

Method of Test for  
**DETERMINING THE MINIMUM CEMENT CONTENT  
FOR INCORPORATION INTO SOILS, SOIL-AGGREGATE  
OR AGGREGATE MIXTURES FOR STABILIZATION OR TREATMENT**  
DOTD Designation: TR 432

**INTRODUCTION**

Methods A, B, and C are designed to determine the minimum percentage of cement to be incorporated into soils or soil-aggregate mixtures which have met all other specification requirements for materials to be stabilized or treated. Method D is designed to determine the durability of materials which have met stabilization requirements by Methods A, B, or C.

Materials which do not meet design criteria for strength and durability are not acceptable for use. There are certain materials, such as sand clay gravel and sand-shell for which the percentage of portland cement is predetermined by specification. This specified cement percentage does not apply to Type II or IP. When Type II or IP cement is used the percent cement must be determined by Method B or C as applicable. For other materials or when portland-pozzolan cement is used, the stabilized test specimen must meet the values in the following chart.

The following chart is applicable unless otherwise specified. The cement factor at other design compressive strengths may be determined using Methods B or C.

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>% CEMENT BY MASS (DESIGN COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH)</b>
In-Place Cement Treated Subbase	3%, 5%, 7%, 9% (100 psi+)
Cement Treated Base Course	5%, 7%, 9%, 11% (150 psi+)
Cement Stabilized or Treated Soil, Soil-Aggregate and Recycled Materials	6%, 8%, 10%, 12% (300 psi+)
Cement Stabilized Sand Clay Gravel	6%, 8%, 10%, 12% (500 psi+)

**Table 1**

**Note:** *Ranges may be shifted or extended to accommodate cases where the cement contents required falls outside of the test ranges.*

These methods of test are to be used only for soils which meet specification requirements. Methods B and C are the basis for the development of historical strength data for the soils and soil-aggregates listing in Method A – Table 1.

**TABLE OF METHODS**

1. **Method A** – This method consists of historical data for the minimum required percent cement for these types of soils. Method B or C, as applicable, may be used in lieu of Method A. This method is to be used only for naturally occurring soils or soil-aggregates as identified in Table 1, containing 39% or less siliceous gravel or shell using Types I or IB cement. This method is to be used only for soils that have not been previously disturbed in their original geologic

location. This method is not to be used for any soils where contamination is suspected, such as near a sugar cane field or haul road, an oil field, chemical plant, waste area, etc., nor for any soils which have a history of not stabilizing with cement, or for previously stabilized or treated soils.

2. **Method B** – This method is to be used for soils with less than 5% aggregate. This method must be used for soils which have been disturbed from their original geologic location, for soils for which there is no historical data for stabilization, or for which contamination is suspected. This method is to be used for In-Place Stabilized Base Course when materials contain less than 5% aggregate. This method is to be used for spoil materials, materials from areas which have previously exhibited poor stabilization results, or blended soils containing less than 5% aggregate.
3. **Method C** – This method is to be used for soil-aggregates with 5% or more aggregate. This method is to be used when the aggregate content of a naturally occurring soil is 40% or greater by dry mass retained on the 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve or when the material contains other than siliceous gravel or shell. This method is to be used for In-Place Stabilized Base Course when materials contain 5% or greater aggregate. This method is to be used for spoil materials, materials from areas which have previously exhibited poor stabilization results, or blended soils containing less than 5% aggregate.
4. **Method D** – This method of test is to be used when:
  - The soil may be contaminated with sugar, industrial or agricultural chemicals, oil or sulfates,
  - The soil has a high chloride content,
  - The soil has a pH less than 4 or greater than 9, which may be an indicator of contamination.

Method D is not to be used to determine a minimum percent cement for a material which will not stabilize when tested by another method.

### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

1. DOTD TR 403 - Determination of Moisture Content
2. DOTD TR 411M - Dry Preparation of Disturbed Samples for Test
3. DOTD TR 415M - Field Moisture-Density Relationships
4. DOTD TR 418M - Moisture-Density Relationships
5. DOTD TR 423 - Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures for Highway Construction Purposes
6. ASTM D 1633 - Test Method for Compressive Strength of Molded Soil Cement Cylinders
7. AASHTO M 92 - Wire Cloth Sieves for Testing Purposes
8. AASHTO T 135 - Wetting and Drying Test of Compacted Soil Cement Mixtures

## DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this test procedure, the following definitions will apply.

1. **Aggregate:** a crushed or uncrushed material, retained on a 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, allowed for incorporation into the soil fraction. However, when testing soils, material retained on the 2.00 mm (No. 10) sieve shall be considered to be aggregate. Previously stabilized or treated materials or other materials retained on the 2.00 mm (No. 10) sieve, including materials containing asphaltic particles or particles of other surfacing, shall be considered as aggregate.
2. **Additive:** an approved lime or other approved additive incorporated dry into the soil or soil-aggregate mixture. When approved liquid additives or slurries are to be incorporated, the testing method will be determined by the Materials Engineer Administrator.
3. **Moisture Content:**
  - a. **Optimum moisture content:** optimum moisture of material, without additive.
  - b. **Design moisture content:** optimum moisture content of soil curve without additive, plus 0.5% or 1%, depending on soil classification. This is the total moisture content that will be in the final soil cement mixture.
  - c. **Slake water:** design moisture content minus 5%. This moisture content is used to slake the material without additive.
  - d. **Net water:** the difference between slake water and design moisture content (5%).
  - e. **Evaporation:** moisture lost during mixing and molding.
4. **Naturally Occurring Soil or Soil-Aggregates:** in-situ materials which have neither been disturbed nor exposed to the weather, except by normal construction operations for a current project. Materials from spoil banks, old roadways, relic borrow pits, topsoil, etc. are not naturally occurring soil or soil-aggregates.
5. **Soil-aggregate:** a mixture of soil and aggregate.
6. **Stabilization:** the result of adding cement to soil or soil-aggregates to increase the stability, durability, and strength of the soil or soil-aggregate to a specific design requirement.
7. **Treatment:** the result of adding cement to soil or soil-aggregates to increase the stability and strength of the soil or soil-aggregate to a specific design requirement. The strength requirement may be lower than that for stabilization.
8. **Recycled In-Place Materials:** soil or soil-aggregate mixtures which are naturally occurring, containing asphaltic materials, hydraulic cement, lime, or other stabilizers or surfacing, excluding portland cement concrete, which exist in-place and are to be reprocessed.

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**Method A – Naturally Occurring Soils or Soil-Aggregate**

**I. Scope**

This method is designed to determine the minimum percentage of cement for incorporation into naturally occurring soils or soil-aggregates as identified in Table 1, containing 39% or less siliceous gravel or shell using Types I or IB cement. This method is to be used only for soils that have not been previously disturbed in their original geologic location.

**II. Apparatus**

A. **Worksheet** – Soils/Soil-Aggregate, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0723, completed except for cement factor (Figure A-1).

B. **Plant Report** – Base Course Design for Central Mix Plant Materials Mixtures, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0752, contractor's submittal (Figure A-2).

**III. Sample**

No sample required. Must have results of DOTD TR 423 for soil to be used.

**IV. Procedure**

A. Use the soil type and A-Group classification determined from DOTD TR 423 to enter the left vertical column of Table 1.

B. Locate the parish location on the top row of Table 1.

C. Read the minimum cement factor by volume at the intersection of the row and column.

**Note A-1:** *The cement percents shown in Table 1, are approximate values and may not be accurate for a specific soil. The engineer is cautioned to consider soil characteristics, borderline classifications, geologic parameters, chemical components, etc. before deciding to use Method A. Method B can be used for all soils at the option of the engineer. Method B shall be performed whenever there is any question of the applicability or accuracy of Method A.*

**Note A-2:** *If the specification item requires that the minimum cement factor be reported by mass, perform Steps D and E in order to convert the percent by volume to percent by mass. If the specification item requires that the minimum cement factor be reported by volume, go directly to Step V.*

D. Determine the moisture-density relationships of the material in accordance with DOTD TR 415M – Method A or DOTD TR 418M – Method A.

E. Determine the percent of cement by mass by using the Additive Conversion Chart in DOTD TR 418M – Method B.

**V. Report**

Report the minimum cement factor by volume or by mass as applicable to the specification item.

**VI. Normal Test Reporting Time**

Normal test reporting time is a maximum of 21 days, including the completion of all prerequisite testing.

SOIL TYPES & A-GROUPS	PARISH
SANDY LOAM A-2, A-4, A-2, A-4	ACADIA
	ALLEN
SANDY CLAY LOAM A-2, A-4, A-2, A-4	ASCENSION
	ASSUMPTION
SANDY CLAY A-2, A-4, A-2, A-4	AVOUELLES
	BEUREGARD
LT. SANDY CLAY A-4, A-6	BIENVILLE
	BOSSIER
LOAM A-4, A-6	CADDO
	CALCASIEU
CLAY LOAM A-4, A-6	CALDWELL
	CAMERON
SILTY LOAM < 61% SILT A-4, A-6	CATAHOULA
	CLAIBORNE
SILTY CLAY LOAM < 61% SILT A-4, A-6	CONCORDIA
	DESOTO
SILTY CLAY < 61% SILT A-4, A-6	E. BATON ROUGE
	E. CARROLL
LT. SILTY CLAY A-4, A-6	E. FELICIANA
	EVANGELINE
	FRANKLIN
	GRANT
	IBERIA
	IBERVILLE
	JACKSON
	JEFFERSON
	JEFF DAVIS
	LAFAYETTE
	LAFORCHE
	LASALLE
	LINCOLN
	LIVINGSTON
	MADISON
	MOREHOUSE
	NATCHITOCHE
	ORLEANS
	OUACHIA
	PLAQUEMINES
	POINTE COUPEE
	RAPIDES
	RED RIVER
	RICHLAND
	SABINE
	ST. BERNARD
	ST. CHARLES
	ST. HELENA
	ST. JAMES
	ST. JOHN
	ST. LANDRY
	ST. MARTIN
	ST. MARY
	ST. TAMMANY
	TANGIPAHOA
	TENSAS
	TERREBONNE
	UNION
	VERMILION
	VERNON
	WASHINGTON
	WEBSTER
	W. BATON ROUGE
	W. CARROLL
	W. FELICIAN
	WINN

NOTE: This chart does not apply to naturally occurring soils with over 73% sand or over 60% silt. Silt contents are based on the unadjusted percentage of silt determined in accordance with DOTD TR 407.

AGGREGATE ADJUSTMENT: The following adjustments may be made according to the occurrence of naturally occurring aggregate found in the above soils.

Red. on 4.75mm (% s) Cement Reduction (% BY VOLUME)

0 - 14 0

15 - 39 1

TABLE 1 - CEMENT DETERMINATION BY SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND PARISH LOCATION

<b>MATT MENU SELECTION - 14</b>		Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development <b>SOILS/SOIL-AGGREGATE</b>		DOTD 03-22-0723 Rev. 10/99
Metric / English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (M or E - Located on MATT Menu)				
Project No.	<u>4510-111-0102</u>	Material Code	<u>S211</u>	Lab. No. <u>22-1123456</u>
Date Sampled	<u>03-29-19</u>	Submitted By	<u>010711</u>	Quantity <u>11010</u>
Purp. Code	<u>7</u>	Pit No.	<u>    </u>	Spec Code <u>  </u>
Date Tested	<u>04-10-19</u>	Ident.	<u>B5-2</u>	Parish No. <u>013</u>
From Station	<u>    </u> + <u>    </u>	To Station	<u>    </u> + <u>    </u>	Location <u>    </u>
Hole No.	<u>    </u>	Depth, m (ft)	<u>    </u> * <u>    </u>	Log Distance, km (mi) <u>    </u> * <u>    </u>
Item No.	<u>30111011</u>	Sampled by: <u>T.H.</u>		
Remarks 1 <u>    </u>				

Hydrometer Analysis (DOTD TR 407)			Graduate No. <u>    </u>	Dry Mass of Sample (W), g (1 = 50.0, 2 = 100.0) <u>    </u>			
Time	(T) Elapsed Time	Temp °C (0.5° increments)	(h) Hydro Reading (0.5 increments)	(C) Correction (0.5 increments)	Corrected Reading H = h - C	% Finer $P = \frac{H}{W} \times 100$	Effect. Grain Size $d = x \sqrt{\frac{1}{P}}$
	60 Minutes	<u>21.5</u>	<u>117.0</u>	<u>13.0</u>			
	120 Minutes	<u>22.5</u>	<u>114.0</u>	<u>13.0</u>			

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<b>LIQUID LIMIT</b> No. Blows <u>210</u> Mass Cup + Wet Soil, g <u>215.5</u> Mass Cup + Dry Soil, g <u>210.4</u> Mass Water, g <u>5.1</u> Factor <u>0.9733</u> Cup No. <u>187</u> Mass Cup, g <u>101.0</u> Mass Dry Soil, g <u>20.4</u> % Moisture <u>25.0</u> <b>PLASTIC LIMIT</b> Mass Cup + Wet Soil, g <u>321.8</u> Mass Cup + Dry Soil, g <u>281.2</u> Mass Water, g <u>4.6</u> Cup No. <u>188</u> Mass Cup, g <u>101.0</u> Mass Dry Soil, g <u>28.7</u> % Moisture <u>16.3</u>	% Organic Matter (TR 413) <u>    </u> Liquid Limit (TR 428) <u>24</u> Plasticity Index (TR 428) <u>8</u> Natural Moisture Content, % (TR 403) <u>    </u> Optimum Moisture Content, % (TR 418) <u>11.6</u> Maximum Density, kg/m <sup>3</sup> (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) (TR 418) <u>1176</u> Laboratory Compaction Method (TR 418) <u>A</u> % Cement (TR 432 or Plans) <u>    </u> % Lime (TR 418) <u>    </u> % Fly Ash <u>    </u> % Other (Additive) Material Code <u>    </u> Percent <u>    </u> Soil Group (TR 423) <u>A-4(2)</u> Classification (TR 423) <u>Clay Loam</u> pH (TR 430) <u>    </u> Resistivity, ohm-cm (TR 429) <u>    </u> Classification Prefix (TR 423) (G=Siliceous Aggr. N=Non-Siliceous S=Shell) <u>    </u> <i>(Required only if &gt; 2.00 mm (No. 10) material equals or exceeds 5%)</i>
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Remarks 2 <u>    </u>		
Tested By: <u>G.C.</u>	Checked By: <u>B.W.</u>	APPROVED BY: <u>    </u>

Soils/Soil-Aggregate Worksheet – DOTD 03-22-0723  
Figure A-1

DOTD 03-22-0752  
 Metric/English  
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Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
**BASE COURSE DESIGN**  
**FOR CENTRAL PLANT MATERIALS MIXTURES**

Project No. 4151011111010121 Plant Code B12101 Mat Code 41211 Seq. No. 01013  
 Plant Type 1 1 = Batch  
2 = Continuous Base Course Class 1 Base Course Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAP No. I-10-4(005)117 Proj. Name Duval Highway - Sorrento  
 Proj. Engr. J. Crouse Contractor Atlas Constr.  
 Production Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ lb/batch \_\_\_\_\_ tons/hr \_\_\_\_\_ yd<sup>3</sup>/hr

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**Materials**

	Code	Source	Batch Wt. <small>(Batch Plant Oper.)</small>	Feed Rate <small>kg/min (lb/min) (Concn. Plant Oper.)</small>	% Mass
MATERIAL 1	<u>41211</u> <u>A-4(2)</u>	_____	_____	_____	<u>91.1%</u>
MATERIAL 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MATERIAL 3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
CEMENT	<u>11516</u> <u>Type 1</u>	<u>012316</u> <u>Blue Circle</u>	_____	_____	<u>8.9%</u>
LIME/ADDITIVE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
					100.0%

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**Gradation**

Sieve Size	Material 1	Material 2	Material 3	Contractor % Passing	DOTD % Passing
	% Passing	% Passing	% Passing		
2 1/2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1 1/2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3/4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. 4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. 10	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. 40	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. 200	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**DOTD Results**

Max. Dry Weight Density, kg/m<sup>3</sup> (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) 1181051 Optimum Moisture, % 112.1 Cement, % 9.0  
 Unit Mass of Additive 1500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> Lime, % \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date First Used \_\_\_\_\_ Additive, % \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no) Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
*District Laboratory Engineer - signature*

**Base Course Design for Central Plant Materials Mixtures – DOTD 03-22-0752**  
**Figure A-2**

DOTD Designation: TR 432  
**Method B – Soils with Less Than 5% Aggregate**

**I. Scope**

This method is designed to determine the minimum percentage of cement for incorporation into soils with less than 5% aggregate by dry mass retained on a 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve.

**Note B-1:** *Cement shall meet specifications for Type IB. For Type IB cement, a unit mass of 94 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> shall be used. When either Type II or Type IP cement is used on the project, it shall be used in lieu of Type IB to determine the report values for this method of est. The cement used for this test procedure shall meet specifications. For Type II cement, a unit mass of 94 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> shall be used. For Type IP cement, a unit mass of 90 lb./ft<sup>3</sup> shall be used.*

**Note B-2:** *When soil does not meet the specification requirements for cement stabilization or treatment, it shall not be tested to determine the percent cement.*

**II. Apparatus****A. Mold**

1. A cylindrical metal mold, having a capacity of 1/30 ft<sup>3</sup>, with an internal diameter of 4.00±0.016 in. and height of 4.584±0.005 in., and with a detachable collar approximately 2.5 in. in height, which can be fastened firmly to a base plate.
2. Molds shall be replaced if any diameter is more than 4.024 in. or the height is less than 4.550 in. at any point.

**Note B-3:** *Different makes of compactive devices may use mold base plates of different designs. The mold base plate must be compatible with the make of compactive device used.*

**B. Compactive Device**

1. Automatic Rammer – A metal 5.50±0.05 lb. rammer, with a striking face that is a 3.14 in<sup>2</sup> sector face for use with a 4.000 in. inside diameter mold and arranged to control the height of drop to 12±0.06 in.
2. Manual Rammer – A metal 5.50±0.05 lb. rammer with a circular striking face with a diameter of 2.00±0.01 in. and arranged to control the height of drop to 12±0.06 in..

**C. Compaction block** – a stable block or pedestal composed of portland cement concrete having a minimum mass of 200 lb.

**D. Straightedge** – a steel straightedge, approximately 12 in. long.

**E. Scale** – a scale with a minimum of 10 kg capacity, readable to 1 g.

**F. Sieve** – a 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve conforming to the requirements of AASHTO M92.

**G. Tools**

1. Mixing pans with air-tight covers.
2. Spoons.
3. Pointed trowel.
4. Spatula or large suitable mechanical device for thoroughly mixing the soil with water.
5. Large screwdriver to remove material from mold

**H. Graduated cylinders** – incremented in ml.

**I. Sealable containers.**

**J. Wax paper.**



- K. **Specimen ejector** a closed cylindrical sleeve slightly less than 4 in. in diameter or a piston of the same diameter, actuated mechanically, hydraulically or by air pressure (Figure B-1).
- L. **Moist room** – capable of maintaining not less than 90% relative humidity and a temperature of  $73.4 \pm 1.7^{\circ}\text{F}$ .
- M. **Height gauge** – capable of measuring to 0.001 in..
- N. **Compression device** – meeting the specifications of ASTM D 1633. Screw powered devices shall be set so that the rate of loading for the compression test corresponds with the moving head operating at approximately 1.3 mm/min (0.05 in./min.) when the device is running idle. Hydraulic devices shall be set so that the loading rate is within  $20 \pm 10$  psi.
- O. **Scarifier** – capable of scarifying soil specimens, with prongs approximately 1/8 in. wide and 1/4 in. apart.
- P. **Cement** – portland or portland-pozzolan cement meeting DOTD specifications for the type of cement.
- Q. **Waterproof black ink marker.**
- R. **Porous stones** – equal to or larger than the diameter of the specimen, stored in moist room on a continuous basis to ensure saturated condition.
- S. **Engineer's curve** – Alvin 1010-21 or equivalent.
- T. **Additive Conversion Chart** (Figure B-2).
- U. **Mix design worksheet** – Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0757 (Figure B-3, Front & Back).
- V. **Worksheet** – Soils/Soil-Aggregate, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0723.

### III. Sample

Obtain a representative sample of the material to be stabilized or treated weighing at least 180 lb.

### IV. Procedure

#### A. Sample Preparation

1. Prepare sample in accordance with DOTD TR 411M. Discard any material retained on the 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve.
2. Determine the moisture-density relationships of the material in accordance with either DOTD TR 415M – Method A or the appropriate method of DOTD TR 418M. If the soil is to be treated or conditioned prior to stabilization, add the proper percentage of additive to the portion of the sample to be used in DOTD TR 418M – Method B. Record optimum moisture as DB and maximum dry mass density as DC on the mix design worksheet.

**Note B-4:** *When the soil contains less than 20% clay (primarily sandy and/or silty particles), or is moisture sensitive (steep moisture density curve), and the laboratory has limited experience with the material, it may be necessary to start at this point in the test procedure with the optimum moisture from a cement curve compacted with 10% cement by mass. The optimum moisture content thus determined will be used as the Design Moisture (DM).*

**Note B-5:** *If moisture-density relationships are determined by DOTD TR 418M – Method H and the recycled material contains less than 5% retained on the 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, a 1/30 ft<sup>3</sup> mold may be used.*

3. Determine the design moisture content in accordance with Step V.A. and record as DM on the mix design worksheet.
4. Place the remaining prepared material in the oven and dry to constant mass in accordance with DOTD TR 403 and TR 411M to eliminate the effects of hygroscopic moisture.

**Note B-6:** *Hygroscopic moisture is moisture which an unprotected oven-dried soil absorbs from the air.*

5. Remove the dried material from the oven within 24 hours of beginning specimen preparation. Protect the material from moisture contamination from the air during its cooling period by placing it in sealed containers before water absorption begins.

**B. Specimen Preparation**

1. If the soil is to be treated or conditioned prior to stabilization, add the proper percentage of the additive to the dried soil and mix thoroughly.
2. Place exactly 2300 g of the material in each of 20 separate mixing pans, in order to produce four sets of five specimens.
3. Determine the quantity of water needed to bring each 2300-g portion to the slaked moisture content (5% below design moisture content) in accordance with Step V.B. Record on the mix design worksheet as slake water (M).
4. Add the proper quantity of slake water to each 2300-g portion and mix thoroughly. Record the time of each water addition on the worksheet.
5. Cover each 2300-g portion to which slake water has been added, protect them so that the moisture content remains constant, and allow them to slake for a minimum of 30 minutes for raw soils, a minimum of 15 hours for lime-treated or conditioned soils, or a minimum of 12 hours for recycled materials.

**Note B-7:** *Stagger the timing of the addition of cement and net water quantity (Steps IV.B.6 and 7) to meet the time limitations of Step IV.B.8.*

6. Incorporate cement by mass (See Table 1), into the 4 sets of specimens by adding the quantity of cement in grams shown on the mix design worksheet. Mix thoroughly.
7. Immediately add the proper quantity of net water to each test specimen and mix thoroughly. Record the time of each water addition on the mix design worksheet.
8. Cover and protect the individual test specimens so that the moisture content remains constant, then allow them to stand for at least 60 minutes. Time the beginning of molding test cylinders to ensure that the molding of test specimens will be completed within 90 minutes of the addition of cement. Record the time of molding on the mix design worksheet.

**C. Molding and Curing Test Cylinders**

**Note B-8:** *In order to have adequate time to complete all requirements of this procedure within normal working hours, the molding of test cylinders must begin as near the start of the workday as possible.*

1. If mold requires an attachable base plate, attach base plate.
2. When using a mold without an attachable base plate, place wax paper on the compactor base. Place the mold over the wax paper and secure the mold to the compactor base.
3. Attach the collar to the mold.
4. Uncover one test specimen. Remix the material. Place a quantity of the test specimen into the mold in an even layer that will yield slightly more than 1/3 the volume of the mold after compaction. Recover the test specimen to protect material remaining in the pan.
5. Use a pointed trowel to rearrange particles, filling voids in the loose material without compacting the material.
6. Rest the rammer on top of the layer to be compacted. Compact the layer using 25 blows of the rammer.
7. Note height of compacted material. If compacted layer is not 1/3 the height of the mold, correct for any deviation by adjusting the quantity of material used for the subsequent layer.
8. Using the scarifier, scratch the surface of the compacted layer with grooves approximately apart 1/8 in. by 1/8 in. by 1/4 in., perpendicular to each other, to remove smooth compaction planes.
9. Repeat Steps IV.C.4 - 8 for two more layers, scarifying only the intermediate layer.
10. After the third layer has been compacted, place the mold, base plate (if applicable), and compacted specimen in a pan.
11. Tap the collar with the straightedge to loosen material bond and remove the collar from the mold without twisting or causing shear stress to the molded specimen.
12. Note the height of the compacted test specimen. If it is greater than 1/4 in. above the top of the mold or is below the lip of the mold, remove the cylinder from the mold, remix and remold the material. Keeping the mold, base plate (if applicable), and specimen in the pan, use the straightedge to trim the specimen even with the top of the mold.
13. Fill any depressions with the trimmed material. After the depressions are filled, smooth with the straightedge even with the top of the mold.
14. Brush material from all outside surfaces of the mold and exposed edges of base plate or wax paper. Remove wax paper (if applicable).
15. Eject the test specimen from the mold, utilizing the specimen ejector. Assign a laboratory identification to the specimen and mark it on the specimen using the black marker or a tag. Do not scar or deform the specimen.
16. Invert specimen on a porous stone, immediately protect it from moisture loss, and place it in the moist room. Protect the specimen from direct spray in the moist room.
17. Repeat Steps IV.C. 1 - 17 for the other test specimens at the same cement content.
18. Repeat Steps IV. C. 1 – 18 for all other test specimens at the remaining cement contents.
19. Allow the specimens to remain in the moist room for 7 days.

#### D. Testing Specimens

1. Remove the specimens from the moist room.

**Note B-9:** *Protect specimens from moisture loss between removal from the moist room and breaking.*

2. Place the specimen on the lower bearing block of the testing machine, making certain that the vertical axis of the specimen is aligned with the center of thrust of the spherically seated upper bearing block. Raise the lower block until the specimen comes into contact with the upper block, aligning the upper block in order to obtain uniform seating (if applicable to the testing device).
3. Immediately apply load continuously, at the rate specified in Step II.N, without shock until the reading stabilizes or falls. Continue loading for approximately 10 – 15 seconds.
4. Record the failure load (load at which the reading stabilized or peaked) as Z, to the nearest graduation shown on the dial.
5. Remove the specimen from the machine. Grasp the top and bottom of the specimen and slowly twist in opposite directions. Record the type of break obtained as indicated on the worksheet.

**Note B-10:** *If the compression device requires a calibration chart to convert dial readings to failure load, record the dial reading and its corresponding failure load (Z) on the worksheet.*

6. Repeat Steps 2 – 5 for each specimen. Break all 4 sets of test specimens within 90 minutes from the time that the first cylinder is removed from the moist room.

E. Determination of Compressive Strength

1. Discard the highest and lowest failure loads (Z) (recorded in Step D.4) for each percent cement.
2. Determine the compressive strength of each of the three remaining test specimens at each percent cement in accordance with Step V.C., and record as P on the mix design worksheet.

**Note B-11:** *If the type of break recorded indicates an irregular failure pattern, the compressive strengths of these specimens should be analyzed to determine their suitability to be used in the average compressive strength for that set of specimens. Additional specimens may be necessary.*

3. Determine the average compressive strength for each percent cement in accordance with Step V.D. Record as Q on the mix design worksheet.

F. Determination of Curve Cement Factor

1. Label the vertical axis of the graph on the worksheet with a range of compressive strengths that includes the average compressive strengths of each set determined in Step E.3.
2. Plot the average compressive strength for each corresponding cement content.
3. Draw a straight line connecting the points immediately above and below the design compressive strength line. (Refer to Introduction for design compressive strength.)
4. Select the point at which the design compressive strength line intersects the line drawn in Step 3. This percent cement will be recorded to the nearest 0.1% on the Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet as Curve Cement Factor.

G. Determination of Minimum Cement Factor

1. To determine the minimum cement factor by mass, if the Curve Cement Factor is other than a whole percent, round it to the next whole percent and report as minimum Cement Factor by Mass on the mix design worksheet. If the Curve Cement Factor is a whole percent, report the Curve Cement Factor as Minimum Cement Factor by Mass.
2. Determine the minimum cement factor by volume in accordance with Step V.E., using the Curve Cement Factor.

## V. Calculations

- A. Calculate the design moisture content (DM) to the nearest 0.1% using the following formula:

$$DM = DB + V$$

where:

- DB = optimum moisture content  
for raw or lime treated  
material, %
- V = constant (1.0% for A-4, A-  
6 or lime treated soils and  
0.5% for other soils)

example:

$$DB = 12.1$$

$$V = 1.0$$

$$DM = 12.1 + 1.0$$

$$DM = 13.1$$

- B. Calculate the slake water (M), the quantity of water needed to bring each test specimen to the slaked moisture content, to the nearest mL using the following formula:

**Note B-12:** *1 g water = 1 mL water*

$$M = K \times \left( \frac{DM - 5}{100} \right)$$

where:

- K = mass of test specimen, g
- DM = design moisture content, %
- 5 = constant, represents  
reduction in % design  
moisture
- 100 = constant, %

example:

$$K = 2438$$

$$DM = 13.1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= 2438 \times \left( \frac{13.1 - 5}{100} \right) \\
 &= 2438 \times \left( \frac{8.1}{100} \right) \\
 &= 2438 \times (0.081) \\
 &= 197.47 \\
 M &= 197
 \end{aligned}$$

- C. Calculate the compressive strength (P) of each test specimen to the nearest psi using the following formula:

$$P = \frac{Z}{12.6}$$

where:

Z = failure load, lb

12.6 = constant, cross sectional  
area of specimen, in<sup>2</sup>

example:

$$Z = 5010$$

$$P = \frac{5010}{12.6}$$

$$P = 397.61$$

$$P = 398$$

- D. Calculate the average compressive strength (Q) to the nearest psi using the following formula:

$$Q = \frac{P_1 + P_2 + P_3}{3}$$

where:

P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> = comp. str. of the 3  
individual test spec.

3 = constant, number  
of specimens

example:

**ENGLISH:**

$$P_1 = 398$$

$$P_2 = 375$$

$$P_3 = 390$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \frac{398 + 375 + 390}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1163}{3} \\
 &= 387.66 \\
 Q &= 388
 \end{aligned}$$

- E. Calculate the minimum cement factor by volume by using the Additive Conversion chart. This chart may be used for Type I, IB, or II portland cement.
1. Enter the chart on the left scale. Reading vertically, place a point at the appropriate maximum dry mass density (DC) of the raw soil on the mix design worksheet.
  2. Reenter the chart on the cement (center) scale. Reading vertically, place a point at the Curve Cement Factor percent.
  3. Draw a straight line across the chart connecting the two points plotted in Steps 1 and 2, extending the line to intersect with the Cement Percent by Volume (right) scale.
  4. Read the percent by volume directly from the right scale where the line intersects the right scale.
  5. Round any partial percent to the next higher whole percent. Record this value as minimum cement factor by volume on the mix design worksheet.
  6. Example: *Type IB Cement, Figure B-2*

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= 110 \text{ lb./ft}^3 \\
 \text{Curve Cement Factor} &= 6.5\%
 \end{aligned}$$

- (1) Follow the left scale to the point represented by 110 lb./ft<sup>3</sup>
  - (2) Follow the center scale to the point represented by 6.5% by mass
  - (3) Draw a straight line across the scale, connecting the two points and extending it to intersect the right scale.
  - (4) The percent cement by volume, read directly from the right scale, is 7.1%.
  - (5) Round 7.1% to 8% and record.
7. In lieu of the charts or if values are not covered by the charts, calculate the percent by volume of cement (V) to the nearest percent using the following formula:

$$V = \frac{DC}{\left[\left(\frac{1}{R}\right) + 0.01\right] \times U}$$

where:

DC = max. dry wt. density of  
the soil, kg/m<sup>3</sup> (lb./ft<sup>3</sup>)

U = unit wt of additive, kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(lb./ft<sup>3</sup>)

R = Curve Cement Factor, %

0.01 = constant

l = constant

example: *Type IP Cement*

DC = 110

R = 6.5

U = 90

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{110}{\left[\left(\frac{1}{6.5}\right) + 0.01\right] \times 90} \\&= \frac{110}{(0.15 + 0.01) \times 90} \\&= \frac{110}{0.16 \times 90} \\&= \frac{110}{14.40} \\&= 7.63 \\V &= 8\end{aligned}$$

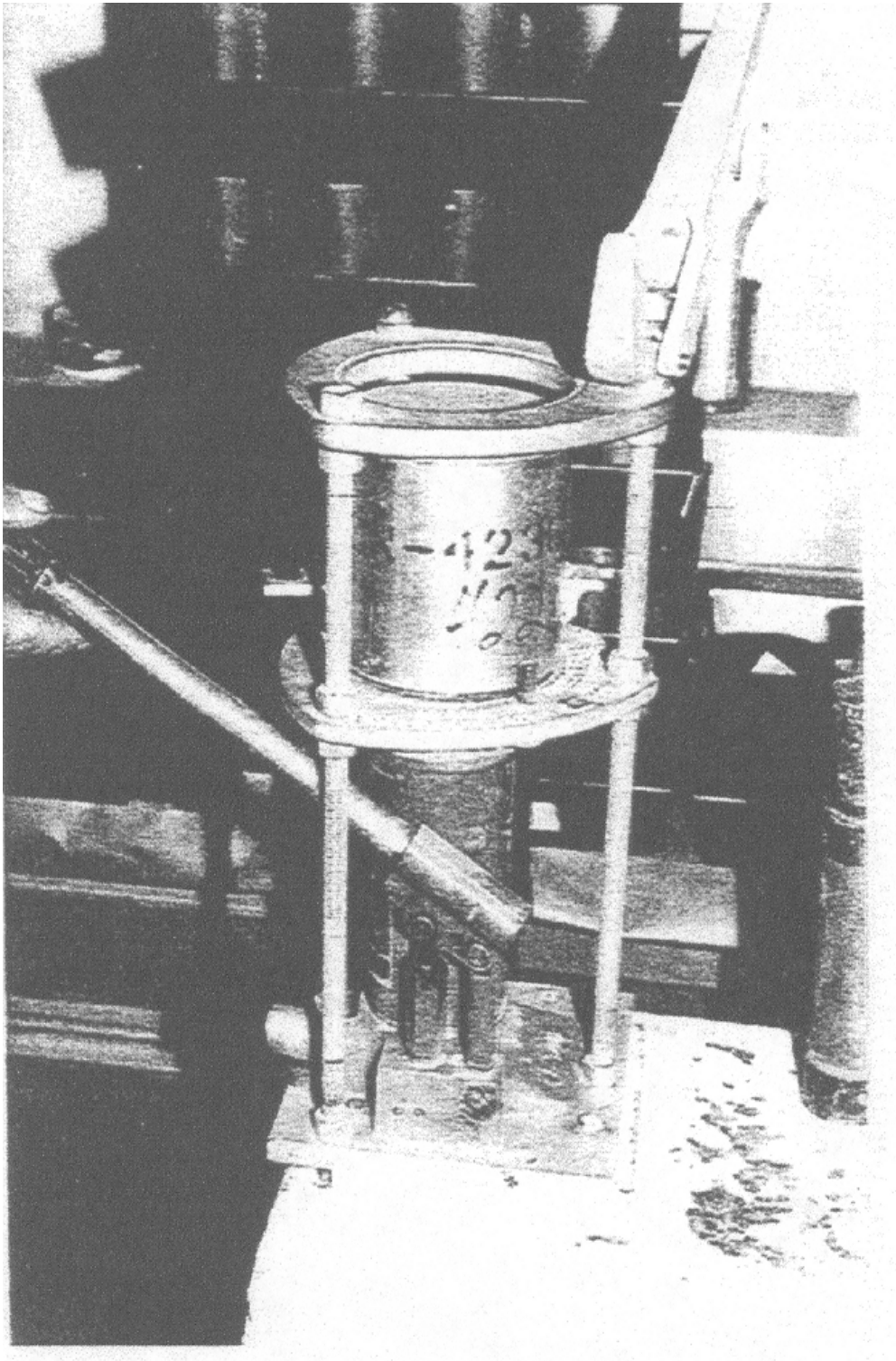
**VI. Report**

Report the minimum cement factor by volume or by mass as applicable to the specification item.

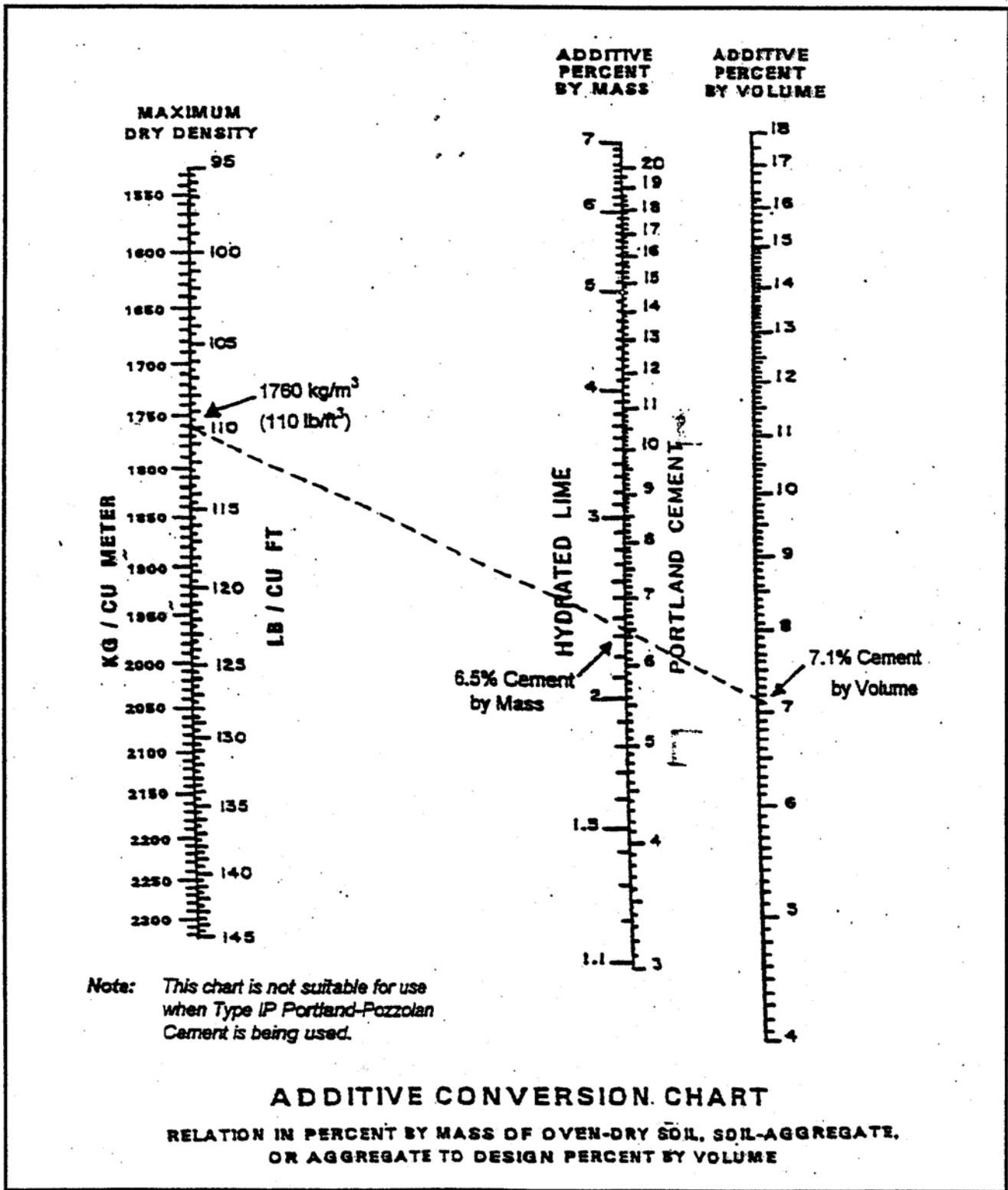
**VII. Normal Test Reporting Time**

Normal test reporting time is a maximum of 21 days, including the completion of all prerequisite testing.





**Specimen Ejector**  
**Figure B-1**



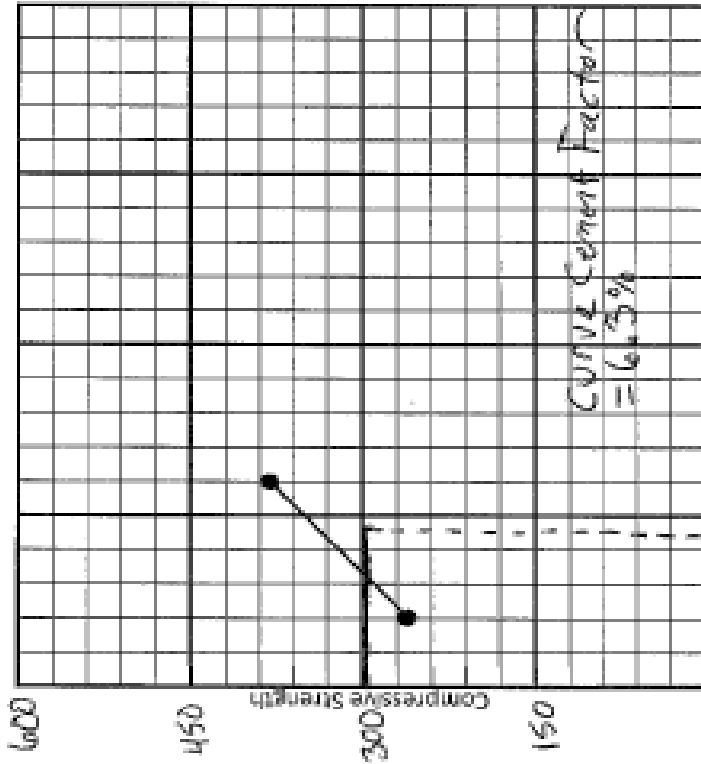
Additive Conversion Chart  
Figure B-2

Soil-Cement Mix Design Worksheet  
DOTD TR 432 Methods B & C

Project No.: 450-11-0002 Composite No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lab No.: SC1  
 Type Soil: Clay loam Date Milled: 12/14/21 Tested by: P.C Checked by: B.M.S  
 Break Date: 12/21/21 Min. Cem. Factor 7 % By Wt. 8 % By Vol. Opt. Moist., % \_\_\_\_\_ Max. DWD \_\_\_\_\_

Compression Test Data (Cement Stabilized or Treated Material)

Cylinder Number	SCM's by Wt.	Break Code	Dial Reading	Failure Load (l or lb)	Compressive Strength (f) (MPa or PSI)	Average Compressive Strength (f) (MPa or PSI)
A-1	5	1		3655	290	280
A-2		1		4540		
A-3		1		3340	265	
A-4		1		3590	285	
A-5		2		2930		
B-1	7	1		5010	398	388
B-2		1		4725	375	
B-3		2		3030		
B-4		1		4915	390	
B-5		1		5730		
C-1	9	1		6650	485	490
C-2		1		6110	525	
C-3		1		6615		
C-4		2		5630	460	
C-5		2		5795		
D-1	11	1		7510		590
D-2		1		7495	595	
D-3		1		6815		
D-4		1		7310	580	
D-5		1		7495	595	



Type of Break:  1-Regular  2-Irregular

Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet, DOTD 03-22-0757  
Figure B-3 (Front) English

Soil-Cement Mix Design Calculations  
 DOTD TR 432 Method B & C

DOTD 03-22-0757  
 12/21

Optimum Moisture and Design Moisture	
Soil Group (TR 423) A- <u>4(2)</u>	Classification (TR 423) <u>Clay Loam</u>
Optimum Moisture Content of Material (DB) = <u>12.1</u> %	Design Moisture Content (DM = DB+V) = <u>13.1</u> %
Max. Dry Weight Density of Material (DC) = <u>110 lb/ft<sup>3</sup></u> (DOTD TR 415 ____ DOTD TR 418 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )	For A-4 and A-6 Soils, V=1.0% For all other soils, V = 0.5%

Method B									
% Cement (by wt.)	Dry Weight of Material (g)	Cement (g)	Material + Cement (g)	Evap (mL)	Slake Water (mL)	Slake Time	Net Water (mL)	Net Water Time	Molding Time
H	I	J	K	L	M		N		
	2300				$K \times \frac{DM - 5}{100}$		$L + 0.05K$		
5		138	2438	24	197	8:45	146	9:15	10:15
7		207	2507	25	203	10:00	150	10:30	11:30
9		276	2576	26	209	11:15	155	11:45	12:45
11		345	2645	26	214	12:30	158	1:00	2:00

Method C									
% Cement (by wt.)	Dry Weight of Material (g)	Cement (g)	Material + Cement (g)	Evap (mL)	Slake Water (mL)	Slake Time	Net Water (mL)	Net Water Time	Molding Time
H	I	J	K	L	M		N		
	6300				$K \times \frac{DM - 5}{100}$		$L + 0.05K$		
5		315	6615	67			401		
7		441	6741	69			412		
9		567	6867	71			424		
11		693	6993	72			434		

Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet, DOTD 03-22-0757  
 Figure B-3 (Back)

DOTD Designation: TR 432  
**Method C – Soils With 5% or More Aggregate**

**I. Scope**

This method is designed to determine the minimum percentage of cement for incorporation into soil-aggregates with 5% or greater aggregate by dry mass retained on a 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, recycled in-place soil-aggregates, shell, sand-shell, or sand clay gravel.

**Note C-1:** *Cement shall meet specifications for Type IB. For Type IB cement, a unit mass of 94 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> shall be used.*

*When either Type II or Type IP cement is used on the project, it shall be used in lieu of Type IB to determine the report values for this method of test. The cement used for this test procedure shall meet specifications. For Type II cement, a unit mass of 1500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (94 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) shall be used. For Type IP cement, a unit mass of 90 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> shall be used.*

**Note C-2:** *When soil does not meet the specification requirements for cement stabilization or treatment, it shall not be tested to determine the percent cement.*

**II. Apparatus**

**A. Mold**

1. A cylindrical metal mold, having a capacity of 1/10 ft<sup>3</sup>, with an internal diameter of 6.000 ± 0.026 in. and a height of 6.100 ± 0.016 in., and with a detachable collar approximately 3.5 in. in height, which can be fastened firmly to a base plate.
2. Molds shall be replaced if any diameter is more than 6.039 in. or the height is less than 6.000 in. at any point.

**Note C-3:** *Different makes of compactive devices may use mold base plates of different designs. The mold base plate must be compatible with the make of compactive device used.*

**B. Compactive Device**

1. Automatic Rammer
  - a. A metal 10.0 ± 0.1 lb. rammer, with a striking face that is a 3.1416 in.<sup>2</sup> sector face for use with a 6 in. inside diameter mold and arranged to control the height of drop to 18±0.06 in.
  - b. Alternate – a metal 5.50 ± 0.05 lb. rammer, with a striking face that is 3.1416 in.<sup>2</sup> sector face for use with a 6 in. inside diameter mold and arranged to control the height of drop to 12 ± 0.06 in.
2. Manual rammer
  - a. A metal 10.0 ± 0.1 lb. rammer with a circular striking face with a diameter of 2.00 ± 0.01 in. and arranged to control the height of drop to 18 ± 0.06 in.
  - b. Alternate – a metal 5.50 ± 0.05 lb. rammer, with a circular striking face with a diameter of 2.00 ± 0.01 in. and arranged to control the height of drop to 12 ± 0.06 in.

- C. **Compaction block** – a stable block or pedestal composed of portland cement concrete weighing a minimum of 200 lb.
- D. **Straightedge** – a steel straightedge, approximately 12 in. long.
- E. **Scale** – a scale with a minimum of 10 kg capacity, readable to 1 g.
- F. **Sieves** – 25.0 mm, 19.0 mm, 12.5 mm and 4.75 (1 in.,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., and No. 4) sieves conforming to the requirements of AASHTO M 92.
- G. **Tools**
  - 1. Mixing pans with air-tight covers.
  - 2. Spoons.
  - 3. Pointed trowel.
  - 4. Spatula or large suitable mechanical device for thoroughly mixing the soil with water.
  - 5. Large screwdriver to remove material from mold.
- H. **Graduated cylinders** – incremented in mL.
- I. **Sealable containers.**
- J. **Wax paper.**
- K. **Specimen ejector** – a closed cylindrical sleeve slightly less than 6.0 in. in diameter or a piston of the same diameter, actuated mechanically, hydraulically or by air pressure. (Figure B-1)
- L. **Moist room** – capable of maintaining not less than 90% relative humidity and a temperature of  $73.4 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ .
- M. **Height gauge** – capable of measuring to 0.001 in.
- N. **Compression device** – meeting the specifications of ASTM D 1633. Screw powered devices shall be set so that the rate of loading for the compression test corresponds with the moving head operating at approximately 1.3 mm/min (0.05 in./min) when the device is running idle. Hydraulic devices shall be set so that the loading rate is within  $20 \pm 10$  psi/sec.
- O. **Scarifier** – capable of scarifying soil specimens, with prongs approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. wide and  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. apart.
- P. **Cement** – portland or portland-pozzolan cement meeting specifications for the type of cement.
- Q. **Waterproof black ink marker.**
- R. **Porous stones** – equal to or larger than the diameter of the specimen, stored in moist room on a continuous basis to ensure saturated condition.
- S. **Engineer's curve** – Alvin 1010-21 or equivalent.
- T. **Additive Conversion Chart** – (Figure C-1).
- U. **Mix design worksheet** – Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0757. (Figure C-2, Front & Back).
- V. **Worksheet** – Soils/Soil-Aggregate, DOTD Form No. 03-22-0723.

### III. Sample

Obtain a representative sample weighing at least 600 lb.

### IV. Procedure

#### A. Sample Preparation

1. Prepare sample in accordance with DOTD TR 411M, using 25.0 mm, 19.0 mm, 12.5 mm, and 4.75 mm (1 in.,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., and No. 4) sieves. Prorate the aggregate in accordance with the appropriate method of DOTD TR 418M. If DOTD TR 415M will be used to determine the moisture-density relationships of the material (as allowed by

DOTD TR 418M), process the sample in accordance with procedure outlined in DOTD TR 415M.

2. Determine the moisture-density relationships of the material in accordance with either DOTD TR 415M – Method A or the appropriate method of DOTD TR 418M. If the material is to be conditioned prior to stabilization, add the proper percentage of additive to the portion of the sample to be used in DOTD TR 418M – Method B. Record optimum moisture as DB and maximum dry mass density as DC on the mix design worksheet.

**Note C-4:** *When the soil contains less than 20% clay (primarily sandy and/or silty particles), or is moisture sensitive (steep moisture density curve), and the laboratory has limited experience with the material, it may be necessary to start at this point in the test procedure with the optimum moisture from a cement curve compacted with 10% cement by mass. The optimum moisture content thus determined will be used as the design Moisture (DM).*

3. Determine the design moisture content in accordance with Step V.A. and record as DM on the mix design worksheet.
4. Place the remaining prepared material in the oven and dry to constant mass in accordance with DOTD TR 403 and TR 411M to eliminate the effects of hygroscopic moisture.

**Note C-5:** *Hygroscopic moisture is moisture which an unprotected oven-dried soil absorbs from the air.*

5. Remove the dried material from the oven within 24 hours of beginning specimen preparation. Protect the material from moisture contamination from the air during its cooling period by placing it in sealed containers before water absorption begins.

**B. Specimen Preparation**

1. If the material is to be treated or conditioned prior to stabilization, add the proper percentage of the additive to the dried soil and mix thoroughly.
2. Place exactly 6300 g of the material in each of 20 separate mixing pans, in order to produce four sets of five specimens.
3. Determine the quantity of water needed to bring each 6300 g portion to the slaked moisture content (5% below design moisture content) in accordance with Step V.B. Record on the mix design worksheet as slake water (M).
4. Add the proper quantity of slake water to each 6300 g portion and mix thoroughly. Record the time of each water addition on the worksheet.
5. Cover each 6300 g portion to which slake water has been added, protect them so that the moisture content remains constant, and allow them to slake for a minimum of 30 minutes for raw soils, a minimum of 15 hours of lime-treated or conditioned soils, or 12 hours for recycled materials.

**Note C-6:** *Stagger the timing of the addition of cement and net water quantity (Steps IV.B.6 and 7) to meet the time limitations of Step IV.B.8.*

6. Incorporate cement by mass (See Table 1), into the 4 sets of specimens by adding the quantity of cement in grams shown on the mix design worksheet. Mix thoroughly.
7. Immediately add the proper quantity of net water to each test specimen and mix thoroughly. Record the time of each water addition on the mix design worksheet.
8. Cover and protect the individual test specimens so that the moisture content remains constant, then allow them to stand for at least 60 minutes. Time the beginning of molding test cylinders to ensure that the molding of test specimens will be completed within 90 minutes of the addition of cement. Record the time of molding on the mix design worksheet.

#### C. Molding and Curing Test Cylinders

**Note C-7:** *In order to have adequate time to complete all requirements of this procedure within normal working hours, the molding of test cylinders must begin as near the start of the workday as possible.*

1. If mold requires an attachable base plate, attach base plate.
2. When using a mold without an attachable base plate, place wax paper on the compactor base. Place the mold over the wax paper and secure the mold to the compactor base.
3. Attach the collar to the mold.
4. Uncover one test specimen. Remix the material. Place a quantity of the test specimen into the mold in an even layer that will yield slightly more than 1/3 the volume of the mold after compaction. Recover the test specimen to protect material remaining in the pan.
5. Use a pointed trowel to rearrange particles, filling voids in the loose material without compacting the material.
6. Rest the rammer on top of the layer to be compacted. Compact the layer using 28 blows with the 10 lb. rammer, with an 18 in. drop [alternate 75 blows with the 5.5 lb. rammer, with a 12 in. drop].
7. Note height of compacted material. If compacted layer is not 1/3 the height of the mold, correct for any deviation by adjusting the quantity of material used for the subsequent layer.
8. Using the scarifier, scratch the surface of the compacted layer with grooves approximately 1/8 in. wide, 1/8 in. deep, and 1/4 in. apart, perpendicular to each other, to remove smooth compaction planes.
9. Repeat Steps IV.C.4 – 8 for two more layers, scarifying only the intermediate layer.
10. After the third layer has been compacted, place the mold, base plate (if applicable), and compacted specimen in a pan.
11. Tap the collar with the straightedge to loosen material bond and remove the collar from the mold without twisting or causing shear stress to the molded specimen.
12. Note the height of the compacted test specimen. If it is greater than 0.50 in. above the top of the mold or is below the lip of the mold, remove the cylinder from the mold, remix and remold the material.
13. Keeping the mold, base plate (if applicable), and specimen in the pan, use the straightedge to trim the specimen even with the top of the mold.
14. Fill any depressions with the trimmed material. After the depressions are filled, smooth with the straightedge even with the top of the mold.



15. Brush material from all outside surfaces of the mold and exposed edges of base plate or wax paper. Remove wax paper (if applicable).
  16. Eject the test specimen from the mold, utilizing the specimen ejector. Assign a laboratory identification to the specimen and mark it on the specimen using the black marker or a tag. Do not scar or deform the specimen.
  17. Invert specimen on a porous stone, immediately protect it from moisture loss, and place it in the moist room. Protect the specimen from direct spray in the moist room.
  18. Repeat Steps IV.C. 1 – 17 for the other test specimens at the same cement content.
  19. Repeat Steps IV. C. 1 – 18 for all other test specimens at the remaining cement contents.
  20. Allow the specimens to remain in the moist room for 7 days.
- D. Testing Specimens
1. Remove the specimens from the moist room.

**Note C-8:** *Protect specimens from moisture loss between removal from the moist room and breaking.*

2. Place the specimen on the lower bearing block of the testing machine, making certain that the vertical axis of the specimen is aligned with the center of thrust of the spherically seated upper bearing block. Raise the lower block until the specimen comes into contact with the upper block, aligning the upper block in order to obtain uniform seating (if applicable to the testing device).
3. Immediately apply load continuously, at the rate specified in Step II.N, without shock until the reading stabilizes or falls. Continue loading for approximately 10 – 15 seconds.
4. Record the failure load (load at which the reading stabilized or peaked) as Z, to the nearest graduation shown on the dial.
5. Remove the specimen from the machine. Grasp the top and bottom of the specimen and slowly twist in opposite directions. Record the type of break obtained as indicated on the worksheet.

**Note C-9:** *If the compression device requires a calibration chart to convert dial readings to failure load, record the dial reading and its corresponding failure load (Z) on the worksheet.*

6. Repeat Steps 2 – 5 for each specimen. Break all 4 sets of test specimens within 90 minutes from the time that the first cylinder is removed from the moist room.
- E. Determination of Compressive Strength
1. Discard the highest and lowest failure loads (Z) (recorded in Step D.4) for each percent cement.
  2. Determine the compressive strength of each of the three remaining test specimens at each percent cement in accordance with Step V.C., and record as P on the mix design worksheet.

**Note C-10:** *If the type of break recorded indicates an irregular failure pattern, the compressive strengths of these specimens should be analyzed to determine their suitability to be used in the average compressive strength for that set of specimens. Additional specimens may be necessary.*

3. Determine the average compressive strength for each percent cement in accordance with Step V.D. Record as Q on the mix design worksheet.
- F. Determination of Curve Cement Factor
1. Label the vertical axis of the graph on the worksheet with a range of compressive strengths that includes the average compressive strengths of each set determined in Step E.3.
  2. Plot the average compressive strength for each corresponding cement content
  3. Draw a straight line connecting the points immediately above and below the design compressive strength line. (Refer to Introduction for design compressive strength.)
  4. Select the point at which the design compressive strength line intersects the line drawn in Step 3. This percent cement will be recorded to the nearest 0.1% on the Soil Cement Mix Design Worksheet as Curve Cement Factor.
- G. Determination of Minimum Cement Factor
1. To determine the minimum cement factor by mass, if the Curve Cement Factor is other than a whole percent, round it to the next whole percent and report as minimum Cement Factor by Mass on the mix design worksheet. If the Curve Cement Factor is a whole percent, report the Curve Cement Factor as Minimum Cement Factor by Mass.
  2. Determine the minimum cement factor by volume in accordance with Step V.E., using the Curve Cement Factor.

## V. Calculations

- A. Calculate the design moisture content (DM) to the nearest 0.1% using the following formula:

$$DM = DB + V$$

where:

DB = optimum moisture content  
for raw or lime treated  
material, %

V = constant (1.0% for A-4 and  
A-6 with 20% or more  
retained on the 4.75 mm  
(No.4) sieve and other soil  
groups containing only  
siliceous aggregate; 1.0%  
for all other materials  
0.5% for other soils)

example:

$$DB = 12.1$$

$$V = 0.5$$

$$DM = 12.1 + 0.5$$

$$DM = 12.6$$

- B. Calculate the slake water (M), the quantity of water needed to bring each test specimen to the slaked moisture content, to the nearest mL using the following formula:

**Note C-11:**  $1 \text{ g water} = 1 \text{ mL water}$

$$M = K \times \left( \frac{DM - 5}{100} \right)$$

where:

K = mass of test specimen, g

DM = design moisture content, %

5 = constant, represents %  
moisture

100 = constant, converts whole  
number percent to decimal

example:

K = 6678

DM = 12.6

$$M = 6678 \times \left( \frac{12.6 - 5}{100} \right)$$

$$= 6678 \times \left( \frac{7.6}{100} \right)$$

$$= 6678 \times (0.076)$$

$$= 507.52$$

$$M = 508$$

- C. Calculate the compressive strength (P) of each test specimen to the nearest psi using the following formula:

$$P = \frac{Z}{28.3}$$

where:

Z = failure load, lb

28.3 = constant, cross sectional  
area of specimen, in.<sup>2</sup>

example:

Z = 6370

$$P = \frac{6370}{28.3}$$

$$P = 225.08$$

$$P = 225$$

- D. Calculate the average compressive strength (Q) to the nearest psi using the following formula:

$$Q = \frac{P_1 + P_2 + P_3}{3}$$

where:

$P_1, P_2, P_3$  = comp. str. of the 3  
individual test spec.  
3 = constant, number  
of specimens

example:

$$P_1 = 225$$

$$P_2 = 252$$

$$P_3 = 270$$

$$Q = \frac{225 + 252 + 270}{3}$$

$$= \frac{752}{3}$$

$$= 249.00$$

$$Q = 249$$

- E. Calculate the minimum cement factor by volume by using the Additive Conversion Chart. This chart may be used for Type I, IB, or II portland cement.
1. Enter the chart on the left scale. Reading vertically, place a point at the appropriate maximum dry mass density (DC) of the raw soil on the mix design worksheet.
  2. Reenter the chart on the cement (center) scale. Reading vertically, place a point at the Curve Cement Factor percent.
  3. Draw a straight line across the chart connecting the two points plotted in Steps 1 and 2, extending the line to intersect with the Additive Percent by Volume (right) scale.
  4. Read the percent by volume directly from the right scale where the line intersects the right scale.
  5. Round any partial percent to the next higher whole percent. Record this value as minimum cement factor by volume on the mix design worksheet.
  6. Example: *Type IB Cement, Figure C-1*

$$A = 128 \text{ lb/ft}^3$$

$$\text{Curve Cement Factor} = 7.0\%$$

- (1) Follow the left scale to the point represented by 128 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>
- (2) Follow the center scale to the point represented by 7.0% by mass
- (3) Draw a straight line across the scale, connecting the two points and extending it to intersect the right scale.
- (4) The percent cement by volume, read directly from the right scale, is 8.9%.
- (5) Round 8.9% to 9.0% and record.

7. In lieu of the charts or if values are not covered by the charts, calculate the percent by mass of cement ( $V$ ) to the nearest percent using the following formula:

$$V = \frac{DC}{\left[\left(\frac{1}{R}\right) + 0.01\right] \times U}$$

where:

DC = max. dry wt. density of  
the soil agg., kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)

U = unit wt of additive, kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)

R = Curve Cement Factor, %

0.01 = constant

1 = constant

example: *Type IP Cement*

DC = 128 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

R = 6.2%

U = 90 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

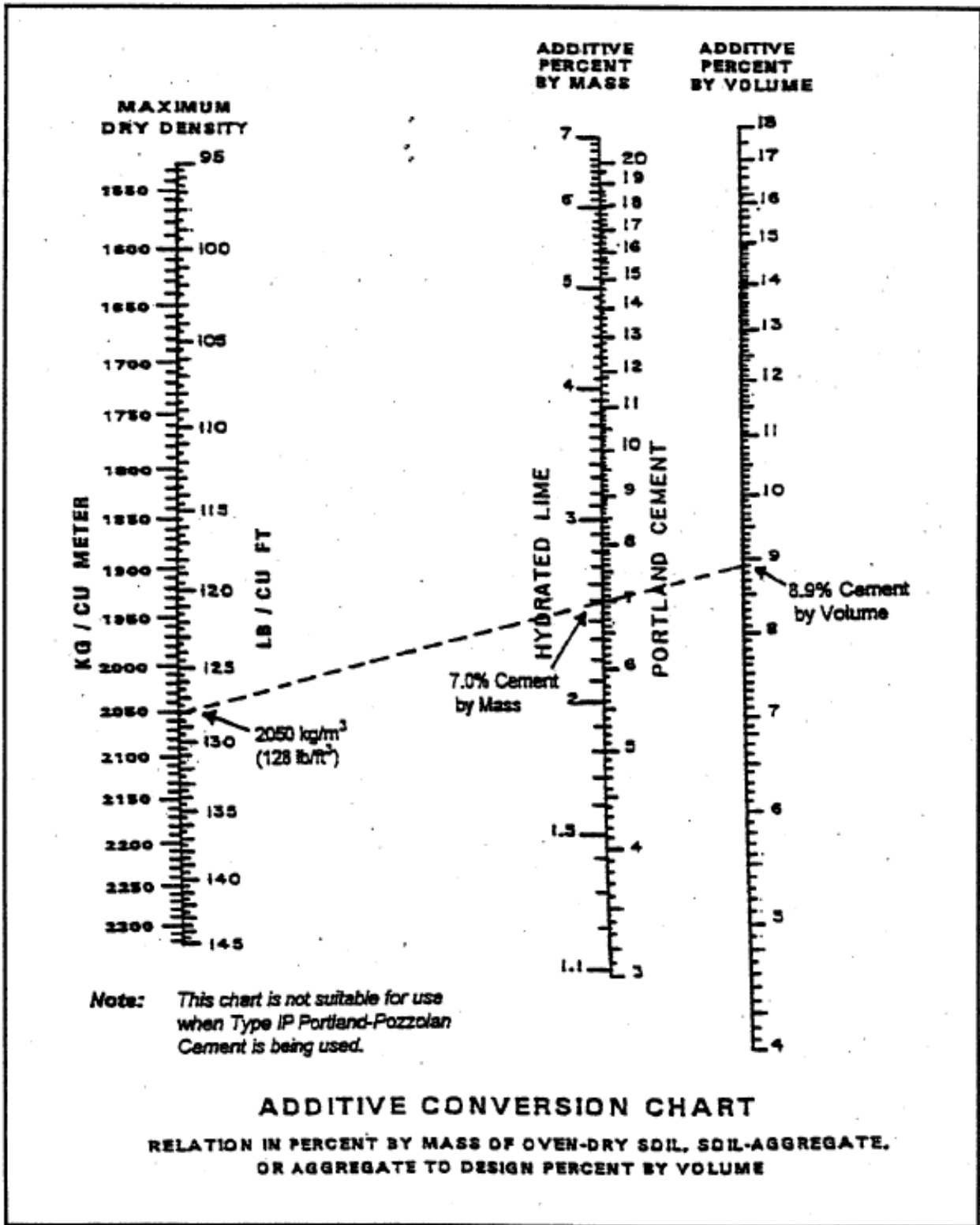
$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{128}{\left[\left(\frac{1}{6.2}\right) + 0.01\right] \times 90} \\ &= \frac{128}{(0.16 + 0.01) \times 90} \\ &= \frac{128}{0.17 \times 90} \\ &= \frac{128}{15.30} \\ &= 8.36 \\ V &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

## VI. Report

Report the minimum cement factor by volume or by mass as applicable to the specification item.

## VII. Normal Test Reporting Time

Normal test reporting time is a maximum of 21 days, including the completion of all prerequisite testing.



Additive Conversion Chart  
Figure C-1

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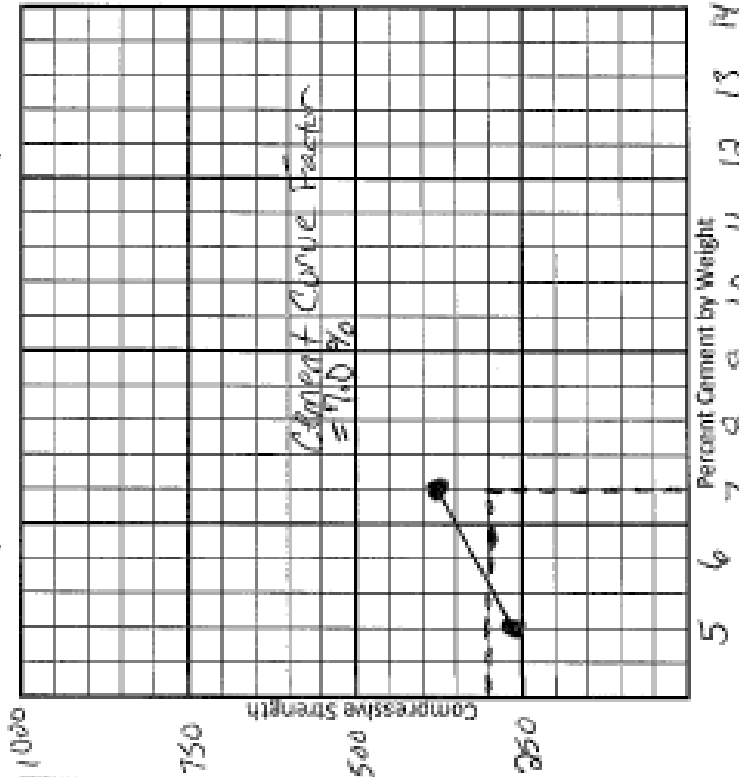
Soil-Cement Mix Design Worksheet  
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Project No.: 460-11-0002 Composite No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lab No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type Soil: Gray Silty Lim Date Milled: 12/21 Tested by: PJC Checked by: BAC  
 Break Date: 12/21/21 Min. Cem. Factor 7 % By Vol. 9 % By Weight Opt. Moist., % \_\_\_\_\_ Max. DWD \_\_\_\_\_

Compression Test Data

Cylinder Number	Cement by WT	Break Code	Dist Reading	Failure Load (lbf)	Compressive Strength (PSI)	Average Compressive Strength (PSI)
E-1	5	2		7845		256
E-2		1		6962	246	
E-3		1		7130	252	
E-4		1		7640	270	
E-5		1		5830		
F-1	7	1		11320	400	385
F-2		1		9260		
F-3		1		10755	380	
F-4		1		10610	375	
F-5		1		11415		
G-1	9	2		12120		560
G-2		1		15960	564	
G-3		1		16160	571	
G-4		1		14305		
G-5		1		15425	545	
H-1	11	1		23405	827	809
H-2		1		22640	800	
H-3		1		20165		
H-4		1		22640	800	
H-5		1		23930		

(Cement Stabilized or Treated Material)



Type of Break:



Remarks

Figure C-2 (Front) English

Soil-Cement Mix Design Calculations  
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Optimum Moisture and Design Moisture	
Soil Group (TR 423) <u>A-2-6(0)</u>	Classification (TR 423) <u>Gray Sdy. Lm.</u>
Optimum Moisture Content of Material (DB) = <u>12.1</u> %	Design Moisture Content (DM = DB+V) = <u>12.6</u> %
Max. Dry Weight Density of Material (DC) = <u>129.97 lb/ft<sup>3</sup></u>	
(DOTD TR 415 ____ DOTD TR 418 ____)	For A-4 and A-6 Soils, V=1.0% For all other soils, V = 0.5%

Method B									
% Cement (by wt.)	Dry Weight of Material (g)	Cement (g)	Material + Cement (g)	Evap (mL)	Slake Water (mL)	Slake Time	Net Water (mL)	Net Water Time	Molding Time
H	I	J	K	L	M		N		
	2300				$K \times \frac{DM - 5}{100}$		$L + 0.05K$		
5		115	2415	24			146		
7		161	2461	25			150		
9		207	2507	26			155		
11		253	2553	26			158		

Method C									
% Cement (by wt.)	Dry Weight of Material (g)	Cement (g)	Material + Cement (g)	Evap (mL)	Slake Water (mL)	Slake Time	Net Water (mL)	Net Water Time	Molding Time
H	I	J	K	L	M		N		
	6300				$K \times \frac{DM - 5}{100}$		$L + 0.05K$		
5		315	6615	67	503	7:45	398	8:15	9:15
7		441	6741	69	512	8:05	406	8:35	9:35
9		567	6867	71	522	8:25	414	8:55	9:55
11		693	6993	72	531	8:50	422	9:15	10:15



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**Method D – Durability of Cement Treated or Stabilized Materials**

- I. Scope**  
This method is designed to determine the durability of cement treated or stabilized materials which have met minimum design strength when tested in accordance with Method B or C, or of materials for which a minimum cement content has been determined in accordance with Method A.
- II. Apparatus**  
Apparatus listed in AASHTO T 135.
- III. Sample**  
Two specimens molded in accordance with Step IV of Method B or C, as applicable.
- IV. Procedure**  
Test specimens in accordance with AASHTO T 135, beginning with the Section titled Molding Specimens, Paragraph 7.2 and continuing through Calculations, Paragraph 9.1.4.
- V. Report**  
A. Report the percent loss by mass.  
B. Compare the percent loss by mass to Table 2 to determine the acceptability of the material at the minimum cement factor determined in Method A, B, or C.
- VI. Normal Test Reporting Time**  
Normal test reporting time is 4 weeks.

<b>Soil Group</b>	<b>Maximum Loss, % by Dry Mass</b>
A-1-A, A-1-B, A-2-4, sandshell, sand clay gravel, recycled material, etc.	14
A-2-6, A-4	10
A-6	7

**TABLE 2**