

Participants in the 2019 AASHTO re:source Coarse Aggregate Proficiency Sample Program,

The 2019 Coarse Aggregate Proficiency Samples 205(A) and 206(B) are currently being processed and packaged for shipping. Please take note of the following dates and deadlines associated with these samples:

Shipping Date: September 5th, 2019

Immediately after the shipping date, please log in to the AASHTO re:source website to track your packages. From the "My Lab" page, click "Packages" in the left-hand column of the page.

Be aware that the sample boxes may not arrive in the correct order or on the same day. You may receive Sample 206 (B) before Sample 205 (A) and they may arrive few days apart.

Upon receipt of the samples, please open the boxes and ensure that all contents are included. If the samples are seriously damaged or missing a component, please notify us immediately and we will send replacements. If you do not, we cannot guarantee that samples will be available with enough time for testing to be completed.

The outside of the sample boxes are labeled samples 205 (A) and 206 (B). The bags inside the boxes are labeled only (A) or (B). The bag labeled (A) is sample 205. The bag labeled (B) is sample 206.

Datasheets, instructions, and SDSs will be available for this sample on our website beginning on September 5th, 2019. They can be found by using the following link:

<http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/datasheets-and-instructions>

Non-Receipt Date: September 19th 2019

If you have not received the samples by the non-receipt date or if the samples are seriously damaged, or missing a component please notify us immediately and we will send replacements.

Closing Date: October 31st, 2019

We encourage you to submit your results online, as soon as possible. This enables you to receive instant confirmation of data submitted and revise data if needed. Test results received after the closing date will not be included in the final report.

Final Report Date: November 14th, 2019

AASHTO re:source will provide a final report approximately two weeks after the closing date. Individual laboratory reports will be provided by logging on the AASHTO re:source website. Laboratories will be notified by email when the final report becomes available.

Of course, confidentiality of individual laboratory results will be maintained. However, general information regarding the round of testing, such as statistical summary tables and Youden scatter diagrams associated with the analysis of data, will be provided to the public on AASHTO re:source's website.

Testing Note

For each test performed please report the result of a single determination only, not the average of two or more, except in cases where an average is called for in the method or specification. The program is designed to obtain two independent test results, one for each numbered sample, for each test method that the laboratory chooses to perform.

To permit an estimate of single-operator precision, the same operator should conduct an

individual test on both samples. It is not necessary that the same person conduct all of the tests.

Treat each sample as you would treat a typical "testing" sample. Any special handling or preparation needs will be included below or within the Sample Instructions Document.

Special Instructions/New Test Methods

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

The following steps should be taken in handling the samples if a full series of tests is to be performed on the material provided:

1. Oven-dry the material at $110 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($230 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$) before testing is begun.
2. Perform T11/C117 and T27/C136 on the entire sample.
3. Recombine all the plus 4.75-mm material and then select a representative test sample for T85/C127.
4. Recombine the material from T85/C127 with the remaining material from Step 3.
5. ***Oven-dry the recombined material at $110 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($230 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$). Separate the material into size fractions by sieving. If performing T327/D6928, obtain the appropriate material sizes first. Then obtain the material for T96/C131 and T104/C88 in accordance with those test methods.***

No new test methods are associated with this sample.

A complete sample schedule is available online:

<http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/schedule>

Please contact AASHTO re:source at psp@ashtoresource.org or call 240-436-4900 if there are questions.

Sincerely,
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