

# Bituminous Mix Design Using Marshall Stability Test Results

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**ABSTRACT:** The SMA Technical unit of FHWA outlined SMA as “A gap hierarchal aggregate hot combine asphalt that maximizes the binder content and coarse combination fraction and provides a stable stone-on-stone skeleton that's command along by an upscale mixture of binder, filler and helpful additives”. This study is dispensed with and while not natural fibre. Here, we are able to use the jute fiber. Jute could be a long, soft, shiny vegetable fiber which will be spun into coarse, sturdy threads. It's made from plants within the genus corchorus, family Malvaceae. Different experiments were conducted on bitumen with and while not using fiber. The results were analyzed with the utilization of Marshall Stability test. Additionally to it cost analysis was conjointly done.

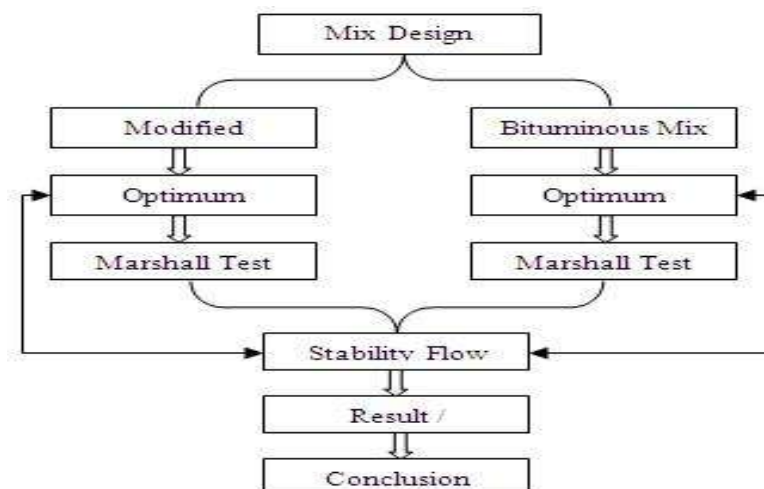
## 1. INTRODUCTION

Construction of highway involves vast outlay of investment. an explicit engineering style could save considerable investment similarly a reliable performance of the in-service main road are often achieved. SMA was developed in Federal Republic of Germany within the Sixties by Zichner of the Straubag -Bau ag central laboratory, to resist the injury caused by adorned tires.SMA may be a gap graded mixture containing 70-80% coarse combination of total combination mass, 6-7% of binder, 8-12% of filler, and concerning 0.3-0.5% of fiber or modifier. Brown and Manglorkar (1993) reportable that the traffic hundreds for SMA are carried by the coarse aggregate particles rather than the fine aggregate asphalt-mortar.

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1) To perform the experiments on bitumen and aggregate to assess their qualities.
- 2) Design the bituminous combine with use of natural fibre and while not use of natural fibre.
- 3) Conduct the Marshall Stability check for evaluating properties of bituminous combine.
- 4) Carry out comparative analysis and select the best different.

## 3. CHART OF MIX DESIGN



### 3.1 Methodology for Testing

Bituminous Materials are tested in accordance with relevant IS codes & aggregates were tested for suitability in bituminous concrete shown as underneath below.

### 3.2 MARSHALL STABILITY TEST VARIATIONS

#### 3.2.1 Compressive strength of SMA mixtures

This test measures the compressive strength of compacted bituminous mixtures. The test specimens are cylinders of 101.6 millimeter in diameter the scale of test specimens has an influence on the results of the compressive strength test.

Aggregate is heated to slightly on top of compounding temperature to permit for dry mixing before adding the bitumen binder. In no case the blending temperature ought to exceed 175°C. Heat up the bowl and batch of aggregate in a kitchen appliance to a temperature that complies with the aggregate temperature. This can lead to a suitable temperature when dry intermixture. With the bowl of combination, quickly pour the prescribed mass of hot bitumen on the recent combination and like a shot combine the bitumen into the mixture. The blending shall be completed at intervals ninety to 120 s, throughout which era the temperature ought to have risen to regarding three to 5°C on top of the compacting temperature. This can lead to the mixture being at the compacting temperature once compaction begins, which can start like a shot. For making ready the stable mixtures, additives square measure supplementary in heated combination before intermixture them with heated bitumen.

#### 3.2.2 Effect of water on compressive strength

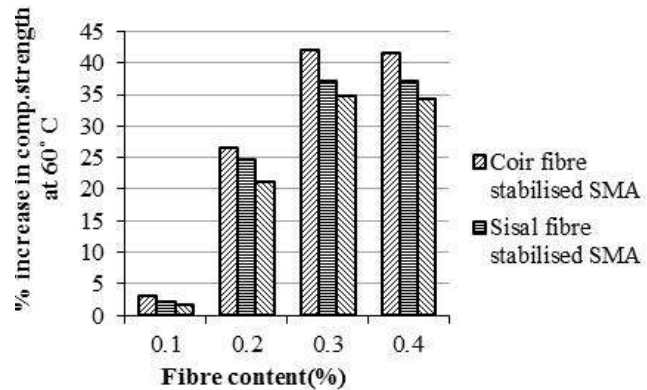
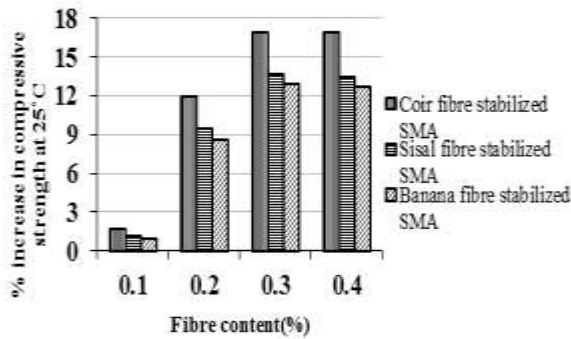
In order to analyze the result of water on the compressive strength of SMA mixtures with different additives, the index of maintained strength is determined. This value is an indicator of their resistance to moisture susceptibility. The test was conducted [9] at a temperature of 25°C and the load at that the specimen fails is taken as the dry strength of the bituminous mix. Conditioned specimens are ready by putting the samples in a very water bath maintained at 60°C for twenty-four hours and subsequently keeping the samples at 25°C for 2 hours. These conditioned specimens are then tested for their strength. The quantitative relation of the compressive strength of the water-conditioned specimens to that of dry specimens is taken because the index of preserved strength. The indices of preserved strength mixtures with different kind and ranging percentage of additives are determined.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The variation of the compressive strength with increasing share of additive content for the 2 different temperatures, viz. 25°C and 60°C for fibers are shown in Table 6. All stabilised mixtures show higher compressive strength than the management mixture. This could ensue to the rise in stiffness of the SMA mix. Presence of additive could strengthen the bonding between the aggregates provided by the binder and thereby enhancing the stone to stone contact. This can lead to increasing the resistance to crushing. It's additionally discovered that the compressive strength decreases with the rise in temperature. However the percentage decrease in strength decreases with the rise in fiber content up to an exact level.

Coir fiber stabilised SMA shows the utmost compressive strength as compared to sisal and banana fiber mixtures. It can even be seen that fiber reinforcing result will increase at the start with increasing fiber content, however at high fiber content, they may induce curdling of fibers and so scale back its reinforcing result. This could be the explanation why the strength of SMA mixes decreases on the far side 0.3% fiber content.

. Similarly, the percentage increase in strength is concerning 14 July and 13 at 25°C for sisal and banana fiber severally and also the individual increase at 60°C are concerning thirty seventh and thirty fifth. So fiber fiber stabilised mixture shows the higher resistance to crushing than the opposite fiber stabilised mixtures.



### CONCLUSIONS

Presence of fibers in SMA mixture enhances the stone to stone contact of aggregates within the gap stratified mixture by strengthening the bonding between them. These fibers additionally enhance the adhesion between aggregate and bitumen, which ends up in less bearing of SMA mixture. of these create to a stiffer and harder combine with extended improvement in compressive strength. Fibers don't cause the SMA mixture to weaken once exposed to wet. Truly they're enhancing the resistance to moisture status of the mixture. The indices of preserved strength for all stable mixtures satisfy the limiting value of 75th. Except for control mixture, it's solely concerning hr, that substantiate the need of additives in SMA mixtures. Though all the fibers considerably improve the performance of the SMA mixtures in terms of compressive strength, coir fiber offers the most effective result.

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