29%
10-1	2.285	8.38%
10-2	2.286	8.34%
10-3	2.304	7.59%

Mixture Type:	4E3
Project Location:	M-52, Lansing
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.493

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-A	2.395	3.91%
4-B	2.394	3.95%
4-C	2.395	3.91%
7-A	2.329	6.56%
7-B	2.325	6.74%
7-C	2.295	7.94%
10-A	2.255	9.54%
10-B	2.255	9.53%
10-C	2.254	9.57%

Mixture Type:	4E3
Project Location:	M-90, Lexington
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.432

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-2	2.417	0.61%
4-6	2.393	1.57%
4-8	2.381	2.07%
7-3	2.353	3.24%
7-4	2.348	3.44%
7-9	2.329	4.22%
10-1	2.247	7.59%
10-5	2.251	7.41%
10-8	2.240	7.87%

Mixture Type:	4E10
Project Location:	M-53/M-3 to M-102, Detroit
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.576

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.485	3.54%
4-2	2.494	3.19%
4-3	2.488	3.42%
4-4	2.474	3.98%
4-5	2.470	4.14%
4-6	2.493	3.22%
4-7	2.470	4.12%
4-8	2.492	3.28%
4-9	2.497	3.09%
7-2	2.430	5.67%
7-3	2.434	5.54%
7-4	2.445	5.11%
10-4	2.327	9.70%
10-3	2.361	8.35%
10-2	2.359	8.45%

Mixture Type:	4E30
Project Location:	8 Mile Road, Detroit
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.570

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.468	4.00%
4-2	2.474	3.77%
4-3	2.491	3.11%
7-1	2.409	6.28%
7-3	2.406	6.40%
7-4	2.404	6.49%
10-1	2.266	11.82%
10-2	2.268	11.77%
10-3	2.261	12.04%

Mixture Type:	5E1
Project Location:	M-26, Kearsarge St., Calumet
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.487

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-2	2.370	4.71%
4-3	2.381	4.26%
4-4	2.389	3.93%
7-1	2.338	5.99%
7-3	2.330	6.30%
7-4	2.331	6.27%
10-2	2.247	9.64%
10-3	2.246	9.69%
10-4	2.256	9.27%

Mixture Type:	5E1
Project Location:	M-38, Mathy
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.527

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-2	2.446	3.23%
4-4	2.424	4.10%
4-8	2.430	3.82%
7-1	2.367	6.32%
7-5	2.375	6.01%
7-7	2.371	6.19%
10-2	2.301	8.94%
10-4	2.302	8.93%
10-6	2.253	10.84%

Mixture Type:	5E3
Project Location:	US-2 Bessemer
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.565

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.415	5.89%
4-2	2.409	6.11%
4-3	2.418	5.76%
7-3	2.353	8.29%
7-4	2.360	8.02%
7-7	2.354	8.23%
10-2	2.284	10.96%
10-6	2.284	10.99%
10-7	2.262	11.82%

Mixture Type:	5E10
Project Location:	Auburn Hills
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.48

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
A4	2.368	4.53%
B4	2.369	4.49%
C4	2.367	4.57%
A7	2.308	6.94%
B7	2.299	7.30%
C7	2.297	7.36%
A10	2.244	9.53%
B10	2.238	9.75%
C10	2.235	9.87%

Mixture Type:	5E10
Project Location:	Brighton
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.4696

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
A4	2.365	4.24%
B4	2.376	3.80%
C4	2.365	4.22%
A7	2.293	7.15%
Β7	2.300	6.88%
C7	2.294	7.10%
A10	2.130	13.75%
B10	2.231	9.68%
C10	2.248	8.96%

Mixture Type:	5E30
Project Location:	I-75, Clarkston/Flint
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.581

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-1	2.454	4.93%
4-2	2.458	4.76%
4-6	2.451	5.01%
7-2	2.365	8.37%
7-7	2.379	7.82%
7-8	2.367	8.28%
10-1	2.313	10.38%
10-4	2.303	10.76%
10-7	2.294	11.12%

Mixture Type:	5E30
Project Location:	I-75 Toledo
Maximum Specific Gravity, Gmm:	2.506

Sample ID	Bulk Specific Gravity, Gmb	Measure Air Void Level
4-2	2.408	3.92%
4-3	2.402	4.15%
4-4	2.401	4.19%
7-1	2.321	7.37%
7-2	2.333	6.89%
7-6	2.309	7.86%
10-1	2.269	9.45%
10-3	2.265	9.63%
10-6	2.242	10.55%



#### **APPENDIX 3: DYNAMIC MODULUS TEST RESULTS**

Figure 60 Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 I (Project Location: M-59 Brighton) at 4% Air Void



Figure 61 Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 I (Project Location: M-59 Brighton) at 7% Air Void



Figure 62 Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 II (Project Location: Michigan Ave, Dearborn) at

4% Air Void Level



Figure 63 Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 II (Project Location: Michigan Ave, Dearborn) at

7% Air Void Level



Figure 64 Dynamic Modulus for 3E30 I (Project Location: Vandyke, Detroit) at 4% Air



Figure 65 Dynamic Modulus for 3E30 I (Project Location: Vandyke, Detroit) at 7% Air



Figure 66 Dynamic Modulus for 4E1 I (Project Location: Tri Mt., Hancock) at 4% Air



Figure 67 Dynamic Modulus for 4E1 I (Project Location: Tri Mt., Hancock) at 7% Air



Figure 68 Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 I (Project Location: Lansing, MI) at 4% Air Void



Figure 69 Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 I (Project Location: Lansing, MI) at 7% Air Void



Figure 70 Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 II (Project Location: Lexington) at 4% Air Void



Figure 71 Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 II (Project Location: Lexington) at 7% Air Void


Figure 72 Dynamic Modulus for 4E10 I (Project Location: M-53 Detroit) at 4% Air Void



Figure 73 Dynamic Modulus for 4E10 I (Project Location: M-53 Detroit) at 7% Air Void



Figure 74 Dynamic Modulus for 4E30 II (Project Location: 8 Mile Road) at 4% Air Void



Figure 75 Dynamic Modulus for 4E30 II (Project Location: 8 Mile Road) at 7% Air Void



Figure 76 Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 I (Project Location: M-26, Kearsarge St.) at 4% Air

Void Level



Figure 77 Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 I (Project Location: M-26, Kearsarge St.) at 7% Air

Void Level



Figure 78 Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 II (Project Location: M-38) at 4% Air Void Level



Figure 79 Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 II (Project Location: M-38) at 7% Air Void Level



Figure 80 Dynamic Modulus for 5E3 I (Project Location: Bessemer, MI) at 4% Air Void



Figure 81 Dynamic Modulus for 5E3 I (Project Location: Bessemer, MI) at 7% Air Void



Figure 82 Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 I (Project Location: Auburn Hills) at 4% Air Void



Figure 83 Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 I (Project Location: Auburn Hills) at 7% Air Void



Figure 84 Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 II (Project Location: Oregon, OH) at 4% Air Void



Figure 85 Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 II (Project Location: Oregon, OH) at 7% Air Void



Figure 86 Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 I (Project Location: I-75 Clarkston) at 4% Air Void



Figure 87 Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 I (Project Location: I-75 Clarkston) at 7% Air Void



Figure 88 Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 II (Project Location: I-75 Toledo) at 4% Air Void



Figure 89 Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 II (Project Location: I-75 Toledo) at 7% Air Void





Figure 90 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 I (Project Location: M-59 Brighton) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 91 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 I (Project Location: M-59 Brighton) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 92 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 II (Project Location: Michigan Ave, Dearborn) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 93 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E10 II (Project Location: Michigan Ave, Dearborn) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 94 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E30 I (Project Location: Vandyke, Detroit) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 95 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 3E30 I (Project Location: Vandyke, Detroit) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 96 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E1 I (Project Location: Tri Mt., Hancock) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 97** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E1 I (Project Location: Tri Mt., Hancock) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 98** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 I (Project Location: Lansing, MI) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 99** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 I (Project Location: Lansing, MI) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 100 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 II (Project Location: Lexington) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 101 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E3 II (Project Location: Lexington) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 102 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E10 I (Project Location: M-53 Detroit) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 103 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E10 I (Project Location: M-53 Detroit) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 104** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E30 II (Project Location: 8 Mile Rd) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 105 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 4E30 II (Project Location: 8 Mile Rd) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 106 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 I (Project Location: M-26, Kearsarge St.) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 107 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 I (Project Location: M-26, Kearsarge St.) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C


Figure 108 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 II (Project Location: M-38) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 109** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E1 II (Project Location: M-38) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 110 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E3 I (Project Location: Bessemer, MI) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 111 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E3 I (Project Location: Bessemer, MI) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 112 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 I (Project Location: Auburn Hills) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 113** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 I (Project Location: Auburn Hills) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 114** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 II (Project Location: Oregon, OH) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 115** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E10 II (Project Location: Oregon, OH) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 116** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 I (Project Location: I-75 Clarkston) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 117 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 I (Project Location: I-75 Clarkston) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



Figure 118 Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 II (Project Location: I-75 Toledo) Mixture with 4% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C



**Figure 119** Master Curve of Dynamic Modulus for 5E30 II (Project Location: I-75 Toledo) Mixture with 7% Air Void Level at the Reference Temperature of -5°C

## **APPENDIX 5: MINIMUM DYNAMIC MODULUS CRITERIA**

Table 21 Minimum	ı Dynamic	Modulus	Criteria for	• 4% Air	Void Level	Mixture at -5 °C
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Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
-5	25	23000	25000	22000	25000	27000	32000	18000	18000	26800	26800
-5	10	21000	23000	19000	21000	25000	28000	17000	17000	25000	25000
-5	5	20000	22000	18000	19500	22000	25000	15500	16000	24500	25000
-5	1	18000	22000	16000	18000	20000	24000	13000	14000	21500	22000
-5	0.5	17000	20000	14000	16000	18000	22000	11500	12000	20000	20000
-5	0.1	16000	18000	12500	13000	17500	17500	13000	14000	18000	19000

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
4	25	18000	20000	12500	17000	20500	23500	12500	12500	23500	23500
4	10	16000	18000	11000	16000	19500	21000	11000	11000	22000	22000
4	5	15000	17000	10000	14500	16000	18000	10000	10000	20000	20000
4	1	13000	15000	8500	12000	14500	16500	7500	7500	17500	17500
4	0.5	11000	13000	7500	11000	13500	18000	6500	6500	15500	15500
4	0.1	10000	12000	6000	8500	12500	15000	4500	4500	12500	13500

Table 22 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 4% Air Void Level Mixture at 4 °C

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
13	25	13000	15000	10000	11500	13500	15500	8500	9000	16500	16500
13	10	11000	13500	9000	10000	12000	14000	7000	7500	14500	14500
13	5	9500	11500	8000	9500	10500	12500	6000	6500	13500	13500
13	1	8000	10000	6000	7500	9000	11500	4000	5000	10500	10500
13	0.5	6500	8000	4500	6500	7500	10000	3500	3500	9000	9500
13	0.1	5000	7000	3000	4000	5000	8000	1900	2500	6500	7500

Table 23 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 4% Air Void Level Mixture at 13  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
21.3	25	9000	10000	6000	8000	9000	13000	5500	5500	11500	12500
21.3	10	8000	9000	5000	6000	8000	10000	4500	4500	10000	10500
21.3	5	6000	7000	4000	6000	8000	11000	3500	3500	9000	9500
21.3	1	5000	6000	2500	3500	6000	8000	2500	2500	6000	8000
21.3	0.5	3500	5000	2000	3000	4500	6000	1500	2000	5000	6000
21.3	0.1	2000	3000	1000	2000	3000	5000	1000	1000	3500	4000

Table 24 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 4% Air Void Level Mixture at 21.3  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
39.2	25	2500	4500	1500	3000	3500	5000	2000	2000	4500	5000
39.2	10	2000	3500	1000	2000	3500	4500	1500	1500	3500	4000
39.2	5	1500	3000	1000	1800	2500	4000	1150	1150	2500	3000
39.2	1	800	1500	700	1000	1500	2000	800	800	1300	2000
39.2	0.5	600	1000	500	700	1000	1500	700	700	800	1500
39.2	0.1	400	600	400	500	700	900	550	550	600	900

Table 25 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 4% Air Void Level Mixture at 39.2  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
-5	25	19000	21000	17000	20500	21000	22000	17000	17000	22500	22500
-5	10	18000	20000	16000	20000	20500	21000	16000	16000	21500	21500
-5	5	16000	19000	14500	18500	20000	20000	14500	15000	20500	20500
-5	1	13000	16000	12000	16000	17000	18000	12000	12000	18500	18500
-5	0.5	12000	15000	11000	15000	16000	17000	11000	11000	16500	17000
-5	0.1	10000	12000	8500	12000	13000	14000	8500	9000	15000	15000

Table 26 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 7% Air Void Level Mixture at -5  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
4	25	16000	16000	10500	12000	16000	19000	10500	10500	19500	19500
4	10	14000	14500	9500	11000	14000	17000	9500	10000	18500	18500
4	5	12000	12500	8500	10000	13000	16000	8500	9000	17000	17500
4	1	10000	10500	6500	11500	12500	15500	6500	6500	14500	15000
4	0.5	8000	9000	5500	10500	12000	13500	5500	6000	13000	14000
4	0.1	7000	8000	4000	8500	10000	11000	4000	5000	10500	12000

Table 27 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 7% Air Void Level Mixture at 4 °C

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
13	25	10000	12000	6000	8000	12500	13000	7000	7000	14000	14000
13	10	8000	10000	5500	6000	10000	11000	6000	6000	12500	12500
13	5	6500	8500	5000	5500	8500	10000	5000	5000	11000	11000
13	1	5500	6500	4000	6000	7500	8500	4000	4000	9000	9000
13	0.5	4500	6500	3000	5500	6500	7500	3000	3500	7500	8000
13	0.1	3000	4000	2000	4000	4500	6000	1700	2000	5000	6000

Table 28 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 7% Air Void Level Mixture at 13  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
21.3	25	6500	8000	4000	6500	8500	10000	4000	4000	10000	10500
21.3	10	5500	7000	4000	7000	8000	9500	3000	3000	8000	10000
21.3	5	5000	6500	3500	6000	7000	8000	4000	5000	7000	8500
21.3	1	3000	5000	2000	3500	6000	8000	2000	2500	5000	6500
21.3	0.5	5000	5500	2500	3000	4000	5000	1500	2000	4000	5500
21.3	0.1	1500	3000	1000	1500	2500	4000	1000	1000	2500	3500

Table 29 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 7% Air Void Level Mixture at 21.3  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Temperature	Frequency										
(°C)	(Hz)	3E10	3E30	4E1	4E3	4E10	4E30	5E1	5E3	5E10	5E30
39.2	25	2000	3500	1500	3000	4000	4500	1600	1600	4000	4500
39.2	10	1500	3000	1000	2200	3000	4000	1250	1250	3050	3500
39.2	5	1000	2000	700	1000	2000	2500	1000	1000	2400	2850
39.2	1	650	1000	600	750	1300	1550	700	800	1400	1800
39.2	0.5	500	800	400	850	1000	1250	600	600	1000	1300
39.2	0.1	400	600	350	600	750	850	450	450	600	850

Table 30 Minimum Dynamic Modulus Criteria for 7% Air Void Level Mixture at 39.2  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$