

SECTION 02512

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Asphaltic concrete shall consist of a mixture of mineral aggregate and bituminous material, mixed at a central plant in the proportions hereinafter specified and spread and compacted on a prepared base or existing road surface.

The pavement may consist of a surface course mixture and leveling or base course mixture, as hereinafter specified.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

All materials shall meet the requirements specified in the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation "Hawaii Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction," latest edition, with the following subsections of Division 700 - Materials.

Bituminous Material (Asphalt Cement, Grades AR 40 or 80)	702.01
Asphalt Paint (Emulsified Asphalt)	702.04
Aggregate	703.09
Filler	703.15
Blending Sand	703.22
Hydrated Lime	712.03

Leveling or base course mixture shall be Mix No. 5, surface wearing course mixture shall be as shown on the plans or called for in the special provision or proposal.

- A. Grading and Composition Requirements: Materials composing the asphalt concrete shall be combined to meet the requirements set forth in Table 1. The grading composition limits specified are based on materials of uniform specific gravity. Correction of grading limits shall be made to compensate for any variations in specific gravity of the individual sizes.

Compacted Thickness Individual Layers	Base and Leveling Course	Roadway Mixes		
		(Std.)	(Dense Grade)	Resurfacing Mix
Minimum	1-1/2"	1-1/4"	1-1/4"	3/4"
Maximum	2-1/2"	2-1/2"	2-1/2"	1-1/2"

**TABLE 1-GRADING AND COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS**

MIX NO.	2	3	4	5
	<u>COMBINED AGGREGATE</u> <u>Total Percent Passing by Weight</u>			
<u>SIEVE SIZE</u>				
1-1/4"	100	-	-	-
1"	85-100	100	-	-
3/4"	-	90-100	100	-
1/2"	60-85	70-90	85-100	100
3/8"	-	-	72-88	80-100
No. 4	36-55	40-57	48-66	55-75
No. 8	26-41	30-47	32-48	35-52
No. 16	17-32	20-36	21-37	22-38
No. 30	12-25	16-28	15-27	14-26
No. 50	8-18	10-22	9-21	8-20
No. 100	5-14	8-17	6-16	6-15
No. 200	1- 8	4-10	4-10	4-10
<u>Percentage by weight of Asphaltic Cement to be Added</u>	4.5-6.5	5.0-7.0	6.0-8.0	5.0-7.0

The grading within the above tolerances shall be to the percentage of aggregate passing the sieves during any day's run will conform to the following limitations:

Passing No. 4 and larger sieves	7% above or below
Passing No. 8 and No. 100 sieves	4% above or below
Passing No. 200 sieves	2% above or below
Bituminous Binder	0.4% above or below
Temperature of Mixture on Delivery	20°F above or below

## PART 3- EXECUTION

### 3.1 DETAILS

- A. **Mixing:** The asphaltic cement shall be heated in a kettle of approved type and maintained at a temperature between 275NF and 300NF. The heat must be so applied that there can be no burning of any portion of the asphaltic cement. No live steam shall be injected into the cement. The mineral aggregate shall be heated in an approved appliance to a temperature of not less than 275NF nor more than 320NF.

After heating to the required temperature, the required amount of asphalt cement shall be added to the heated aggregate. This mass shall be introduced into the mixer within 25NF of each other's temperature.

- B. **Prime Coat:** All surfaces on or against which asphalt concrete is to be placed shall first be given an asphaltic cement prime or tack coat as specified in Section 02513, "Prime Coat," of these specifications.

Before applying the prime and tack coat, the Contractor shall prepare the existing surfaces by power brooming to remove all loose particles, dust, sand, and other foreign materials.

- C. **Asphaltic Concrete Interlayer Fabric Membrane:** Immediately after installation of the prime coat and prior to installation of the asphaltic concrete wearing surface the interlayer fabric membrane is to be installed in accordance with Section 02517.

- D. **Laying Wearing Surface:** In advance of placing asphalt concrete over an existing base, surfacing, or pavement, and after the base, surfacing, or pavement has been prepared as herein specified, and if ordered by the Engineer or shown on the plans, a leveling course mixture shall be spread to level irregularities, dips, depressions, sags, and excessive crown, and to provide a smooth base of uniform grade and cross-section in order that the surface course will be of uniform thickness. The above specified material shall not be placed more than one day in advance of placing the surface course. No additional compensation will be allowed for placing leveling course mixture as specified above and full compensation for all work incidental to such operations shall be considered as included in the contract prices or price paid for the asphalt concrete mixture used.

The mixture as prepared above shall be brought to the work in suitable vehicles at a temperature of not less than 250NF. Tarpaulins shall be provided and used upon all loads.

The wearing surface shall be spread with self-propelled mechanical spreading and finishing equipment, provided with a screed or strike-off assembly capable of distributing not less than the full width of a traffic lane. The screed shall be adjustable to the required crown and elevation. Screeding includes any cutting, crowding or other action which is effective on the mixture without tearing, shoving, or gouging, and which produces a finished surface

of an even texture. The equipment shall be provided with rolling, tamping, or other suitable compacting devices, and shall be operated with a forward speed of not more than 20 feet per minute.

If the spreading and finishing equipment leaves ridges, indentations, or other marks in the surface that cannot be eliminated by rolling or prevented by adjustment in operation, its use shall be discontinued, and other acceptable equipment shall be furnished by the Contractor.

If more than one course is to be laid in any area, not more than 24 hours shall elapse between the spreading and finishing of any two successive courses in that area.

The self-propelled mechanical spreading and finishing machine shall be capable of propelling the vehicle being unloaded in uniform manner and, if necessary, the load of the haul vehicle shall be so limited that satisfactory spreading will be obtained. While being unloaded, the vehicle shall be firmly attached to the machine and the brakes on the vehicle shall not be depended upon to obtain contact between the vehicle and the machine.

Before placing asphalt concrete wearing surface adjacent to cold transverse construction joints, such joints shall be trimmed to a vertical face in a neat line. The location of the proposed joint shall be tested with a 10-foot straight-edge and cut back such that when the straight-edge is laid on the finished surface parallel with the center line of the street, the surface shall in no place vary from the lower edge of the straight-edge more than 1/8 inch.

Before placing asphalt concrete adjacent to any existing asphalt concrete, the face of the existing asphalt concrete shall be trimmed to a vertical face in a neat line.

Where asphalt concrete wearing surface is placed adjacent to a Portland cement concrete gutter, the asphalt concrete wearing surface shall be so laid that its surface, after compaction, will approximately be 1/4-inch above the surface of the adjacent concrete. The edge of the asphalt concrete wearing surface shall then be smoothed and sealed over a width of approximately 3 inches with hot hand-irons having a self-contained heating unit.

At locations where the width of asphalt concrete mixture to be spread is too narrow to permit the use of self-propelled mechanical spreading and finishing equipment, or where the surfacing is to extend to a featheredge and the use of such a machine is not practicable, the mixture may be spread by hand-raking. Where hand-raking is permitted, the mixture shall be finally shaped and smoothed by means of a wooden float 8 feet long, one-inch thick and 4 inches wide. The float shall be rigidly ribbed, and to insure a true and flat surface on the underside, adjusting screws shall be placed between the rib and float at not more than 24-inch centers. The float shall be operated by means of a long handle, from the side of the area being paved or surfaced, and parallel with the center line of the pavement or surfacing. High spots and irregularities that are transverse to the path of traffic shall be

cut down and the material redistributed over the area. The maximum depth of wearing surface which may be spread and rolled in one course shall not exceed a compacted thickness of 2 inches. Where such thickness exceeds 2 inches, it shall be spread and rolled in courses each not to exceed a compacted thickness of 1-1/2 inches unless otherwise specified in these specifications.

Wearing surface mixture shall not be spread from hauling vehicles.

No wearing surface shall be spread when the atmospheric temperature is below 50°F or during other unsuitable weather, or when the base is wet.

- E. Rolling: Immediately after the wearing surface has been laid as specified above, it shall be compressed with power rollers, smooth running, and in first-class mechanical condition. Initial rolling or tamping shall be performed when the temperature of the mixture is between 220NF and 245NF.

After the first pass of the roller, any low or grainy spots shall be broken up with a hot rake and more material worked in to insure a surface of uniform texture and maximum density. Rolling equipment shall be self-propelled. Initial rolling of asphalt concrete mixtures shall be performed by means of a three-wheeled roller weighing not less than 12 tons and with a compression on the rear wheels of not less than 325 pounds per linear inch of tire width, or in lieu thereof, by means of a three-axle tandem roller weighing not less than 12 tons. For production not exceeding 150 tons per hour, not less than one of the above specified rollers shall be used for initial rolling. For productions in excess of 150 tons per hour, one additional roller of a type designated by the Engineer will be required for each additional 100 tons or fraction thereof of asphalt concrete mixture placed.

Three-axle-tandem type rollers shall be so constructed that the rolls, when locked in position for all treads to be in one plane, are held with a rigidity which will permit the following test under full load. With the weight of the roller supported on the central roll, the tread of the central roll shall not be more than 1/8-inch above the plane tangent to the treads of the end rolls. With the weight of the roller supported on the end rolls, the tread of the central roll shall not be more than 1/4-inch below the plane tangent to the treads of the end rolls.

In general, three-axle tandem roller shall not be used in rolling over a crown or on warped surfaces when the axle is in a locked position.

Finishing rolling of asphalt concrete mixtures shall be performed by means of a tandem roller weighing not less than 10 tons.

Rolling shall continue until the compressed pavement or surfacing has a relative specific gravity of not less than 95 percent of the specific gravity of the combined mixture without voids.

- F. Smoothness: The finished surface of the pavement shall be true to grade and cross-section, free from depressions, or grainy spots, and shall show a uniform distribution of aggregate.

When a straight-edge, 10 feet long, is laid on the finished surface parallel to the center line of the pavement, the surface shall in no place vary from the lower edge of the straight-edge more than  $\frac{3}{16}$  of an inch.

No traffic shall be permitted on any course of asphalt concrete until it has cooled and set, except such traffic as may be necessary for construction purposes.

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