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Effect of Additives and Binders on Asphalt Pavement Properties

Message from the Guest Editor

The inescapable rise in road traffic and unpredictable climate-related factors is forcing the emergence of new material solutions in road engineering. More than 40% of pavement properties are affected by the bituminous binders used. Distilled bitumen is usually unable to meet the challenges of present trends for highly durable road structure designs. For this reason, researchers place emphasis on the modification of bitumen rheological characteristics using polymers, bitumen temperature-reducing additives, or those that increase bitumen storage stability. Stable bitumen modification requires a multitude of measurements and varied analytical methods that take into account a number of constant and random factors. Modern analytical tools used for this purpose include the design of experiments or neural networks. The effects of modern additives on modified bitumen are assessed based on asphalt mix properties, and the assessment must correlate with applicable requirements. Since sustainable road construction requirements ensure the optimized use of natural resources, the knowledge and practices concerning the use of waste-derived materials as modifiers and additives are in high demand.

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