

3200000 Hot Mix Asphalt – Plant Methods and Equipment.  
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (6-6-11) Suggest you delete 'that is' currently located between 'facilities' and 'used' in the first sentence, making it '.production facilities used...'

Response: Agreed. The words “that is” were deleted in subarticle 320-1.

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Comments: (6-28-11) Moistures are not needed daily—a minimum of twice a week is sufficient. If the weather dictates different (rain) then, yes, more than twice a week.

Response: This item was unchanged from the previous version of 330-2.2, where it was previously located. A review team of Department and Industry personnel devised the new versions of 320 and 330. This item was considered acceptable as is. Since Mr. Brown is proposing a new change to the specification, it will have to be issued as a proposed change for the next workbook (July 2012), so that it can go through Department and Industry review. No Change Made.

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Comments: (7-5-11) 320-3.2.4.2: As part of clearing up the spec. please look at section(b). The term "another" in the second sentence is used twice for two different scales (I think). In the first use it is referring to a scale not owned by the contractor. In the second occurrence, it is used for scales owned by the contractor.

Response: The reviewer is correct in his interpretation of the specification. There has been no previous mention of misunderstanding regarding these conditions. No change needed.

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Comments: (7-8-11) Table 320-1 – Asphalt Plant Materials Testing Frequencies Do not agree with new frequencies for the properties of • Asphalt Binder Content • Gmb • Gradation • Gmm Recommend frequencies for the properties: Daily production <1000 tons, once per day; Daily

production >1000 tons, twice per day

Response: Additional wording has been added to Table 320-1 regarding cumulative tonnage of greater than 100 tons. This was the intent of the committee responsible for reworking specifications 320 and 330, however it was left out of this revision by accident. The additional wording states “If less than 100 tons of mix is produced on successive days of production, resulting in a cumulative quantity of greater than 100 tons, then perform the indicated test.” The wording was added as a footnote and is referenced in the table for each applicable test. It is believed that this addition will relieve Mr. Moseley’s concerns. IV testing is also another option to assess the material quality.

320-3 .1 General I recommend changing the word “appropriate” to “required”.

Response: Agreed. The change has been made.

320-7 Transportation of the Mixture. The current wording of this section makes covering the mix in transit optional. I recommend requiring the mix to be covered during transit.

Response: A specification change will be proposed for the July 2012 workbook requiring mix to always be covered during transit. No change at this time.

320-3.2.4 Monthly Electronic Weigh Systems Comparison Checks The wording needs to be constructed so that comparison checks are done at the commencement of production and within every month thereafter not to exceed 30 days. The way it is worded now, if production were to start on the first of the month and a comparison check is provided; a second comparison check could be obtained at the end of the second month of production, which would be a large lapse in time.

Response: Agreed. The wording has been modified to require scale checks at the start of production and at least every 30 days thereafter during production.

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