

Effect of Natural Fiber on Bituminous Mix Pavement

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Abstract

Generally speaking, a bituminous combination consists of filler, folio, coarse total, and fine total. All of the ingredients of hot mix asphalt are combined, solidified, and compacted at a high temperature. HMA can be either hot mix or Dense Graded Blends (DGM), often referred to as Bituminous Concrete (BC) (SMA). For SMA to prevent channeling down of the mixture, additional materials composed of cellulose fibers, mineral strands, or polymers must be settled. In the case of both BC and SMA blends, it is assumed that sisal fiber expansion further develops blend features including Marshall Stability, Drain down attributes, and circuitous rigidity. It can be observed that SMA has better backhand flexibility than BC.

Keywords: Bituminous Concrete (BC), Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA), Sisal Fiber, Marshall Properties, Static Indirect Tensile Strength, Static Creep.

I. Introduction

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1. Sufficient bitumen to durable pavement
2. Sufficient strength to resist shear deformation under traffic at high temperature
3. Sufficient workability, to permit easy placement without segregation
4. Sufficient resistance to avoid premature cracks occurred

due to repeated bending by traffic
5. Sufficient resistance at low temperature to prevent shrinkage cracks.

II. Objective

A comparative study has been made in this research work between Bituminous Concrete (BC) and Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA) mixes with varying binder contents (4% - 7%) and Fibre contents (0.3% - 0.5%). In the present study of mix 60/70 penetration grade bitumen is used as binder and Sisal fibre is used as stabilizing additive.

III. Review of Literature

Asphalt comprises of more than one layer of various material laid on a layer called sub grade. For the most part there is two sorts of asphalt - adaptable asphalt and Rigid asphalt. Adaptable asphalts are so named on the grounds that, the complete asphalt structure redirects or flexes under stacking. An adaptable asphalt structure is ordinarily comprise of a few layers of material. Each layer gets the heaps from the above layer which spreads them out, then, at that point, gives these heaps to the following layer beneath. Regular adaptable asphalt structure made out of the accompanying:

- *Surface course.* This is the top most layer and this layer comes in contact with traffic. It may consist of one or several different HMA sub layers. HMA is a mixture of fine and coarse aggregates and asphalt binder
- *Base course.* This is the layer directly below the HMA layer and generally composed of aggregate (either stabilized or run-stabilized).
- *Sub-base course.* This is the layer (or layers) under the base layer, sub-base is not always required.

Stabilizing Additives:-

Stabilizing additives are used in the mix to prevent mortar drain down and to provide better binding. Fibres commonly used at present are polypropylene, polyester, mineral and cellulose. The main stabilizing additives used in mixes can be classified into different groups as follows;

- Fibers' (Cellulose Fibers, Chemical Fibers, Mineral Fibers)
- Polymer
- Plastics (Polymer Powders or Pellets)
- Powder and flour like materials (Silica acid, Special Filler)

IV. Experimental Methodology

This chapter describes the experimental work that was done in this study. This chapter is divided into two sections. The first portion covers component experiments (aggregates, filler, bitumen, and fibre), whereas the second segment covers bituminous mix trials.

Preparation of Mixes

The combinations were made by ASTM D1559. The Marshall method was utilized. The coarse totals, fine totals, and filler for BC and SMA were blended by the degree embraced, as displayed in Tables 3.1 and 3.2, separately. Initially, an examination research on BC is directed utilizing three particular sorts of filler: concrete, fly debris, and stone residue. The Marshall Test found the Optimum Binder Content (OBC), which goes from 0% to 7% fastener content. The Marshall Method was then used to decide the Optimum Binder Content (OBC) and Optimum Fiber Content (OFC) of both BC and SMA, with cover content going from 0% to 7% and fiber content going from

0.3 to 0.5 percent. Subsequent to being cut into little pieces (15-20 mm), the sisal strands were added to the total example in different sums. Independently, the mineral totals with strands and folios were warmed to the blending temperature. The temperature of the mineral totals was kept 10 degrees Celsius higher than the temperature of the cover. The expected measure of fastener was added to the preheated total fiber blend, and the combination was all around blended by hand until the variety and consistency seemed to be predictable. The blending term was kept somewhere in the range of 2 and 5 minutes. The fluid was then positioned into Marshall Molds that had been pre-warmed, and the examples were ready with a compactive exertion of 75 blows on each side. The examples were passed on to cool to room temperature short-term. From that point forward, the examples were removed and investigated at 60°C, according to typical strategy.

Test on Mixes

The various tests on bituminous mixes with varying binder type and quantity, as well as fiber concentration in the mix, are presented below.

Marshall Test- Marshall Mix design is a standard laboratory method for measuring and reporting the strength and flow characteristics of bituminous pavement mixes that is used all over the world. It is a widely used method of characterization of bituminous mixtures in India.

Drain down test- The drain-down characteristics of bituminous mixtures can be evaluated using a variety of approaches. In this investigation, the drain down approach

proposed by MORTH (2001) was used”. less than 1/2 hour. On the base plate of the Marshall

Drain down equation is

$$d=\frac{W_2-W_1}{1200+X}$$

Where,
 W₁=initial mass of the plate
 W₂ = final mass of the plate and drained binder X=initial mass of fiber sin the mix
 “Three mixtures were made at the optimum binder content for each binder, and the drain down was calculated as the average of the three.
 Backhanded Tensile Strength Test-The aberrant elasticity (ITS) of bituminous blends is resolved utilizing a circuitous ductile test. A compressive power is given to a round and hollow example (Marshall Sample) in this test along an upward polar plane by means of two bended strips with a similar span of ebb and flow as the example.

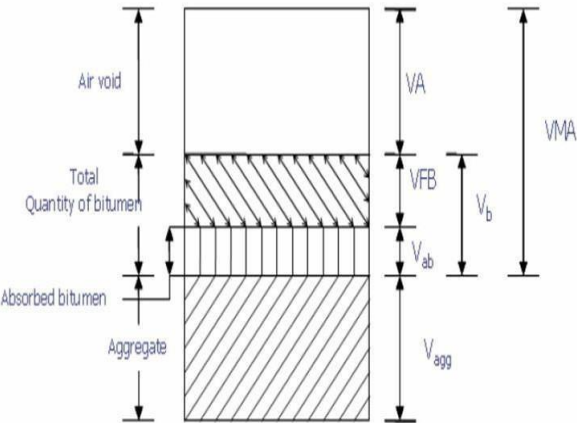


Figure1: Phase Diagram of bituminous mix

Static Indirect Tensile Test-The Marshall test contraption was utilized for this test, which had a deformity pace of 51 mm each moment. A compressive burden was applied in the upward polar plane, and the heap was estimated with a demonstrating ring. To keep the testing temperature consistent, a Perspex water shower (270 mm x 250 mm x 195 mm) was made. Two hardened steel stacking strips, 13 mm (1/2) wide, 13 mm profound, and 75 mm long, were used to move the applied burden to the example. The strip fabricated has a similar inside width as a Marshall test (102 mm). The static roundabout elastic test on an example is displayed in Figure 3.5. A nearby of the stacked example is displayed in Fig. 3.6. Prior to testing, the example was held in a water shower at the fundamental temperature for no

contraption, a Perspex water shower kept at a similar test temperature was introduced. Inside the two stacking strips, the example was kept inside the Perspex water shower. A

51 mm/minute stacking rate was picked. The test temperature was varied in 5°C increments from 5°C to 40°C. Three Marshall samples were tested at a specific temperature in this test, and the tensile strength was calculated as the average of the three values

Static Creep Test- Samples for the Static Creep test were made at their OBC and OFC. There are two stages to the test.

A vertical load of 6 KN is applied for 30 minutes in the first stage. The deformation was measured with a dial gauge calibrated in 0.002 mm units and capable of registering a maximum deflection of 5 mm throughout these 0, 10, 20, and 30 minutes. Second, the load was withdrawn, and its deformation was measured over a 10-minute period (40, 50, 60 minutes). The temperature is kept at 40°C during the test.

V. Result and Analysis

The outcomes and perceptions of the tests led in the past section are given, analyzed, and examined in this part. There are five segments in this part. The main area talks about the boundaries used in the examination. The subsequent segment covers the calculation of BC's Optimum Binder Content (OBC), which incorporates fillers like concrete, fly debris, and stone residue. The third segment examines how to work out Optimum Binder Content (OBC) and Optimum Fiber Content (OFC), as well as Marshall Properties of BC with and without fiber. The fourth area examines how to work out the Optimum Binder Content (OBC) and Optimum Fiber Content (OFC), as well as the Marshall Properties of SMA regardless of fiber. The fifth area examines the consequences of the Drain Down and Static Indirect Tensile Stress tests, as well as the static Creep test”.

Optimum Binder content

“The optimal binder content is determined by averaging the following three bitumen content values given in the graph above:

- Bitumen content corresponds to the highest level of stability
- Bitumen content correspond to maximum unit weight
- Bitumen content equal to the median of the prescribed limitations for percentage air voids in total mix

Table 1.OBC of SMA with different fibre Content

BC With fiber content (%)	OBC (%)
0	5.8
0.3	5.2
0.4	6.2

As a result, the OBC for SMA is 5.2 percent and the OFC is 0.3 percent. In comparison to mixes containing 0.4 percent fibre, it can be shown that adding 0.3 percent fibre increases not only the stability value but also the binder quantity. If the binder content is high, the binder in the mix will drain. As a result, the OFC for SMA is 0.3 percent.

VI. Conclusion

SMA and BC blends are made here, with 60/70 infiltration grade bitumen filling in as the fastener. A normally happening fiber known as sisal fiber is likewise used in differed focuses (0 to 0.5 percent). Marshall Method of Mix Design is utilized to decide OBC and OFC. Blend qualities are for the most part improved by adding 0.3 percent fiber. SMA with sisal fiber creates very great outcomes and can be used in adaptable asphalt, as per a few tests like channel down test, backhanded rigidity", and static wet blanket test.

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