

Welcome to Nynas





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European bitumen demand



Source : Nynas estimates based on various sources.







Number

Capacity, kb/d



Bitumen grades in Europe

Polymer Modified EN 14023

> Industrial EN 13304

Paving Grades EN 12591 + EN 13924-1

FORMAL DEMANDS

Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011

- Establishes 'Basic Requirements
 - Mechanical resistance and stability
 - Safety in case of fire
 - Hygiene, health and the environment
 - Safety and accessibility in use
 - Protection against noise
 - Energy economy and heat retention
 - Sustainable use of natural resources
- Must be incorporated into bitumen standards



Bitumen Quality ...?

Characteristics	Unit	Test method	Class 0 ^a	20/30	30/45	35/50	40/60	50/7
Penetration at 25°C	0,1 mm	EN 1426	1	20 – 30	30 – 45	35 – 50	40 - 60	50 – 1
Softening point	°C	EN 1427	1	55 – 63	52 – 60	50 – 58	48 – 56	46 – {
Resistance to hardening at 163°C		EN 12607-1	1					
Retained penetration	%		1	≥ 55	≥ 53	≥ 53	≥ 50	≥ 50
Increase in softening point, max - Severity 1	°C			≤8	≤ 8	≤ 8	≤9	≤ 9
or			1	or	or	or	or	or
Increase in softening point, max - Severity 2 ^b	°C			≤ 10	≤ 11	≤ 11	≤ 11	≤ 11
Flash point ^b	°C	EN ISO 2592	/	≥240	≥ 240	≥ 240	≥ 230	≥23
Solubility ^b	%	EN 12592	1	≥ 99	≥ 99	≥ 99	≥ 99	≥ 99
Change of mass after RTFOT ^b	%	EN 12607-1	/	≤0,5	≤0,5	≤ 0,5	≤ 0,5	≤ 0,5

Table 1 — Paving grade bitumen specifications for grades from 20 x 0.1mm to 220 x 0.1mm penetr



Bitumen specification timeline from empirical to more fundamental performance





Ageing induced cracking

Observations:

- Block cracking can occur on aged pavements without reaching BBR T_{critical}
- Materials rank differently for block vs. transverse cracking



Two binder parameters have been introduced in 2011*

- ΔTc from Bending Beam Rheometer
- **Glover Rowe** from Dynamic Shear Rheometer (G^* , δ at T=15°C and ω =0.005 s⁻¹)

* Anderson, King, Hanson, Blankenship, *Evaluation of the Relationship between Asphalt Binder Properties and Non-Load Related Cracking*, AAPT 2011, p615





Gerald Reinke, Andrew Hanz, R. Michael Anderson, Mary Ryan, Steven Engber, Douglas Herlitzka, *Impact of re-refined engine oil bottoms on binder properties and mix performance on two pavements in Minnesota* E&E Congress 2016



Bending Beam Rheometer EN 14771

	Α	В	С	D	E
Penetration	42	64	52	52	67
Softening Point	51.3	47.7	49.8	49.0	46.8
PI	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4
Fraass Breaking Point	-15	-14	-17	-14	-17
EN Grade	40/60	50/70	50/70	50/70	50/70



On RTFOT-PAV aged sample a constant load is applied, the deformation is followed with time. 300M

- Stiffness 'S' and slope of the creep curve 'm' (after 60s)
- To prevent fracture; a low stiffness and/or a large mvalue are preferred
- More recently ΔT_c is measured





Laboratory ageing of bitumen



Short Term Ageing

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PAV (1 cycle = 20 hours)

20 bar 85 - 110 °C











Effect of Ageing on: ΔT_c (BBR): LST - LmT





Short and Long Term Ageing





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