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Tack Coat Presentation

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What is Tack Coat?

Tack Coat is an Asphalitic Material used in the Asphalt Paving Industry

- Most Common Types of Tack Coat:
 - ASPHALT CEMENT
 - Performance Grade; PG 58-28, 64-22, 76-22
 - EMULSIFIED ASPHALT
 - Water Based; RS-1, SS-1H, CSS-1H
 - CUT BACK ASPHALT
 - Solvent Based; RC-70



"Tack Coat is Tacky"

 Purpose of Tack Coat: Used to create the bonding capability between existing surface and the new asphalt that is being applied.





Importance of Tack Coat

1. The expense, risk and overall success of any good paving project comes down to the least expensive component of the entire process.

 Tests show that the lack of tack coat can lead to the delamination of the surface and premature surface defects.



Bonding



Anionic "Water-Based"

- Rapid Setting 1 / Rapid Setting 1 Hard
- RS-1
- RS-1H

• ATT-1HPM "Trackless Tack"



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- C Slow Setting 1/ C Slow Setting 1 Hard
 - CSS-1
 - CSS-1H

- Solvent Based
 - RC 70



Water Based vs. Solvent Based

Water Based Pros

- Handling
- Temperature
- Storage
- Cost
- Minimal Tracking

Solvent Based Pros

 Better yield in colder
 environments



Water Based vs. Solvent Based

Water Based Cons

- Temperature
 Sensitive
- Possible Separation of Material

Solvent Based Cons

- Tracking
- Temperature Sensitive/Flash Point



Tack Coat Continues to Evolve

• New Equipment Advances/Product Development

- Computer rate control ensures:

- Accurate amount of tack coat delivered every time
- Prevents the chance of tack coat flushing up through the mat
- Continues to add value to the success of paving projects



Computerized Rate Control

- The move from pressurized to computerized distributors
- Tack coat can now be applied as a fog seal
 - Keep very accurate application rates
 - Ensure total coverage of the entire surface, not just where the nozzles are
 - The ability to put paving equipment on the material immediately
 - Very little tracking if any as compared to cut backs/RC-70



Computer Controlled Pressurized Distributors

- Manual Application
 - Applied by hand
 - Hand brooms
 - Dribble trucks or gravity feed
- Computerization
 - Pressurized distributors
 - Precise application rates
 - Computer controlled
 - Tack coat applied as a fog seal



Computerized Distributor





Typical Tack Pattern





Typical Tack Pattern











Questions About Tack Coat

- When can I use water based emulsion?
- When do I use RC-70?
- Do I have to heat the material?
- What are the proper application rates?
- Can I switch from RC-70 to RS-1?
- Can I switch from RS-1 to CSS-1H?
- What is the shelf life of my product?



Reference

• DOT Database Form

• Requirement sample for Emulsified Asphalt





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	Rapid Setting													
Grade	PS-1h		RS-1		RS-1s		RS-2h		RS-2		RS-2s		HFRS-2	
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Viscosity, Saybolt Furol at 50°C (122°F), s"		10		10		1.0	15	1.0		1.0		1.0		1.0
Storage stability test, 24 h, %"	60	1.0	60		60		60		60		60		50	
Sieve test. % ⁴ ^c		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.10
Distillation:											65		65	
Residue, %	55		55	1	55		60		0.5					
Tests on residue from distillation:						0.50	40	00	00	150	150	250	100	250
Penetration, 25°C (77°F), 100 g, 5 s, 0.1 mm	40	90	90	150	150	250	40	90	40	130	40	-	40	
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Table 1—Requirements for Emulsified Asphalt^a

" Refer to R 5 for typical applications.

^b This test requirement and associated specification limits are waived for emulsified asphalt products following dilution.

This test requirement on representative samples may be waived if successful application of the material has been achieved in the field.

^d For emulsified asphalts that are diluted, the percent residue requirements must be adjusted accordingly.

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