3370302 ASPHALT CONCRETE FRICTION COURSES COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (5-22-17, Internal)

I thought that we were not including test method dates unless the test method was changed and we were still working on the FM. Those dates (-13, -14, 2015, etc.) should be removed.

Response: This has been discussed in the past and the outcome is the test methods apply for the date of the contract, therefore it is important to place the date on the test method. If there was no date on a test method, then the contractor/supplier would be faced with a potential change in test method that does not apply to his contract. A good example of this is when the Department switched to requiring vacuum drying of roadway cores prior to determining the bulk density. This required a \$5000 piece of equipment and a change to the test method. Some contractors chose to use the old method for their contracts let previous to the date of the revised test method. No change made.
