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Foreword

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Introduction

This document has been written in accordance with Annex A of ISO 10844:1994. (see [12] of the Bibliography)

The so-called “sand-patch method” has been used worldwide for many years to measure the road surface texture.

It relies on a given volume of sand which is spread out on a road surface. The sand is distributed to form a circular patch, the diameter of which is measured. By dividing the volume of sand with the area covered, a value is obtained which represents the average depth of the sand layer, i. e. an average “texture depth”. The method is described in [2] of the Bibliography, but the procedure has been described and used even earlier.

However, a development of the sand-patch method, replacing sand with glass spheres, has been described in ASTM E 965-87 (see [1] of the Bibliography).

The method in this document is largely based on ASTM E 965-87. However, a number of changes have been made, for example the use of only metric units and the avoidance of making references to other ASTM standards. Also, the layout has been adapted to the normal layout for European Standards.

The selection of the ASTM standard rather than the procedure described in BS 812-114 (see [3] of the Bibliography) is based on the fact the ASTM standard uses a material with closer specifications and that the ASTM standard is far more precise in its description of the test method.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the average depth of pavement surface macrotexture by careful application of a known volume of material on the surface and subsequent measurement of the total area covered. The technique is designed to provide an average depth value of only the pavement macrotexture and is considered insensitive to pavement microtexture characteristics.

This test method is suitable for field tests to determine the average macrotexture depth of a pavement surface. When used in conjunction with other physical tests, the macrotexture depth values derived from this test method can be used to determine the pavement skid resistance capability, noise characteristics and the suitability of paving materials or finishing techniques. When used with other tests, care should be taken that all tests are applied at the same location.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

3 Test method

The standard materials and test apparatus consist of a quantity of uniform material, a container of known volume, a suitable wind screen or shield, brushes for cleaning the surface, a flat disc for spreading the material on the surface, and a ruler or other measuring device for determining the area covered by the material. A laboratory balance is also recommended to ensure consistent amounts for each measurement sample.

The test method involves spreading a known volume of material on a clean and dry pavement surface, measuring the area covered, and subsequently calculating the average depth between the bottom of the pavement surface voids and the tops of surface aggregate particles.

In spreading the material specified in this test method, the surface voids are completely filled flush to the tips of the surrounding aggregate particles.

Pavement aggregate particle shape, size and distribution are surface texture features not addressed in this method. The method is not meant to provide a complete assessment of pavement surface texture characteristics. In particular, care should be exercised in interpreting the result if the method is applied to porous surfaces and to deeply grooved surfaces.

The method can be applied to a wide range of surfaces. Its validity range is 0,25 mm to 5 mm, expressed in Mean Profile Depth, MPD (see Annex A).

4 Material and apparatus

The essential elements of the apparatus, shown in Figure 1, consist of the following:

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