

## Equipment Checklist AASHTO T 89 Liquid Limit of Soils

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| <b>Item</b>                |   |   |   |     |
| 1.                         | Porcelain dish about 4.5 in (115 mm) in diameter.   |   |   |     |
| 2.                         | Spatula or pill knife having a blade about 3 - 4 in (75 – 100 mm) in length and about 0.75 in (20 mm) wide. |   |   |     |
| <b>Liquid Limit Device</b> |   |   |   |     |
| 3.                         | Manual or Mechanically operated (circle one).   |   |   |     |
| 4.                         | Base constructed of hard rubber, not excessively worn, and have a resilience of 80-90%.                     |   |   |     |
| 5.                         | Base width: 125 ± 5 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 6.                         | Base length: 150 ± 5 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 7.                         | Base thickness: 50 ± 5 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 8.                         | Brass cup – Thickness 2.0 ± 0.1 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 9.                         | Depth of cup 27 ± 1 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 10.                        | Cup at cam follower to base: 47.0 ± 1.5 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 11.                        | In good working condition.  |   |   |     |
| 12.                        | Pin connecting the cup not worn to allow side play.   |   |   |     |
| 13.                        | Screws connecting cup to hanger arm are tight.  |   |   |     |
| 14.                        | Points of contact on cup and base not excessively worn (> 13 mm diameter).                                  |   |   |     |
| 15.                        | Rim of cup worn to half original thickness.   |   |   |     |
| 16.                        | Pronounced groove has not been worn in cup through long use.  |   |   |     |
| 17.                        | Drop height of cup 10.0 ± 0.2 mm (verified and adjusted immediately prior to testing).                      |   |   |     |
| <b>Grooving Tool</b>       |   |   |   |     |
| 18.                        | Curved (steps 19-23) or Flat (steps 24-35) tool (Circle one).   |   |   |     |
| 19.                        | Curved tool end thickness 10.0 ± 0.1 mm. (Curved tool only).  |   |   |     |
| 20.                        | Curved tool width of cutting edge 2.0 ± 0.1 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 21.                        | Curved tool width bottom of shaft/top of curved end 13.5 ± 0.1 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 22.                        | Gauged end depth: 10.0 ± 0.2 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 23.                        | Gauged end length: 15.9 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 24.                        | Flat tool cutting triangle point: 2.0 ± 0.1 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 25.                        | Flat tool cutting edge triangle back end: 11.0 ± 0.2 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 26.                        | Flat tool cutting end width: 40.0 ± 0.5 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 27.                        | Flat tool cutting triangle edge depth: 8.0 ± 0.1 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 28.                        | Flat tool cutting end radius: 50 ± 5 degrees.   |   |   |     |
| 29.                        | Flat tool thickness (overall): 2.0 ± 0.1 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 30.                        | Flat tool back end gauge width: 10 mm minimum.  |   |   |     |
| 31.                        | Flat tool back end gauge height: 13 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 32.                        | Flat tool bevel edge angle: 60 degrees.   |   |   |     |
| 33.                        | Flat tool shaft length: 60 mm.  |   |   |     |
| 34.                        | Flat tool back end gauge thickness: 10.0 ± 0.05 mm.   |   |   |     |
| 35.                        | Flat tool back end maximum width: 20 mm.  |   |   |     |
| <b>Miscellaneous Tools</b> |   |   |   |     |
| 36.                        | Gauge block: 10.0 ± 0.2 mm thick, approximately 50 mm long (if separate from grooving tool).                |   |   |     |
| 37.                        | Containers resistant to corrosion and not subject to a change in mass or disintegration on                  |   |   |     |

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|     | repeated heating and cooling. Closed fitting lids. One container for each moisture content determination. |  |  |  |
| 38. | Balance: Conforming to the requirements of M 231, Class G 1.  |  |  |  |
| 39. | Oven: Capable of maintaining $110 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $230 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).                 |  |  |  |

**Remarks:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Technician:** \_\_\_\_\_ **IA Observer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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