

**ASPHALT BINDER**

**Section 3 – Aggregates  
For PMP**

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**Physical Properties**

- **Texture**
- **Gradation**
- **Absorption**

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**Texture**

- **Definition – Appearance**
- **Function of shape**
- **Shape**
  - **Angular**
  - **Rounded**
  - **Bulky**
  - **Flat / Elongated**

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**Gradation**

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- **Size**
  - ▶ **Fractionation**
  - ▶ **Gradation**
- **Uniform**
- **Well**
- **Gap**
- **Open**

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**Particle Size**

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- ▶ **Fractionation**
- ▶ **Gradation**

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**Aggregate Gradation**

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**Aggregate Gradation**

Sieve Size

..... Gap
—— Well
--- Uniform

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**Gradation**

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- **Nominal maximum Size: One sieve size larger than the first sieve to retain more than 10 percent**
  
- **Maximum Size: one sieve size larger than nominal maximum size.**

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**Absorption**

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- **Surface Porosity**
  - ▶ **Hydrophobic – repels**
  - ▶ **Hydrophylic – attracts**
  
- **High Absorption = High % Binder**
  - ▶ **AFFINITY FOR ASPHALT**
  
- **Mechanical**
  - ▶ **Absorption**
  
- **Chemical**
  - ▶ **Asphalt / Aggregate**
  
- **Stripping**

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**Aggregate Tests**

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- **Coarse aggregate angularity**
  
- **Fine aggregate angularity**
  
- **Flat and elongated particles**
  
- **Clay content**
  
- **Soundness**
  
- **Durability**
  
- **Deleterious materials**

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**ASTM D 5821  
(Coarse Aggregate Angularity)**

- **ASTM D 5821 – Standard Test Method for Determining the Percentage of Fractured Particles in Coarse Aggregate**
- **Summary:** The percentage of aggregate larger than #4 with one or more fractured faces is determined
- **Significance:** Internal friction of coarse aggregate affect the workability, consolidation, strength, stability, and VMA of asphalt mixes. More fractured faces will result in a higher internal friction.

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**AASHTO T 304  
(Fine Aggregate Angularity)**

- **AASHTO T 304 (Method A) – Standard Test Method for Uncompacted Void Content of Fine Aggregate (MTM 824.0)**
- **Summary:** The void content of a loose sample of #8 to #100 fine aggregate is determined as a percent of the original mass.
- **Significance:** Void content is influenced by particle shape, texture and gradation. It can be an indicator of: water demand in concrete; flowability or workability; influence of fine aggregate on VMA; and bituminous concrete stability

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**ASTM D4791  
(Flat and Elongated Particles)**

- ASTM D4791 – Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate (MTM 835.0)**
- **Summary:** Individual particles of aggregate are measured to determine the ratio of length to thickness.
  - **Significance:** Flat and elongated particles affect workability and consolidation and may indicate degradation.
  - **Influenced by crushing method & aggregate mineralogy.**

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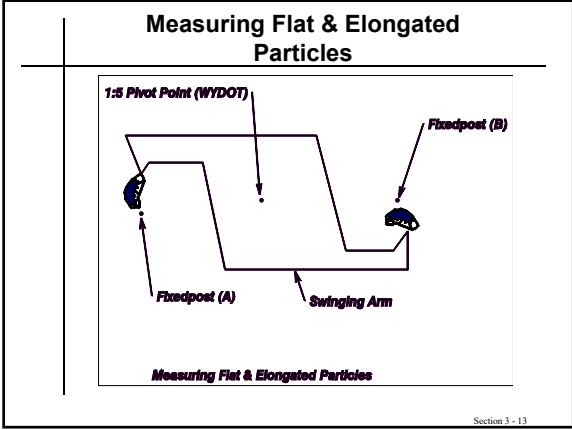
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### AASHTO T 176 (Clay Content)

**AASHTO T 176: Plastic Fines in Graded Aggregates and Soils by Use of the Sand Equivalent Test (MTM 836.0)**

- **Summary:** A sample of fine aggregate is mixed with a flocculating solution in a graduated cylinder. The cylinder height of suspended clay and sedimented sand is measured.
- **Significance:** Clay content would affect the aggregate surface area and the asphalt content

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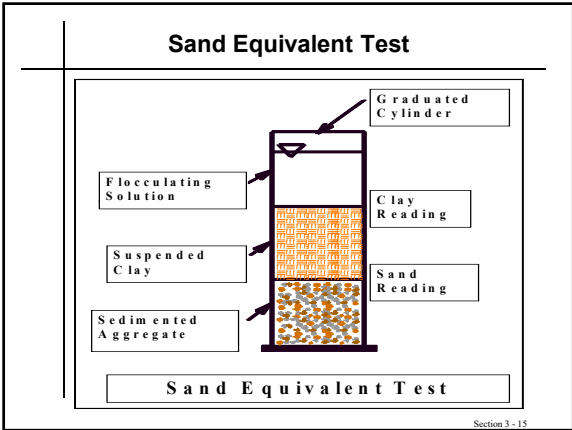
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**AASHTO T 96  
(Durability)**

**AASHTO T 96 – Resistance to Degradation by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine (MTM 818.0) 2004**

- **Summary:** A sample of coarse aggregate is placed in a steel drum along with a certain number of steel spheres. The drum is rotated 500 times and the sample is then washed over a #12 sieve. The difference in mass between initial and final mass is the % loss
- **Significance:** Abrasion loss is related to aggregate quality or durability.

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**AASHTO T 104  
(Soundness)**

**AASHTO T 104: Soundness of Aggregate by Use of Sodium Sulfate or Magnesium Sulfate**

- **Summary:** An aggregate sample is exposed to repeated immersions in saturated solutions of sodium or magnesium sulfate followed by oven drying.
- **Significance:** The percent loss over various sieves is related to the freeze/thaw resistance of the aggregate.

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**AASHTO T 112  
(Deleterious Material)**

**AASHTO T 112: Clay Lumps and Friable Particles in Aggregate**

- **Summary:** Wet sieving aggregate size fractions over specified sieves. The percentage of mass lost is reported as the percentage of clay lumps.
- **Significance:** The percent to clay lumps will affect the optimum asphalt content and the performance of the asphalt mix.

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	<b>Crushing and Stockpiling</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Material up to 18” processed</li> <li>➤ Separate Stockpiles               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Coarse Aggregate – Retained on #4</li> <li>▶ Fine Aggregate – Passing #4</li> <li>▶ Pit Run Filler</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Stockpiling</li> </ul>
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	<b>Specifications</b>
	<b>Asphalt Binder– PMP</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WYDOT Standard Specifications 803.5</li> <li>➤ Shall consist of crushed stones, crushed gravel or natural gravel               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Uniform quality; crushed; sound, tough, durable particles</li> <li>▶ Coarse and Fine Aggregates shall be stockpiled in separate piles</li> <li>▶ Pit Run Filler in separate pile.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<b>Specifications (continued)</b>
	<b>Asphalt Binder– PMP (continued)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aggregate</li> <li>➤ Gradation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Four available; Table 803.5.5-1</li> <li>▶ Selected based on use, cost, and conservation of materials</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Types               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Five Types: Table 803.5.5-2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Table 803.5.5-1**

**Gradation Requirements, Marshall and Superpave Mixes**

Sieve	% Passing, Nominal Maximum Size			
	1 in	3/4 in	1/2 in	3/8 in
1 1/4 in	100	-	-	-
1 in	90-100	100	-	-
3/4 in	65-90	90-100	100	-
1/2 in	50-85	55-90	90-100	100
3/8 in	40-75	45-85	55-90	90-100
No. 4	30-60	30-65	35-70	45-85
No. 8	20-45	20-50	20-55	30-65
No. 30	5-25	5-30	5-35	10-40
No. 200	2-7	2-7	2-7	2-7

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**Table 803.5.5-2**

**Aggregate Properties, Flexible Pavements**

Properties	Agg I	Agg II	Agg III	Agg IV	Agg V
LA Abrasio maximum loss, %	35	40	40	40	40
Flat and Elongated (1 to 5 ratio) maximum, %	10	10	10	10	-
Sand Equivalent minimum (2)	45	45	45	40	40
Fractured Faces minimum (1)	95/90	95/90	85/80	75/-	55/-
Fine Aggregate Angularity minimum (2)	45	45	45	40	40
Plasticity Index (2)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Soundness (MgSO <sub>4</sub> ) maximum loss %	18	18	18	18	18

(1) "95/90" denotes that 95 percent of the coarse aggregate has one or more fractured faces and 90 percent has two or more fractured faces.  
 (2) Based on the minus No. 4 fraction of the composite blend

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**Specifications (continued)**

**Plant Mix Wearing Course**

- WYDOT 803.6
- Shall be crushed stone or gravel
- Shall meet the requirements for Agg I in Table 803.5.5-2
- Gradation – Table 803.6.1-1
- When specified on the plans, provide aggregate that is in accordance with one of the requirements in Table 803.6.2-1, Polish Resistant Aggregate Requirements

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**Table 803.6.1-1**

**Gradation Requirements, Plant Mix Wearing Course**

Sieve	% Passing
½ in	100
3/8 in	97-100
No. 4	25-45
No. 8	10-25
No. 200	2-7

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**Table 803.6.2-1**

**Polish Resistant Aggregate Requirements**

Test Method	Description	Specification
AASHTO T279	9 hour (Polish Value), minimum	32
AASHTO T 242	(1) Skid Number, minimum	40

(1) Base the skid number on historical skid numbers accumulated for a period of at least five years for a pavement that has carried traffic exceeding 3,500,000 accumulated 18-kip equivalent single axle loads.

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**Specifications (continued)**

**Microsurfacing**

- > Mineral aggregate shall be 100% crushed.
- > Prior to crushing a minimum of 95% of aggregate shall be retained on ½ in sieve
- > Sand equivalent ≥ 65%
- > L.A. abrasion loss ≤ 30%
- > Contractor shall supply information on aggregate properties and JMF
- > Gradation Table 803.7-1
- > When specified on the plans, provide aggregate that is in accordance with one of the requirements in Table 803.6.2-1, Polish Resistant Aggregate Requirements

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**Table 803.7-1**

**Gradation Requirements, Microsurfacing**

Sieve	% Passing
3/8 in	100
No. 4	70-90
No. 8	45-70
No. 16	28-50
No. 30	19-34
No. 50	12-25
No. 100	7-18
No. 200	5-15

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