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PMC552065 Prepare asphalt

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Modification History

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare batches of asphalt. It applies batching plants as typically used in the asphalt industry, such as batch, continuous, fixed and mobile plants. It applies to natural bitumen obtained from oil refineries and synthetic bitumen as used for coloured asphalt.

This unit of competency applies to operators who are required to prepare aggregates, bitumen and other materials; set/adjust plant conditions; mix and discharge asphalt and rectify routine problems.

This unit of competency applies to an individual working alone or as part of a team or group and working in liaison with other shift team members, team leader and supervisor, as appropriate.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Operations

Unit Sector

Not applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1 | Determine mix requirements | 1.1 | Check work schedule/job specification/job card |
| | | 1.2 | Select correct type and quantity of aggregates and other |

- materials
- 1.3 Meet all special requirements and specifications
- 1.4 Identify any material handling problems and take action in accordance with standard procedures
- 1.5 Update material records as appropriate
- 2 **Mix asphalt**
 - 2.1 Check setup of equipment as required by specifications and standard procedures
 - 2.2 Set/adjust plant conditions as required for required product
 - 2.3 Feed aggregate to dryer at required rates
 - 2.4 Prepare bitumen and other materials and add to mixer as required by specifications and standard procedures
 - 2.5 Check that materials prepared match requirements
 - 2.6 Use ancillary equipment as required according to standard procedures
 - 2.7 Mix to obtain required results
 - 2.8 Discharge product to asphalt storage/delivery
- 3 **Monitor asphalt process**
 - 3.1 Check and adjust settings as required
 - 3.2 Make routine checks and recognise developing problems
 - 3.3 Recognise equipment in need of maintenance/repair
 - 3.4 Take sample and interpret test results as required
 - 3.5 Take appropriate action to ensure continuing quality production according to standard procedures
 - 3.6 Complete all required records
- 4 **Maintain batching plant**
 - 4.1 Keep area and equipment clean and in good order
 - 4.2 Unload and shut down equipment as required

	and area	4.3	Respond to routine faults according to enterprise procedures
		4.4	Report non-routine faults according to enterprise procedures
5	Rectify routine problems	5.1	Identify the range of faults that can occur during the operation
		5.2	Determine and rectify fault causes in accordance with procedures/work instructions
		5.3	Identify and rectify equipment failure causes in accordance with procedures/work instructions
		5.4	Ensure appropriate records and log books of equipment operations are maintained to meet procedures/work instructions
		5.5	Identify non-routine problems and report to designated person
6	Control hazards	6.1	Identify hazards from the job to be done
		6.2	Identify other hazards in the work area
		6.3	Assess the risks arising from those hazards
		6.4	Implement measures to control those risks in line with procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those required skills (language, literacy and numeracy) that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used.

Applicable legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice include:

- health, safety and environmental (HSE) legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to the workplace, equipment and production processes and hazardous materials
- Australian/international standards relevant to the materials being used and products being made
- any relevant licence and certification requirements.

All operations to which this unit applies are subject to stringent HSE requirements, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation, and these must not be compromised at any time. Where there is an apparent conflict between performance criteria and such requirements the legislative requirements take precedence.

Procedures All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or any combination of:

- job card
- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant.

Problems Routine problems must be resolved by applying known solutions.

Routine problems are predictable and include one or more of:

- equipment malfunction
- incorrect/variations in raw material
- mixing tolerance
- inconsistent dispersion of minor ingredients/additives
- mixing to special requirements
- mixed batch does not match requirements.

Known solutions are drawn from one or more of:

- procedures
- training
- remembered experience.

Non-routine problems must be reported according to according to relevant procedures.

Hazards

Hazards must be identified and controlled. Identifying hazards requires consideration of:

- smoke, dust, vapours or other atmospheric hazards
- high temperatures
- weight, shape, volume of materials to be handled
- hazardous products and materials
- sharp edges, protrusions or obstructions
- slippery surfaces, spills or leaks
- electricity
- gas
- gases and liquids under pressure
- noise
- rotational equipment or vibration
- plant services (steam, condensate, cooling water, etc)
- structural hazards
- equipment failures
- machinery, equipment and product mass
- limited head spaces or overhangs
- working at heights
- working in restricted or confined spaces
- other hazards that might arise.

Tools and equipment

Tools and equipment include:

- asphalt mixing plant
- ancillary equipment that is integral to the process
- programmable logic controllers (PLC) if fitted.

Records and reports

Records include one or more of:

- log books/sheets
- electronic records
- job/work sheets
- other records used for the smooth running of the plant.

Reports include one or more of:

- paper or electronic-based logs and reports
- verbal/radio reports
- reporting items found which require action.

Unit Mapping Information

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