

## Study of Plastic Waste Mix Bitumen

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**Abstract** - Plastic garbage and the method used to dispose of it are major environmental problems that contribute to pollution and global warming. Alternative methods have typically been required to properly dispose of these desperate objects because all plastic materials are unacceptably bad for the environment. The characteristics and strength of bituminous mixtures are improved by adding plastic garbage. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone adopts efficient techniques for using these plastic wastes from the social context. Additionally, it will be a fix for numerous pavement flaws like potholes, corrugation, ruts, etc., as well as a way to dispose of plastic. Plastic waste is used to make polyethylene, polystyrene, and polypropylene. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone adopts efficient techniques for using these plastic wastes from the social context. Population growth in the area, urbanization, and significant lifestyle changes all contribute to the massive use of polythene. The proper disposal of waste plastic has historically presented a significant problem, especially in a collaboratively developing developed country like India. The environmental impact of polythene is intolerable. Environmentally unacceptably harmful and not biodegradable is polythene. India produces 3.3 million metric tons of plastic waste annually on average, according to a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report (2018–19). Only 9% of the total amount of plastic garbage produced in the global world—which includes the 9.46 million tons of waste that India naturally produces each year—is adequately recycled. The purpose of the current study, which is published under the creative commons license, is to adequately analyze the specific behavior of modified bituminous concrete (BC) mixes containing plastic garbage. In this social study, various sizable quantities of modern plastic are typically used to create the required special mixes with a selected aggregate grading as determined by the IRC Code. The waste plastic is shredded & coated over aggregate & mixed with hot bitumen and resulted mix is used for pavement construction. This will not only strengthen the

pavement and also increases its durability. The titanium-dioxide is employed as a smoke absorbent material, which can absorb the smoke from the vehicles. This cutting-edge technology will soon be available in India's hot and humid climate. It is cost-effective and green.

**Keywords:** Bituminous Concrete (BC), Marshall Stability, Voids filled Bitumen, Waste plastic.

### INTRODUCTION

The disposal of waste plastic presents the biggest environmental concern. The main issue with the national highway nowadays is the corrugation and potholes. Plastic pavement will be a superior solution to the concerns mentioned above, according to my research work and other papers that have been published too far. The term "plastic" refers to a bituminous substance that comprises one or more large molecular weight organic polymers and is solid in its final state. Plastic is said to be highly durable and to deteriorate very gradually. Plastic is also very resistant to the deterioration of natural life. As of 31 November 2020, the total network of modern highways in India will have a navigable length of 5.89 million kilometers, making it the second-largest network in the world. The moral foundation of any developed nation's established economy and sustained development is its road network. The finished development of the well-known boulevard obviously requires a huge quantity of necessary money. If good engineering design is always applied, the local road in a creative common will certainly have the requisite durability and considerable savings will be made during the modern construction of used roads. The many quantities of private features that must be carefully taken into account during the original design of the bituminous mix in the commons are enough good stability, excellent durability, flexibility, workability, air voids, and economy. This massive volume of produced plastic had really created a significant challenge for our financial environment. The effective removal of Plastic wastes frequently causes serious problems. The Indian government has already begun a new procedure to

effectively apply the four R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, and Recover. This effort takes the unusual form of the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" seriously.

## II. IMPORTANCE OF STUDY

Temperature increases of up to 50°C are common in India, which has a good impact on the social life of flexible pavement. The greater flexibility of the pavement is demonstrated by the modified plastic mix bitumen. The modification procedure involves coating aggregate with plastic trash, which naturally increases the specific surface area of social contact and merely ensures that bitumen and economic aggregate are more tightly bonded. In the conclusion, the bituminous mix accurately represents sufficient economic stability, great durability, flexibility, workability, air voids, and extremely economy when all factors were properly taken into account during current design. It will accurately calculate the staggering amount of plastic in use today and create environmentally friendly technology.

## III. SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

- To get rid of potholes.
- Determining the physical characteristics of filler, bitumen, and aggregates.
- Finding the enhanced stability and flow parameters using the OBC.
- Measuring the mechanical characteristics of bituminous mixtures made with various amounts of waste PET
- Comparison of the stability of modified and traditional bituminous mixes.
- To reduce pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and global warming.
- It is possible to lengthen the lifespan of the roadways.
- Ecological in nature.

## IV. METHODOLOGY

The process of combining plastic waste with finer filler that is not less than 0.075 mm and aggregates that are not less than or greater than 25 mm in size. In order to consistently generate a workable, intoxicating, durable, and cost-effective compound, waste plastic mix

bituminous design attempts to determine the significant proportion of bitumen, filler, fine aggregates, and coarse aggregates. In addition to avidly consuming societal aggregate, waste plastic, bituminous binders, and different used grades of polythene are crucial materials employed in bituminous concrete mix to naturally find the Bitumen Study of Plastic Waste Mix. The bitumen eagerly consumed for the current investigation appropriately comes from the PWD, Gorakhpur, and is of penetration grade 60/70. The local plastic waste recycling facility in Gorakhpur city shreds the plastic garbage that was previously separated from the massive amount of municipal rubbish. This published study uses polythene as a stabilizing component in the FORTUNE OIL, AMUL MILK, and LAYS CHIPS packaging, because AMUL MILK is extensively accessible for commercial purposes in contemporary Gorakhpur, the polythene used to package milk is also widely accessible there. AMUL MILK and priceless FORTUNE OIL Polythene bags are carefully gathered from various locations, rinsed, and cleaned by carefully submerging them in hot water for around 4-5 hours. They were then naturally absorbed after that. The priceless packets were immediately divided into slightly more consistent parts after drying. When routinely adding the polythene to bitumen and social aggregates, careful mixing is required. Polythene has been found to have a specific gravity of 0.92.

## V. TESTING MATERIALS USING

In this study, the given materials used are:

- A) Bitumen
- B) Aggregates (Fine and Coarse)
- C) PET / Plastic waste
- D) Filler Material

### A. Bitumen

Bitumen is a binding substance that is a byproduct of the refining of petroleum. When the temperature rises above 100 degrees Celsius, it becomes solid and is correctly exceedingly viscous. The bitumen employed in this research study is typically 60/70 grade. Bitumen has been tested in labs for fundamental material properties.

**Table 1. Physical properties of bitumen**

Sr. No.	DESIGNATION	TEST RESU LTS	PERMISSIBLE LIMIT	TEST METH OD
1.	Specific Gravity of Bitumen	1.02	1.01 Min	IS: 1202 - 1978
2.	Softening Point of Bitumen	47.8°C	42 °C (Min)	IS: 1205 - 1978

3.	Flash Point of Bitumen	280°C	220 °C (Min)	IS: 1209 - 1978
4.	Fire Point of Bitumen	310°C	270 °C (Min)	IS: 1209 - 1978
5.	Bitumen Penetration Test	85 mm	80 Min	IS: 1203 - 1978
6.	Ductility Test	78.5cm	100	IS: 1202

**B. Aggregates (Fine and Coarse)**

It goes without saying that care must be taken in selecting an economic aggregate that has good and adequate strength, hardness, toughness, and fundamental soundness. This mental process uses a complex blend of aggregates with a maximum and minimum size of 25 mm. Higher stability is produced by crushed aggregates. Using a variety of tests, such as those listed in the table, critical material properties of social aggregates are discovered.

**Table 2. Physical properties of aggregates**

Sr No.	DESIGNATION	TEST RESULT	PERMISSIBLE LIMIT	TEST METHOD
1	Aggregate impact value	22.89	MAX 30%	IS: 2386 Part IV
2	Water absorption	0.39	MAX 2%	IS: 2386 Part III
3	Specific gravity of aggregates (20 mm)	2.70	-	IS: 2386 Part III
4	Specific gravity of aggregates (10 mm)	2.72	-	IS: 2386 Part III
5	Specific gravity of aggregates (6 mm)	2.71	-	IS: 2386 Part III
6	Specific gravity of aggregates (stone dust)	2.74	5%	IS: 2386

**C. Polyethylene Terephthalate Waste (PET)**

The organic food industry uses polyethylene terephthalate (PET), a tough plastic from the well-known polyester family, primarily for packaging soft drinks, food, mineral water, tainted milk, essential oils of all kinds, baked goods, frozen foods, salad dressings, cleaners, and various other products. In this unusual example, the PET was used to investigate and collect data from several locations in Gorakhpur (Gida and Bargadwa Industrial area, City Mall, Restaurant Public place, Nauka Vihar, etc.).

**Table 3. Physical properties of ( PET )**

Properties	Results Obtained From
Specific Gravity	1.04
Melting Point 0°C	252 - 260
Sieve Analysis	Passing 4.75 mm sieve and retained on 2.36 mm sieve

**A. Filler**

They obtain many various types of fillers are available to use like fly ash, cement, stone dust. But in this case pebbles dust is used as the filler a specific Gravity of the stone dust.

Sr. No.	Property	Test Method	Test Result
1	Normal Consistency	Vicat Apparatus (IS 4031-Part IV)	34%
2	Specific Gravity	Specific Gravity Bottle (IS 4031-Part II)	3.15
3	Initial Setting Time	Vicat Apparatus (IS 4031-Part V)	45 min
	Final Setting Time		175 min
4	Fineness	Sieve Test on Sieve No-9 (IS 4031-Part IV)	6%

**Marshall testing Machine**

The test was conducted as the prescribed format per ASTM D-06 procedure.



**Fig 1 Marshall testing Machine**

**Marshall Stability value-**

It is specifically described as the highest load at which Marshall stability determines the highest load that the bituminous material has been able to withstand at a loading rate of 50.8 mm/minute. The test load is gradually increased until it normally exceeds the maximum that could be achieved. After that, the negative loading is halted amicably, and the maximum load (i.e., Marshall Stability) is meticulously recorded when the dynamic load just barely begins to normally decrease.

**Marshall Stability value as calculated-**

Fix the flow meter correctly by starting it off at zero. A steady rate of continuous deformation of 51 mm (2 potential inches) each minute evenly distributes the cognitive load. Its Marshall Stability Value accurately captures the overall load at apparent failure. The Marshall Flow value of the magnificent specimen is normally transmitted by an accurate flow meter reading in local units of 0.25 mm.

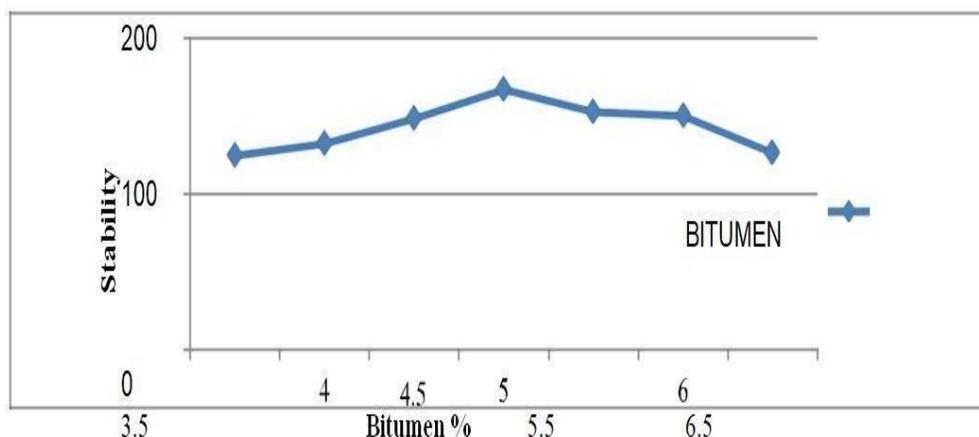
**Table 4: Physical Properties of Binder**

Property	Test Method	Value
Applied Penetration at 25 °C (mm)	IS:1203 - 1978	65
Absolute value of viscosity at 60 °C, Poise (min.)	IS:1203 - 1978	2200
Specific gravity of Binder	IS:1203 - 1978	1.02
Softening point (°C) of Binder	IS:1203 - 1978	50.00

**RESULTS**

When no PET is mix in bitumen the result after Marshall Stability value test is:

Bitumen %	G <sub>t</sub>	G <sub>m</sub>	V <sub>v</sub>	V <sub>b</sub>	VMA	VFB	Stability (KG)
3.5	2.59	2.37	8.49	7.93	16.42	48.29	1245
4	2.57	2.38	7.39	9.10	16.49	55.18	1322
4.5	2.55	2.38	6.66	10.14	16.8	60.35	1480
5	2.50	2.39	4.4	11.26	15.66	71.90	1668
5.5	2.52	2.41	4.36	12.43	16.79	74.06	1527
6	2.50	2.42	3.2	13.56	16.76	80.90	1495
6.5	2.48	2.43	2.01	14.50	16.51	87.82	1264



**Fig 2. Graphical representation of Marshall Stability value of bitumen without PET mix in it:**

## RESULT AND CONCLUSION

The correct introduction of waste plastic significantly improved the beneficial characteristics of bitumen binders. By unquestionably raising the softening point and hardness, this innovative approach of significant modification of bitumen has positively improved local resistance to cracking, potholes, and rutting. The general performance of flexible pavement was enhanced by the useful inclusion of waste plastic to the aggregate. The realistic level of waste plastic content where the independent sample typically exhibits maximum Marshall Stability and little Marshall Flow, is known as the "optimum polythene/plastic content," and it often represents 4% accurately. According to the published study, adding useful waste plastic usually reduces the number of voids in the mixture. I carefully note that the Marshall Flow value falls after the valuable addition of polythene, demonstrating an increase in resistance to deformations caused by strong wheel loads.

- 1) Because the waste material was totally recycled without having a negative effect on the social environment, this creative process is incredibly effective in precisely minimizing the environmental pollution. This published study supports the widespread use of PET and waste plastic materials.
- 2) The sociological study's potential outcomes clearly showed that the modified combination produced superior results at different stages than the non-modified mixture. It was always possible to improve the bonding between the binder and social aggregates in the cognitive process by adding Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) to the bitumen.
- 3) I correctly noted that the penetration ratings of ordinary bitumen occasionally drop when the PET content rises. Finally, the direct outcomes accurately reflect a constant improvement in the rutting resistance of the mix ingredients. The valuable addition of PET naturally makes the modified bitumen tougher and more consistent than plain bitumen.

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