YEAR 2023 CCIL CORRELATION

IGNITION FURNACE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS – Alberta and Yukon

Note: Labs in AB and YT are required to carry out the asphalt content by the Ignition Method using ASTM D6307, followed by gradation of Extracted Aggregate using D5444, noting that sieve sizes are as per the reporting forms.

The following samples have been forwarded to your laboratory:

Material **IGCF-I-N** (Five samples)

Material **IGMF-I-N** and **IGMF-II-N** (Two pre-mixed samples)

Asphalt Cement **IGAC-I-N** (One sample)

A) Ignition Furnace: Reference Procedure ASTM D6307

1) While furnace is at room temperature calibrate the furnace balance as described in the furnace manual provided by the manufacturer.
2) Set the combustion temperature of 540°C (deemed appropriate for this type of sample) or as indicated for Irradiation type furnace.
3) Set the start time (Auto Timer) so that the furnace is at the specified run temperature (see 2) above) for at least 60 minutes before starting the burn of the first sample of the day.
4) Set the furnace endpoint to 0.01% of the sample mass (D6307)

B) Sample Preparation

Correction Factor **(IGCF-I-N)** Samples:

1) Five sample bags containing approximately 1450g of mixed aggregates and one sample of asphalt cement are supplied
2) Aggregates are to be dried prior to mixing.
3) A clean mixing bowl will be buttered by mixing a separate sample of HMA (not supplied). The bowl will be scraped clean of this buttering mix prior to mixing the five samples supplied.
4) Mixing temperature for the correction factor samples is 150°C.
5) Weigh and record the dried aggregate sample.
6) Based on this weight add sufficient asphalt cement (supplied) to produce a mix containing **5.00%, IGAC-I-N** (based on total mix).
   Note 1: For labs/jurisdictions that use Aggregate Mass as the basis for AC Content, 5.00% by total mix equates to 5.26% by Aggregate Mass.
7) Mix the sample as indicated in D-6926
8) Transfer the mixed sample to a metal tray, spread it out, cover with metal foil and allow it to cool to ambient temperature.
9) Sample is now ready for testing.
10) Five samples are provided. Calibration Factor shall be determined from 3 of the 5 samples according to D6307.

Pre-mixed **IGMF-I-N** and **IGMF-II-N** Samples

1) Sample bags containing approximately 1500g of **IGMF-I-N** and **IGMF-II-N** are supplied and are ready for testing. Use total sample for analysis. Determination of moisture content is not required.

C) Ignition Furnace Run:

1) Weigh the lid, sample tray, catch pan and retaining bracket on the laboratory balance (TABLE 1 – for **IGCF-I-N** (Correction Factor) samples and TABLE 3 – for **IGMF-I-N and IGMF-II-N** (HMA) samples)
2) Preheat the sample to be tested to 110°C±5°C (i.e., sufficiently warm to handle). Do not heat for more than one hour.
3) Place catch pan under sample tray and spread sample evenly on the tray.
4) Place lid over sample tray and secure lid, tray and catch pan with the retaining bracket.
5) Weigh total assembly on the laboratory balance and record the mass to 0.1g (TABLE 1 for **IGCF-I-N** samples and TABLE 3 for **IGMF-I-N and IGMF-II-N** samples)
6) Calculate sample mass (C in both TABLE 1 and TABLE 3)
7) Enter the sample mass C in the furnace data system.
8) Place the assembly in the preheated furnace and close the door.
9) Heat the sample at the specified temperature (540°C) until the difference between consecutive mass loss measurements does not exceed requirements for three one-minute intervals.
10) Record sample mass after ignition (from data tape) (TABLE 1 – F for **IGCF-I-N** samples and TABLE 3 – F for **IGMF-I-N and IGMF-II-N** samples).
11) Remove the assembly from the furnace and allow to cool to ambient temperature and weigh to the nearest 0.1g (TABLE 1 – E for **IGCF-I-N** samples and TABLE 3 – F for **IGMF-I-N and IGMF-II-N** samples).
12) Record required data from tapes in TABLES 1 and 3 for **IGCF-I-N** and **IGMF-I-N and IGMF-II-N** samples respectively.

NOTE 2: LABORATORIES SHOULD TAKE CAUTION REGARDING NEGATIVE CALIBRATION FACTORS. A LARGE NEGATIVE CALIBRATION FACTOR SUGGESTS THAT THE ASPHALT CEMENT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY BURNED DURING THE IGNITION RUN

D) Ignited Aggregate Gradation

1) Carefully transfer the total residue after ignition to a weighing pan and weigh to the nearest 0.1g.
2) Proceed with the washed sieve gradation. Laboratories shall complete the attached work sheets (Tables 1-4) and submit copies of the output tapes from the ignition furnace runs.

Asphalt contents shall be expressed as a percentage of total weight of asphalt mix and as a percentage of total weight of dry aggregates.

All test results shall be reported online and submitted by **2023 January 6, Friday.**

An example of a completed report form is shown on pages 3 and 4.

Note 3: Please identify the method used (Method A or B) for the type of furnace by selecting from the dropdown feature on the Reporting Form.

Remember: Your lab's worksheets must be submitted through the portal with your proficiency report. Please combine all worksheets for each portal report into a single pdf prior to uploading. You are required to keep all original worksheet hard copies in a secure dedicated location such as a sealed envelope that is available to CCIL upon request. Do not courier/mail/fax/e-mail the worksheets to CCIL.

DO NOT send reports and worksheets by fax

Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories

2020 Asphalt Reporting Form
Ignition Furnace

Ignition Furnace Report - Certification Program

- CCIL Confidential Lab # CCIL 999
- Lab Name: Demo Lab
- Tested by:
  - ○ Lab Technician
  - ○ Supervisor / Manager
  - ◉ Not listed

Please specify

Super Technician

Ignition Furnace Report

Calibration Factor Samples

Test	Sample I	Sample II	Sample III
16.0	100	100	100
12.5	100	100	100
10.0	97.6	96.9	97.4
5.00	84.7	84.5	85.1
2.50	63.1	63.4	63.2
1.25	52.5	52.1	52.3
0.630	42.8	42.7	42.3
0.315	33.7	33.5	33.8
0.160	20.6	20.3	20.4
0.080	8.0	8.3	8.1
Calibration Factor	0.22	0.16	0.17

Sample #1 Used

AIGCF-25

Sample #2 Used

AIGCF-50

Sample #3 Used

AIGCF-75

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Bituminous Mix Samples

Test	Sample A-IGMF	Sample B-IGMF
Corrected % A.C. by aggregate mass	5.01	5.13
Corrected % A.C. by asphalt mix mass	4.77	4.88
16.0	100	100
12.5	100	100
10.0	96.9	97.8
5.00	84.7	84.3
2.50	63.4	62.8
1.25	51.8	52.4
0.630	43.8	43.4
0.315	33.7	33.5
0.160	20.6	20.3
0.080	8.4	8.2

Method Used

D6307 Method A (Oven with Internal Weighing System)

Comments

Average Calibration Factor 0.17% (based on asphalt mix mass)

TABLE 1: In-House Prepared Calibration Factor Samples

General Information						
Company Name						
Technician's Name			Date			
Specific Information						
		Calibration Factor Samples				
		Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.
Laboratory Balance						
A	Mass of sample try, lid, catch pan, g					
B	Mass of sample tray, lid, catch pan, sample, g					
C = (B - A)	Initial Mass of Sample, g					
D	Mass of sample tray, lid, catch pan, sample after ignition, g					
E = (D - A)	Final mass of sample after ignition, g					
Furnace Balance						
F	Final mass of sample after ignition, g (data tape)					
G = (C - F)	Loss Furnace, g					
H = (G/C) x 100	Loss Furnace, %					
I	Loss Furnace Correction, %					
J = (H – I)	Total Loss Furnace, % (Apparent AC)					
K	Total AC added, %					
L = (J - K)	Calibration Factor, %					
Furnace Temperature Information						
Test temperature shown on controls, °C						
Initial temperature from data tape, °C						
Maximum temperature form data tape, °C						
Final temperature from data tape, °C						

TABLE 2: Gradation of In-House Prepared Calibration Factor Samples (After Ignition)

		Calibration Factor Samples				
		Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.
Laboratory Balance	Initial Mass, g					
	Final Mass, g					
Furnace Balance	Initial Mass, g					
	Final Mass, g					
AGGREGATE						
Dry mass before washing, g						
Dry mass after washing, g						
GRADATION	% Passing					
	16.0 mm					
	12.5 mm					
	10.0 mm					
	5.00 mm					
	2.50 mm					
	1.25 mm					
	0.630 mm					
	0.315 mm					
	0.160 mm					
	0.080 mm					

Laboratory Name: _____

Date Tested: _____

TABLE 3: Test Results - Premixed HMA Samples

General Information			
Company Name			
Technician's Name		Date	

Specific Information						
		Prepared HMA Samples				
		Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.
Laboratory Balance						
A	Mass of sample try, lid, catch pan, g					
B	Mass of sample tray, lid, catch pan, sample, g					
C = (B - A)	Initial Mass of Sample, g					
D	Mass of sample tray, lid, catch pan, sample after ignition, g					
E = (D - A)	Final mass of sample after ignition, g					
Furnace Balance						
F	Final mass of sample after ignition, g (data tape)					
G = (C - F)	Loss Furnace, g					
H = (G/C) x 100	Loss Furnace, %					
I	Loss Furnace Correction, %					
J = (H – I)	Total Loss Furnace, % (Apparent AC)					
CF*	Correction Factor, %					
L = (J – CF)	Asphalt Cement, %					
Furnace Temperature Information						
Test temperature shown on controls, °C						
Initial temperature from data tape, °C						
Maximum temperature form data tape, °C						
Final temperature from data tape, °C						

*** CF = Calibration factor as derived from the testing in TABLE 1**

Date Tested: _____

TABLE 4: Gradation of Aggregates from Pre-mixed HMA Samples (After Ignition)

		Prepared HMA Samples				
		Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.	Code No.
Laboratory Balance	Initial Mass, g					
	Final Mass, g					
Furnace Balance	Initial Mass, g					
	Final Mass, g					
AGGREGATE						
Dry mass before washing, g						
Dry mass after washing, g						
GRADATION	% Passing					
	16.0 mm					
	12.5 mm					
	10.0 mm					
	5.00 mm					
	2.50 mm					
	1.25 mm					
	0.630 mm					
	0.315 mm					
	0.160 mm					
	0.080 mm					

Laboratory Name: _____ Date Tested: _____