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Evaluating the Efficacy of Warm Mix Asphalt

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Abstract

This paper concentrates on the research center examination of the attributes and performance of warm mix asphalt containing compound added substance. Viscosity grade 30 bitumen was utilized for this study and the WMA added substances utilized as a part of this review were Evotherm and Sasobit. Consistency tests demonstrated the utilized warm mix additives are within permissible limit. Information got from indirect tensile test, tensile strength ratio test, static and dynamic creep test demonstrated that the blends containing warm mix asphalt added substances performed better in contrast with hot mix asphalt. Warm mix asphalt samples indicated lesser aggregate lasting strain gathering in contrast with HMA specimens, Sasobit altered warm blend black-top specimens demonstrated the minimum deformation.

Keywords — Warm Mix Asphalt; Marshall Stability; Moisture Susceptibility; Creep

1 Introduction

The hot-mix asphalt (HMA) industry looks for rising innovations that lessen environmental effect amid creation of bituminous clearing materials. Warm mix asphalt is generic term for an assortment of advances that permit the makers of hot mix asphalt to bring down the temperatures at which the material is mixed and set out and about in India (Hurley and Prowell, 2004 and Anderson et al. 2008). The idea of WMA was presented in late 1990's in Europe. After that various WMA forms have been created in Europe and the United States (Mallick et al. 2007, Prowell et al. 2007).

In spite of the fact that there is no standard measure of workability of black-top clearing mixtures, a few scientists have created exact tests to gauge workability of clearing mixtures for relative purposes. A few scientists have utilized workability tests as a part of an endeavor to decide which WMA innovations give enhanced workability, what measurement of WMA added substance gives ideal workability and compaction (Bennert et al. (2010). The blending and compaction temperatures are normally decided on the premise of the temperature-consistency diagram. The thickness is considered as a viable marker for the estimation of binder workability (Airey et al., 2008). Bring

down blending temperatures can bring about poor bitumen coating and in this way make the bituminous blend susceptible to dampness harm (L Mo et al., 2012). Diminished compaction temperatures additionally prompt to lacking blend compaction which can bring about untimely pavement failure. Literature study uncovers that consistency decrease is by all account not the only system that supports lessened production temperatures for WMAs (Hanz et al. (2010), yet the lubricity impacts of these warm mix added substances into the fastener were vital to advance mixture workability and compactability at lower temperatures (Fabricio and Randy, 2008).

This paper expects to research the performance of warm mix asphalt containing two main categories of WMA technologies added substances at lowered temperature, which can lead down to a reduction in design asphalt content if incorporated in the blend configuration process.

2 Research Rubric

2.1 Aggregate Test

For the bituminous pavement, aggregate with specific characteristics is used for road laying. The aggregate is chosen on the basis of its strength, porosity and moisture absorption capacity. The aggregate properties are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Aggregate Test

Sr. No.	Property	Test	Recommended Value as per MORTH 500-8	Test Result
1	Cleanliness (dust) IS:2386 (Part-1)-1963	Grain size analysis	Max 5 % passing 0.075 IS- Sieve	Pas.30.- Ret.24mm- 0.34%
				Pas.24-Ret.14 mm- 0.46%
				Pas. 14 -Ret. 6 mm- 0.81%
2	Particle shape, IS: 2386(Part-1)-1963	Flakiness & Elongation Indices (Combined)	35% Max	27%
3	Strength , IS:2386 (Part-4)-1963	Aggregate Impact Value(AIV)	27 % Max	12%
4	Durability, IS:2386 (Part-5)-1963	Soundness		
		Magnesium Sulphate	Max 18 %	0.54%
		Sodium sulphate	Max 12 %	0.28%
5	Stripping , IS:6241	Coating and Stripping Bitumen Aggregate Mixtures	Min. Retained Coating 95 %	94%
6	Water absorption value, IS:2386 (Part-3)-1963	Water absorption value	2 % Max	1.2%

Representative samples of each aggregate were obtained from producer stockpiles, Sayla quarry, Gujarat for the dense bituminous macadam (DBM) blend. An aggregate blend was determined to meet Job-Mix Formula (JMF) gradation requirements, designed for 26.5 mm nominal size aggregate gradation as per Indian Specifications as given in Table 2.

Table 2: Aggregate Gradation for DBM Grade II (MoRTH-500-10)

IS Sieve Size (mm)	Recommended Range (MoRTH-500-10)	Grading Adopted (% Passing)
	Total % by wt. of aggregate passing	

37.50	100	100
26.50	90-100	95
19.00	71-95	83
13.20	56-80	68
4.75	38-54	46
2.36	28-42	35
0.300	7-21	14
0.075	2-8	5

2.2 Bitumen Test

VG-30 (Viscosity Grade) bitumen grade is chosen for the review. Two warm blend added substances specifically Sasobit and Evotherm were utilized to get ready warm mix binder. Every added substance was blended in required measurements by weight of the bitumen. To set up a warm blend cover, the binder was heated up to a temperature of 140 - 150°C and required measurements of added substance was included and blended for 20 minute with high shear blender. Samples of Evotherm is obtained from MeadWestvaco and Sasobit from Sasol Company. The required dosages for Evotherm is 0.2% and for Sasobit is 1-3% as per the product guidelines of the company. The different percent dosages, 0.2%, 0.4% and 0.6% for Evotherm and 1%, 2% and 3% for Sasobit with VG 30 binder was taken under as pilot study and to find the most suitable dosage from economy and durability point of view. The samples were given free of cost. The physical properties obtained are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Summary of Test Results of VG 30 Grade Bitumen with and without Warm mix additives

Characteristics of tests:	VG 30	VG 30 + 0.2 % E	VG 30 + 0.4 % E	VG 30 + 0.6 % E	VG 30 + 1 % S	VG 30 + 2 % S	VG 30 + 3 % S	Min. Limit	Code
Penetration (mm)	65	57.8	57.2	56.1	45.2	46.4	47.6	Min 45	IS 1203
Softening point (C°)	57	48	49	51	70	68	64	Min 47	IS 1205
Ductility (cm)	70+	70+	70+	70+	70+	70+	70+	Min 40	IS 1208
Absolute Viscosity at 60 (C°), Poise	2454	2478	2492	2515	-	-	-	Min 2400	IS 1206 (part 2)
Kinematic Viscosity ,135 (C°), cst	453	381	422	430	436	364	360	Min 350	IS 1206 (part 3)

3 Marshall Mix Design

This test methodology is utilized as a part of planning and assessing DBM mixes and is widely utilized as for the paving jobs. Appropriately composed bituminous blend will withstand substantial loads due to traffic loads under antagonistic climatic conditions furthermore satisfy the prerequisite of auxiliary and asphalt surface qualities. At first the Marshall Test specimens are set up in agreement to the standard method for DBM Grade II (MoRTH-500-10), with chose total reviewing and differing bitumen substance are arranged and tried for assessing Marshall Properties. The Marshall method of mix design was employed to design the mixture for dense bituminous macadam as shown in Table 4.

The OBC (optimum binder content) for VG-30 was 4.52% by weight of mix respectively. For each performance test three Marshall Samples were prepared and tested, and average values of the results have been reported.

Table 4: Volumetric Properties of VG 30

% Bit. By Weight of Mix	Bulk Sp. Gr. (Gmb)	Stability (KN)	Voids in Mineral Agg. VMA (%)	Voids Filled with Bitumen VFB (%)	Flow (mm)	Air Voids VA (%)	Parameters	Binder Content 4.52(%)
3.5	2.520	10.86	14.01	48.26	1.53	7.25	Stability (KN)	13.24
4.0	2.566	13.03	12.88	65.42	2.60	4.45	Bulk Sp. Gr.	2.585
4.5	2.580	13.24	12.88	70.96	3.07	3.74	VA %	3.53
5.0	2.572	12.19	13.59	75.21	4.04	3.37	VFB %	72.18
5.5	2.566	10.62	13.82	78.53	4.93	2.97	VMA%	12.69
Limits	.....	Min 9	12-15	65-75	2-4	3-5	Flow	3.07

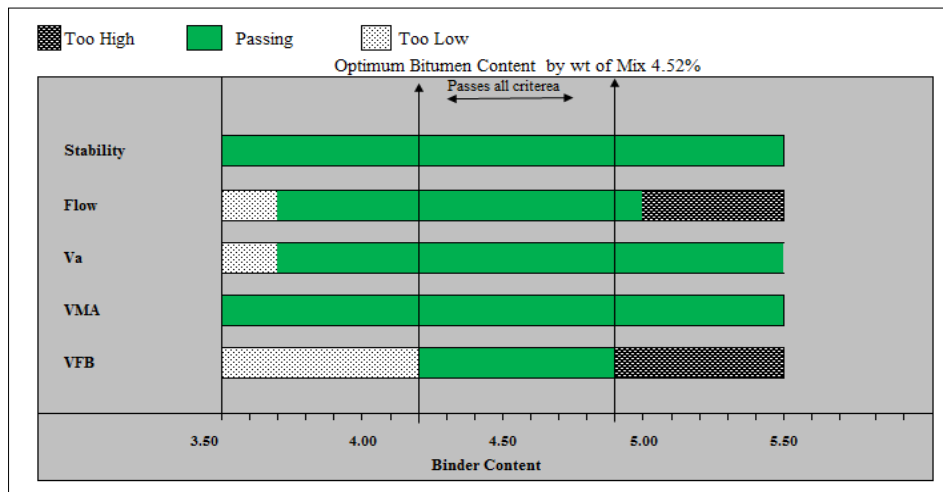


Figure 1: Narrow Range for OBC

The measurements and the temperature at which WMA samples gave comparable values as HMA were chosen as the ideal dosage of added substance and the ideal blend temperature for two sorts of fasteners. It included planning of Marshall Specimens at various dosages of an added substance and at different temperatures going from 110°C to 130°C. Table 5 and 6 indicates after effects of this some portion of examination. Control tests of HMA were made at 155-160°C for VG30 binder. Table 7 shows the optimum additive dose and mixing temperatures of warm mix additives.

Table 5: Volumetric properties of VG 30 with Evotherm at 4.52% OBC

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR VG 30 WITH EVOTHERM FOR DBM MIX DESIGN GRADING II										
EVOTHERM	0.2 % Evotherm			0.4% Evotherm			0.6% Evotherm			Limits
TEMP. °C	110	120	130	110	120	130	110	120	130	.....
CDM, gm/cc	2.55	2.566	2.549	2.516	2.532	2.552	2.559	2.565	2.563	.....
Air Voids %	4.74	4.41	5.11	5.62	5.99	5.26	4.6	4.12	3.97	3-5
VMA, %	13.73	13.36	13.93	15.03	14.51	13.81	13.6	13.39	13.45	12-15
VFB, %	65.44	66.98	63.30	62.61	58.71	61.90	66.16	69.25	70.45	65-75
Stability, KN	10.23	11.83	10.95	9.86	11.35	10.12	11.02	11.77	11.36	Min 9
Flow, mm	2.17	3	3.33	2.67	3.2	2.83	2.83	3.0	3.17	2-4

Table 6: Volumetric properties of VG 30 with Sasobit at 4.52% OBC

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS FOR VG 30 WITH SASOBIT FOR DBM MIX DESIGN GRADING II										
SASOBIT	1% Sasobit			2% Sasobit			3% Sasobit			Limits
TEMP. °C	110	120	130	110	120	130	110	120	130	.....
CDM, gm/cc	2.531	2.57	2.568	2.551	2.576	2.543	2.51	2.525	2.517	.....
Air Voids %	4.61	3.27	3.52	4.95	4.1	5.41	5.68	4.27	3.81	3-5
VMA, %	14.54	13.21	13.27	12.17	11.32	12.46	13.6	13.06	13.34	12-15
VFB, %	68.3	75.25	73.46	59.35	63.78	56.63	58.2	67.29	71.45	65-75
Stability, KN	8.52	9.47	9.28	8.52	10.21	9.91	9.23	11.21	10.07	Min 9
Flow, mm	2.17	3.23	3.5	2.67	3.3	3.5	2.23	3.4	3.77	2-4

Table 7: Optimum additive dose and mixing temperatures

Binder	Dosage, % by weight of binder	Mix temperature, °C
VG 30 + Evotherm (E)	0.2	120
VG 30 + Sasobit (S)	3.0	120

4 Moisture Susceptibility Test

The moisture susceptibility of the bituminous mixes with warm blend added substances was assessed by measuring the TSR according to ASTM: D 6931-12. The ITS of the blend is resolved prior and then afterward molding of Marshall specimens and the TSR is then ascertained as the proportion of unique quality and held quality after quickened dampness molding. The air voids in every one of these tests were kept up at 7 ± 1 %. For molding of the Marshall samples, these were inundated in water bath at 60°C for 24 h and thereafter kept at 25°C for 2 h.

Table 8: Dry and Wet ITS values of different Mixes at OBC of Warm mix additives

Type of binder	Mix ID	Dry ITS (kPa)	Wet ITS (kPa)
VG 30	VG 30 (4.52% OBC)	352	218
	0.2% Evotherm	246	215
	3% Sasobit	242	186

Tensile Strength Ratio

The Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) is utilized as a measure of dampness vulnerability. Figure 2 demonstrate the TSR values for all the blends. It demonstrates that the expansion of the warm black-top added substances enhances the dampness helplessness of the blends.

The perceptions uncover that among the diverse blends arranged utilizing distinctive folios and warm blend added substances; the Evotherm demonstrates the minimum dampness weakness. At the end of the day, Evotherm indicates higher imperviousness to dampness harm soon after the asphalt

had been laid. This demonstrates the Evotherm grants against stripping properties to the blend, and this property of the added substance is accounted for by other analyst additionally (Yu, 2012).

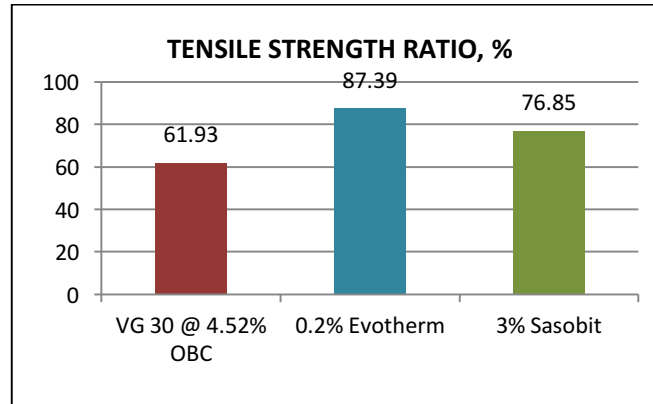


Figure 2: Tensile Strength Ratio

5 Static Creep Test

The static creep test was directed to appraise the rutting capability of bituminous blends under unconfined conditions. This test is led by applying a static heap of 100 kPa to Marshall Specimens at a temperature of 40°C for a time of one hour and afterward measuring the lasting deformation of the sample subsequent to emptying. The test samples were put in a controlled temperature chamber for 3-4 hours before beginning of the test to convey the samples to the test temperature. The samples were at first adapted for 10 minutes with 10 kPa static load to make up for any specimen variety.

Creep is the time subordinate distortion coming about because of a steady connected anxiety. Static creep test is utilized to decide changeless disfigurement in the asphalt. This test is additionally corresponded with the rutting capability of the blends. This test is led on marshal tests by applying 100 kPa static load for one hour at 40°C temperature then the heap is discharged. Table 9 demonstrates the watched estimations of static creep test:

Table 9: Static Creep Test for different mixtures

Type of binder	Accumulated strain (microns)	Permanent strain (microns)	Recovery (%)
VG 30 @ 4.52% OBC	16620	14840	10.70
0.2% Evotherm	16172	14332	11.37
3% Sasobit	15570	13842	11.09

Accumulated strain is the ratio of deflection at one hour to the specimen and the height of the specimen. It was observed from table 8 that warm mixes showed more resistance to permanent deformation than the control mixes. Warm asphalt mixes shows higher recovery than control mixes.

6 Dynamic Creep Test

It test was performed on Marshall Specimens prepared using different binders and warm mix additives. The test was performed on Universal Testing Machine at a temperature of 40°C. Specimens were placed in the temperature control cabinet for 3-4 hours to increase the core temperature of the specimen to the test temperature. A seating stress of 11 kPa was applied on the specimen to ensure a positive contact between the loading plate and the specimen. The test was conducted as per NCHRP 9

– 19 (report 465). A cyclic stress of 69 kPa, having a haversine waveform with loading period of 0.1 s followed by a rest period of 0.9 s, was applied during the test and total accumulated strain (%) was recorded. The test was performed for 3600 cycles.

Table 10: Dynamic Creep Test results at 40°C

Mix ID	Total permanent strain, %
VG 30 @ 4.52% OBC	0.678
0.2% Evotherm	0.462
3% Sasobit	0.372

The deformation resistance characteristics of bituminous mixtures were evaluated through a dynamic creep test. The total permanent strains in the different mixes at 40°C are given in Table 10. The total permanent strain in a mix is an indicator of rutting and the results show low rutting in mixes with warm mix additives when compared with control mixes. Further, the control HMA mixes showed more permanent strains than WMA mixes. The freshly prepared warm mixes with both binders showed less permanent strain in comparison to control HMA mix.

7 Conclusion

The performance tests conducted on Marshall Specimens VG30 bituminous mix with and without warm mix additives showed that warm mixes prepared had better resistance to moisture susceptibility and permanent deformation than control hot mixes. VG30 mixes containing the warm asphalt additives had significantly higher TSR values than control mixes which indicates warm asphalt mixes showed better resistance to moisture induced damage and under static loading this would further imply that treated mixtures appeared to be capable of withstanding larger tensile stress prior to cracking, also warm asphalt mixes shows higher recovery than control mixes. Also air voids are seen within permissible limit which also indicates greater resistance to rutting, though slight change in reduction of ITS is seen. It can be clearly seen that the addition of the additives seems to have a positive effect on the strength of the samples. It can be said that the strength is inversely proportional to air voids. Evotherm demonstrates the minimum dampness weakness followed by Sasobit and Evotherm (0.2%) satisfies the limit while other wma additives are having slightly lower limit then prescribed by code (≥ 80). Also possess stronger low temperature cracking resistance property. Control HMA mixes showed more permanent accumulated strains in dynamic creep tests than WMA mixes. This shows that warm asphalt mixes will have more resistance to permanent deformation than the hot asphalt mixes.

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