



**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF MATERIALS AND TESTS**

**PERFORMANCE-GRADED ASPHALT
BINDER SUPPLIER PROGRAM**

ITM No. 581-24

(for use on contracts let ON or AFTER 9/1/2024 or with PG58S-28, PG58H-28, or PG58E-28 binders)

1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1** This procedure covers the requirements for participation in the Performance-Graded Asphalt Binder Supplier (PGABS) program for supplying PG binders to Department projects.
- 1.2** This ITM may involve hazardous materials, operations or equipment and may not address all of the safety problems associated with the use of the test method. The user of the ITM is responsible for establishing appropriate safety and health practices and determining the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

2.0 REFERENCES

2.1 AASHTO Standards

M 332 Performance-Graded Asphalt Binder Using Multiple Stress Creep Recovery (MSCR) Test

R 26 Certifying Suppliers of Performance-Graded Asphalt Binders

R 66 Sampling Asphalt Materials

R 92 Evaluating the Elastic Behavior of Asphalt Binders Using the Multiple Stress Creep Recovery (MSCR) Test

2.2 ASTM Standards

D1417 Standard Test Methods for Rubber Latices-Synthetic

2.3 ITM Standards

ITM 583 Certified Hot Mix Asphalt Producer Program


3.0 TERMINOLOGY Definitions for terms and abbreviations shall be in accordance with the Departments Standard Specifications, Section 101, and as follows:

- 3.1** Distributor. A source that is not a PGABS on the Department's qualified products list (QPL) who is supplying PG **58S-28** binder in accordance with 11.0

- 3.2** Manufacture. The process in which the PG binder properties are obtained.
- 3.3** PG Binder. An asphalt-based cement that is produced from petroleum residue, either with or without the addition of non-particulate organic modifiers, meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 332 for use in HMA mixture.
- 3.4** Producer. A Producer shall be a Certified HMA Plant in accordance with ITM 583.
- 3.5** Supplier. The terminal or refinery involved in the supply of PG Binder.
- 3.6** Quality Control Plan (QCP). A document written by the Supplier that is site-specific and includes the production, policies, and procedures for the manufacture of the PG binder. The PGABS program allows the manufacture and shipment of PG binders within the guidelines of a QCP, as outlined in AASHTO R 26, without complete pre-testing of the PG binder.
- 4.0** **SIGNIFICANCE AND USE** This ITM is used to supplement the requirements of AASHTO R 26 to guide PG binder Suppliers in the preparation of a QCP for the manufacture, storage, shipping, and handling of PG binders under the ASC Program.
- 5.0** **LABORATORY** The Supplier shall conduct PG binder testing in a laboratory that has been accepted by the Department. Participation in the AASHTO re:source laboratory assessment and proficiency sample programs with satisfactory ratings will be the basis for acceptance.
- 6.0** **MATERIALS TESTING**
- 6.1** Specification compliance complete AASHTO M 332 and R 92 testing shall be done at the frequency stated in the QCP per PG binder and at least once following feed stock changes. After initial testing, the minimum frequency for specification compliance testing shall be once per month. A type A certification shall be prepared for all specification compliance complete AASHTO M 332 and R 92 testing representing all binders.
- If the tests of the Supplier indicate that the PG binder is not within specification requirements, the Supplier shall cease shipment, immediately notify the Department, and take action to bring the material back into specification requirements. When the material is within specification requirements and is ready for shipment, the Supplier shall notify the Department.
- 6.2** The Supplier shall submit a monthly summary report to the Department of all QC tests for each PG binder supplied under the PGABS program.
- 6.3** The Supplier shall maintain detailed records of QC inspections, test results, type A certifications and shipments for at least three years.

- 7.0 QUALITY CONTROL PLAN** The Supplier shall submit to the Department a QCP covering each facility that manufactures or stores PG binder. The QCP shall include each PG binder to be supplied under the PGABS program. Typical testing and inspection procedures shall be included for each PG binder. The requirements stated in AASHTO R 26 will be required. The QCP shall include as a minimum the following:
- 7.1 The facility type
 - 7.2 The facility location
 - 7.3 The name and telephone number of the person responsible for quality control at the facility
 - 7.4 The quality control tests to be performed on each PG binder
 - 7.5 The name and location of the laboratory performing quality control tests on the PG binder that is shipped
 - 7.6 A statement that if the quality control tests to be performed on each PG binder indicate that a shipment of PG binder is not in compliance with the specifications, the Supplier shall:
 - a) Immediately notify the Department of the shipment in question
 - b) Identify the material
 - c) Cease shipment until material complies with the specifications
 - d) Notify the Department prior to resuming shipment
 - e) Implement procedures to dispose of the material
 - 7.7 The method and frequency for initial testing, quality control testing, and specification compliance testing for PG binders.
 - 7.7 A statement that the Supplier shall prepare monthly summary reports for all quality control and specification compliance tests performed during that period and shall submit the reports to the Department.
 - 7.8 An outline of the procedure to be followed for checking transport vehicles before loading to prevent contamination of shipments. The outline shall include a statement that the transport vehicle inspection report, signed by the responsible inspector, shall be maintained in the Supplier's records and shall be made available to the agency on request.

8.0 QUALIFICATION

- 8.1 The Supplier shall submit a written request to the State Materials Engineer, Division of Materials and Tests to supply specific PG binders under the PGABS program
- 8.2 A Supplier will be considered fully qualified for the Department PGABS program when three of the PG binders allowed by the specifications have been qualified. Limited qualification will be designated for a Supplier that has less than three PG binders allowed by the specifications qualified. 
- 8.3 A Supplier PG binder will be qualified after three consecutive production batches are tested by the Department and are in full compliance with a complete series of AASHTO M 332 tests for all samples. All qualification samples will be witnessed by the Department, provided that the facility is not located more than 60 miles outside the Indiana State line. The Supplier and the Department Representative will sign the sampling form attesting that the sample was taken properly and is representative of the PG binder material.

PG binder testing conducted by other State DOT laboratories will be considered for use in PGABS qualification provided that a similar sampling and testing program was used by the other State DOT.

- 8.4 Full or limited PGABS qualification shall be Supplier specific and will not be transferable.

9.0 MATERIAL SHIPMENT.

- 9.1 A PGABS who is fully qualified will be allowed to supply any PG binder for which the Department has an approved QCP.
- 9.2 A PGABS with limited qualification will be allowed to supply only the PG binders that have been qualified in accordance with 8.4.
- 9.3 The Supplier shall furnish with the shipping report for each load a statement certifying that the PG binder has been manufactured according to the PGABS program.
- 9.4 The Supplier shall furnish to the Producer with the shipping report for each load a copy of the type A certifications prepared in accordance with 6.1 for all binders.
- 9.5 The Supplier shall furnish instructions with each PG binder on the proper storage and handling of the material.

10.0 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 10.1 Qualified Products List.** The Department will maintain a Qualified Products List (QPL) of Performance Graded Asphalt Binder Suppliers that meet the requirements of the PGABS program.
- 10.2 Auditing.** The Department shall be allowed to visit the Supplier location for the purpose of conducting an audit to ensure compliance with the QCP.
- 10.3 Qualified Products List Removal.** Ability to supply under the PGABS program will remain in effect until otherwise notified by the Department in writing. The removal of a Supplier from the QPL of Performance Graded Asphalt Binder Suppliers will be the responsibility of the Director, Division of Materials and Tests. The Supplier shall have the right to appeal the removal from the QPL to the Chief, Engineer of Construction.

Continued approval by the Department for a Supplier to supply under the PGABS program shall be contingent upon a record of satisfactory performance. Unsatisfactory performance shall be defined as three consecutive production batches delivered out of specification to Department contracts.

A Supplier that has been removed from the PGABS program for unsatisfactory performance will not be considered for PGABS approval for a period of three months after the written notification.

11.0 SEALING OR FILLING CRACKS AND JOINTS. When PG binder is being furnished for use in accordance with section 408.02, it shall be exempt from the requirements of the PGABS program except as follows:

- 11.1** A Distributor may supply the material, but it shall originate from a PGABS on the QPL; or
- 11.2** A supplier that is not a PGABS that manufactures its own PG Binder shall conduct specification compliance AASHTO M 332 testing at a minimum frequency of once per month. A copy of the Type A Certifications in accordance with 6.1 shall be furnished to the Distributor with each shipment.

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**TYPE A CERTIFICATION
FOR
PERFORMANCE GRADED (PG) ASPHALT BINDERS**

Asphalt Binder Supplier: _____ and _____
Name Source Number

Sample Identification: _____ Material: _____
PG Asphalt Binder

Represented Quantity (tons): _____ Sample Date: _____

<u>Test Method</u> ¹	<u>Specification</u> ¹	<u>Test Results</u>
Original DSR @ 58°C, $G^*/\sin \delta$ (delta)	1.00 kPa, minimum	_____
RTFO DSR @ 58°C, $J_{nr3.2}$	_____ kPa, maximum	_____
PAV DSR @ 19°C, $G^*\sin \delta$ (delta)	6,000 kPa, maximum	_____
Creep Stiffness @ -18°C	300 MPa, maximum	_____
m-Value @ -18°C	0.300, minimum	_____
Average % Recovery ²	_____, minimum	_____

¹AASHTO M 332 and Standard Specification section 902.01(a)

²AASHTO R 92 (not applicable for 58S-28)

The represented quantity (tons) noted for this PG asphalt binder conform to AASHTO M 332 and Standard Specification section 902.01(a).

Signature: _____ Date: _____
PGABS Program Representative