

## 904-M-076 LIGHTWEIGHT AGGREGATE

(Adopted 12-19-25)

The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 904, BEGIN LINE 24, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

Aggregates, except those used for precast concrete units, ~~or~~ fine aggregates used for snow and ice abrasive, *or* *lightweight aggregates used in geotechnical applications*, shall be supplied by a Certified Aggregate Producer in accordance with 917. Structure backfill may be obtained from a non-CAPP source in accordance with 211.02. SF for SMA mixtures shall also require the following:

SECTION 904, AFTER LINE 438, INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

**904.08 Lightweight Aggregate**

*Lightweight aggregates, LWA, in this specification are for use in geotechnical applications only. LWA shall consist of expanded shale or foamed glass manufactured materials. All lightweight aggregates shall be selected from the Department's QPL of Lightweight Aggregates.*

**(a) Expanded Shale**

*Expanded shale shall be the manufactured product resulting from adding shale and clay into a rotary kiln and subjecting them to heat. The material shall meet the following requirements in accordance with AASHTO T 27:*

Sieve Sizes	Percent Passing
1 1/2 in. (37.5 mm)	100
1 in. (25 mm)	90 - 100
3/4 in. (19 mm)	70 - 100
1/2 in. (12.5 mm)	30 - 100
3/8 in. (9.5 mm)	20 - 95
No. 4 (4.75 mm)	0 - 40
No. 30 (600 $\mu$ m)	0 - 5

Absorption	Maximum By Weight
Above Water Table	25%
Below Water Table	34%

*Expanded Shale shall have a bulk density ranging from 30 to 65 pcf in accordance with AASHTO T 19.*

**(b) Foamed Glass Aggregate**

*Foamed glass aggregate, FGA, shall have a closed cell structure, be made from of a minimum of 98% recycled glass using a dry foaming process, and be non-leaching. The gradation of FGA shall meet the requirements of AASHTO T 27 as shown in the table below:*

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
4 in. (100 mm)	100

2 1/2 in. (63 mm)	85 - 100
3/8 in. (9.5 mm)	0 - 15

*The soundness of the FGA shall be tested in accordance with AASHTO T 104 and shall not exceed the values listed:*

Soundness	Loss (%)
Magnesium Sulfate	$\leq 14$
Sodium Sulfate	$< 7$

*FGA shall have a unit weight ranging from 10 to 15 pcf in accordance with AASHTO T 19. FGA compacted in-place shall have a unit weight less than or equal to 25 pcf. Water absorption of the FGA shall be between 30% to 60% by weight after soaking for 28 days.*

**(c) Electrochemical Properties of Lightweight Aggregates**

*Both expanded shale aggregates and FGA shall meet the following electrochemical requirements:*

Property	Requirement	Method
Chloride	$< 100 \text{ ppm}$	AASHTO T 291
Organic Content	$< 1\%$	AASHTO T 267
pH	5 - 10	AASHTO T 289
Resistivity	$\geq 3,000 \text{ ohm-cm}$	AASHTO T 288
Sulfate	$< 200 \text{ ppm}$	AASHTO T 290

---