

Development of mortar abrasion test for evaluating fine aggregates and wear resistance of concrete pavements

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1.0 Introduction

abrasion loss for each fine aggregate mortar mix was determined at the ages of 7 days (MAV₇) and 28 days(MAV₂₈)

- Adding Water **Adding Cement** Adding Fine Aggregate
- **Mix was casted into MAV and compressive strength molds in 2 lifts and each lift was compacted 36 times**
- **Specimens were placed in curing room until test dates**

- **1) Specimen were surface dried using a towel after removal of curing room**
- **1) Initial weight of specimen was measured prior to test**
- **2) A weight is placed centrally on top of the specimen on wheel lap to prevent movemen**
- **1) Use of Ottawa silica sand as an abrasive agent**
- **2) After testing the final mass was recorded.**
- **3) Average mass loss of 4 specimens for each aggregate was**
- **reported as test result r**

 Conducted experimental testing of alternative abrasion resistance of concrete mortars using a variety of fine aggregates as a means of gaining a more effective evaluation of microtexture retention and frictional performance of PCC pavements

Development and results of a testing program that involved the adaptation of the Aggregate Abrasion Value (AAV) test (British Standard EN1097-8 2009)

2) Exposes aggregates to grinding by direct shear on a large mechanical lap wheel that rotates at 30 revolution per minutes for a total of 500 revelation while Silica Sand is fed through the machine as an abrasive agent 3) AAV= (3x Δmass loss)/relative density

AAV– Average abrasion index of two specimen

Fine aggregate samples were obtained from stockpiles of processed concrete sands

 Abrasion test for mortar coupons using 30 different concrete sands from various suppliers in Ontario MAV=Average Mass loss of 4 tested coupon

Fine Aggregate

1) Compressive strength of mortar cubes (ASTM C109) 2) Absorption and relative density (MTO LS-605) 3) Insoluble Residue-IR (MTO LS-613) 4) Petrographic Analysis (MTO LS-616) 5) Micro-Deval abrasion loss– MDA (MTO LS-619)

6)Uncompacted void content (MTO LS-628)

*Insufficient material for testing

3.1 Mortar Mix Design

Accelerated Detection of Potential Deleterious Alkali-Silica Reactive Aggregate by Expansion of Mortar

- **Mix used for this investigation was adopted from the requirements the MTO Method of Test for Bars, LS-620, with a water/cement= 0.44, Fineness Modulus of 2.9. General Use Type 10 cement provided by St.Mary**
- **Mortar quantities for 8 MAV coupon and 6 compressive strength cube**

3.2 Mixing, Casting and curing of mortar coupons

- **Mortar coupons were prepared using the AAV molds**
- **Mold dimensions are 92±0.1 mm in length, 54±0.1 mm in width and 16±0.1 mm in depth**
- **Depth of the specimen was reduced to 15±0.1 mm to diminish the breakage of the mortar during demolding**

ASTM C305 mixing procedure

3.3 MAV Testing

4.0 Results and Discussion

- **4.1 MAV Results**
- **MAV= Average mass loss of 4 coupon for each designated aggregate source**
- **Outliers were eliminated if average MAV differed by more than 0.2**
- **Compressive strength results were reported as per ASTM C109 Standard**

Number

C 211 (A)

Type

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C14 214 (A) Quarry Quarry

E01 301 (A) Pit Outwash/Ice Contact

E 302 (A)

E 306 (A) **E** 307 (A)

E10 E10 Pitt C Pitt C Pitt Pitt Pitt

A01 (A)

Insoluble

Residue

MTO LS-613

 IR_T | $IR_{R.75}$

(%)

(%)

C11 47.2 44.2 9.4 0.58 2.676 40.1 43.8 55.7 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.0

1 14.9 14.9 14.9 14.9 14.4

- **Surface Texture for NE03 Specimen containing 99.5% silicate mineral aggregate as determined by petrographic analysis and 94.5% IR**_T
- **MAV⁷ specimen has a rough texture with exposed aggregates on the surface, while an evenly abraded surface is visualized for MAV28 coupon**

ample C06 after abrasion testing -7 -day (left) and 28 day (right)

Sample NE02 after abrasion testing – 7-day (left) and 28 day (right **Surface texture for NE02 Specimen with 89.9%** silicate and by 10.9% Mica mineral (IR_T = 95.8%) **MAV⁷ exhibits a rough surface texture with some coarser aggregates being abrade**

- **Even abraded surface texture may be seen on the**
- **MAV²⁸ coupon, with fewer coarser aggregates being abraded.**
- **4.2 Compressive Strength**
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 IR_T reports the total residue left behind after digestion with HCl while $IR_{R,75}$ **results only include the residue retained on the 75µm sieve after washing Material passing the 75µm sieve is silt and clay sized particles, which may be** comprised of a significant amount of silicate clays minerals. Difference in IR **and IRR.75 may be used as an estimate of the clay component of carbonate**

 Both IR and carbonate content determined by petrographic analysis correlate well, but a better correlation is demonstrated between the IR_{R.75} results and

carbonate minerals - both of these tests examine the retained 75µm fraction Mica Content vs. IR_{R.75} **Increasing IR(%), there is a general decrease in MAV losses even though R 2 is MAV₇** results shows slightly $|\vec{r}|$ **improved correlation with** $v = 6.69x + 41.151$, $R^2 = 0.404$ **respect to both IR^T and IRR.75 results in comparison** Mica Content (% **with MAV²⁸ due to the lower bond strength of the 7 day Mica Content vs. MAV**₇ \Rightarrow R^2 coefficient for IR_{R.75} results with respect to MAV₇ **was improved by 34% in comparison with IR^T results demonstrating a better** $y = 0.1757x + 11.206$, $R^2 = 0.15$

 $5\,$ Mica (%) $10\,$

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Mica (%) Sample NE03 after abrasion testing – 7-day (left) and 28 day (right) Sample C19 after abrasion testing – 7-day (left) and 28 day (right) $\overline{ }$ ≥ <3% Mica Content –0.5158 R² correlation between IR_{R.75} and MAV₇ **Surface Texture for C19 Specimen with 98.6% 4.4 MDA and Petrographic Analysis carbonate mineral and 2.4% IR_T MDA vs. MAV 7 and 28 days MAV do not show any significant correlation with MDA No observable surface texture variation between** MAV₇ loss has slightly improved relationship in comparison to MAV₂₈ **产品结构 the tested coupons for 7 day and 28 day curing MDA and MAV tests are fundamentally different in how abrasion loss is Both coupons have a very smooth surface texture simulated. MDA test produces abrasion by tumbling motion within a rotating with evenly abraded surface jar while MVA test abrades the test specimen by shear attrition. Aggregate samples in this experiment meet the MDA requirements of MTO's** $V = 0.0676x + 10.94$, R² = 0.03 $MAV28$

Silicate Content vs. MDA $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$ Silicate Content vs. MAV₇

 $1 - 1$

 $y = -0.0222x + 12.795$, R² = 0.145^o

25 50 75

A 32 A 424

 $= 0.5684x + 11.201$, $R^2 = 0.0298$

Silicate (%)

Absorption vs. MDA Absorption vs. MAV

16 Bulk Relative Density vs. MAV

2 \div MAV7 y = 14.124x - 26.394, R² = 0.2

2.6 2.7 **Bulk Relative Density**

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 $y = 11.17x - 19.475, R^2 = 0.27$

 $y = 6.0607x + 5.601$, $R^2 = 0.5887$

Absorption (%

MAV/ AAV Apparatus

MDA Test Uncompacted Void Content

specimen

Close view of MAV/AAV Apparatus

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7 and 28-day Compressive Strength and MAV (Mass Loss) results

 7 day compressive strength ranged from 38.7MPa to 54.7MPa and 28 days compressive strength ranged from 47.5 MPa to 66.4 MPa Higher compressive strengths resulted in lower MAV mass loss, although both 7 day and 28 day strengths show little correlation with MAV test results Both data sets show similar patterns - 28 day curing resulted in lower MAV losses, which is assumed to be a result of improved bond development due to prolonged cement hydration

 Significant Variation in compressive strength for both 7 and 28 days even though the same W:C ratio, fineness modulus and same casting and curing regime was used for all mixes

MAV/AAV Mold

 MAV⁷ and MAV²⁸ values increase with increasing bulk relative density of aggregates with R 2 values of 0.2227 and 0.2761 respectively Denser aggregates would result in higher mass loss for the same volume of material abraded.

4.5 Relative Density

 0 0.5 1 1.5

 $-y = 9.6304 + 0.36594x$ R= 0.988

 $y = -0.0176x + 10.728$, R² = 0.0

ALL SEALS

 $v = -0.0948x + 15.701$. R² = 0.4266

25 50 75

Silicate Content (%)

 Mortar mix design provided a low w:c ratio - led to relatively high compressive strength cured specimens. High compressive strengths represent a strong frictional bonding between the aggregate and the cement paste, which may led to the small range of abrasion loss for the various aggregate types

 Increased curing time the abrasion loss measurement loses its sensitivity with respect to the aggregate's hardness and becomes more dependent on the performance and bonding development of the cement paste as it has been demonstrated through the reduction of MAV

 Abrasion of mortars in the AAV apparatus reflected properties of both the mineral and the cement paste. Abrasion resistance as a function of the individual aggregate properties was not measured

 Increases in carbonate minerals by IR test resulted in increased in MAV test results indicating a lower resistance to abrasion

 Presence of micaceous minerals were identified as being significant in determining resistance to abrasion of the cement mortars. Aggregates containing high mica content showed low resistance to abrasion. Aggregates with less than 3% mica content led to an increase in R 2 between the MAV and IR results

 No relationship was demonstrated between MDA test (measures abrasion of a wet aggregate, and MAV test (measures abrasion of a mortar with the same aggregate). In general increasing silicate mineral content resulted in higher resistance to abrasion. However, MAV was less sensitive to this parameter

No significant relationship between MAV losses and an aggregate's absorption capacity

 Test results identifies the positive effects of proper curing on abrasion resistance concrete pavement 6.0 Future Directions

 This specific MAV test method requires further investigation to increase the sensitivity of aggregates against abrasion by: i) Reducing the curing time - reduce the overall cement hydration, and corresponding bond strength; ii) Modification to the water to cement ratio - reducing bond strength effects iii) Variability of fine aggregate's strength in terms of higher MDA loss (>20%) beyond the acceptable limit of concrete pavement specification

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Thank you

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2\n+ \text{MAV7} \quad y = -0.0174x + 12.499, R2 = 0.1152
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0 \quad 25 \quad 50 \quad 75 \quad 100
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\nR_τ(%)

IRR.75 vs. MAV

4
\n2
\n• MAX7
\ny = -0.0221x + 12.788, R² = 0.154
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■ MAX28
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 y = -0.0053x + 10.803, R² = 0.022

0 25 50 75
 $IR_{R,75}$ (%)

asted MAV and compressive strength

- **Surface Texture for C06 Specimen with intermediate silicate and carbonate mineral - LS-616 silicate** $=$ **50.7%, IR**_T = 48.7%
- **Small difference in terms of MAV₇ and MAV₂₈ surface texture**
- Both specimens are abraded evenly but the MAV₇ **coupon has a slightly rougher texture with respect to MAV²⁸**

4.3 IR and Petrographic Analysis

MAV (g)
Probability of Occurrence for MA

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

- **Probability of occurrence for MAV losses at 7 and 28 days using Microsoft Excel Individual MAV data point and statistical mean and standard deviation (s) were**
- **inputted into the NORM distribution function to generate probability of occurrence Function determines the probability of each MAV losses with respect to the mean loss of the data set**
- 35% and 50% probability of occurrence around the mean value for MAV₇ and MAV₂₈ **Higher probability for MAV²⁸ test data demonstrates a lower mass loss, and subsequent higher resistance to abrasion with increasing age and curing time**

rocks.

low

samples

relationship

current specifications of 20% maximum loss for concrete sands exposed on pavement surfaces

- **Abrasion loss for MDA and MAV depends on aggregate's hardness and strength**
- **As Silicate content (LS-616) increases, the MDA and MAV⁷ losses decrease for the data range in this experiment**
- \Rightarrow <code>MDA</code> has a significantly higher R 2 than MAV $_7$ due to influence of cement bond development **that led to increased resistance of total mix against abrasion for MAV results**
- **R 2 between MDA and absorption is much stronger in compare to MAV**
	- **Aggregates in MDA tests are unbound in saturated environment whereas MAV test is conducted in dry on bound particles**

5.0 Summary

 MAV test examined the response to abrasion of a total mortar mix using a modification of existing equipment used by MTO to measure the abrasion resistance of coarse aggregates by (AAV)