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Standard Test Methods for Quantitative Extraction of Asphalt Binder from Asphalt Mixtures¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the quantitative determination of asphalt binder content in asphalt mixtures and pavement samples. Aggregate obtained by these methods may be used for sieve analysis using Test Method [D5444](#). This test is not appropriate for testing asphalt mixtures containing coal tar.

1.2 Asphalt binder may be recovered using Test Method [D1856](#), Practice [D5404/D5404M](#), or Practice [D7906](#).

1.3 *Units* – The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

1.4 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Specific hazards are given in Section 7.

NOTE 1—The results obtained by these test methods may be affected by the age of the material tested, with older samples tending to yield slightly lower asphalt binder content. Best quantitative results are obtained when the test is made on mixtures and pavements shortly after their preparation. It is difficult to remove all the asphalt when some aggregates are used and some chlorides may remain within the mineral matter affecting the measured asphalt content.

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recom-*

mendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- [C128](#) Test Method for Relative Density (Specific Gravity) and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
- [C670](#) Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials
- [D70](#) Test Method for Density of Semi-Solid Bituminous Materials (Pycnometer Method)
- [D604](#) Specification for Diatomaceous Silica Pigment (Withdrawn 2003)³
- [D979/D979M](#) Practice for Sampling Bituminous Paving Mixtures
- [D1461](#) Test Method for Moisture or Volatile Distillates in Bituminous Paving Mixtures
- [D1856](#) Test Method for Recovery of Asphalt From Solution by Abson Method
- [D2111](#) Test Methods for Specific Gravity and Density of Halogenated Organic Solvents and Their Admixtures
- [D3666](#) Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and Inspecting Road and Paving Materials
- [D4753](#) Guide for Evaluating, Selecting, and Specifying Balances and Standard Masses for Use in Soil, Rock, and Construction Materials Testing
- [D5404/D5404M](#) Practice for Recovery of Asphalt from Solution Using the Rotary Evaporator
- [D5444](#) Test Method for Mechanical Size Analysis of Extracted Aggregate
- [D6368](#) Specification for Vapor-Degreasing Solvents Based on *normal*-Propyl Bromide and Technical Grade *normal*-Propyl Bromide
- [D7906](#) Practice for Recovery of Asphalt from Solution Using Toluene and the Rotary Evaporator

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D04](#) on Road and Paving Materials and are the direct responsibilities of Subcommittee [D04.25](#) on Analysis of Asphalt Mixtures.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.