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## Introduction

Several new technologies are available that reduce asphalt plant emissions and energy consumption by allowing the production and placement of asphalt paving mixtures at lower temperatures. These lower temperature asphalt paving mixtures are designated Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) and can be produced at temperatures 35-100°F lower than conventional hot mix asphalt (HMA) (Prowell and Hurley, 2007). Potential advantages of WMA include:

- Reduced mixing temperatures reduce fuel consumption thereby lowering plant emissions and reduce energy costs.
- Decreased binder viscosity at compaction temperatures means less effort is needed to compact the mix.
- Lower mixing temperatures may reduce aging of the binder leading to increased fatigue life.
- Lower temperatures improve working conditions for paving crews through decreased smoke and odors.
- Compaction can be achieved at lower temperatures allowing paving during cooler weather or on projects with long haul times.
- Lower binder viscosities allow the use of higher percentages of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) in WMA reducing the need to produce additional aggregate and binder.

One of the most widely used methods developed to produce WMA is to add an organic wax to the binder. An organic wax reduces the viscosity of the binder above the melting point of the wax allowing mixing and compaction to occur at lower temperatures. This experimental feature incorporates an organic wax marketed as Sasobit<sup>®</sup> by Sasol Wax to produce the WMA. When added to an asphalt binder, Sasobit<sup>®</sup> reduces the viscosity of the asphalt above its melting point of about 216°F allowing mixing and placement temperatures to be reduced by 32-97°F (Hurley and Prowell, 2005).

Sasobit<sup>®</sup> has the advantage of being easily implemented without major changes to mix design or production. If added directly into the binder, plant modifications are unnecessary.

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Adding Sasobit<sup>®</sup> during mixing is also an option requiring only minor plant modifications. Mix design testing is performed without Sasobit<sup>®</sup> in the mix making the mix design procedure for WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> identical to that of an HMA mix. The only consideration when designing a mix with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> is that it increases the temperature range of performance graded (PG) binders. The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) found that a PG58-28 binder graded out at PG64-22 with the addition of 2.5% Sasobit<sup>®</sup> and recommends the binder be engineered to ensure the final grade meets requirements (Hurley and Prowell, 2005).

The purpose of this experimental feature is to evaluate the long and short term performance of WMA produced with Sasobit<sup>®</sup>. WSDOT will monitor the overlay for a period of five years using conventional survey techniques consisting of friction, rutting and ride measurements as well as overall pavement condition assessments. Special emphasis will be placed on the overlay's ability to resist cracking and rutting.

## Project Background

Contract 7419, I-90 West of George Paving, rehabilitated the pavement on Interstate 90 between the Columbia River at Milepost (MP) 137.82 and the town of George at MP 148.45. The first section of the project consists of a steep grade (5%) where the roadway climbs out of the Columbia River Gorge. The steep grade continues for approximately 1.5 miles, then moderates, eventually becoming rolling terrain from about MP 143.5 to the end of the project. Within the project limits Interstate 90 is made up of two lanes with paved shoulders in each direction separated by either concrete barrier or unpaved median. Average Daily Traffic (ADT) ranges between 6448 and 7327 with 27 percent trucks according to traffic data from the 2008 Washington State Pavement Management System (WSPMS).

Paving was limited to the right lane of eastbound Interstate 90. The remaining lanes were still in good condition allowing their rehabilitation to occur at a later time. Distress in the eastbound right lane consisted of low severity alligator and transverse cracking. Severe rutting was also present between milepost 139.0 and 139.8. The higher level of distress in the eastbound right lane was attributed to higher pavement stresses caused by slow moving trucks going up the steep grade.

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Figure 1. I-90 West of George Paving project map.

Rehabilitation consisted of grinding the existing pavement to a depth of 0.25 feet and inlaying with the same depth of HMA or WMA. The inlay consisted of HMA from the west end of the project at MP 137.82 to MP 144.53 and WMA from MP 144.53 to the end of the project at MP 148.45. The milepost limits allowed both an HMA control section and the WMA section to be on the flatter rolling portion of the project. It was felt that the first evaluation of WMA by WSDOT should not be placed on the steep grade where it would be exposed to the more severe loading conditions of the slow moving uphill truck traffic.

WMA was not included in the project when originally bid and had to be added by change order. Central Washington Asphalt (CWA), the successful bidder, agreed to a price of \$64.00 per ton of WMA, an increase of \$6.00 per ton over the bid price of \$58.00 per ton for HMA. A total of 4,724.12 tons of WMA were placed resulting in a cost increase of \$28,344.72.

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## Materials

Except for the inclusion of Sasobit in the WMA the materials and mix design for the HMA and WMA were identical. The following descriptions of materials apply to both mix types unless otherwise noted.

### **Aggregate**

Pit site GT-318 was the aggregate source for the project. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) tested and approved the aggregate from the pit site on September 22, 1998 (approval is good for ten years). Table 1 shows the aggregate durability test results for pit site GT-318.

<b>Table 1. Aggregate properties.</b>		
<b>Test</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Spec.</b>
LA Wear – AASHTO T-96	17	30 Max.
Degradation – WSDOT T-113	84	30 Min.

The mix included recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) at a rate of 20 percent. The RAP for the project came from the material recovered from the grinding of 0.25 feet of the existing pavement.



Figure 2. Three quarter inch to No. 4 stockpile.



Figure 3. RAP Stockpile.

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## ***Binder***

SemMaterials supplied PG76-28 binder for both the HMA and WMA. Sasobit was added to the virgin binder at a rate of two percent to produce the WMA. With the inclusion of 20 percent RAP, the percentage of Sasobit in the total mix was 1.6 percent which is within the 1.3 to 1.7 percent recommended by Sasol Wax (Shaw, 2008).

The WSDOT Bituminous Lab tested the binder to determine the affect of adding Sasobit to the high and low temperature specifications of the binder. The results revealed a slight increase in the average seven-day maximum pavement temperature with 1.5 percent Sasobit and almost a full grade increase in the average seven-day maximum pavement temperature with 2.0 percent (Table 2). Complete testing results are included in Appendix A.

<b>Table 2. Change to binder grade with addition of Sasobit.</b>	
<b>Test Condition</b>	<b>Binder Grade</b>
Specified Binder Grade	PG76-28
Binder with no Sasobit	PG78-28
With 1.5 percent Sasobit	PG80-28
With 2.0 percent Sasobit	PG83-28

## ***Mix Design***

WSDOT tested the mix design using superpave volumetric design procedures (WSDOT SOP 732 - Standard Operating Procedure for Superpave Volumetric Design for Hot-Mix Asphalt). The target air voids were 4.0 percent with a gyration level of 100. The job mix formula (JMF) resulting from the mix design is shown in Tables 3 and 4. WSDOT does not include RAP in the mix during mix design testing so the properties in the tables are for the virgin mix. A copy of the mix design is included in Appendix B.

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<b>Table 3. JMF for volumetric properties.</b>	
<b>Property</b>	<b>Value</b>
Pb	5.5%
Va	3.7%
VMA	14.9%
VFA	75%
Pbe	4.7%

<b>Table 4. JMF for gradation.</b>	
<b>Sieve</b>	<b>Percent Passing</b>
¾"	100
½"	95
3/8"	84
U.S. No. 4	55
U.S. No. 8	34
U.S. No. 16	22
U.S. No. 30	15
U.S. No. 50	11
U.S. No. 100	8
U.S. No. 200	6.3

## Construction

CWA used a portable drum plant manufactured by Gencor to produce the HMA and WMA. SemMaterials added the Sasobit to the binder prior to shipment making modifications to the plant unnecessary.

Placement of the HMA and WMA used the same equipment and methods (Figures 4 through 7). End dumps with trailers delivered the mix to the project. Haul times varied from 30 to 45 minutes during placement of the HMA and from 25 to 35 minutes during placement of the WMA. Loads were not covered. Once delivered to the site, the trucks dumped the mix into a windrow device to form a windrow. A windrow elevator delivered the mix from the windrow into the hopper of an Ingersoll-Rand PF-5510 paving machine equipped with an Omni 3E screed. Mix delivery was inconsistent resulting in the paving machine stopping several times to wait for

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the delivery of more mix. Otherwise the placement operation proceeded smoothly. Placement dates, location and tonnage are shown in Table 5.



Figure 4. Truck dumping into the windrow device and forming windrow.



Figure 5. Windrow elevator picking up mix in windrow.



Figure 6. Windrow elevator delivering mix to machine.



Figure 7. Paving machine spreading the mix.

**Table 5. Placement dates, location and tonnage.**

Mix Type	Paving Dates	Mileposts	Tonnage Placed
HMA	June 11 - June 16	137.82 – 144.53	7,813.08
WMA	June 23 – June 24	144.53 – 148.45	4,724.12

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The compaction train consisted of three double drum vibratory rollers (Figures 8 and 9). The breakdown and intermediate rollers worked together to make a total of five passes down each side of the mat. The finish roller made two passes down each side and one down the center. Table 6 displays the manufacturer, model number and capacity of the rollers.

<b>Table 6. Roller information.</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Approximate Weight (lbs)</b>	<b>Drum Width (in.)</b>
Breakdown	Ingersoll-Rand	DD-138HF	30,000	84
Intermediate	Ingersoll-Rand	DD-130HF	30,000	84
Finish	Dynapac	CC 412	21,000	66



Figure 8. Breakdown roller.



Figure 9. Breakdown and intermediate rollers.

The only potential problem encountered was clumps of mix sticking together in the WMA. The clumps first appeared on June 19 during a test section of the WMA in a new subdivision in Quincy, WA (Figure 10). It was reported that the clumps in the test section occurred every few feet and were the result of excessive cooling of the mix during the approximately 40 minute haul (Hoffman, 2009). The lumps continued to appear during production paving on Interstate 90 but were much less frequent (Figure 11).

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Figure 10. Clumps removed from WMA during test section near Quincy.



Figure 11. Clumps in windrow during placement of WMA on I-90.

The source of the lumps was not verified but one theory is that mixing temperatures may not have been high enough to break up large chunks of RAP. Figure 12 shows the RAP passing through a screen before it entered the drum and Figure 13 shows the RAP which was unable to pass through the screen. This process made it unlikely that large chunks of RAP made it into the mix. Furthermore the RAP came from a 3/4 inch NMA mix with 3.2 percent of the aggregate retained on the 3/4 inch sieve. Gradation test results for the HMA and WMA showed no aggregate retained on the 3/4 inch sieve indicating the CWA did a good job of keeping the larger aggregate out of the mix. If large chunks of RAP were entering the drum some of the 3/4 inch or larger aggregate would have made it into the mix and showed up as retained on the 3/4 inch sieve.



Figure 12. Screening RAP.



Figure 13. Material that did not pass through the RAP screen.

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Figures 14 and 15 show thermal images of WMA leaving truck and in the windrow. The images show crust on the mix in the truck at 115°F and the cool mix in the windrow at 176°F. Mix at temperatures shown in the two photos would have hardened since Sasobit® loses its viscosity reduction ability below its melting point of about 216°F. The hardened mix could show up as clumps in the windrow. Remixing before placement in order to reheat the clumps would be the solution to this problem. The fact that no clumps were seen in the completed mat may be because the windrow elevator remixed the HMA sufficiently to eliminate the clumps.

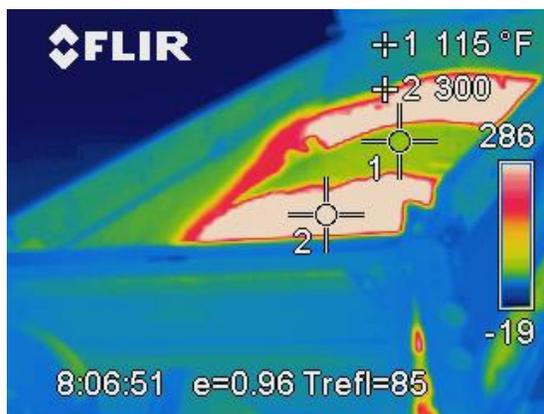


Figure 14. WMA crust temperature of 115°F leaving truck.

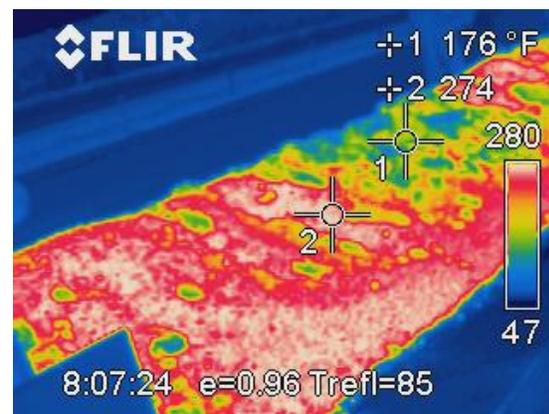


Figure 15. Cool WMA in windrow.

## Temperature Observations

The temperature of the mix was measured using a FLIR ThermaCAM™ E4 infrared camera. The infrared camera can only measure the external temperature of the mix which is not representative of the internal temperature once a cooler crust has formed. For that reason this report only uses temperatures taken immediately after the breaking of the crust or immediately after remixing of the HMA. This occurred at three locations, when trucks dumped the mix into the windrow machine (Figure 16), when windrow elevator transferred the mix to the paving machine hopper (Figures 17), and when the augers distributed the mix to the screed (Figure 18).

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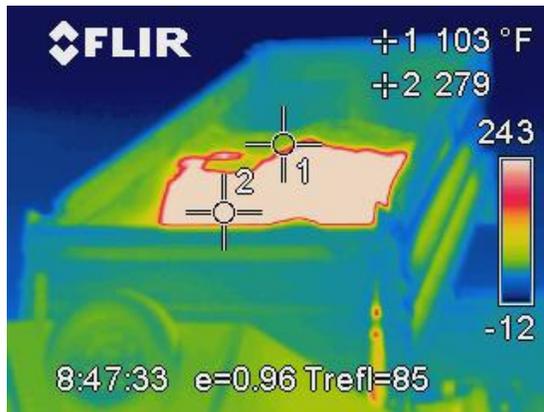


Figure 16. Thermal image of first load of WMA as it is being dumped into windrow device.

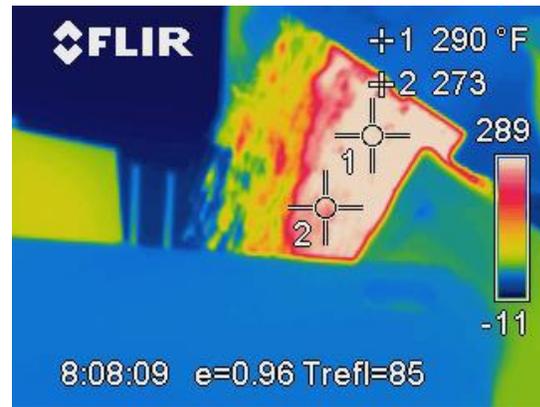


Figure 17. Thermal image of windrow elevator delivering WMA to the hopper.

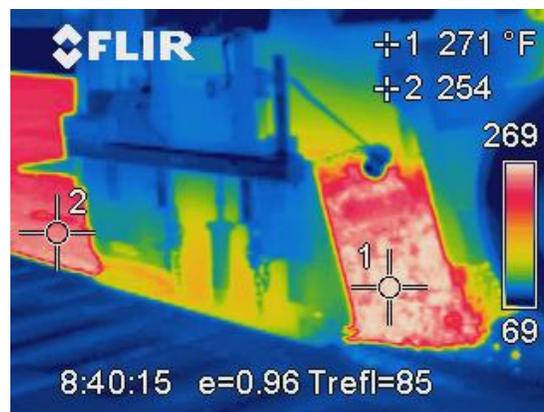


Figure 18. Thermal image of WMA in front of augers.

Table 7 lists HMA paving temperatures recorded on June 16 between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and WMA temperatures recorded between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on June 23. Due to WMA being a new technology, production started out at a higher temperature than necessary and the Contractor incrementally lowered mixing temperature until it reached 290°F. The higher mixing temperature resulted in the first several loads of WMA being around 300°F when delivered to the roadway. Once mixing temperatures stabilized at their lower level, delivery

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temperatures averaged 286 °F. The temperature ranges for the WMA in the table represent those recorded once the temperature stabilized. The table shows that WMA paving temperatures were about 30 to 50 °F lower than HMA.

<b>Table 7. Summary of temperature readings.</b>		
<b>HMA</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Temperature Range °F</b>	<b>Average Temperature °F</b>
Leaving Truck	325-333	328
Windrow Elevator	322 <sup>1</sup>	322
Paving Machine Augers	287-325	306
<b>WMA</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Temperature Range °F</b>	<b>Average Temperature °F</b>
Leaving Truck	276-294	286
Windrow Elevator	249-297	272
Paving Machine Augers	250-288	276

<sup>1</sup>Only two readings were taken each reading being 322 °F.

Temperature differentials up to 30 °F were observed in both the HMA and WMA (Figures 19 and 20). Temperature differentials were attributed to a jump in temperature in the windrow where the mix placed by one truck ended and the mix placed by the next truck began. The mix from the first truck would have sat in the windrow longer and cooled more than the mix from the next truck resulting in a change in mix temperature. The windrow elevator provided minimal remixing so the jump in mix temperatures showed up as temperature differentials behind the paving machine.

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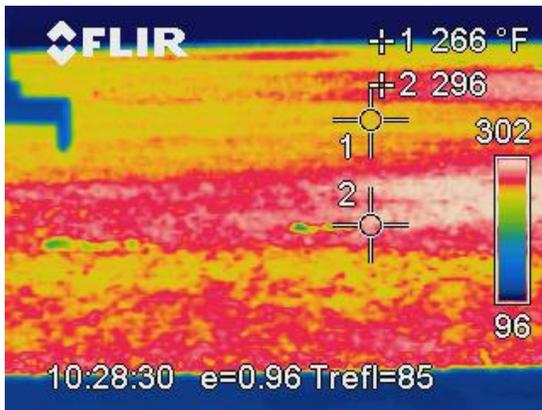


Figure 19. Thirty degree temperature differential in HMA.

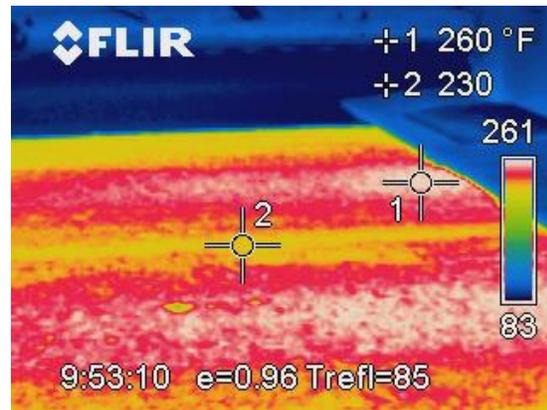


Figure 20. Thirty degree temperature differential in WMA.

## Test Results

### *Gradation and Volumetrics*

Gradation and volumetric properties of the HMA and WMA were similar and average test results conformed to the job mix formula (JMF). Table 7 shows the average gradation and volumetric results from the nine HMA and five WMA sublots. All gradation tests were within tolerance, and the only out of tolerance volumetric properties were the air voids in two HMA sublots. Both out of tolerance air void test results were 5.7 percent which is above the tolerance band of 2.5 to 5.5 percent. The dust to asphalt ratio was also out of tolerance in one HMA sublot (1.7 versus 0.6 to 1.6 tolerance band) and one WMA sublot (1.7 versus 0.6 to 1.6 tolerance band). Individual test results are shown in Appendix C.

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**Table 8. Production gradation and volumetric test results.**

Test Property	JMF	HMA Average	WMA Average	Tolerance Limit
3/4	100.0	100.0	100.0	99-100
1/2	95.0	93.8	95.2	90-100
3/8	84.0	83.1	85.0	78-90
No. 4	56.0	54.1	55.2	51-61
No. 8	35.0	34.2	35.0	31-39
No. 16	22.0	22.1	22.4	na
No. 30	15.0	15.3	15.8	na
No. 50	11.0	11.4	12.0	na
No. 100	8.0	8.7	9.0	na
No. 200	6.3	6.4	6.7	4.3-7
% Binder	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.7-5.7
% Va	3.7	4.9	4.5	2.5-5.5
VMA	14.9	14.8	14.7	12.5 min.
VFA	75.0	67.2	69.4	na
D/A	1.4	1.5	1.6	0.6-1.6

## **Density**

Density results of the HMA and WMA were similar (Figure 21). The distribution of the actual results illustrated by the bars is somewhat erratic due to the small number of tests. The average test result for HMA was 93.5 percent with a standard deviation of 1.58 versus 93.7 percent and a standard deviation of 1.36 for WMA. The size of the standard deviations as compared to the difference in average density indicates that the variation is statistically insignificant. The one notable difference was the number of failing density tests was significantly lower with WMA. Out of 95 density tests on the HMA, six (6.3 percent) failed to reach the 91.0 percent minimum specified density. Only one out of 55 (1.8 percent) density tests on the WMA was below 91.0 percent. The compactability of the WMA was probably improved by a 0.3 percent higher asphalt content. Overall the results indicate that the same level of density is achievable at lower compaction temperatures with WMA. Density test results are in Appendix D.

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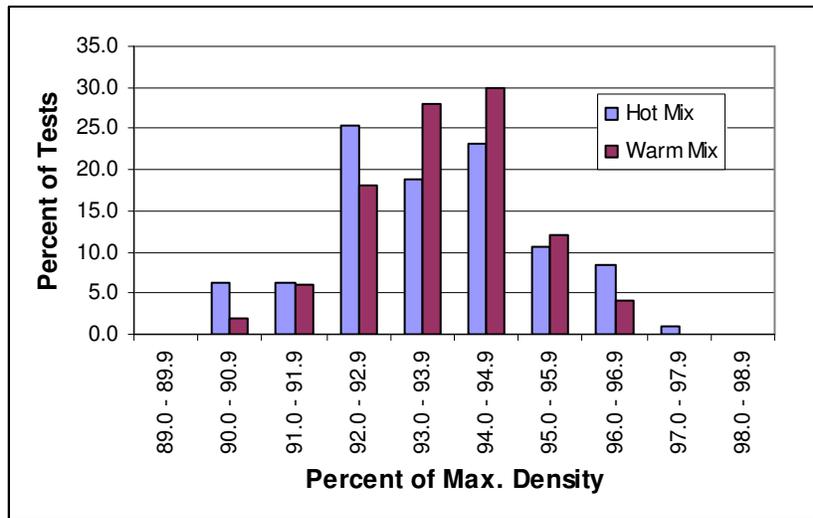


Figure 21. Distribution of compaction test results.

## ***Stockpile Moisture Testing***

Moisture content is important when producing WMA because it is believed that the lower mixing temperatures may not adequately dry the aggregate if the moisture content is high. Moisture content testing yielded an average moisture content of 1.66 percent in the ¾ inch to No. 4 stockpile and 2.48 percent in the ⅜ inch minus stockpile. These moisture contents are low considering that WSDOT allows 2 percent moisture in HMA when discharged from the plant.

## ***Federal Highway Administration Testing***

In order to assist in evaluating the performance of WMA, WSDOT requested the aid of the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) mobile asphalt testing laboratory (MATL). Samples of both the HMA and WMA were tested for dynamic modulus, flow number and with the Hamburg Wheel Tracking Device (HWTB). Results of the MATL testing are summarized below. The full MATL testing report is included in Appendix E.

## ***Dynamic Modulus***

The dynamic modulus is a measure of stiffness of an HMA sample. The test procedure involves applying a sinusoidal load to the sample at various frequencies and temperatures. The

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ratio of the applied stress to the measured strain is the dynamic modulus (Roberts et al, 1991, Huang 2004). The MATL testing showed that the WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> was stiffer than the HMA. The MATL reported that the stiffening affect of Sasobit<sup>®</sup> was similar to stiffening observed on other projects and was consistent with a one grade increase of the WMA binder due to the addition of Sasobit<sup>®</sup> (Corrigan, 2009).

## Flow Number

The flow number test measures the permanent strain of an HMA sample under repeated loads. The flow number is defined as the number of loads at which the change in permanent deformation is at a minimum during the test. The flow number has been found to correlate with rutting resistance of HMA test sections (Bonaquist, Christensen and Stump, 2003). The flow number values for the WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> were higher than the HMA indicating that the WMA was slightly stiffer than the HMA (Corrigan, 2009).

## Hamburg Wheel Track Device

The HWTD measures both the rutting resistance and stripping resistance of an HMA mixture. The MATL testing did not find a significant difference in rut depth between the HMA and WMA. The test results showed that resistance to permanent deformation of both mixed was very good. Neither mix was shown to be susceptible to stripping (Corrigan, 2009).

## Emissions

The University of Washington Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering conducted emissions testing during placement of the HMA and WMA. The results of the emissions testing were not available in time to include in this report. A summary of the findings will be included in the end of project report.

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## Conclusions

An end of project report including evaluating the short and long term performance of WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> will be prepared five years after the completion of construction. Final conclusions and recommendations will be provided in the end of project report. The following preliminary conclusions are based on the production and placement of the WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup>:

- Mix design, production and placement of WMA with Sasobit<sup>®</sup> was the same as conventional HMA.
- The contractor was able compact the WMA at lower compaction temperature to the same level of density as the HMA.
- Temperature reductions in the range of 30-50°F were achieved. This is somewhat less than temperature reductions reported by Sasol Wax which reports an initial reduction of 50°F followed by another 10-25°F depending on the mix (4).

## Recommendations

Both high energy costs and requirements to reduce greenhouse gases are challenges that will be faced by the paving industry. It is likely that technologies like WMA which both reduce fuel use and emissions will be necessary to meet these challenges. To be prepared WSDOT should construct additional test sections to evaluate WMA. Objectives of these test sections should include:

- Assess the long term performance of WMA in different areas of the state
- Evaluate other WMA technologies
- Develop and refine specifications for WMA
- Investigate the use higher percentages of RAP in WMA
- Investigate the formation of clumps in the WMA. Both fractionating the RAP to prevent clumping and better remixing should be looked into to see if these solve the clumping problem.

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- Include provisions to allow substitution of WMA in place of HMA in future editions of the Standard Specifications (WSDOT is currently working toward incorporating this in the 2010 edition).

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## Appendix A

### Binder Grade Testing

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**Table A-1. Binder grade testing results.**

Sasobit Percent	Brookfield Viscosity @ 135 C	Original DSR	Elastic Recovery	RTFO DSR	PAV DSR	BBR "S"	BBR "m"	True Grade
0	1.35	1.21	78.8	2.870	562	222	0.336	78-28
1.5	1.20	1.38	72.5	3.27	711	268	0.304	80-28
2.0	1.14	2.09	67.5	4.100	824	265	0.304	83-28

**Appendix B**

**Mix Design**

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**BITUMINOUS SECTION MIX DESIGN VERIFICATION REPORT**

HMA CLASS:	1/2"	WORK ORDER NO:	007419
DATE SAMPLED:	3/19/2008	LAB ID NO:	0000225192
DATE REC'D:	3/24/2008	TRANSMITTAL NO:	512862
SR NO:	I-90	MIX ID NO:	G82068
SECTION:	WEST OF GEORGE PAVING	CONTRACTOR:	C.W.A.

**VALID FOR 2008**  
 CONTRACTOR'S MIX DESIGN TEST DATA

				Specifications
Pb	5.0	5.5	6.0	
% Gmm @ Nini:	8	84.3	85.5	87.1 ≤ 89.0
% Va @ Ndes:	100	5.8	4.2	2.4 Approximate 4.0
% VMA @ Ndes:	100	15.5	15.4	15.3 ≥ 14.0
% VFA @ Ndes:	100	63	73	85 65 - 75
% Gmm @ Nmax:	160		97.3	≤ 98.0
D/A	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.6 - 1.6
Pbe	4.1	4.7	5.4	
Gmm	2.604	2.578	2.545	
Gmb	2.454	2.469	2.485	
Gb	1.033	1.033	1.033	
Gse	2.831	2.833	2.807	

**CONTRACT 7419 ONLY**  
 STATE MATERIALS LABORATORY VERIFICATION TEST DATA

				Specifications	Tolerance
Pb	5.0	5.5	6.0		± 0.5%
% Gmm @ Nini:	8	85.2	86.4	87.8	≤ 89.0
% Va @ Ndes:	100	5.2	3.7	2.1	Approximate 4.0
% VMA @ Ndes:	100	15.0	14.9	14.7	≥ 14.0
% VFA @ Ndes:	100	66	75	86	65 - 75
% Gmm @ Nmax:	160		97.7	≤ 98.0	
D/A	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.6 - 1.6	
Pbe	4.2	4.7	5.2		
Gmm	2.600	2.577	2.554		
Gmb	2.465	2.482	2.501		
Gb	1.033	1.033	1.033		
Gse	2.825	2.823	2.819		

**VERIFIED**  
 STRIPPING EVALUATION

% Anti-Strip:	0.0%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.0%
Visual Appearance:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
% Retained Strength:	99	100	100	101	101

**STATISTICAL**  
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Asphalt Binder Supplier	SEM	Remarks:
Asphalt Binder Grade	PG76-28	Verification of Volumetric Properties
Percent Binder (Pb) (By Wt. Total Mix)	5.5	determined by SGC internal angle.
% Anti-Strip (By Wt. Asphalt Binder)	0.00%	
Type of Anti-Strip		
Mix ID Number	G82068	
Sample Wt. (grams)	4885	(Informational Only)
Sample Height @ Ndes	115.0	(Informational Only)
Ignition Calibration Factor	0.53	(Informational Only)
Optimum Mixing Temperature	343°F	
Compaction Temperature	319°F	
Rice Density (lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> )	160.4	

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TEST OF: AGGREGATE PROPERTIES FOR HMA CLASS: 1/2"      WORK ORDER NO: 007419  
LAB ID NO: 0000225192      MIX ID NO: G82068  
-----CONTRACTOR'S DESIGN AGGREGATE STRUCTURE AND AGGREGATE TEST DATA-----

			Combined	Specifications	Tolerance
Material:	3/4"-#4	3/8"-0			
Source:	GT-318	GT-318			
Ratio:	27%	73%			
1 1/2" square					
1" square					
3/4" square	100.0	100.0	100	100	99 - 100
1/2" square	80.0	100.0	95	90 - 100	90 - 100
3/8" square	42.0	100.0	84	MAX 90	78 - 90
U.S. No. 4	2.0	75.0	55		50 - 60
U.S. No. 8	1.0	46.0	34	28 - 58	30 - 38
U.S. No. 16	1.0	30.0	22		
U.S. No. 30	1.0	20.0	15		
U.S. No. 50	1.0	15.0	11		
U.S. No. 100	1.0	11.0	8		
U.S. No. 200	1.0	8.2	6.3	2.0 - 7.0	4.3 - 7.0

Gsb Coarse	2.781	2.763			
Gsb Fine		2.746			
Gsb Blend	2.781	2.750	2.758		
Sand Equivalent			79	45 MIN.	
Uncompacted Voids (FAA)			49	44% MIN.	
Course Agg Frac					
U.S. No. 4			99	90% Double	Face Fracture

-----STATE MATERIALS LABORATORY AGGREGATE TEST DATA-----

Gsb Coarse	2.788	2.767			
Gsb Fine		2.737	2.737		
Gsb Blend	2.788	2.744	2.756		
Sand Equivalent		82	82	45 MIN.	
Uncompacted Voids (FAA)			49	44% MIN.	
Course Agg Frac					
U.S. No. 4	99	98	99	90% Double	Face Fracture

-----COMMENTS-----

Remarks:  
Verification of Volumetric Properties determined by SGC internal angle.

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## Appendix C

### Mix Testing Results

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Table C-1. HMA mix testing results.											
Test Property	Spec.	JMF	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7	Lot 8	Lot 9
3/4	99-100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1/2	90-100	95.0	96.0	96.0	94.0	93.0	94.0	92.0	91.0	95.0	93.0
3/8	78-90	84.0	86.0	87.0	86.0	81.0	83.0	78.0	80.0	83.0	84.0
No. 4	51-61	56.0	56.0	59.0	57.0	55.0	54.0	51.0	51.0	52.0	52.0
No. 8	31-39	35.0	36.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	34.0	32.0	32.0	33.0	33.0
No. 16		22.0	23.0	24.0	23.0	23.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	22.0	21.0
No. 30		15.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.0	14.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
No. 50		11.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	11.0
No. 100		8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	8.0
No. 200	4.3-7.0	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.3	5.7	6.6	6.9	5.8
% Binder	4.7-5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.0
% Va	2.5-5.5	3.7	3.4	5.4	5.7	4.2	4.9	5.7	4.3	5.0	5.2
VMA	>12.5	14.9	14.0	15.9	15.2	14.3	14.7	15.3	14.3	14.5	14.9
VFA		75.0	75.7	66.0	62.5	70.6	66.7	62.7	69.9	65.5	65.1
D/A	0.6-1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.4
Gmb		2.482	2.502	2.454	2.464	2.484	2.474	2.456	2.490	2.477	2.468
Gmm		2.577	2.591	2.594	2.613	2.592	2.601	2.604	2.602	2.608	2.603
Gsb		2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756
Gb		1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033

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Table C-2. WMA mix testing results.							
Test Property	Spec.	JMF	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5
3/4	99-100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1/2	90-100	95.0	95.0	92.0	95.0	97.0	97.0
3/8	78-90	84.0	85.0	81.0	84.0	88.0	87.0
No. 4	51-61	56.0	56.0	52.0	54.0	58.0	56.0
No. 8	31-39	35.0	36.0	33.0	34.0	36.0	36.0
No. 16		22.0	23.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	23.0
No. 30		15.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
No. 50		11.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	13.0
No. 100		8.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0
No. 200	4.3-7.0	6.3	6.9	6.2	6.9	6.7	6.8
% Binder	4.7-5.7	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.7	5.6
% Va	2.5-5.5	3.7	4.7	5.0	5.2	3.7	4.0
VMA	>12.5	14.9	14.8	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.2
VFA		75.0	68.2	66.9	65.1	74.8	71.8
D/A	0.6-1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6
Gmb		2.482	2.479	2.472	2.468	2.494	2.504
Gmm		2.577	2.602	2.601	2.603	2.590	2.608
Gsb		2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756	2.756
Gb		1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033

**Appendix D**

**Density Testing Results**

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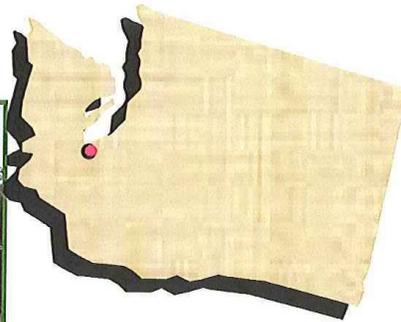
Table D-1. HMA density test results.						
Lot Number	Date Tested	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4	Test #5
1	6/9	92.0	93.5	95.6	93.3	97.4
2	6/9	94.6	94.8	96.2	92.8	94.4
3	6/11	92.8	95.2	92.6	92.0	92.7
4	6/11	96.0	93.6	95.6	94.7	93.2
5	6/11	94.8	92.2	93.1	94.8	93.4
6	6/11	95.3	95.3	94.5	90.4	94.7
7	6/11	94.6	95.7	94.3	91.7	94.1
8	6/11	94.1	92.2	94.2	93.4	92.8
9	6/11	94.6	90.5	92.8	95.4	93.0
10	6/11	94.3	96.4	94.1	92.8	92.8
11	6/12	92.4	92.1	92.8	95.2	94.5
12	6/12	94.2	93.8	92.0	94.3	92.0
13	6/12	92.7	94.0	92.0	93.1	91.9
14	6/12	95.3	93.9	94.3	93.6	93.0
15-C	6/12	96.3	92.1	91.6	90.7	91.8
16	6/12	92.8	90.9	94.7	91.0	95.2
17	6/16	92.0	90.9	93.6	93.2	96.1
18	6/16	91.2	96.5	96.0	93.8	93.6
19	6/13	92.9	93.0	96.7	92.7	90.7

Table D-2. WMA density test results.						
Lot Number	Date Tested	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4	Test #5
1	6/23	92.8	94.1	91.5	92.2	96.0
2	6/23	93.5	92.3	94.4	94.3	93.0
3	6/23	95.4	95.1	94.0	92.7	95.6
4	6/23	91.2	93.0	91.5	93.1	94.4
5	6/23	93.4	93.8	91.3	94.3	94.6
6	6/23	94.4	94.4	93.3	92.5	94.5
7	6/24	94.6	93.0	94.7	93.2	95.9
8	6/24	93.3	92.2	92.6	93.5	94.3
9	6/24	96.2	95.6	93.8	94.5	94.9
10	6/24	92.2	92.1	96.4	93.0	92.8
11	6/24	92.3	95.1	93.8	94.4	90.6

## Appendix E

### FHWA – Warm Mix Asphalt Testing Report

## Federal Highway Administration Office of Pavement Technology



## *Warm Mix Asphalt Testing Report*

Interstate 90, near George, WA



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## Background

The Washington State DOT (WSDOT) requested the assistance of the FHWA, Office of Pavement Technology's mobile asphalt testing laboratory (MATL) program during construction of a pavement section on I-90 with Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) technology. Jerry Roseburg, WSDOT, North Central Region Materials Engineer, provided samples of the control and warm asphalt mixtures taken during construction. Two mixes were tested and evaluated.

1. Hot Mix Asphalt control mix
  - a. 12.5 mm mix produced with PG 76-28 binder and 20% RAP.
2. Warm Mix Asphalt
  - a. 12.5 mm mix produced with PG 76-28 with 2% Sasobit and 20% RAP.

The laboratory mix designs for the HMA control and WMA mixes are included in Appendix A.

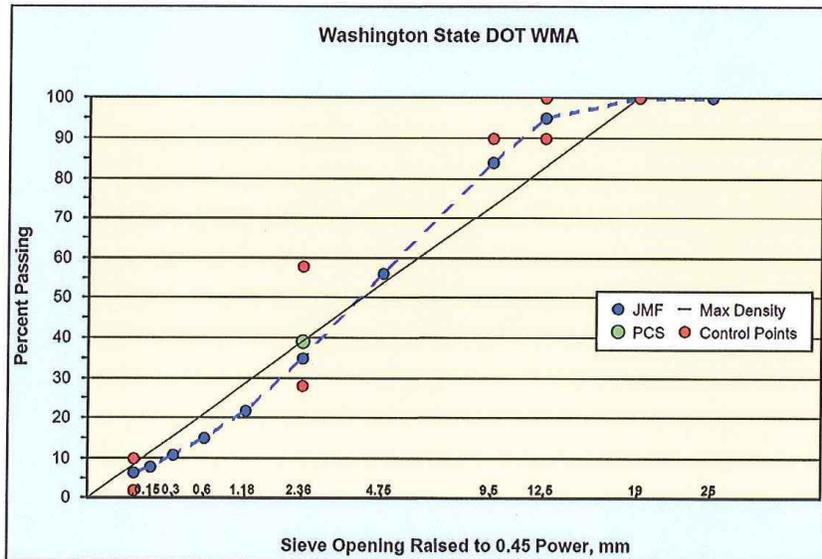


Figure 1: .45 power chart Warm Mix/Control JMF

Figure 1 plots the target mix design gradation for both the warm mix and control mix.

The Sasobit® WMA additive was the additive used on this project. Sasobit is a Fischer-Tropsch paraffin wax produced from either coal gasification or from processing natural gas.

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## Objective

The testing conducted by the MATL included the dynamic modulus, flow number, maximum theoretical specific gravity of un-compacted mixes, and bulk specific gravity of compacted mixes. The Hamburg wheel-track testing was conducted with equipment located at Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center, McLean, VA by the MATL project lab staff.

## Procedure

The loose un-compacted asphalt mixture samples were shipped to the MATL staff from the construction project in five gallon buckets, 10 buckets were received for each mix. Randomly selected buckets of each mix, both Control and Sasobit warm mix, were reheated to a temperature sufficient for the mixtures to be pliant enough to mix and split into test size specimens. The Superpave gyratory compactor (SGC) was used to compact specimens for the asphalt mix performance tests and the Hamburg wheel tracking tests. Hamburg test specimens were compacted to a height of 60 mm and target air voids ( $V_a$ ) of 7%.

The asphalt mix performance test specimens were compacted to a target height of 185 mm and a target  $V_a$  of 8.5%, and then cored to a diameter of 100 mm by means of a conventional core drill. The cored specimen ends were then cut using a masonry table saw to provide final performance specimen dimensions of 150 mm by 100 mm diameter. The coring and sawing of the original SGC specimen is required to provide the correct height to diameter ratio and a uniform distribution throughout the performance test specimens. The resulting performance test specimen  $V_a$  is targeted at 7%.

- Test specimens were manufactured for :
  - Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity ( $G_{mm}$ ), AASHTO T 209
  - Performance test specimens at 7% air voids
    - Dynamic Modulus ( $|E^*|$ ); Flow Number (Fn)
  - Hamburg Wheel-Track testing, AASHTO T 324

**Table 1: Performance Test Matrix**

	E*  - Dynamic Modulus				Fn - Flow Number
	4.4° C	21.1° C	37.8° C	54.4° C	Frequencies
Control Mix test specimens	4 Specimens		4 Specimens	0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 25 Hz	4 Specimens
Sasobit Mix test specimens	4 Specimens		4 Specimens		4 Specimens

Dynamic Modulus testing was conducted using the IPC-Global Asphalt Mixture Performance Test (AMPT) device, formerly called the Simple Performance Test (SPT).

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The test device applies cyclical loading to obtain a resulting target of 100 micro-strains for 10 cycles at various selected frequencies and temperatures. Each specimen was tested at the range of frequencies and temperatures listed in test matrix summarized in Table 1. These temperature and frequencies were selected based on the guidance provided by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP). These values can then be used as direct inputs into the Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) and also used to develop mixture E\* master curves to predict values for other temperatures.

The lab compacted specimen bulk specific gravities ( $G_{mb}$ ) are provided in Appendix B. A duplicate set of four specimens were fabricated and tested at 54° C as a check to ensure that the dynamic modulus values are not influenced by any induced permanent strain which may develop (dependent on mixture behavior) from testing at 37.8° C.

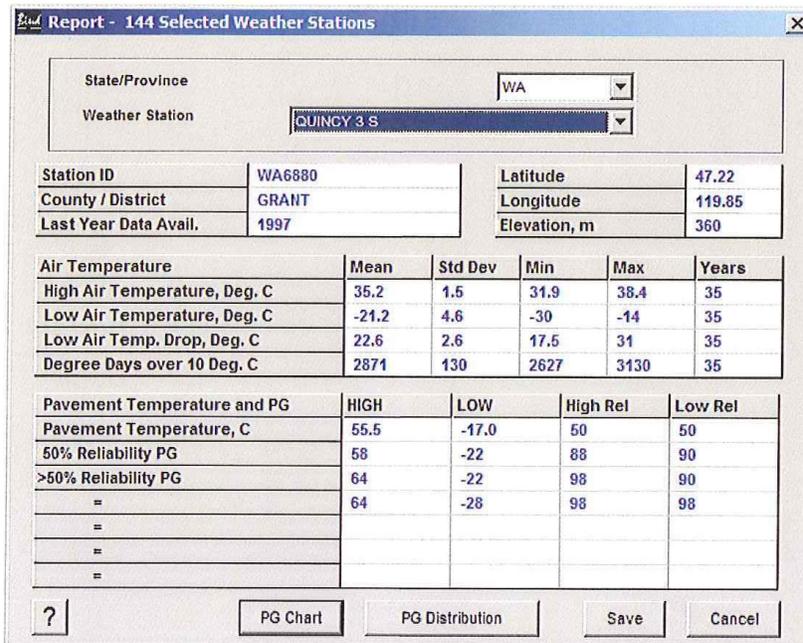


Figure 2: Weather station data from LTPPBind, version 3.1.

The flow number test is a repeated load or dynamic creep test which is used as an indicator of rutting potential. A single load cycle applied includes loading for 0.1 seconds and then unloaded for a rest period of 0.9 seconds. A loading of 689 kPa (100 psi), and a confining stress of 69 kPa (10 psi) was used for testing until either 10,000 load cycles or 5% permanent strain is reached, whichever occurs first and the flow number is

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then determined. The flow number is defined in NCHRP Report 513, TRB (2003) as the number of load cycles corresponding to the minimum rate of change of permanent axial strain during a repeated load test.

The test temperature was determined from the LTPPBind, version 3.1 software using the nearest weather station data available for the I-90 project in George, WA. The temperature selected was the 50% reliability pavement temperature of 58° C. Figure 2 displays the LTPPBind software results.

## Results

### Dynamic Modulus

The dynamic modulus testing results are summarized in Appendix C. Figure 3 compares the average dynamic modulus values for each mix at the selected test temperatures and frequencies applied to the test specimens.

As expected, the Sasobit WMA additive had a stiffening effect on the asphalt mixture compared to the HMA control mix. This stiffening effect by the Sasobit additive has been observed in other WMA project testing by MATL staff as well as other research.

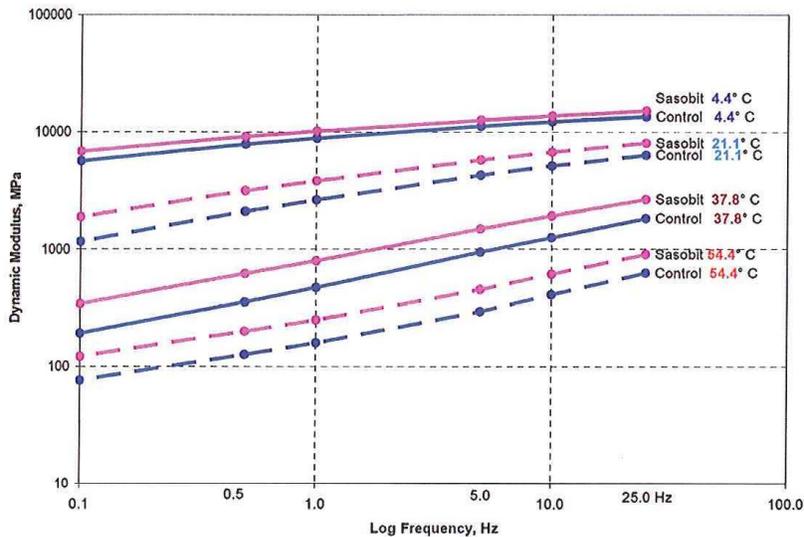


Figure 3: Dynamic Modulus,  $|E^*|$

Although the Sasobit effect on both the high and low temperature performance grade of the binder is highly dependent on each binder source. MATL experience generally shows a one grade increase in the high temperature binder performance grade when using the

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typically recommended rate of 1.5 percent by weight of binder. These project mixtures utilized a PG 76-xx base binder for the control, would be expected to stiffen to a PG 82-xx grade. Asphalt binder performance grading should be performed to verify the effect of the Sasobit additive on the specific binder used

## Flow Number

The flow number tests indicated a trend similar to that evidenced in the dynamic modulus testing. The mixture with the Sasobit additive appears to be slightly stiffer than the control mix as indicated by the larger flow number values. Figure 4 depicts the flow number values for the control mix as well as the WMA, labeled as Sasobit. Additional data is plotted and labeled as Francken, which presents the data using a curve fitting model referred to as the Francken model<sup>1</sup>. This curve fitting appears to reduce variability of the flow number values compared to the current polynomial model fitting approach.

The IPC software allows the user to select the cycle sampling interval (1 - 20) used to determine the flow number value. The parameter controls the rate of sample processing and can assist in smoothing the strain rate curve. The initial portion of the strain rate curve typically represents specimen consolidation during testing and is represented by a negative slope. Continued load applications will result in a change from a negative slope to a positive slope as the specimen approaches tertiary flow conditions. At the minimum rate of change of the strain rate curve, the flow number is determined. Many factors can influence the strain rate, including aggregate fracture, which may provide a false Fn value and can be minimized by increasing the sampling interval.

Figure 4 plots the  $F_n$  for the control and the warm mix asphalt mixtures; the flow number for the control is smaller than the Sasobit warm mixture. The higher flow number value indicates that more load cycles were applied before permanent shear deformation begins to occur under constant volume.

The accumulated strain at the flow number is plotted for the mixtures in Figure 5.

The total cycles applied during flow number testing is plotted in Figure 6. The Sasobit warm asphalt mixture withstood slightly more load repetition cycles than the control mixture before accumulating 5% strain. The Sasobit mixture likely experienced an increase in binder stiffness due to the additive.

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<sup>1</sup> Francken, L. (1977) Pavement Deformation Law of Bituminous Road Mixes in Repeated Load Triaxial Compression. Proceedings of the Fourth International conference on the Structural Design of Asphalt Pavements, Volume I, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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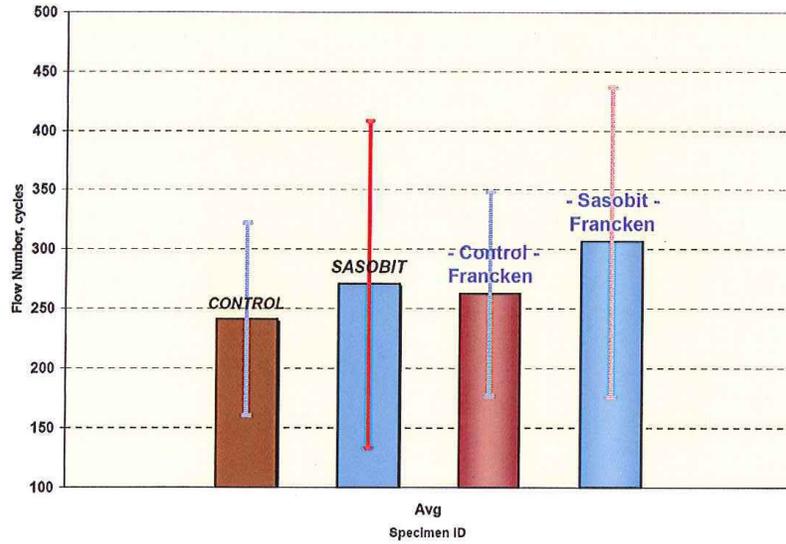


Figure 4: Flow Number,  $F_n$

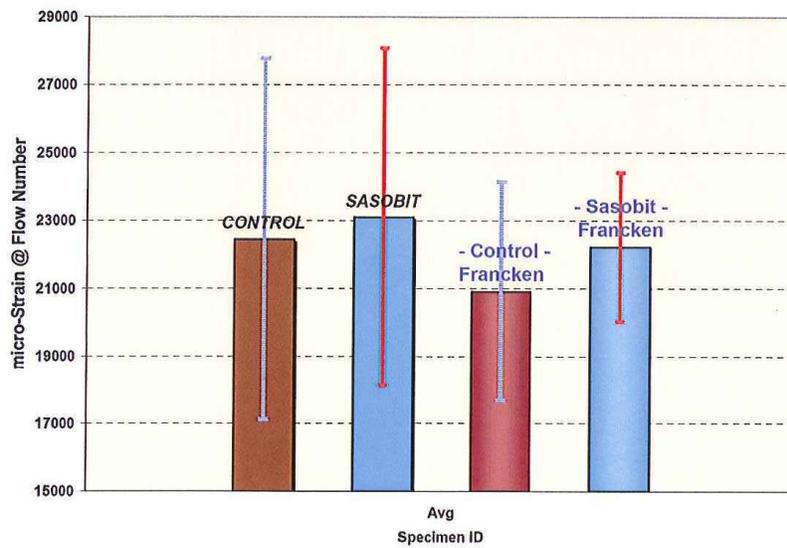


Figure 5: Accumulated Strain at Flow Number

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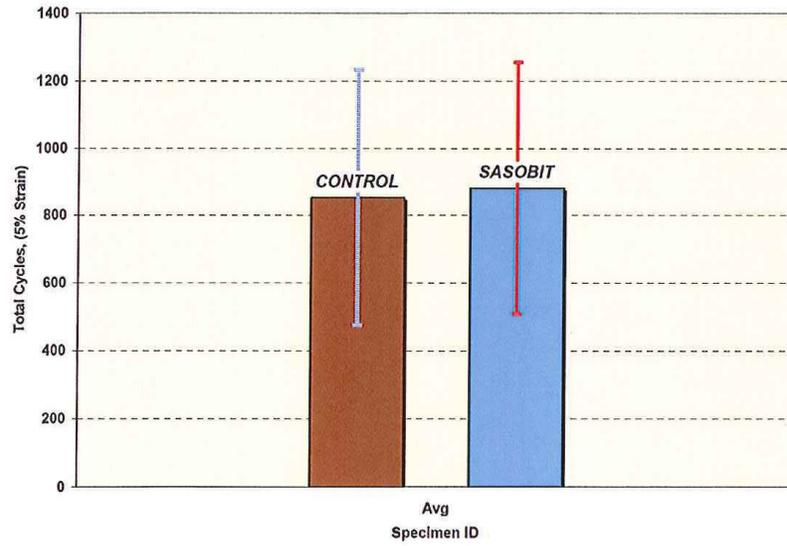


Figure 6: Total cycles at 5% Strain

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## Hamburg Wheel-Track Device Testing

The Hamburg wheel-track device (HWTD) has been used by the asphalt industry to determine the premature failure susceptibility of hot mix asphalt and is gaining popularity with both Agency and contractors to evaluate mixture performance. This test method is used to evaluate the effects of moisture damage and permanent deformation by applying constant cyclic loading while the samples are submerged in water at a constant temperature. The HWTD was used to evaluate the moisture susceptibility and rutting characteristics of the HMA control mixture and the WMA with Sasobit additive.

### Purpose

The purpose of this evaluation is to determine the effects of moisture damage and permanent deformation of the WMA w/RAP mixes by using Hamburg Wheel-Track Device (HWTD).

### Test Matrix

This study included two mixes namely the control hot mix and warm mix asphalt with Sasobit additive. The experiment included the following:

3. Hot Mix Asphalt control mix
  - a. 12.5 mm mix produced with PG 76-28 binder and 20% RAP.
4. Warm mix
  - a. 12.5 mm mix produced with PG 76-28 with 2% Sasobit and 20% RAP.
5. Test temperature: 50°C
6. Number of Passes: 30,000
7. Replicates: three

### Hamburg Wheel Track Device (HWTD)

The Hamburg Wheel tracking device is shown in Figure 7. It is an electrically powered test device capable of moving a 203.2 mm (8 in.) diameter, 47-mm (1.85-in.) wide steel wheel back and forth across a test specimen. The load on the wheel is  $705 \pm 4.5$  N (158 lbf  $\pm$  1.0 lbf). The wheel makes approximately 50 passes across the specimen per minute. The maximum speed of the wheel is approximately 0.305 m/s (1 ft/sec).

The HWTD has a water bath capable of controlling the temperature within  $\pm 1.0^\circ\text{C}$  (1.8°F) over a range of 25 to 70°C (77 to 158°F) and circulates the water to stabilize the temperature within the specimen tank. A gage capable of measuring the depth of the impression of the wheel within 0.01 mm (0.0004 in.), over a minimum range of 0 to 20 mm (0.8in.) is mounted on the HWTD to measure the depth at the midpoint of the wheel's path on the test specimen.

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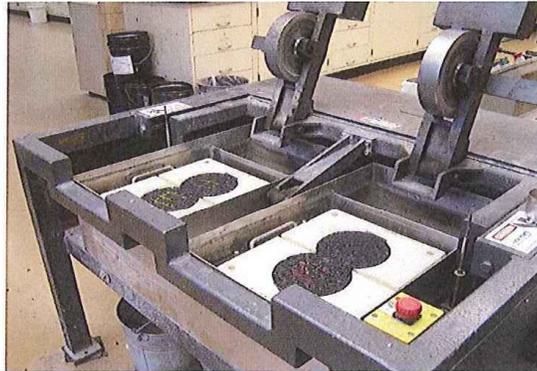
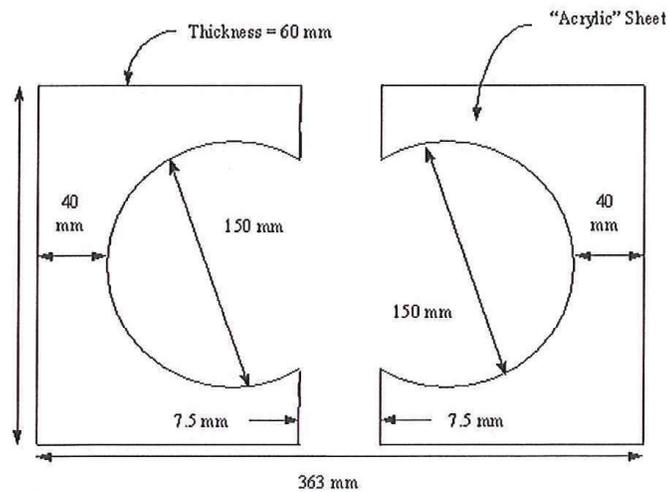


Figure 7: Hamburg Wheel Tracking Device

## Sample Preparation

The test requires two SGC test specimens for each test. Six gyratory specimens were compacted in accordance with AASHTO T312 with the dimensions of  $60 \pm 2$  mm height by 150 mm diameter for each of the control and WMA-Sasobit mixes with a  $7 \pm 0.5\%$  target air void content. Volumetric properties of these specimens were measured. The test specimens were cut to the dimensions shown in Figure 8 in order to fit in the molds required for performing the wheel tracking test.



\*\* Not drawn to scale

Figure 8: Test Specimen Configuration for the Hamburg Wheel-Tracking Device

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## Test Procedure

Test specimens were placed in the specimen molds and the specimen trays were mounted into the empty water bath. Then the test bath was filled with water and set at the desired test temperature. When the water bath reached the test temperature for 30 minutes, the steel wheels were lowered onto the specimens and the test was started. By default the wheel tracking device shuts off automatically when 20,000 cycles have occurred, however the maximum number of passes could be set to 40,000 passes. The device will also shutoff automatically if the average LVDT displacement is 40.9mm or greater. Three replicates tests were conducted with the control mix mounted on left side mold and Sasobit mix mounted on the right side mold of the HWTD. Each test took approximately 9 hours to complete.

## Results

Figure 9 shows the Hamburg wheel tracking test results of Washington Control mix of three tests.

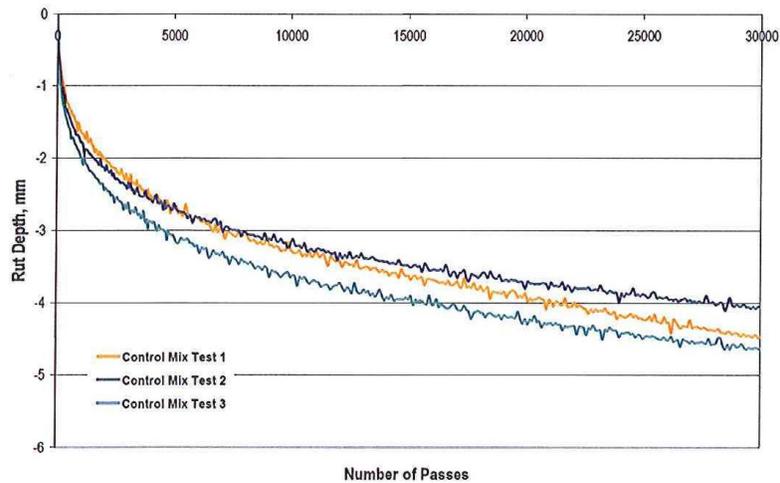
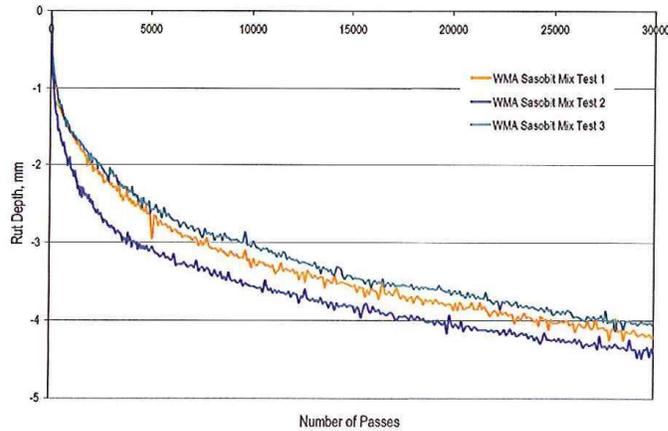


Figure 9: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of HMA Control Mix

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Figure 10 shows the Hamburg wheel tracking test results of Washington WMA Sasobit mix of three tests. Table 2 shows the summary of Hamburg wheel track rut depths of



**Figure 10: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Sasobit Mix**

Washington control and WMA Sasobit mixes. Rutting slopes were determined from the start of the steady-state portion of the curve and up to 20,000 passes. Hamburg Wheel Track test results of individual tests for both Control and Sasobit mixes are presented in Appendix E.

**Table 2: Summary of Washington DOT Hamburg wheel track test results**

Replicate	HMA Control Mix		WMA Sasobit Mix	
	Rut Depth, mm	Slope, mm/cycle	Rut Depth, mm	Slope, mm/cycle
1	4.48	-6.29E-05	4.22	-5.08E-05
2	4.05	-5.04E-05	4.44	-4.74E-05
3	4.64	-5.68E-05	4.06	-4.25E-05
Average	4.39	-5.67E-05	4.24	-4.69E-05
S.D.	0.305	0.00001	0.191	0.000004
CV	6.95	-11.02	4.50	-8.90

Both mixes exhibited similar rutting behavior. The control mix had an average rut depth of 4.39 mm with a creep slope of  $-5.67 \times 10^{-05}$  mm/cycle and the WMA Sasobit mix had

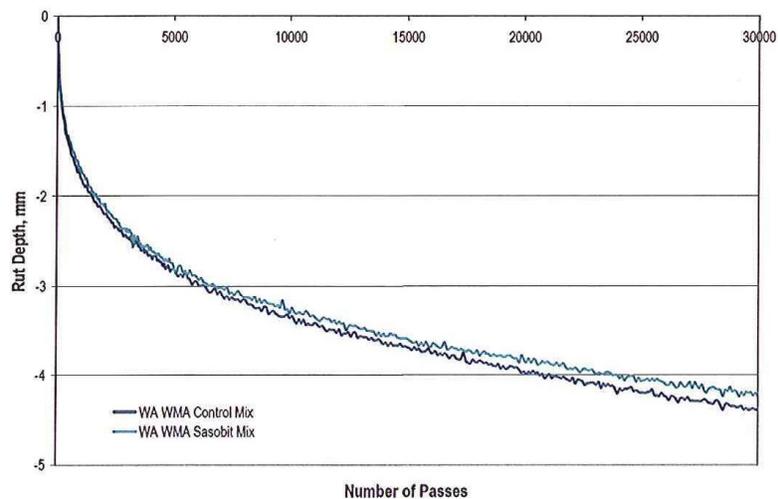
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an average rut depth of 4.24 mm with a creep slope of  $-4.69 \times 10^{-5}$  mm/cycle. The mixes did not show stripping based on the following three observations:

1. Both Control mix and WMA Sasobit displayed no visual stripping
2. Fines were not seen in the water bath after the test
3. Hamburg wheel track test results do not show inflection point leading to a stripping slope.

Figure 11 shows the comparison of Hamburg wheel tracking average test results of Washington control and WMA Sasobit mixes.



**Figure 11: Comparison of Hamburg results of Control and WMA Sasobit Mixes**

## Findings

The average difference in rut depth of control and Sasobit mix was not significant compared to the standard deviation for both mixes. Typically a rut depth less than 10mm for a mix from Hamburg Wheel track testing is considered to have good resistance to permanent deformation. Based on the Hamburg WTD test results and visual observations both control and WMA Sasobit mixes showed very good resistance to permanent deformation. There were no stripping inflection points as the curves did not show two distinct steady-state portions for both mixes which indicates that both mixes have good resistance to stripping and moisture damage.

**Appendix A**  
**Control and Warm Mix Asphalt Designs**

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**BITUMINOUS SECTION MIX DESIGN VERIFICATION REPORT**

HMA CLASS: 1/2"	WORK ORDER NO: 007419
DATE SAMPLED: 3/19/2008	LAB ID NO: 000025192
DATE REC'D: 3/24/2008	TRANSMITTAL NO: 512862
SR NO: 1-90	MIX ID NO: G82068
SECTION: WEST OF GEORGE PAVING	CONTRACTOR: C.W.A.

**VALID FOR 2008**  
 CONTRACTOR'S MIX DESIGN TEST DATA

				Specifications
Pb	5.0	5.5	6.0	
% Gmm @ Nini: 8	84.3	85.5	87.1	≤ 89.0
% Va @ Ndes: 100	5.8	4.2	2.4	Approximate 4.0
% VMA @ Ndes: 100	15.5	15.4	15.3	≥ 14.0
% VFA @ Ndes: 100	63	73	85	65 - 75
% Gmm @ Nmax: 160		97.3		≤ 98.0
D/A	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.6 - 1.6
Pbc	4.1	4.7	5.4	
Gmm	2.604	2.578	2.545	
Gmb	2.434	2.469	2.485	
Gb	1.033	1.033	1.033	
Gss	2.831	2.833	2.807	

**CONTRACT 7419 ONLY**  
 STATE MATERIALS LABORATORY VERIFICATION TEST DATA

				Specifications	Tolerance
Pb	5.0	5.5	6.0		± 0.5%
% Gmm @ Nini: 8	84.3	85.5	87.1	≤ 89.0	
% Va @ Ndes: 100	5.2	3.7	2.1	Approximate 4.0	2.5 - 5.5
% VMA @ Ndes: 100	15.0	14.9	14.7	≥ 14.0	≥ 12.5
% VFA @ Ndes: 100	66	75	86	65 - 75	
% Gmm @ Nmax: 160		97.7		≤ 98.0	
D/A	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.6 - 1.6	
Pbc	4.2	4.7	5.2		
Gmm	2.600	2.577	2.554		
Gmb	2.465	2.482	2.501		
Gb	1.033	1.033	1.033		
Gss	2.823	2.823	2.819		

**VERIFIED**  
 STRIPPING EVALUATION

% Anti-Strip:	0.0%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.0%
Visual Appearance:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
% Retained Strength:	99	100	100	101	101

**STATISTICAL**  
 STATE MATERIALS LABORATORY RECOMMENDATIONS

Asphalt Binder Supplier	SEM	Remarks:
Asphalt Binder Grade	PG76-28	Verification of Volumetric Properties
Percent Binder (Pb) (By Wt. Total Mix)	5.5	determined by SGC internal angle.
% Anti-Strip (By Wt. Asphalt Binder)	0.00%	
Type of Anti-Strip		
Mix ID Number	G82068	
Sample Wt. (grams)	4855	(Informational Only)
Sample Height @ Ndes	115.0	(Informational Only)
Ignition Calibration Factor	0.53	(Informational Only)
Optimum Mixing Temperature	343°F	
Compaction Temperature	319°F	
Rice Density (lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> )	160.4	

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**BITUMINOUS SECTION MIX DESIGN VERIFICATION REPORT**

TEST OF: AGGREGATE PROPERTIES FOR HMA CLASS: 1/2"      WORK ORDER NO: 007419  
 LAB ID NO: 0000225192      MIX ID NO: GS2068

CONTRACTOR'S DESIGN AGGREGATE STRUCTURE AND AGGREGATE TEST DATA

	3/4"-#4	3/8"-0	Combined	Specifications	Tolerance
Material:	3/4"-#4	3/8"-0			
Source:	GT-318	GT-318			
Ratio:	27%	73%			
1 1/2" square					
1" square					
3/4" square	100.0	100.0	100	100	99 - 100
1/2" square	80.0	100.0	95	90 - 100	90 - 100
3/8" square	42.0	100.0	84	MAX 90	78 - 90
U.S. No. 4	2.0	75.0	55		50 - 60
U.S. No. 8	1.0	46.0	34	28 - 58	30 - 38
U.S. No. 16	1.0	30.0	22		
U.S. No. 30	1.0	20.0	15		
U.S. No. 50	1.0	15.0	11		
U.S. No. 100	1.0	11.0	8		
U.S. No. 200	1.0	8.2	6.3	2.0 - 7.0	4.3 - 7.0

Gsb Coarse	2.781	2.763			
Gsb Fine		2.746			
Gsb Blend	2.781	2.750	2.758		
Sand Equivalent			79	45 MIN.	
Uncompacted Voids (FAA)			49	44% MIN.	
Course Agg Frac					
U.S. No. 4			99	90% Double	Face Fracture

STATE MATERIALS LABORATORY AGGREGATE TEST DATA

Gsb Coarse	2.788	2.767			
Gsb Fine		2.737			
Gsb Blend	2.788	2.744	2.737		
			2.756		
Sand Equivalent		82	82	45 MIN.	
Uncompacted Voids (FAA)			49	44% MIN.	
Course Agg Frac					
U.S. No. 4	99	98	99	90% Double	Face Fracture

COMMENTS

Remarks:  
 Verification of Volumetric Properties determined by SGC Internal angle.

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TEST OF: A.C.P. MIX DESIGN CLASS SUPERPAVE 1/2" WMA\*  
 DATE SAMPLED: 3/19/2008  
 DATE RECD HQS: 3/19/2008  
 SR NO: 80  
 Section: WEST OF GEORGE PAVING

WORK ORDER NO: 007419  
 LAB ID NO: 0000225836  
 TRANSMITTAL NO: 522609  
 MIX ID NO: G82164

Mat'l:	CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL				SPECIFICATION	TOLERANCE
	3/4" #4	3/8" #0	RAP	COMBINED		
Source:	GT-318	GT-318	STOCKPILE			
Ratio:	27%	53%		20%		
1 1/2"						
1"						
3/4"	100	100	98	100	100	99 - 100
1/2"	85	100	93	95	90 - 100	90 - 100
3/8"	50	100	86	84	MAX 90	78 - 90
No. 4	2	80	63	55		50 - 60
No. 8	1	48	45	34		30 - 38
No. 16	1	28	33	22		
No. 30	1	18	24	15		
No. 50	1	13	18	11		
No. 100	1	9	13	8		
No. 200	1.0	7.9	9.3	6.3	2.0 - 7.0	4.3 - 7.0

\* WMA, Warm Mix Asphalt, Anti-Strip evaluation with 2% Sasobit by total weight of virgin binder (Superpave) on Asphalt Pavement, (RAP).

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LOTTMAN STRIPPING EVALUATION					
% ANTI-STRIP	0.0%	1/4%	1/2%	3/4%	1.0%
Visual Appearance:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
% Retained Strength:	97	109	103	114	116

RECOMMENDATIONS

SUPPLIER: SEM

GRADE: PG76-28

% ASPHALT (BY TOTAL MIX): 5.1

% ANTI-STRIP (BY WT. ASPHALT): 0.00%

TYPE OF ANTI-STRIP:

IGNITION CALIBRATION FACTOR: 0.53 (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

MIX ID NUMBER: G82164

MIXING TEMPERATURE: 293°F

COMPACTION TEMPERATURE: 269°F

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**APPENDIX B**  
**Specimen Bulk Specific Gravities**





**APPENDIX C**  
**Dynamic Modulus Results Summary**

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**PROJECT** WA\_WMA\_08

**Unconfined E\* Test Results**

Specimens	4.4°C						21.1°C						37.8°C						54.4°C					
	25 Hz	10 Hz	5 Hz	1 Hz	0.5 Hz	0.1 Hz	25 Hz	10 Hz	5 Hz	1 Hz	0.5 Hz	0.1 Hz	25 Hz	10 Hz	5 Hz	1 Hz	0.5 Hz	0.1 Hz	25 Hz	10 Hz	5 Hz	1 Hz	0.5 Hz	0.1 Hz
MIXTURE	12535	11301	10314	7958	6967	4878	5784	4586	3769	2197	1709	901.3	1729.0	1152.0	848.5	406.8	300.2	154.7	847.5	576.2	419.0	217.2	167.4	92.9
CONTROL	14586	13210	12138	9709	8664	6113	6889	5647	4766	3044	2465	1411	2018.0	1416.0	1077.0	554.0	421.9	231.5	619.8	413.7	288.8	167.8	135.5	83.3
SASOBIT	15320	12238	11472	8743	7261	5038	5354	4727	3004	2303	1807	948	1596.0	1058.0	733.2	373.6	278.1	151.3	517.2	320.7	226.1	117.0	93.6	60.6
Avg	1093	978	937	895	840	795	574	542	422	265	203	163	1839	1281	948	473	356	192	629	412	296	159	127	77
COV	7.9%	8.0%	8.4%	10.2%	10.9%	13.9%	5.1%	10.6%	12.1%	16.9%	19.0%	23.9%	11.5%	14.6%	16.3%	20.6%	27.8%	22.4%	15.3	11.6	8.8	4.4	3.2	1.4
MIXTURE	13314	12105	11151	8924	8027	5969	6995	5844	5014	3260	2672	1559	2345.0	1637.0	1294.0	693.2	512.2	278.9	585.2	378.8	260.6	177.5	125.4	83.6%
CONTROL	16411	14840	13617	10923	9784	7329	8508	7055	6038	3997	3279	1964	2851.0	2078.0	1606.0	858.0	667.9	374.6	848	573	420.4	235.3	188.3	118.2
SASOBIT	15333	13931	12847	10313	8793	6397	8320	6992	6033	4060	3367	2033	2588.0	1904.0	1483.0	795.0	619.9	345.5	746.7	499	368.1	206	169.1	104.2
Avg	1306	1143	1030	842	743	597	605	672	579	3620	347	1885	2653	1931	1488	797	620	344	906	615	455	250	200	122
COV	8.7%	8.4%	8.2%	8.3%	8.2%	8.6%	8.8%	8.6%	8.7%	9.8%	10.2%	11.6%	9.3%	9.3%	11.7%	12.4%	13.1%	14.9%	13.5	9.6	7.4	3.7	2.6	1.4
COV	8.7%	8.4%	8.2%	8.3%	8.6%	8.8%	8.8%	8.6%	8.7%	9.8%	10.2%	11.6%	9.3%	9.3%	11.7%	12.4%	13.1%	14.9%	13.5%	15.9%	16.3%	14.8%	12.9%	11.8%

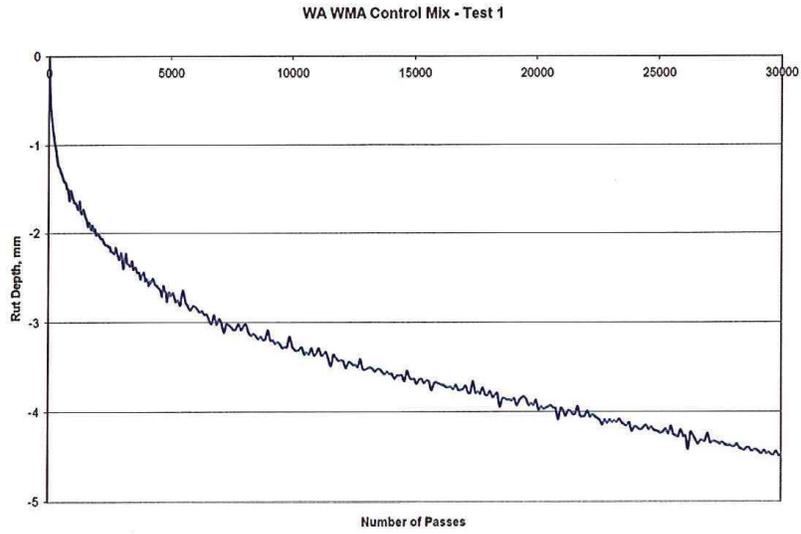
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**Flow Number Results Summary**



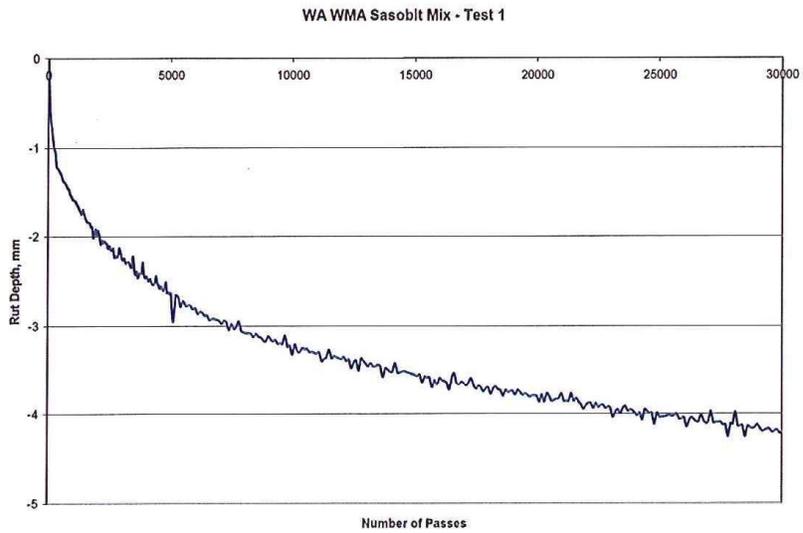
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**Hamburg Wheel Tracking Test Results**

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**Figure A1: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Control Mix Test 1**



**Figure A2: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Sasobit Mix Test 1**

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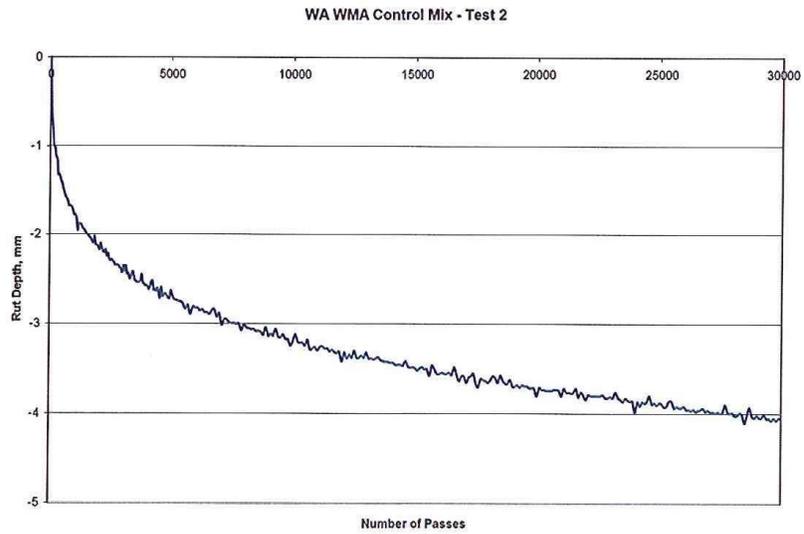


Figure A3: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Control Mix Test 2

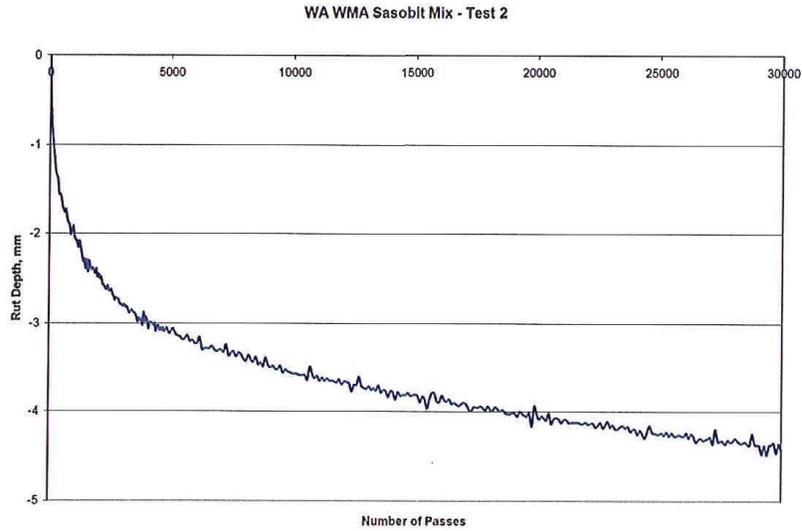


Figure A4: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Sasobit Mix Test 2

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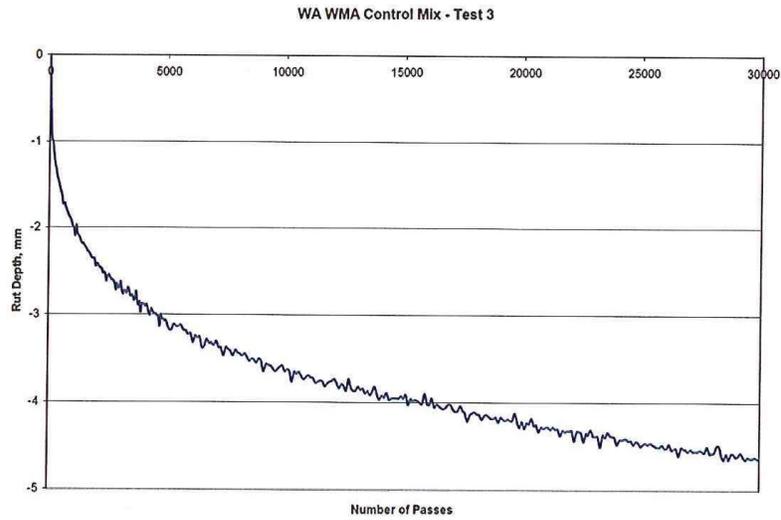


Figure A5: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Control Mix Test 3

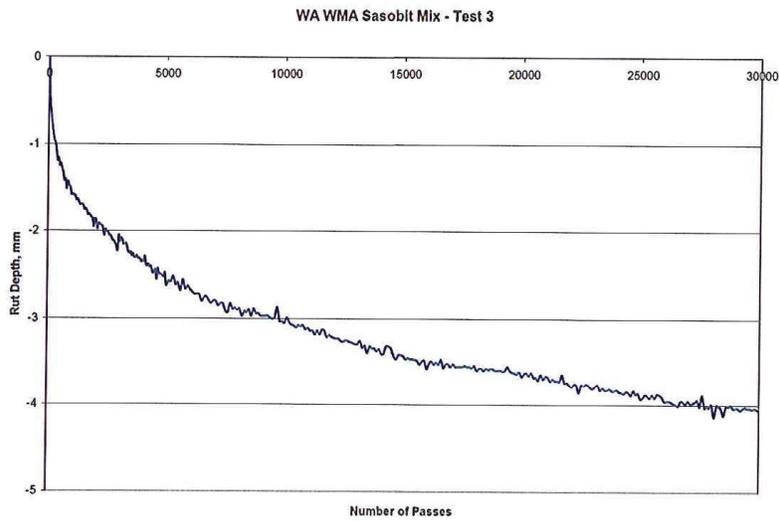


Figure A6: Hamburg Wheel Track Test Results of Washington WMA Sasobit Mix Test 3