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ABSTRACT

This report presents review summaries of the state-of-the-art regarding stripping in hot mix asphalt (HMA) mixtures. The review stresses efforts concerned with methods development, evaluation and presents a critical review of select methods including Lottman (NCHRP 246), Tunnicliff-Root (NCHRP 274), Immersion Compression, 10-minute boil test, and the Nevada dynamic strip method.

The results of the critical review of methods indicated the following ranking order: Lottman test, Tunnicliff-Root test, 10-Minute Boil test, Immersion Compression, and Nevada Dynamic Strip test. The basis of the analysis was a proposed success/failure pattern which was developed using published data on stripping.

Other products of this research include: proposed relationship between stripping theories and mechanisms, and an appended summary of findings from surveys of the users of the stripping tests.
I. INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Stripping is a major distress occurring in hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavements in the United States and in various parts of the world. Pavement performance is adversely affected by stripping and unforeseen increases in maintenance budgets are often incurred. The causes of stripping remain obscure and predictability is relatively non-deterministic. Thus the need to unfold an understanding of the mechanisms, and to develop simple but reliable tests and judgement criteria remains urgent.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives underlying the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) Research Project are to:

- Minimize or eliminate stripping of asphalt cements from aggregate by making breakthroughs in the understanding of the mechanisms,
- Develop simple laboratory test procedures to reliably measure the stripping potential before the fact, and
- Evaluate the need, function, and cost-effectiveness of antistripping additives.

These objectives shall be accomplished through a coordinated study plan.

SCOPE

This phase of the study presents the state-of-the-art of stripping technology, definition of mechanisms, outline and discussion of test methods, test criteria, on-going studies, general discussion, future studies, conclusions and recommendations.
RESEARCH PLAN

A research plan to accomplish the project objectives is outlined in Table 1. Specific tasks undertaken so far and included in this report are:

- Comprehensive Technology Review
  - Literature review - General Concepts
  - Define mechanisms
  - Stripping theories
- Stripping Studies - Past
  - Contact Surveys of users of stripping methods
  - Review Test Methods
  - Review Test Criteria
- Identify Most Promising Test Methods
- Stripping Studies - On-going
  - Commence Limited Fundamental Studies in Stripping - NCAT
    - Develop a Detection Method for Liquid Antistripping Agents In asphalt cement,
      - Explore application of Surface Energy Concepts in Stripping,
      - Explore application of Selective Adsorption phenomenon in stripping.

Limited Information on the initiated NCAT stripping studies shall be presented in this report because the work is still in progress. Further work shall be reported at a later date. The findings from contact surveys are summarized in Appendix A at the end of this report. Portions of the contents in Appendix A shall be included in pertinent sections of this report.
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11. TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

GENERAL CONCEPTS

Stripping is a major distress occurring in HMA pavement mixtures in the United States and in many parts of the world. Hubbard (1) states that stripping effects have been observed since the advent of paving technology with bituminous materials. Since this phenomenon was detected, many studies, numerous technical papers, articles, and presentations have resulted. The complexity of the problem is evidenced by the fact that these efforts continue through the present day in search of a definitive qualitative and quantitative solution towards understanding and predicting stripping potential of HMA. Unfortunately, stripping continues to occur in our pavements and about 23 percent (Appendix A) of the PHWA regions have recently reported (2) occurrence of stripping.

The persistent occurrence of the stripping distress in spite of the numerous studies, theories, evolved test methods, and development of supposedly stripping abating products implies that the basic or fundamental causes are not well understood. This postulation is manifested by the number of definitions which have been offered for the stripping distress, some of which are summarized in Table 2. Secondly, the complexity is manifested by the numerous hypothesized mechanisms, namely detachment, displacement, spontaneous emulsification, film rupture, pore pressure, and hydraulic scouring. These mechanisms are discussed later. Lastly, a number of theories namely mechanical interlock: chemical reaction: molecular orientation or Interracial phenomenon have been postulated to explain stripping. None of the theories is universally accepted and there is no clear definition describing the dominant theory or whether they all act in combination. In summary, Majidzadeh (3) states that stripping due
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To adhesion failure is an economic loss to society and an engineering design failure of an otherwise sound pavement mixture. Pavement failures attributed to stripping are probably not a result of a single quantifiable factor. In spite of these variations in definitions, water is the only widely claimed (4,5,6) cause for stripping. This is a very simplistic assertion since there are many variables such as design, material selections, and compatibility considerations which can be considered in explaining the propensity of water action to cause stripping of pavement mixtures. Fromm (6) states, ‘The major problem is to understand how the water penetrates the asphalt film. If it can be retarded, a considerable improvement would result. The development of a good adhesion promoting agent to retard the detachment of the films by water, would also be an improvement.’ Unfortunately, the results of a recent FHWA Ad Hoc Task Force Study (2) revealed the continued occurrence of stripping in various parts of the United States and that renewed efforts are warranted to arrest the causes using available and/or new technology. Mendenhall et al. (2) reported results of a survey showing 23 percent of FHWA regional offices indicated that pavement mixtures in their regions experienced moderate to extensive stripping. The regions reporting the most were located in the southeastern, southern, mountain, and northwestern parts of the United States.

STRIPPING MECHANISMS

Numerous mechanisms have been proposed for stripping including detachment, displacement, spontaneous emulsification, film rupture, pore pressure, and hydraulic scouring. These mechanisms are not well understood and there is lack of agreement regarding the relative
displace asphalt from the aggregate surface because of the interracial energy effect. This interracial energy effect shall be presented later in a section discussing proposed theories governing the stripping phenomenon. Goodrich (10) in a personal discussion reported evidence from limited studies which were conducted at Chevron Research Company indicating that asphalt films are not impervious. Therefore penetration of the asphalt film by water would permit moisture to get to the asphalt-aggregate interface and provide opportunity for a displacement mechanism to become active.

**Spontaneous Emulsification**

Spontaneous emulsification occurs (5) when an inverted emulsion of water droplets in asphalt cement forms rather than the converse. Investigators have noted that this process can be exacerbated under traffic on mixtures laden with free water. Fromm (6) conducted experiments to demonstrate the formation of an emulsion in which he observed that once the emulsion formation penetrated to the substrate, the adhesive bond was broken. Fromm and many investigators have observed the formation of a brownish color on the surface of asphalt films (approximately 1/8 inch) in severely stripped mixtures as well as on asphalt films submerged in water. Kiggundu (11) conducted limited experiments by placing films of virgin AC-5 and AC-10 asphalts in bottoms of beakers, submerging them in distilled water, and placing them on a window sill for observation. Within one week the AC-5 started losing the glossy appearance on the top surface while the AC-10 took slightly longer time to tan. They both assumed a vividly brownish color after a number of weeks of soaking, however, they regained the glossy color after decanting the supernatant and allowing the surface to dry. The presence of some antistripping products and hydrophilic
calcareous minerals and some baghouse fines are reported (5,12) to be materials that enhance the probability of formation of inverted asphalt emulsions.

In summary, the observations by Fromm and other investigators suggest that stripping by emulsion formation may be an important mechanism.

Film Rupture

Film rupture is reported (5,6) to initiate stripping when film fissures occur at sharp aggregate contact, or points due to dust particles on the aggregate surface. The rupture may occur due to construction loads, operating traffic during service conditions, or could be environmentally induced by freeze-thaw cycling. Once a break in the film occurs, moisture has access to the interface. Thelen (13) reports that presence of dust or other surface coatings on the aggregate can enhance the formation of blisters and pits. These forms of film defects may lead to rupturing of the film and hence easy access to the interface by water.

Pore Pressure

This mechanism precipitates from the presence of water in the pore structure of the HMA locations where segregation is prevalent at layer boundaries when heavy traffic loadings occur and during freeze-thaw cycling. Due to pore pressure pavement layers are known to strip at the interfaces, pavement layers have been observed (contact survey findings) disintegrate usually from bottom upward, and in a few instances disintegration within a layer in both directions. In a majority of cases, the binder layers disintegrate first followed by surface layers. The pore pressure mechanism was postulated by Lottman (14).
Hydraulic scouring is caused by the occurrence of a capillary tension/compression phenomenon (5) around a moving heavy traffic wheel on a saturated HMA structure. The asphalt is stripped off the aggregate producing defects such as surface ravening. In addition, dust is reported (5) to mix with rain water and, in the presence of traffic, can enhance the abrasion of asphalt films from the aggregate.

Other mechanism documented in literature include osmosis (6) and pull-back (6). Osmosis is described occurring due to presence of salts or salt solutions in the aggregate pores and hence creating an osmotic pressure gradient that sucks water through the asphalt film. Some researchers dispute this mechanism like Thelen (13) saying the process is too slow. Many others support the validity of the mechanisms, for example Mark (15). Factors that affect the occurrence of this mechanism include:

1. Some asphalts are caustic treated in their manufacture:
2. Some aggregates compositionally possess ions of salt in the surface:
3. Incomplete draining of aggregates during mix preparation; and
4. Possibility that asphalt films are permeable, suggest that the hypothesis of an osmosis mechanism may be worth consideration.

The pull-back mechanism is evidenced by observations made by many investigators that asphalt mixtures are self-healing or forgiving materials. Fromm (6) reports that field stripped mixtures seem to self-heal after laboratory storage. This phenomenon has been observed by Kennedy et al. (16), Parker et al. (17), and Yoon (18) in running the boiling water test on loose mixtures. On completion of the boiling phase, mixtures which are drained while hot tend to recover additional asphalt
coating as compared to mixtures which are cooled under water and drained after cooling.

ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS

Many investigators have recognized the complexity of the stripping phenomenon. Defining the mechanisms and causes remains a difficult task. Through NCAT research, discussions with a number of investigators, and contact surveys, stripping mechanisms may be considered asphalt-aggregate specific, environmental or climatic specific, load condition specific and possibly other combinations of variables. On the basis of limited NCAT study data, and literature reviews, the following are suggested additional mechanisms:

1. pH Instability mechanism - Adherence of asphalt to the aggregate is strongly influence by the pH of the contact water as has been demonstrated by Kennedy et al. (19), Scott (8), Yoon (18) and others. Kennedy et al. investigated the effects of varying sources of water (tap, distilled, etc.) on the retained coating by a boil test and showed that significant differences in test results occurred as a result of differences in the source of water. Fehsenfeld et al. (12) observed that the pH of contact water can cause the value of the contact angle to shift thereby affecting the wetting characteristics of the interface region. Scott (8) investigated the pH effects by studying the interracial tension at the asphalt/water interface and showed that values of Interracial tension between asphalt films and glass at 100°C (212°F) peaked at intermediate pH values, up to 9, but dropped as the pH increased. Scott’s tests were run with water having a pH of up to 14 and interracial tension values were lowest at these high pH values. Yoon used a boil test to evaluate the effects of varying the pH of water on the retained coating. Yoon initially
measured the pH tests of the contact water produced by boiling six different aggregates in distilled water. Similar tests were conducted by Scott using a variety of aggregates. The results conclusively indicated that the pH of contact water increased with duration of contact and tended to be aggregate specific. The pH values were observed to stabilize after 5 to 10 minutes of boiling. Yoon then conducted boil tests using asphalt-aggregate mixtures with water of varying pH. The results indicated that coating retention decreased as the pH increased. These results strongly suggest that stabilization of the pH sensitivity at the asphalt-aggregate interface would minimize the potential for bond breakage, provide strong durable bonds and hence reduce stripping. Thus, this proposed mechanism is under continued investigation in order to improve its definition, implication to aggregate surface properties, and HMA performance.

2. In concurrence with findings from the contact surveys, there is a need to define mechanisms inclusive of effects of environment or climate and specificity to the asphalt-aggregate and/or additive material systems. Many studies have showed that changing one component of the aggregate system can improve or worsen the stripping propensity of a mixture. Dunning (20) reports that stripping of HMA can be affected by the individual sensitivity of asphalt and/or aggregate to moisture. Hydrophilic aggregates, Dunning and others argue, prefer being wetted by water than by an oil. In this case, the asphalt appears to bead up in the same manner as water beads up in a greased pan. Dunning states that this type of stripping may be alleviated by using an additive which improves the wetting potential of the asphalt for the aggregate surface. Water sensitive asphalts are also discussed by Dunning by reporting that use of
caustic treating of crudes in some refining processes leads to asphalts laden with sodium naphthenates. These naphthenates are believed to work as waster-in-asphalt emulsifiers and their presence may be suspect if the asphalt turns brown after say 24-hour water soak of an asphalt-aggregate mixture. Phillips and Marek (21) argue that stripping mechanisms in asphalt-aggregate mixtures made with granites and gravels can be characterized by a near total loss of adhesion while carbonaceous mixtures can sustain coherent adhesion but weakened cohesion in the bulk phase of the asphalt. Thus, material selections should be made to optimize compatibility or procedures should be developed to facilitate choosing materials (asphalts, aggregates, and/or additives) on the basis of compatible behavior.

STRIPPING THEORIES

Numerous theories have been hypothesized to explain the water-resistance of bitumen-coated aggregate. Rice (4) classifies these theories as mechanical interlocking, chemical reaction, and molecular orientation or surface energy theory each of which is discussed below. . .

Mechanical Interlocking

Thelen (13), Rice (4) and other researchers postulate that surface texture of the aggregate is the main factor affecting adhesion. Mechanical interlocking assumes the absence of chemical interaction between asphalt and aggregate. The bond strength is assumed to be derived from the cohesion in the binder and interlocking properties of the aggregate particles which include individual crystal faces, aggregate porosity, absorption, surface coating, and angularity. The absence of a sound interlocking network of the above properties is assumed to render the system to the adverse effects of water.
Chemical Reaction

The postulation of this theory arises due to the presence of acidic and basic components in each asphalt-aggregate system. The postulate is that these components react forming water-insoluble compounds. The theory suggests (4) the possibility of selective chemical reaction between the aggregate and asphalt species. Recent investigations by Jeon et al. (22) and others have alluded to the possibility of the occurrence of a chemisorption mechanism between some asphalt functionalities and aggregate surfaces. This result was observed from selective adsorption-desorption studies between model asphalt functionalities and model silica aggregate surface. Jeon et al. applied a Langmuir (23) model to quantify chemisorption and low coverage physisorption in his study and showed that the strength of adsorptive forces, amount of asphalt adsorbed per unit weight of the adsorbent, and monolayer coverage of adsorbate can be quantified. Thelen (13) had earlier proposed that formation of a chemisorption type bond may be necessary in order to minimize the stripping potential in asphalt-aggregate mixtures. Thelen did not verify this proposition.

Molecular Orientation or Surface Energy

This theory depicts structuring of asphalt molecules at the asphalt-aggregate interface. This theory assumes (1,4,24) that adhesion between asphalt and aggregate is facilitated by a surface energy reduction on the aggregate as the asphalt is adsorbed on to the surface.

Yoon (18), Tarrer (9) and other investigators observed that aggregates which imparted a relatively high pH value to contact water and/or which had a relatively high zeta potential had a high propensity to strip. Scott (8) from reviewing his work and works of other investigators states, "It is
reasonable to assume that if water penetrates the asphalt film to the mineral surface under conditions _where microdroplets_ are formed below an asphalt layer, the pH reached may be sufficient to ionize and dissociate adsorbed asphalt molecules in a number of cases." Thelen (13) on the other hand _argues_ that reducing the surface energy of the aggregate is not a sufficient condition to abate the stripping potential in asphalt-aggregate mixtures. However, Thelen does not substantiate his argument.

The three theories discussed above probably act in combination or one dominates another for each asphalt-aggregate system. Thus, more work is necessary to discriminate the contributions described by the three theories.

**COMBINING THEORIES AND MECHANISMS IN STRIPPING**

In the existing technical literature little attention has been paid to the relationship between theories and mechanisms that have been postulated to explain stripping. Thus an attempt is made in this report to propose an initial set of relationships between theories and mechanisms. Only primary and secondary contribution relationships are suggested in Table 3. The proposed relationships represent only a first attempt and may need adjustments in the sense that possibilities of role reversals are entirely likely and other factors may come into play during the time that a mechanism remains active.

The primary reasons that these relationships are proposed are that relations may help with developing which theory-mechanism relationship would be

- best _dealt_ with by improvements in mix design,
- best served in material selection techniques using conventional tests/properties, and
best understood by employing special tests/properties, for instance, compatibility properties/tests/considerations.

An attempt to completely explain each element in Table 3 has been attempted at the time of this report. However, two stripping mechanisms are described as examples. The first mechanism is detachment which is believed to be explained by physical and chemical aspects of the interracial energy theory as well as the physical aspects of the mechanical interlock theory. The physical rationale is manifested solely by surface energy considerations whereas the chemical rationale is contributed by the effect of polarity of the molecules present at the common boundary. The physical aspects of the mechanical interlock theory may be due detachment resulting from presence of a thin layer of dust or other foreign matter which prevents bonding between the asphalt and the aggregate. It is also highly likely that the detachment mechanism may precede the displacement mechanism. However the displacement mechanism is likely to be rationalized by both the interracial and chemical reaction theories.

The last mechanism "pH instability" is more likely to be explained by chemical aspects of the chemical reaction theory and by the physical-chemical aspects of the interracial energy theory. These arguments concur with the previous assumption that in absence of a clear cut distinction between the contributions of either theory, two or perhaps three theories may as well be acting concurrently at some stage of stripping. A distinct solution remains distant and expectations are directed at potential breakthroughs through the SHRP research efforts.
TABLE 3. SHOWING PROPOSED THEORY-MECHANISM RELATIONSHIPS IN HMA STRIPPING

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P = Physical
C = Chemical
P-C = Physical-Chemical
S = Primary Contributor
w = Secondary Contributor
III. STRIPPING STUDIES

There are numerous studies which have been conducted to evaluate various aspects of the stripping problem. These studies are categorized based on the measures of stripping presented in the study and are:

- Fundamental studies in stripping,
- Qualitative studies in stripping,
- Quantitative or engineering based studies in stripping including a list of current studies.

Fundamental Studies in Stripping

These studies have predominantly been directed at understanding the interface phenomenon. They are studies whose information cannot be easily used in design but contribute to improved understanding of the stripping phenomenon. Petersen et al. (25) have spearheaded the majority of the efforts specifically marked as “asphalt-aggregate interaction as it relates to pavement moisture-damage.” Petersen et al. consider pavement moisture-damage to be related to the rupture of the adhesive bond at the asphalt-aggregate interface in contrast to stripping which was defined in Sections I and II. Thus moisture-induced damage can be considered a subset of stripping where the latter is the terminal manifestation of the effects of water to a pavement mixture. In the moisture-induced pavement damaged condition, both physical and chemical properties of the constituent mixture materials are presumed important.

Petersen et al. (25) efforts were directed at determining the physiochemical properties at the asphalt-aggregate interface. In these studies qualitative and quantitative determinations of the types of functionalities at the interface (26,27), relative adsorption/desorption (28-30) of these functionalities were undertaken. The following asphalt
Functionalities have been quantitatively and qualitatively identified: ketones, carboxylic acids, anhydrides, 2-quinolone and others. The results indicated that carboxylic acids are most selectively adsorbed on the aggregate surfaces. Conversely, carboxylic acids are most easily stripped off aggregate surfaces by the action of water.

In addition, asphalt-aggregate mixtures involving a number asphalt-aggregate systems were selectively desorbed of the asphalt coating by using staged solvent wash with intermittent water saturation freeze-thaw. The freeze-thaw stage was intended to displace strongly adsorbed water sensitive components off the aggregate surface. The intermittent freeze-thaw stages were followed by final refluxing using pyridine. Each fraction was recovered and analyzed for the distribution of functionalities. The numerical results of the functionalities in the final pyridine wash were divided by corresponding data from the so-called ‘loosely’ held asphalt fractions to establish relative distributions of the functionalities in the various fractions called "Ratios."

Within eight asphalt-aggregate systems, the carboxylic acid functionality had ratios ranging from 12 to 68 percent; and anhydride from 4 to 32 percent; 2-quinolone types from 3 to 10; and the rest of the compounds followed this descending order. These results suggest in concurrence with the authors observation that carboxylic acids and anhydrides have the greatest affinity for aggregate surfaces.

Additional fundamental studies include disbanding studies by Scott (8) discussed in Section 11, bond energy measurement by Ensley et al. (31-32) and nitrogen adsorption studies by Plancher (33). Ensley et al. measured heat released from interacting asphalt and aggregate by microcalorimetry. Results from these studies suggest that stripping potential could be
related to bond strength measurements. Plancher et al. interacted nitrogen compounds with various aggregate surfaces using a range of temperatures. Their results suggest that aggregates which strongly interact with nitrogen compounds may have less stripping potential. More work in these fundamental areas needs to be uncovered.

Qualitative Studies in Stripping

Numerous studies have involved development of indicator tests for stripping. These efforts have produced tests which use semi-subjective and subjective assessments to infer the stripping potential. Tests developed from these studies include the ASTM D 33625 1-minute boil test (to be discussed later), the Texas Freeze-Thaw Pedestal test (35), Gagle procedure (36), the Quick Bottle test (37), the Rolling Bottle Method (38), and many others.

The 1-minute boil test is a field oriented test in which a mixture (plant or other) is boiled for 1-minute and visually observed for coating retention. It is considered that 95 percent and higher retained coating indicates a "passing" mixture whereas below 95 percent denotes "failure". The test is considered unfavorable because of the subjectivity of the rating pattern and rarity of users. Efforts are underway (1988) in ASTM D04.22 to revise this test.

The WST procedure measures the number of freeze-thaw cycles an asphalt-aggregate briquette of specified dimensions takes to develop cracks. This test is conducted on reground one-size stone and therefore considered by numerous practical oriented investigators to be unrepresentative of actual conditions. The Texas Freeze-Thaw Pedestal Test is an outgrowth of the WST procedure with modifications introduced to make it more acceptable to engineering applications. However, findings from
contact surveys (Appendix k) and literature reviews indicate that this test has worked well on some materials and not so well on others as a predictor of stripping potential.

The Gagle procedure was developed to test the finer portion of the grading for adhesion potential with asphalts. The amount of tanning an asphalt-aggregate mixture or pellet undergoes after 24 hour immersion in distilled water is reported to be indicative of the adhesion potential of the mixture. It has been a localized test and there is no evidence of continued use of this test in the literature.

The Quick Bottle Test is used to judge coating ability of an asphalt-additive blend on Ottawa sand. The mixture is vigorously shaken under water after which the supernatant is drained and the sand-binder mixture emptied on a paper towel for coating observation. The results are usually reported as pass or fail. The use of this test has been conducted by a number of state departments of transportation.

Rolling Bottle Method - This test was recently reported from Sweden or Nordic region as a predictor for percent coating. A single coated aggregate is dropped in a half-filled bottle of distilled water till the required sample size is obtained. The distilled water is maintained at 41°F (5°C) in order to inhibit agglomeration potential of the coated aggregates. Bottles containing the sample are placed in a rolling machine which turns at 40 rpm if the asphalt mixture is additive free, otherwise 60 rpm. This test runs for three days with two independent evaluations of the coating recommended at 5, 24, 48, and 72 hours after start of the test. These evaluations are used to determine the mean degree of coverage as the test statistic.
Other tests discussed by Taylor et al. (7) include dye adsorption, mechanical integration method, Radioactive Isotope Tracer Technique, Tracer-Salt with Flame Photometer Analysis, Light-Reflection Method, a Chemical Immersion test by Reidel and Weber, Abrasion Displacement, Briquet Soaking, swell, peeling, detachment, and stripping coefficient measurement. The general relative use of these methods is fairly low, and thus a detailed discussion is not included in this report.

Quantitative or Engineering Based Studies in Stripping

This group of studies constitutes the bulk of efforts directed at developing tests for making quantitative predictions, developing criteria for assessing failure, and applying or interpreting laboratory test results to predict field performance. Each of these areas shall be considered in more detail in the subsequent discussions.

Stripping Tests - Table 4 lists tests which have been developed to predict the stripping phenomenon-quantitatively as per literature reviews and contact surveys (Appendix A). In addition to the methods listed in Table 3 is a class of tests used to measure parameters like percent weight loss through an abrasive operation. The results from these tests are used as indicators for stripping potential. These tests include:

- Dynamic Strip Test (Nevada)
- Cold Water Abrasion Test (Minnesota)
- Moisture Vapor Susceptibility Test (California), and
- Surface Abrasion Test (California).

Each test is briefly discussed below.

1. Immersion Compression Test - This test is reported (39) to have been standardized around 1945 by the Bureau of Public Roads. The method is currently designated ASTM D 1075 or AASHTO T 165.
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<th>Method</th>
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<th>Designated Precision(^*)</th>
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<td>Many versions in use</td>
<td>21.4-26% (Ref. 11)(^1)</td>
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<td>Very Low</td>
<td>Localized precision</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Wet Evacuation</td>
<td>ASTM draft prepared</td>
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<td>• ASTM D 4123</td>
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<tr>
<td>Double Punch Method</td>
<td>None-under trial in</td>
<td>Very low</td>
<td>Not documented</td>
</tr>
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<td>Arizona</td>
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1 - Use in specification and/or research
2 - Reproducibility on test parameter (multi-laboratory)
3 - Based on coefficient of variation using data from two laboratories
4 - Reproducibility based on multi-laboratory effort
Test specimens which are 4x4 inch are prepared using the procedure ASTM 1074. These specimens are divided into two sets which include a set to be tested dry (control) and another set to be tested after water treatment (wet set). Testing for compressive strength is usually done at 77°F (25°C) at deformation rates ranging from 0.2 to 2.0 inch per minute. The mean compressive strength of the wet set is divided by the mean compressive strength of the dry set resulting in a strength ratio expressed as percent. The minimum value of the strength ratio above which stripping may not occur is 75 percent. From the survey made in this study, this test has a high usage but score low in providing accurate predictions.

2. **Lottman Test** - This test is often referred to as National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) 246. The test was developed (42-44) to evaluate the stripping potential of bituminous mixtures. Evaluations using the Lottman Test involve 4x2.5 inch Marshall, 4x2 inch Hveem, and specimens of comparable sizes prepared by other compaction methods including gyratory methods. The tensile strength of test specimen sets are evaluated both dry and after moisture conditioning. The moisture conditioned set is subjected to a freeze-thaw cycle (long term effect) or just the warm (140°F or 60°C) cycle (short-term effect) prior to testing for the tensile strength. Testing for strength is conducted at 55°F (12.8°C) at a deformation rate of 0.065 in per minute. The test result is the average wet strength divided by the average dry strength yielding a tensile strength ratio (TSR). The minimum TSR suggested by Lottman is 70 percent. Results from the contact surveys (Appendix A) indicated increasing appeal for use of this test because other tests were not adequately discriminating between asphalt-aggregate mixture systems. However, modifications involving test temperature (from 55 to 77°F) and
loading rate (from 0.065 in/rein to 2 in/min) were the preferred direction of agencies considering use of this procedure.

3. Tunnicliff/Root Test – This test was developed (45-46) by modifying conditions of test in the Lottman test as follows:
   - Load rate (2 in/rein) compared to 0.065 in/rein
   - Test temperature 77°F (25°C) compared to 55°F (12.8°C)
   - Presaturation of 55 to 80 percent compared to an unlimited level in the Lottman test
   - Absence of a freeze cycle

Results from the contact surveys indicated a general preference for this test as compared to the Lottman because the test can be performed faster. However, some contacts indicated that the test lacks the severity of the Lottman conditioning and allowed a number of stripping asphalt-aggregate systems to pass as non-strippers. In fact some contacts indicated that further requirement for a freeze-cycle may be necessary for improved overall utility of the test. The test results and minimum indes (TSR) are expressed as those in the Lottman test. This test is currently under consideration for standardization by ASTM.

4. Marshall Immersion Test - This test evaluates Marshall specimens by using the dry or wet evacuation procedures. Stuart (47) reports that the dry evacuation procedure involves application of a vacuum head to the dry specimens for say one hour prior to introduction of water. Whereas, the wet evacuation procedure involves application of a vacuum head to specimens which are already submerged in water. These two conditioning procedures produce the wet sets of test specimens. Testing is usually done at 140°F (60°C) using a deformation rate of 2 inch per minute for both the dry and wet sets. The ratio between dry and wet stabilities is expressed
as percent retained stability and the minimum value above which stripping is supposedly unlikely to occur is 75 percent.

5. Resilient Modulus - Schmidt et al. (48) reported early application of resilient modulus property to HMA mixtures. Compacted specimens of variable size are tested along the diametral plane by using a pulsating stress wave while deformations are being recorded along the ends by linear-variable differential transducers (LVDTs). Both moisture conditioned and dry sets are evaluated and the mean modulus is divided by the mean dry modulus yielding a resilient modulus ratio. The minimum ratio suggested is 70 percent.

6. The Double Punch Method - Compacted asphalt-aggregate mixtures of variable sizes are tested through steel rods placed at either end of the specimen in a punching configuration reported by Jimenez (49). Tensile strength is computed from the peak load values. A strength ratio is determined between the wet and dry strengths as the test statistic. Jimenez demonstrated the severity of this test by comparing predictions on similar mixtures using the immersion compression test. The double punch method was reported to produce lower retained strength ratios and hence considered to be more severe than the immersion compression test.

In addition, Jimenez (49) developed a stressing procedure simulating traffic loading effects. The procedure involves repeated application of pore water pressure in the range of 5 to 30 psi (34.5 x 10¹ to 206.9 x10¹ N/m²) at the rate of 580 times/minute on pre-vacuum saturated specimens. This pore pressure is applied through a rubber line annulus assembly which is not in contact with the test specimens. The conditioned specimens are tested in the double punch set up discussed earlier at 77°F (25°C) applying a head speed of 1.0 in/rein (41.5x10⁻⁶ m/s).
The subsequent discussion presents the "special class" of tests mentioned earlier by which the HMA stripping potentials are inferred from changes in weight of the test specimens determined through an abrasive operation. These are:

- Dynamic Strip Method - This test is used predominantly by the Nevada DOT. Hveem specimens are soaked in a 140°F (60°C) water bath for six days, rapidly cooled to 41°F (5°C) by packing with ice, and tumbled through 1000 revolutions at 33 rpm. The conditioning and tumbling processes subjected to the specimens produce a durability index expressed by the amount of weight loss in percent. The maximum value of this index is 25 percent above which severe stripping is considered likely to occur.

- Cold Water Abrasion Test - This test is used by Minnesota DOT for evaluating 2x2 inch compacted briquettes for moisture damage susceptibility. A set of six briquettes is first conditioned in 140°F (60°C) oven for 24 hours. The set is then immersed in a 120°F (48.9°C) water bath for six days, cooled to room temperature followed by further cooling at 33°F (0.8°C) for one hour. Then the set is abraded in a tumbling machine at 33°F for 1000 revolutions in 34.5 minutes. The test statistics is the amount of abrasion loss expressed as a percent of the original weight of the set of briquettes and whose maximum value is 25 percent.

- California Moisture Vapor Susceptibility Test - This test measures the effects of moisture (vapor form) to the Hveem stabilities of 4x2 inch compacted mixtures. The vapor form mimics water migration into pavement mixtures from wet subgrades. The test assembly is placed in 140°F (60°C) oven for 75 hours after which the specimens are tested for stabilometer values. Numerical
stabilometer values are the test statistic compared to a strength ratio between wet and dry sets as with most conventional quantitative test procedures.

- **Surface Abrasion Test** - 4x2 inch Hveem specimens are abraded using rubber balls or steel balls at 1200 cycles per minute for 15 minutes. The rubber balls version test is conducted at 100°F (37.8°C) while the steel balls version is conducted at 40°F (4.4°C). The test statistic is expressed as amount of weight loss in grams.

Other tests which deserve additional discussion include:

- **Texas Freeze-Thaw Pedestal Test** - This test was discussed earlier in works by T. W. Kennedy et al. (S0-S1). Briquettes made out of a uniformly-sized aggregate (passing No. 20 and retained on No. 35) and asphalt (2 percent higher than the job mix formula) are subjected to freeze-thaw conditioning until cracking is initiated. The number of freeze-thaw cycles is the test statistic used to judge the stripping susceptibility of each asphalt-aggregate mixture, and

- **The 10-Minute Boil Test** - The Boil Test has been around for a long time. An asphalt-aggregate mixture, usually single size (passing the 3/8 inch and retained on No. 4 sieves), is placed in boiling water. The whole system is kept boiling for 10 minutes. The supernatant liquid is either poured off hot or after the system cools to ambient conditions. The dried mixture is then visually inspected for percent retained coating. A rating board was developed by Kennedy et al. (16) to minimize the subjectivity of the rating procedure used in the boil test. The usefulness of the rating board has been demonstrated in recent studies by Parker et al. (17,52), Tarrer (9), and Yoon (18). The boil test has been used on while mixtures both in laboratory and field environments. Test standards
which apply to laboratory and field whole mixtures exist in some DOTS like Virginia (53), Georgia (54), Maryland (55,56), and Louisiana (57). Research results determined on whole mixtures have been reported by Kennedy et al. (16), Bushing et al. (57, 58), Parker et al. (59), Gharaybeh (60), and other researchers. The findings from the contact surveys (Appendix A) and an earlier survey by ASTM D04.22 revealed that more than 15 state DOTS have and use the 10-minute boil test in both laboratory and field evaluations. There are currently (1988) efforts by ASTM Subcommittee D04.22 to develop a standard for this 10-minute boil test.

Finally, there are numerous miscellaneous tests which include Taylor et al.'s (7) listing as:

- Static Immersion (ASTM D1664)
- Lee
- Holmes Water Displacement
- Oberbach
  - German U-37
  - Dynamic Immersion Tests of Nicholson
  - Dow or Tyler Wash
  - Sonic Test (non-destructive)
  - English Trafficking, and
- Test Tracks

Due to limited use and inadequate reference information concerning these tests, no further discussion is given in this report.

**Most Frequently Used Tests.**

From the above discussions of various tests, findings from the contact surveys (Appendix A), the following tests have emerged being the most frequently used:
• Indirect Tensile Test including
  - Tunnicliff-Root or NCHRP 274 test
  - Lottman test
• Immersion Compression Test - ASTM D1075, and
• 10-Minute Boil Test

The above test methods and others are the subject of critical review in Section IV.

Measures Undertaken to Reduce Stripping

Numerous investigative actions have been undertaken in laboratories and field to reduce the stripping potential in HMA mixtures. The investigative actions have involved use of antistripping (AS) agents and/or additives. The additives tried in mixtures are reported (61-64) in the following groups:

• **Cationic surfactants**
  - Iron Naphthenate
  - Hydrated Lime
• **Organo Silane**
  - Portland Cement, and
• Other products.

The overall hypothesis in using either additive is to convert a hydrophilic (water loving) aggregate surface to a hydrophobic (water hating) condition. Numerous questions remain unanswered regarding the beneficial attributes derived from using additives. Some of the questions are listed in Appendix A and a few are listed below.

• How does one determine that an additive is really needed?
• How does an additive really work?
What is the most effective method of application of the additive?
- What generic properties should an additive possess to be effective or to influence its selection?
- How is effectiveness measured?
- What test can be used to detect their presence?
- How does an additive contribute to performance?

Tunnicliff et al. (45,46) presented survey findings regarding the use of AS agents in bituminous mixtures. The results of the survey indicated the following as factors that contribute to stripping:
- various aggregate types
- asphalt cement grade and source
- numerous aspects of mixture design
- aspects of construction, and
- climate.

In addition to the above list of variables Tunnicliff found that: there was over 100 AS agents being marketed, and there was a very large number of testing procedures including numerous modifications to these procedures.

A more specific listing of causative factors for stripping was reported in a Canadian publication (61) including:
- Mineral nature of chemical composition of aggregates
- Exposure history of aggregates (e.g. freshly crushed versus sday two months weathering after crushing)
- Original properties of asphalt (physical and chemical)
- Modifications in asphalt during storage and handling
- Interactions between individual aggregates, asphalts, and additives (if included)
- Water content in the mixes
Curing variables (e.g. time, temperature)

- Nature of water to which mix is exposed (salt content, pH)
- Asphalt content, and
- Special field variables (e.g. climate, construction quality, etc).

None of the factors listed in this section singly controls the stripping condition manifest in bituminous mixtures. Remedial actions involving use of any one group of additives is looked at as a blanket insurance.

Research done by Kennedy (64), Petersen (65), Petersen et al. (66), Collins (67) and other researchers suggests that the most effective AS agent is hydrated lime. However, a most effective method of adding lime is still under investigation. In recent investigations by Tunnicliff et al. (68-69), various lime addition techniques were the subject of study. Preliminary results from laboratory and one-year old field mixtures revealed no significant differences in the stripping resistance of mixtures laid using various lime addition procedures.

Other types of AS agents have been investigated in laboratories and/or field situations as contained in various research reports (46-47, 71, 76, 83). The reports do not list consistent performance improvements from the use of these products. The possible causes of the inconsistencies may be associated with the methods of adding these liquid AS agents to the liquid asphalt. These methods include:

- in-line blending in liquid asphalt stream at the hot mix plant site, and
- blending at the refinery

The other possible causes may be the absences of clearly defined material properties and tests for the liquid AS agents. Thus, the adequacy of these additive mixing methods, absence of clear material properties, and absence
of well defined contribution to performance remain puzzles to asphalt technologists.

In summary, long term effectiveness derivable from use of AS agents remains unknown. However, the following constitute suggested methods for improving overall moisture susceptibility characteristics of bituminous mixtures:

- Achieve adequate compaction during construction
- Eliminate the use of moisture-susceptible aggregates and asphalts
- Provide adequate drainage (both surficial and subsurface), and
- Treat the moisture susceptible aggregates and asphalts

The current authors propose the following additional factors to the above list:

- Develop and understand the controlling mechanisms and then develop the appropriate test(s) to assess the identified mechanism(s),
- Use test methods by which undesirable materials can be screened out in advance of the fact, and
- Optimize materials selections for compatibility.

Current Studies in Stripping

Table 5 lists projects which are underway or planned in the area of stripping in bituminous mixtures in various parts of the United States. The information identifying these projects was mainly obtained through reviews and contact surveys made during the course of the NCAT stripping study in 1988. The listing of the projects is not comprehensive but includes both laboratory and field efforts. None of these projects is discussed in this report.
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<td>Field</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>NCHRP Pro. 9-6 (II)</td>
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<td>SHRP - Contracts A-003A and A-003B</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>SHRP</td>
<td>1988</td>
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<td>Investigate correlation between TSR and IC Strength Ratio</td>
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<td>Field</td>
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<td>Investigate fundamental mechanisms and test methods in stripping</td>
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<td>NAPA Ed Found.</td>
<td>1987</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>ALHD</td>
<td>1986</td>
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<td>Investigate stripping phenomenon in various mixtures using various test methods</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>FHWA Task Order</td>
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<td>Assessment of stripping asphalt pavement before rehabilitation</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>VA DOT</td>
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CTR = Center for Transportation Research  
NCAT = National Center for Asphalt Technology  
HRC = Highway Research Center  
AU = Auburn University  
ND = Not determined during this study
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<td>Investigate effectiveness of <strong>antistripping</strong> agents</td>
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<td>Ant{stripping additives in asphalt concrete - phase II</td>
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<td>March 1981</td>
<td>July 1989 Tunnicliff Consulting Engineer</td>
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* Other research efforts are listed in Table A-1
IV. CRITICAL REVIEW OF TEST METHODS

The test methods which are the subject of review in this section include those sort-listed in Section 111 including the Nevada Dynamic Strip Method. These methods are:

1. Indirect Tensile Test
   - Lottman conditioning procedure (with modifications)
   - Tunnicliff-Root conditioning procedure
2. Immersion Compression Test
3. 10-Minute boil test, and
4. Nevada Dynamic strip test

Criteria for Selecting the Above Test Methods

1. Contact survey results (Appendix A)
2. Availability of documented laboratory and field evaluations
3. Availability of Information Involving common types of materials on which nearly all the above tests were applied
4. Availability of standards of the tests at DOT level, AASHTO or ASTM
5. Availability of a judgement criteria associated with use of the test, and
6. An additional test which has been successful in a local setting (Nevada Dynamic strip test)

Critical Review Approach

Reviews of literature bases were conducted to establish availability of published data on numerous material types and generated by the test methods under review. The data sought had to contain laboratory evaluations, laboratory predictions, and associated expected or known field behavior of the candidate asphalt-aggregate mixtures.
Material Types and General Locations

a. Aggregates - The following aggregate types were involved in the studies from which the data for the current review were based: Limestones including dolomite, granite, chert, gravels, and sands.
b. Asphalts - Asphalt varied from AC-10 to AC-30 and represented diverse sources.
c. Antistripping agents - Numerous liquid and solid additives were used in the referenced studies.
d. Locations - The data used in this review was obtained on materials combinations from the following states:

1. Alabama  
2. California  
3. Georgia  
4. Kentucky  
5. Louisiana  
6. Mississippi  
7. New York  
8. Nevada  
9. Tennessee  
10. Texas  
11. Utah  
12. Virginia, and  
13. Washington

Test Results Summaries

Kiggundu et al. (69) recently compiled test data for use in this review as shown in Tables 6 through 10. The results are listed in each table showing the following:

1. Test method type
2. Material source and mineral types listed below:

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<td>GA - Rome</td>
<td>Limestone</td>
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<td>Chert gravel</td>
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<td>MS - Hattiesburg (#2)</td>
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GA - Kennesaw
TX - District 9
TX - District 11
TX - District 1.2
TX - District 13
TX - District 5
TX - District 14
TX - District 19
VA - Aggregate
WA - Aggregate
TN - Aggregate
KY - Aggregate
GA - Norcross
AL - Aggregate A
B
C
D
E
CA - Tel Chert
CA - P.C.A Fairoaks
LA - A613 - Mix Z

- Granite
- Coarse gravel-washed & field sand
- Crushed limestone plus sand and gravel
- Gravel-crushed limestone-local field sand
- Sand-gravel
- Crushed caliche
- Crushed limestone-local sand
- Coarse slag-local sand
- Granite
- Limestone
- Pit aggregate near Spokane
- Crushed gravel-limestone-natural sand
- Sliceous gravel (crushed 
  & natural sand)
- Siliceous gravel (natural sand 
  plus uncrushed gravel)
- Limestone
- Chert gravel
- Crushed gravel
LA - A123 - Mix G  Not available
LA - A070 - Mix H  Not available
1-80 Near Dieth (Nevada)  Pit run aggregate
Elko, Nevada Idaho Street  Pit run aggregate

- Other aggregates are identified in Tables 6 to 10.

3. Strength or Criteria Ratio listing
   a. Minimum value(s) required, and
   b. Test results.

4. **Field performance** rating

5. Test performance in predicting the field condition by:
   a. Success - indicating the laboratory prediction was consistent with the expected field condition or
   b. Failure - indicating that the laboratory prediction using the particular test was inconsistent with the field performance condition, and

6. Citation of the reference publication.

**Analyses**

Data analysis followed the compilation effort shown in Table 6 through 10 by the following operations:

1. Numerical count of the cases for which each test registered success versus failure and represent the result as a percent of the total data in each table.

2. Recounting the success/failure distribution resulting from changes in the minimum test index say from a TSR of 80 percent to a value of 70 percent as seen in Table 6. This operation resulted in a reduction of the success rating from 76 percent at a TSR of 80 percent to a 67 percent at a TSR of 70. Applying the same
### Table 6. Test Results on Mixtures Evaluated by NCHRP 246 Test

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