

SECTION 341

ASPHALT MEMBRANE INTERLAYER

341-1 Description.

Construct an asphalt membrane interlayer composed of a separate application of asphalt binder covered with a single application of aggregate. Obtain asphalt binder from a plant that is currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 916.

341-2 Materials.

341-2.1 Asphalt Binder: Use a PG 76-22 meeting the requirements of Section 916 and listed on the Department's Approved Products List (APL).

341-2.2 Cover Material: Use Size No. 6 stone, slag, or gravel meeting the requirements of Section 901.

341-3 Equipment.

341-3.1 Power Broom: Provide a power broom for cleaning the existing pavement capable of removing all loose material from the surface.

341-3.2 Spreading Equipment: Provide a self-propelled aggregate spreader that can be adjusted to accurately apply the cover material at the specified rate and that spreads the material uniformly.

341-3.3 Rollers: Provide self-propelled, pneumatic-tired traffic type rollers equipped with at least 7 smooth-tread, low-pressure tires, and capable of carrying a gross load of at least 8 tons. Maintain a minimum tire inflation pressure of 90 psi, or as specified by the manufacturer, such that in no two tires the air pressure varies more than 5 psi. Load the traffic roller as directed by the Engineer.

341-3.4 Mixing Equipment: Use mixing equipment for asphalt binder designed for that purpose and capable of producing and maintaining a homogeneous mixture of asphalt cement at the specified temperature.

341-3.5 Pressure Distributor: Use a pressure type distributor to apply asphalt binder capable of maintaining a homogeneous mixture of asphalt cement at the specified temperature and consistently apply the material in a uniform manner.

341-4 Contractor's Quality Control.

Provide the necessary quality control of the asphalt binder, and interlayer construction in accordance with the Contract requirements. If the rate of application varies by more than 5% from the rate set by the Engineer in accordance with 341-6, immediately make all corrections necessary to bring the spread rate into the acceptable range. The Engineer may take additional measurements at any time. The Engineer will randomly check the Contractor's measurement to verify the spread rate.

341-5 Construction Procedure.

341-5.1 Preparation of Surface: Prior to application of the asphalt binder, clean the existing pavement as specified in 300-5.

341-5.2 Application of Asphalt Binder: Apply the asphalt binder only under the following conditions:

1. The air temperature is above 50°F and rising.
2. The pavement is absolutely dry.
3. The wind conditions are such that cooling of the asphalt binder will not be so rapid as to prevent good bonding of the aggregate.

Uniformly apply the asphalt binder, at the rate of 0.6 to 0.8 gal/yd², as directed by the Engineer. Use an application rate corrected to 60°F, in accordance with 300-9.3. Determine the rate of application after each application operation.

341-5.3 Application of Cover Material: Immediately after application of the asphalt binder, uniformly spread the cover material at a rate of 0.26 and 0.33 ft³/yd². The Engineer will set the exact rate. Determine the application rate at the beginning of each day's production, and as needed to control the operation, a minimum of twice per day. Maintain an application rate such that the pavement is covered uniformly with aggregate, and is one aggregate layer thick. For the cover material, use aggregate that is reasonably free of any adherent coatings and that does not contain excessive moisture. Immediately after the application of cover material, check the surface to ensure a uniform distribution of cover material and a smooth surface.

Do not separate the application of the asphalt binder and the application of the cover material by more than 300 feet, unless approved by the Engineer.

341-5.4 Rolling: In order to ensure maximum embedment of the aggregate, cover the entire width of the mat immediately by traffic rollers. For the first coverage, provide a minimum of three traffic rollers in order to accomplish simultaneous rolling in echelon of the entire width of the spread.

After initial rolling, immediately correct all portions of the completed surface, that the Engineer deems defective (not properly covered by aggregates, fat spots, excessive free aggregate, etc.).

Following the first coverage, make additional coverages with traffic rollers as directed by the Engineer.

341-5.5 Traffic Control: For the normal sequence of construction operations, place the first course of asphalt concrete overlay over the membrane prior to opening to traffic.

341-6 Unacceptable Asphalt Membrane Interlayer.

If the asphalt membrane interlayer is unacceptable due to incorrect blending, application rate, or not meeting the requirements of this Section, or damaged prior to placement of the asphalt concrete layer, remove and replace it as directed by the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department. Do not apply excessive amounts of asphalt binder.

341-7 Placement of Asphalt Concrete Overlay.

Ensure that the thickness and temperature of the initial layer of asphalt concrete placed on top of the asphalt membrane interlayer are such that the overlay bonds to the interlayer and the underlying layer without voids or excessive binder. Core the asphalt overlay as directed by the Engineer to evaluate the binder and aggregate spread rates, as well as the effectiveness of the asphalt concrete overlay in producing a well-bonded interlayer.

341-8 Method of Measurement.

341-8.1 Asphalt Membrane Interlayer: The quantity to be paid for will be plan quantity, in square yards, completed and accepted.

341-8.2 Bituminous Material (Asphalt Binder-Interlayer): The quantity will be the volume, in gallons, determined as provided in 300-9.

341-8.3 Submittal of Certification of Quantities for Bituminous Material: Prepare and submit a Certification of Quantities to the Engineer in accordance with 9-2.1.2.

341-9 Basis of Payment.

341-9.1 Asphalt Membrane Interlayer: Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including furnishing cover materials, handling, spreading, rolling, bituminous material, and other incidental work necessary to complete this item.

341-9.2 Payment Items: Payment will be made under:

Item No. 341- 1- Asphalt Membrane Interlayer - per square yard.