

State of Illinois
Department of Transportation
Bureau of Local Roads and Streets

SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING (CIR) WITH FOAMED ASPHALT

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All references to Divisions, Sections, and Articles in this Special Provision shall be construed to mean specific Divisions, Sections, and Articles in the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction adopted by the Department of Transportation.

Description. This work shall consist of cold milling and pulverizing the existing bituminous material to a specified depth and maximum size; mixing foamed asphalt, water, and additives with the recycled material; and spreading and compacting the mixture.

Materials. Materials shall be according to the following Articles of Division 1000 – Materials.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article/Section</u>
(a) Portland Cement (Note 1)	1001
(b) Water.....	1002
(c) Fine Aggregate (Note 2)	1003
(d) Coarse Aggregate (Note 2).....	1004
(e) Fly Ash, Class C (Note 1)	1010.02
(f) Lime (Note 1)	1012
(g) Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (Note 3)	1031
(h) Asphalt Binder (Note 4).....	1032.05
(i) Cold Pulverized Material (Note 5)	
(j) Mix Design (Note 6)	

Note 1. If necessary, the mix design may require additional additives to increase fines in the mix. The type and allowable percentage will be described in the mix design.

Note 2. The mix design will specify gradation and quality of any additional aggregate. Any additional fine aggregate shall meet Class B quality as a minimum. Any additional coarse aggregate shall meet Class C quality as a minimum.

Note 3. The Engineer may allow reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) from Conglomerate “D” Quality or better RAP stockpiles as specified in Article 1031.02 or from millings of the existing highway. The RAP material shall not exceed the maximum size requirement of the cold pulverized material, and when blended with the cold pulverized material shall produce a product which meets the specifications of the mix design.

Note 4. The asphalt binder performance grade shall be determined by the mixture design but shall have a penetration between 80 dmm and 110 dmm. Throughout the job, the Contractor will need to check the foaming characteristics of the asphalt binder to insure that the asphalt binder is being adequately dispersed.

The asphalt binder shall be no less than 320 °F (160 °C) and no greater than 375 °F (190 °C) at the time of foaming.

Note 5. Prior to the addition of the foamed asphalt, the gradation of the cold pulverized material shall meet the following.

COLD PULVERIZED MATERIAL GRADATIONS		
Grad No.	Sieve Size and Percent Passing	
	1 ½ in. (37.5 mm)	1 in. (25 mm)
PM 1	100	
PM 2		100

PM 2 should only be used when a finer gradation of RAP is required by the mix design.

Note 6. A mix design for each distinct section shall be submitted to the Department prior to construction using actual materials (in-situ sampled by the Contractor and new materials from the Contractor's material suppliers) proposed for the project. The job mix formula shall meet the following criteria and be approved by the Engineer.

CIR WITH FOAMED ASPHALT BINDER MIX DESIGN REQUIREMENTS	
Test Method	CIR
Gradation for Design Millings, AASHTO T 27	Report
Plasticity Index	< 10
Modified Proctor, ASTM D 1557, Method C	Report
Design Moisture Content	Report
Foamed Asphalt Expansion Ratio ¹	8 minimum
Foamed Asphalt Half-life, s	6 minimum
Optimum Foamant Water Content	Report
Marshall Density, AASHTO T 245 (IL Modified)	75 blows at 4 in. (100 mm)
Bulk Specific Gravity (Density), ASTM D 6752 or ASTM D 2726	Report
Rice (Maximum Theoretical) Specific Gravity, ASTM D 2041	Report
Air Voids	Report
Raveling Test, 50 °F, %	2.0
Indirect Tensile Strength, AASHTO T 283 (IL Modified), Dry, psi Wet (Conditioned), psi Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR), %	45 minimum 30 minimum 70
Additional Additive(s) ² Coarse Aggregate Fine Aggregate RAP Lime Fly Ash Cement, %	Report Report Report Report Report 1.0 maximum
Asphalt Binder ² PG Grade Penetration, dmm	Report Report

Notes: 1. If the ambient temperature at the time of construction is expected to be 50 to 77 °F (10 to 25 °C) the foamed expansion ratio should be increased to 10.

2. Report shall include type/gradation and producer/supplier.

Equipment. Equipment shall be according to the following Articles of Division 1100 – Equipment.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article/Section</u>
(a) Self-Propelled Pneumatic-Tired Rollers (Note 1)	1101.01(c)
(b) Steel Wheel Tandem Rollers	1101.01(e)
(c) Vibratory Roller (Note 2)	1101.01(g)
(d) Mechanical Sweeper	1101.03
(e) Self-Propelled Milling Machine.....	1101.16(a)
(f) Spreading and Finishing Machine	1102.03
(g) Dry Material Spreader (Note 3)	
(h) Multi-unit Recycling Train (Note 4, 6)	
(i) Single-unit Recycler (Note 5, 6)	
(j) Pick Up Machine (Note 7)	

Note 1. The self-propelled pneumatic-tired roller shall have a gross weight (mass) of not less than 25 tons (23 metric tons).

Note 2. The double drum vibratory rollers shall have a gross operating weight of not less than 10 tons (9 metric tons) and a width of 78 in. (1950 mm).

Note 3. When the mix design indicates the need of Type I Portland Cement; Fly Ash, Class C; or Lime; the Contractor must use a spreader that has the following specifications: a mechanical cement or fly ash spreader of a type that has an adjustable rate of flow and will distribute the cement uniformly at the required rate in one pass. Pneumatic distribution of dry additives is prohibited. The material must be spread in one pass and systems must be in place to keep the additives within the confines of the job.

Note 4. The multi-unit recycling train shall contain the following.

- a. A self-propelled cold milling machine that is capable of pulverizing the existing bituminous material in a single pass to the depth shown on the plans and to a minimum width of not less than 12.5 ft (3.8 m). The machine shall have automatic depth controls to maintain the cutting depth to within ± 0.25 in. (6 mm) of that shown on the plans, and shall have a positive means for controlling cross slope elevations. The use of a heating device to soften the pavement will not be permitted.
- b. A material sizing unit having screening and crushing capabilities to reduce the cold pulverized material to the appropriate size. The screening and crushing unit shall have a closed circuit system capable of continuously returning oversized material to the crusher. All of the pulverized material (100 percent) shall be processed to the maximum size requirements as specified.

- c. A mixing unit equipped with a belt scale for the continuous weighing of the pulverized and sized bituminous material and a coupled/interlocked computer controlled liquid metering device. The mixing unit shall be an on-board completely self-contained pugmill. The liquid metering device shall be capable of automatically adjusting the flow of foamed asphalt to compensate for any variation in the weight of pulverized material coming into the mixer. The metering device shall deliver the amount of foamed asphalt to within ± 0.2 percent of the required amount by weight of pulverized bituminous material (for example, if the design requires 3.0 percent, the metering device shall maintain between 2.8 percent to 3.2 percent). The foamed asphalt pump should be of sufficient capacity to allow foamed asphalt contents up to 3.5 percent by weight of pulverized bituminous material. Also, automatic digital readings will be displayed for both the flow rate and total amount of pulverized bituminous material and foamed asphalt in appropriate units of weight and time.

Note 5. The single-unit recycler shall be a self-propelled cold milling machine/cold recycling machine with a down cutting cutter head capable of pulverizing and recycling the existing hot-mix asphalt pavement to a maximum depth of 5 in. (125 mm), incorporate the foamed asphalt and water, and mix the materials to produce a homogeneous material. The minimum power of this machine is 900 hp (670 kW). The machine shall be capable of pulverizing and recycling not less than 12.5 ft (3.8 m) wide in each pass. The machine shall have two systems for adding foamed asphalt and water with each system having a full-width spray bar with a positive displacement pump interlocked to the machine's ground speed to insure that the amount of foamed asphalt and water being added is automatically adjusted with changes to the machine's ground speed. Each additive system shall have its own spray bar equipped with 2 nozzles per ft (6 nozzles per m) of spray bar and be capable of incorporating up to 5 gal/sq yd (23 L/sq m) of foamed asphalt and/or water. Individual valves on the spray bar shall be capable of being turned off as necessary to minimize foamed asphalt and water overlap on subsequent passes.

Note 6. Whether the equipment being used is a multi-unit or single-unit recycler, the foaming system must meet the following requirements.

- a. The foamed asphalt shall be produced at the spray bar in individual expansion chambers into which both the hot asphalt binder and water are injected under pressure through individual and separate orifices that promote atomization. The rate of addition of water into the hot asphalt binder shall be kept at a constant rate (percentage by mass of asphalt binder) by a computerized system.
- b. An inspection (or test) nozzle shall be fitted at one end of the spray bar that produces a representative sample of foamed asphalt.
- c. An electrical heating system capable of maintaining the temperature of all foamed asphalt flow components above 340 °F (171 °C).
- d. A single asphalt binder feed line installed between the recycling machine and the supply tanker. Circulating systems that incorporate a return line to the supply tanker shall not be used.

Any additives such as water, lime slurry, etc. added by the recycling equipment at the mill head or mixing unit shall be controlled through liquid metering devices capable of automatically adjusting for the variation in the weight of the pulverized material going into the mixing unit. The metering devices shall be capable of delivering the amount of additive to within ± 0.2 percent of the required amount by weight of the pulverized bituminous material. A capability of adding up to 5 percent water by weight of the pulverized bituminous material, if necessary based on environmental and material requirements, is mandatory. It will not be required to meter the water added at the milling machine to control dust in the screens, belts, or crusher/material sizing unit.

Note 7. The pick-up machine shall be capable of removing the entire windrow down to the remaining underlying material.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Weather Limitations. This work shall be performed when atmospheric temperature in the shade and away from artificial heat is 50 °F (10 °C) and rising. Also, the weather shall not be foggy or rainy. The weather forecast shall not call for freezing temperature within 48 hours after placement of any portion of the project. The Engineer may restrict work when the heat index is greater than 100 °F (38 °C).

Preparation of Existing Pavement. Grass and other vegetation shall be removed from the edge of the existing pavement to prevent contamination of the pulverized bituminous material during the milling operation.

The existing pavement shall be milled to the required depth and width as indicated on the plans. Recycling shall be in a manner that does not disturb the underlying material in the existing roadway. The milling operation shall be conducted so that the amount of fines occurring along the vertical faces of the cut will not prevent bonding of the cold recycled materials. The pulverized bituminous material shall be processed to the required gradation specified. When a paving fabric is encountered during the CIR operation, the Contractor shall make the necessary adjustments in equipment or operations so that at least 90 percent of the shredded fabric in the recycled material is no more than 5 sq in. (3200 sq mm). Additionally, no fabric piece shall have any dimension exceeding a length of 4 in. (100 mm). These changes may include, but not be limited to, adjusting the milling rate or screens in order to obtain a recycled material meeting specification requirements. The Contractor shall be required to waste material containing oversized pieces of paving fabric as directed by the Engineer. When the Contractor is aware that paving fabric exists, such as indicated on the plans, the Contractor will not receive additional payment. However, if the Contractor is not made aware of the paving fabric, then the Contractor shall receive additional payment for any necessary adjustments in equipment and operations.

Mixing Operation. The pulverized material shall be processed through a mixing unit capable of combining the pulverized material, foamed asphalt and any additives to produce a homogeneous recycled mixture. The foamed asphalt shall be incorporated into the pulverized bituminous material at the initial rate determined by the mix design(s) and approved by the Engineer. Sampling and mix design may determine different levels of foamed asphalt at various portions of the project.

Spreading and Finishing. The recycled material shall be spread using a self-propelled paver. A pick-up machine shall be used to transfer the windrowed recycled material into the spreading and finishing machine. The pickup machine must be within 150 ft (45 m) of the mixing unit. The recycled material shall be spread by a spreading and finishing machine in one continuous pass, without segregation and to the lines and grades established by the Engineer.

Compaction. The compacted recycled material shall be at a thickness of 2.5 to 5.0 in. (63 to 127 mm). The recycled material shall be compacted according to the following.

- (a) **Growth Curve.** Compaction shall be accomplished by performing a growth curve within the first one-half mile of production. If an adjustment is made to the foamed asphalt application rate or recycled depth, the Engineer reserves the right to request an additional growth curve. The growth curve, consisting of a plot of lb/cu ft (kg/cu m) versus number of passes with the project breakdown roller, shall be developed. Roller speed during the growth curve testing shall be the same as the normal paving operation. This curve shall be established by use of a nuclear gauge. Tests shall be taken after each pass until the highest lb/cu ft (kg/cu m) is obtained. This value shall be the target density.

A new growth curve is required if the rollers used on the growth curve are replaced with a new roller during production. The target density shall apply only to the specific gauge used. If additional gauges are to be used to determine density specification compliance, the Contractor shall establish a unique minimum allowable target density from the growth curve location for each gauge.

- (b) **Rollers.** Immediately after processing and final shaping the recycled material shall be compacted with equipment meeting the following requirements.

MINIMUM ROLLER REQUIREMENTS FOR CIR			
Breakdown Roller (one of the following) ¹	Intermediate Roller ¹	Final Roller (one or more of the following) ¹	Density Requirement
V _s , V _D	P	V _s , T _F	95 - 102 percent of the target density obtained on the growth curve

Note: 1. Equipment definitions in Table 1 of Article 406.07.

- (c) **Rolling.** Breakdown rolling shall be achieved by using a vibratory roller either operating in a static or vibratory mode. Vibratory mode should only be used if it is shown to not damage the pavement. Intermediate rolling shall be completed by a self-propelled pneumatic roller(s) until no displacement is occurring or until the pneumatic roller(s) is walking out of the mixture. Final rolling to eliminate pneumatic tire marks and to achieve density shall be done by a separate double drum steel roller(s) operating in static mode.

Rolling shall start no more than 30 minutes behind the paver. Finish rolling shall be completed no more than one hour after milling is completed. When possible, rolling shall not be started or stopped on uncompacted material but with rolling patterns established so that they begin or end on previously compacted material or the existing pavement.

Opening to Traffic. After the completion of compaction of the recycled material, no traffic, including that of the Contractor, shall be permitted on the completed recycled material for at least two hours. After two hours, rolling traffic may be permitted on the recycled material. This time may be adjusted by the Engineer to allow establishment of sufficient cure so traffic will not initiate raveling or permanent deformation. All loose particles that may develop on the pavement surface shall be removed by power brooming.

After opening to traffic, the surface of the recycled pavement shall be maintained in a condition suitable for the safe movement of traffic.

Maintenance. The Contractor shall maintain the recycled pavement in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer until the wearing course has been constructed. Maintenance related to Contractor construction procedures or quality of work, shall not be paid for separately.

Curing. Before placing the specified wearing course, the recycled pavement shall be allowed to cure until the moisture of the material is reduced to 2.0 percent or less, or approval of the Engineer. Unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, the specified wearing course shall be placed within two weeks of the recycled pavement final cure, but no later than November 1.

Surface Tests. The completed recycled pavement will be tested for smoothness in the wheel paths with a 16 ft (5 m) straightedge.

For each variation in the recycled pavement that exceeds 3/8 in. (10 mm), the entire area affected shall be corrected by a self-propelled milling machine. The recycled pavement shall be swept by a mechanical broom to remove all loose material from the recycled pavement before opening to traffic.

The Contractor shall furnish a 16 ft (5 m) straightedge and shall provide for its jobsite transportation at no additional cost to the Department.

Quality Assurance/ Quality Control (QC/QA).

(a) Quality Control by the Contractor. The Contractor shall perform or have performed the inspection and tests required to assure conformance to contract requirements. Control includes the recognition of obvious defects and their immediate correction. This may require increased testing, communication of test results to the job site, modification of operations, suspension of the work, or other actions as appropriate.

The Engineer shall be immediately notified of any failing tests and subsequent remedial action. Passing tests shall be reported to the Engineer no later than the start of the next work day.

(b) Quality Assurance by the Engineer. The Engineer will conduct independent assurance tests on split samples taken by the Contractor for quality control testing. In addition, the Engineer will witness the sampling and splitting of these samples and will immediately retain witnessed split samples for quality assurance testing.

(c) Tests Methods and Frequency.

(1) Depth of Pulverization (Milling). The nominal depth at the centerline shall be required. Anytime depth changes are made or equipment is idle, a depth check shall be taken.

- (2) Pulverized Material Sizing and Gradation. A sample shall be obtained before foamed asphalt addition and screened using a 1.5 in. (37.5 mm) sieve (or smaller sieve if required) to determine if meeting the maximum particle size requirement. Gradations shall be performed each day on the moist millings using the following sieves: 1.5 in., 1.0 in., 3/4 in., 1/2 in., 3/8 in., No. 4, No. 8, No. 16, and No. 30. The resulting gradation shall be compared to the mix design gradations to determine any necessary changes to foamed asphalt content.

Sampling procedures shall generally be in accordance with ASTM D 979 or AASHTO T 168. When the Engineer determines the location for a gradation sample, the Contractor will be notified to turn off the foamed asphalt and mark the location continuing to pulverize the hot-mix asphalt pavement until the Engineer is satisfied with the length of material pulverized without the addition of the foamed asphalt. The maximum length of pulverization without the addition of the foamed asphalt shall not exceed 100 ft (30 m). After the Contractor collects the gradation sample, the machine will be backed up to the location where the foamed asphalt was turned off, then re-pulverize this material adding the required amount of foamed asphalt to the pulverized material.

- (3) Foamed Asphalt Content. The Engineer shall be notified any time foamed asphalt content is changed. The foamed asphalt content shall be checked and recorded for each segment in which the percentage is changed. Foamed asphalt content changes shall be made based upon mix design recommendations, which are based upon different mix designs for road segments of varying construction. The foamed asphalt content shall be checked from the belt scale totalizer or foamed asphalt pump totalizer.
- (4) Water Content. The Engineer shall be notified any time the water content is changed. Water content at the milling head shall be checked and recorded for each segment in which the percentage is changed. This information shall be gathered from the water metering device, which can be checked from the belt scale totalizer to verify daily quantities used. Water content changes shall be made based on mixture consistency, coating, and dispersion of the recycled materials.
- (5) Compacted Density. A wet density shall be determined using a nuclear moisture-density gauge generally following the procedures for ASTM D 2950, backscatter measurement. This measurement shall be compared to the target density obtained by the growth curve.
- (6) Frequency. The following table provides the minimum frequency for tests; however, the Engineer may increase the testing frequency if the construction process is experiencing problems or unknown conditions are encountered.

QC/QA TESTING FREQUENCY		
Test	QC Frequency ¹	QA Frequency ¹
Depth of Pulverization	1 per 500 ft (150 m)	1 per 1000 ft (300 m)
Pulverized Material Sizing and Gradation	1 per 0.5 day production	1 per day production
Foamed Asphalt Content	1 per 500 ft (150 m)	1 per 1000 ft (300 m)
Water Content	1 per 500 ft (150 m)	1 per 1000 ft (300 m)
Compacted Density	1 per 0.25 mile (0.4 km)	1 per mile (1.6 km)

Note: 1. The Contractor shall perform all quality control tests within the first 500 ft (150 m) after startup or any change in the mix. The Department will also run the split samples at these locations.

Method of Measurement.

Bituminous material; will be measured for payment as specified in Section 1032.

Coarse aggregate will be measured in square yards (square meters).

The cold in-place recycling will be measured in square yards (square meters) of the recycled pavement.

Basis of Payment.

The asphalt binder will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton (metric ton) for CIR-FDR FOAMED ASPHALT.

The coarse aggregate will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard (square meter) for ADD ROCK.

The cold in-place recycling will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard (square meter) for COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING, of the thickness specified.

If provided as a payment item, the additional cement, lime or fly ash required by the mix design will be measure and paid as specified in Section 302. If not provided as a payment item, the cost of additional cement, lime or fly ash required by the mix design will be paid for according to Article 109.04.