

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUPPLEMENT TO SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 907-403-4

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SUBJECT: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)

Before Subsection 907-403.05.2 on page 1, add the following:

907-403.03--Construction Requirements.

907-403.03.2--Smoothness Tolerances. Delete the table, footnotes, and first six paragraphs of Subsection 403.03.2 on page 266 & 267, and substitute the following.

	Lower* & Leveling Lifts	Lower* Intermediate Lift	Top Intermediate Lift	Surface Lift
Maximum deviation from grade and cross section at any point .....	1/2"	3/8"	1/4"	1/4"
Maximum deviation from A 10 foot straight edge.....	3/8"	1/4"	1/8"	1/8"

Note: Where more than four (4) lifts of HMA are required, all lifts, excluding the top three (3) lifts, shall meet the requirements of the lower lift.

\* When tested longitudinally from a stringline located equidistant above points 50 feet apart, the distance from the stringline to the surface at any two points located 12 1/2 feet apart shall not vary one from the other more than the maximum deviation allowed above from a 10-foot straight edge.

Delete the last paragraph of Subsection 403.03.2 at the bottom of page 268, the table at the top of page 269, and the first, second and third full paragraphs on page 269, and substitute the following.

Sections(s) or portions thereof representing areas excluded from a smoothness test with the High Speed Inertial Profiling System (IPS) shall also be excluded from consideration for a contract price adjustment for rideability.

Any contract price adjustment for rideability will be applied on a continuous basis to the pay tonnage, determined in accordance with Subsections 907-401.02.6.8 and 403.04, for the section(s) or portions thereof for which an adjustment is warranted.

Contract price adjustments for rideability shall only be applicable to the surface lift and furthermore to only the long continuous section(s) or portions of the long continuous section(s) of the surface lift that require smoothness be determined by using a profiling device.

**907-403.03.2.1--Smoothness Tolerances for Mean Roughness Index (MRI).** Smoothness tolerances shall be applied to asphalt pavements based on the following pavement categories.

**Category A** applies to the following pavement constructions:

- New construction
- Construction with three (3) or more lifts
- Mill and two (2) or more lifts

**Category B** applies to the following pavement constructions:

- Mill and one (1) lift
- Two (2) lift overlays without milling

**Category C** applies to the following pavement constructions:

- Single lift overlay without milling

**NOTE: Spot Leveling does not count as a lift. Full width / continuous leveling courses will be considered a lift. Leveling lifts that do not have a minimum thickness of 3/4" across the entire lane width will not be considered a lift.**

For all projects, the surface lift smoothness data shall be reported by two MRI methods:

1. A continuous 528-foot long interval MRI report
2. A continuous 25-foot short interval MRI report

Areas of the surface lift with localized roughness greater than 160 inches per mile as determined by the continuous short interval report will be identified for correction by the Project Engineer.

**Category A** projects shall have a long interval surface MRI of not more than 60 inches per mile.

**Category B** projects shall have a long interval surface MRI of not more than 70 inches per mile.

**Category C** projects shall have the existing surface profiled at no additional cost to the State. The finished surface lift shall meet the following requirements:

- A 50% improvement in MRI from the existing surface
- or
- 80 inches per mile long interval surface MRI value whichever value is higher.

In the case that 50% of the existing surface MRI is greater than 80 inches per mile, the short continuous threshold shall be increased from 160 inches per mile by the difference between 50% of the existing surface MRI and 80 inches per mile.

When a project has multiple lifts, the lift underlying the surface lift shall have a MRI of no more than 10 inches/mile more than the surface lift threshold for both long and short continuous intervals. Category B projects containing multiple lifts must meet the Category C percent improvement requirement for the underlying lift. Corrective action must be taken on those segments that do not meet this requirement. No unit price adjustment will be applied on any underlying lift.

For Category A and B projects, a unit price increase will be added when the MRI for the final surface lift, prior to any required localized roughness (short interval) corrective action, is less than or equal to fifty inches per mile (50.0 inches / mile) on the long interval report. These Projects will be considered for incentive pay based on the following guidelines for the long interval surface lift MRI.

Mean Roughness Index inches / mile	Contract Price Adjustment percent of Asphalt unit bid price
Less than 35.0	108
35.1 to 40.0	106
40.1 to 45.0	104
45.1 to 50.0	102
50.1 to Required Surface MRI	100

For Category C projects, a unit price increase will be added when the MRI for the final surface lift, prior to any required localized roughness (short interval) corrective action, is less than or equal to fifty inches per mile (50.0 inches / mile) on the long interval report. These Projects will be considered for incentive pay based on the following guidelines for the long interval surface lift MRI.

Mean Roughness Index inches / mile	Contract Price Adjustment percent of HMA unit bid price
Less than or equal to 50.0	103
50.1 to Required Surface MRI	100

No incentive will be allowed if the MRI value from the newly paved surface is greater than the existing surface.

In addition to the above pay incentive factors, a project may be subject to a disincentive when the Long Continuous Interval MRI for the surface exceeds the allowable tolerance. This applies to all project categories and will correlate to the maximum allowed Long Continuous Interval MRI.

Mean Roughness Index inches / mile	Contract Price Adjustment percent of HMA unit bid price
Above 20.0 Over	Remove And Replace
15.1 to 20.0 Over	80
10.1 to 15.0 Over	85
5.1 to 10.0 Over	90
0.1 to 5.0 Over	95
Required Surface MRI	100

Segment(s) or portions thereof representing areas excluded from a smoothness test shall also be excluded from consideration for a contract price adjustment for rideability. Corrective action must be taken on those sections that exceed the 'Remove and Replace' threshold on the Long Continuous Interval as directed by the Project Engineer. Sections that fall into this requirement may also need corrective action on both the preceding and following 264-foot sections as to conform to a complete 528-foot Long Continuous Interval. The minimum remove and replace length will be 528 feet (0.1 mile). Additional smoothness testing shall be required on sections following replacement and will be required to meet *at least* the maximum surface MRI short of 'Remove and Replace'.

The above pay factors will be applied in conjunction with the Long Continuous Histogram Chart from ProVAL's Smoothness Assurance Module. The price adjustments for rideability will be tabulated in MDOT's Pay Incentive spreadsheet on the basis of a theoretical tonnage of 110 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup>\*inch thickness (pounds per square yard \* inch thickness) and 12-foot travel lanes, determined in accordance with Subsections 401.02.6.5 and 403.04, for the segment(s) or portions thereof for which an adjustment is warranted.

Delete Subsection 403.03.5.5 on page 273 and substitute the following.

**907-403.03.5.5--Preliminary Leveling.** All irregularities of the existing pavement, such as ruts, cross-slope deficiencies, etc., shall be corrected by spot leveling, skin patching, feather edging or a wedge lift in advance of placing the first overall lift.

**907-403.04--Method of Measurement.** After the first paragraph of Subsection 403.04 on page 274, add the following.

The pay quantities for each individual job mix formula (JMF) will be calculated using the approved JMF maximum specific gravity (Gmm) and the following formulas.

When the composite mixture has a maximum specific gravity of 2.540 or less,

$$T_p = T_w$$

When the composite mixture has a maximum specific gravity greater than 2.540,

$$T_p = T_w(((100-(((Gmm*A*B)-C)/(Gmm*A*B))*100))/100$$

Where:

- Tp = Total tonnage for payment
- Tw = Total tonnage weighed, used and accepted
- Gmm = Maximum Specific Gravity of the approved composite asphalt mixture
- A = 46.725 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup>/in
- B = 0.93 = 93% density
- C = 110.374 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup>/in = Theoretical density at 2.540 Gmm