

# Final Term Exam

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What is the difference between flexible and Rigid Pavement

### Flexible Pavement

- 1) Bitument is Used as a binder in Flexible Pavement
- 2) Deformation in the Subgrade is transferred to the upper layer
- 3) Load is transferred by grain to grain contact
- 4) Flexible Pavements have low initial construction ~~con~~ costs but have high maintenance cost
- 5) have low life span usually 10-15 year

### Rigid Pavement

- 1) Cement is Used as a binder in Rigid Pavement
- 2) Deformation in the Subgrade is not transferred to subsequent layer
- 3) No such phenomenon of grain to grain load transfer exist
- 4) Rigid Pavement have low maintenance cost but have high initial construction cost
- 5) life span is more as compare to flexible usually 30+ year



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b) Surfacing can not be laid directly on the subgrade but a ~~sub~~ sub base is needed

7) In flexible pavement strength of road highly dependent on strength of subgrade

8) Road can be used for traffic within 24 hrs

b) Surface can be directly laid on the subgrade

7) Strength of road less dependent on strength of subgrade in rigid pavement

8) Road can not be used until 14 days of curing



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What are the advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam

Advantage of W.B.M over W.M.M:-

- 1) The water bound macadam construction of base course is less costly than the wet mix macadam as its specification do not involve the use of mixing plant and power.
- 2) Water bound macadam required more time for construction.
- 3) Water mix macadam roads are superior than the water bound macadam in all aspects but the WBM is an old method of construction having low construction cost because it has been traditionally a labour oriented specification.



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What is the difference between asphalt and bitumen?

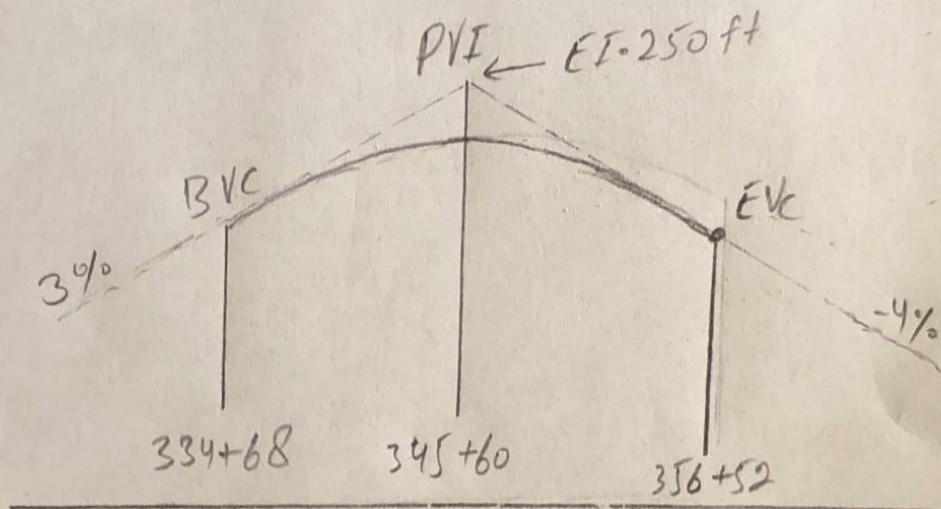
Bitumen is the liquid binder that holds asphalt together. A bitumen sealed surface is a layer of bitumen sprayed and then covered with an aggregate. This is then repeated to give a two coat seal.

Asphalt is produced in a plant that heats, dries and mix aggregate bitumen and ~~sea~~ sand into a composite.



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QNo 2 A crest vertical curve joining a +3 percent and -4 percent grade is to be designed for 75 mph if the tangent intersect a station (345+60.00) at an elevation of 250 ft. Determine the station and elevation of the BVC and EVC. Also calculate the elevation of intermediate point on the curve at the whole station.



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for the design speed of 75 mph

$$K = 312$$

$$\text{Minimum length} = 312 \times [3 - (-4)] = 2184 \text{ ft}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Station of BVC} &= (345+60) - \left(\frac{2184}{2}\right) \\ &= 334+68 \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Station of EVC} &= (334+68) + (21+84) \\ &= 356+52 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Elevation of BVC} &= 250 - \left(0.03 \times \frac{2184}{2}\right) \\ &= 217.24 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$

Station	Distance from BVC	Tangent Elevation	offset $\left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{Ax^2}{200L}\right]$	Curve Elevation (Tangent Elevation - offset) ft
BVC 334+68	0	217.24	0.01	217.24
BVC 335+00	32	$217.24 + \frac{32}{100} \times 3 = 218.2$	0.09	218.18
BVC 336+00	132	221.20	0.28	220.92
BVC 337+00	232	224.20	0.86	223.34
BVC 338+00	332	227.20	1.77	225.43
BVC 339+00	432	230.20	2.99	227.21
BVC 340+00	532	233.20	4.54	228.66
BVC 341+00	632	236.20	6.40	229.80
BVC 342+00	732	239.20	8.59	230.61
BVC 343+00	832	242.20	11.09	231.11
BVC 344+00	932	245.20	13.92	231.28
BVC 346+00	1032	248.20	17.07	231.13
BVC 347+00	1132	251.20	20.54	230.66
BVC 348+00	1232	254.20	24.32	229.88
BVC 349+00	1332	257.20	28.43	228.77
BVC 350+00	1432	260.20	32.86	227.34
BVC 351+00	1532	263.20	37.61	225.59
BVC 352+00	1632	266.20	42.68	223.52
BVC 353+00	1732	269.20	48.07	221.13
BVC 354+00	1832	272.20	53.79	218.41
BVC 355+00	1932	275.20	59.82	215.38
BVC 356+00	2032	278.20	66.17	212.03
BVC 357+00	2132	281.20	72.84	208.36
BVC 358+00	2184	282.20	76.44	205.76



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Solution

Reliability level  $(R) = 99\%$

Standard deviation  $(S_0) = 0.49$

Initial serviceability index  $P_i = 4.5$

Terminal serviceability index  $P_t = 2.5$

$$\Delta PSI = 4.5 - 2.5 = 2.0$$

Finding  $SN_1$  and  $D_1$  (surface course)

Step 1:- Draw the line joining the reliability level of 99% and the overall standard deviation  $S_0$  of 0.49

Step 2:- Draw a line joining point A to the ESAL of  $2 \times 10^6$

Step 3:- Draw a line joining point B and resilient modulus  $(M_r)$  of base course and extend this line



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Step 4 → Draw a horizontal line from the point C to intersect the design serviceability

→ Loss (PSI) curve at point D

$$\Delta PSI = 4.5 - 2.5 = 2$$

→ ~~PSI~~  $D_1$  of surface course is 2.6

Step 6 Resilient value of Asphalt

$$= 450,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

Therefore  $a_1 = 0.44$

Thickness of surface course  $D_1$

$$D_1 = SN_1 / a_1 \\ 2.6 / 0.44 \\ = 5.9''$$

Thickness should be taken to the nearest 0.5''

So Thickness of surface course is 6''

$$SN_1^* = D_1'' \times a_1$$

$$SN_1^* = 6 \times 0.44 = 2.64$$



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Finding  $SN_2$  and  $D_2$  (Base course)

$$D_2 = (SN_2 - SN_1^*) / a_2 m_2$$

$$= (3.8 - 2.64) / 0.14 \times 0.80$$

$$D_2 = 10.36''$$

Use 12''

So thickness of base course is 12''

$$SN_2^* = 0.14 \times 0.80 \times 12 + SN_1^*$$

$$SN_2^* = 1.34 + 2.64$$

$$SN_2^* = 3.98$$

Finding  $SN_3$  and  $D_3$  (subbase course)

$$D_3 = (SN_3 - SN_2^*) / a_3 m_3$$

$$D_3 = (4.4 - 3.98) / 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$D_3 = 5.25''$$



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We will use 6" as a sub base

$$SN_3^* = 2.64 + 1.34 + 6'' \times 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$SN_3 = 4.467 \approx 4.4 \text{ okey}$$

Final Design:

Surface Course = 6"

Base Course = 12"

Sub base = 6"

Total Pavement Thickness = 24"



Q No 4

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What are The different pavement distresses? Explain in detail?

## Pavement Distress:-

⇒ Distress is a condition of pavement structure that reduce ~~serv~~ serviceability of leads to reduction in service life

⇒ Distress could occur in pavement due to

- \* ~~set~~ Unstable mixes
- \* Higher wheel loads than those considered in design.

## Alligator cracking:-

⇒ possible causes

- \* over loading
- \* Inadequate structural design
- \* poor construction



Repair:

- crack sealing is in effective
- Dig out and replace area of poor subgrade

Block cracking:Possible causes:

- \* HMA shrinkage
- \* Asphalt binder aging
- \* poor choice of asphalt binder in the mix design

Repair

- \* low severity cracks
- \* High severity cracks

Potholes:

Small bowl shape depression in the pavement surface that penetrate all the way through the HMA layer down to the base course



Possible Cause:

Generally potholes are the end result of fatigue cracking. A fatigue cracking become ~~set~~ severe, the interconnected cracks create small chunks of pavement which can be dislodged as vehicles drive over them.

Repair:-

Patching techniques

Rutting:-

Surface depression in the wheel path are particularly evident after a rain when they are filled with water.

Possible cause:-

- \* Insufficient compaction of HMA layer during construction
- \* Subgrade rutting
- \* Improper mix design.



Repair :-

- \* slight ruts

Bleeding :-

Possible Cause :-

- \* Excessive asphalt binder in the HMA
- \* Excessive application of asphalt binder during  $\text{BST}$  application
- \* Low HMA air void content

Polished Aggregate :-

Possible causes :-

Repeated traffic application This can occur quicker if the aggregate is susceptible to abrasion

Repair :-

Apply a skid-resistance slurry seal  
 $\text{BST}$  or non structure overlay.