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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for base course to be used directly under bituminous pavement courses.

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

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PART 1 GENERAL

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NOTE: This guide specification is applicable to base courses placed directly beneath bituminous surface courses. The following must be taken into consideration when editing this specification.

a. The material in this specification and on the drawings should be referred to as "aggregate base course (ABC)" when it is used for bituminous: roads, streets, parking areas, airfield pavements designed for light loads, Type B and C traffic areas for medium load airfield pavements, airfield overruns, airfield Type D traffic areas, or airfield bituminous shoulders. "Aggregate Base Course" should be retained in the title and the rest of the

specification should be edited accordingly to retain the information necessary for this material. These material requirements should produce a base course with a California Bearing Ratio (CBR) of 80 or more.

b. The material in this specification and on the drawings should be referred to as "graded-crushed aggregate base course (GCA)" when it is used for: bituminous airfield pavements (other than those listed above); for other heavy duty bituminous pavements; wherever a base material with a CBR of 100 is required. "Graded-Crushed Aggregate Base Course" should be retained in the title and the rest of the specification should be edited accordingly to retain the information necessary for this material.

c. When this specification is to be used in projects that require both types of materials, the title of this specification should be "Aggregate and/or Graded-Crushed Aggregate Base Course". Care must then be taken to assure that the drawings clearly call out which material is being used in any particular place and that this specification is edited to retain the information for both types of materials. If only a small amount of one of these types of materials is needed for the project, consideration should be made to determine if only one of these materials should be specified and the design adjusted.

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## 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: Issue (date) of references included in project specifications need not be more current than provided by the latest guide specification. Use of SpecsIntact automated reference checking is recommended for projects based on older guide specifications.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS  
(AASHTO)

AASHTO T 180	(2001) Moisture-Density Relations of Soils Using a 4.54-kg (10-lb) Rammer and an 457-mm (18-in) Drop
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AASHTO T 224	(2001) Correction for Coarse Particles in the Soil Compaction Test
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ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C 117	(2003) Materials Finer Than 75 micrometer
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	(No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
ASTM C 127	(2001) Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
ASTM C 128	(2001e1) Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
ASTM C 131	(2003) Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine
ASTM C 136	(2001) Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
ASTM C 29/C 29M	(1997; R 2003) Bulk Density ("Unit Weight") and Voids in Aggregate
ASTM C 88	(1999a) Soundness of Aggregates by Use of Sodium Sulfate or Magnesium Sulfate
ASTM D 1556	(2000) Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the Sand-Cone Method
ASTM D 1557	(2002) Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort (56,000 ft-lbf/cu. ft. (2,700 kN-m/cu.m.))
ASTM D 2167	(1994; R 2001) Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the Rubber Balloon Method
ASTM D 2487	(2000) Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)
ASTM D 2922	(2001) Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)
ASTM D 3017	(2001) Water Content of Soil and Rock in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)
ASTM D 422	(1963; R 2002) Particle-Size Analysis of Soils
ASTM D 4318	(2000) Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils
ASTM D 75	(2003) Sampling Aggregates
ASTM E 11	(2001) Wire Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes

## 1.2 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this specification, the following definitions apply.

### 1.2.1 Aggregate Base Course

Aggregate base course (ABC) is well graded, durable aggregate uniformly moistened and mechanically stabilized by compaction.

### 1.2.2 Graded-crushed Aggregate Base Course

Graded-crushed aggregate (GCA) base course is well graded, crushed, durable aggregate uniformly moistened and mechanically stabilized by compaction. GCA is similar to ABC, but it has more stringent requirements and it produces a base course with higher strength and stability.

### 1.2.3 Degree of Compaction

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NOTE: ASTM D 1557 will be used for maximum density determinations, if gradation 3 is used (less than 30% retained on the 19 mm (3/4") sieve). AASHTO T 180, Method D will be used for the maximum density determinations, if gradations 1 or 2 are used (more than 30% retained on the 19 mm (3/4") sieve).  
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Degree of compaction shall be expressed as a percentage of the maximum density obtained by the test procedure presented in [ASTM D 1557] [AASHTO T 180, Method D and corrected with AASHTO T 224].

## 1.3 UNIT PRICES

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NOTE: Delete unit price paragraphs when the work is covered by a lump-sum contract price.  
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### 1.3.1 Measurement

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NOTE: The method of measurement paragraph not applicable to job conditions will be deleted. The provision for stockpiling will be retained or deleted, as applicable, and the brackets will be removed.  
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#### 1.3.1.1 Area

The quantity of [ABC] [and] [GCA] completed and accepted, as determined by the Contracting Officer, will be measured in square meters. yards.

#### 1.3.1.2 Volume

The quantity of [ABC] [and] [GCA] completed and accepted, as determined by the Contracting Officer, will be measured in cubic meters. yards. The volume of material in-place and accepted will be determined by the average job thickness obtained in accordance with paragraph THICKNESS CONTROL and the dimensions shown.

#### 1.3.1.3 Weight

The tonnage of [ABC] [and] [GCA] material will be the number of metric tons tons of aggregate, [placed and accepted in the completed course] [plus the amount] [placed in authorized stockpiles], as determined by the Contracting Officer. Deductions will be made for any material wasted, unused, rejected, or used for convenience of the Contractor, and for water exceeding specified amount at time of weighing.

#### 1.3.2 Payment for Quantities

Quantities of [ABC] [and] [GCA], determined as specified above, will be paid for at the respective contract unit prices, which shall constitute full compensation for the construction and completion of the [ABC] [and] [GCA].

#### 1.3.3 Payment for Stabilization of Underlying Course

Stabilization of cohesionless subgrade or subbase courses, as specified in paragraph PREPARATION OF UNDERLYING COURSE, will be paid for as a special item on a tonnage basis. This tonnage price shall include the price of extra manipulation as required.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Submittals must be limited to those necessary for adequate quality control. The importance of an item in the project should be one of the primary factors in determining if a submittal for the item should be required.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy projects.

Submittal items not designated with a "G" are considered as being for information only for Army projects and for Contractor Quality Control approval for Navy projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-03 Product Data

##### Plant, Equipment, and Tools

List of proposed equipment to be used in performance of construction work, including descriptive data.

##### Waybills and Delivery Tickets

Copies of waybills and delivery tickets during the progress of the work. Before the final statement is allowed, the Contractor shall file certified waybills and certified delivery tickets for all aggregates actually used.

#### SD-06 Test Reports

##### Sampling and testing

##### Field Density Tests

Calibration curves and related test results prior to using the device or equipment being calibrated. Copies of field test results within [24] [\_\_\_\_\_] hours after the tests are performed. Certified copies of test results for approval not less than [30] [\_\_\_\_\_] days before material is required for the work.

### 1.5 SAMPLING AND TESTING

Sampling and testing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Sampling and testing shall be performed by a testing laboratory approved in accordance with Section 01451A CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL. Work requiring testing will not be permitted until the testing laboratory has been inspected and approved. The materials shall be tested to establish compliance with the specified requirements; testing shall be performed at the specified frequency. The Contracting Officer may specify the time and location of the tests. Copies of test results shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer within 24 hours of completion of the tests.

#### 1.5.1 Sampling

Samples for laboratory testing shall be taken in conformance with ASTM D 75. When deemed necessary, the sampling will be observed by the Contracting Officer.

#### 1.5.2 Tests

The following tests shall be performed in conformance with the applicable standards listed.

##### 1.5.2.1 Sieve Analysis

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**NOTE: Testing in accordance with ASTM D 422 will be required when the materials need to be tested for frost susceptibility requirements. See paragraph Gradation Requirements.**

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Sieve analysis shall be made in conformance with ASTM C 117 and ASTM C 136.

Sieves shall conform to ASTM E 11. [Particle-size analysis of the soils shall also be completed in conformance with ASTM D 422].

#### 1.5.2.2 Liquid Limit and Plasticity Index

Liquid limit and plasticity index shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 4318.

#### 1.5.2.3 Moisture-Density Determinations

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**NOTE: ASTM D 1557 will be used for maximum density determinations, if gradation 3 is used (less than 30% retained on the 19 mm (3/4") sieve). AASHTO T 180, Method D will be used for the maximum density determinations, if gradations 1 or 2 are used (more than 30% retained on the 19 mm (3/4") sieve).**

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The maximum density and optimum moisture content shall be determined in accordance with [ASTM D 1557] [AASHTO T 180, Method D and corrected with AASHTO T 224. To maintain the same percentage of coarse material, the "remove and replace" procedure as described in the NOTE 8 in Paragraph 7.2 of AASHTO T 180 shall be used.].

#### 1.5.2.4 Field Density Tests

Density shall be field measured in accordance with [ASTM D 1556] [ASTM D 2167] [ASTM D 2922]. [For the method presented in ASTM D 1556 the base plate as shown in the drawing shall be used.] [For the method presented in ASTM D 2922 the calibration curves shall be checked and adjusted if necessary using only the sand cone method as described in paragraph Calibration, of the ASTM publication. Tests performed in accordance with ASTM D 2922 result in a wet unit weight of soil and when using this method, ASTM D 3017 shall be used to determine the moisture content of the soil. The calibration curves furnished with the moisture gauges shall also be checked along with density calibration checks as described in ASTM D 3017. The calibration checks of both the density and moisture gauges shall be made by the prepared containers of material method, as described in paragraph Calibration of ASTM D 2922, on each different type of material being tested at the beginning of a job and at intervals as directed.]

#### 1.5.2.5 Wear Test

Wear tests shall be made on [ABC] [and] [GCA] course material in conformance with ASTM C 131.

#### 1.5.2.6 Soundness

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**NOTE: This paragraph will be omitted when graded-crushed aggregate base course is not included**

as part of this specification.

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Soundness tests shall be made on GCA in accordance with ASTM C 88.

#### 1.5.2.7 Weight of Slag

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NOTE: This paragraph will be omitted when it is highly unlikely that slag will be supplied as base course material.

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Weight per cubic meter foot of slag shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C 29/C 29M on the [ABC] [and] [GCA] course material.

#### 1.5.3 Testing Frequency

##### 1.5.3.1 Initial Tests

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NOTE: The 0.02 mm (No. 635) sieve analysis requirements will be included when frost susceptibility concerns exist.

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One of each of the following tests shall be performed on the proposed material prior to commencing construction to demonstrate that the proposed material meets all specified requirements when furnished. If materials from more than one source are going to be utilized, this testing shall be completed for each source.

- a. Sieve Analysis [including 0.02 mm No. 635 size material].
- b. Liquid limit and plasticity index.
- c. Moisture-density relationship.
- d. Wear.
- e. [Soundness].
- f. [Weight per cubic meter foot of Slag].
- g. [\_\_\_\_\_].

##### 1.5.3.2 In Place Tests

Each of the following tests shall be performed on samples taken from the placed and compacted [ABC] [and] [GCA]. Samples shall be taken and tested at the rates indicated.

a. Density tests shall be performed on every lift of material placed and at a frequency of one set of tests for every [250 square meters 250 square yards] [\_\_\_\_\_], or portion thereof, of completed area.

b. Sieve Analysis [including 0.02 mm No. 635 size material] shall be performed for every [500 metric tons 500 tons] [\_\_\_\_\_], or portion thereof, of material placed.

c. Liquid limit and plasticity index tests shall be performed at the same frequency as the sieve analysis.

#### 1.5.4 Approval of Material

The source of the material shall be selected [\_\_\_\_\_] days prior to the time the material will be required in the work. Tentative approval of material will be based on initial test results. Final approval of the materials will be based on sieve analysis, liquid limit, and plasticity index tests performed on samples taken from the completed and fully compacted [ABC] [and] [GCA].

#### 1.6 WEATHER LIMITATIONS

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NOTE: This paragraph may be deleted in localities where freezing temperatures do not occur, and elsewhere when it is definitely known that the work will not be carried on during periods when such temperatures are to be expected. Otherwise, this requirement will be retained, but the protective measures specified may be modified to suit local conditions and individual project requirements.  
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Construction shall be done when the atmospheric temperature is above 2 degrees C. 35 degrees F. When the temperature falls below 2 degrees C, 35 degrees F, the Contractor shall protect all completed areas by approved methods against detrimental effects of freezing. Completed areas damaged by freezing, rainfall, or other weather conditions shall be corrected to meet specified requirements.

#### 1.7 PLANT, EQUIPMENT, AND TOOLS

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NOTE: If desirable, requirements for types of equipment applicable to methods of construction based on local conditions will be included.  
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All plant, equipment, and tools used in the performance of the work will be subject to approval before the work is started and shall be maintained in satisfactory working condition at all times. The equipment shall be adequate and shall have the capability of producing the required compaction, meeting grade controls, thickness control, and smoothness requirements as set forth herein.

### PART 2 PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 AGGREGATES

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NOTE: Material requirements from State or other local highway agency specifications may be incorporated in contract documents for constructing aggregate base course for roads, streets, or similar use pavements if the following conditions are met:  
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- a. Percentage of material by weight passing the 0.075 mm (No. 200) sieve will not exceed 10.
- b. Where local conditions dictate a non-frost-susceptible material, particles passing the 0.02 mm (No. 635) sieve will not exceed 3 percent.
- c. Portion of the material passing the 0.425 mm (No. 40) sieve must have a liquid limit not greater than 25 and a plasticity index not greater than 5.
- d. State or other local highway specifications selected for projects requiring not more than 600 cubic meters (750 cubic yards) of material must be approved by the Division Engineer.
- e. State or other local highway specifications selected for projects requiring more than 600 cubic meters (750 cubic yards) must be approved by USACE, TSMCX prior to incorporation in the contract documents. A copy of the specifications or proper reference thereto and information regarding traffic conditions and facilities to be paved will be submitted to the TSMCX, with the request for approval.
- f. Materials to be used for GCA must also meet the specified L.A. Abrasion and Magnesium Sulfate Soundness requirements.
- g. Rounded aggregates (such as river-run gravel) will not be allowed since they do not provide sufficient interlocking action to produce the desired strengths and durability.

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The [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall consist of clean, sound, durable particles of crushed stone, crushed slag, crushed gravel, crushed recycled concrete, angular sand, or other approved material. [ABC shall be free of lumps of clay, organic matter, and other objectionable materials or coatings.] [GCA shall be free of silt and clay as defined by ASTM D 2487, organic matter, and other objectionable materials or coatings.] The portion retained on the 4.75 mm No. 4 sieve shall be known as coarse aggregate; that portion passing the 4.75 mm No. 4 sieve shall be known as fine aggregate.

#### 2.1.1 Coarse Aggregate

Coarse aggregates shall be angular particles of uniform density. When the coarse aggregate is supplied from more than one source, aggregate from each source shall meet the specified requirements and shall be stockpiled separately.

a. Crushed Gravel: Crushed gravel shall be manufactured by crushing gravels, and shall meet all the requirements specified below.

b. Crushed Stone: Crushed stone shall consist of freshly mined quarry rock, and shall meet all the requirements specified below.

c. Crushed Recycled Concrete: Crushed recycled concrete shall consist of previously hardened portland cement concrete or other concrete containing pozzolanic binder material. The recycled material shall be free of all reinforcing steel, bituminous concrete surfacing, and any other foreign material and shall be crushed and processed to meet the required gradations for coarse aggregate. Crushed recycled concrete shall meet all other applicable requirements specified below.

d. Crushed Slag: Crushed slag shall be an air-cooled blast-furnace product having an air dry unit weight of not less than 1045 kg/cubic meter 65 pcf as determined by ASTM C 29/C 29M, and shall meet all the requirements specified below.

#### 2.1.1.1 Aggregate Base Course

ABC coarse aggregate shall not show more than 50 percent loss when subjected to the Los Angeles abrasion test in accordance with ASTM C 131. The amount of flat and elongated particles shall not exceed 30 percent. A flat particle is one having a ratio of width to thickness greater than 3; an elongated particle is one having a ratio of length to width greater than 3. In the portion retained on each sieve specified, the crushed aggregates shall contain at least 50 percent by weight of crushed pieces having two or more freshly fractured faces with the area of each face being at least equal to 75 percent of the smallest midsectional area of the piece. When two fractures are contiguous, the angle between planes of the fractures must be at least 30 degrees in order to count as two fractured faces. Crushed gravel shall be manufactured from gravel particles 50 percent of which, by weight, are retained on the maximum size sieve listed in TABLE 1.

#### 2.1.1.2 Graded-Crushed Aggregate Base Course

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NOTE: The percentages of wear and soundness applicable to the specific job will be specified. A wear value of 40 will be used except that a value up to 50 percent may be used where local experience indicates that the material is satisfactory. The soundness test is for use in excluding aggregates known to be unsatisfactory and for evaluating aggregates from new sources. The designer will insert in the blank space the applicable loss in percent for the specific job, based on the knowledge of aggregates in the area that have been previously approved and have a satisfactory service record for at least 5 years. The specified values will ensure that aggregates from new sources will be equal to or better than aggregates from known or approved sources.

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GCA coarse aggregate shall not show more than [40] [50] percent loss when subjected to the Los Angeles abrasion test in accordance with ASTM C 131. GCA coarse aggregate shall not exhibit a loss greater than [40] [50] percent weighted average, at five cycles, when tested for soundness in magnesium sulfate in accordance with ASTM C 88. The amount of flat and elongated particles shall not exceed 20 percent for the fraction retained on the 12.5 mm 1/2 inch sieve nor 20 percent for the fraction passing the 12.5 mm 1/2 inch sieve. A flat particle is one having a ratio of width to thickness greater than 3; an elongated particle is one having a ratio of

length to width greater than 3. In the portion retained on each sieve specified, the crushed aggregate shall contain at least 90 percent by weight of crushed pieces having two or more freshly fractured faces with the area of each face being at least equal to 75 percent of the smallest midsectional area of the piece. When two fractures are contiguous, the angle between planes of the fractures must be at least 30 degrees in order to count as two fractured faces. Crushed gravel shall be manufactured from gravel particles 90 percent of which by weight are retained on the maximum size sieve listed in TABLE 1.

#### 2.1.1.2 Fine Aggregate

Fine aggregates shall be angular particles of uniform density. When the fine aggregate is supplied from more than one source, aggregate from each source shall meet the specified requirements.

##### 2.1.2.1 Aggregate Base Course

ABC fine aggregate shall consist of screenings, angular sand, crushed recycled concrete fines, or other finely divided mineral matter processed or naturally combined with the coarse aggregate.

##### 2.1.2.2 Graded-Crushed Aggregate Base Course

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NOTE: The GCA fine aggregate will be entirely the product of crushing, but need not be of the same material crushed for the coarse aggregate. Retain only the statement describing the method of crushing desired.  
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GCA fine aggregate shall consist of angular particles produced by crushing stone, slag, recycled concrete, or gravel that meets the requirements for wear and soundness specified for GCA coarse aggregate. [Fine aggregate shall be produced by crushing only particles larger than 4.75 mm No. 4 sieve in size. The fine aggregate shall contain at least 90 percent by weight of particles having two or more freshly fractured faces in the portion passing the 4.75 mm No. 4 sieve and retained on the 2 mm No. 10 sieve, and in the portion passing the 2 mm No. 10 sieve and retained on the 0.425 mm No. 40 sieve.] [Fine aggregate shall be manufactured from gravel particles 95 percent of which by weight are retained on the 12.5 mm 1/2 inch sieve.]

#### 2.1.3 Gradation Requirements

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NOTE: The gradation or gradations applicable to the specific job will be specified. The maximum size of aggregates will be specified in the blank space. The frost susceptibility requirement will be deleted in areas where the material is not subject to frost action. On the basis of local conditions, the percentage passing the 0.075 mm (No. 200) sieve may be further restricted to help control the amount of particles passing the 0.02 mm (No. 635) sieve. If more than one gradation is maintained, the designer must edit this specification and/or the project drawings to make sure it is evident where these

different gradations are to be used.

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The specified gradation requirements shall apply to the completed base course. The aggregates shall have a maximum size of [\_\_\_\_\_] mm inches and shall be continuously well graded within the limits specified in TABLE 1. Sieves shall conform to ASTM E 11.

TABLE 1. GRADATION OF AGGREGATES

Percentage by Weight Passing Square-Mesh Sieve

Sieve Designation	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
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50.0 mm	100	----	----
37.5 mm	70-100	100	----
25.0 mm	45-80	60-100	100
12.5 mm	30-60	30-65	40-70
4.75 mm	20-50	20-50	20-50
2.00 mm	15-40	15-40	15-40
0.425 mm	5-25	5-25	5-25
0.075 mm	0-8	0-8	0-8

TABLE I. GRADATION OF AGGREGATES

Percentage by Weight Passing Square-Mesh Sieve

Sieve Designation	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
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2 inch	100	----	----
1-1/2 inch	70-100	100	----
1 inch	45-80	60-100	100
1/2 inch	30-60	30-65	40-70
No. 4	20-50	20-50	20-50
No. 10	15-40	15-40	15-40
No. 40	5-25	5-25	5-25
No. 200	0-8	0-8	0-8

NOTE 1: Particles having diameters less than 0.02 mm 0.0008 inch shall not be in excess of 3 percent by weight of the total sample tested.

NOTE 2: The values are based on aggregates of uniform specific gravity. If materials from different sources are used for the coarse and fine aggregates, they shall be tested in accordance with ASTM C 127 and ASTM C 128 to determine their specific gravities. If the specific gravities vary by more than 10 percent, the percentages passing the various sieves shall be corrected as directed by the Contracting Officer.

#### 2.1.4 Liquid Limit and Plasticity Index

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NOTE: Aggregate should be nonplastic or as nearly

so as possible. Values shown are the absolute maximum allowable values for liquid limit and plasticity index.

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Liquid limit and plasticity index requirements shall apply to the completed course and shall also apply to any component that is blended to meet the required gradation. The portion of any component or of the completed course passing the 0.425 mm No. 40 sieve shall be either nonplastic or have a liquid limit not greater than 25 and a plasticity index not greater than 5.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

When the [ABC] [or] [GCA] is constructed in more than one layer, the previously constructed layer shall be cleaned of loose and foreign matter by sweeping with power sweepers or power brooms, except that hand brooms may be used in areas where power cleaning is not practicable. Adequate drainage shall be provided during the entire period of construction to prevent water from collecting or standing on the working area. Line and grade stakes shall be provided as necessary for control. Grade stakes shall be in lines parallel to the centerline of the area under construction and suitably spaced for string lining.

#### 3.2 OPERATION OF AGGREGATE SOURCES

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**NOTE:** Investigate the availability of Government-owned aggregate source that meets the specification requirement. If none is available, delete material in the first set of brackets.

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[Aggregate sources shall be cleared, stripped and excavated to working depths producing excavation faces that are as nearly vertical as practicable for the materials being excavated. Strata of unsuitable materials overlying or occurring in the deposit shall be wasted. Methods of operating aggregate sources, and the processing and blending of the materials, shall be changed or modified if necessary to obtain material conforming to the specified requirements. Upon completion of the work, aggregate sources shall be conditioned to drain readily and be left in a satisfactory condition.] [Aggregates shall be obtained from offsite sources.]

#### 3.3 STOCKPILING MATERIAL

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**NOTE:** In cases where material previously stockpiled under a separate contract is utilized in the construction of the base course, this requirement will be included in the specifications. When applicable, a separate item of work will be shown in the bid schedule to provide for the use of previously stockpiled materials.

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Prior to stockpiling of material, storage sites shall be cleared and



leveled by the Contractor. All materials, including approved material available from excavation and grading, shall be stockpiled in the manner and at the locations designated. Aggregates shall be stockpiled on the cleared and leveled areas designated by the Contracting Officer to prevent segregation. Materials obtained from different sources shall be stockpiled separately.

### 3.4 PREPARATION OF UNDERLYING COURSE

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NOTE: Only the reference to the specification section that covers the preparation of subbase surface for the particular project will be retained; other references will be deleted. The surface of the cohesionless subgrade or subbase may require stabilization prior to placement of the base course.

This may be accomplished by compacting a layer of crushed aggregate into the surface. It may also be obtained by methods based on local experience. These methods (e.g., use of cement, lime, bitumen, and chemicals), as well as any stabilization of cohesive materials, will be subject to approval by HQUSACE (CEMP-ET). The additional crushed aggregate will be considered as part of the underlying course and may be paid for or included in the specification section that covers the preparation of subgrade or subbase for the particular project.

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Prior to constructing the [ABC] [and] [GCA], the underlying course or subgrade shall be cleaned of all foreign substances. At the time of construction of the [ABC] [and] [GCA], the underlying course shall contain no frozen material. The surface of the underlying course or subgrade shall meet specified compaction and surface tolerances. The underlying course shall conform to [Section 02300 EARTHWORK] [Section 02721 SUBBASE COURSES].

Ruts or soft yielding spots in the underlying courses, areas having inadequate compaction, and deviations of the surface from the requirements set forth herein shall be corrected by loosening and removing soft or unsatisfactory material and by adding approved material, reshaping to line and grade, and recompacting to specified density requirements. For cohesionless underlying courses containing sands or gravels, as defined in ASTM D 2487, the surface shall be stabilized prior to placement of the [ABC] [and] [GCA]. Stabilization shall be accomplished by mixing [ABC] [or] [GCA] into the underlying course and compacting by approved methods. The stabilized material shall be considered as part of the underlying course and shall meet all requirements of the underlying course. The finished underlying course shall not be disturbed by traffic or other operations and shall be maintained by the Contractor in a satisfactory condition until the [ABC] [and] [GCA] is placed.

### 3.5 INSTALLATION

#### 3.5.1 Mixing the Materials

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NOTE: More details of applicable methods of placing, mixing, and spreading will be included when appropriate.

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The coarse and fine aggregates shall be mixed in a stationary plant, or in a traveling plant or bucket loader on an approved paved working area. The Contractor shall make adjustments in mixing procedures or in equipment as directed to obtain true grades, to minimize segregation or degradation, to obtain the required water content, and to insure a satisfactory [ABC] [and] [GCA] meeting all requirements of this specification.

#### 3.5.2 Placing

The mixed material shall be placed on the prepared subgrade or subbase in layers of uniform thickness with an approved spreader. When a compacted layer 150 mm 6 inches or less in thickness is required, the material shall be placed in a single layer. When a compacted layer in excess of 150 mm 6 inches is required, the material shall be placed in layers of equal thickness. No layer shall exceed 150 mm 6 inches or less than 75mm 3 inches when compacted. The layers shall be so placed that when compacted they will be true to the grades or levels required with the least possible surface disturbance. Where the [ABC] [and] [GCA] is placed in more than one layer, the previously constructed layers shall be cleaned of loose and foreign matter by sweeping with power sweepers, power brooms, or hand brooms, as directed. Such adjustments in placing procedures or equipment shall be made as may be directed to obtain true grades, to minimize segregation and degradation, to adjust the water content, and to insure an acceptable [ABC] [and] [GCA].

#### 3.5.3 Grade Control

The finished and completed [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall conform to the lines, grades, and cross sections shown. Underlying material(s) shall be excavated and prepared at sufficient depth for the required [ABC] [and] [GCA] thickness so that the finished [ABC] [and] [GCA] with the subsequent surface course will meet the designated grades.

#### 3.5.4 Edges of Base Course

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NOTE: The extra width of material is provided for a working platform during construction. This will provide the paving equipment a solid surface to track on and will help ensure a smoother pavement.  
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The [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall be placed so that the completed section will be a minimum of [1.5] [\_\_\_\_\_] m [5] [\_\_\_\_\_] feet wider, on all sides, than the next layer that will be placed above it. Additionally, approved fill material shall be placed along the outer edges of [ABC] [and] [GCA] in sufficient quantities to compact to the thickness of the course being constructed, or to the thickness of each layer in a multiple layer course, allowing in each operation at least a 600 mm 2 foot width of this material to be rolled and compacted simultaneously with rolling and compacting of each layer of [ABC] [and] [GCA]. If this base course material is to be placed adjacent to another pavement section, then the layers for both of these sections shall be placed and compacted along this edge at the same time.

#### 3.5.5 Compaction

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**NOTE: Appropriate percentage will be inserted in the first bracketed blank. Cohesionless materials are often free-draining; as such, the optimum water content is normally limited to the maximum water content the material will retain. This is usually evidenced by free water running from the mold during compaction testing.**

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Each layer of the [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall be compacted as specified with approved compaction equipment. Water content shall be maintained during the compaction procedure to within plus or minus [\_\_\_\_\_] percent of the optimum water content determined from laboratory tests as specified in paragraph SAMPLING AND TESTING. Rolling shall begin at the outside edge of the surface and proceed to the center, overlapping on successive trips at least one-half the width of the roller. Alternate trips of the roller shall be slightly different lengths. Speed of the roller shall be such that displacement of the aggregate does not occur. In all places not accessible to the rollers, the mixture shall be compacted with hand-operated power tampers. Compaction shall continue until each layer has a degree of compaction that is at least [100] [\_\_\_\_\_] percent of laboratory maximum density through the full depth of the layer. The Contractor shall make such adjustments in compacting or finishing procedures as may be directed to obtain true grades, to minimize segregation and degradation, to reduce or increase water content, and to ensure a satisfactory [ABC] [and] [GCA]. Any materials that are found to be unsatisfactory shall be removed and replaced with satisfactory material or reworked, as directed, to meet the requirements of this specification.

### 3.5.6 Thickness

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**NOTE: When base courses are constructed less than 150 mm (6 inches) in total thickness, a deficiency of 13 mm (1/2 inch) in thickness of any area of such paving is considered excessive. Applicable to job conditions, the thickness-tolerance provisions may be modified as required, restricting all deficiencies to not over 6 mm (1/4 inch).**

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Compacted thickness of the aggregate course shall be [as indicated] [[\_\_\_\_\_] mm. inches.] No individual layer shall exceed 150 mm 6 inches nor be less than 75 mm 3 inches in compacted thickness. The total compacted thickness of the [ABC] [and] [GCA] course shall be within 13 mm 1/2 inch of the thickness indicated. Where the measured thickness is more than 13 mm 1/2 inch deficient, such areas shall be corrected by scarifying, adding new material of proper gradation, reblading, and recompacting as directed. Where the measured thickness is more than 13 mm 1/2 inch thicker than indicated, the course shall be considered as conforming to the specified thickness requirements. Average job thickness shall be the average of all thickness measurements taken for the job, but shall be within 6 mm 1/4 inch of the thickness indicated. The total thickness of the [ABC] [and] [GCA] course shall be measured at intervals in such a manner as to ensure one measurement for each [500] [\_\_\_\_\_] square meters yards of base course. Measurements shall be made in 75 mm 3 inch diameter test holes penetrating the base course.

### 3.5.7 Proof Rolling

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NOTE: Drawings should be checked to ensure that any supplementary information required by this paragraph has been shown and that there is no conflict between the drawings and the specifications.

Proof rolling is only applicable for flexible airfield pavement (see TM 5-825-2). This paragraph will be deleted from all project specifications for courses under road pavement and under rigid airfield pavement unless it is specifically required by the design engineer. Proof rolling is not needed for airfield shoulder pavements.

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Proof rolling of the areas indicated shall be in addition to the compaction specified and shall consist of the application of 30 coverages with a heavy pneumatic-tired roller having four or more tires, each loaded to a minimum of 13,600 kg 30,000 pounds and inflated to a minimum of 1035 kPa. 150 psi. In areas designated, proof rolling shall be applied to the top of the underlying material on which [ABC] [and] [GCA] is laid and to each layer of [ABC] [and] [GCA]. Water content of the underlying material shall be maintained at optimum or at the percentage directed from start of compaction to completion of proof rolling of that layer. Water content of each layer of the [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall be maintained at the optimum percentage directed from start of compaction to completion of proof rolling. Any [ABC] [and] [GCA] materials or any underlying materials that produce unsatisfactory results by proof rolling shall be removed and replaced with satisfactory materials, recompacted and proof rolled to meet these specifications.

### 3.5.8 Finishing

The surface of the top layer of [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall be finished after [final compaction] [and] [proof rolling] by cutting any overbuild to grade and rolling with a steel-wheeled roller. Thin layers of material shall not be added to the top layer of base course to meet grade. If the elevation of the top layer of [ABC] [and] [GCA] is 13 mm 1/2 inch or more below grade, then the top layer should be scarified to a depth of at least 75 mm 3 inches and new material shall be blended in [and compacted] [, compacted and proof rolled] to bring to grade. Adjustments to rolling and finishing procedures shall be made as directed to minimize segregation and degradation, obtain grades, maintain moisture content, and insure an acceptable base course. Should the surface become rough, corrugated, uneven in texture, or traffic marked prior to completion, the unsatisfactory portion shall be scarified, reworked and recompacted or it shall be replaced as directed.

### 3.5.9 Smoothness

The surface of the top layer shall show no deviations in excess of 10 mm 3/8 inch when tested with a [3.05] [3.66] meter [10] [12] foot straightedge. Measurements shall be taken in successive positions parallel to the centerline of the area to be paved. Measurements shall also be taken perpendicular to the centerline at [15] [\_\_\_\_\_] meter [50] [\_\_\_\_\_] foot intervals. Deviations exceeding this amount shall be corrected by removing material and replacing with new material, or by reworking existing

material and compacting it to meet these specifications.

### 3.6 TRAFFIC

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NOTE: Traffic will not be allowed on any base course placed for airfield pavements. For roads, traffic should only be allowed on the base courses when it cannot be diverted elsewhere; but precautions should be taken to limit the traffic and keep heavy equipment off. Any damage caused by traffic should be repaired to meet these specification requirements. Designer will choose the appropriate bracketed information.

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[Traffic shall not be allowed on the completed [ABC] [and] [GCA] course].  
[Completed portions of the [ABC] [and] [GCA] course may be opened to limited traffic, provided there is no marring or distorting of the surface by the traffic. Heavy equipment shall not be permitted except when necessary to construction, and then the area shall be protected against marring or damage to the completed work.]

### 3.7 MAINTENANCE

The [ABC] [and] [GCA] shall be maintained in a satisfactory condition until the full pavement section is completed and accepted. Maintenance shall include immediate repairs to any defects and shall be repeated as often as necessary to keep the area intact. Any [ABC] [and] [GCA] that is not paved over prior to the onset of winter, shall be retested to verify that it still complies with the requirements of this specification. Any area of [ABC] [and] [GCA] that is damaged shall be reworked or replaced as necessary to comply with this specification.

### 3.8 DISPOSAL OF UNSATISFACTORY MATERIALS

Any unsuitable materials that must be removed shall be disposed of [as directed] [in waste disposal areas indicated]. No additional payments will be made for materials that must be replaced.

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