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Foamed Bitumen**

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## 1 Introduction

This Specification applies to the construction of stabilised layers in road pavements using a plant-mixed pavement material that comprises a mixture of unbound material, foamed bitumen, and hydrated lime.

This Specification shall be read in conjunction with MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*, MRS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements* and other Specifications as appropriate.

This Specification forms part of the Transport and Main Roads Specifications Manual.

### 1.1 Bituminous surfacing or curing coat

Bituminous surfacing or curing coats shall be a sprayed bituminous surfacing with cover aggregate and shall comply with MRS11 and MRTS11 *Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing (Excluding Emulsion)*, MRS12 and MRTS12 *Sprayed Bitumen Emulsion Surfacing*, MRTS17 *Bitumen*, MRTS20 *Cutback Bitumen*, MRTS21 *Bituminous Emulsion*, MRS22 and MRTS22 *Supply of Cover Aggregate* and other relevant Specifications.

Notwithstanding the above bituminous curing coats shall also comply with this Specification and the requirements of this Specification take precedence.

Items numbers, locations and cover material details for bituminous curing coats shall be as stated in Clause 2 of Annexure MRS09.1 and Clause 3 of Annexure MRS09.1.

## 2 Measurement of Works

### 2.1 Standard Work Items

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*, the Standard Work Items covered by this Specification are listed in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 – Standard Work Items**

Standard Item No.	Description	Unit of Measurement
<b>Plant-Mixed Stabilised Pavements</b>		
4328P	New material to replace material not suitable for stabilisation [ <i>type of new material</i> ] if ordered (Provisional Quantity)	m <sup>3</sup>
4329	Transport of Class 170 bitumen supplied by the Principal, from [ <i>supply location</i> ]	litre
4332	Plant-mixed pavement layer stabilised using foamed bitumen	m <sup>3</sup>
4333	Plant-mixed pavement layer stabilised using foamed bitumen with bitumen supplied by the Principal	m <sup>3</sup>
4334	Mill existing pavement material and dispose of it [ <i>depth, location</i> ]	m <sup>2</sup>
4335	Mill existing pavement material [ <i>depth, location</i> ], transport to Principal nominated location and stockpile at this location [ <i>stockpiling location</i> ]	m <sup>2</sup>

Standard Item No.	Description	Unit of Measurement
4336	Preparation of existing surface before construction of stabilised layer – bound and concrete surfaces and bound pavements [ <i>description, location</i> ]	m <sup>2</sup>
4331	Water curing [ <i>location</i> ]	m <sup>2</sup>

### 2.1.1 Work Operations

#### Item 4328P New material to replace material not suitable for stabilisation [*type of new material*] (Provisional Quantity)

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- supply and delivery of all materials
- spreading the materials
- compacting and trimming the materials to facilitate plant-mixed foam bitumen stabilised materials, and
- associated material and construction compliance testing.

#### Item 4329 Transport of Class 170 bitumen supplied by the Principal [*supply location*]

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- transport of Class 170 bitumen from the point of supply by the Principal to the site as set out in the Principal Supply Material List (C6827)
- associated material and construction compliance testing, and
- Bitumen volume (litre) is calculated in 15°C (conversion of mass to volume is shown in Clause 9.4 of MRTS09).

#### Item 4332 Plant-mixed pavement layer stabilised using foamed bitumen

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- supplying, transporting, delivering and storing all materials including the bitumen and secondary stabilising agent and materials to be stabilised
- supply, delivery and incorporation of bitumen foaming additive(s)
- stockpiling, storing, metering, screening, processing (e.g. pulverising/breaking down particles, sieving of materials as required), blending and mixing of all components of the mixture to produce a uniform, complying material
- removing and disposing of unsuitable (e.g. oversize) material
- delivering, placing, compacting and, if necessary, trimming of the stabilised material
- excavating, removing, disposing and replacing segregated material

- h) removing and disposing of trimmed material(s)
- i) preparing joints and surfaces including a hard cut (if multiple stabilised layers are constructed)
- j) testing for visible deflection
- k) maintaining the subgrade and/or stabilised pavement layers, and
- l) associated material and construction compliance testing including a laboratory foamed bitumen mix design and produced foamed bitumen material by the Contractor's mixing equipment as per Clause 5.2 of MRS09 *Plant-Mixed Pavement Layers Stabilised Using Foamed Bitumen*.

**Item 4333 Plant-mixed pavement layer stabilised using foamed bitumen with bitumen supplied by the Principal**

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- a) Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- b) supplying, transporting, delivering and storing all materials including the hydrated lime and materials to be stabilised excluding the bitumen
- c) supply, delivery and incorporation of bitumen foaming additive(s)
- d) stockpiling, storing, metering, screening, processing (e.g. pulverising/breaking down particles, sieving of materials as required), blending and mixing of all components of the mixture to produce a uniform, complying material
- e) removing and disposing of unsuitable (e.g. oversize) material
- f) delivering, placing, compacting and, if necessary, trimming of the stabilised material
- g) excavating, removing, disposing and replacing segregated material
- h) removing and disposing of trimmed material(s)
- i) preparing joints and surfaces including a hard cut (if multiple stabilised layers are constructed)
- j) testing for visible deflection
- k) maintaining the subgrade and/or stabilised pavement layers, and
- l) associated material and construction compliance testing including a laboratory foamed bitumen mix design and produced foamed bitumen material by the Contractor's mixing equipment as per Clause 5.2 of MRS09 *Plant-Mixed Pavement Layers Stabilised Using Foamed Bitumen*.

**Item 4334 Mill existing pavement material and dispose of it [*depth, location*]**

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- a) Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- b) milling of the pavement to the depth(s) and in the area(s) nominated in the contract documents, and
- c) removing and disposing of all milled materials.

**Item 4335 Mill existing pavement material [*depth, location*], transport to Principal nominated location and stockpile at this location [*stockpiling location*]**

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- a) Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- b) milling of the pavement to the depth(s) and in the area(s) nominated in the contract documents
- c) loading of all materials, and
- d) transporting, delivering and stockpiling all milled materials to the nominated stockpile site(s).

**Item 4336 Preparation of existing surface before construction of stabilised layer – bound and concrete surfaces and bound pavements [*description, location*]**

- a) Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- b) cleaning of pavement including brooming/sweeping on existing surface, and/or
- c) Work Operations as Clause 8.9.9.1 of MRS09 *Plant-Mixed Pavement Layers Stabilised Using Foamed Bitumen*.

**Item 4331 Water curing [*location*]**

Work Operations incorporated in the above item include:

- a) Work Operations listed in Clause 2.1.5 of MRS01 *Introduction to Specifications*
- b) supplying, transporting, delivering and storing all water
- c) applying the water such that the stabilised layer is maintained in a damp condition at all time during the curing period, and
- d) associated material and construction compliance testing.

**2.2 Calculation of quantities**

**2.2.1 Bitumen**

The mass of the bituminous stabilising agent, at 15°C, used in a lot shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$M_B = \frac{Q \times D \times C_{OB}}{100}$$

- where:
- $M_B$  = mass of bitumen, in tonnes
  - $Q$  = quantity of material to be stabilised in the lot, m<sup>3</sup>
  - $D$  = maximum dry density of a representative sample of material (Type UM1, UM2, or UM3) to be stabilised, compacted to 100% of standard compaction, in tonnes per m<sup>3</sup>, and
  - $C_{OB}$  = ordered content of bitumen, in percent.

The total mass of bitumen in the works shall be the sum of the masses of bitumen calculated for each lot.

### 2.2.2 Hydrated lime

The mass of hydrated lime used in a lot shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$M_s = \frac{Q \times D \times C_{os} \times ALI_L}{100 \times ALI_c}$$

- where:
- $M_s$  = mass of the hydrated lime, in tonnes
  - $Q$  = quantity of material to be stabilised in the feed stockpile lot, m<sup>3</sup>
  - $D$  = maximum dry density of a representative sample of material (Type UM1, UM2, or UM3) to be stabilised, compacted to 100% of standard compaction, in tonnes per m<sup>3</sup>, and
  - $C_{os}$  = ordered content of hydrated lime, in percent
  - $ALI_L$  = available lime index for hydrated lime used in the laboratory mix design testing, in percent, and
  - $ALI_c$  = available lime index for hydrated lime used in construction in percent.

The total mass of hydrated lime shall be the sum of the masses of hydrated lime calculated for each lot.

The Available Lime Index (ALI) shall be determined for the hydrated lime used in laboratory mix design testing and in construction. Except where stated otherwise in Clause 9 of Annexure MRTS08.1, an ALI of 90% shall be assumed for laboratory mix design testing. The quantity of lime shown in the schedules is based on an ALI of 90%. The Contractor is to make allowance for variations.

Payment for the supply of hydrated lime shall be based on an ALI of 90%.

### 2.2.3 Mill existing pavement material and dispose of it

The quantity of the material to be milled off and disposed of shall be taken as the area over which the existing pavement is to be removed by milling and disposed of.

### 2.2.4 Mill existing pavement material, transport to Principal nominated location and stockpile at this location

The quantity of the material to be milled off, transported and stockpiled shall be taken as the area over which the existing pavement is to be removed by milling and so transported and stockpiled.

### 2.2.5 Preparation of bound and concrete surfaces and bound pavements

The quantity of the existing surface to be prepared before construction of stabilised layer shall be taken as the area of bound surfaces over which the stabilised layer is to be laid.

### 2.2.6 Water curing

The area of water curing shall be calculated from the lengths and widths of the lots of stabilised pavement constructed. No measurement for water curing shall be made for those lots for which curing with a sprayed bituminous curing coat has been specified.



### 2.3 Allocation of item numbers

Specific Item Numbers used in the Contract shall be deemed to represent the work associated with the particular reference locations, and course locations where applicable, stated in Clause 1 of Annexure MRS09.1.

## 3 Utilisation of a rejected lot for a reduced level of service

### 3.1 Maximum reductions in standards for a reduced level of service

A lot shall not be utilised for a reduced level of service if:

- a) the actual value for any property or requirement not listed in the first column of Table 3.1-A has failed to meet the specified limit or requirement for such property or requirement
- b) the actual value for any property or requirement listed in the first column of Table 3.1-A has deviated by more than the extended limit stated in the second column of Table 3.1-A
- c) the actual value for any property given in Table 3.1-A or Table 3.1-B has deviated from the specified limit (not the extended limit) for the same property in the immediately preceding lot, or
- d) the actual value for any property given in Table 3.1-A or Table 3.1-B has deviated from the specified limit (not the extended limit) for that property in more than three lots for any preceding work.

**Table 3.1-A – Extended limits**

Property	Extended Limit
Blended/combined material to be stabilised	Maximum of † a) defects for any individual sample, or b) a lot average of 3 defects (refer to Clause 3.2).
Bitumen content	Minimum content no less than ordered content minus 0.5%.
Secondary stabilising agent content	Minimum content no less than ordered content minus 0.5%.
Characteristic Value (CV) of Relative Compaction	Minimum characteristic value of relative compaction no less than Specified Relative Compaction minus 2%.
Relative Moisture Ratio feed stockpile and foamed bitumen (RMR FSP and RMR FB)	Relative moisture ratio no less than Specified Average RMR minus 10%. RMR no greater than Specified Average RMR plus +5%.
Road Roughness Count Rate	Maximum road roughness count rate of $R_m$ as stated in Clause 4 of Annexure MRS09.1 or, where $R_m$ is not so stated, $R_s + 20$ , where $R_s$ is defined in MRTS09.

† A defect is as defined in Table 3.1-B.

**Table 3.1-B – Table of defects**

<b>Property</b>	<b>Magnitude of Incremental Departure Outside the Specified Limits or Value which Accumulates One Defect.</b>
Percentage passing the AS 2.36 mm sieve and greater.	For each sieve size, each 2% absolute (or part thereof).
Percentage passing the AS 0.425 mm sieve and the AS 0.075 mm sieve.	For each sieve size, each 1% absolute (or part thereof).
Ratio of the percentage passing the AS 0.075 mm sieve to the percentage passing the AS 0.425 mm sieve.	Up to 0.05 increase or decrease. Each 0.02 (or part thereof) increase or decrease beyond the aforementioned 0.05 increase or decrease.
Liquid Limit	Each 2% absolute (or part thereof) increase
Plasticity Index	Each 0.4% absolute (or part thereof) increase.
Linear Shrinkage.	Each 0.2% absolute (or part thereof) increase.
Plasticity Index multiplied by the percentage of whole sample passing the AS 0.425 mm sieve.	Each 5 units (or part thereof) increase.
Linear Shrinkage multiplied by the percentage of whole sample passing the AS 0.425 mm sieve.	Each 2.5 units (or part thereof) increase.

### **3.2 Defects in blended/combined material to be stabilised**

The average number of defects for each lot shall be determined by calculating the defects, if any, for each and every sample taken from the lot and dividing the total number of defects for the lot by the number of samples. The number of defects for each sample shall be determined from Table 3.1-B.

### **3.3 Determination of the reduced value**

#### **3.3.1 General**

The reduced value shall be determined from the formula given below for the relevant property. Where there is more than one reduction, the percentage reductions for each property shall be added together to provide a total percentage reduction which shall apply to the scheduled rate for all relevant Work Items covered by Clause 2.1.

#### **3.3.2 Blended/combined material to be stabilised**

The percentage reduction shall be determined from the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Reduction} = N_{av} \times 3$$

where:  $N_{av}$  = the average number of defects determined in accordance with Clause 3.2.

#### **3.3.3 Compaction standard**

The percentage reduction shall be determined from the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Reduction} = (C_s - C_a) \times 4$$

where:  $C_a$  = the actual characteristic value of compaction, and

$C_s$  = the specified value of compaction.

### 3.3.4 Surface evenness

The percentage reduction shall be determined from the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Reduction} = R_a - R_s$$

where:  $R_a$  = the actual road roughness count rate, and

$R_s$  = the specified road roughness count rate defined in MRTS09.

### 3.3.5 Bitumen content

The percentage reduction in absolute value shall be determined from the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Reduction} = |(C_{OB} - C_{AB})| \times 10$$

where:  $C_{AB}$  = the actual bitumen content as a percentage calculated in accordance with MRTS09, and

$C_{OB}$  = the ordered stabilising agent content as a percentage.

### 3.3.6 Secondary stabilising agent content

The percentage reduction in absolute value shall be determined from the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Reduction} = (C_{AS} - C_{OS}) \times 10$$

where:  $C_{AS}$  = the actual secondary stabilising agent content as a percentage calculated in accordance with MRTS09, and

$C_{OS}$  = the ordered secondary stabilising agent content as a percentage.

### 3.3.7 Application of the reduced value payments

The reduced values shall apply to the lot represented by the tests for the total quantity of the (individual) stabilised layer.

The work items listed below are applied of the reduced value:

- Item 4332, 4329 and bitumen costs or Item 4333.
- Item 4329P if used for the affected lot.
- Item 4331.

## 4 Additional payment for a higher standard of surface evenness

### 4.1 General

If indicated in Clause 5 of Annexure MRS09.1, an additional payment above the scheduled rate shall be made for the additional benefit of a higher standard of surface evenness on the surface on the final pavement layer as represented by the road roughness count rate.

#### 4.2 Payment

Any additional payment shall be determined from the formula:

$$\text{Additional Payment} = R \times Q \times P$$

- where: R = scheduled rates for the Work Items covered by Clause 2.1 to construct the final stabilised layer
- Q = compacted quantity in the lot (as modified by Clause 4.3), and
- P = the additional payment factor due to achieving a higher standard of surface evenness:

$$\frac{0.4x(R_s - R_a - 5)}{100}$$

- where: R<sub>s</sub> = specified road roughness count rate defined in MRTS09, and
- R<sub>a</sub> = measured road roughness count rate.

Notwithstanding the above the maximum value of P shall be 0.04.

#### 4.3 Quantity of pavement to which the additional payment applies

The additional pavement shall apply to the lot represented by the higher standard of surface evenness for the total quantity of the (individual) topmost stabilised layer.

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