



## A Research Paper on Porous Asphalt Pavement

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to recharge ground water to underplaying aquifers and reduce risk of flood condition. Porous asphalt pavement is an alternative technology that differs from traditional asphalt pavement designs, that the pavement permits fluid to pass freely through it. Porous asphalt pavement also reduces and control surface runoff of surrounding area. This technique also can be used as additional way of storm water management. The past few studies suggests that, porous asphalt pavement intended to be used for parking lots, storm water management, water quality treatment, peak flow reduction and noise control. The research has focused on improving quality and quantity of ground water. This study includes model making and checking performance of that constructed pavement model. Study investigates performance of aggregates and porous asphalt used in projects, such as properties of aggregates like impact value, crushing value, specific gravity, abrasion test. Tests performance on porous asphalt includes ductility test, stripping value test and penetration test. Study includes sample making of various proportion of asphalt and aggregates. Total 9 samples were made to check which sample gives best performance as per the requirement. Out of 9 samples, 6% asphalt with 10mm aggregate + grit sample gives required performance.

**Keywords:** *Crushing strength, Impact value, Ductility, Penetration, stripping value*

### I. INTRODUCTION

Porous asphalt (PA) also namely open graded asphalt has been use as a wearing surface since the 1950s. Its first major use in Australia was about 1973 and in

Japan was about 1987. Porous asphalt is an innovative road surfacing technology which allows water to enter into the asphalt mixes beyond its continuous air voids, several studies are quantified high removal rates of total suspended solids, metals, oils, and grease, as well as moderate removal for phosphorus, from using porous asphalt pavement. Porous asphalt pavements with stone reservoirs are a multifunctional, low impact development technology that integrate ecological and environmental goals for a site with land development goals, reducing the net environmental impact for a project.

Not only do they provide a strong pavement surface for parking, walkways, trails and roadways, they are designed to manage and treat storm water runoff. With proper design and installation, porous asphalt pavements can provide a cost-effective solution for storm water management in an environmentally friendly way.

Porosity of the asphalt mastic is usually between 15 and 20 percent. The sub-base layers may include water storage systems or normal pavement structure as used also under impermeable surfaces (overlay structure). Functionality of the porous asphalt pavement is the same as that of other pervious pavements. Storm water infiltrates to soil through pavement layer and it reduces ponding and need of sewer systems. Effects on friction and hydrological systems are positive. Additional benefits are also noise reduction, which is desirable feature in residential or high trafficked area and better visibility when there is hydroplaning, spraying and light reflection results. This proven concept of building porous asphalt pavements was declared Outstanding

Engineering project in 2000 by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

### 1) Indian Road Congress Journal, "Indian Highways"

The Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) had planned to construct a conventional dense graded asphalt parking lot at the Gandhi Nagar Railway Station in Jaipur. It was decided to include an experimental porous asphalt area (about 85 m by 4 m) as part of the large parking lot. It is believed to be the first ever porous asphalt pavement constructed in India for rainwater harvesting. According to the 2004 data of CGWB, for every 125 units of ground water being taken out in Jaipur, only 100 units are replenished by rain. It is estimated that the ground water level in Jaipur is falling at the rate of about one meter every year.

### 2) Danish Road Institute

A brief historic summary of the development of porous asphalt is provided by Kraemer at the opening of the European Conference on Porous Asphalt in Madrid in 1997 [17]. Originally developed to prevent skidding on wet pavements in the thirties in the US porous asphalt was ready for general applications on highways and airports in the seventies. This was the basis for the European development of porous asphalt in the early eighties based on the research at the University of Cantabria where a mix-design method for porous asphalt was established. In 1985 the operational use on motorways and major roads began and a rapid development took place especially when the noise reducing benefits was recognised.

### 3) University Of New Hampshire Stormwater Center Journal (UNHSC)

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 hydrograph time lag. This specification is intended for a cold climate application based upon the field experience at the UNHSC porous asphalt parking lot located in Durham, New Hampshire, however the specification can be adapted to projects elsewhere provided that selection of materials and system design reflects local conditions, constraints, and objectives.

## III. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

Experiments were conducted on porous asphalt and aggregate. Samples are made using various proportions (4%, 6%, 7%) of porous asphalt of the total weight of aggregate. Out of these 9 samples, we choose sample which gave better and controlled performance.



## IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

- To reduce risk of flooding situations and increase safety of drivers during wet weather.
- Recharges ground water to Underlying Aquifers and improving water quality by filtering pollutants in the substrata layers.
- To Reduce splash and spray from Travelling vehicle, Reduced Roadway noise.

## V. MATERIALS USED

### ➤ Porous Asphalt

Polymer Modified Bitumen grade 40 was used in the design mix. The 6% asphalt was added for the final pavement model.



**Table 1:** Properties of Porous Asphalt

Properties	Observed values
Specific Gravity	0.882
Ductility	3.5cm
Penetration Value	30-50 mm
Stripping value	1.72%

### ➤ Coarse Aggregate

1. For chocker course, aggregate passed through 16mm and retained on 12.5mm sieve size used.
2. For top wearing course, aggregate passed through 12.5mm and retained on 10mm sieve size and grit

used for strength and controlled performance of pavement.



➤ *Gravel*

Gravel passed through 50mm and retained on 40mm sieve size for the reservoir bed.



**Table 2:** Properties of Coarse aggregate

Properties	Observed Impact values (%)
Passing through 16mm & retained on 12.5mm	5.1
Passing through 12.5mm & retained on 10mm	10.52

According to IS-2386 (Part IV) Aggregate impact value shall not exceed 45% for aggregate used in base course & intermediate course and 30% for wearing surfaces.

**Table 3**

Properties	Observe Crushing values (%)
Passing through 16mm & retained on 12.5mm	15.47
Passing through 12.5mm & retained on 10mm	17.79

According to IS-2386 (Part IV) Aggregate crushing value shall not exceed 45% for aggregate used in base course & intermediate course and 30% for wearing surfaces.

**Table 4**

Properties	Observed Abrasion values (%)
Passing through 16mm & retained on 12.5mm	3.48
Passing through 12mm & retained on 10mm	4.24

Abrasion value of aggregate for pavement is upto 20%. Hence above samples should be useful for road surfacing.

**Table 5:** Properties of Gravels

Properties	Observed values
Passing through 50mm & retained on 40mm (Impact value)	1.96%
Passing through 50mm & retained on 40mm (Crushing Value)	11.59%
Passing through 50mm & retained on 40mm (Abrasion value)	1.44%
Specific gravity	3.167
Water Absorption	2.183%

➤ *Geotextile sheet*

Pervious and impervious layer of geotextile sheets are used above the natural ground strata. We used 300 gsm geotextile sheet for the final model above the soil layer.

➤ *Soil*

**Table 6:** Properties of Soil

Properties	Observed values
Water Content	12.98%
Specific gravity	2.34
Type of sand	medium
Coefficient of permeability	0.0219cm/s

**VI. MIX DESIGN OF SAMPLES**



**Table 7:** Mix design of sample for top layer

The 9 samples are made with using combinations of 10mm aggregate and grit. The samples are casted in PVC pipe with constant diameter and thickness.

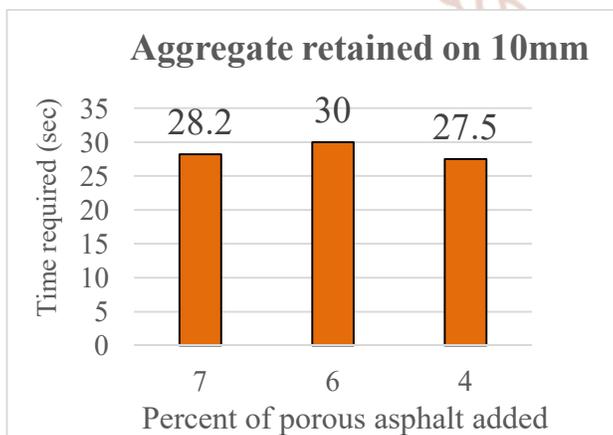
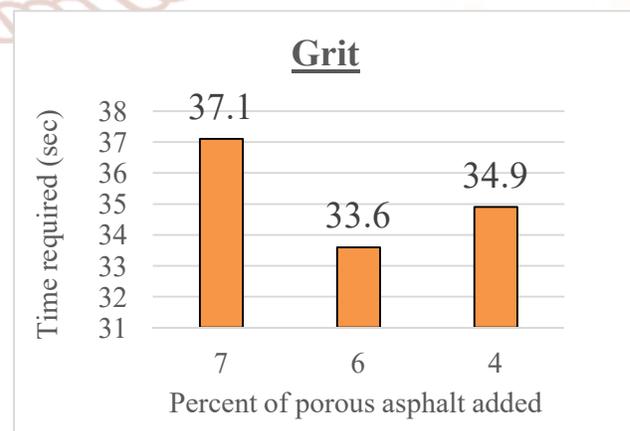
Sample	Weight of aggregate (gm)	Percent of Porous Asphalt added (%)	Weight of Porous Asphalt (gm)
Aggregate retained on 10mm	960	7	67.2
	960	6	57.6
	960	4	38.4
Grit	913	7	63.91
	913	6	54.78
	913	4	36.52
Retained on 10mm+Grit	965	7	67.55
	965	6	57.9
	965	4	38.6

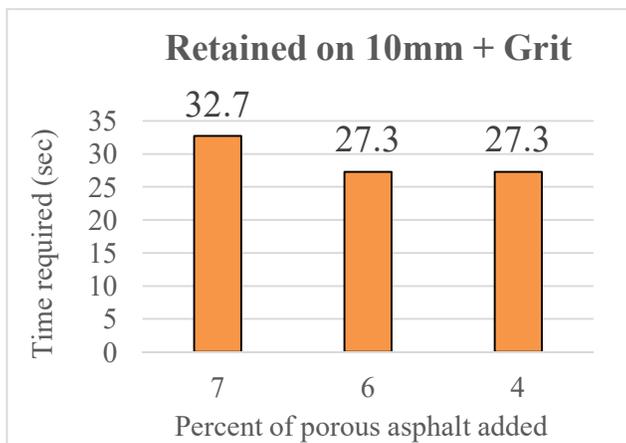
The samples are made with the combination, 3 samples are made with only 10mm retain aggregate size, 3 samples are made with only grit, and other 3 samples are made with combination of these two.

**Table 8:** Determination of time

The 9 samples are made, after casting determine the time, for passing the same amount of water from each sample. The time required for passing the water through each sample is given below in the table.

Sample	Percent of Porous Asphalt added (%)	Time required for pass the same amount of water in (sec)
Aggregate retained on 10mm	7	28.2
	6	30
	4	27.5
Grit	7	37.1
	6	33.6
	4	34.9
Retained on 10mm + Grit	7	32.7
	6	32.1
	4	27.3

**Graph No 1****Graph No 2**

**Graph No 3**

From above table and graphs it is observed that, the sample made with 10mm size aggregate with grit give better and controlled performance instead of only 10mm size or only grit models. We chose 6% asphalt content + 10mm size with grit sample mix for the final model for the top wearing course.

## VII. MIX DESIGN OF CONSTRUCTED PAVEMENT

Ground water recharge Pipe system



### ➤ UNCOMPACTED SUBGRADE

These is natural ground strata. This layer is uncompacted only digging action is done on this layer at the time of large site taken in consideration. For model, we take layer thickness of these layer is 5mm and for the pipe system portion we give the slight slope for drainage purpose.

### ➤ GEOTEXTILE SHEET LAYER

For ground water recharge portion, we use non-oven pervious geotextile sheet for infiltration of water below ground.

For pipe system portion we use non-oven laminated geotextile sheet which is impervious in nature.

### ➤ STONE RESEVOIR COURSE

The function of the stone reservoir course is to temporarily store rainwater which percolates slowly into the natural subgrade below. We take the aggregate size for this layer is aggregate passing through 50mm sieve and retain on 40mm sieve. Thickness provided for this layer is 23cm. Perforated pipe is used for the pipe system portion for the drainage.

### ➤ STONE CHOKING COURSE

The stone choking layer is placed on the stone reservoir course so as to fill and level its open large surface voids and to make it stable and smooth for asphalt paver. It was placed in 50 mm (2 inches) thick layer and compacted well with an 8-ton steel wheel roller in static mode only until a smooth surface was obtained for paving above it. Aggregate used for this layer is 16mm sieve passing and 12.5mm retain on sieve.

### ➤ POROUS ASPHALT WEARING COURSE

These is open graded and top asphalt layer of these pavement. The layer thickness provided for this layer is 60mm. The aggregate used for these layer as same as choking course layer. The asphalt used for this layer is 6% by weight of total mix of aggregate. The thickness ranges of layers are given in Indian Roads Congress Journal, "Indian Highways", Vol. 42 No. 3, March 2014].

## VIII. CONCLUSION

- Constructed pavement model has a negligible surface runoff hence it reduces the surface runoff and increase the safety of drivers and vehicles in wet weather, and also reduces drainage clogging problems.
- In rainy season, the water is infiltrates from porous asphalt pavement and increases the water table level below the ground, we can use this water for various purposes or we can store this water for future use.
- From this pavement the various type of pollutants are also infiltrates like oil, petrol liquid pollutants, because of this increases safety of vehicles and decreases possibility of accidents.
- Porous asphalt pavement absorbs the noise from roadway vehicles and reduces the flash and spray to the vehicles in wet weather with infiltration property.

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