

QMP HMA Pavement Nuclear Density.

A Description

Replace standard spec 460.3.3.2 (1) and 460.3.3.2 (4) with the following:

- (1) This special provision describes density testing of in-place HMA pavement with the use of nuclear density gauges. Conform to standard spec 460 as modified in this special provision.
- (2) Provide and maintain a quality control program defined as all activities and documentation of the following:
 1. Selection of test sites.
 2. Testing.
 3. Necessary adjustments in the process.
 4. Process control inspection.
- (3) Chapter 8 of the department's construction and materials manual (CMM) provides additional detailed guidance for QMP work and describes required procedures. Obtain the CMM from the department's web site at:
<http://roadwaystandards.dot.wi.gov/standards/cmm/index.htm>
- (4) The department's Materials Reporting System (MRS) software allows contractors to submit data to the department electronically, estimate pay adjustments, and print selected reports. Qualified personnel may obtain MRS software from the department's web site at:

<http://www.atwoodsystems.com/mrs>

B Materials

B.1 Personnel

- (1) Perform HMA pavement density (QC, QV) testing using a HTCP certified nuclear technician I, or a nuclear assistant certified technician (ACT-NUC) working under a certified technician.
- (2) If an ACT is performing sampling or testing, a certified technician must coordinate and take responsibility for the work an ACT performs. Have a certified technician ensure that all sampling and testing is performed correctly, analyze test results, and post resulting data. No more than one ACT can work under a single certified technician.

B.2 Testing

- (1) Conform to ASTM D2950 and CMM 8.15 for density testing and gauge monitoring methods. Perform nuclear gauge measurements using gamma radiation in the backscatter position. Perform each test for 4 minutes of nuclear gauge count time.

B.3 Equipment

B.3.1 General

- (1) Furnish nuclear gauges from the department's approved product list at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/approvedprod.htm>.
- (2) Have the gauge calibrated by the manufacturer or an approved calibration service within 12 months of its use on the project. Retain a copy of the manufacturer's calibration certificate with the gauge.
- (3) Prior to each construction season, and following any calibration of the gauge, the contractor must perform calibration verification for each gauge using the reference blocks located in the department's central office materials laboratory. To obtain information or schedule a time to perform calibration verification, contact the department's Radiation Safety Officer at:
Materials Management Section
3502 Kinsman Blvd.
Madison, Wisconsin 53704
Telephone: 608-243-5998

B.3.2 Correlation of Nuclear Gauges

B.3.2.1 Correlation of QC and QV Nuclear Gauges

- (1) Select a representative section of the compacted pavement prior to or on the first day of paving for the correlation process. The section does not have to be the same mix design.
- (2) Correlate the 2 or more gauges used for density measurement (QC, QV). The QC and QV gauge operators will perform the correlation on 5 test sites jointly located. Record each density measurement of each test site for the QC, QV and back up gauges.
- (3) Calculate the average of the difference in density of the 5 test sites between the QC and QV gauges. Locate an additional 5 test sites if the average difference exceeds 1.0 lb/ft³. Measure and record the density on the 5 additional test sites for each gauge.
- (4) Calculate the average of the difference in density of the 10 test sites between the QC and QV gauges. Replace one or both gauges if the average difference of the 10 tests exceeds 1.0 lb/ft³ and repeat correlation process from B.3.2.1 (2).
- (5) Furnish one of the QC gauges passing the allowable correlation tolerances to perform density testing on the project.

B.3.2.2 Correlation Monitoring

- (1) After performing the gauge correlation specified in B.3.2.1, establish a project reference site approved by the department. Clearly mark a flat surface of concrete or asphalt or other material that will not be disturbed during the duration of the project. Perform correlation monitoring of the QC, QV, and all back-up gauges at the project reference site.

- (2) Conduct an initial 10 density tests with each gauge on the project reference site and calculate the average value for each gauge to establish the gauge's reference value. Use the gauge's reference value as a control to monitor the calibration of the gauge for the duration of the project.
- (3) Check each gauge on the project reference site a minimum of one test per day if paving on the project. Calculate the difference between the gauge's daily test result and its reference value. Investigate if a daily test result is not within 1.5 lb/ft³ of its reference value. Conduct 5 additional tests at the reference site once the cause of deviation is corrected. Calculate and record the average of the 5 additional tests. Remove the gauge from the project if the 5-test average is not within 1.5 lb/ft³ of its reference value established in B.3.2.2(2).
- (4) Maintain the reference site test data for each gauge at an agreed location.

B.4 Quality Control Testing and Documentation

B.4.1 Lot and Sublot Requirements

B.4.1.1 Mainline Traffic Lanes, Shoulders, and Appurtenances

- (1) A lot consists of the tonnage placed each day for each layer and target density specified in standard spec 460.3.3.1. A lot may include partial sublots.
- (2) Divide the roadway into sublots. A sublot is 1500 lane feet for each layer and target density.
- (3) A sublot may include HMA placed on more than one day of paving. Test sublots at the pre-determined random locations regardless of when the HMA is placed. No additional testing is required for partial sublots at the beginning or end of a day's paving.
- (4) If a resulting partial quantity at the end of the project is less than 750 lane feet, include that partial quantity with the last full sublot of the lane. If a resulting partial quantity at the end of the project is 750 lane feet or more, create a separate sublot for that partial quantity.
- (5) Randomly select test locations for each sublot as specified in CMM 8.15 prior to paving and provide a copy to the engineer. Locate and mark QC density test sites when performing the tests. Perform density tests prior to opening the roadway to traffic.
- (6) Use Table 1 to determine the number of tests required at each station, depending on the width of the lane being tested. When more than one test is required at a station, offset the tests 10 feet longitudinally from one another to form a diagonal testing row across the lane.

Lane Width	No. of Tests	Transverse Location
5 ft or less	1	Random
Greater than 5 ft to 9 ft	2	Random within 2 equal widths

Greater than 9 ft

3

Random within 3 equal widths

Table 1

B.4.1.2 Side Roads, Crossovers, Turn Lanes, Ramps, and Roundabouts

- (1) A lot represents a combination of the total daily tonnage for each layer and target density.
- (2) Each side road, crossover, turn lane, ramp, and roundabout must contain at least one subplot for each layer.
- (3) If a side road, crossover, turn lane, or ramp is 1500 feet or longer, determine sublots and random test locations as specified in B.4.1.1.
- (4) If a side road, crossover, turn lane, or ramp is less than 1500 feet long, determine sublots using a maximum of 750 tons per subplot and perform the number of random tests as specified in Table 2.

Side Roads, Turn Lanes, Crossovers, Ramps, Roundabouts: Sublot/Layer tonnage	Minimum Number of Tests Required
25 to 100 tons	1
101 to 250 tons	3
251 to 500 tons	5
501 to 750 tons	7

Table 2

B.4.2 Pavement Density Determination

B.4.2.1 Mainline Traffic Lanes and Appurtenances

- (1) Calculate the average subplot densities using the individual test results in each subplot.
- (2) If all subplot averages are no more than one percent below the target density, calculate the daily lot density by averaging the results of each random QC test taken on that day's material.
- (3) If any subplot average is more than one percent below the target density, do not include the individual test results from that subplot when computing the lot average density and remove that subplot's tonnage from the daily quantity for incentive. The tonnage from any such subplot is subject to disincentive pay according to standard spec 460.5.2.2.

B.4.2.2 Mainline Shoulders

B.4.2.2.1 Width Greater Than 5 Feet

- (1) Determine the pavement density as specified in B.4.2.1.

B.4.2.2.2 Width of 5 Feet or Less

- (1) If all subplot test results are no more than 3.0 percent below the minimum target density, calculate the daily lot density by averaging all individual test results for the day.

- (2) If a subplot test result is more than 3.0 percent below the target density, the engineer may require the unacceptable material to be removed and replaced with acceptable material or allow the nonconforming material to remain in place with a 50 percent pay reduction. Determine the limits of the unacceptable material according to B.4.3.

B.4.2.3 Side Roads, Crossovers, Turn Lanes, Ramps, and Roundabouts

- (1) Determine the pavement density as specified in B.4.2.1.

B.4.2.4 Documentation

- (1) Document QC density test data as specified in CMM 8.15. Provide the engineer with the data for each lot within 24 hours of completing the QC testing for the lot.

B.4.3 Corrective Action

- (1) Notify the engineer immediately when an individual test is more than 3.0 percent below the specified minimum in standard spec 460.3.3.1. Investigate and determine the cause of the unacceptable test result.
- (2) The engineer may require unacceptable material specified in B.4.3(1) to be removed and replaced with acceptable material or allow the nonconforming material to remain in place with a 50 percent pay reduction. Determine limits of the unacceptable area by measuring density of the layer at 50-foot increments both ahead and behind the point of unacceptable density and at the same offset as the original test site. Continue testing at 50-foot increments until a point of acceptable density is found as specified in standard spec 460.5.2.2(1). Removal and replacement of material may be required if extended testing is in a previously accepted subplot. Testing in a previously accepted subplot will not be used to recalculate a new lot density.
- (3) Compute unacceptable pavement area using the product of the longitudinal limits of the unacceptable density and the full subplot width within the traffic lanes or shoulders.
- (4) Retesting and acceptance of replaced pavement will be according to standard spec 105.3.
- (5) Tests indicating density more than 3.0 percent below the specified minimum, and further tests taken to determine the limits of unacceptable area, are excluded from the computations of the subplot and lot densities.
- (6) If 2 consecutive subplot averages within the same paving pass and same target density are more than one percent below the specified target density, notify the engineer and take necessary corrective action. Document the locations of such sublots and the corrective action that was taken.

B.5 Department Testing

B.5.1 Verification Testing

- (1) The department will have a HTCP certified technician, or ACT working under a certified technician, perform verification testing. The department will test randomly at locations independent of the contractor's QC work. The department will perform verification testing at a minimum frequency of 10 percent of the sublots and a minimum of one subplot per mix design. The sublots selected will be within the active work zone. The contractor will supply the necessary traffic control for the department's testing activities.
- (2) The QV tester will test each selected subplot using the same testing requirements and frequencies as the QC tester.
- (3) If the verification subplot average is not more than one percent below the specified minimum target density, use the QC tests for acceptance.
- (4) If the verification subplot average is more than one percent below the specified target density, compare the QC and QV subplot averages. If the QV subplot average is within 1.0 lb/ft^3 of the QC subplot average, use the QC tests for acceptance.
- (5) If the first QV/QC subplot average comparison shows a difference of more than 1.0 lb/ft^3 each tester will perform an additional set of tests within that subplot. Combine the additional tests with the original set of tests to compute a new subplot average for each tester. If the new QV and QC subplot averages compare to within 1.0 lb/ft^3 , use the original QC tests for acceptance.
- (6) If the QV and QC subplot averages differ by more than 1.0 lb/ft^3 after a second set of tests, resolve the difference with dispute resolution specified in B.6. The engineer will notify the contractor immediately when density deficiencies or testing precision exceeding the allowable differences are observed.

B.5.2 Independent Assurance Testing

- (1) Independent assurance is unbiased testing the department performs to evaluate the department's verification and the contractor's QC sampling and testing including personnel qualifications, procedures, and equipment. The department will perform the independent assurance review according to the department's independent assurance program.

B.6 Dispute Resolution

- (1) The testers may perform investigation in the work zone by analyzing the testing, calculation, and documentation procedures. The testers may perform gauge correlation according to B.3.2.1.
- (2) The testers may use correlation monitoring according to B.3.2.2 to determine if one of the gauges is out of tolerance. If a gauge is found to be out of tolerance with its reference value, remove the gauge from the project and use the other gauge's test results for acceptance.

- (3) If the testing discrepancy cannot be identified, the contractor may elect to accept the QV subplot density test results or retesting of the subplot in dispute within 48 hours of paving. Traffic control costs will be split between the department and the contractor.
- (4) If investigation finds that both gauges are in error, the contractor and engineer will reach a decision on resolution through mutual agreement.

B.7 Acceptance

- (1) The department will not accept QMP HMA Pavement Nuclear Density if a non-correlated gauge is used for contractor QC tests.

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E Payment

E.1 QMP Testing

- (1) Costs for all sampling, testing, and documentation required under this special provision are incidental to the work. If the contractor fails to perform the work required under this special provision, the department may reduce the contractor's pay. The department will administer pay reduction under the Non-performance of QMP administrative item.

E.2 Disincentive for HMA Pavement Density

- (1) The department will administer density disincentives according to standard spec 460.5.2.2.

E.3 Incentive for HMA Pavement Density

- (1) Delete standard spec 460.5.2.3.
- (2) If the lot density is greater than the minimum specified in standard spec table 460-3 and all individual air voids test results for that mixture are within +1.0 percent or -0.5 percent of the design target in standard spec table 460-2, the department will adjust pay for that lot as follows:

Percent Lot Density Above Minimum	Pay Adjustment Per Ton
From -0.4 to 1.0 inclusive	\$0
From 1.1 to 1.8 inclusive	\$0.40
More than 1.8	\$0.80

- (3) The department will adjust pay under the Incentive Density HMA Pavement bid item. Adjustment under this item is not limited, either up or down, to the bid amount shown on the schedule of items.
- (4) If a traffic lane meets the requirements for disincentive, the department will not pay incentive on the integrally paved shoulder.

- (5) Submit density results to the department electronically using the MRS software. The department will validate all contractor data before determining pay adjustments.
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