

04030 Slurry Seal Coat**Index**

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04030-1 **Description**

The work covered by this specification shall consist of supplying all plant, labour, equipment and materials and in performing all operations in connection with the application of Slurry Seal Coat in accordance with this specification.

The Slurry Seal Coat shall consist of a mixture of emulsified asphalt, mineral aggregate and water, properly mixed and spread on the surface as specified and as directed by the Engineer.

04030-2 **Materials**

2.1 **Emulsified Asphalt**

The emulsified asphalt shall conform to the requirements of the current specifications of the Asphalt Institute. SS-1 grade emulsified asphalt shall be used with the Penetration of Residue at 38°C shall be 40-90 and a viscosity range of 20-50.

SS-1 and SS-2 grade emulsified asphalt may be used if approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor shall supply the emulsified asphalt.

2.2 **Mineral Aggregate**

Aggregate shall consist of natural, hard, durable, angular sand. The aggregate shall be clean, free from deleterious material, lumps of dried fines or adherent coatings.

The mineral aggregate shall meet the following gradation requirements:

Table 1: Mineral Aggregate Requirements

Sieve Designation	Percent Passing by Weight
2.0 mm	100
900 µm	40 - 65
400 µm	25 - 45
160 µm	11 - 22
75 µm	7 - 15

2.3 Filler

When required to produce a proper "slurry consistency", the addition of a correct filler shall be added as required. Commercial fillers consisting of Portland Cement, Hydrated Lime, limestone dust or crusher run dust shall be used. Natural occurring materials, namely, silt or clay, will only be permitted to be used as a filler when approved by the Engineer.

04030-3 Construction

Immediately prior to applying slurry seal coat, the surface shall be cleaned of all loose material, silt spots and other objectionable material.

On old pavement, a tack coat consisting of a dilution of 1 part emulsified asphalt to 3 parts water shall be applied with a conventional pressure distributor.

3.1 Equipment

All equipment, tools, and machinery used in the performance of this work shall be maintained in satisfactory working condition.

3.1.1 Mixer

The slurry seal coat mixing machine shall be a continuous flow mixing unit and be able to accurately deliver and proportion aggregate, asphalt emulsion, and water to a revolving spiralled multiblade mixer and discharge the thoroughly mixed product on a continuous basis in a minimum amount of time.

The mixing machine shall be equipped with an approved fines feeder with an accurate metering device or method to introduce a predetermined amount of mineral filler into the mixer at the same time and location where the aggregate is fed. A calibrated control for aggregate and asphalt shall be provided capable for accurately proportioning materials.

The mixing machine shall be equipped with a water pressure system and a fog type spray bar adequate for complete fogging of the surface preceding spreading equipment with a maximum application of 0.30 litres per square metre.

The machine while in operation shall have a minimum speed of 18 metres per minute and shall not be allowed to exceed 55 metres per minute. Sufficient machine storage capacity shall be provided to properly mix and apply a minimum of 5 tonnes of slurry.

3.1.2 Spreading Equipment

The mechanical type squeegee distributor shall be equipped with flexible material in contact with the surface to prevent the loss of slurry from the distributor. It shall be maintained so as to prevent loss of slurry on varying grades and crown by adjustments to assure uniform spread and depth.

There shall be a steering device and a flexible strike-off. A piece of burlap or a piece of heavy canvas shall be attached behind the spreader to provide a smooth surface. The squeegee shall be attached behind the mixer.

3.1.3 Auxiliary Equipment:

Hand squeegees, shovels and hand equipment shall be provided as necessary to perform the work.

3.2 Mix Preparation

The quantities of aggregate, emulsified asphalt and water shall be measured or weighed into each batch. When preparing slurry seal mixes, the water and emulsified asphalt shall be added first, and then the aggregate. The amount of water used shall be a minimum to provide a fluid homogeneous mixture.

The Contractor shall make trial batches, at his expense, to determine the final blend of mineral aggregate, mineral filler and asphaltic binder until approved by the Engineer. Approximately 9.5 to 11.5 litres of emulsified asphalt shall be used per 45 kilograms of dry aggregate weight.

3.3 Application of Slurry Seal Coat

The surface shall be fogged with water from pressure nozzles directly preceding the drag distributor. No puddles of free water shall remain after fogging. The slurry mix shall be of the desired consistency when deposited on surface and no additional elements added. Total time of mixing shall not exceed 4 minutes. A maximum amount

of slurry shall be carried in the distributor and the maximum allowable speed shall be 55 m per minute.

The average thickness of slurry seal coat applied shall be 3 mm or approximately 1 tonne per 1,500 square metres of surface.

Slurry seal shall be protected from all traffic until the slurry has set. The minimum time period, in excellent drying weather, shall be 4 hours or the time required for the slurry colour to change from uniform brown to uniform black.

Slurry application shall be suspended when rain is imminent within 12 hours.

04030-4 Measurement

Slurry seal coating will be measured in square metres.

04030-5 Payment

Payment for Slurry Seal Coating will be at the contract unit price per square metre. The unit price will be for full compensation for supplying emulsified asphalt slurry seal aggregate and filler, preparing and applying the slurry seal, applying tack coat when required and cleaning the surface to be treated.

End of Specification 04030