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Part 7: Determination of the bulk density of bituminous specimens by gamma rays

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- [ge]editorial update according to current standard template;
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- Clause 4,deletion of the exponential law including equation.Added reference to Clause 8;
- (5.1), footnote 1)amended to NOTE.Existing NOTE amended to normal text;
- Clause 6,NOTE 1:The period for when specimens are considered to be dry amended to 4 h in line with other parts;
- Clause 6,Footnote 2)amended to NOTE 2.Existing NOTE amended to NOTE 1;
- Clause 6,measurement of the thickness of specimen replaced by"shall be known";
- (7.3.3), formula for consistency test deleted and replaced with reference to Formula (1);
- Clause 8,editorial adjustments,renumbered formulas and addition of references to formulas;
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- Clause 10,completion of standard edition to read ISO 5725-2;
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Introduction

Bulk density measurement in the laboratory using gamma rays is a method which does not affect the properties of the material.It can be included in a series of tests carried out on a given sample.It allows the plotting of a density chart or gradient.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for measuring the bulk density of pavement mixtures using a transmission-type gamma radiation test bench.

This method applies to cylindrical specimens or parallelepipedal blocks,prepared in a laboratory or cut from a pavement.The thickness and the mass absorption coefficient,which is a function of the chemical composition,are known.The thickness of the specimen body traversed by the radiation is between 30 mm and 300 mm.

The method cannot be applied to materials containing slags,with variable metal content or chemical composition.

NOTE Material containing metal or chemical compositions can affect the absorption of gamma rays.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms and definitions

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ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia:available at https://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform:available at https://www.iso.org/obp

4 Principle

The method is based upon the absorption of gamma radiation by the material under the conditions of the test described in this document and for materials such as bituminous mixtures.The method follows an exponential law according to Clause 8,Formulae (2)and (3).

The specimen is placed in the path of a gamma ray beam coming from an emitting unit containing a radioactive source and having a collimation corridor.A photomultiplier in the receiving unit transforms the incident photons into pulses with amplitudes proportional to their energy.An electronic system performs the functions allowing the different applications.

5 Apparatus

The safety regulations applicable to the use of gamma rays apply.

5.1 **Emitter-source unit and receiving unit**,at a fixed distance in relation to each other during the

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