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ABSTRACT

This report covers the results of the skid tests performed by the three Texas skid test trailers from October 1968 to

June 1969. This report indicates results for various pavement types and surfaces, and studies the effect of amount of binder and aggregate gradation upon the coefficient of friction.

This report will be of specific interest to District, Maintenace, Design, and Resident Engineers and other engineers interested in friction performance of pavements.

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REPORT II

(September 1968-May 1969)

Maintenance Operations of the Skid Test Trailers

Background

In May 1968, the three maintenance skid test trailers began testing operations throughout the state. These trailers were permanently stationed in the districts where the major supply warehouses are located. At this time, the trailers were correlated on several test sections in the Austin and Bryan area and the results of this calibration were used in the computer program prepared by The Highway Design Division in order to obtain consistant skid resistance results regardless of the trailer used. In December 1968, these three trailers were again correlated over the same sections and the necessary changes made in the skid resistance computer program.

The Design Division maintains a state wide file to assist in plan preparation between D-8 and the District.

This is the second report prepared on the state wide status of pavement surfaces in relation to skid resistance. This report will be prepared each year in order to summarize pavement surface information.

General Information

As mentioned in the first report (SS 11.4), the results of this report may be biased due to the manner of selection of the surface to be tested. The District making the skid tests selects the sections to be studied. Some Districts test almost every roadway within their

boundaries, others test only sections considered "slick", and still others test different pavement surface types. Based on this assumption, the statistics given in this report may be biased and may not be a true representation of actual state wide conditions.

Skid tests were performed at 40 mph with standard quantities of test water.

STATE WIDE AVERAGE

In the seven month period covered herein, 2370 pavements were tested. The sections reported include seven pavement types, various coarse aggregate types, binder content and aggregate gradations. The friction values of these sections ranged from 0.14 to 0.80 with an average coefficient of 0.40. The average coefficient for the first five months preceding the period of this report was 0.39 with a range of 0.15 to 0.80.

Graph 1 indicates approximately 32% of the pavements tested are below a value of 0.32.

Table I and Graphs 2 through 8 presents skid resistance information concerning pavement type.

Table II compares coarse aggregate material types used in Asphaltic Concrete Pavements and Surface Treatments. In this comparison wear and age of surface has not been considered.

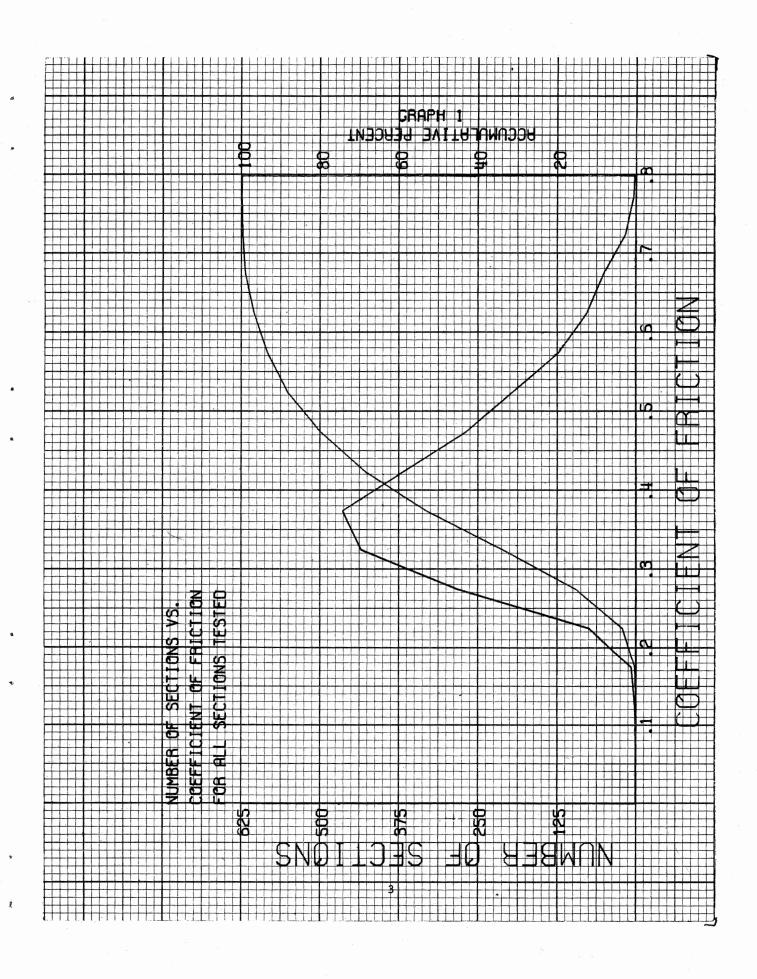


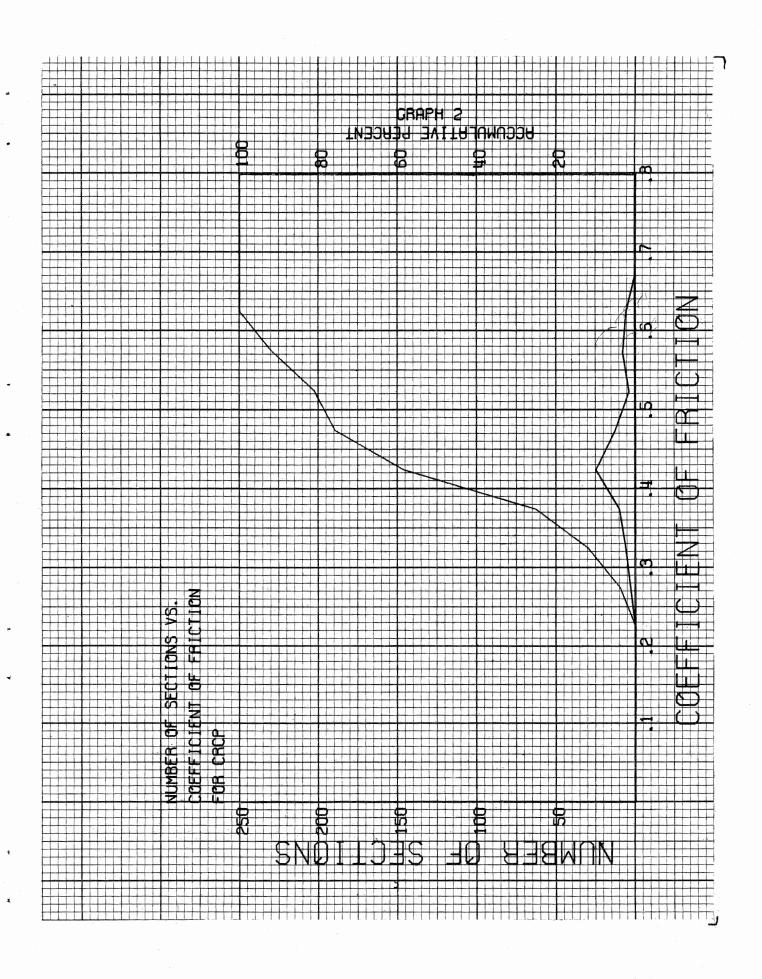
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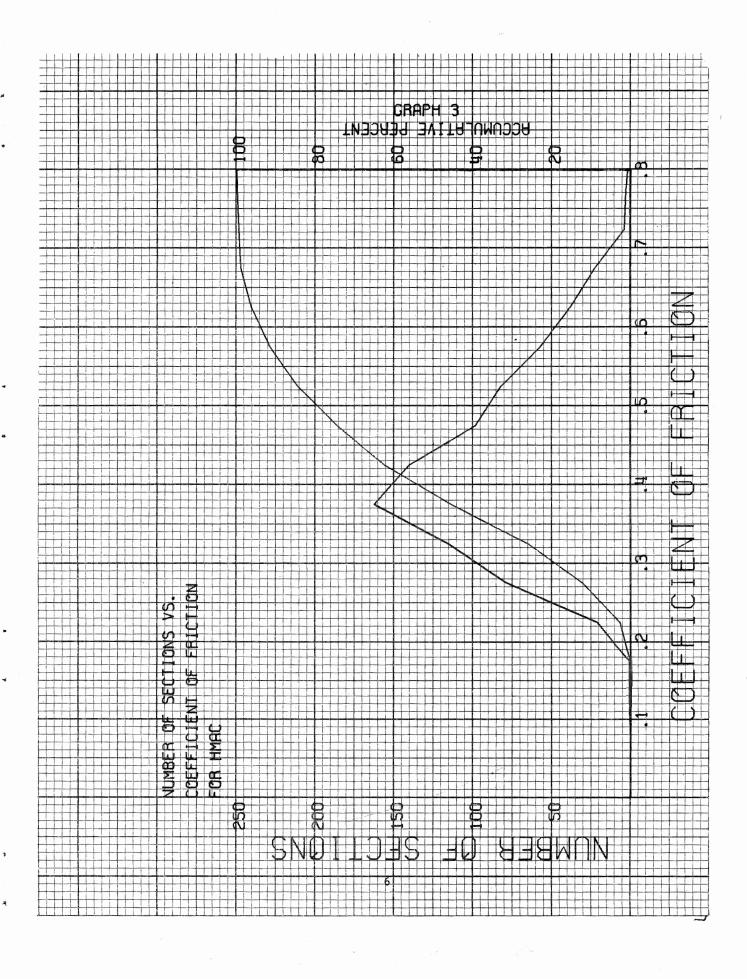
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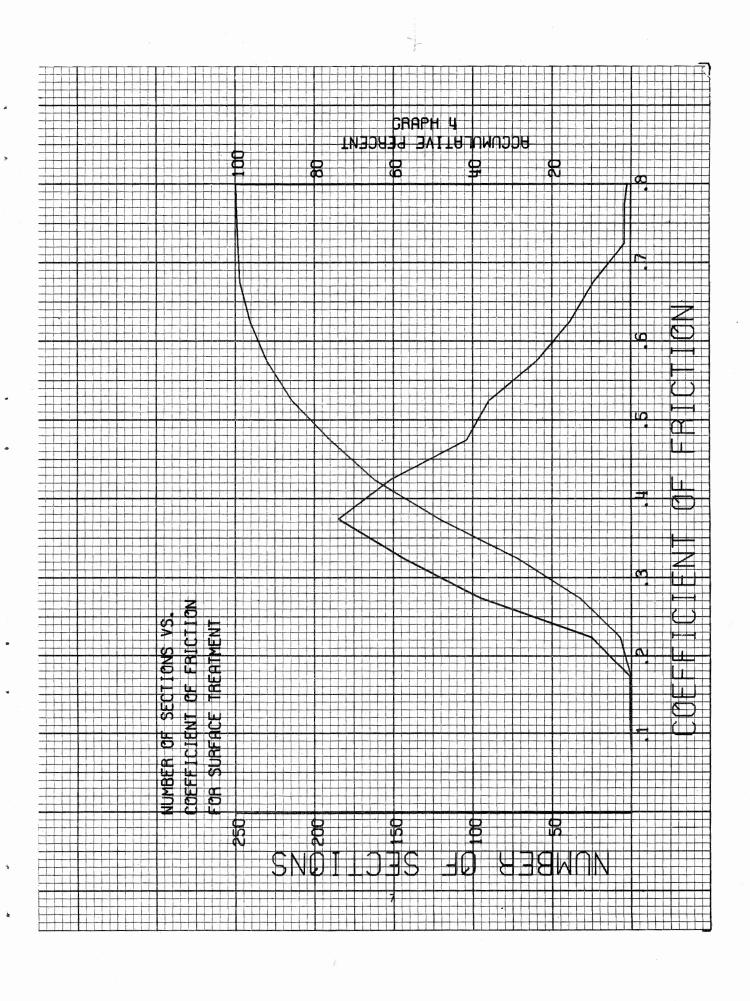
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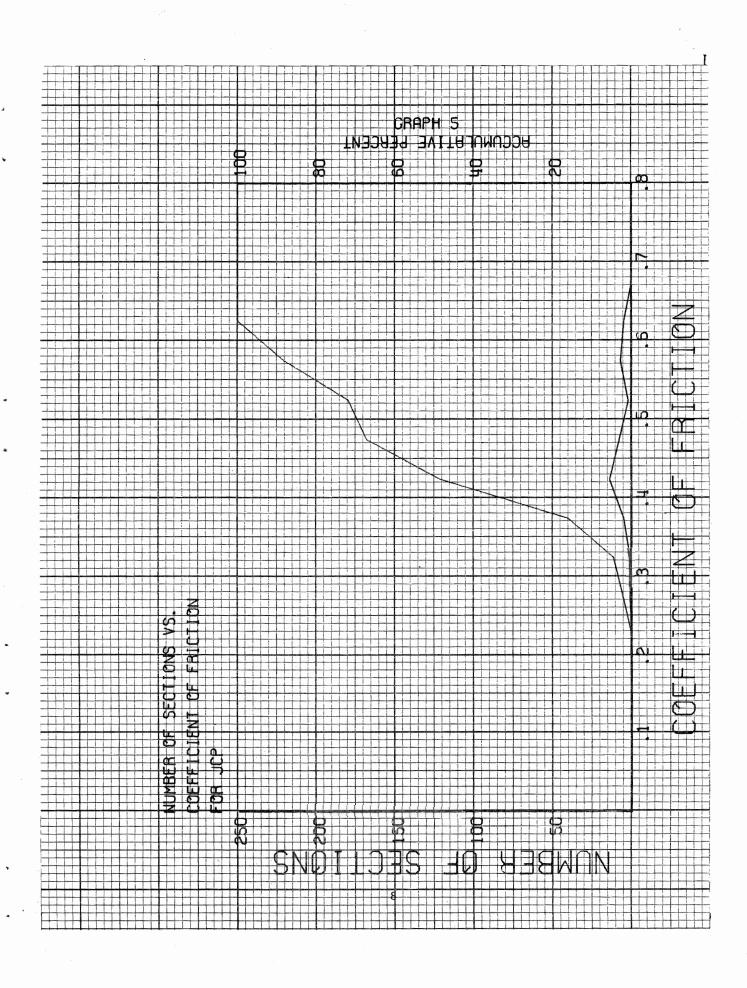
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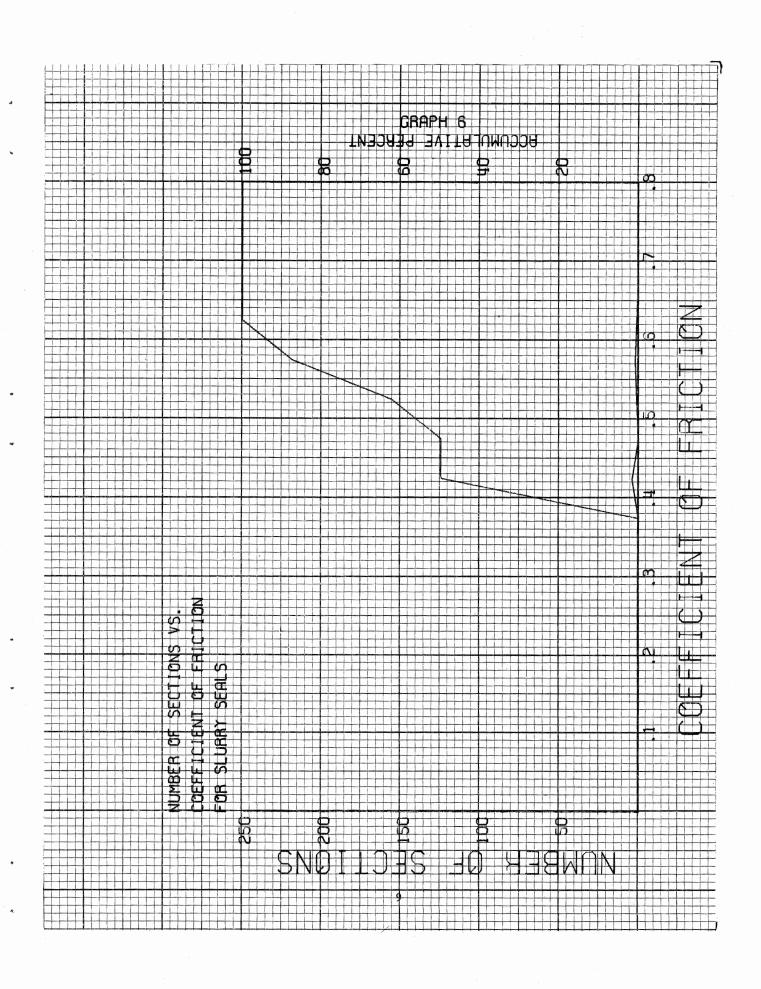
Pavement Type	No. Sec. Tested	Aver. Coef.	Range	Stan. Dev.
All Sections Tested	2370	0.40	.1480	0.11
CRCP	75	0.44	.2460	0.09
HMAC	832	0.40	.1976	0.11
Surface Treatment	928	0.42	.1480	0.12
JCP	43	0.36	.2647	0.06
Slurry Seals	8	0.38	.3150	0.06
Cold Mix Limestone Rock Asphalt	7	0.36	.2852	0.08
Hot Mix-Cold Laid A.C.	4	0.50	.3764	0.12

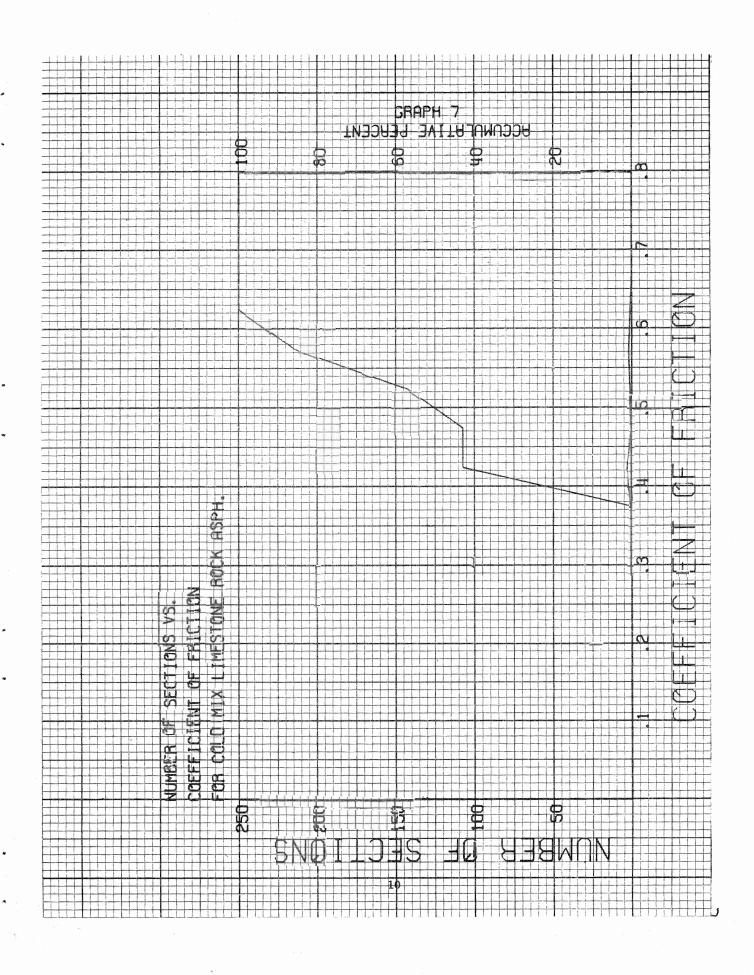












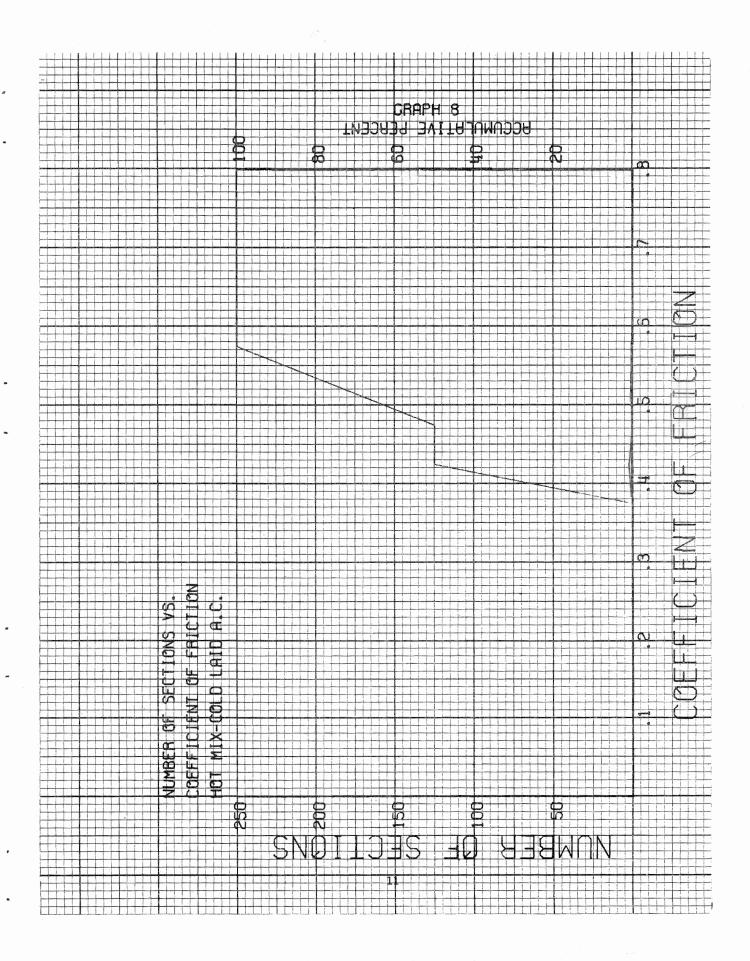


TABLE II

SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION STUDY OF AGGREGATE MATERIAL TYPES

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Types		HMZ	AC	,	SUR	FACE TI	REATMENT	
	No.	Aver.		Stan.	No.	Aver.		Stan
	Tested	Coef.	Range	Dey.	Tested	Coef.	Range	Dev.
All Section	s 832	0.40	.1976	0.11	928	0.42	.1480	0.12
Silicious	51	0.35	.2159	0.10	291	0.42	.2080	0.11
Limestone	323	0.45	.2173	0.10	171	0.42	.1477	0.10
Lightweight	2	0.48	.4651	****	36	0.57	.3769	0.09
Slag	44	0.49	.3067	0.08	27	0.55	.3173	0.12
Trap Rock	19	0.45	.2956	0.09	15	0.42	.2555	0.08
Rock Asphal	t 4	0.40	.4068	****	30	0.35	.2067	0.08
Shell	None							
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PAVEMENT SURFACE WEAR

The following plots obtained from information completed by the Districts are an attempt to study the relationship of pavement surfacing materials and skid resistance. The information used on these plots was taken from the code sheets completed by the District.

The total traffic has been determined by multiplying the number of days between placement and testing by the ADT. This gives a measure of the number of vehicles polishing or wearing for this section of roadway. This is not an exact method for determing total traffic but other methods require a much more complicated calculation. It is believed that this method is sufficient to reveal the wear characteristic trends of roadway surface materials.

Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement

Graph 9 is a plot of coefficient of friction vs total traffic for continuously reinforced concrete pavement. Twenty (20) sections have been tested. This plot shows considerable data scatter but what is believed to be slight decrease in friction with cumulative traffic applications.

Jointed Concrete Pavement

Very little traffic data was available. Graph 10 indicates only one pavement section lies on the total traffic scale with more than three points off scale (greater than 20 million traffic). Little information can be obtained from this plot.

Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete

Graph 11 is a plot of all surface material types used in HMAC sections. Graphs 12 through 19 are wear plots of several coarse

aggregate materials used in HMAC. These graphs show widely scattered data points but also show the influence of the coarse aggregate on the coefficient of friction.

About the only trend apparent is that silicious material is generally lower in friction than other materials. Limestone is surprisingly high considering the large amount of traffic applications on several surfaces, however, the plots show that the coefficient of friction of surfaces with limestone aggregate can be as low as those with siliceous or as high as those with trap rock.

Surface Treatment

Graph 20 is a general plot for all surface treatment sections tested. Graphs 21 through 26 are plots which study the coarse aggregate material types.

Again a wide data scatter is found. The wear rate of all coarse aggregate material types is approximately the same.

Graph 21 shows only three (3) sections of surface treatment using siliceous coarse aggregate. A considerably larger amount of siliceous aggregate is in use throughout the state, but does not appear due to the incomplete traffic or date data received from the Districts.

The coefficient of friction of lightweight surface treatments, Graph 23, is generally higher than all other surface materials especially at higher total traffic.

Graph 26 is a plot of coefficient of friction vs total traffic for surface treatments using rock asphalt coarse aggregate. Again only five points are shown due to incomplete information reported from the Districts.

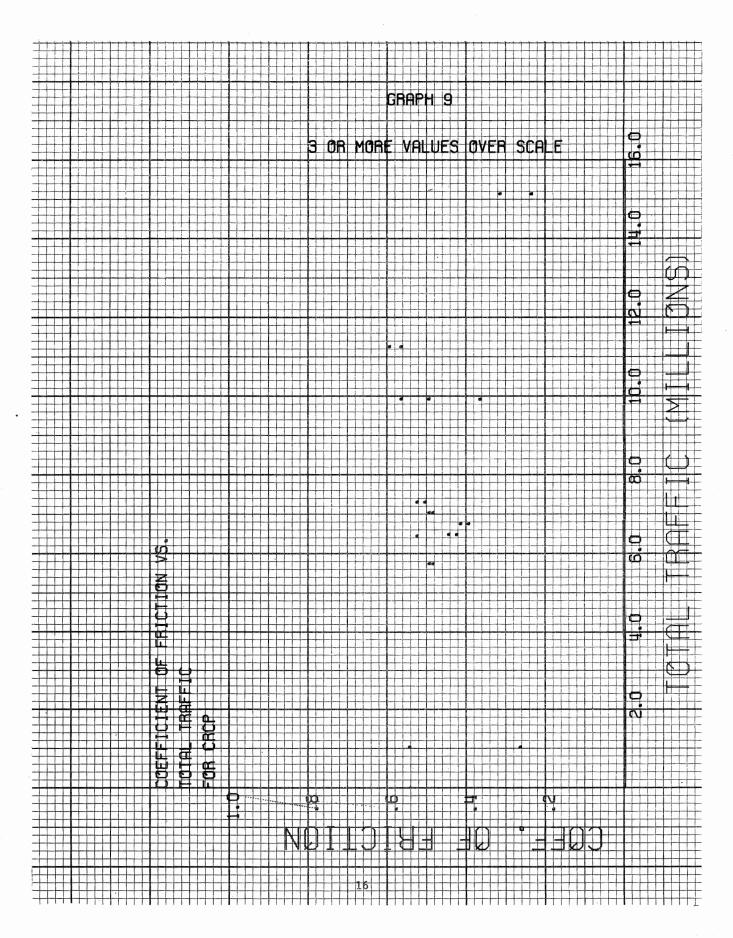
Slurry Seals

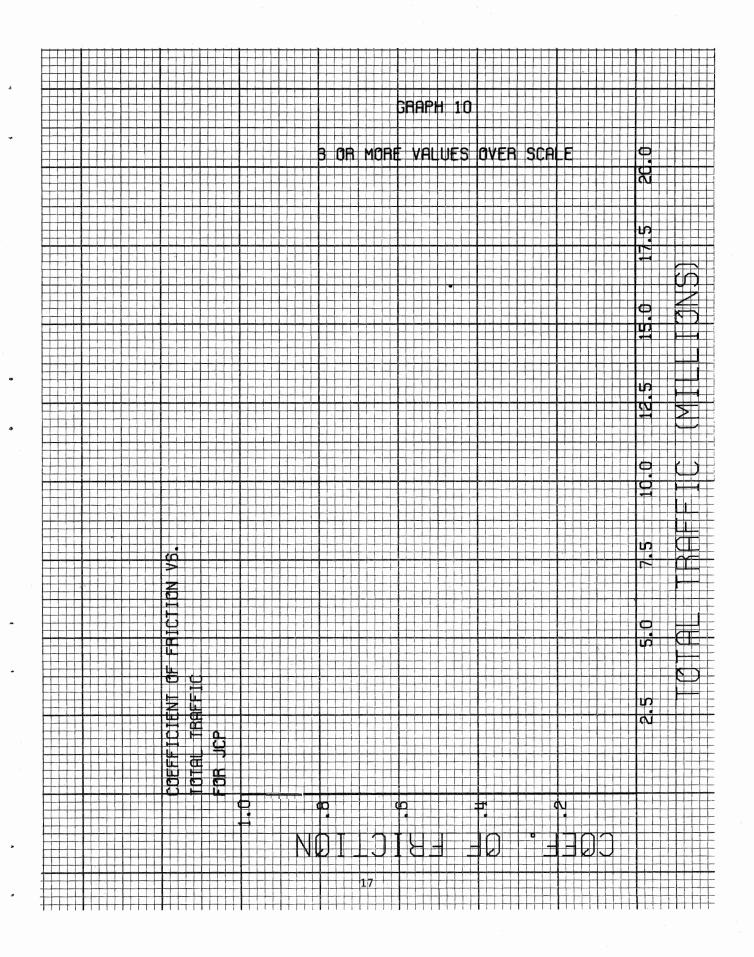
Little judgement and or conclusions can be obtained from the data points in Graph 27. No trend is developed in this plot due to the small number of data points available. Generally, the coarse aggregate material used was Linestone Rock Asphalt.

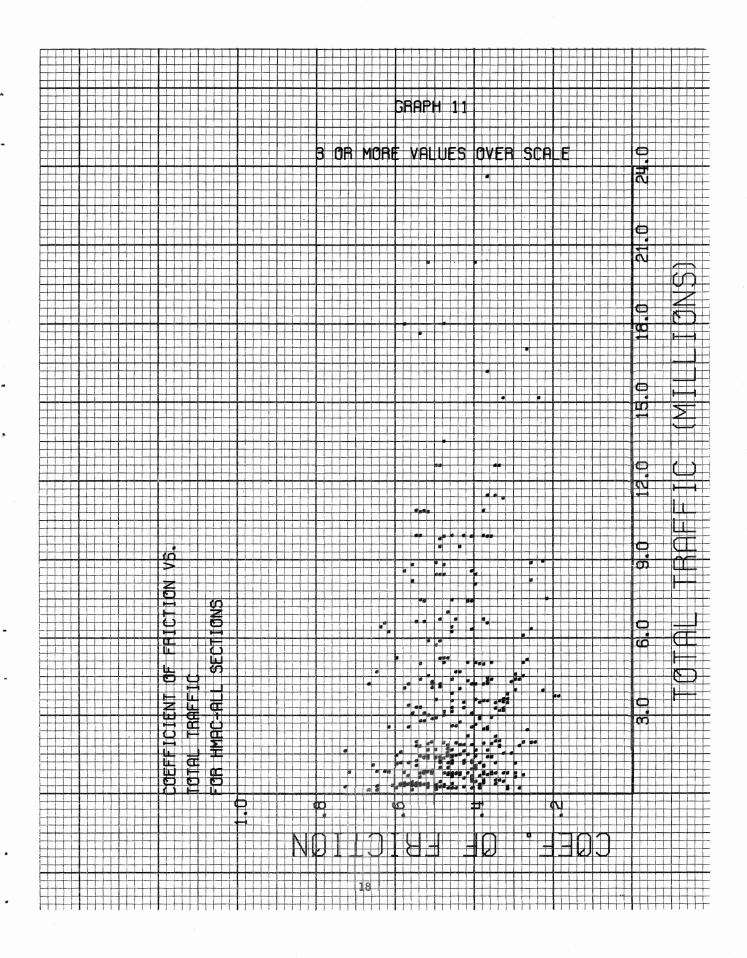
Cold - Laid Limestone Rock Asphalt

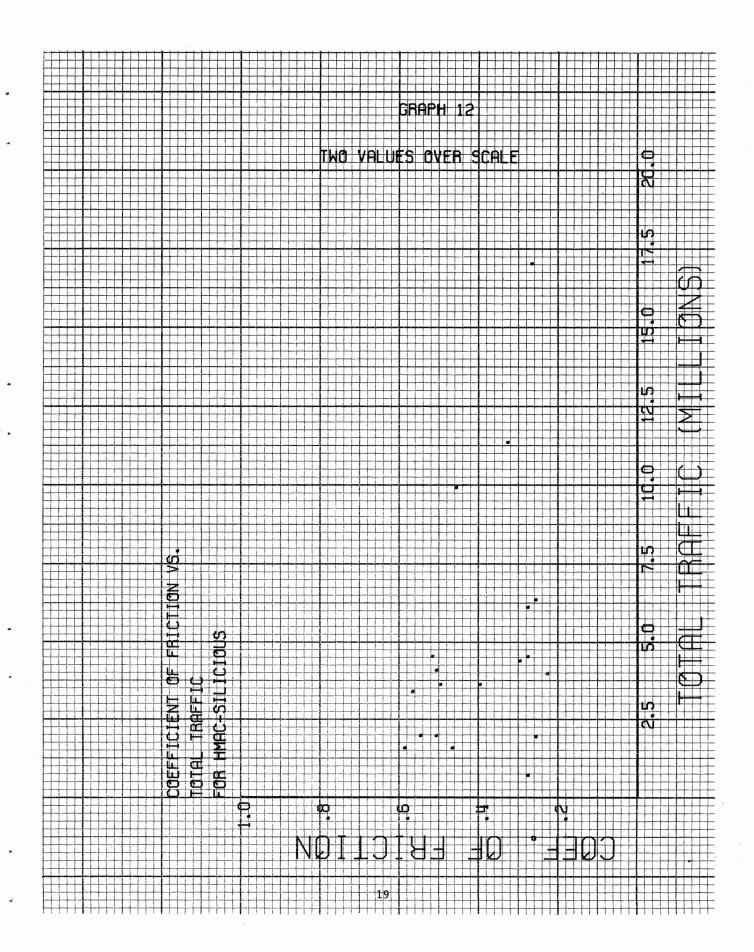
The small number of traffic data points in Graph 28 make any type of analysis difficult. This graph tends to show low coefficent of friction of cold-laid surfaces regardless of any traffic range.

A larger number of data points could reverse this trend.



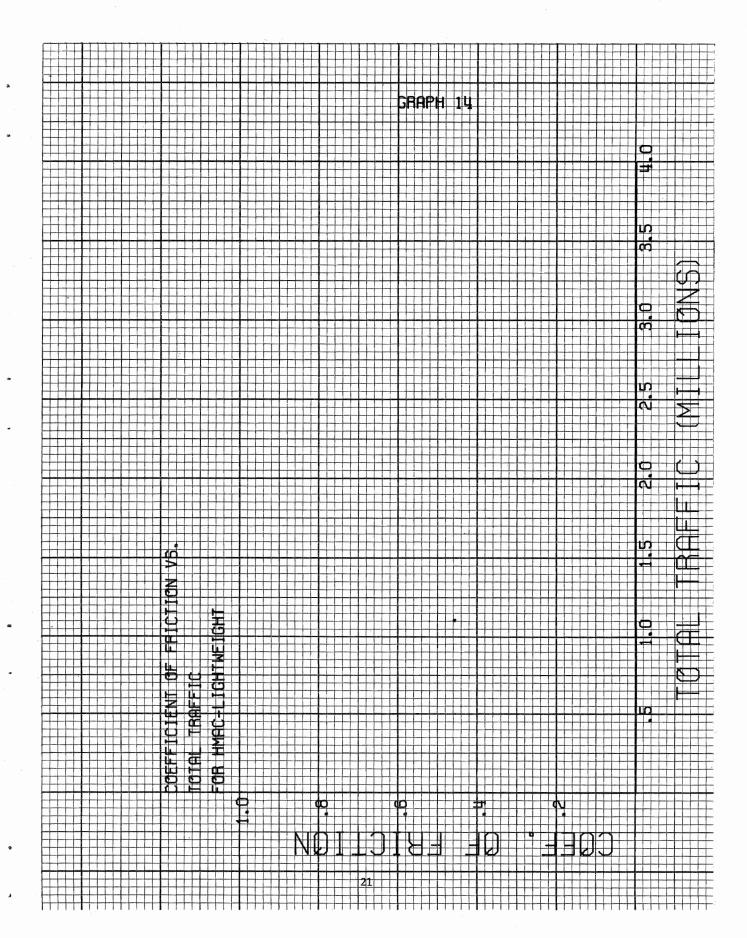


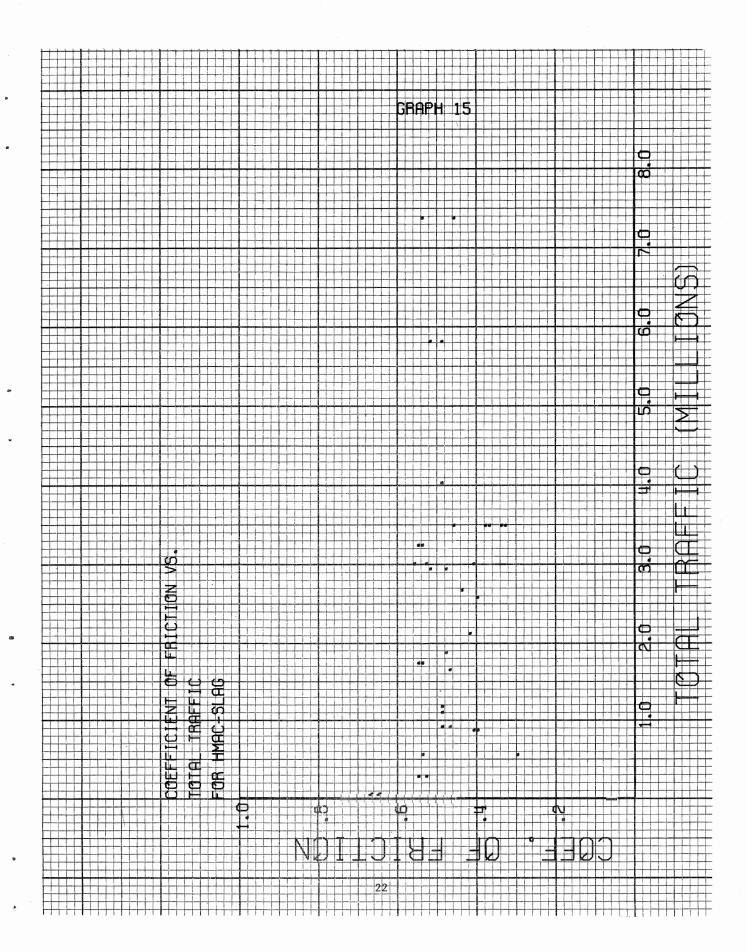


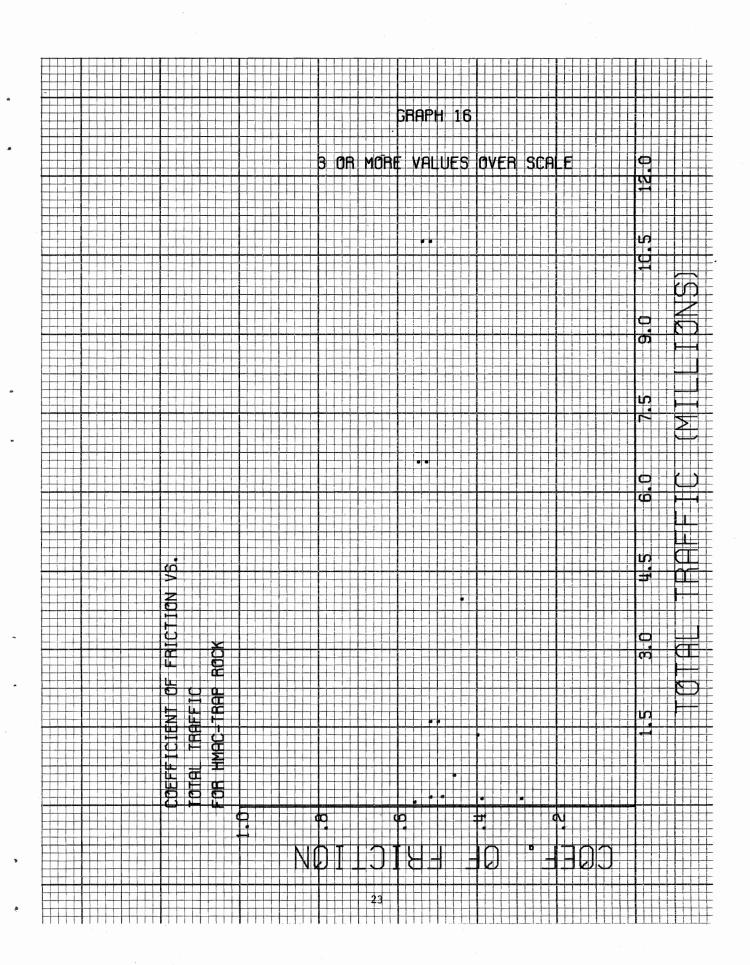


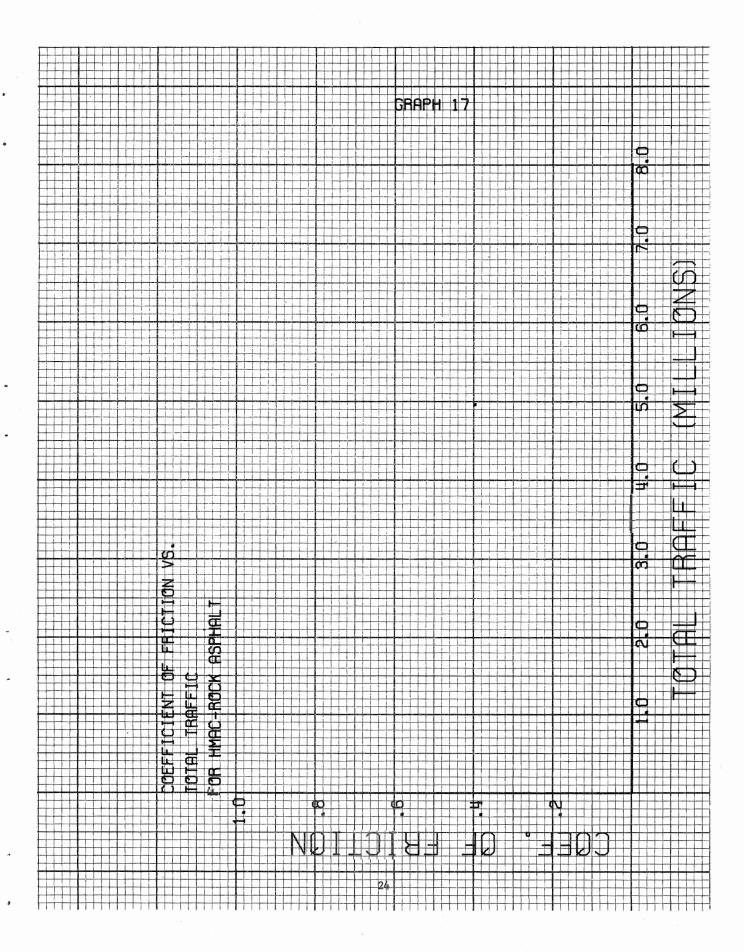
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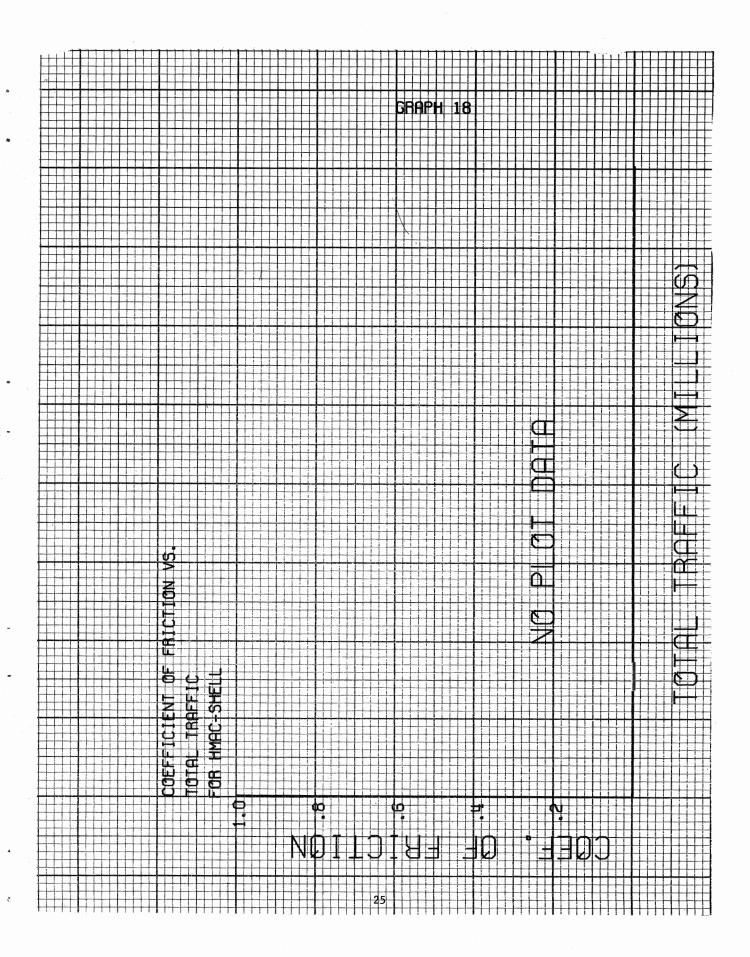
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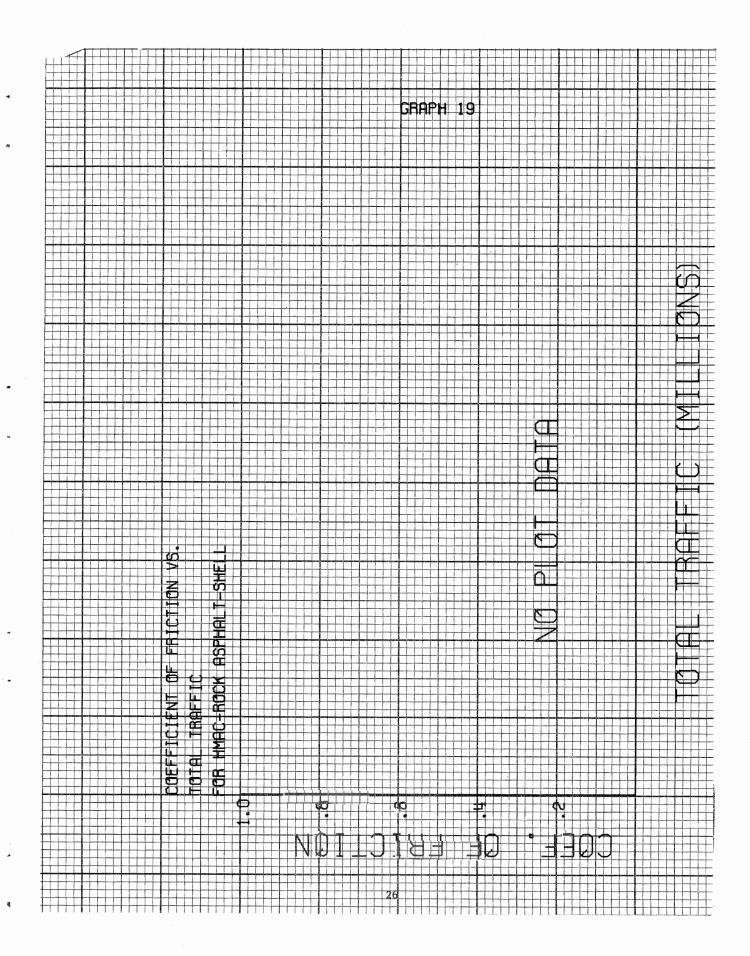


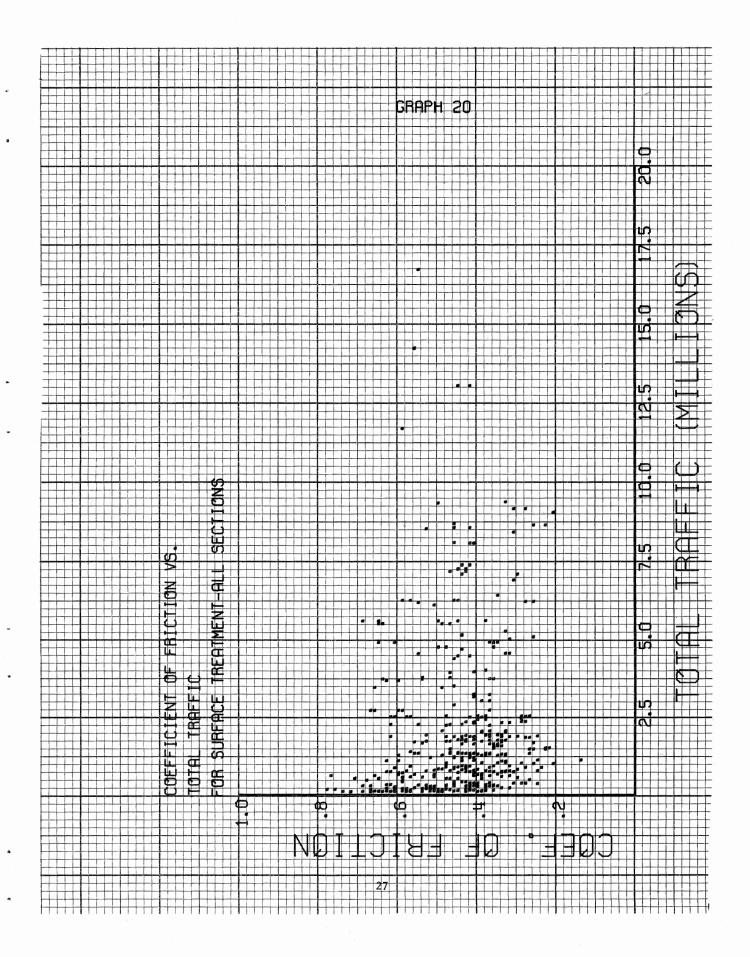


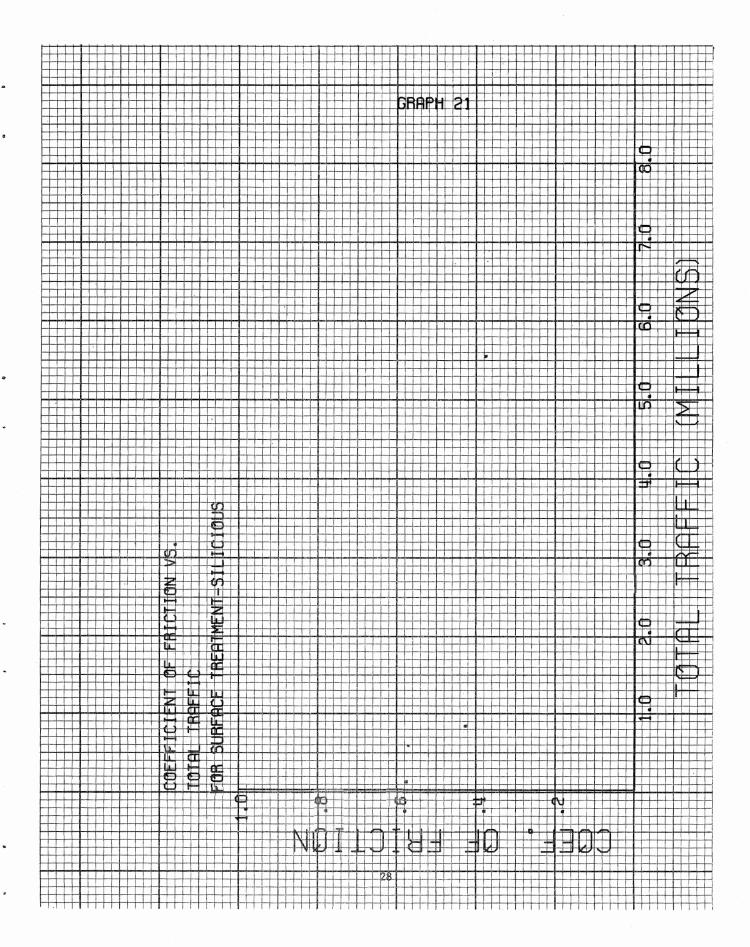


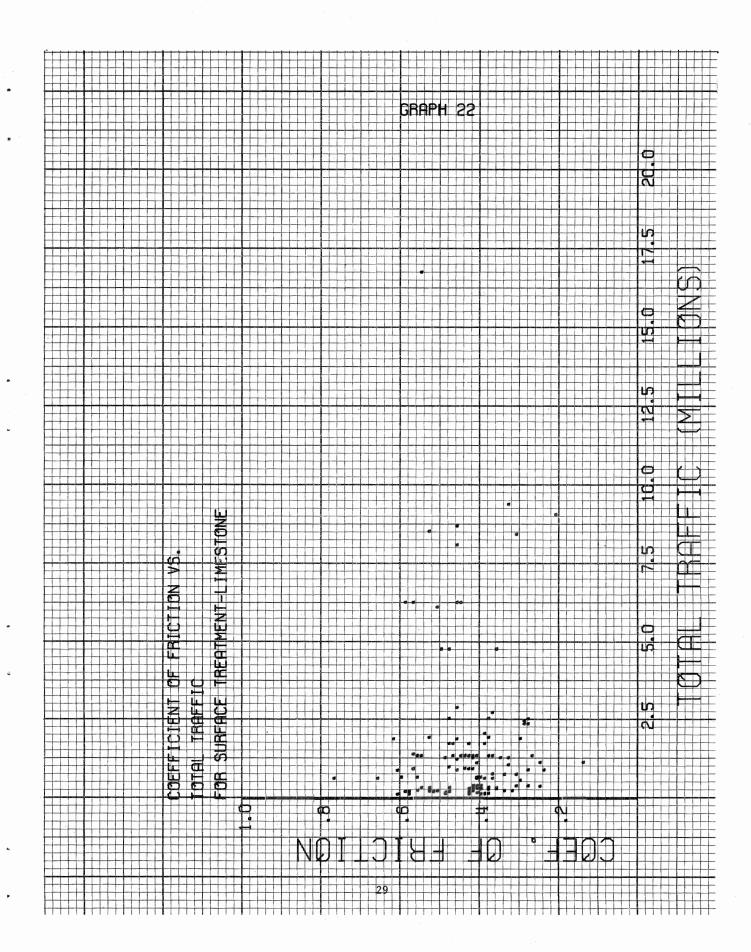


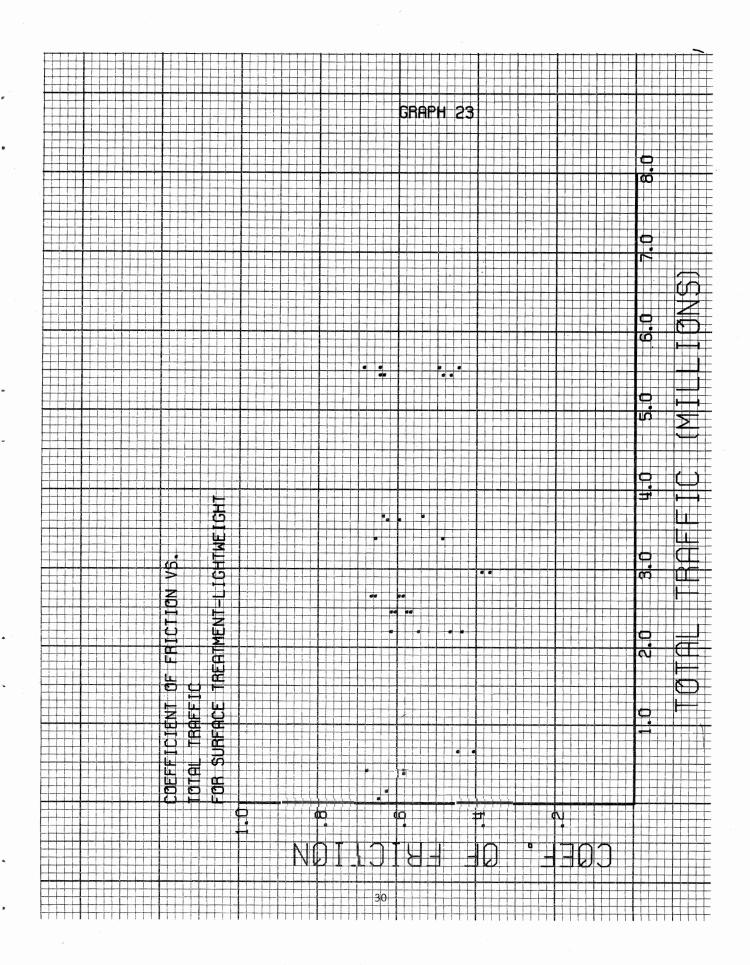


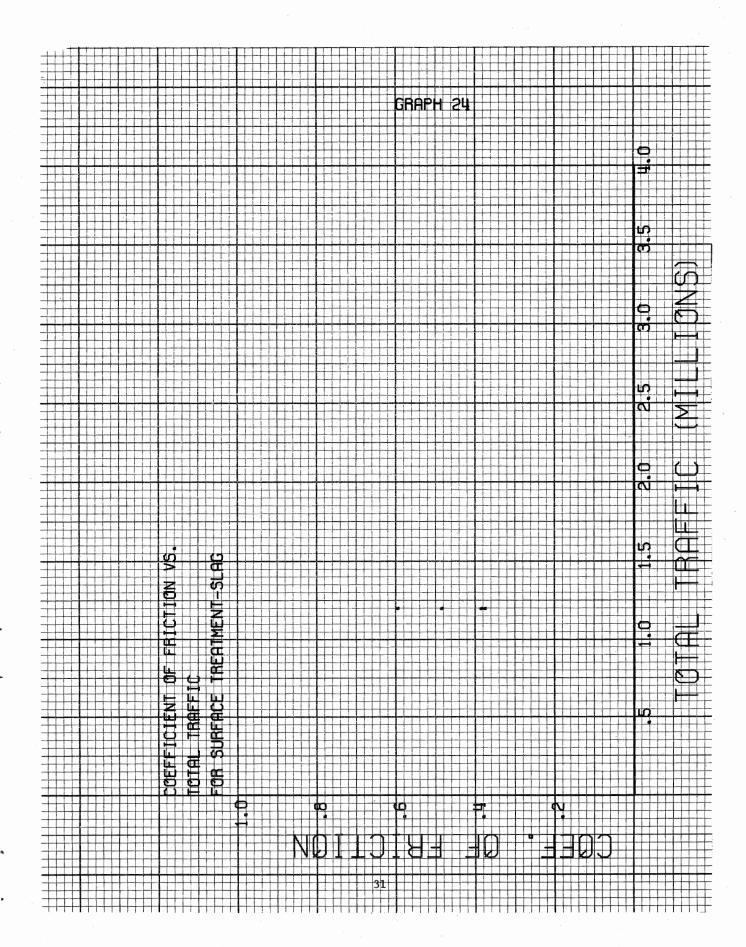


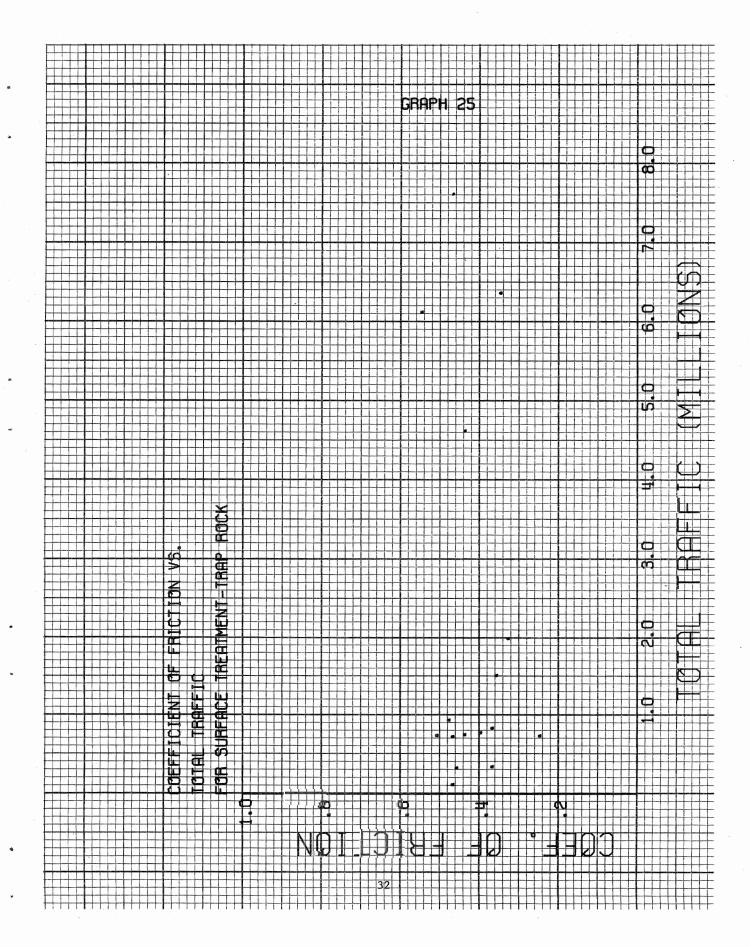


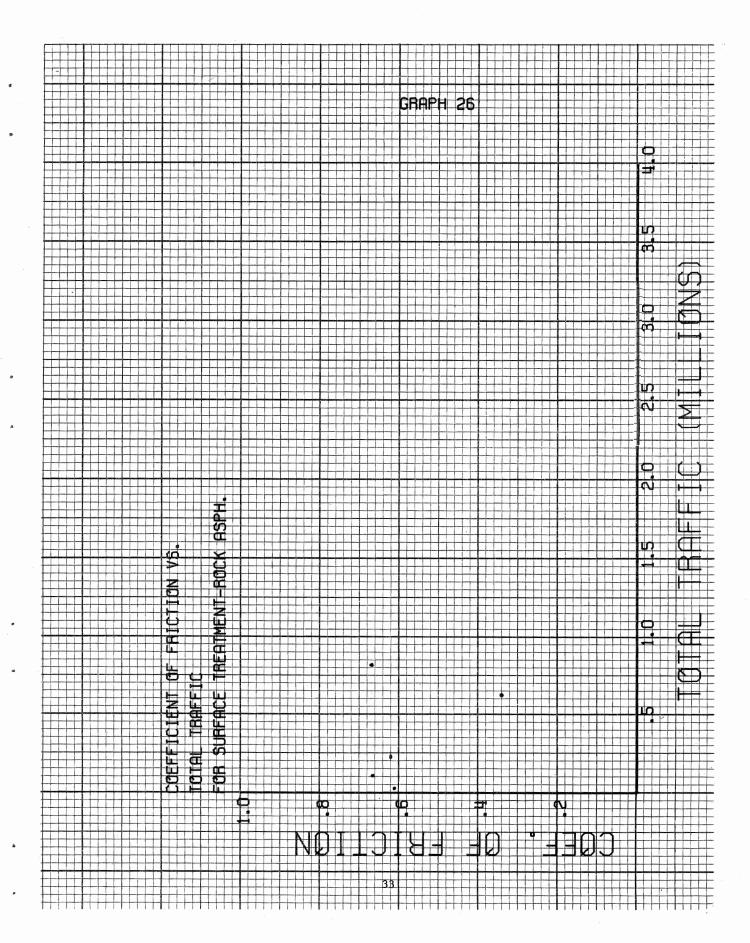


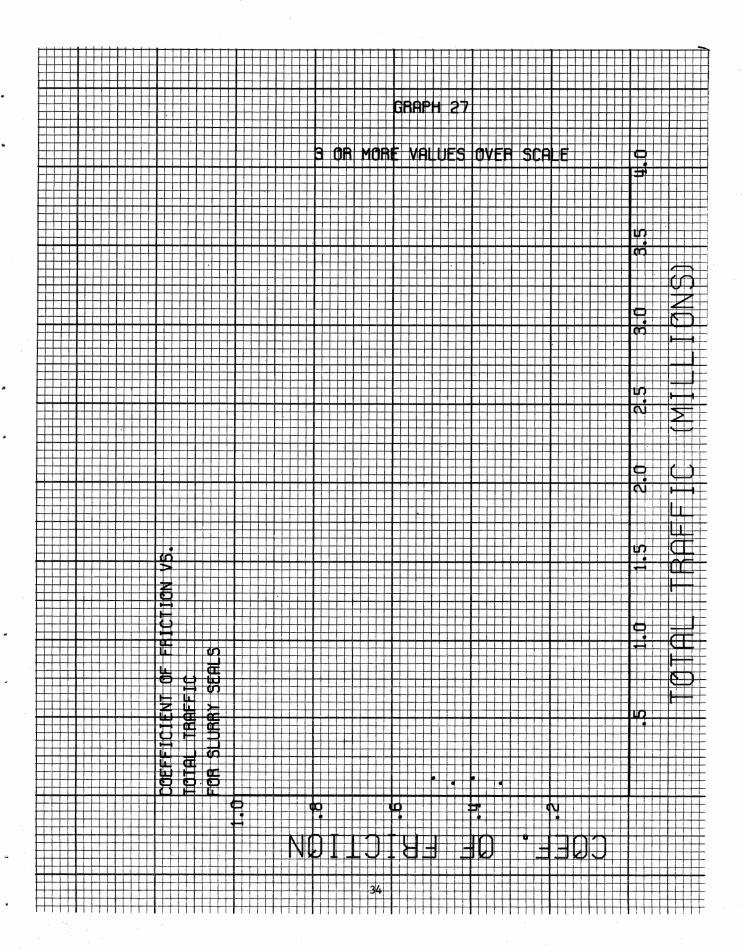


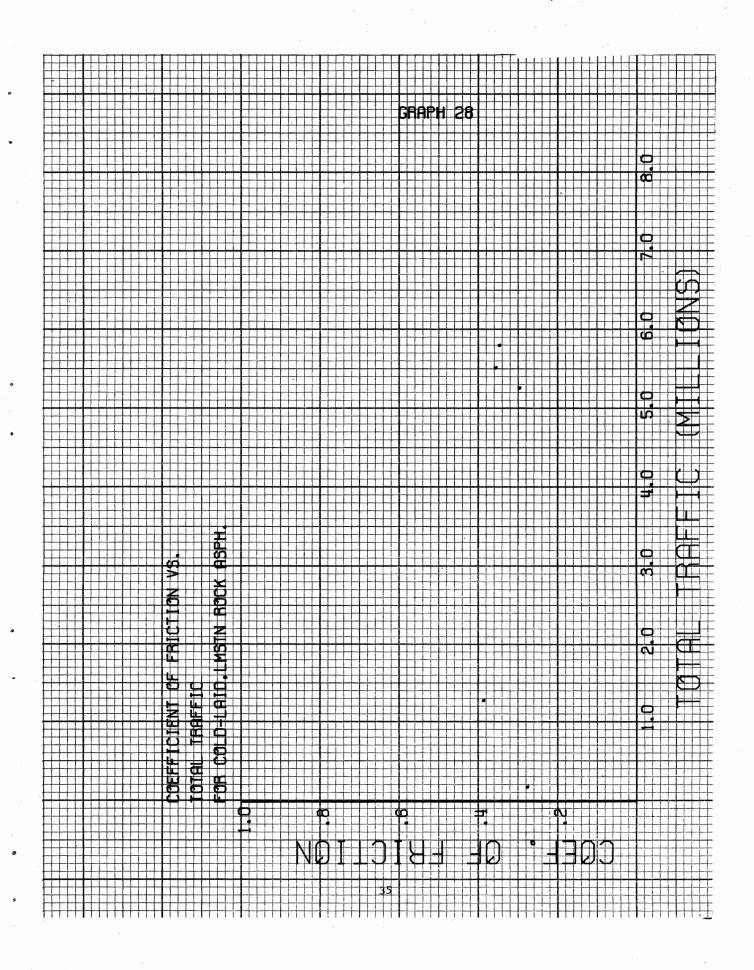












PAVEMENT MATERIAL

The following plots attempt to study the pavement surfacing materials more closely. These plots study the effect of the gradation of the aggregate and the amount of binder at a selected traffic range for a given material and pavement type. Graphs 29 through 50 study the effect of the binder and graphs 51 through 61 study the effect of the gradation. Each plot of all information obtained for a pavement type is followed by specific information of the material types used in the pavement type.

The Effect of Binder

In this study two traffic ranges were selected, these being (1) 0-4 million applications and (2) 4-8 million applications for HMAC and (1) 0-2 million (2) greater than 2 million for surface treatments. Please note that the total traffic used in this study is not the actual traffic applications each lane has received because the ADT was used in the calculation of total traffic. It is generally agreed upon by most authorities that all HMAC aggregates polish to some friction level at approximately 4 to 4.5 vehicle applications and remains approximately constant after that. These two traffic ranges were chosen because the aggregate is polishing from 0-4 million applications and the coefficient of friction appears to have leveled off in the 4-8 million range. The different surface treatment traffic ranges were chosen because most surface treatments are resurfaced before they have received two million traffic applications.

Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete

Graph 29 is a general plot of all HMAC pavements tested. Graphs

30 through 39 are related to specific aggregate types. Again as in report SS 11.4 higher asphalt contents appear not to hinder friction values. There is probably an optimum asphalt content, just as there is an optimum moisture content in base, but this optimum is not appearant from these plots.

Surface Treatments

Graph 40 is a general plot of all surface treatment pavements tested. Graphs 40 through 46 are related to specific aggregate types.

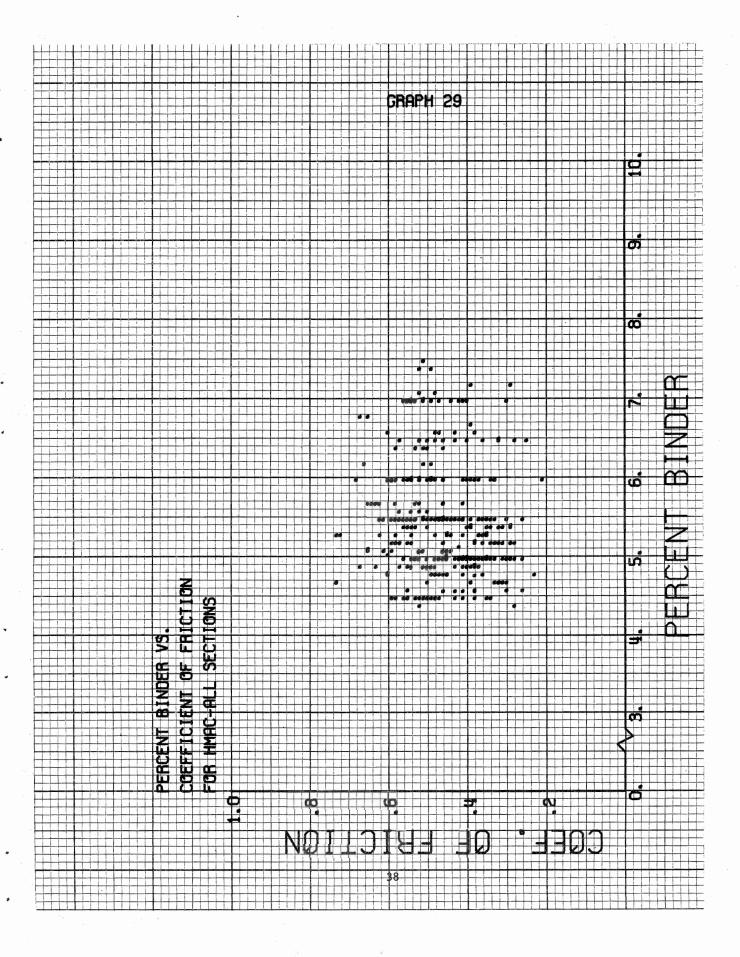
As in the HMAC studied there appears to be no optimum asphalt content. In this analysis it must be remembered that the binder content on some pavements has been varied to match the surface condition before surfacing. The binder contents of greater than 0.7 gal/sq.yd. were checked with the district involved and they are correct.

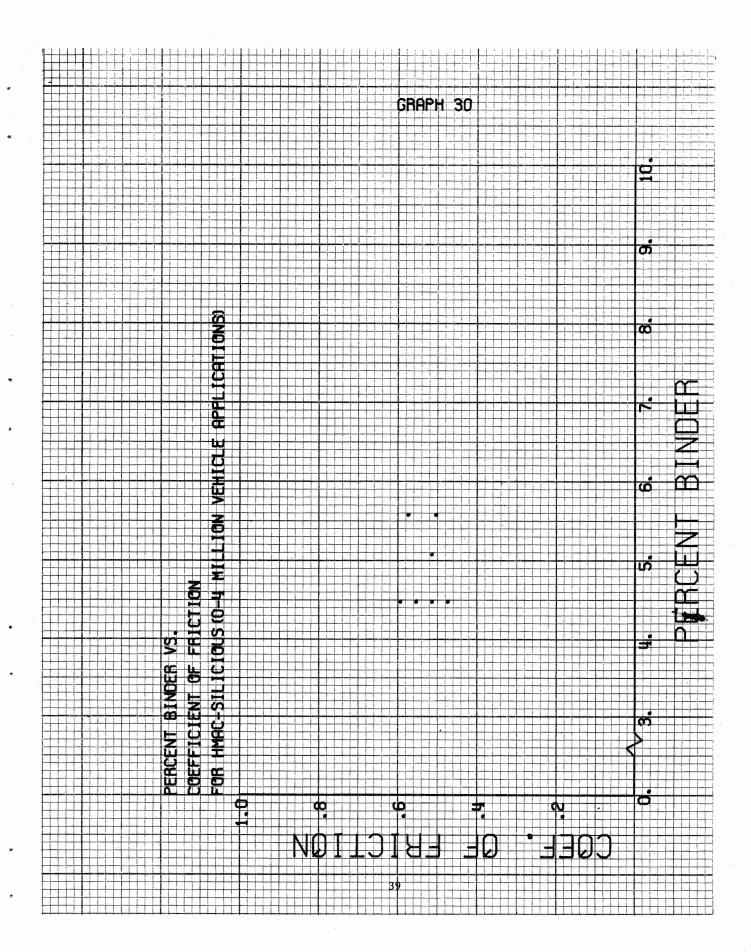
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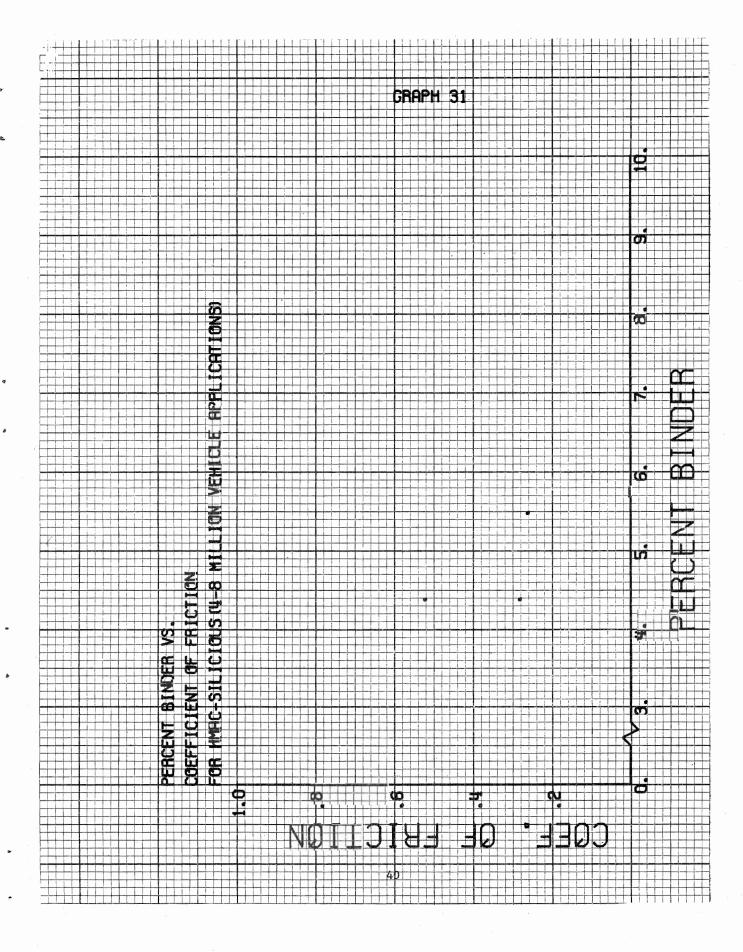
No trends show from Graph 47 due to the small amount of data.

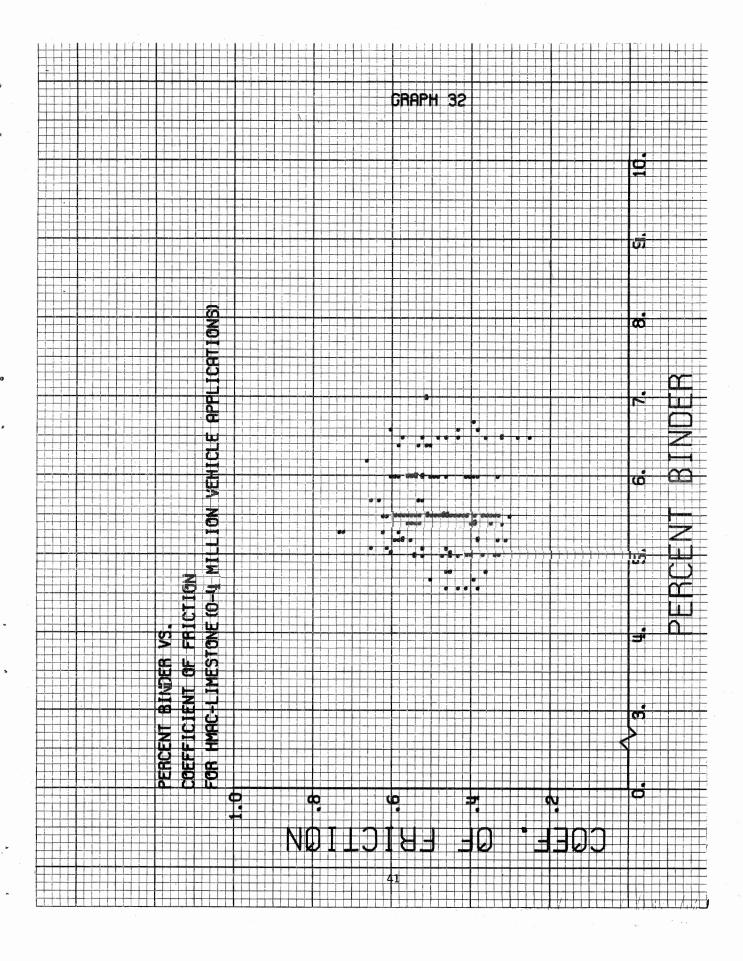
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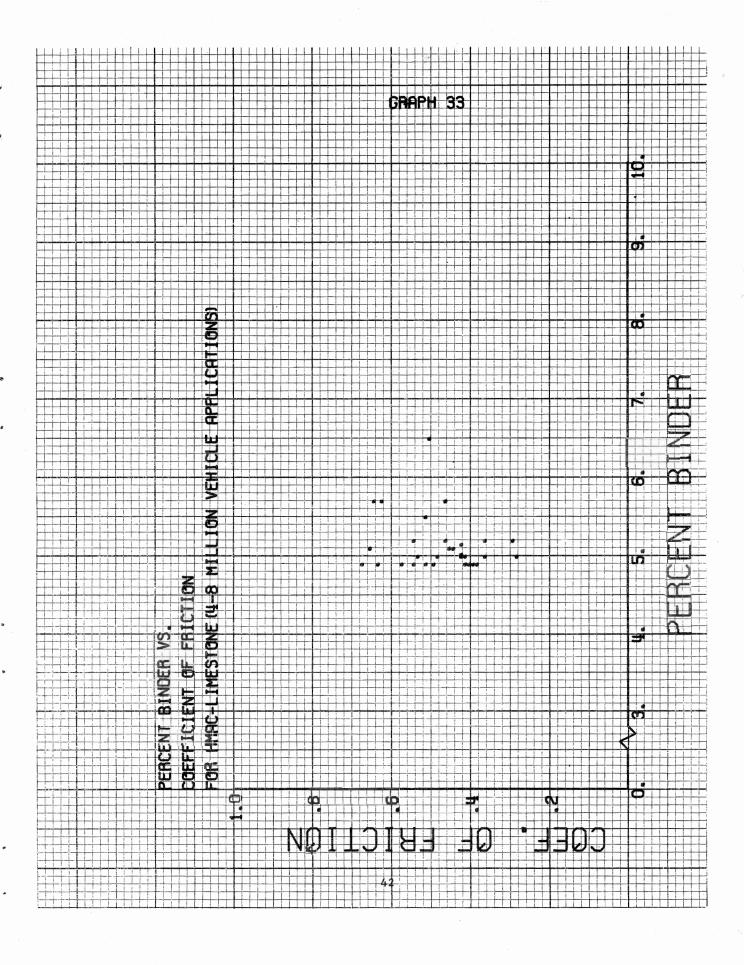
Again there can be no definite trends established due to the small amount of data available. (See Graph 50).

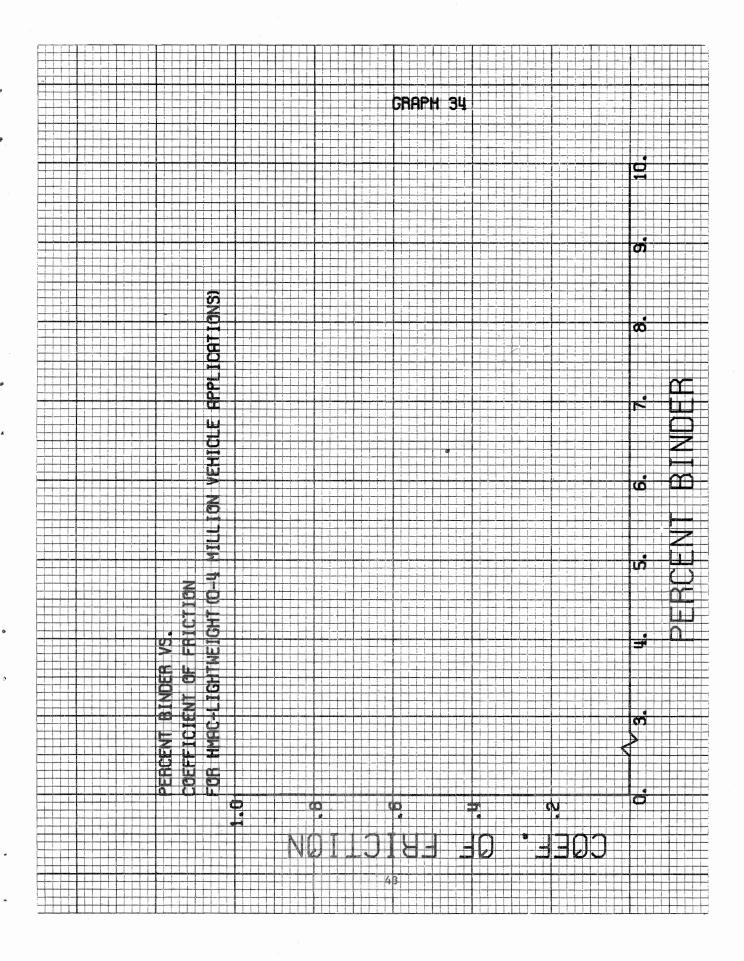


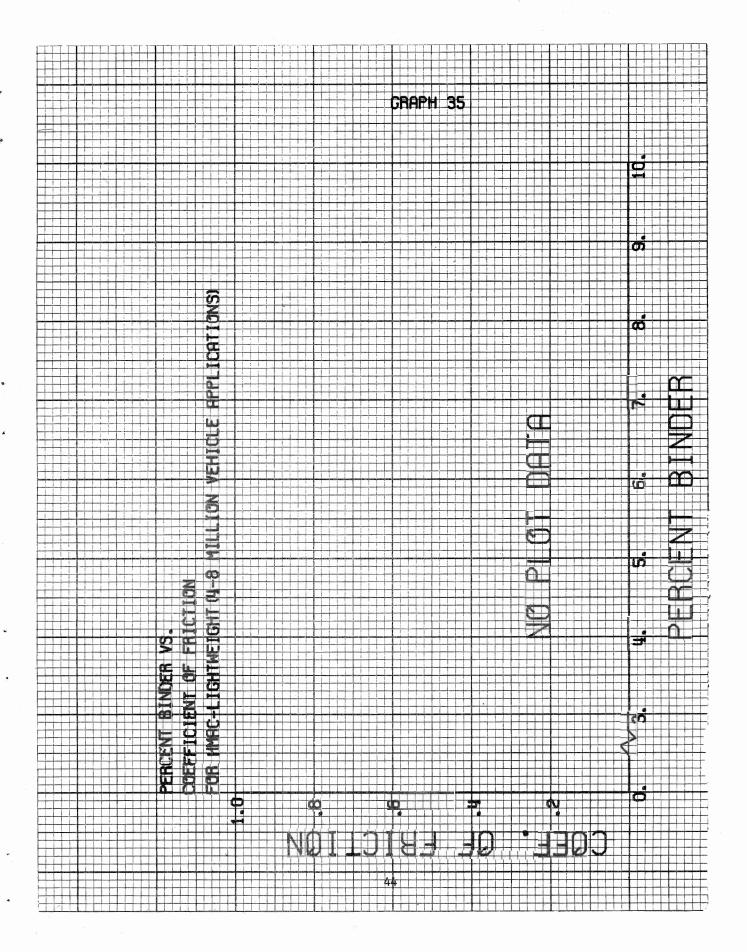


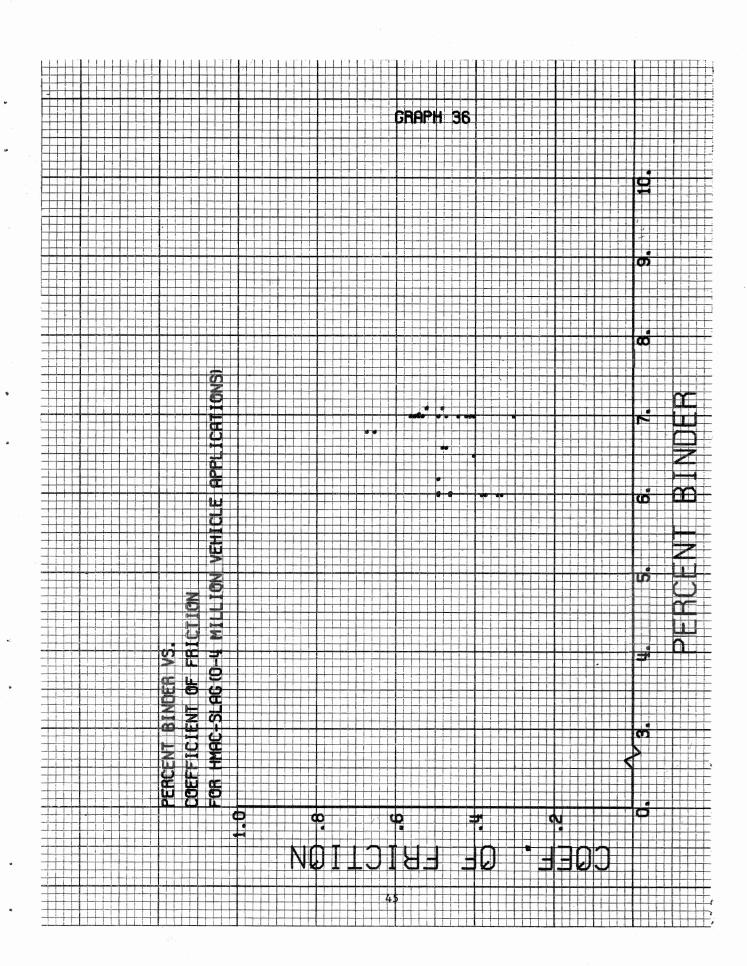


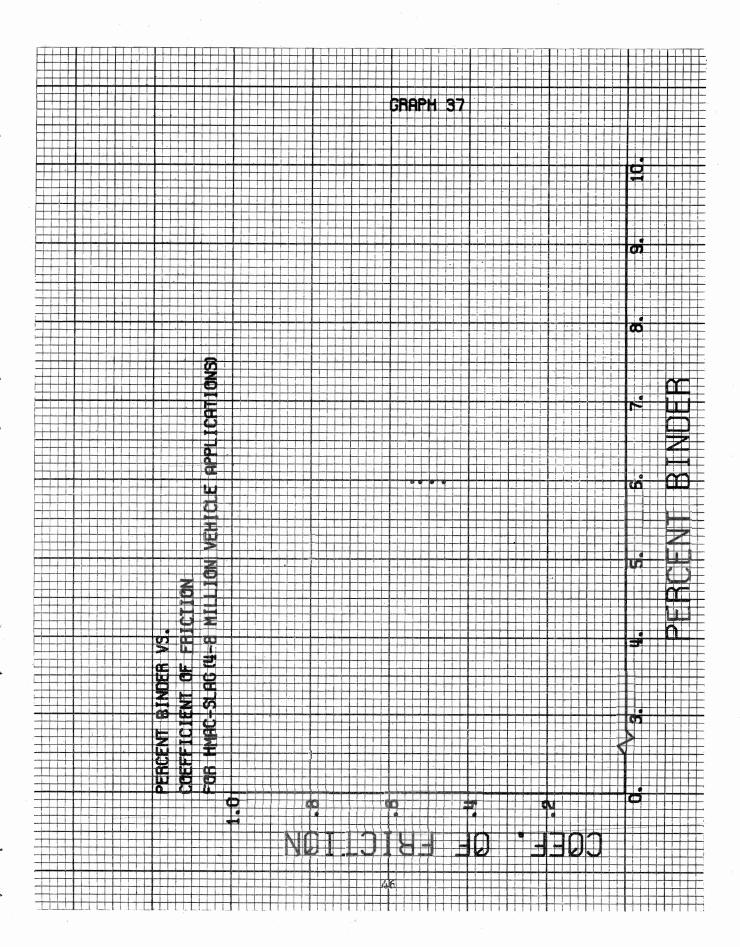


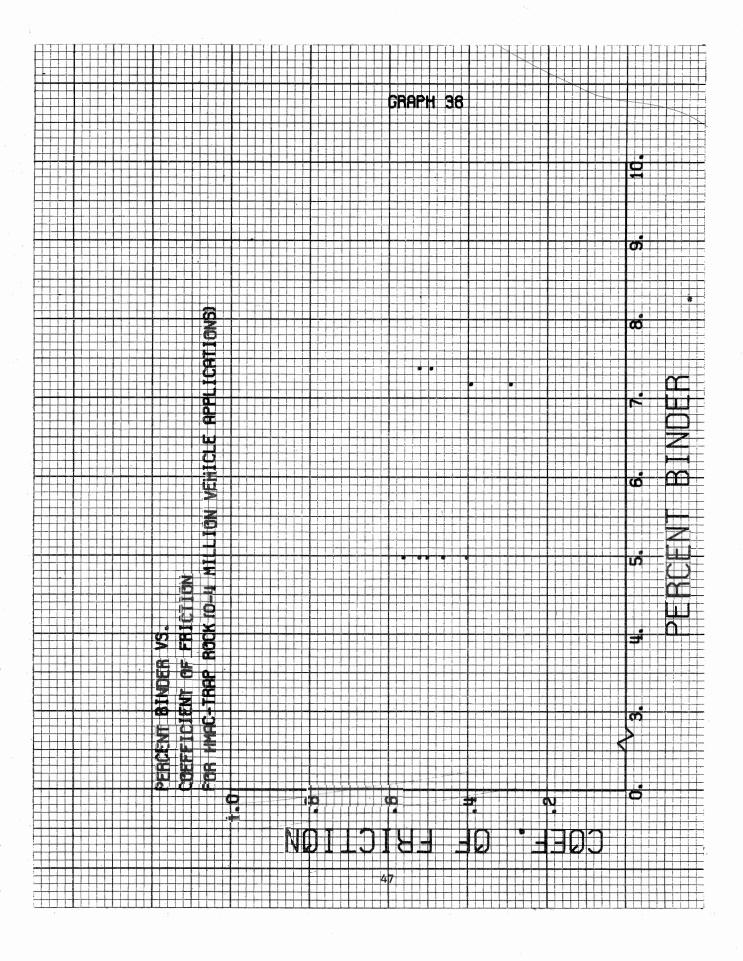


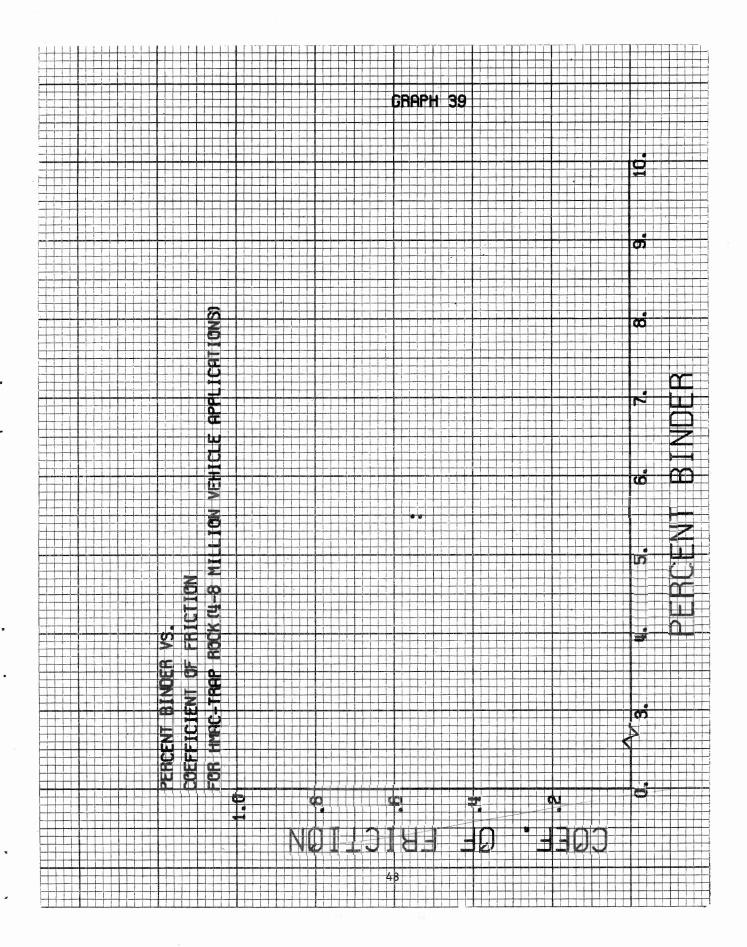


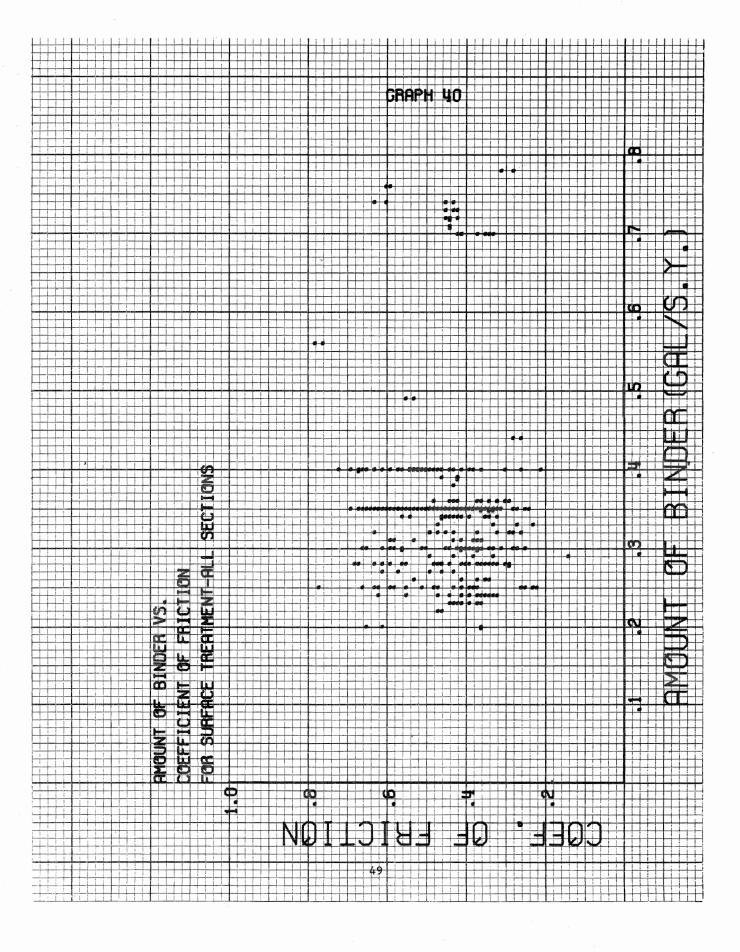


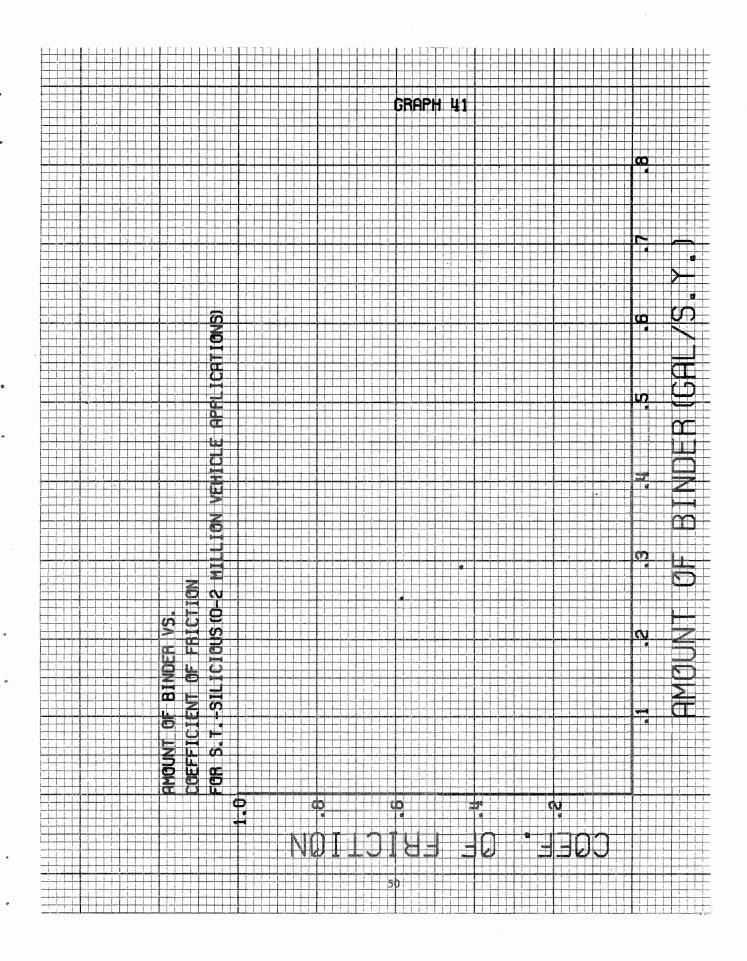


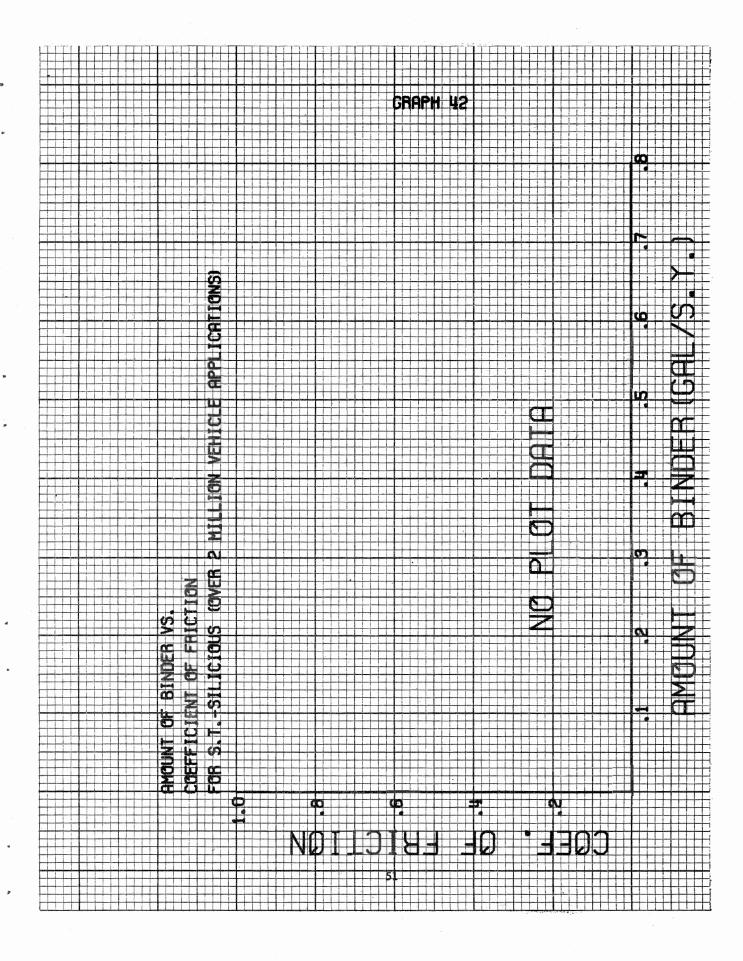


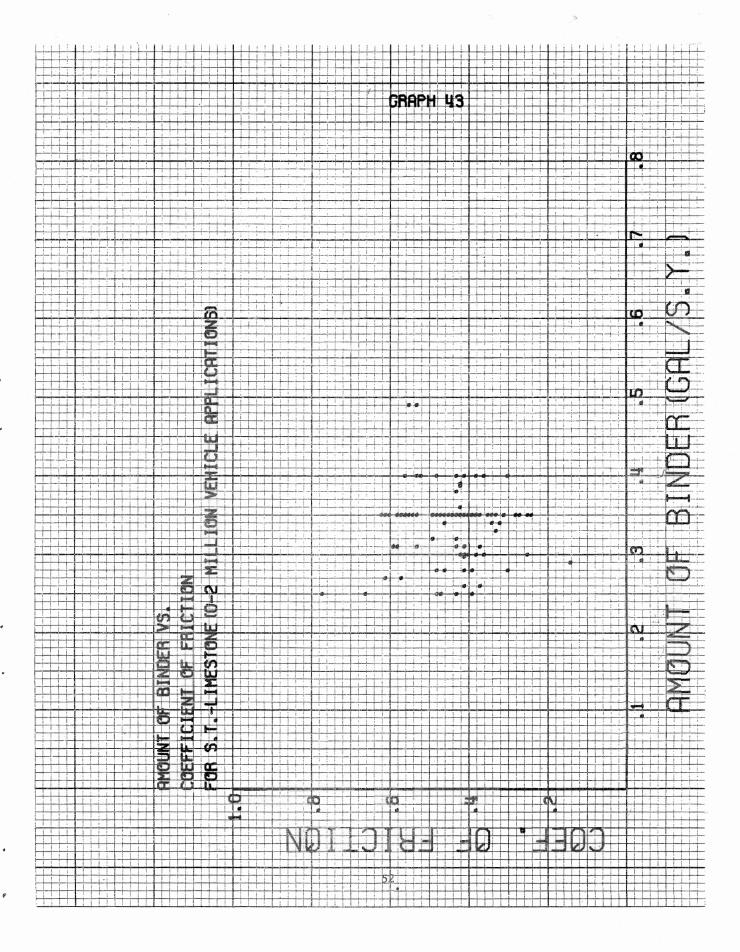


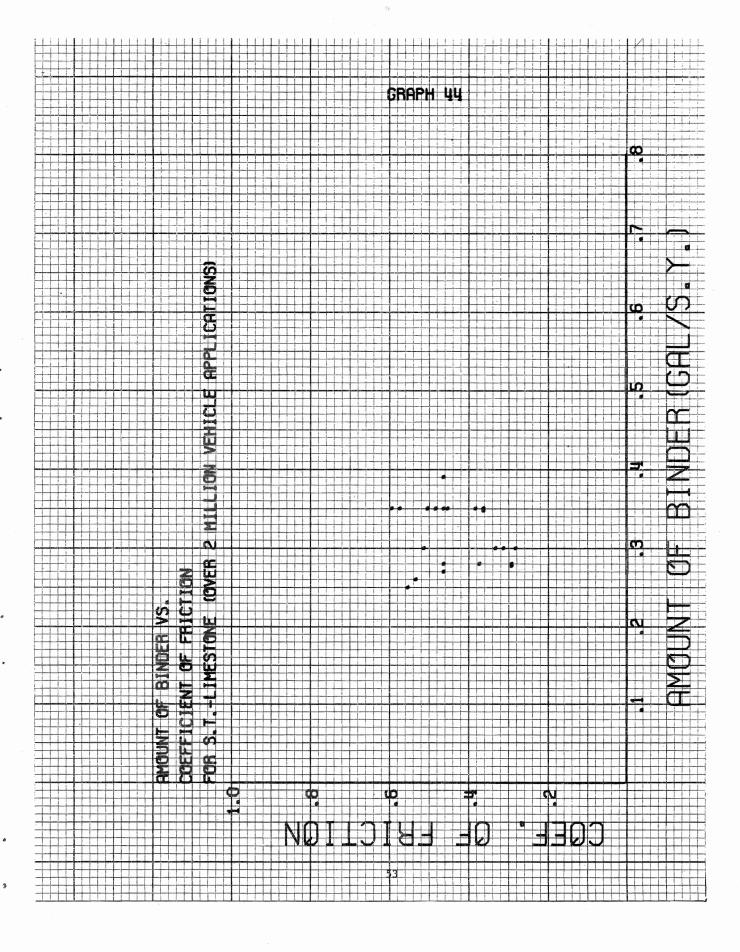


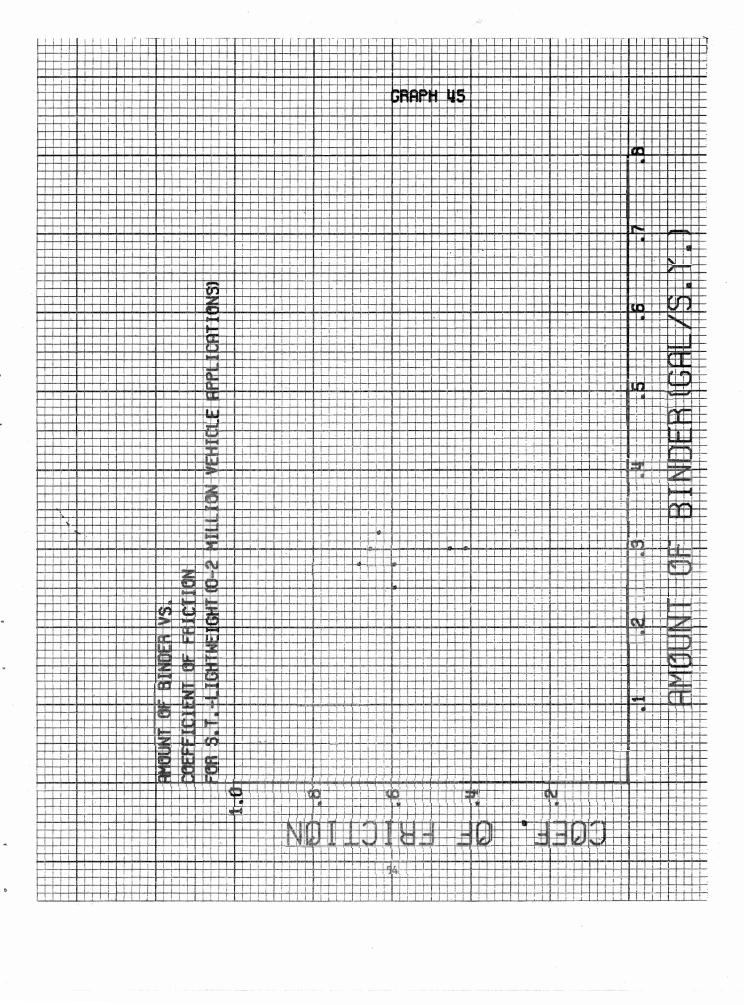


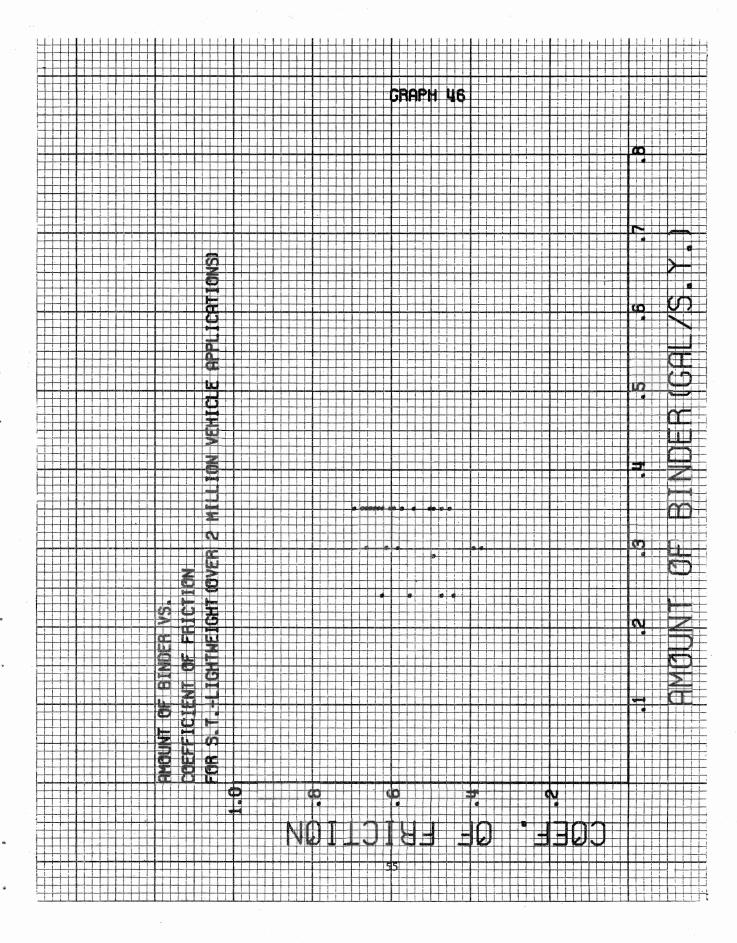


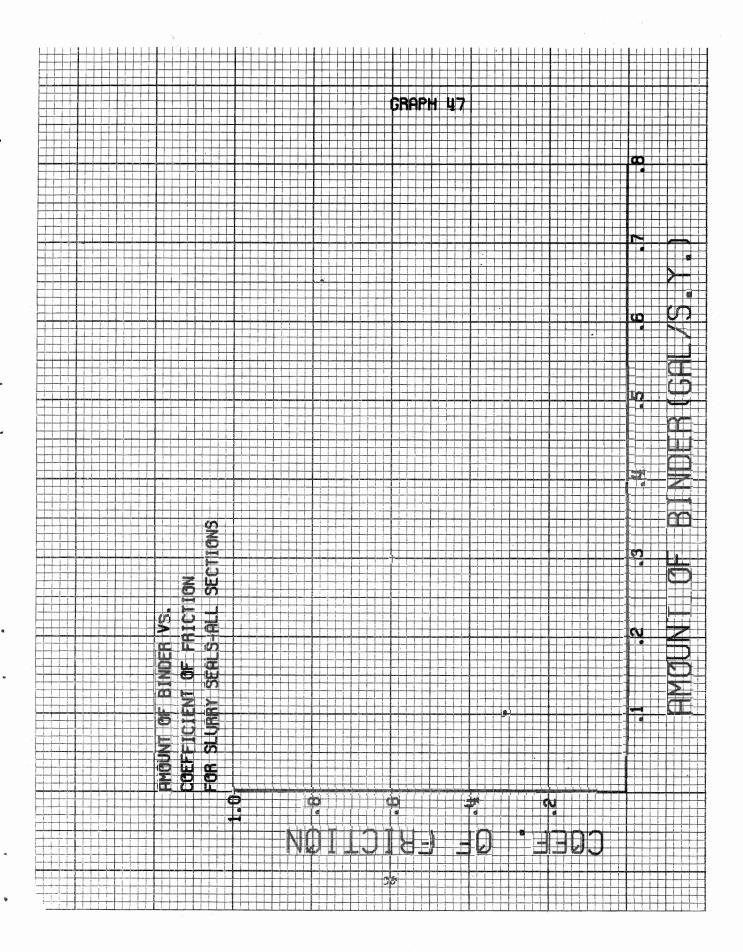


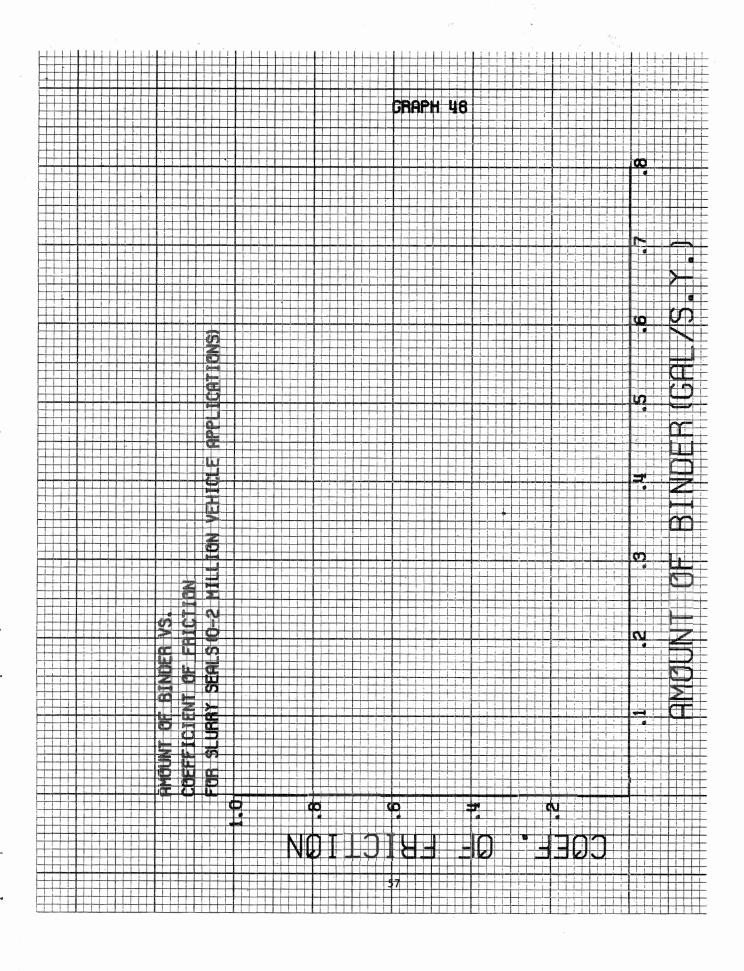


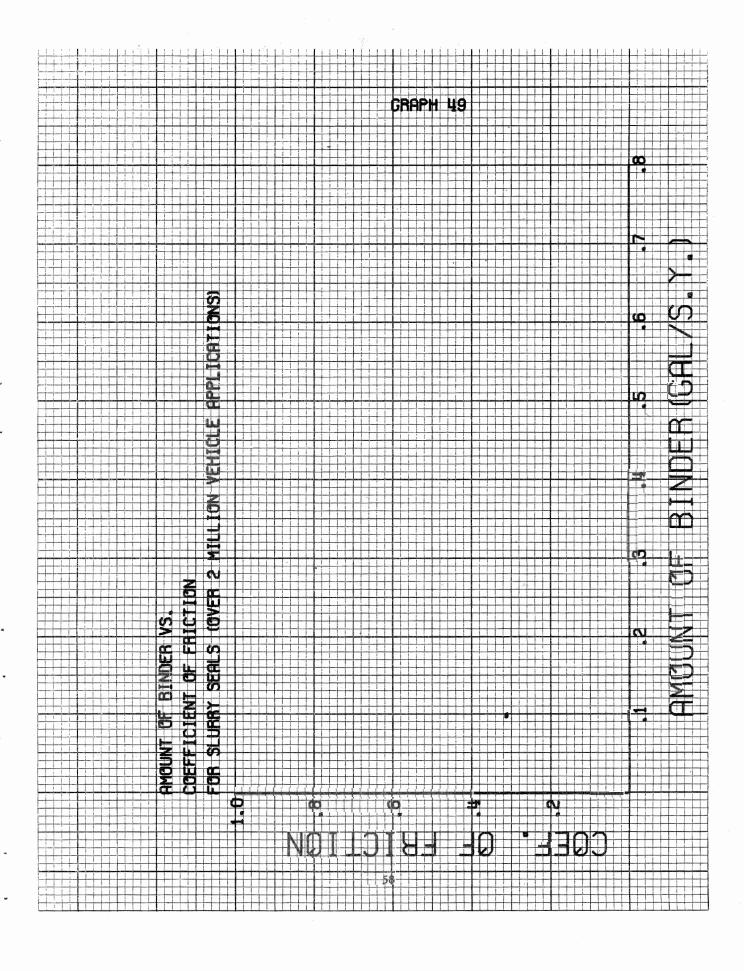


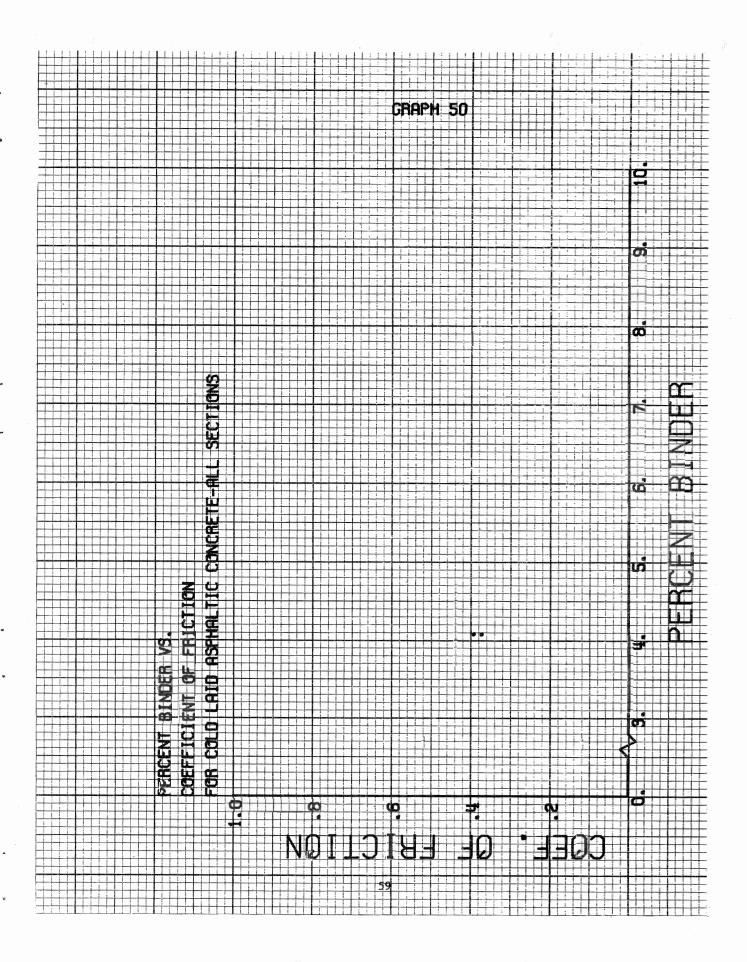












The Effect of Gradation

This study of the effects of gradation is similar to the study of the effect of the amount of binder.

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Again the plot (Graph 51) for HMAC, all sections, indicates no optimum gradation to use for optimum coefficient of friction.

Graph 52 through Graph 57 are concerned with various material types and traffic ranges.

Surface Treatment

Graph 58 shows the general plot of all surface treatment sections studied. Again no optimum gradation is readily apparent from the plot. Graphs 59 through 61 indicate gradation and percent binder used for the material types and traffic ranges studied. The term "No Plot Data" on Graph 59 indicates there was no complete silicious surface treatment data received from the Districts which was in that traffic range.

