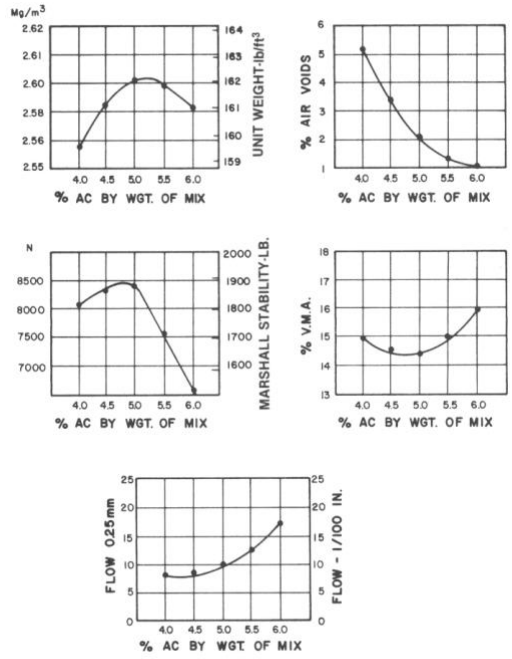


Figure III-4—Test property curves for hot-mix design data by the Marshall method (See also Figure III-3)

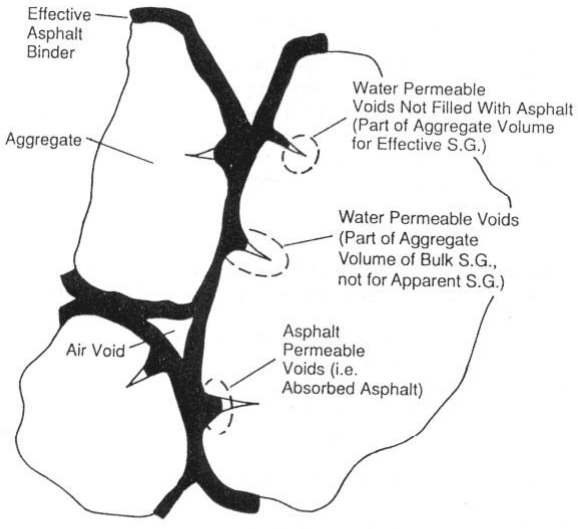


Figure 4.1 -- **Illustrating bulk, effective, and apparent specific gravities; air voids; and effective asphalt content in compacted asphalt paving mixture**

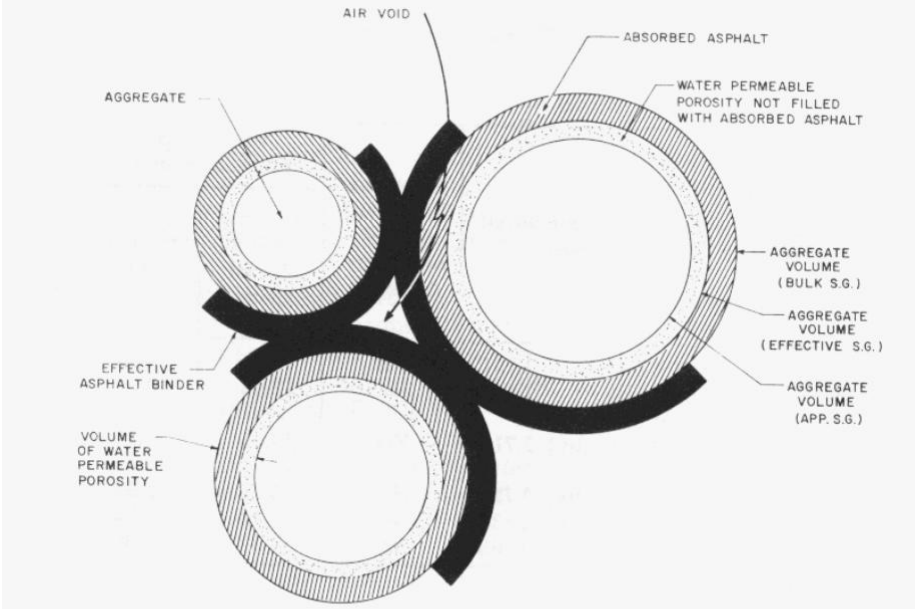
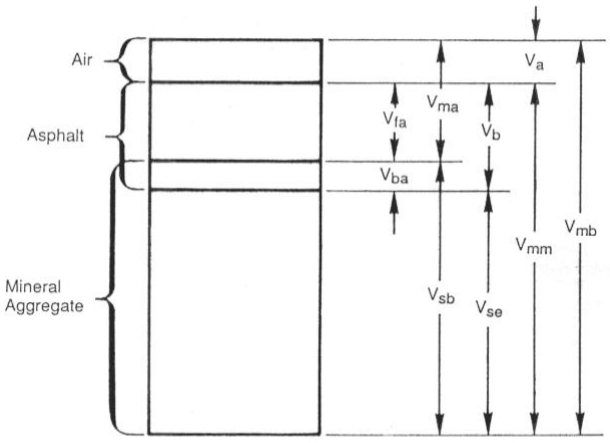


Figure V-1 – Illustrating VMA, air voids and effective asphalt content in compacted asphalt paving mixture



V_{ma} = Volume of voids in mineral aggregate
V_{mb} = Bulk volume of compacted mix
V_{mm} = Voidless volume of paving mix
V_{fa} = Volume of voids filled with asphalt
V_a = Volume of air voids
V_b = Volume of asphalt
V_{ba} = Volume of absorbed asphalt
V_{sb} = Volume of mineral aggregate (by bulk specific gravity)
V_{se} = Volume of mineral aggregate (by effective specific gravity)

Figure 4.2 – **Representation of volumes in a compacted asphalt specimen**

Table 4.2 – **Basic data for sample of paving mixture**

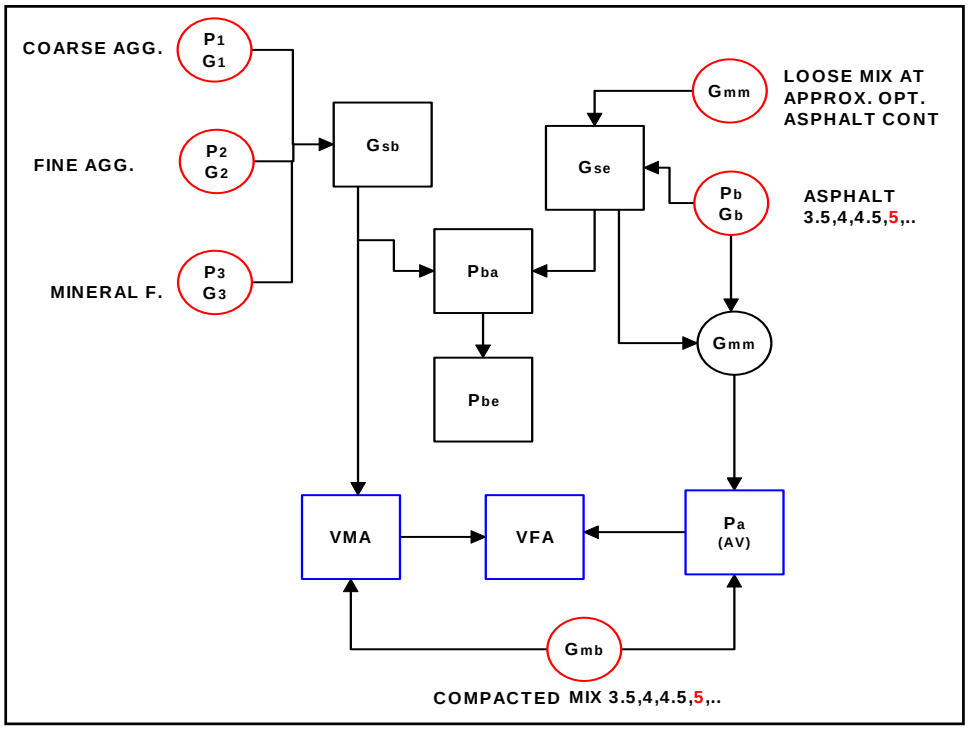
(a) Constituents

Material	Specific Gravity				Mix Composition	
		Bulk	AASHTO Method	ASTM Method	Percent By Weight of Total Mix	Percent By Weight of Total Aggregate
Asphalt Cement	1.030(G_b)		T 228	D 70	5.3(P_b)	5.6(P_b)
Coarse Aggregate		2.716(G_1)	T 85	C 127	47.4(P_1)	50.0(P_1)
Fine Aggregate		2.689(G_2)	T 84	C 128	47.3(P_2)	50.0(P_2)
Mineral Filler	---		T 100	D 854	---	---

(b) Paving Mixture

Bulk specific gravity of compacted paving mixture sample, G_{mb} (ASTM D 2726) ———— 2.442

Maximum specific gravity of paving mixture sample, G_{mm} (ASTM D 2041) ———— 2.535



$$G_{sb} = \frac{P_1 + P_2 + \ldots + P_n}{\frac{P_1}{G_1} + \frac{P_2}{G_2} + \ldots + \frac{P_n}{G_n}}$$

where, G_{sb} = bulk specific gravity for the total aggregate
P_1, P_2, P_n = individual percentages by weight of aggregate
G_1, G_2, G_n = individual bulk specific gravities of aggregate

$$G_{sb} = \frac{50.0 + 50.0}{\frac{50.0}{2.716} + \frac{50.0}{2.689}} = \frac{100}{18.41 + 18.59} = 2.703$$

$$G_{se} = \frac{P_{mm} - P_b}{\frac{P_{mm}}{G_{mm}} - \frac{P_b}{G_b}} \quad (2)$$

where, G_{se} = effective specific gravity of aggregate
G_{mm} = maximum specific gravity (ASTM D 2041) of paving mixture (no air voids)
P_{mm} = percent by weight of total loose mixture = 100
P_b = asphalt content at which ASTM D 2041 test was performed, percent by total weight of mixture
G_b = specific gravity of asphalt

$$G_{se} = \frac{100 - 5.3}{\frac{100}{2.535} - \frac{5.3}{1.030}} = \frac{94.7}{39.45 - 5.15} = 2.761$$

$$G_{mm} = \frac{P_{mm}}{\frac{P_s}{G_{se}} + \frac{P_b}{G_b}}$$

where, G_{mm} = maximum specific gravity of paving mixture (no air voids)
P_{mm} = percent by weight of total loose mixture = 100
P_s = aggregate content, percent by total weight of mixture
P_b = asphalt content, percent by total weight of mixture
G_{se} = effective specific gravity of aggregate
G_b = specific gravity of asphalt

$$G_{mm} = \frac{100}{\frac{96}{2.761} + \frac{4.0}{1.030}} = \frac{100}{34.77 + 3.88} = 2.587$$

$$G_{mm} = W_{mm} / V_{mm}$$

$$P_{ba} = 100 \frac{G_{se} - G_{sb}}{G_{sb} G_{se}} G_b$$

where, P_{ba} = absorbed asphalt, percent by weight of aggregate
G_{se} = effective specific gravity of aggregate
G_{sb} = bulk specific gravity of aggregate
G_b = specific gravity of asphalt

$$P_{ba} = 100 \left(\frac{2.761 - 2.703}{2.703 \times 2.761}\right) 1.030 = 100 \left(\frac{0.058}{7.463}\right) 1.030 = 0.8$$

$$P_{be} = P_b - \frac{P_{ba}}{100} P_s$$

where, P_{be} = effective asphalt content, percent by total weight of mixture
P_b = asphalt content, percent by total weight of mixture
P_{ba} = absorbed asphalt, percent by weight of aggregate
P_s = aggregate content, percent by total weight of mixture

$$P_{be} = 5.3 - \frac{0.8}{100} \times 94.7 = 4.5$$

$$VMA = 100 - \frac{G_{mb} P_s}{G_{sb}}$$

where, VMA = voids in mineral aggregate, percent of bulk volume
G_{sb} = bulk specific gravity of total aggregate
G_{mb} = bulk specific gravity of compacted mixture (AASHTO T166; ASTM D 1188 or D 2726)
P_s = aggregate content, percent by total weight of mixture

$$VMA = 100 - \frac{2.442 \times 94.7}{2.703} = 100 - 85.6 = 14.4$$

$$VMA = 100 - \frac{G_{mb}}{G_{sb}} \times \frac{100}{100 + P_b} 100$$

where, P_b = asphalt content, percent by weight of aggregate.

$$VMA = 100 - \frac{2.442}{2.703} \times \frac{100}{100 + 5.6} \times 100 = 100 - 85.6 = 14.4$$

$$VMA = P_a + P_{be}$$

$$V_a = 100 \times \frac{G_{mm} - G_{mb}}{G_{mm}}$$

where, V_a = air voids in compacted mixture, percent of total volume
G_{mm} = maximum specific gravity of paving mixture (as determined in Article 4.07 or as measured directly for a paving mixture by ASTM D 2041)
G_{mb} = bulk specific gravity of compacted mixture

$$V_a = 100 \times \frac{2.535 - 2.442}{2.535} = 3.7$$

$$AV = 100 - (V_{sb} + P_{be})$$

$$VFA = \frac{100\,(VMA - V_a)}{VMA}$$

where, VFA = voids filled with asphalt, percent of VMA
VMA = voids in mineral aggregate, percent of bulk volume
V_a = air voids in compacted mixture, percent of total volume

$$VFA = 100 \times \frac{14.4 - 3.7}{14.4} = 74.3 \text{ percent}$$

Figure 4.3 – **Worksheet: Analysis by weight of total mixture**

Worksheet for Volumetric Analysis of Compacted Paving Mixture
(Analysis by weight of total mixture)

Sample: _____ Date: _____

Identification: _____

Composition of Paving Mixture

		Specific Gravity, G			Mix Composition, % by wt. of Total Mix, P					
						Mix or Trial Number				
				Bulk		1	2	3	4	5
1. Coarse Aggregate	G_1			2.716	P_1			47.4		
2. Fine Aggregate	G_2			2.689	P_2			47.3		
3. Mineral Filler	G_3			--	P_3			--		
4. Total Aggregate	G_s		--	--	P_s			94.7		
5. Asphalt Cement	G_b		1.030	--	P_b			5.3		
6. Bulk Sp. Gr. (G_{sb}), total aggregate				Equation* (1)				2.703		
7. Max. Sp. Gr. (G_{mm}), paving mix ASTM D2041				—				2.535		
8. Bulk Sp. Gr. (G_{mb}), compacted mix ASTM D2726				—				2.442		
9. Effective Sp. Gr. (G_{se}), total aggregate				(2)				2.761		
10. Absorbed Asphalt (P_{ba}), % by wgt. total agg.				(4)				0.8		
CALCULATIONS										
11. Effective Asphalt Content (P_{be}) = Line 5 P_b – $\frac{(\text{Line 10} \times \text{Line 4 } P_s)}{100}$				(5)				4.5		
12. VMA = $100 - \frac{\text{Line 8} \times \text{Line 4 } P_s}{\text{Line 6}}$				(6)				14.4		
13. Air Voids (V_a) = $100 \frac{\text{Line 7} - \text{Line 8}}{\text{Line 7}}$				(8)				3.7		
14. VFA = $100 \frac{\text{Line 12} - \text{Line 13}}{\text{Line 12}}$				(9)				74.3		

*Equations from Chapter 4, MS-2

Figure 4.4 – **Worksheet: Analysis by weight of aggregate**

Worksheet for Volumetric Analysis of Compacted Paving Mixture
(Analysis by weight of aggregate)

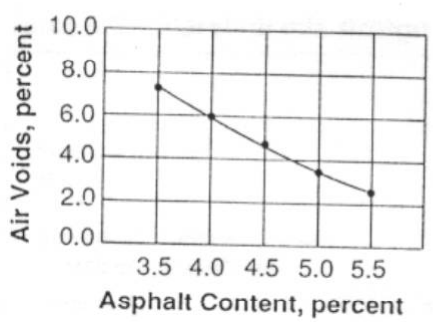
Sample: _____ Date: _____

Identification: _____

Composition of Paving Mixture

		Specific Gravity, G			Mix Composition, % by wt. of Aggregate, P					
						Mix or Trial Number				
				Bulk		1	2	3	4	5
1. Coarse Aggregate	G_1			2.716	P_1			50.0		
2. Fine Aggregate	G_2			2.689	P_2			50.0		
3. Mineral Filler	G_3			--	P_3			--		
4. Total Aggregate	G_s		--	--	P_s			100.0		
5. Asphalt Cement	G_b		1.030	--	P_b			5.6		
6. Bulk Sp. Gr. (G_{sb}), total aggregate				Equation* (1)				2.703		
7. Max. Sp. Gr. (G_{mm}), paving mix ASTM D2041				—				2.535		
8. Bulk Sp. Gr. (G_{mb}), compacted mix ASTM D2726				—				2.442		
9. Effective Sp. Gr. (G_{se}), total aggregate				(2)				2.761		
10. Absorbed Asphalt (P_{ba}), % by wgt. total agg.				(4)				0.8		
CALCULATIONS										
11. Effective Asphalt Content (P_{be}) = Line 5 P_b – Line 10				(5)				4.5		
12. VMA = $100 - \frac{\text{Line 8}}{\text{Line 6}} \times \frac{100}{100 + \text{Line 5 } P_b} \times 100$				(7)				14.4		
13. Air Voids (V_a) = $100 \frac{\text{Line 7} - \text{Line 8}}{\text{Line 7}}$				(8)				3.7		
14. VFA = $100 \frac{\text{Line 12} - \text{Line 13}}{\text{Line 12}}$				(9)				74.3		

*Equations from Chapter 4, MS-2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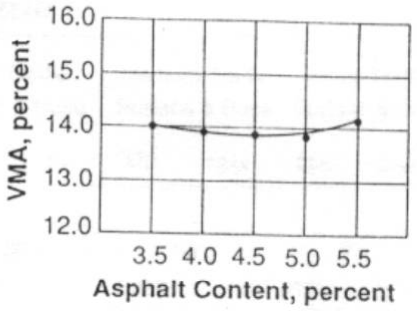
Asphalt Content, percent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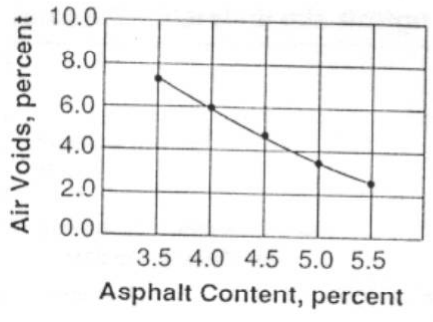
3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5
Asphalt Content, percent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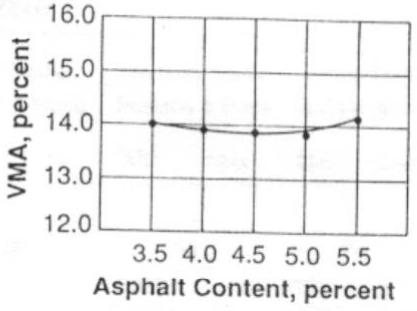
Asphalt Content, percent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Asphalt Content, percent

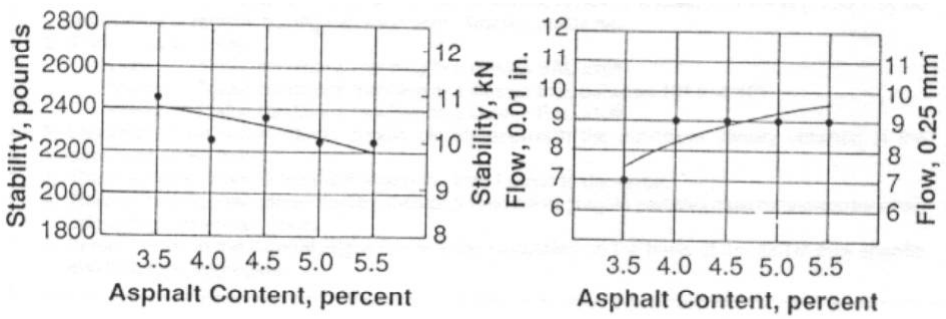
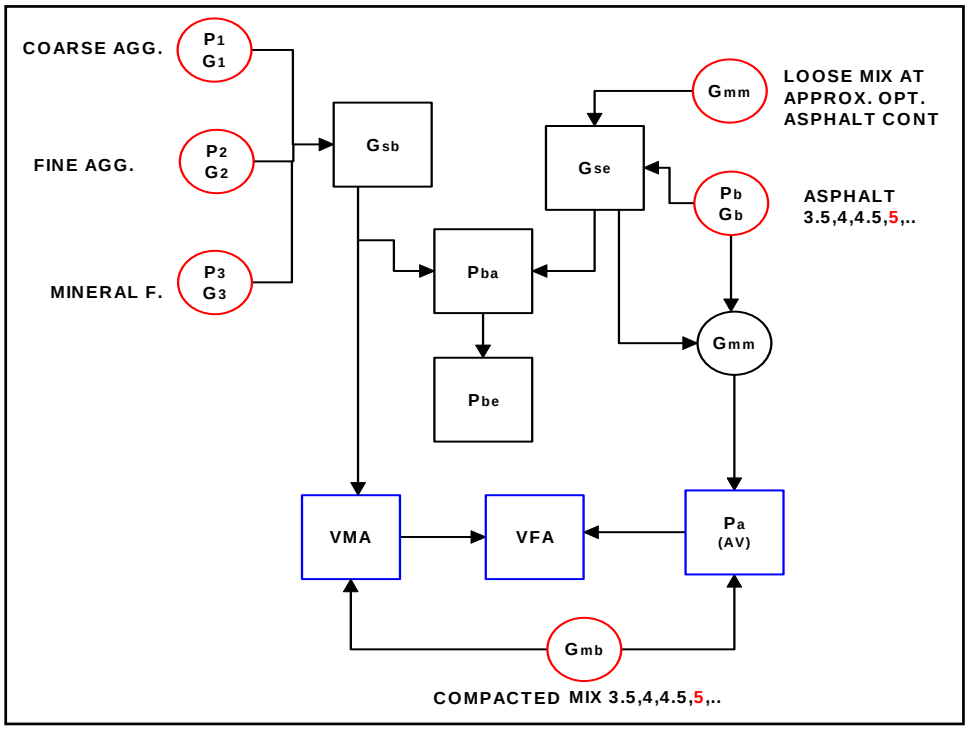


Table 5.3 – **Minimum percent voids in mineral aggregate (VMA)**

Nominal Maximum Particle Size[1, 2]		Minimum VMA, percent		
		Design Air Voids, Percent[3]		
mm	in.	3.0	4.0	5.0
1.18	No. 16	21.5	22.5	23.5
2.36	No. 8	19.0	20.0	21.0
4.75	No. 4	16.0	17.0	18.0
9.5	3/8	14.0	15.0	16.0
12.5	1/2	13.0	14.0	15.0
19.0	3/4	12.0	13.0	14.0
25.0	1.0	11.0	12.0	13.0
37.5	1.5	10.0	11.0	12.0
50	2.0	9.5	10.5	11.5
63	2.5	9.0	10.0	11.0

1 - Standard Specification for Wire Cloth Sieves for Testing Purposes, ASTM E11 (AASHTO M92)
2 - The nominal maximum particle size is one size larger than the first sieve to retain more than 10 percent.
3 - Interpolate minimum voids in the mineral aggregate (VMA) for design air void values between those listed.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G1
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P2
G2
MINERAL F.
P3
G3
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Gmm
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APPROX. OPT.
ASPHALT CONT
Gse
Pb
Gb
ASPHALT
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Gmm
Pbe
VMA
VFA
Pa
(AV)
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