

2023 ONTARIO AND QUÉBEC MINI-CORRELATIONS

AGGREGATES and SOILS INCLUDING SUPERPAVE AGGREGATES

Please read the following Mini-Correlation instructions carefully BEFORE you start testing!

- Testing of mini correlation samples shall be according to the below instructions.
- Submission of results by **March 27, 2023** in the mini correlation report(s) provided in the labs portal. <https://portal.ccil.com/> After signing into the portal, all mini-correlation reporting forms appropriate to your lab certification will be accessible under the tab for **Reporting Forms**. You will be able to enter your test results into the forms and submit to CCIL through the portal.
- Please record the mini-correlation sample identification information found on the sample labels in the “Comments” section of the reporting forms and upload any photos of unclear labels in the portal mini report.

SAMPLES FOR MINI-CORRELATION TESTING

- Samples for the mini-correlation were shipped to the laboratory March 14th. If you experience delay in receiving your samples, please advise Anett Briggs abriggs@ccil.com of your need for an extension. **Results beyond March 31st may affect your 2023 certificate being issued.**
- The mini-correlation samples are pre-prepared to meet the requirements of the appropriate test method and are to be tested as received unless instructed otherwise.
- Generally, only one sample will be shipped for each test requiring a mini-correlation. Tests for a mini-correlation are not generally carried out in pairs.
- Unsatisfactory mini result will result in a 2nd mini that must be conducted in the presence of a CCIL inspector.

ONTARIO AND QUÉBEC MINI-CORRELATION INSTRUCTIONS – AGGREGATES

LS-600: Sample Preparation

Dry all mini-correlation aggregate samples to a constant mass at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$.

LS-601/ASTM C117: Wash Passing 0.075 mm sieve.

Test the entire mini correlation sample as specified in Guideline A of LS-601. Report the Percent Loss to two decimal (0.01%).

LS-602/ASTM C136: SIEVE ANALYSIS OF AGGREGATES,

If the problem with your original test results was with the fine aggregate sieves only, your lab will receive a mini-correlation sample of fine aggregate only. Otherwise, your lab will receive a combined coarse aggregate and fine aggregate sample.

Combined

If you receive a **combined coarse and fine aggregate sample**, test the entire mini-correlation sample as specified in C136 to determine the aggregate gradation. Report the percent passing on each sieve listed in the portal report (19, 16, 12.5, 9.5, 4.75, 2.36, 1.18, 0.6, 0.3, 0.15 and 0.075 mm). All sieves are to be reported to 1 decimal (0.1%), except the 4.75 mm and 0.075 mm sieves are to be reported to two decimal places (0.01%).

Fine Only

If you receive **only fine aggregate** for the mini-correlation sample, test the entire mini-correlation sample following LS-602 on the 4.74, 2.36, 1.18, 0.6, 0.3, 0.15 and 0.075 mm sieves. However, when reporting the % passing, use the value from the following table to reduce the % passing on each sieve by multiplying by the factor provided. All sieves are to be reported to 1 decimal (0.1%), except the 0.075 mm sieve is to be reported to two decimal places (0.01%).

Mini sample year on label	Factor for original % passing the 4.75mm sieve. Multiply by
2023 and 2022	0.474

Example:

Sieve (mm)	Fine Aggregate % Passing of sample	Multiplication factor (%Passing 4.75mm)	Value to be reported in the portal report (% Passing of original)
2.36	77.7	0.491	38.1
1.18	58.2	0.491	28.6

CCIL Aggregate and Soil Proficiency Sample Program
Ontario and Québec

LS-607: PERCENT CRUSHED PARTICLES IN PROCESSED COARSE AGGREGATE

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample with all the size fractions combined. Separate the sample into size fractions according to the table below. Do NOT determine the crushed particles/ fractured particles of 26.5 mm to 19.0 mm fraction. Assign the same percent crushed value from the 19.0 mm – 13.2 mm fraction, to the 26.5 mm to 19.0 mm fraction.

Passing sieve	Retained Sieve	Minimum Mass, g
19	13.2	1250
13.2	9.5	500
9.5	6.7	200
6.7	4.75	75

Determine the percentage of material with at least one fractured face to the nearest 0.1%

All 5 fractions shall be used to compute the weighted average according to the following gradation.

Sieve (mm)	Cumulative Percent passing for total sample (coarse and fine) 2022 and 2023 label
26.5	100
19.0	93.8
13.2	71.2
9.5	59.3
6.7	50.0
4.75	47.4

Report the weighted average to the nearest 0.1%.
The portal allows 2 decimals but only the above is required.

LS-608 PERCENT FLAT AND ELONGATED PARTICLES:

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample each, representing all of the size fractions combined. Do not separate into sized fractions. Test the portion of the sample retained on the 4.75mm sieve only. Test as a single fraction and report a Percent Flat and Elongated particles on that basis.

For Type C LS-608 use a 4:1 ratio.

Report the overall weighed average the result to the nearest 0.1%. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

LS-621: AMOUNT OF ASPHALT COATED PARTICLES IN COARSE AGGREGATE

Test the entire mini correlation sample. Carry out the test as outlined in LS-621 and report the Percentage of Asphalt Coated Particles to the nearest 0.1%. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

TYPE D TESTS

LS-604/ASTM C127: RELATIVE DENSITY AND ABSORPTION (COARSE AGGREGATE)

Carry out the test as outlined in the test procedure. The mini-correlation sample size allows for duplicate testing. Report the Average Relative Density (OD) to three decimal places (0.001). Calculate and report the Average Percent Absorption and report to 2 decimal places (0.01%).

LS-605/ASTM C128 RELATIVE DENSITY AND ABSORPTION OF FINE AGGREGATE,

Carry out the test as outlined in the test procedure. The mini-correlation sample size allows for duplicate testing. Remove the material finer than 75µm following the procedure in C 117 prior to testing. Saturate the test specimens from both samples by immersion in water for 24 ± 4 hours. Report the Average Relative Density (OD) to three decimal places (0.001). Calculate and report the Average Percent Absorption and report to 2 decimal places (0.01%).

LS-618/ASTM D6928: MICRO-DEVAL ABRASION (COARSE AGGREGATE)

Carry out the test as outlined in the test procedure. Prepare three fractions with the below mass for each fraction.

19.0 mm to 16.0 mm - 375 g

16.0 mm to 12.5 mm - 375 g

12.5 mm to 9.5 mm - 750 g

Recombine and test the 1500g sample in accordance with the test method. Report the mini-correlation test sample loss to the nearest 0.1%. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

Run a control sample at the same time. Report your control sample tested (Drain Brothers or MTO RM CA2), and Loss to the nearest 0.1% in the comments section of the portal report.

LS-619/ASTM D7428 MICRO-DEVAL ABRASION LOSS OF FINE AGGREGATE,

Prepare 500 g test specimens from the mini-correlation samples according to the test method and the table below (section 8 of the standard).

Passing	Retained	Mass g
4.75	2.36	50
2.36	1.18	125
1.18	0.600	125
0.600	0.300	100
0.300	0.150	75
0.150	0.075	25

Report the mini-correlation sample loss to the nearest 0.1%.

Run a control sample at the same time. Report your laboratory control sample tested (Sutherland sand or James Dick) and Loss to the nearest 0.1%. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

LS-614/CSA A23.2-24A FREEZE-THAW

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample each, representing all the size fractions combined. Carry out the test as outlined in the test procedure on the portion of the sample retained on the 4.75mm sieve only. Report the freeze-thaw loss for the entire sample to the nearest 0.1%.

Report your lab control sample tested (Drain Brothers or MTO RM CA2), and Loss to the nearest 0.1%.

ASTM C1252: UNCOMPACTED VOIDS

DO NOT use the specific gravity values determined by your lab. Use the value of 2.668.

AASHTO T176/D2419: SAND EQUIVALENT

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample. Prepare the test specimens in accordance with Procedure A or B. Report the average sand equivalent value to the nearest 0.1%. Include whether you used Procedure A or B in the comments of the report in the portal. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

CCIL Aggregate and Soil Proficiency Sample Program
Ontario and Québec

ASTM D5821: PERCENTAGE OF FRACTURED PARTICLES IN COARSE AGGREGATE

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample with all the size fractions combined. Separate the sample into size fractions according to the table below. Do NOT determine the crushed particles/ fractured particles of 26.5 mm to 19.0 mm fraction. Assign the same percent crushed value from the 19.0 mm – 13.2 mm fraction, to the 26.5 mm to 19.0 mm fraction.

Passing sieve	Retained Sieve	Minimum Mass, g
19	13.2	1250
13.2	9.5	500
9.5	6.7	200
6.7	4.75	75

All 5 fractions shall be used to compute the weighted average according to the following gradation.

Sieve	Cumulative Percent passing for total sample (coarse and fine) 2022 and 2023 label
26.5	100
19.0	93.8
13.2	71.2
9.5	59.3
6.7	50.0
4.75	46.5

Report the weighted average to the nearest 0.1%.
The portal allows 2 decimals but only the above is required.

ASTM D4791: PERCENT FLAT AND ELONGATED PARTICLES

The mini-correlation sample is comprised of a single test sample each, representing all of the size fractions combined. Do not separate into sized fractions. Test the portion of the sample retained on the 4.75mm sieve only. Test as a single fraction and report a Percent Flat and Elongated particles on that basis.

For Type D Superpave Properties ASTM D4791 use a 5:1 ratio.

Report the overall weighed average the result to the nearest 0.1%. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

SOILS TESTS

LS-702 / AASHTO T88 (formerly D422): PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS OF SOILS

Prepare the test specimens in accordance with T88. Use a freshly prepared dispersing agent with distilled water using 40 grams of sodium hexametaphosphate per litre of solution and ensure the pH value of the solution is adjusted to 8 or 9. The soil samples supplied should be dispersed in the stirring apparatus for 10 minutes.

Compute the specific gravity correction factor α and constant K using the value 2.745 for the specific gravity of soil particles (DO NOT use the values determined by your lab). Upon completion of the test, compute Constant K, Coefficient of Viscosity η , and Particle Diameter D to four significant digits (i.e., 0.0001), and record the results in the comment of the portal report. Report the Percent passing the 2.0 mm, 425 μ m, 75 μ m, 20 μ m, 5 μ m and 2 μ m sieves to the nearest 0.1 percent.

Report the percent passing the 2.0 mm, 425 μ m, 75 μ m, 20 μ m, 5 μ m and 2 μ m sieves to one decimal (0.1 %). The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

LS-703/ LS-704 /ASTM D4318: LIQUID LIMIT, PLASTIC LIMIT AND PLASTICITY INDEX OF SOILS

Determine the Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit and Plasticity Index of mini-correlation soil sample provided according to ASTM D 4318. Prepare the test specimens as outlined in Section 10.2 – Dry Preparation, and determine the Liquid Limit according to the procedure described in Section 11.0, Method A – Multi-point Liquid Limit. Determine the Plastic Limit using a minimum of two trials and report the mean value. Report the Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit and Plasticity Index to the nearest one decimal, i.e., 0.1 %. The portal allows 2 decimals but only one is required.

LS-705 / D854: Specific Gravity of Soils

Determine the specific gravity of the mini-correlation soil sample provided according to MTO LS-705. Carry out the test according to the procedures outlined in Section 8.1 – Procedures for Oven Dried Specimen.

Perform the test on a minimum of three specimens. The test results from three specimens (range) should be within 0.02 of each other. If the range exceeds 0.02, the test must be repeated. Report the Mean Specific Gravity of the soil to three decimal places (0.001).

LS-706/ASTM D698: MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

Follow ASTM D698 Method C to perform the test on only the materials passing 19.0 mm sieve for compaction. Use the following parameters to compute correction for oversize particles:

Bulk specific gravity of the oversize fraction = 2.620

Water content of the oversize fraction = 0.90%

Calculate corrected optimum moisture content according to equation (4) of ASTM D 4718.

Calculate corrected maximum dry density using the following equation:

$$C_{pd} = (100 \rho_F GM) / (\rho_F PC + GM PF)$$

where:

C_{pd} = corrected dry density of the total material (combined finer and oversize fractions),

GM = bulk specific gravity,

ρ_F = dry density of the finer fraction,

PC = Percent of oversize coarse fraction by weight, and

PF = Percent of oversize finer fraction by weight,

Example Calculation:

Given GM = 2.62, ρ_F = 2.250, PC = 12.2%, PF = 87.8%

$$C_{pd} = (100 \times 2.250 \times 2.62) / (2.250 \times 12.2 + 2.65 \times 87.8) = 2.289$$

Report the maximum wet density in t/m³, corrected maximum dry density in t/m³, and corrected optimum moisture content in percentage. DO NOT REUSE THIS MATERIAL. (Note: t/m³ = g/cm³).
