



Standard Specification for Cutback Asphalt (Medium-Curing Type)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers cutback petroleum asphalts of the medium-curing type for use in the construction and treatment of pavements.

1.2 The values stated in SI units or inch-pounds 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 each other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

- D5 Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials
- D95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation
- D113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials
- D140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials
- D402 Test Method for Distillation of Cutback Asphaltic (Bituminous) Products
- D2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichloroethylene

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- D2170 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Asphalts (Bitumens)
- D2171 Test Method for Viscosity of Asphalts by Vacuum Capillary Viscometer
- D3143 Test Method for Flash Point of Cutback Asphalt with Tag Open-Cup Apparatus
- D7553 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in N-Propyl Bromide

3. Properties

3.1 The cutback asphalt shall not foam when heated to application temperature and shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1.

4. Test Methods

4.1 The materials shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D140, and the properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM test methods:

- 4.1.1 *Flash Point (Tag Open-Cup)*—Test Method D3143.
- 4.1.2 *Viscosity, Kinematic*—Test Method D2170.
- 4.1.3 *Viscosity, at 60°C [140°F]*—Test Method D2171.
- 4.1.4 *Distillation*—Test Method D402.

NOTE 1—If a 100-mL graduate does not permit sufficiently close readings to determine conformity to this specification with the desired accuracy, receivers graduated with 0.1-mL divisions shall be used.

- 4.1.5 *Penetration*—Test Method D5.
- 4.1.6 *Ductility*—Test Method D113.
- 4.1.7 *Solubility in Trichloroethylene/N-Propyl Bromide*—Test Methods D2042/D7553.
- 4.1.8 *Water*—Test Method D95.



TABLE 1 Requirements for Cutback Asphalt (Medium-Curing Type)

NOTE 1—If the ductility at 25°C [77°F] is less than 100, the material will be acceptable if its ductility at 15°C [59°F] is more than 100.

Designation	MC-30		MC-70		MC-250		MC-800		MC-3000	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Kinematic viscosity at 60°C [140°F], mm ² /s	30	60	70	140	250	500	800	1600	3000	6000
Flash point (Tag open-cup), °C [°F]	38 [100]	...	38 [100]	...	66 [150]	...	66 [150]	...	66 [150]	...
Distillate test:										
Distillate, volume percent of total distillate to 360°C [680°F]:										
to 225°C [437°F]	...	35	...	25	...	20
to 260°C [500°F]	30	75	10	70	5	55	...	40	...	15
to 316°C [600°F]	75	95	65	93	60	90	45	85	15	75
Residue from distillation to 360°C [680°F], percent volume by difference	50	...	55	...	67	...	75	...	80	...
Tests on residue from distillation:										
Viscosity at 60°C [140°F], Pa · s ^A , †	30	120	30	120	30	120	30	120	30	120
Ductility at 25°C [77°F], cm	100	...	100	...	100	...	100	...	100	...
Solubility in trichloroethylene, %	99.0	...	99.0	...	99.0	...	99.0	...	99.0	...
Water, %	...	0.2	...	0.2	...	0.2	...	0.2	...	0.2

^A Instead of viscosity of the residue, the specifying agency, at its option, can specify penetration 100 g: 5 s at 25°C [77°F] of 120 to 300 for Grades MC-30, MC-70, and MC-250, and 120 to 250 for MC-800 and MC-3000. However, in no case will both be required.

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