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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This specification is intended to be used for porous asphalt pavement in parking lot applications. Stormwater management functions of porous asphalt installations include water quality treatment, peak flow reduction, storm volume reduction via groundwater recharge, and increased time lag in flow. This specification is intended for a cold climate application (Durham, New Hampshire), but can be adapted to projects elsewhere provided that selection of materials and design reflects local conditions.
- B. The work of this Section includes subgrade preparation, installation of the underlying porous media beds, and porous asphalt mix (mix) design, production, and installation. Porous media beds refer to the beds underlying the porous asphalt pavement. Porous asphalt pavement refers to the compacted mix of modified asphalt binder and aggregate.
- C. The porous asphalt pavement specified herein is modified after the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) specification outlined in *Design, Construction, and Maintenance Guide for Porous Asphalt Pavements, Information Series 131 (2003)* and *Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Open-Graded Friction Courses, Information Series 115 (2002)*.
- D. Alternative specifications for mix, such as Open Graded Friction Courses (OGFC) from Federal Agencies or state Departments of Transportation (DOT), may be used if approved by the Engineer. The primary requirements for the specifications of the mix are performance grade (PG) asphalt binder, binder content, binder draindown, aggregate gradation, air void content, and retained tensile strength (TSR).

### 1.2 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit a list of materials proposed for work under this Section including the name and address of the materials producers and the locations from which the materials are to be obtained.
- B. Submit certificates, signed by the materials producers and the relevant subcontractors, stating that materials meet or exceed the specified requirements, for review and approval by the Engineer.
- C. Submit samples of materials for review and approval by the Engineer. For mix materials, samples may be submitted only to the QA inspector with the Engineer's approval.
- D. Submittal requirements for samples and certificates are summarized in Table 1 and discussed in further detail in the Materials section.

Table 1. Submittal requirements.

Material or Pavement Course*	Properties to be Reported on Certificate**
choker course, reservoir course	gradation, max. wash loss, min. durability index, max. abrasion loss; air voids (reservoir course)
filter course	gradation, permeability
filter blanket	gradation
geotextile filter fabric	manufacturer's certification
striping paint	certificate
binder	PGAB certification
coarse aggregate	gradation, wear, fractured faces, fractured & elongated
fine aggregate	gradation, plasticity index
silicone	manufacturer's certification
fibers (optional)	manufacturer's certification
mineral filler (optional)	manufacturer's certification
fatty amines (optional anti-strip)	manufacturer's certification
hydrated lime (optional anti-strip)	manufacturer's certification

\*Samples of each material shall be submitted to the Engineer (or QA inspector for mix).

\*\*At a minimum; more material properties may be required (refer to Materials section).

### 1.3 QC/QA

- A. Use adequate numbers of skilled workers who are thoroughly trained and experienced in the necessary crafts and who are completely familiar with the specified requirements and the methods needed for proper performance of the work in this section.
- B. Codes and Standards - All materials, methods of construction and workmanship shall conform to applicable requirements of AASHTO and ASTM Standards or other standards as specified.
- C. QC/QA requirements for production of mix are discussed in the Materials section, and for construction of the porous media beds and paving in the Execution section.

### 1.4 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Site Assessment should be performed per the steps outlined in *IS 131* (NAPA, 2003).
- B. Construction Phasing should be performed as outlined in *IS 131* (NAPA, 2003).
- C. Protection of Existing Improvements
  - 1. Protect adjacent work from splashing of pavement materials. Remove all stains from exposed surfaces of pavement, structures, and grounds. Remove all waste and spillage.
  - 2. Proper erosion and sediment control practices shall be provided in accordance with existing regulations. Do not damage or disturb existing improvements or vegetation. Provide suitable protection where required before starting work and maintain protection throughout the course

of the work.

3. Restore damaged improvements, including existing pavement on or adjacent to the site that has been damaged as a result of construction work, to their original condition or repair as directed to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no additional cost.

#### D. Safety and Traffic Control

1. Notify and cooperate with local authorities and other organizations having jurisdiction when construction work will interfere with existing roads and traffic.
2. Provide temporary barriers, signs, warning lights, flaggers, and other protections as required to assure the safety of persons and vehicles around the construction area and to organize the smooth flow of traffic.

#### E. Weather Limitations

1. Open graded friction course shall not be placed between November 15 and March 15, or when the ambient air temperature at the pavement site in the shade away from artificial heat is below 16 °C (60 °F) or when the actual ground temperature is below 10 °C (50 °F). Only the Engineer may adjust the air temperature requirement or extend the dates of the pavement season.
2. The Contractor shall not pave on days when rain is forecast for the day, unless a change in the weather results in favorable conditions as determined by the Engineer.

### 1.5 REFERENCES

- A. *General Porous Asphalt Bituminous Paving and Groundwater Infiltration Beds*, specification by UNH Stormwater Center, February, 2005.
- B. *Design, Construction, and Maintenance Guide for Porous Asphalt Pavements, Information Series 131*, National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), 2003.
- C. *Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Open-Graded Friction Courses, Information Series 115*, NAPA, 2002.
- D. *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, American Society for Testing and Materials, Philadelphia, PA, 1997 or latest edition.
- E. *Standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)*, 1998 or latest edition.
- F. *Section 401- Plant Mix Pavements – General*, in *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction – State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation*, 2006.
- G. *Section 02725 - General Porous Pavement and Groundwater Infiltration Beds*, specification from NAPA Porous Asphalt Seminar handout, Cahill Associates, Inc., 2004.
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- I. *Groundwater*, R. Allan Freeze and John A. Cherry, 1979.



## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

#### A. Porous Media Infiltration Beds

1. The porous media infiltration beds include, as indicated in Figure 1, from top to bottom, a 4” thick layer of choker course of crushed stone, a 12” minimum thickness layer of filter course of poorly graded sand (a.k.a. bankrun gravel), 3” minimum thickness filter blanket that is an intermediate setting bed (pea gravel), and a reservoir course of crushed stone, thickness dependant on required storage and underlying native materials. The fine gradation of the filter course is for enhanced filtration and delayed infiltration. The high air void content of the uniformly graded crushed stone reservoir course maximizes storage of infiltrated water and creates a capillary barrier to winter freeze-thaw. The filter blanket is placed to prevent downward migration of material into the reservoir course. The optional underdrain in the reservoir course is for hydraulic relief (typically raised for enhanced groundwater recharge). Nonwoven geotextile filter fabric (geotextile) is used only for stabilizing the sloping sides of the porous asphalt excavation and not to be used on the bottom of the system unless needed for structural reasons.

2. Material for the choker course and reservoir course shall meet the following:

Maximum Wash Loss of 0.5%

Minimum Durability Index of 35

Maximum Abrasion Loss of 10% for 100 revs. and max. of 50% for 500 revs.

Material for the choker course and reservoir course shall have the AASHTO No. 57 and AASHTO No. 3 gradations, respectively, as specified in **Table 2**. If the AASHTO No. 3 gradation cannot be met, AASHTO No. 5 is acceptable with approval of the Engineer.

3. Reservoir coarse thickness is dependent upon the following criteria:

- a. A 4” minimum thickness of reservoir course is installed as a capillary barrier for frost heave protection at interface between subbase and native materials,
- b. Underlying native materials are either well drained (Hydrologic Group A soils) or subdrains should be installed to insure subbase is well drained,
- c. Subdrains, if included, are elevated at minimum 4” from bottom to provide storage and infiltration for 1” water quality volume,
- d. Subbase materials have sufficient void space to store the design storm,  
**Example:** 25 year storm, 5.1” rainfall depth, 0.3 reservoir void space  
subbase thickness =  $17” > 5.1” / 0.3$
- e. Pavement and subbase thickness are  $\geq 0.65 * \text{design frost depth for area}$ .  
**Example:** Durham, New Hampshire,  $48” = D_{\text{maximum frost}}: 32” > 0.65(48”)$

4. Optional Liner only recommended for aquifer protection from inappropriate land uses, to be located at interface between subbase and native materials is dependent upon the following:
  - a. As with any infiltration system, care must be taken when siting porous asphalt systems close to locations where hazardous materials are handled or where high contaminant loading may threaten groundwater. In such cases, the systems can be lined to prevent infiltration into groundwater while preserving water quality and peak flow reduction benefits.
  - b. Refer to state guidelines regarding the use of infiltration systems
  - c. Suitable liners may include Hydrologic Group D soils, HDPE liners, or suitable equivalent. Refer to state guidelines regarding selection of impermeable liners.
  - d. Filter fabrics or geotextile liners are not recommended for use on bottom of system if designing for infiltration. Filter fabric usage in stormwater filtration has been know to clog prematurely. Graded stone filter blankets are recommended in replace.

**Figure 1: Typical Cross-Section for Pervious Pavement System**

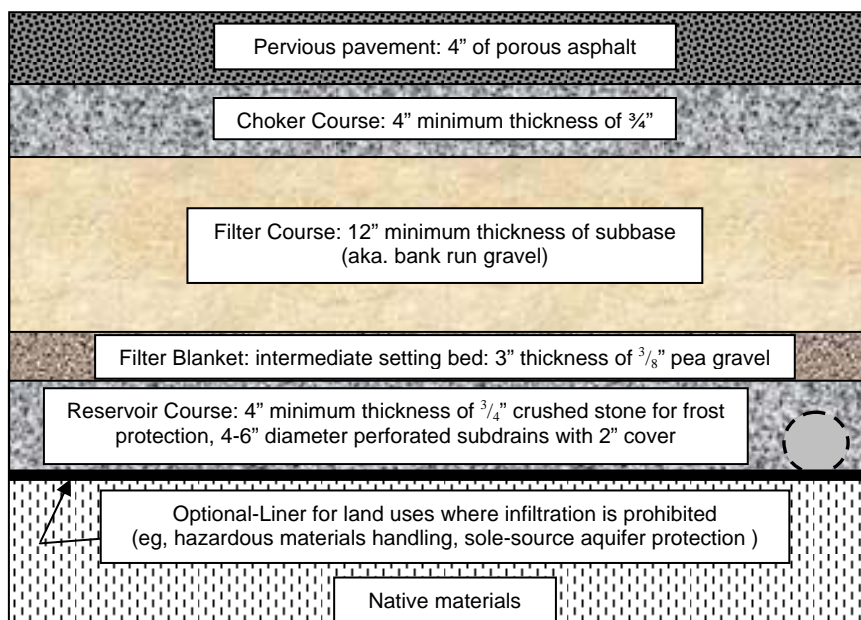




Table 2. Gradations of choker, filter, and reservoir course materials.

U.S. Standard Sieve Size	Percent Passing (%)			
	Choker Course (AASHTO No. 57)	Filter Course (NHDOT 304.2)	Reservoir Course (AASHTO No. 3)	Res. Course Alt.* (AASHTO No. 5)
6" (150mm)	100			
2 ½" (63mm)	-	-	100	-
2" (50mm)	-	-	90-100	-
1 ½" (37.5mm)	100	-	35-70	100
1" (25mm)	95-100	-	0-15	90-100
¾" (19mm)	-	-	-	20-55
½" (12.5mm)	25-60	-	0-5	0-10
⅜" (9.5mm)	-	-	-	0-5
#4 (4.75mm)	0-10	25-70	-	-
#8 (2.36mm)	0-5	0-12	-	-

\*Alternate gradations (e.g. AASHTO No. 5) may be accepted Engineer's approval.

Filter course material shall have a hydraulic conductivity (also referred to as coefficient of permeability) of 10 to 60 ft/day at 92% compaction unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Great care needs to be used to not over-compact materials due to loss of infiltration capacity. The filter coarse material is commonly referred to as a bankrun gravel (NHDOT 304.2). In order to select an appropriate gradation, coefficient of permeability may be estimated through an equation that relates gradation to permeability, such as described in *Correlations of Permeability and Grain Size* (Shepherd, 1989) or in *Section 8.7 Estimation of Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity* (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Coefficient of permeability for the selected filter course material shall be measured by ASTM D5084 and reported to the Engineer.

5. Filter blanket material between the filter course and the reservoir course shall be an intermediate size between the finer filter course above, and the coarser reservoir course below, for the purpose of preventing the migration of a fine setting bed into the coarser reservoir material. An acceptable gradation shall be calculated based on selected gradations of the filter course and reservoir course using criteria outlined in the *HEC II* (Brown and Clyde, 1989). A pea-gravel with a median particle diameter of 3/8" is commonplace.
6. Non-woven geotextile filter fabric for the sloping sides only shall be Mirafi 160N, or approved equal and shall conform to **Table 3**. Mirafi® 160N is a non-woven geotextile composed of polypropylene fibers, which are formed into a stable network such that the fibers retain their relative position. 160N is inert to biological degradation and resists naturally encountered chemicals, alkalis, and acids.

Table 3. Non-woven geotextile filter fabric properties.

Mechanical Properties	Test Method	Unit	Min Avg Roll Value	
			MD	CD
Grab Tensile Strength	ASTM D 4632	kN (lbs)	0.71 (160)	0.71 (160)
Grab Tensile Elongation	ASTM D 4632	%	50	50
Trapezoid Tear Strength	ASTM D 4533	kN (lbs)	0.27 (60)	0.27 (60)
Mullen Burst Strength	ASTM D 3786	kPa (psi)	2100 (305)	
Puncture Strength	ASTM D 4833	kN (lbs)	0.42 (95)	
Apparent Opening Size (AOS)	ASTM D 4751	mm (U.S. Sieve)	0.212 (70)	
Permittivity	ASTM D 4491	sec-1	1.4	
Permeability	ASTM D 4491	cm/sec	0.22	
Flow Rate	ASTM D 4491	lpm/m <sup>2</sup> (gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> )	4477 (110)	
UV Resistance (at 500 hours)	ASTM D 4355	% strength retained	70	

Physical Properties	Test Method	Unit	Typical Value
Weight	ASTM D 5261	g/m <sup>2</sup> (oz/yd <sup>2</sup> )	217 (6.4)
Thickness	ASTM D 5199	mm (mils)	1.9 (75)
Roll Dim. (width x length)	-	m (ft)	4.5 x 91 (15 x 300)
Roll Area	-	m <sup>2</sup> (yd <sup>2</sup> )	418 (500)
Estimated Roll Weight	-	kg (lb)	99 (217)

7. Alternative materials for the porous media beds, filter blanket, and geotextile may be substituted at the discretion of the Engineer.

## B. Porous Asphalt Mix

1. Mix materials consist of modified performance grade asphalt binder (PGAB), coarse and fine aggregates, and optional additives such as silicone, fibers, mineral fillers, fatty amines, and hydrated lime. Materials shall meet the requirements of the NAPA's *Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Open-Graded Friction Courses, Information Series 115* (2002), except where noted otherwise below or approved in writing by the Engineer.
2. Polymer Modified PGAB. The asphalt binder shall be a polymer modified Performance Graded asphalt binder (PGAB) used in the production of Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) mixtures. In general, PGAB shall be two grades stiffer than that required for dense mix asphalt (DMA) parking lot installations, which is often achieved by adding a polymer. The polymer modified binder for this project shall be a PG 76-22 SBS or a PG 76-22 SBR (i.e. the PGAB binder may be a 64-28 that is modified with either SBS or SBR to meet the PG 76-22 specification). The binder shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M320.

The PGAB may be pre-blended or post-blended. The pre-blended binder can be pre-blended at the source or at a terminal. For post-blended addition, the modifier can either be in-line blended or injected into the pugmill at the Plant. Based on the selected method, the following must be met:

- a. Pre-Blended PG 76-22 SBS will be supplied by an approved PGAB supplier holding a Quality Control Plan approved by the state DOT. A Bill of Lading (BOL) will be

delivered with each transport of PG 76-22 SBS. A copy of the BOL will be furnished to the QA inspector at the Plant.

- b. Post-Blended PG 76-22 SBR will be supplied by a HMA plant approved to perform in-line blending or blending by injection into the pugmill. A Post-Blended SBR Binder Quality Control Plan (**Table 4**) will be submitted to the Engineer for approval at least 10 working days prior to production.
  - c. Quality control plans may be altered at the discretion of the Engineer and based on feasible testing as suggested by the asphalt producer. Certain QC testing requirements during production may not be feasible for small projects in which limited asphalt is generated. Some testing methods cannot be completed during the time needed during small batch production. The feasibility should be assessed with the Engineer and producer.
3. Anti-Stripping Mix Additives.

The mix shall be tested for moisture susceptibility and asphalt stripping from the aggregate by AASHTO T283. If the retained tensile strength (TSR) < 80% upon testing, a heat stable additive shall be furnished to improve the anti-stripping properties of the asphalt binder. Test with one freeze-thaw cycle (rather than five recommended in *NAPA IS 115*). The amount and type of additive (e.g. fatty amines or hydrated lime) to be used shall be based on the manufacturer's recommendations, the mix design test results, and shall be approved by the Engineer.

Silicone shall be added to the binder at the rate of 1.5 mL/m<sup>3</sup> (1 oz. per 5000 gal).

Fibers may be added per manufacturer and *NAPA IS 115* recommendation if the draindown requirement cannot be met (<0.3% via ASTM D6390) provided that the air void content requirement is met (>18%, or >16% as tested with CoreLok device).

Additives should be added per the relevant DOT specification and *NAPA IS 115*.

Table 4. Post-Blended SBR Binder QC Plan requirements.

<p><u>The QC Plan will contain:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Company name and address</li> <li>2. Plant location and address</li> <li>3. Type of Facility</li> <li>4. Contact information for the Quality Control Plan Administrator</li> <li>5. QC Tests to be performed on each PGAB</li> <li>6. Name(s) of QC Testing Lab to perform QC and Process Control testing.</li> <li>7. Actions to be taken for PG Binders and SBR in Non compliance</li> <li>8. List of mechanical controls (requirements below)</li> <li>9. List of process controls and documentation (requirements below)</li> </ol>
<p><u>List of Mechanical Controls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Liquid SBR no-flow alert system with an “alert” located in the control room and automatic documentation of a no flow situation on the printout</li> <li>2. Provide means of calibrating the liquid SBR metering system to a delivery tolerance of 1%.</li> <li>3. A batching tolerance at the end of each day’s production must be within 0.5% of the amount of SBR solids specified.</li> <li>4. Mag-flow meter (other metering system may be considered)</li> <li>5. Method of sampling liquid SBR</li> </ol>
<p><u>List of Process Controls and Documentation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Printouts of liquid SBR and PG binder quantities must be synchronized within one minute of each other</li> <li>2. SBR supplier certification showing the percent of SBR solids in liquid SBR</li> <li>3. Test results of a lab sample blended with the specified dosage of SBR. At a minimum, provide the name of the PGAB and liquid SBR suppliers, and PGAB information such as grade and lot number, and SBR product name used for the sample.</li> <li>4. MSDS sheet for liquid SBR</li> <li>5. Handling, storage, and usage requirements will be followed as required by the liquid SBR manufacturer</li> <li>6. At a minimum, provide a table showing proposed rate of SBR liquid (L/min.) in relation to HMA production rate (tons per hour, TPH) for the % solids in liquid SBR, quantity of SBR specified for HMA production, and the specific gravity of the SBR.</li> <li>7. QCT or QC Plan Administrator must be responsible for documenting quantities, ensuring actual use is within tolerance, etc. All printouts, calculations, supplier certifications etc. must be filed and retained as part of the QCTs daily diary/reports.</li> <li>8. Method and Frequency of testing at the HMA plant, including initial testing and specification testing.</li> </ol>

\*This Plan shall be submitted to the Engineer 10 days before production.

4. Coarse Aggregate. Coarse aggregate shall be that part of the aggregate retained on the No. 8 sieve; it shall consist of clean, tough, durable fragments of crushed stone, or crushed gravel of uniform quality throughout.

Coarse aggregate shall be crushed stone or crushed gravel and shall have a percentage of wear as determined by AASHTO T96 of not more than 40 percent. In the mixture, at least 75 percent, by mass (weight), of the material coarser than the 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve shall have at least two fractured faces, and 90 percent shall have one or more fractured faces (ASTM D5821). Coarse aggregate shall be free from clay balls, organic matter, deleterious substances, and a not more than 8.0% of flat or elongated pieces (>3:1) as specified in ASTM D4791.

5. Fine Aggregate. The fine aggregate shall be that part of the aggregate mixture passing the No. 8 sieve and shall consist of sand, screenings, or combination thereof with uniform quality throughout. Fine aggregate shall consist of durable particles, free from injurious foreign matter. Screenings shall be of the same or similar materials as specified for coarse aggregate. The plasticity index of that part of the fine aggregate passing the No. 40 sieve shall be not more than 6 when tested in accordance with AASHTO T90. Fine aggregate from the total mixture shall meet plasticity requirements.

6. Porous Asphalt Mix Design. The Contractor shall submit a mix design at least 10 working days prior to the beginning of production. The Contractor shall make available samples of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate, mineral filler, fibers and a sample of the PGAB that will be used in the design of the mixture. A certificate of analysis (COA) of the PGAB will be submitted with the mix design. The COA will be certified by a laboratory meeting the requirements of AASHTO R18. The Laboratory will be certified by the state DOT, regional equivalent (e.g. NETTCP), and/or qualified under ASTM D3666. Technicians will be certified by the regional certification agency (e.g. NETTCP) in the discipline of HMA Plant Technician.

The mixture will be designed according to the NAPA *IS 131*, with the exception of testing for air void content. Bulk specific gravity (SG) used in air void content calculations shall not be determined and results will not be accepted using AASHTO T166 (saturated surface dry), since it is not intended for open graded specimens (>10% AV). Bulk SG shall be calculated using AASHTO T275 (paraffin wax) or ASTM D6752 (automatic vacuum sealing, e.g. CoreLok). Air void content shall be calculated from the bulk SG and maximum theoretical SG (AASHTO T209) using ASTM D3203.

The materials shall be combined and graded to meet the composition limits by mass (weight) as shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5. Porous asphalt mix design criteria.

Sieve Size (inch/mm)	Percent Passing (%)
0.75/19	100
0.50/12.5	85-100
0.375/9.5	55-75
No.4/4.75	10-25
No.8/2.36	5-10
No.200/0.075 (#200)	2-4
Binder Content (AASHTO T164)	6.0-6.5%
Air Void Content by Corelok (ASTM D6752)*	16.0-20.0%
Air Void Content by Paraffin wax (AASHTO T275 )*	18.0-22.0%
Draindown (ASTM D6390)**	<= 0.3 %
Retained Tensile Strength (AASHTO 283)***	>= 80 %

\* Either method is acceptable

\*\*Cellulose or mineral fibers may be used to reduce draindown.

\*\*\*If the TSR (retained tensile strength) values fall below 80% when tested per NAPA IS 131 (with a single freeze thaw cycle rather than 5). Step 4, the contractor shall employ an antistripping additive, such as hydrated lime (ASTM C977) or a fatty amine, to raise the TSR value above 80%.

## 7. Porous Asphalt Mix Production

- a. Mixing Plants. Mixing plants shall meet the requirements of hot mix asphalt plants as specified in the state DOT or regional equivalent unless otherwise approved by the Engineer (e.g. *Section 401- Plant Mix Pavements – General for Quality Assurance specifications* in the *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction – State of New Hampshire DOT, 2006*).
- b. Preparation of Asphalt Binder. The asphalt material shall be heated to the temperature specified in the state DOT specification (if using a DOT spec for the mix) in a manner that will avoid local overheating. A continuous supply of asphalt material shall be furnished to the mixer at a uniform temperature.
- c. Preparation of Aggregates. The aggregate for the mixture shall be dried and heated at the mixing plant before being placed in the mixer. Flames used for drying and heating shall be properly adjusted to avoid damaging the aggregate and depositing soot or unburned fuel on the aggregate.

Mineral filler, if required to meet the grading requirements, shall be added in a manner approved by the Engineer after the aggregates have passed through the dryer.

The above preparation of aggregates does not apply for drum-mix plants.

- d. Mixing. The dried aggregate shall be combined in the mixer in the amount of each fraction of aggregate required to meet the job-mix formula and thoroughly mixed prior to adding



the asphalt material.

The dried aggregates shall be combined with the asphalt material in such a manner as to produce a mixture that when discharged from the pugmill is at a target temperature in the range that corresponds to an asphalt binder viscosity of 700 to 900 centistokes and within a tolerance of  $\pm 11$  °C ( $\pm 20$  °F).

The asphalt material shall be measured or gauged and introduced into the mixer in the quantity determined by the Engineer for the particular material being used and at the temperature specified in the relevant specification.

After the required quantity of aggregate and asphalt material has been introduced into the mixer, the materials shall be mixed until a complete and uniform coating of the particles and a thorough distribution of the asphalt material throughout the aggregate is secured. The mixing time will be regulated by the Engineer, and a suitable locking means shall be provided for these regulations.

All plants shall have a positive means of eliminating oversized and foreign material from being incorporated into the mixer.

e. QC/QA During Production

The Contractor shall provide at his expense and the Engineer's approval a third-party QA Inspector to oversee and document mix production. All mix testing results during production should be submitted to the QA Inspector.

The QC plan may be altered at the discretion of the Engineer and based on feasible testing as suggested by the asphalt producer. Certain QC testing requirements during production may not be feasible for small projects in which limited asphalt is generated. Some testing methods cannot be completed during the time needed during small batch production. The feasibility should be assessed with the Engineer and producer.

The mixing plant shall employ a Quality Control Technician (QCT). The QCT will perform QC/QA testing and will be certified in the discipline of HMA Plant Technician by the relevant certifying agency (e.g. NETTCP in New England). The Contractor shall sample, test and evaluate the mix in accordance with the methods and minimum frequencies in **Table 6** and the Post-Blended SBR Binder Quality Control Plan (if applicable).

Table 6. QC/QA testing requirements during production.

Test	Min. Frequency	Test Method
Temperature in Truck at Plant	6 times per day	
Gradation	greater of either (a) 1 per 500 tons, (b) 2 per day, or (c) 3 per job	AASHTO T30
Binder Content	greater of either (a) 1 per 500 tons, (b) 2 per day, or (c) 3 per job	AASHTO T164
Air Void Content	greater of either (a) 1 per 500 tons, (b) 2 per day, or (c) 3 per job	ASTM D6752
Binder Draindown	greater of either (a) 1 per 500 tons, (b) 1 per day, or (c) 1 per job	ASTM D6390

If an analyzed sample is outside the testing tolerances immediate corrective action will be taken. After the corrective action has been taken the resulting mix will be sampled and tested. If the re-sampled mix test values are outside the tolerances the Engineer will be immediately informed. The Engineer may determine that it is in the best interest of project that production is ceased. The Contractor will be responsible for all mix produced for the project.

Testing Tolerances During Production. Testing of the air void content, binder draindown, and TSR shall be within the limits set in **Table 5**. The paving mixture produced should not vary from the design criteria for aggregate gradation and binder content by more than the tolerances in **Table 7**.

Table 7. QC/QA testing tolerances during production.

Sieve Size (inch/mm)	Percent Passing
0.75/19	-
0.50/12.5	±6.0
0.375/9.5	±6.0
No.4/4.75	±5.0
No.8/2.36	±4.0
No.200/0.075 (#200)	±2.0
%PGAB	+0.4, -0.2

Should the paving mixture produced vary from the designated grading and asphalt content by more than the above tolerances, proper changes are to be made until it is within these tolerances.

Samples of the mixture when tested in accordance with AASHTO T164 and T30 shall not vary from the grading proportions of the aggregate and binder content designated by the Engineer by more than the respective tolerances specified above and shall be within the limits specified for the design gradation.

Plant Shutdown and Rejection of Mix. Should the mix not meet the tolerances specified above upon repeat testing, the Engineer may reject further loads of mix. Mix that is loaded into trucks during the time that the plant is changing operations to comply with a failed test

shall not be accepted, and should be recycled at the plant.

8. Striping Paint shall be latex, water-base emulsion, ready-mixed, complying with PS TT-P-1952.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

#### A. Porous Media Beds

##### 1. Grade Control

- a. Establish and maintain required lines and elevations. The Engineer shall be notified for review and approval of final stake lines for the work before construction work is to begin. Finished surfaces shall be true to grade and even, free of roller marks and free of low spots to form puddles. All areas must drain.
- b. If, in the opinion of the Engineer, based upon reports of the testing service and inspection, the quality of the work is below the standards which have been specified, additional work and testing will be required until satisfactory results are obtained.

2. The Engineer shall be notified at least 24 hours prior to all porous media bed and porous pavement work.

##### 3. Subgrade preparation

- a. Existing subgrade under bed areas shall NOT be compacted or subject to excessive construction equipment traffic prior to geotextile and stone bed placement.
- b. Where erosion of subgrade has caused accumulation of fine materials and/or surface ponding, this material shall be removed with light equipment and the underlying soils scarified to a minimum depth of 6 inches with a York rake or equivalent and light tractor.
- c. Bring subgrade of stone porous media bed to line, grade, and elevations indicated. Fill and lightly regrade any areas damaged by erosion, ponding, or traffic compaction before the placing of stone. All bed bottoms are level grade.

##### 4. Porous Media Bed Installation

- a. Upon completion of subgrade work, the Engineer shall be notified and shall inspect at his/her discretion before proceeding with porous media bed installation.

- b. Geotextile and porous media bed aggregate shall be placed immediately after approval of subgrade preparation. Any accumulation of debris or sediment which has taken place after approval of subgrade shall be removed prior to installation of geotextile at no extra cost to the Owner.
- c. Place geotextile in accordance with manufacturer's standards and recommendations. Adjacent strips of geotextile shall overlap a minimum of sixteen inches (16"). Secure geotextile at least four feet (4') outside of bed and take any steps necessary to prevent any runoff or sediment from entering the storage bed.
- d. Install coarse aggregate in 8-inch maximum lifts. Lightly compact each layer with equipment, keeping equipment movement over storage bed subgrades to a minimum. Install aggregate to grades indicated on the drawings.
- e. Install choker base course (see Materials section) aggregate evenly over surface of stone bed, sufficient to allow placement of pavement, and notify Engineer for approval. Choker base course shall be sufficient to allow for even placement of asphalt but no less than 1-inch in depth.
- f. Following placement of bed aggregate, the geotextile shall be folded back along all bed edges to protect from sediment washout along bed edges. At least a four-foot edge strip shall be used to protect beds from adjacent bare soil. This edge strip shall remain in place until all bare soils contiguous to beds are stabilized and vegetated. In addition, take any other necessary steps to prevent sediment from washing into beds during site development. When the site is fully stabilized, temporary sediment control devices shall be removed.

5. QC/QA requirements for Porous Media Bed Construction.

QC/QA activities are summarized in Table 8.

Table 8. QC/QA requirements for porous media bed construction.

Activity	Schedule
Contractor to notify Engineer for approval	24 hours in advance of start of work
Contractor to employ soil inspector acceptable to Engineer	NA
Contractor to employ staking and layout control inspector acceptable to Engineer	NA
Contractor to employ site grading inspector acceptable to Engineer	NA
Contractor to employ pavement work inspector acceptable to Engineer	NA
Contractor to notify Engineer for approval	after subgrade preparation, before construction of porous media bed
Contractor to notify Engineer for approval	after choker course placed, before placement of pavement

## B. Porous Asphalt Pavement Installation

1. The mixing plant, hauling and placing equipment, and construction methods shall be in conformance with NAPA IS 131 and applicable sections of the state DOT's specification for asphalt mixes.
2. The use of surge bins shall not be permitted.
3. Hauling Equipment. Trucks used for hauling asphalt mixture shall have tight, clean, smooth metal bodies. The Contractor shall apply a thin coat of a non-petroleum based or soap solution to prevent the mixture from adhering to the bodies.

Each truck shall have a cover of canvas or other suitable material of such size sufficient to protect the mixture from the weather. When necessary to ensure delivery of material at the specified temperature, truck bodies shall be insulated, and covers shall be securely fastened.

4. Placing Equipment. The paver shall be a self-propelled unit with an activated screed or strike-off assembly, capable of being heated if necessary, and capable of spreading and finishing the mixture without segregation for the widths and thicknesses required. The screed shall be adjustable to provide the desired cross-sectional shape. The finished surface shall be of uniform texture and evenness and shall not show any indication of tearing, shoving, or pulling of the mixture. The machine shall, at all times, be in good mechanical condition and shall be operated by competent personnel.

Pavers shall be equipped with the necessary attachments, designed to operate electronically, for controlling the grade of the finished surface.

The adjustments and attachments of the paver will be checked and approved by the Engineer before placement of asphalt material.

Pavers shall be equipped with a sloped plate to produce a tapered edge at longitudinal joints. The sloped plate shall be attached to the paver screed extension.

The sloped plate shall produce a tapered edge having a face slope of 1:3 (vertical: horizontal). The plate shall be so constructed as to accommodate compacted mat thickness from 35 to 100 mm (1 1/4 to 4 inches). The bottom of the sloped plate shall be mounted 10 to 15 mm (3/8 to 1/2 inch) above the existing pavement. The plate shall be interchangeable on either side of the screed.

Pavers shall also be equipped with a joint heater capable of heating the longitudinal edge of the previously placed mat to a surface temperature of 95 °C (200 °F), or higher if necessary, to achieve bonding of the newly placed mat with the previously placed mat. This shall be done without undue breaking or fracturing of aggregate at the interface. The surface temperature shall be measured immediately behind the joint heater. The joint heater shall be equipped with automated controls that shut off the burners when the

pavement machine stops and reignite them with the forward movement of the paver. The joint heater shall heat the entire area of the previously placed wedge to the required temperature. Heating shall immediately precede placement of the asphalt material.

5. Rollers. Rollers shall be in good mechanical condition, operated by competent personnel, capable of reversing without backlash, and operated at speeds slow enough to avoid displacement of the asphalt mixture. The mass (weight) of the rollers shall be sufficient to compact the mixture to the required density without crushing of the aggregate. Rollers shall be equipped with tanks and sprinkling bars for wetting the rolls.

Rollers shall be two-axle tandem rollers with a gross mass (weight) of not less than 7 metric tons (8 tons) and not more than 10 metric tons (12 tons) and shall be capable of providing a minimum compactive effort of 44 kN/m (250 pounds per inch) of width of the drive roll. All rolls shall be at least 1 m (42 inches) in diameter.

A rubber tired roller will not be required on the open graded asphalt friction course surface.

6. Conditioning of Existing Surface. Contact surfaces such as curbing, gutters, and manholes shall be painted with a thin, uniform coat of Type RS-1 emulsified asphalt immediately before the asphalt mixture is placed against them.
7. Spreading and Finishing. The asphalt mixture, at the time of discharge from the haul vehicle, shall be within 6 °C (10 °F) of the compaction temperature for the approved mix design.

Porous Asphalt shall be placed in a single application at 4 inches thick.

The Contractor shall protect all exposed surfaces that are not to be treated from damage during all phases of the pavement operation.

The asphalt mixture shall be spread and finished with the specified equipment. The mixture shall be struck off in a uniform layer to the full width required and of such depth that each course, when compacted, has the required thickness and conforms to the grade and elevation specified. Pavers shall be used to distribute the mixture over the entire width or over such partial width as practical. On areas where irregularities or unavoidable obstacles make the use of mechanical spreading and finishing equipment impractical, the mixture shall be spread and raked by hand tools.

No material shall be produced so late in the day as to prohibit the completion of spreading and compaction of the mixture during daylight hours, unless night paving has been approved for the project.

No traffic will be permitted on material placed until the material has been thoroughly compacted and has been permitted to cool to below 60 °C (140 °F). The use of water to cool the pavement will not be permitted. The Engineer reserves the right to require that all work adjacent to the pavement, such as guardrail, cleanup, and turf establishment, is completed prior to placing the wearing course when this work could cause damage to the



pavement. On projects where traffic is to be maintained, the Contractor shall schedule daily pavement operations so that at the end of each working day all travel lanes of the roadway on which work is being performed are paved to the same limits. Suitable aprons to transition approaches where required shall be placed at side road intersections and driveways as directed by the Engineer.

8. Compaction. Immediately after the asphalt mixture has been spread, struck off, and surface irregularities adjusted, it shall be thoroughly and uniformly compacted by rolling.

The surface shall be rolled when the mixture is in the proper condition and when the rolling does not cause undue displacement, cracking, or shoving.

The number, mass (weight), and type of rollers furnished shall be sufficient to obtain the required compaction while the mixture is in a workable condition. Generally, one breakdown roller will be needed for each paver used in the spreading operation.

To prevent adhesion of the mixture to the rolls, rolls shall be kept moist with water or water mixed with very small quantities of detergent or other approved material. Excess liquid will not be permitted.

Along forms, curbs, headers, walls, and other places not accessible to the rollers, the mixture shall be thoroughly compacted with hot or lightly oiled hand tampers, smoothing irons or with mechanical tampers. On depressed areas, either a trench roller or cleated compression strips may be used under the roller to transmit compression to the depressed area.

Other combinations of rollers and/or methods of compacting may be used if approved in writing by the Engineer, provided the compaction requirements are met.

Unless otherwise specified, the longitudinal joints shall be rolled first. Next, the Contractor shall begin rolling at the low side of the pavement and shall proceed towards the center or high side with lapped rollings parallel to the centerline. The speed of the roller shall be slow and uniform to avoid displacement of the mixture, and the roller should be kept in as continuous operation as practical. Rolling shall continue until all roller marks and ridges have been eliminated.

Rollers will not be stopped or parked on the freshly placed mat.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to conduct whatever process control the Contractor deems necessary. Acceptance testing will be conducted by the Engineer using cores provided by the Contractor.

Any mixture that becomes loose and broken, mixed with dirt, or is in any way defective shall be removed and replaced with fresh hot mixture. The mixture shall be compacted to conform to the surrounding area. Any area showing an excess or deficiency of binder shall be removed and replaced. These replacements shall be at the Contractor's expense.

Vibratory rollers shall not be used.

If the Engineer determines that unsatisfactory compaction or surface distortion is being obtained or damage to highway components and/or adjacent property is occurring using vibratory compaction equipment, the Contractor shall immediately cease using this equipment and proceed with the work in accordance with the fourth paragraph of this Subsection.

The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the cost of repairing all damages that may occur to roadway or parking lot components and adjacent property if vibratory compaction equipment is used. After final rolling, no vehicular traffic of any kind shall be permitted on the surface until cooling and hardening has taken place, and in no case within the first 48 hours. Provide barriers as necessary at no extra cost to the Owner to prevent vehicular use; remove at the discretion of the Engineer.

9. Joints. Joints between old and new pavements or between successive day's work shall be made to ensure a thorough and continuous bond between the old and new mixtures. Whenever the spreading process is interrupted long enough for the mixture to attain its initial stability, the paver shall be removed from the mat and a joint constructed.

Butt joints shall be formed by cutting the pavement in a vertical plane at right angles to the centerline, at locations approved by the Engineer. The Engineer will determine locations by using a straightedge at least 4.9 m (16 feet) long. The butt joint shall be thoroughly coated with Type RS-1 emulsified asphalt just prior to depositing the pavement mixture when pavement resumes.

Tapered joints shall be formed by tapering the last 450 to 600 mm (18 to 24 inches) of the course being laid to match the lower surface. Care shall be taken in raking out and discarding the coarser aggregate at the low end of the taper, and in rolling the taper. The taper area shall be thoroughly coated with Type RS-1 emulsified asphalt just prior to resuming pavement. As the paver places new mixture on the taper area, an evenly graduated deposit of mixture shall complement the previously made taper. Shovels may be used to add additional mixture if necessary. The joint shall be smoothed with a rake, coarse material discarded, and properly rolled.

Longitudinal joints that have become cold shall be coated with Type RS-1 emulsified asphalt before the adjacent mat is placed. If directed by the Engineer, joints shall be cut back to a clean vertical edge prior to applying the emulsion.

10. Surface Tolerances. The surface will be tested by the Engineer using a straightedge at least 4.9 m (16 feet) in length at selected locations parallel with the centerline. Any variations exceeding 3 mm (1/8 inch) between any two contact points shall be satisfactorily eliminated. A straightedge at least 3 m (10 feet) in length may be used on a vertical curve. The straightedges shall be provided by the Contractor.
11. Work shall be done expertly throughout, without staining or injury to other work. Transition to adjacent impervious asphalt pavement shall be merged neatly with flush,

clean line. Finished pavement shall be even, without pockets, and graded to elevations shown on drawing.

12. Porous pavement beds shall not be used for equipment or materials storage during construction, and under no circumstances shall vehicles be allowed to deposit soil on paved porous surfaces.
13. Repair of Damaged Pavement. Any existing pavement on or adjacent to the site has been damaged as a result of construction work shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer without additional cost to the Owner.
14. Striping Paint
  - a. Sweep and clean surface to eliminate loose material and dust.
  - b. Paint 4 inch wide parking striping and traffic lane striping in accordance with layouts of plan. Apply paint with mechanical equipment to produce uniform straight edges. Apply in two coats at manufacturer's recommended rates. Provide clear, sharp lines using white traffic paint, installed in accordance with VAOT Specifications.
  - c. Color for Handicapped Markings: Blue

#### C. QC/QA for Paving Operations

1. The full permeability of the pavement surface shall be tested by application of clean water at the rate of at least 5 gpm over the surface, using a hose or other distribution devise. Water used for the test shall be clean, free of suspended solids and deleterious liquids and will be provided at no extra cost to the Owner. All applied water shall infiltrate directly without large puddle formation or surface runoff, and shall be observed by the Engineer.
2. Testing and Inspection: Employ at Contractor's expense an inspection firm acceptable to the Engineer to perform soil inspection services, staking and layout control, and testing and inspection of site grading and pavement work. Inspection and list of tests shall be reviewed and approved in writing by the Engineer prior to starting construction. All test reports must be signed by a licensed Engineer.
3. Test in-place base and surface course for compliance with requirements for thickness and surface smoothness. Repair or remove and replace unacceptable work as directed by the Engineer.
4. Surface Smoothness: Test finished surface for smoothness even drainage, using a ten-foot to centerline of paved area. Surface will not be accepted if gaps or ridges exceed 3/16 of an inch.
5. QC/QA requirements during paving are summarized in Table 9.

Table 9. QC/QA requirements during paving.

Activity	Schedule/ Frequency	Tolerance
Inspect truck beds for pooling (draindown)	every truck	NA
Take surface temp. behind joint heater	each pull	6°C (10°F) of compaction temp
Consult with Engineer to determine locations of butt joints	as needed	NA
Test surface smoothness & positive drainage with a 10 ft straightedge	after compaction	4.5 mm (3/16")
Consult with Engineer to mark core locations for QA testing	after compaction	NA
Hose test with at least 5 gpm water	after compaction	immediate infiltration, no puddling