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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This document describes two test methods:

- **basket method** (see clause 4),
- **Schellenberg method** (see clause 5).

The **basket method** (see clause 4) describes a method for determining binder drainage of bituminous mixtures. This method directly measures binder drainage, but when carried out on bituminous mixtures with fibres or mixtures whose mortar content is higher than in porous asphalt some clogging of the holes in the drainage baskets can occur, limiting the drainage of the binder. Basket method can be used either for determining the binder drainage for different binder content, or with a single binder content, eliminating the successive repetitions. It also enables the effects of varying fine aggregate types or including any anti-draining additive to be quantified.

The **Schellenberg method** (see clause 5) describes a method for determining binder drainage of bituminous mixtures. It is applicable to asphalt materials that are not porous asphalt or for those porous asphalt incorporating fibres. It can be used either for determining the binder drainage for different binder content, or with a single binder content, eliminating the successive repetitions. It also enables the effects of varying fine aggregate types or including any anti-draining additive to be quantified.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 12697-27, Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 27: Sampling

prEN 12697-35, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 35: Laboratory mixing*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 3310-2, *Test sieves - Technical requirements and testing - Part 2: Test sieves of perforated metal plate*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

- 3.1**  
**binder drainage**  
binder, fine particles and additives, if any, separated from the mixture after the mixing process or during transport of the mixture to the site



## 4 Basket method

### 4.1 Principle

The quantity of material lost by drainage, after 3 h at the test temperature (see 4.4.1) is measured in mixtures placed on baskets made out of perforated metal plates.

### 4.2 Materials

Sufficient aggregates and binder to manufacture at least 4 kg of asphalt material. If more than one binder content is going to be tested, aggregates and binder to manufacture 2,5 kg of asphalt material per each additional binder content shall be provided. The aggregates shall be dried to constant mass and graded in the fractions appropriate to the specified grading.

The test can be carried out with samples taken during the factory production control. In that case, sampling shall be in accordance with EN 12697-27.

### 4.3 Apparatus

**4.3.1 Oven with closed ventilation system**, vibration free, fitted with thermostatic control to maintain the temperature in the vicinity of the samples to  $\pm 2$  °C in the range of 80 °C to 200 °C.

**4.3.2 Drainage baskets**, constructed from 3,15 mm perforated plate sieves, in accordance with ISO 3310-2, on sides and base to form  $(100 \pm 2)$  mm cubes, with feet, at each corner of the base, of  $(3.0 \pm 0.5)$  mm diameter and  $(5 \pm 1)$  mm height (see Figure 1).

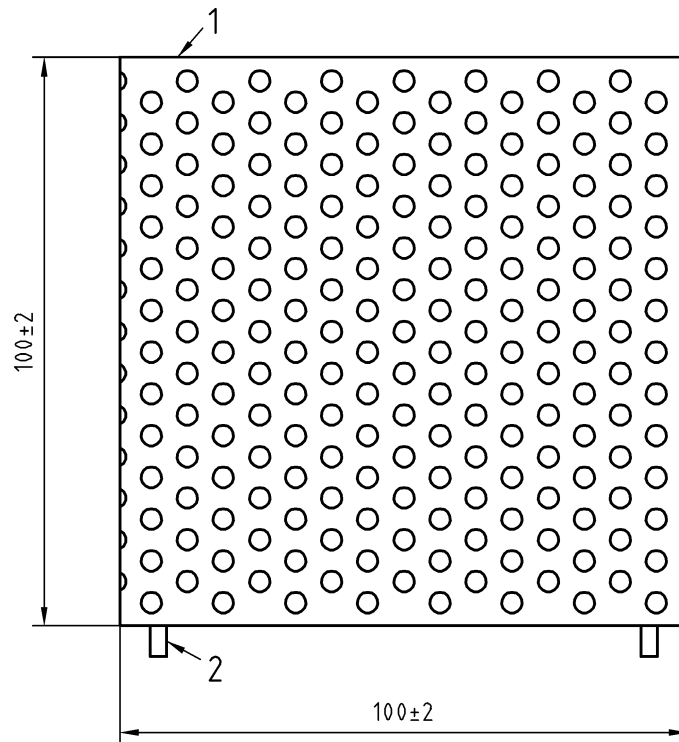
**4.3.3 Balances**, of suitable capacity and accuracy able to weigh to 0,1 g.

**4.3.4 Thermometer**, able to measure the temperature to 1 °C.

**4.3.5 Metal trays**, approximately 150 mm square and 10 mm deep.

**4.3.6 Metal boxes**, approximately 150 mm by 150 mm by 150 mm.

**4.3.7 Aluminium foil**.

**Key**

- 1 Perforated stainless steel cube with an open top and perforations of 3,15 mm diameter
- 2 Foot, 3 mm diameter × 5 mm (according to ISO 3310-2)

**Figure 1 — Binder drainage test basket (side elevation)**

#### 4.4 Procedure

**4.4.1** For paving grade bitumen carry out the test at the temperature of mixing giving in prEN 12697-35 plus 25 °C. For modified bitumen carry out the test at the reference mixing temperature defined by the supplier plus 15 °C.

**4.4.2** For aggregates with density between 2,65 Mg/m<sup>3</sup> and 2,75 Mg/m<sup>3</sup> weigh three batches of 1,1 kg aggregate, in the proportions for each fraction, to the nearest 1 g to give the specified grading. For other aggregates make the necessary corrections in order to obtain a similar volume of aggregate. Place each batch in a separate metal box.

**4.4.3** Wrap three trays (see 4.3.5) with aluminium foil. Weigh each tray with foil to the nearest 0,1 g (mass  $W_1$ ).

**4.4.4** Mix, according to prEN 12697-35, a 1,1 kg batch of aggregate with the required amount of binder, weighed to the nearest 0,5 g. When additives are to be used, carry out the incorporation in accordance with additive supplier's instructions.

**4.4.5** Discard the first mixture.

**4.4.6** Repeat step 4.4.4 for the second batch of aggregate.

**4.4.7** Transfer the material to a basket (see 4.4.2), ensuring that the mixer bowl and whisk are scraped thoroughly using the spatula. Carry out this operation as rapidly as possible to minimise heat losses.

**4.4.8** Place the basket with the mixture on a pre-wrapped tray in the oven at the test temperature for between 3 h and 3 h 15 min.

**4.4.9** Remove the basket and tray from the oven. Remove the basket from the drainage tray. When the tray has cooled sufficiently, weigh the tray and aluminium foil to the nearest 0,1 g (mass  $W_2$ ).

**4.4.10** After placing the first mixture in the oven, repeat the procedure in steps 4.4.6 to 4.4.9 for a duplicate sample at the same binder content.

**4.4.11** If different binder contents are tested, start the test with the minimum binder content considered. Repeat the procedure in steps 4.4.1 to 4.4.10, but increasing the binder content by 0,3 % by mass, each time. In the repetitions prepare just two batches of aggregate eliminating the discarding of the first mixture. If plant produced mixture is used, start the procedure from 4.4.3, eliminating the mixing in 4.4.4.

## 4.5 Calculation and expression of results

**4.5.1** For each mixture, calculate the drained material  $D$  from

$$D = 100 \times \frac{(W_2 - W_1)}{(1100 + B)} \quad (1)$$

where:

$D$  is the drained material, in percent (%);

$W_1$  is the initial mass of the tray and foil, in grams (g) (see 4.4.3);

$W_2$  is the mass of the tray and foil, in grams (g) finally with the drained material (see 4.4.9);

$B$  is the initial mass of binder in the mixture, in grams (g).

**4.5.2** If, for any pair of mixtures at the same binder content, the difference in drained material  $D$  exceeds 0,5 %, repeat the test procedure and calculation, for the pair of mixtures at the same binder content.

**4.5.3** Calculate the average value of at least two single results of drained material, for each binder content. Round the result to the closest 0,1 %.

**4.5.4** If several binder contents are tested plot the mean drained materials against the initial mixed binder contents.

## 4.6 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) Identification of the samples;
- b) date of testing;
- c) reference to this document;
- d) target test temperature;
- e) the average binder drainage  $D$  for each binder content.

## 4.7 Precision

The precision of this test has not yet been established officially.

NOTE The following precision data, in absolute terms, have been estimated from normal practice at binder contents that do not exhibit excessive drainage:

- Repeatability  $r = 0,1 \%$ ;
- Reproducibility  $R = 0,2 \%$ .

## 5 Schellenberg method

### 5.1 Principle

The quantity of material lost by drainage, after 1 h at a temperature representative for the maximum mixing temperature expected at the mixing plant (see 4.4.1), is determined by the residue left after turning over a beaker containing the specific mixture.

### 5.2 Materials

**Aggregates and binder** sufficient to manufacture at least 3 kg of asphalt material per binder content tested. The aggregates shall be dried to constant mass and graded in the fractions appropriate to the specified grading.

The test can be carried out with samples taken during the Factory Production Control. In that case, sampling shall be in accordance with EN 12697-27.

### 5.3 Apparatus

**5.3.1 Oven with closed ventilation system**, vibration free, fitted with thermostatic control to maintain the temperature in the vicinity of the samples to  $\pm 2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in the range of  $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**5.3.2 Glass beakers**, three or more with a capacity of 800 ml,  $(100 \pm 5)$  mm diameter base.

**5.3.3 Balances** of suitable capacity and accuracy able to weigh to 0,1 g.

**5.3.4 Metal boxes**, approximately 150 mm by 150 mm by 150 mm.

**5.3.5 Thermometer**, able to measure the temperature to  $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in the range  $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**5.3.6 Stop-watch**.

**5.3.7 1 mm sieve** according to ISO 3310-1.

**5.3.8 Suitable solvent**.

**5.3.9 Markers**.

### 5.4 Procedure

**5.4.1** For paving grade bitumen carry out the test at the temperature of mixing giving in prEN 12697-35 plus  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . For modified bitumen carry out the test at the reference mixing temperature defined by the supplier plus  $15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**5.4.2** For aggregates with density between  $2,65 \text{ Mg/m}^3$  and  $2,75 \text{ Mg/m}^3$  weigh three batches of 1 kg aggregate per binder content, in the proportions for each fraction, to the nearest 1 g to give the specified grading. For other aggregates make the necessary corrections in order to obtain a similar volume of aggregate. Place each batch in a separate metal box.

**5.4.3** Number three beakers (see 5.3.2 and 5.3.3) and put them in the oven at the test temperature for at least 15 min. Then weigh the beakers to the nearest 0,1 g (mass  $W_1$ ).

**5.4.4** Mix, according to prEN 12697-35, a 1 kg batch of aggregate with the required amount of binder. When additives are to be used, carry out the incorporation in accordance with additive supplier's instructions.

**5.4.5** Immediately remove a numbered beaker from the oven, transfer the batch to it and weigh (mass  $W_2$ ) to the nearest 0,1 g. Place it back in the oven. Ensure that the beaker is not outside the oven for more than 60 s. Record the time and beaker number.

**5.4.6** Repeat 5.4.4 and 5.4.5 for the other two batches.

NOTE It is useful, for practical reasons, to maintain a fixed time between successive batches placed in the oven, e.g. 4 min or 5 min.

**5.4.7** Remove the first beaker from the oven after  $(60 \pm 1)$  min and measure the batch temperature. Discard this batch.

**5.4.8** Remove the remaining two beakers after each has been in the oven for  $(60 \pm 1)$  min. Immediately after removal from the oven, upturn them smoothly and hold them upside down for  $(10 \pm 1)$  s. After cooling, weigh the beakers with the remaining contents to the nearest 0,1 g (mass  $W_3$ ).

**5.4.9** If the remaining mixture is more than 0,5 % of the original mixture's mass, and it is obviously not only drained binder, but mortar and/or aggregate particles, wash it with solvent over a 1 mm sieve. Dry and weigh the material on the sieve to the nearest 0,1 g (mass  $W_4$ ).

NOTE With some modified binders a significant part of the aggregate particles (more than 5 % of the mixture) can remain stuck to the beaker after 10 s. If this occurs, the test should be repeated with a new batch increasing the test temperature 5 °C and, if the binder drained is less than before, it should be stated in the report.

**5.4.10** If different binder contents are tested, start the procedure with the minimum binder content considered. Repeat the procedure in steps 5.4.2 to 5.4.9, but increasing the binder content by 0,3 % by mass, each time. If plant produced mixture is used, start the procedure from 5.4.3, eliminating the mixing in 5.4.4.

## 5.5 Calculation and expression of results

**5.5.1** For each mixture, calculate the drained materials  $D$ , and if applicable the residue  $R$  on the 1 mm sieve, from:

$$D = 100 \times \frac{(W_3 - W_1 - W_4)}{(W_2 - W_1)} \quad (2)$$

and

$$R = 100 \times \frac{W_4}{(W_2 - W_1)} \quad (3)$$

where

$D$  is the drained material, in percent (%);

$R$  is the residue on the sieve, in percent (%);

$W_1$  is the mass of the empty beaker, in grams (g);

$W_2$  is the mass of the beaker plus batch, in grams (g);

$W_3$  is the mass of the beaker plus retained material after upturning, in grams (g);

$W_4$  is the mass of the dried residue retained on the sieve, in grams (g).

**5.5.2** If, for any pair of mixtures at the same binder content, the difference in drained material  $D$  exceeds 0,5 %, repeat the test procedure (taking in consideration 4.4.9) and calculation, for the pair of mixtures at the same binder content.

**5.5.3** Calculate the average value of at least 2 single results of drained material, for each binder content. Round the result to the closest 0,1 %.

**5.5.4** If several binder contents are tested plot the mean drained materials against the initial mixed binder contents.

## 5.6 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) Identification of the samples;
- b) date of testing;
- c) reference to this document;
- d) target test temperature;
- e) temperature in the mixture after 60 min of heat storage in the oven;
- f) the average binder drainage  $D$ ;
- g) if applicable, the average residue on the sieve  $R$ .

## 5.7 Precision

The precision of this test has not yet been established officially.

NOTE The following precision data, in absolute terms, have been estimated from normal practice at binder contents that do not exhibit excessive drainage:

- Repeatability  $r = 0,2 \%$ ;
- reproducibility  $R = 0,3 \%$ .



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