

Please read the following instructions carefully **BEFORE** you start testing!

- Please report the results online using the reporting forms in your lab portal by **Friday January 5, 2018**.
- Results reported after **Friday January 5, 2018** may not be included in the analysis, potentially causing a delay in your laboratory's certification.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** enter fictitious results for a test that your lab has decided not to report. If the test will not be reported, please check off the box "Cancel test?" for the applicable test in the online Reporting Form.
- **PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL** a test using the "Cancel test?" feature in a Type D or Soils reporting form unless you do not want your lab to be certified for that test.
- **NEW for 2018:**
  1. **Fine aggregate samples 1.17FS and 2.17FS are new samples to be used for ASTM C128, D7428 and AASHTO T304 if your lab applied for any of these tests.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2018 CCIL Aggregate Proficiency Samples**

#### **Samples**

##### **Each participant should receive the following samples:**

- 1 pair (2 bags) of coarse and fine aggregate mixture (Granular base aggregate) labelled **1.17A** and **2.17A**,
- 1 pair (2 bags) of coarse aggregate samples (clear stone) labelled **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**.
- 1 pair (2 bags) of fine aggregate labelled **1.17FS** and **2.17FS**, if you applied for any of Micro-Deval Abrasion (ASTM D7428), Relative Density and Absorption (ASTM C128), and Uncompacted Void Content (AASHTO T304).
- 1 pair (2 small bags) of Recovered Asphalt Pavement (RAP) samples labelled **1.17RAP** and **2.17RAP**. Note: These samples were pre-packaged with the other samples and can be discarded without testing.
- If you requested participation in LS-609, Petrographic Analysis of Coarse Aggregate, you will receive 1 pair of samples labelled **1.17CPN** and **2.17CPN**. Additional samples must be requested if more than one certified analyst from a lab wishes to participate in LS-609. If additional samples were requested on your laboratory's 2018 aggregate lab application and were not received, please contact Gary Leon at [gleon@ccil.com](mailto:gleon@ccil.com).
- If you applied for **soil tests**, you will receive 1 pair of (2 small bags) of soil samples labelled 1.17S and 2.17S. **Please Note:** These small samples have been placed in one of the large bags of samples 1.17ST or 2.17ST. However, soil samples were not provided if only ASTM D698, or D698 and D1557, were selected on your lab's 2017 application.

The tests must be carried out in pairs. The Operator who performs the sieve analysis on Sample 1.17A must also perform the sieve analysis on Sample 2.17A. The same Operator need not perform every test in which the laboratory intends to participate. For example, Operator 'A' may perform the Micro-Deval Abrasion (MDA) tests and Operator 'B' the moisture-density relationship tests, as long as the Operator 'A' or 'B' performs the particular test on both samples.

Carry out all non-destructive tests first. Material used for the non-destructive tests may be recombined to prepare specimens for the remaining tests as indicated below for certain tests.

**NOTE: In order to maintain certification, you are required to submit results on the tests for which you are certified plus/minus any tests you added/deleted on your lab application for 2018.**

**Each lab is advised to perform the tests in such an order to ensure sufficient material:**

- 1. Preparation of Sample, Method ASTM C 702:** Dry all aggregate samples to a constant mass at  $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Tests to be performed on Samples 1.17A and 2.17A (Granular base aggregate):**

- 2. Sieve Analysis, Method ASTM C 136:** If you intend to do Compaction Characteristics of Soil, Method ASTM D698, obtain at least 6.0 kg of material from the Granular base aggregate samples labelled 1.17A and 2.17A by splitting. Otherwise, test the entire samples labelled 1.17A and 2.17A provided to determine the coarse aggregate gradation. Both samples must be tested using the same nest of sieves. Report percent passing each sieve, with the exception of 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, to the nearest 0.1% on a cumulative basis. Report the percent passing 4.75 mm sieve to 0.01%.

Prepare the **Test Samples 3.17A and 4.17A** for the fine aggregate gradation test by splitting the material passing 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve from the samples 1.17A and 2.17A, respectively. Obtain sufficient quantity of samples as required by the test method for the determination of fine aggregate gradation. Use the same nest of sieves for both samples. Compute the fine aggregate gradation for each sample based on the **total mass** (i.e., masses of 1.17A and 2.17A respectively). **Note: Report a % passing for each sieve for the combined coarse and fine aggregate gradation on the form based on the total mass (i.e., masses of 1.17A and 2.17A respectively). For example:** If the % passing the 4.75 mm sieve is 51.1% and the % passing the 0.600mm sieve of the fine aggregate is 19.5%, the reported % passing for the 0.600 sieve of the combined coarse and fine aggregate gradation will be  $.511 \times 19.5 = 9.96\%$ .

Report percent passing each sieve, with the exception of 75  $\mu\text{m}$  sieve, to the nearest 0.1% on a cumulative basis. Report the percent passing the 75  $\mu\text{m}$  sieve to 0.01%.

- 3. Compaction Characteristics of Soil, Method ASTM D698:** Perform this test on approximately 6.0 kg of aggregate from the material passing the 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, i.e., the portion of the material finer than 4.75 mm from samples **1.17A** and **2.17A**. Prepare the sample by adding appropriate amount of water so that the plot of the first run **Dry Density** and **Moisture Content** falls below the **Optimum Moisture Content**.

Carry out the test using a 101.6 mm diameter mould using method 'A'. Compact the sample manually using 25 blows per layer. Determine the **Dry Density** and **Moisture Content** from four trials. Plot the value of **Dry Density** and **Moisture Content** according to

section 11 of the method. **Do not correct** the results to compensate for oversized particles. D698 does not allow re-use of compacted material. However, for CCIL proficiency testing purposes only. You may re-use the material and add water for each succeeding trial. Should you observe excessive water run-off from the mould during compaction and/or aggregate break-down during the trials, please note it in the comments section on the reporting form.

Report the wet and dry maximum densities in  $t/m^3$  to the nearest 0.001 and optimum moisture content to the nearest 0.1%. **Do not re-use this material for other tests.** (Note:  $t/m^3 = g/cm^3$ ).

#### **4. Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate, Test Method ASTM D 4791:**

Use the materials retained on 4.75 mm sieve from the samples 1.17A and 2.17A. Perform the test in accordance with Method B of ASTM D4791. Perform the test using 5:1 ratio. For purposes of clauses 8.4.2, 9.1, and 10.1.4.2 of D4791, the calculations shall be “by mass”. Compute the percent of each fraction using the gradation test (ASTM C136) results of the coarse aggregate portion of the as-received sample, i.e., based on the total mass of material retained on 4.75 mm sieve. Report the **percent flat and elongated weighted average** using the percentages obtained in the 1.17A and 2.17A gradings (ASTM C136), to the nearest 0.1%. This material may be recombined to form the sample for other tests. **NOTE:** The materials retained on the 19.0mm sieve shall also be tested.

**5. Freezing and Thawing of Coarse Aggregate, Method CSA A23.2-24A:** Prepare the test sample from the samples labelled **1.17A** and **2.17A**. Prepare a test sample of pass 19.0 mm and retained on 4.75 mm material according to section 7 of the method. Run a control sample at the same time. If you do not have a supply of the control aggregate on hand, contact the MTO Downsview laboratory. Calculate the **weighted average** using the percentage of each fraction and corresponding freeze-thaw loss. Report the weighted average freeze-thaw loss to the nearest 0.1%. Report your lab control sample tested (**Drain Brothers or Brechin No.2**), **your lab’s internal Control Sample Number** and control sample’s freeze-thaw **loss** to the nearest 0.1%. **DO NOT REUSE THIS MATERIAL.**

**6. Micro-Deval Abrasion (Coarse Aggregate), Method ASTM D6928:** Prepare the test samples from the samples labelled **1.17A** and **2.17A**. Prepare a 1500 g sample of pass 19.0 mm and retained on 9.5 mm material according to the table in 8.2 of the method. Run a control sample at the same time. If you do not have a supply of the control aggregate on hand, contact the MTO Downsview laboratory. Report the **Test Sample Loss** to the nearest 0.1%. **Report your control sample tested (Drain Brothers or Brechin No.2), lab Control Sample Number and Loss** to the nearest 0.1%. **DO NOT REUSE THIS MATERIAL.**

#### **Fine Aggregate Tests to be performed on Samples [1.17FS](#) and [2.17FS](#)**

**7. Relative Density and Absorption (Fine Aggregate), Method ASTM C 128:** Prepare the test specimens according to the test method and appendix X1, from the fine aggregate samples **1.17FS** and **2.17FS**. Remove the material finer than 75 $\mu$ m following the procedure in C 117 prior to testing. Saturate the test specimens from both samples by immersion in water for 24  $\pm$ 4 hours. Report the “Oven Dry” **Relative Density (OD)** to the nearest 0.001. Calculate the absorption and report to the nearest 0.01%.

**8. Micro-Deval Abrasion Loss, (Fine Aggregate) Method ASTM D7428:** Prepare 500 g test samples according to the table in 8.2 of the test method, from samples **1.17FS** and **2.17FS**.

Run a control sample at the same time. If you do not have a supply of the control aggregate on hand, contact the MTO Downsview laboratory. Report the test **Sample Loss** to the nearest 0.1%. Report your laboratory control Sample Number tested (Sutherland sand or James Dick) and Loss to the nearest 0.1%. **DO NOT REUSE THIS MATERIAL.**

### **Tests to be performed on Samples 1.17ST and 2.17ST (clear stone):**

**Please Note: Perform a coarse aggregate gradation test on the clear stone samples (1.17ST and 2.17ST) using Sieve Analysis, Method ASTM C 136, with sieves meeting the ASTM E-11 series, in order to prepare samples and to calculate the weighted average test results for the test methods below as required.**

**9. Wash Pass 75  $\mu$ m, Method ASTM C 117:** Obtain appropriate quantity of sample as required by the test method from the samples labelled **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**. Report the **Percent Loss** to 0.01%. Following testing, this material may be recombined to form the sample for other tests.

**10. For **CCIL TYPE C** test: Percentage of Fractured Particles in Coarse Aggregate, Method ASTM D 5821:** Use the coarse aggregate portion, i.e., the materials retained on 4.75 mm sieve from samples **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**. Determine the percentage of fractured particles by mass. Report the **percentage of material with at least one fractured face** to the nearest 0.1%. This material may be recombined to form samples for other tests.

**11. Los Angeles Abrasion, Method ASTM C 131:** Prepare the test sample from the samples labelled **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**. Carry out the test as outlined in the test procedure using **11-B grading**. Do not wash the samples before or after testing. Report the **Loss** to the nearest 0.1%. **Do not re-use this material.**

**12. Relative Density & Absorption (Coarse Aggregate), Method ASTM C 127:** Prepare the samples for this test from the samples labelled **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**. Report the "Oven Dry" Relative Density (OD) to the nearest 0.001. Calculate the Absorption and report to the nearest 0.01%. This material may be recombined to form the sample for other tests.

**13. Magnesium Sulphate Soundness (Coarse Aggregate), Method ASTM C88:** Prepare your test samples from the samples labelled **1.17ST** and **2.17ST**. The test is to be run using magnesium sulphate. Run five cycles on the following sizes: pass 19.0 mm and retained on 9.5 mm; pass 9.5 mm and retained on 4.75 mm.

Record the initial and final masses to 0.1 g, and **Test Sample Loss** to the nearest 0.1%. Compute the percentages of each fraction, i.e., 19.0 mm to 9.5 mm and 9.5 mm to 4.75 mm, based on the total mass of both fractions tested. Report a weighted sample loss calculated using the percentages of each coarse fraction for 1.17ST and 2.17ST. **Do not re-use this material.**

### **Superpave Aggregate Consensus Property Testing**

Preparation of Samples must be in accordance with the procedures described in each test method.

**14. Uncompacted Void Content of Fine Aggregate, AASHTO T-304 to be performed on Samples **1.17FS** and **2.17FS**:**

Prepare the individual test specimens from **1.17FS** and **2.17FS**. Obtain sufficient quantity of samples from the material passing the 4.75 mm sieve, as required by the test method. Perform the uncompacted void content test using method A of the test method. Compute the uncompacted void contents using the specific gravity values of Samples **1.17FS** and **2.17FS** determined according to **ASTM C128**. Report the uncompacted voids to the nearest 0.1%.

**15. Sand Equivalent Value of Fine Aggregate, Test Method AASHTO T 176 or ASTM D 2419:**

Obtain at least 1500 g of fine aggregate sample from the material passing 4.75 mm sieve, i.e. the finer portion of samples **1.17A** and **2.17A**. Prepare the test specimens in accordance with the Procedure A or B. Report the average sand equivalent value for the sample to the nearest 0.1%.

**16. For CCIL TYPE D Superpave Aggregate Consensus test: Percentage of Fractured Particles in Coarse Aggregate, Test Method ASTM D 5821:**

Perform the test on materials retained on 4.75 mm (No. 4) sieve, of the samples labelled **1.17A** and **2.17A** for this test. Determine the percentage of fractured particles by mass. Report the **percentage of material with at least one fractured face** to the nearest 0.1%. This material may be recombined to form samples for other tests.

**17. Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate, Test Method ASTM D 4791:**

SEE Item 4 on PAGE 3 for instructions for ASTM D4791.

**Tests performed on Separate Samples for Individual Tests:**

**18. Petrographic Analysis of Coarse Aggregate, MTO Laboratory Manual - Test Method LS-609, Part A:**

Participation in test procedure LS-609 is restricted to laboratory personnel who are actively in the process of obtaining more experience prior to applying for certification as a Petrographic Analyst, and is mandatory for those CCIL laboratories that are certified for LS-609 and their CCIL certified Petrographic Analysts who must participate yearly in order to maintain their certification.

MTO Laboratory Test Manual (Revision 29) must be followed for LS-609. LS-609 is available in the 2015 MTO Laboratory Test Manual. The full manual is available for downloading as a "zip" file at the following link:

[2016 MTO Laboratory Test Manual \(Revision 30\)](#).

Samples 1.17CPN and 2.17CPN each contain three fractions: 1) P19 mm/R13.2 mm ~1500g, 2) P13.2 mm /R9.5 mm ~500g, and 3) P9.5 mm/R4.75 mm ~200g. Examine each fraction provided separately. **DO NOT COMBINE THE FRACTIONS.**

The 2017 material is derived from a gravel pit in the Caledon, Ontario area. The 2017 material is specifically chosen for the abundance of partial and total cementations present. Carry out the test as outlined in Section 6 of the procedure **with the following exceptions:**

**Sample 1.17CPN:**

Please classify any cementations and encrustations present in the material according to normal LS-609 test method procedures, i.e. Table 3, and rock type descriptions for rock types 52, 53 and 54 in Appendix of Test Method LS-609.

**Sample 2.17CPN:**

Please classify any **partial cementations** present in the material according to the modified rock type and quality classification scheme described below:

**Partial Cementation, Good Category:** cementations form less than 5% of the total surface area, host particle is hard (cannot be scratched) to medium hard (thin to relatively thick scratch possible)

**Partial Cementation, Fair Category:** cementations form between 5 and 20% of the total surface area, host particle is hard (cannot be scratched) to medium hard (thin to relatively thick scratch possible) to soft (easy to scratch and relatively easy to scratch), also includes particles **where cementations form less than 5% of the total surface area where the host particle is determined to be soft (easy to scratch and relatively easy to scrape)**

**Partial Cementation, Poor Category:** cementations form greater than 20% of the total surface area - host particle hard (cannot be scratched) to med hard (thin to relatively thick scratch possible) to very soft (easily scraped and relatively easy to peel) **and cementations less than 20% - host particle very soft (easily scraped and relatively easy to peel)**

Please use the 'pull down' tabs under rock types on Form PH-CC-343a to enter the modified classification above accordingly.

Classification of total cementations remains the same, i.e. Rock type 54.

Classification of encrustations remains the same, i.e. Rock type 52.

Report the Hot Mix and Concrete Petrographic Number for each fraction to the nearest whole number on Form PH-CC-343a. Calculate the **Weighted Average Petrographic Number (PN)** using the coarse aggregate gradation provided in the table below.

Pass	Retained	Individual Retained, %	Cumulative Retained, %
19.0 mm	13.2 mm	35	35
13.2 mm	9.5 mm	30	65
9.5 mm	4.75 mm	35	100

Submit a copy of Form PH-CC-343 completed in full including the name of the Analyst for each sample by email to Gary Leon at [gleon@ccil.com](mailto:gleon@ccil.com) and to Bill Werbowetski at [bwerbo@ccil.com](mailto:bwerbo@ccil.com) by **Friday January 5 2018**. Please also indicate the Card ID #, e.g. P1201-XXXX, and the date of expiry of the Analyst if the Analyst is CCIL certified for LS-609.

Report the **Weighted Average Petrographic Number** using the **2018 Type D reporting form** in your lab portal. Only one certified analyst is required to report using the 2018 Type D reporting form.

**DO NOT REUSE THIS MATERIAL.**

**Note 1:** Additional samples must be requested if more than one certified analyst from a lab wishes to participate in this test. If additional samples were requested on your laboratory's 2018 aggregate lab application and were not received, please contact Gary Leon at [gleon@ccil.com](mailto:gleon@ccil.com) for supply of additional samples.

**Note 2.** Form PH-CC-343a is available on the MTO Public Website at the following link:

[Form PH-CC-343](#)