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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

A settlement at the bridge approach slab expansion joint often develops at the end of a bridge near the interface between the abutment and the embankment. The approach slabs are reinforced concrete slabs that are used to span problematic areas between the pavement and the bridge abutment. The problem of the bump at the end of the bridge exists at 25 percent of all bridges in Texas. It is estimated that TxDOT spends 7.0 million dollars each year for the maintenance associated with the problem of the bump at the end of the bridge. This number is based on the results of the survey completed during the first year of this project and uses 2001 dollars. This number rises to \$100 million for the USA. Also in the United States, 35 percent of bridges are deficient and the cost of repair is estimated at \$78 billion (Transportation Builder, 1995).

The public feels those bumps regularly. Reduction in steering response, distraction to the driver, added risk and expense to maintenance operations, and reduction in a transportation agency's public image are all undesirable effects of these uneven and irregular transitions. In spite of all these problems, many state departments of transportation regard the settlement of bridge approach slabs as a substantial maintenance problem, and guidelines affecting the use, design methodology, material specifications, and construction techniques vary greatly from state to state (Hoppe, 1999). The intended function of an approach slab is to (Briaud et al., 1997):

- 1. span the void that may develop below the slab;
- 2. prevent slab deflection, which could result in settlement near the abutment;
- 3. provide a ramp for the differential settlement between the embankment and the abutment (This function is affected by the length of the approach slab and the magnitude of the differential settlement.); and
- 4. provide a better seal against water percolation and erosion of the embankment.

The bump at the end of the bridge may look like a simple problem at first glance: the embankment settles more than the bridge because embankments on soil compress more than abutment on deep foundations. In fact, the bump at the end of the bridge is a very complex problem including factors such as compaction, drainage, embankment

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height, traffic level, temperature cycles, and downdrag on the abutment. The first year work is briefly described in Chapter 2. Current construction practices are shown in Chapter 3. ABAQUS was used to simulate the behavior of the transition zone, and the results of this simulation are summarized in Chapter 4. The new approach slab is proposed in Chapter 5. Ten model scale simulations have been carefully done by using the Bridge Embankment Simulator of Transition (BEST) device, which is a 1/20 model scale of the real transition. The test and results are discussed in Chapter 6. Conclusions and possible recommendations for future work are found in Chapter 7.

The primary goals of this project are to investigate the settlement at the bridge approach slab expansion joint, identify the reasons for the differential settlement, define current design and construction problems, and find a way to minimize the bump at the end of the bridge. The second year work was mainly focused on finding a way to minimize the bump at the end of the bridge. The type of approach slab studied was the articulated wide flange approach slab used in the Houston area, many of which have developed dips at the articulation joint with unacceptable ride comfort indices.

## CHAPTER 2: REVIEW OF THE FIRST YEAR WORK

#### **Review of Previous Work**

Many reports related to the differential settlement along bridge approach slabs have been published by several departments of transportation and researchers. These reports were studied and summarized in the first year report. While many causes have been identified, the interaction between the cause and the effect remains complex.

Kramer and Sajer (1991) studied the contributing causes of the bump formation. Table 2.1 shows a summary of their findings.

## Table 2.1. Causes of Bridge Approach Problems Categorized

1. Differential Settlement			
Compression of natural soils	Primary consolidation, secondary compression, and creep		
Compression of embankment soils	Volume changes and distortional movements/creep of embankment soils		
Local compression at bridge/pavement interface	Inadequate compaction at bridge/pavement interface, drainage and erosion problems, rutting/distortion of pavement section, traffic loading, and thermal bridge movements		
2. Movement of Abutments			
Vertical movement	Settlement of soil beneath, downdrag, erosion of soil beneath and around abutment		
Horizontal movement	Excessive lateral pressures, thermal movements, swelling pressures from expansive soils, and lateral deformation of embankment and natural soils		
3. Design/Construction Problems			
Engineer-related	Improper materials, lift thickness, and compaction requirements		
Contractor-related	Improper equipment, overexcavation for abutment construction, and survey/grade errors		
Inspector-related/ Poor quality control	Lack of inspection personnel and improper inspection personnel training		
Design-related	No provision for bridge expansion/contraction spill-through design resulting in the migration of fill material from behind the abutment		

#### (after Kramer and Sajer, 1991).

### Questionnaire

This task consisted in sending an email and hard copy survey to all the TxDOT districts, collecting the answers, analyzing them, and summarizing them. Some results are shown below. This survey indicated that the problem is widespread (about 25 percent of 21,291 bridges surveyed have a bump problem) and that it is costly (about 7.0 million dollars per year in maintenance and repair for 49,100 bridges in Texas in 2001). Details and a summary of the survey are in the first year report.



Figure 2.1. Number of Bridges with Bump Problem.



Figure 2.2. Maintenance Cost.

### **Site Survey**

As part of this research work, a total of 18 sites in the TxDOT Houston District were surveyed (Tables 2.2 and 2.3). The methodology for this field survey was simple visual inspection. Among the 18 sites that they visually investigated, researchers classified 10 sites as poor performance locations. The primary factor to classify a test site was the 'bump rating' that was obtained by visual inspection and drive-by survey. Based on this 'bump rating' and other site factors, the researchers selected US290 over FM362 and SH249 at Grant Rd. for the advanced study.

Highway	Highway Intersection	County	Comment
IH45	Almeda Genoa	Harris	Both directions treated with Uretech 3 years ago Approach Embankment: 16'- 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
BW8	At SH3	Harris	Eastbound treated with Uretech 3 years ago Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
SH99	At Owens Rd.	Ft. Bend	Approach Embankment: 16' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0 - 1
SH99	At Oyster Ck.	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 40' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0 - 1
US59	Before Hillcroft exit ramp	Harris	Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
SH225	Center St. and Rohm-Hass	Harris	Repairs are planned Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
IH45	At Parker Rd.	Harris	Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
US59	Saunders/Parker Rd.	Harris	Repaired but still rough Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1
SH249	At Grant Rd.	Harris	Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 2
US290	Over FM362	Waller	Repaired but still rough Approach Embankment: 16' - 17' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 1 - 2

**Table 2.2. Bad Performing Locations.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bump Scale is explained in Chapter 5 of the first year report.

Highway	Highway Intersection	County	Comment
SH6	At Flat Bank Ck.	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 40' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0
FM1876	At A22 Ditch	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 16' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0
FM1876	At Keegans Bayou	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 16' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0
SH99	At Bullhead Slough	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 16' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0
SH99	At Brazos River	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 17' Approach Embankment: 0' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0
FM3345	East of FM1092	Ft. Bend	Roadway End of CRCP (not a bridge)
FM3345	West of FM2234	Ft. Bend	Roadway End of CRCP (not a bridge)
FM3345	At Stafford Run	Ft. Bend	Approach Slab: PCC & 16' Approach Embankment: 10' Bump Scale <sup>1</sup> : 0

 Table 2.3. Good Performing Locations.

## **Site Description**

The approach slabs at both sites are two-span approach slab (2SAS) with a wide flange beam (Figures 2.3 and 2.4). Figure 2.5 shows the cross sections of US290 over FM362 and SH249 at Grant Rd. Circled numbers on Figures 2.3 and 2.4 indicate the bump scale explained in Chapter 5 of the first year report.



Figure 2.3. Site Description of US290 over FM362.



Figure 2.4. Site Description of SH249 at Grant Rd.



Figure 2.5. Cross Sections of the Test Sites.

#### **Field and Laboratory Tests**

Researchers performed several field and laboratory tests. Ground penetration radar tests, continuous shelby tube sampling, cone penetration tests (CPTs), and Geogauge tests were performed in the field. Water content tests, unit weight tests, atterberg limit tests, sieve analyses, triaxial tests, compaction tests, and Geogauge tests were also done in the laboratory. Typical results are presented in Figures 2.6 to 2.10 and Tables 2.4 and 2.5. The profilometer elevation profiles and the acceleration profiles obtained by double differentiation of the elevation profiles are shown in Figures 2.11 to 2.14. The first year report gives the detailed test results.







Figure 2.7. CPT Results of US290 over FM362.



Figure 2.8. Water Content Test Results of US290 over FM362.



Figure 2.9. Unit Weight Test Results of US290 over FM362.



Figure 2.10. Sieve Analysis Test Results of US290 over FM362.

Test Site	Field Dry Density (pcf)	Lab. Max. Dry Density (pcf)
US290 WE	108.45 (94%)	114.86
US290 WW	109.45 (98%)	111.29
SH249 NS	91.44 (77%)	117.90
SH249 SS	107.43 (95%)	113.65

Table 2.5. Summary of Bump Indices.

Method	Site Rating	Remark
Visual Inspection	1-2	Slope > 1/200
IRI	820	A Rough Unpaved Road Condition
PSR	0	Really Poor Condition



(a) Profile of US290 Eastbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(b) Profile of US290 Eastbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.11. Profilometer Test Results of US290.



(c) Profile of US290 Westbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(d) Profile of US290 Westbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.11. Profilometer Test Results of US290 (cont.).



(a) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of US290 Eastbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(c) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of US290 Eastbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.12. Calculated Accelerations at US290.



(c) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of US290 Westbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(b) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of US290 Westbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.12. Calculated Accelerations at US290 (cont.).



(a) Profile of SH249 Southbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(b) Profile of SH249 Southebound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.13. Profilometer Test Results of SH249.



(c) Profile of SH249 Northbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(d) Profile of SH249 Northbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.13. Profilometer Test Results of SH249 (cont.).



(a) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of SH249 Southbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(b) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of SH249 Southbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.14. Calculated Accelerations at SH249.



(c) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of SH249 Northbound Measured on April 6, 2001



(d) Acceleration Calculated from Profile of SH249 Northbound Measured on March 18, 2002

Figure 2.14. Calculated Accelerations at SH249 (cont.).

## Conclusions

- The profilometer gave bump amplitudes varying from 1.15 to 2.35 inches on April 2001 and from 0.76 to 2.12 inches on March 2002; transition slopes as steep as 1/100; international roughness indices (IRI) as high as 820, indicating a rough unpaved road condition; and present serviceability indices of 0, indicating really poor condition.
- 2. The profilometer test performed one year after the first one indicated that some of the bumps had decreased and some had stayed the same, while others had increased. Therefore, bumps are dynamic features that may be tied to the weather through the shrink-swell nature of some soils used for embankment fills.
- 3. The vertical acceleration of the car-wheel obtained by double differentiation of the elevation profile was up to 40 m/sec<sup>2</sup> or 4 g's at the bump location.
- Close to the bridge abutment, the cone penetrometer (CPT) resistance was
   33.8 percent lower on the average and the water content was 10.5 percent higher on the average than the values away from the abutment.
- The compaction level within the embankment below the bump averaged 96 percent of the Standard Proctor maximum dry unit weight.
- 6. The soil of the embankment fill had a PI varying from 8.52 to 33.77 with an average equal to 20.96.
- 7. The ground penetrating radar indicated that there were no voids under the pavement.

## CHAPTER 3: CURRENT PRACTICE

Many components are involved in the development of the bump at the end of the bridge, and many factors contribute to its existence. Briaud et al. (1997) identified those components and the factors contributing to its existence (Figure 3.1). To understand those components and factors, current U.S. practices for the connection between the bridge and the embankment including approach slabs are reviewed in this chapter. This chapter consists of three sections. The first section covers planning, design, and construction practices. The second section describes the existing maintenance methods for approach slabs. The current practice in Houston, Texas is discussed in the third section.



Figure 3.1. Problems Leading to the Existence of a Bump (after Briaud, 1997).

#### Planning, Design, and Construction Practices

#### Geotechnical Investigations

Geotechnical investigations are integrated in the investigation for the bridge structure. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation (AASHTO) manual (1984) on subsurface investigation and the TxDOT Geotechnical manual (2000) present the guidelines and very comprehensive information on methodology for subsurface investigations. This investigation provides information on the depth, thickness, and classification of all soil strata. The AASHTO subsurface investigation manual (1984) also presents suggested guidelines for the spacing and depth of borings for structures and embankments. For embankments higher than 15 ft, the recommended boring spacing is a maximum of 200 ft, with the interval decreased to 100 ft when erratic conditions or compressible soils are encountered. For each bridge abutment, a maximum of two borings is recommended, and additional borings are suggested when the abutment exceeds 100 ft in length or has wingwalls more than 20 ft long. The recommended depth of borings is the depth at which the net stress increase caused by imposed foundation loads is less than 10 percent of the effective overburden pressure at that depth, unless rock or dense soil known to lie on rock is encountered above that depth (Wahls, 1990).

#### Bridges

Two major design concepts, conventional bridges and integral abutment bridges, are currently used for road bridges. The conventional design type has a superstructure resting on an abutment at each end as shown in Figure 3.2. The basic concept of this design is to make the superstructure unconstrained. Expansion joints and bearings at each end of the superstructure are used to accommodate the seasonal relative movement between superstructure and abutment and to prevent temperature-induced stress from developing within the superstructure. Conventional bridges have shown good performance for a long time, but they lead to a high maintenance cost because of the corrosion and other physical deterioration of the bridge bearings and joints.

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Figure 3.2. Traditional Design Concept (after Horvath, 2000).

Because of these flaws, a new design concept consists of physically and structurally connecting the superstructure and abutments as shown in Figure 3.3. This type of bridge usually has an approach slab to provide a smooth transition between the integral abutment bridge (IAB) and adjacent approach embankments. In doing so, some problems associated with the conventional bridge concept can be minimized but other problems such as the bump at the end of the bridge can be exacerbated. Horvath (2000) described that in this scenario the root cause of problems has shifted from being primarily structural to being primarily geotechnical in nature.



Figure 3.3. Integral Abutment Bridge Design Concept (after Horvath, 2000).

#### Approach Embankments

Most bridge approach embankments are constructed by conventional rolled earth procedures, and there are many types of approach fill materials that can be used. Fill material that is readily available may be more economical but may not perform as well as a select fill material. For this reason, some states specify select materials and increased compaction requirements, especially near the abutment. For example, California specifies fill with a maximum Plastic Index (PI) of 15 and fewer than 40 percent fines within 150 ft of an abutment wall (Figure 3.4), and the required relative compaction is increased to 95 percent from 90 percent within this zone. The approach embankment typically is compacted in 6 to 24-inch layers, depending on the type of soil and compaction of clean granular fills, and even for such soils thin lifts must be used adjacent to the abutment (Wahls, 1990).





Transportation Research Board (TRB) syntheses (TRB, 1969, and TRB, 1971) presented the placement procedures and compaction requirements for construction of rolled earth embankments in the late 1960s. Most agencies still require 90 to 95 percent of the maximum dry density achieved in the AASHTO T 99 Compaction Test for roadway embankments and 95 to 100 percent for bridge approaches without changing these procedures in the past 20 years (Wahls, 1990). The use of well-graded backfill with
less than 5 percent finer than the 75  $\mu$ m (No. 200) sieve is ideal and is strongly recommended.

Even with proper compaction, fills with significant clay content may develop time-dependent movements. Lightweight fills have been used to prevent the movements. Wahls (1990) and Elias and Christopher (1996) described the lightweight fills that have been used.

#### Abutments

Bridge abutments support the structural loads and are subjected to lateral earth pressures from the approach embankments. There are five types of abutment in use: 1) closed or high abutment, 2) stub or perched abutment, 3) pedestal or spill-through abutment, 4) integral abutment, and 5) mechanically stabilized abutment.

Closed abutments (Figure 3.5) have a full-height wall and wingwalls on each side. These abutments can decrease the required span length of the bridge but they must be constructed before the adjacent embankment. Therefore, it is difficult to place and compact the embankment fills at the confined space. Closed abutments are also subjected to higher lateral earth pressure than other abutment types.



Figure 3.5. Typical Full-Height Closed Abutment (after Wahls, 1990).

Stub or perched abutments (Figure 3.6) are relatively short abutments supported on a shallow foundation in the embankment or on piles. Because stub or perched abutments are constructed in the upper part of the fill after the embankment has been completed, the lateral earth pressure is relatively small. This type of abutment is most common in Texas (Figure 3.6(b)).



Figure 3.6. Typical Stub or Perched Abutment (after Wahls, 1990).

Pedestal or spill-through abutments, which must be constructed before the embankments, are stub abutments supported on columns, as seen in Figure 3.7. This type of abutment gets lower lateral earth pressures than closed abutments but the compaction

around the pedestal is difficult. Compared to full-height closed abutments, perched abutments generally lead to smaller continuing lateral movement after construction.



#### Figure 3.7. Typical Pedestal or Spill Through Abutment (after Wahls, 1990).

Integral abutments (Figure 3.8) are very similar to pedestal or spill-through abutments except that the end bend is connected to the superstructure without expansion joints. The basic concept of this abutment is to fully transfer the stress caused by thermal effect to the abutment. It can save construction and maintenance costs by eliminating expansion joints and bearing systems.



Figure 3.8. Typical Integral Abutment (after Wahls, 1990).

Mechanically stabilized abutments are stub or perched abutments founded on a spread footing resting on the reinforced embankment fill (Figure 3.9). The embankment fill is reinforced with geosynthetics or metallic reinforcement. This reinforcement absorbs the lateral pressures caused by the embankment fill. The construction of mechanically stabilized backfill (MSB) is simple and time-efficient.



# Figure 3.9. Schematic Diagram of Mechanically Stabilized Abutment (after Wahls, 1990).

A wingwall (Figure 3.10) is usually constructed to contain the approach fill material near the abutment. It can be perpendicular to the abutment or extend out at an angle.

Bridge abutments are usually supported on bored piles, driven piles, or spread footings. The foundation type depends on the soil, the type of bridge, and environmental factors.



An approach slab with expansion between the superstructure and the approach slab without a sleeper slab is another.

#### Figure 3.10. Plan View of an Approach System (after Tadros and Benak, 1989).

#### Approach Slabs

Approach slabs are reinforced concrete slabs used to provide a smooth transition between the bridge deck and the roadway pavement (Figure 3.11). They are used in about 80 percent of new bridges (Schaefer and Koch, 1992). Most approach slabs are 20 to 40 ft long. The thickness of approach slabs also varies. Typically they are 9 to 12 inches thick. The slab width is the same as the bridge deck. The slabs may be supported at both ends; the bridge end is supported by the abutment and the pavement end by a sleeper slab or directly by the roadway embankment. The sleeper slab is a slab that underlies and supports the ends of the approach slab and the adjacent roadway pavement. Figure 3.12 shows some typical joints at integral and non-integral abutments. Expansion joints at the roadway end of the approach slab are shown in Figures 3.11 and 3.13. A pressure-relief joint, which is used when there is an expansion joint at the abutment, is shown in Figure 3.14. Some approach slab details and questionnaire results about approach slabs (Hoppe, 1999) are presented in Appendices A and B.



Figure 3.11. Examples of Approach Slabs (after Burke, 1987).





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Figure 3.12. Approach Slab/Abutment Joints (after Burke, 1987).



Figure 3.13. Approach Slab/Roadway Joints (after Burke, 1987).



Figure 3.14. Pressure-Relief Joint (after Briaud et al., 1997).

#### Drainage Provisions

Both surface and subsurface drainage systems are very important at bridge approaches. The surface runoff should be routed away from the bridge/approach joint. It is essential to keep water from infiltrating the fill beneath the approach slab and behind the abutment. One recommendation for an appropriate surface drainage system is to place the wingwalls beyond the bridge end panel (Bellin, 1993). Another recommendation is to have a pavement wingwall assembly as shown in Figure 3.15 (Briaud et al., 1997).



Figure 3.15. Cross Section Showing Wingwall and Drainage Detail (after Briaud et al., 1997).

Chini et al. (1993), Wahls (1990), and Stark et al. (1995) discussed bridge approach drainage. Wahls suggests the use of gutters and paved ditches to direct surface water away from the bridge approach system. Figure 3.16 shows a geocomposite drainage system, which is a prefabricated subsurface drainage system. Note that these types of drainage systems must be designed for site-specific conditions and they must be able to withstand the earth pressure (Briaud et al., 1997). Examples of bridge approach drainage details are shown in Appendix C.



Figure 3.16. Geocomposite Drain (after Wahls, 1990).

### Construction Methods

Construction methods can play a significant role in the development of the bump at the end of the bridge. The approach embankment can be constructed either before or after the bridge and the abutment. As described before, closed, spill-through, and integral abutments require the abutment first, but perched and MSE abutments are constructed after the embankment is finished. A typical cross section and construction sequence for a perched abutment is shown in Figure 3.17.



Figure 3.17. Example of Recommended Sequence for Embankment/Abutment Construction (after Hopkins, 1985).

#### **Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

Small movement of the abutments is inevitable but should not affect the performance of the bridge and approach system. Moulton et al. (1986) suggest a tolerable angular distortion (differential settlement between the ends of a span/span length) of 1/250 for continuous-span bridges and 1/200 for simply supported spans (Figure 3.18).

Preformed grout holes, physical jacking provisions, sleeper jacking provisions, pneumatic adjustable sleeper, and removable precast pavement panels have been considered to facilitate maintenance in the approach area for new construction. Mud-jacking, polyurethane jacking, overlay, and mechanical lifting of sleeper are currently available to repair existing bridge approaches. Figures 3.19 and 3.20 show the paved approach slab with asphalt roadway and the paved approach slab with concrete roadway, respectively.



Figure 3.18. Definition of Approach Slab Slopes (after Wahls, 1990, and Burke, 1987).

#### Paved Approach Slab with Asphalt Roadway - Top Course\*\* - Binder Course\*\* Variable 1.0 m (3 ft) Typical Base New York Department 0.3 m (1 ft) Approach Slab\* Base \*\*Thickness as per Typical Sections New Approach Slab Before Settlement Reinforce and detail in accordance with BDD 95-M90 (BDD 95-90). of Transpor New Top Course Original Top Course Milled Out to Permit Placement of New Overlay New Binder course Original Top Course Original Binder course Base Approach Slab Base **Repaving After Settlement**

Figure 3.19. Paved Approach Slab with Asphalt Roadway (after Briaud et al., 1997).

### Paved Approach Slab with Concrete Roadway



Figure 3.20. Paved Approach Slab with Concrete Roadway (after Briaud et al.,

1997).

#### **Current Practice in Houston, Texas**

#### Abutment

Most bridges designed in Texas have "stub" or "perched" abutments as shown in Figures 3.21 and 3.6. Abutments must be compatible with the bridge approach roadway. They have backwalls to keep the embankment from covering up the beam ends and to support possible approach slabs. They usually have wingwalls to keep the sideslopes away from the structure and to transition between the guardrail and the bridge rail. The design of abutments with backwalls has been standardized through trial and error (TxDOT Bridge Design Manual, 2000) and is shown in Appendix D.



Figure 3.21. Stub Abutment (after TxDOT, 2001).

#### Wingwall

A wingwall is used to confine the abutment backfill material and roadway soil on each side of the side of the embankment, behind the abutment backwall. Wingwalls can be either cantilevered or founded. The limitation of the cantilevered wing wall is 12 ft. Wingwalls greater than 12 ft in length must be founded by drilled shaft(s) or pile(s). The TxDOT "Standard Details" for abutments including wingwall details are presented in Appendix D. Additional information can be found in the TxDOT Bridge Detailing Manual (http://manuals.dot.state.tx.us/dynaweb/ colbridg/des/@Generic BookView).

#### Retaining Walls

Several types of walls may be used in conjunction with bridge abutments. In cut situations, the walls will often be cantilevered drilled shaft type walls, tied-back walls, or even spread footing type walls. The wall and bridge abutment will often become a single structure in these cases. Soil or rock nailed walls also may be used to support abutments in cut situations. In the most common situation, the walls will be mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) walls. Although the abutment cap can be placed directly on the MSE fill without deep foundations, this has not been a common practice in Texas; therefore, drilled shaft or piling foundations must be provided. The foundations are required to be installed prior to construction of the MSE wall, in order to avoid damage to the wall reinforcements during foundation installation (TxDOT Bridge Design Manual, 2000).

#### Approach Slabs

TxDOT uses 12-inch-thick approach slabs with lightly reinforced concrete that precede the abutment at the beginning of the bridge, and follow the abutment at the end of the bridge (Figures 3.22 and 3.23). The use of approach slabs is optional. The TxDOT Bridge Design Manual suggests that the approach slab should be supported by the abutment backwall and the approach backfill only. Therefore, an appropriate backfill material is essential. TxDOT is currently supporting the placement of a cement stabilized sand (CSS) "wedge" in the zone behind the abutment. CSS solves the problem of difficult compaction behind the abutment, and it is resistant to the moisture gain and loss of material that is common under approach slabs. The use of CSS has become standard

practice in several districts and has shown good results (TxDOT Bridge Design Manual, 2000).



Figure 3.22. Approach Slab (after TxDOT, 1999).



Figure 3.23. Sketch of Approach Slab.

Table 3.1 describes the design and construction of continuously reinforced concrete pavement (CRCP) construction joints and terminal in several states, including Texas.

## Embankment

Suitable fill material is a soil with a liquid limit less than 45 percent, a plasticity index less than 15 percent, and a bar linear shrinkage more than 2 percent (Appendix E). The guide schedules for sampling and testing of embankment soils are also presented in Appendix F. It shows that the sampling locations are determined by the engineer and that the frequency of sampling is one test per 5,000 C.Y. for project tests and one test per 50,000 C.Y. for independent assurance tests.

State	Texas	Illinois	Oklahoma	Oregon	South Dakota	Virginia
Design Procedure	Modified AASHTO	Modified AASHTO	AASHTO	AASHTO	AASHTO	AASHTO
Design Crack Width, inches	0.025	Not specified	0.04	0.04	0.04	Not specified
Slab Thickness, inches	8-15	10 (min. on interstate)	9-12	8-12	8-11	10-11
Outside Lane Width, inches	12	12	12	14	12 or 14	12 or 14
PCC Strength Measurement Method	28-day flexural 3 <sup>rd</sup> point	14-day comp. & flexural strength	28-day Compressive	28-day Compressive	28-day Compressive	28-day Compressive
PCC Strength, psi	650 flexural	3,500 comp. 650 flexural	3,000 comp. (Class A PCC)	4,000 comp.	4,000 comp.	3,000 comp.
Primary Aggregate Type	Limestone, and siliceous river gravel	Gravel, crushed gravel, stone, concrete, slag or sandstone	Crushed limestone	Crushed basalt	Quartzite, limestone, granite	Various non- polished
Max. Aggregate Size, inches	0.75-1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	AASHTO 357 (100% passing 2.0-in. sieve)
PCC Curing Method	2 coats of curing compound	Wet cure or type III cur. Comp.	White resin based wax curing comp.	Curing compound	White pigmented curing compound	Curing compound
Placement Season	All year	Not specified	All year (except extreme cold)	All year	Spring, summer, fall	Spring, summer, fall
Placement Time of Day	Day or night	Not specified	Day	Day or night	Day	Day
Base Type <sup>(1)</sup>	CTB with HMA breaker, ATB	BAM	ATB, OGPB, Econocrete	ATB or Granular	Granular, CTB with HMA breaker, ATB	СТВ
Permeable Base	No	No	Sometimes	Sometimes	No	Yes
Base Thickness, inches	CTB: 6 ATB: 4	4	4	ATB: 4 Granular: 6	Granular: 6	6-8
Improved Subgrade	6-8 in. lime stabilization	Line modification	Stabilization	Remove prob. areas & fill w/granular mat'l	None	Occasionally soil cement stabilization
Outside Shoulder Type	Same as travel lane	РСС	Plain PCC (doweled in urban areas)	AC	AC or PCC	AC or PCC
Amount of Longitude Steel, %	8-in. slab: 0.4-0.5 15-in. slab: 0.71-0.78	0.7	0.71-0.73	0.6-0.7	0.7	0.7

Table 3.1. Design and Construction Feature of CRCP (after CRSI, 2000).

State	Texas	Illinois	Oklahoma	Oregon	South Dakota	Virginia
Steel Grade, ksi	60	Long: 60 Transv.: 40 or 60	60	60	60	60
Steel Placement Method	Chairs	Chairs	Chairs or tube- fed	Chairs	Chairs	Chairs
Epoxy Coated Steel	No	In Chicago area only	Urban: yes Rural: no	No	No	No
Depth of Steel (from slab surface), inches	Mid-slab (2 layers if > 13" thick)	3.5	Mid-slab	4.0	3.0-4.0	Mid-slab (±0.5 inches)
Amount of Transverse Steel	#5 or #6 bars at 30-36 in. spacing	#4 bars at 48-in. spacing (0.04% max)	#5 bars at 44-in. spacing	#4 bars at 36-in. spacing	0.15%	#5 bars at 48-in. spacing
Construction Joint Design	If slab $\leq 9$ inches then <sup>(2)</sup>	Additional #6 bars <sup>(2)</sup>	(2)	No extra steel	Additional #6 bars <sup>(2)</sup>	(2)
Terminal Design	Occasionally use anchor lugs, but moving toward wide- flange beam	Wide-flange beam	Sleeper slab	Wide-flange beam	Manufactured beam embedded in a sleeper slab	Anchor slab

Table 3.2. Design and Construction Feature of CRCP (cont.).

<sup>(1)</sup> BAM = Bituminous-Aggregate Mix; ATB = Asphalt-Treated Base; OGDB = Open-Graded Drainable Base; CTB = Cement-Treated Base; HMA = Hot Mix Asphalt

<sup>(2)</sup> Additional 72-inch-long bars placed adjacent to every other longitude bar (same diameter as longitudinal steel), unless noted.

## CHAPTER 4: NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

The purpose of the numerical analyses was to evaluate the behavior of the current approach slab and of a possibly more effective approach slab. The researchers used ABAQUS to simulate the behavior of the transition zone including the bridge abutment, the approach slab, and the embankment. The first section of this chapter covers the assumptions and the model used. The second section describes the results. A summary of the results is presented in the third section.

#### **Assumptions and Model**

One of the most important steps in numerical simulations is to determine where the boundaries should be placed. Normally the bottom of the mesh is the depth of a notably harder soil. In this project, it was assumed that the hard boundary is located 7 m below the bottom of the fill. This value came from the CPTs done during the first year work at two Houston sites. Indeed the tip resistance of the CPT at that depth increased significantly. Briaud and Lim (1997) recommended boundary distances for the simulation of the removal of the embankment soil-wedge in front of the abutment on piles and the nailing of the exposed vertical force. Figure 4.1 shows their recommendations and results. The horizontal distance from the wall face to the mesh boundary at the end of the embankment is Be, and We is the horizontal distance from the wall face to the other end of the mesh. D is the distance from the bottom of the excavation to the hard layer, and  $H_e$ is the height of the soil-wedge to be removed. For a given D and H<sub>e</sub>, it was found that when  $W_e$  increased beyond 3D and  $B_e$  increased beyond  $3(H_e + D)$ , the horizontal deflection at the top of the wall due to the removal of the soil wedge only increased by a few percent. Therefore, since in this research project  $D = H_e = 7$  m, a  $W_e$  of 21 m and  $B_e$ of 42 m were used for all simulations.



Figure 4.1. Influence of Mesh Size on Horizontal Deflection (after Briaud and Lim).

Figure 4.2 shows a finite element model to simulate the bump at the end of the bridge. A schematic of the approach slab is shown in Figure 4.3. This model was simplified by employing elastic materials with a plain strain condition. The bottom of the model was a fixed boundary. The left and right sides of the model were on vertical rollers

and were restrained horizontally. The top of the abutment was also placed on rollers because the bridge prevents the movement of pavement. All the analyses were done with static loads. Four loading cases were applied to the model. Three loading cases (case 1, case 2, and case 3) consisted of a 100 kN point load placed at the center of the support slab, at the center of the sleeper slab, and 27 m away from the abutment wall, respectively, and one loading case (Case 4) consisted of a uniform load placed on top of the pavement. Figure 4.4 shows the material zones and loading cases. Several permutations of modulus values were used in zone 3 (Figure 4.4) to simulate different soil conditions. The modulus values for the various zones of Figure 4.4 are shown in Table 4.1 along with Poisson's ratio.



**Figure 4.2. Finite Element Model.** 



Figure 4.3. A Schematic of the Approach Slab.



Figure 4.4. Zones and Load Cases of the Finite Element Model.

Material	Young's Modulus	Poisson's Ratio	Zone
Fill Soil	10×10 <sup>3</sup> kPa	0.35	4
Natural Soil	20×10 <sup>3</sup> kPa	0.35	1
Weak Soil	2.5×10 <sup>3</sup> kPa	0.35	3
Soft Soil	5×10 <sup>3</sup> kPa	0.35	3
Stiff Soil	10×10 <sup>3</sup> kPa	0.35	3
Concrete Pavement	$2 \times 10^7 \text{ kPa}$	0.30	2
Approach Slab	$2 \times 10^7 \text{ kPa}$	0.30	2
Expansion Joint	$2 \times 10^3 \text{ kPa}$	0.35	5

Table 4.1. Material Properties.

For verification purposes, a simple rectangular model was subjected to a pressure of 100 kPa as shown in Figure 4.5. The numerical result was compared with the theoretical solution. A displacement of 0.043 m was calculated using equations (4.1) to (4.8). The numerical result also gave 0.043 m as shown on Figure 4.5.

$$\varepsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} \{ \sigma_z - \nu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \}$$
(4.1)

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} \{ \sigma_x - \nu (\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \}$$
(4.2)

$$\varepsilon_{y} = \frac{1}{E} \{ \sigma_{y} - \nu (\sigma_{x} + \sigma_{z}) \}$$
(4.3)

$$\varepsilon_x = 0, \quad \sigma_x = v(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)$$
(4.4)

$$\varepsilon_y = 0, \quad \sigma_y = \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)$$
(4.5)

$$\sigma_x + \sigma_y = 2\nu\sigma_z + \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y) = \frac{2\nu}{1 - \nu}\sigma_z$$
(4.6)

$$\varepsilon_z = \frac{\Delta H}{H} = \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \{1 - \frac{2\nu^2}{1 - \nu}\}$$
(4.7)

$$\Delta H = H \frac{\sigma_z}{E} \{1 - \frac{2\nu^2}{1 - \nu}\} = 14 \frac{100}{20000} \{1 - \frac{2 \times 0.35^2}{1 - 0.35}\} = 0.043(m)$$
(4.8)



#### Figure 4.5. Numerical Verification.

#### **Numerical Simulation Results**

Using the finite element model described above, the research team simulated several cases. The thickness of the wall, the stiffness of the soil, the height of the embankment, and the length of the slab were changed to study their influence on the bump at the end of the bridge. A total of 36 analyses were done and the results are shown in Appendix G.

#### Thickness of Wall and Stiffness of Soil

Three different thicknesses of abutment wall (Figure 4.3) (no wall, 0.5 m wall, and 1.0 m wall) were considered to study their effect on the settlement of the approach slab. There is a differential settlement between the bridge abutment and the embankment soil because the settlement of the bridge abutment, which is usually supported on piles, is smaller than the settlement of the embankment. The effect of the wall thickness on this differential settlement was studied in this section. Figures 4.6 to 4.8 show the deformed

meshes for a soft soil in zone 3 (Figure 4.4 and Table 4.1) (Young's modulus of 5,000 kPa and load case 4). The settlement profiles for the soft soil case are shown in Figure 4.9. As described in the first year report, the stiffness of the soil near the abutment was quite different from that away from the abutment. In this section, three different soils stiffnesses, 2,500 kPa, 5,000 kPa, and 10,000 kPa, were also considered in zone 3 (Figure 4.4 and Table 4.1) to study the effect of soil stiffness on the settlement. Typical deformed meshes for load case 4 are shown in Figure 4.13.



Figure 4.6. No Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 5,000 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.7. 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 5,000 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.8. 1.0 m Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 5,000 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.9. Settlement Profile for Three Different Walls (Load Case 4).



Figure 4.10. 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 2,500 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.11. 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 5,000 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.12. 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and E = 10,000 kPa in Zone 3.



Figure 4.13. Settlement Profile for Three Different Soil Moduli in Zone 3 (Table 4.1).

 $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  are the gradients of the slope between the abutment and the support slab and the support slab and sleeper slab, respectively, as shown in Figure 4.14. The numerical results for the three different walls and three different soils conditions are summarized in Table 4.2. As can be seen in Table 4.2, the biggest bumps are developed when load case 4 is applied to the pavement, and the smallest bumps are developed when there is no wall. The results also show that the bumps decreased when the stiffness of the soil in zone 3 increased.



Figure 4.14. Gradient of Slope.

Table 4.2. Summary of Results (See also Table 4.1 and Figure 4.4).

Loading	Weak Soil	Weak Soil in Zone 3		Soft Soil in Zone 3		Stiff Soil in Zone 3	
Case	Δ1	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	
Case 1	-0.04/100	0.13/100	-0.06/100	0.10/100	-0.06/100	0.07/100	
Case 2	-0.04/100	-0.06/100	-0.03/100	-0.07/100	-0.04/100	-0.07/100	
Case 3	-0.12/100	-0.03/100	0.01/100	-0.04/100	-0.01/100	-0.04/100	
Case 4	0.57/100	0.63/100	0.13/100	0.23/100	-0.12/100	-0.02/100	

(a) No Wall

(b) 0.5 m Wall

Loading	Loading Weak Soil in Zone 3		Soft Soil in Zone 3		Stiff Soil in Zone 3	
Case	Δ <sub>1</sub>	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$
Case 1	-0.12/100	0.08/100	-0.10/100	0.07/100	-0.09/100	0.06/100
Case 2	-0.04/100	-0.06/100	-0.04/100	-0.07/100	-0.03/100	-0.07/100
Case 3	-0.00/100	-0.04/100	0.00/100	-0.04/100	0.00/100	-0.04/100
Case 4	-0.94/100	-0.08/100	-0.84/100	-0.15/100	-0.72/100	-0.23/100

#### Table 4.2. Summary of Results (cont.).

Loading	Weak Soil in Zone 3		Soft Soil in Zone 3		Stiff Soil in Zone 3	
Case	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$
Case 1	-0.10/100	0.07/100	-0.09/100	0.06/100	-0.08/100	0.05/100
Case 2	-0.79/100	-0.22/100	-0.03/100	-0.07/100	-0.03/100	-0.07/100
Case 3	-0.04/100	-0.07/100	0.03/100	-0.07/100	-0.03/100	-0.07/100
Case 4	-0.79/100	-0.22/100	-0.71/100	-0.25/100	-0.63/100	-0.30/100

(c) 1 m Wall

#### Height of Embankment

The height of the embankment influences the bump at the end of the bridge. In this section, two different heights of embankment with 0.5 m wall thickness are chosen to evaluate the effect: a high approach embankment of 6.4 m and a low approach embankment of 3 m. Table 4.3 shows the settlement results. The deformed meshes are shown in Figure 4.15 and 4.16.

 Table 4.3. Settlements for Different Embankment Height.

Embankment Type	Maximum Settlement (m) of Pavement Profile for 0.5 m Wall, Loading Case 4, and Soft Soil in Zone 3
Low Embankment (H <sub>1</sub> =3 m)	$S_1 = 5.22 \times 10^{-2}$
High Embankment (H <sub>2</sub> =6.4 m)	$S_2 = 6.82 \times 10^{-2}$

The model height includes the height of the embankment and the height of the natural soil (7 m in the model). Table 4.3 shows that the ratio of model heights  $((H_1+7)/(H_2+7)=1.34)$  is close to the ratio of settlement (S<sub>1</sub>/S<sub>2</sub>= 1.31) as can be expected.



Figure 4.15. Settlement Profile of Low Embankment (H<sub>1</sub>=3 m) Embankment.


Figure 4.16. Settlement Profile of High Embankment (H<sub>2</sub>=6.4 m) Embankment.

## Length of Slab

The two-span approach slab is supported by two slabs: the support slab and the sleeper slab (Figure 4.3). The lengths of the support slab and of the sleeper slab underneath the pavement can influence the bump size. The researchers used various support and sleeper slab lengths to study their influence on the settlement of the support slab and the sleeper slab. The loading case was case 1 for the support slab and case 2 for the sleeper slab (Figure 4.4) and the soil in zone 3 was the soft soil (Table 4.1). Table 4.4 and Figure 4.17 show the results of the simulations. The settlement decreases as the slab length increases because the pressure on the soil decreases. Figure 4.17 shows that an optimum length for the support slab and for the sleeper slab is about 5 ft.

Length of Support Slab (m)	Max. Settlement (m) of the Pavement	Length of Sleeper Slab (m)	Max. Settlement (m) of the Pavement
0.00	0.0125	0.00	0.0113
0.20	0.0105	0.23	0.0098
0.60	0.0081	0.69	0.0083
1.00	0.0068	1.15	0.0077
3.12	0.0056	1.62	0.0074
-	-	2.08	0.0072
_	-	2.54	0.0069
_	-	3.00	0.0067

 Table 4.4. Settlements as a Function of the Length of Slab.



Figure 4.17. Settlements as a Function of the Length of Slab.

## **Summary of Results**

The slope of the pavement near the abutment (Figure 4.14) is shown in Table
 4.5 for two thicknesses of the abutment wall. The results show that the influence of the thickness of the abutment wall on the bump is limited.

Table 4.5. Gradient of the Differential Settlement on the Approach Slabfor the Soft Soil.

Loading Case 4	0.5 m	Wall	1.0 m Wall		
(Figure 4.4) and	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	
Modulus in Zone 3					
= 5,000 kPa	-0.84/100	-0.15/100	-0.71/100	-0.25/100	

- 2. The soil stiffness near the abutment (zone 3 in Figure 4.4) affects the slope between the abutment wall and the support slab, and therefore the bump size. If the stiffness is decreased by half, the slope is increased by 20 percent (Figure 4.13). Therefore, a higher stiffness (higher compaction) near the abutment can minimize the bump although the relationship between soil stiffness and bump size is not a linear relationship.
- 3. The presence of the wall creates a major difference in settlement between the soil right behind the abutment wall and the soil away from the wall. The soil close to the wall is held up by the vertically rigid wall, while the soil away from the wall remains unsupported and settles more. This differential settlement creates a bump. The pavement slope between the abutment wall and the support slab was -0.84/100 with a 0.5 m thickness abutment and 0.13/100 with no abutment wall. These results refer to loading case 4 (Figure 4.4) and a soft soil in zone 3 (Table 4.1).
- 4. The pavement profiles detailed in the simulations indicate that the transition zone is about 40 ft with 80 percent of the maximum settlement occurring in the first 20 ft for a uniform loading case. Therefore, the bump occurs near the support slab, which is 20 ft away from the bridge abutment.
- 5. As shown in Figure 4.17, the settlement of the support slabs and the sleeper slab keeps decreasing as the length of both slabs increases. This decrease becomes small when the slabs are over 5 ft. Therefore, the optimum length for both slabs is 5 ft.
- 6. The high approach embankment (6.4 m) showed 31 percent more settlement of the pavement than the low approach embankment (3 m), and the ratio of settlement is proportional to the ratio of the total height of the model (embankment + natural soil).

## CHAPTER 5: NEW APPROACH SLAB

All the accumulated data indicate that the current bridge approach slab system can lead to a bump. The current system is an articulated double-span approach slab with a significant weakness at the middle hinge (Figure 5.1). This system often experiences a Vshaped dip, which was found at the two test sites. The first section in this chapter describes the current approach slab. The researchers propose two conceptual replacement solutions in the second and third sections.

#### **Current Approach Slab**

TxDOT uses a 12-inch-thick approach slab made of reinforced concrete. The approach slab has two 20 ft spans. It is supported by the abutment backwall, the approach backfill, and two slabs: the support slab and the sleeper slab (Figure 5.1). To accommodate the movement of the pavement, a wide flange (WF) steel beam is used on top of the sleeper slab. The pavement side of the wide flange beam can move horizontally and freely in the beam.



#### Figure 5.1. Current Approach Slab.

#### **One-Span Approach Slab Designed in Free Span**

This solution would consist of a 20-ft-long single slab (possibly ribbed) from the abutment to the sleeper slab (Figure 5.2). It would be designed to carry the full traffic load without support on the soil except at both ends. The current practice is for an approach slab of the same thickness as the adjacent approach pavement, which can likely accommodate a 20-ft free span with support of traffic. The articulation would be removed and the wide flange would be kept on the embankment side as a temperature

elongation joint for the pavement. This solution will simplify construction significantly, be less expensive, and place less emphasis on the need for very good compaction close to the abutment wall, which is usually difficult.



Figure 5.2. One-span Approach Slab.

## **Abutment on Sleeper Slab**

This solution is more bold but it is well worth considering. The approach slab is essentially another span of the bridge. That span rests on deep foundations (most of the time) on the abutment side and on a shallow spread footing on the embankment side (Figure 5.3). This proposed solution of the abutment on the sleeper slab (spread footing) would use the first bridge span as the approach slab and place the abutment on the sleeper slab. This solution requires careful considerations of several issues, but it is a very economical solution that would work very well in principle.





## Numerical Simulation for New Approach Slab

A numerical simulation was done for the one-span approach slab. The results for the current approach slab and the one-span approach slab are shown in Figures 5.4 and 5.5, respectively. The maximum settlement and the deformed mesh of those two cases show a little difference. The maximum settlement for the current approach slab is 0.068 m (0.5 m wall, load case 4, and soft soil in zone 3) and 0.071 m for the new approach slab. More detailed results are shown in Appendix G for 0.5 m wall, load case 4, and a soft soil in zone 3.



Figure 5.4. Current Approach Slab for a 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and Soft Soil in Zone 3.



Figure 5.5. One-Span Approach Slab for a 0.5 m Wall, Load Case 4, and Soft Soil in Zone 3.

# CHAPTER 6: MODEL SCALE SIMULATIONS

The BEST device was been designed and built to simulate the bump at the end of the bridge problem. BEST stands for Bridge to Embankment Simulator of Transition. It is a 1/20<sup>th</sup> scale model of the typical transition. The researchers studied the scaling laws and made decisions on the choice of parameters. One problem was that some parameters scale directly with length (e.g. embankment height), while others do not (e.g. dynamics). An optimum combination of parameters was studied and finally selected. It was chosen to model properly the most important parameters in the system. The soils to fill the container were clay and sand. Filling the BEST device and preparing the experiment took about one week. Running the test for a week generates about 300,000 cycles of loading. Each test, therefore, took two weeks. The purpose of this test is to study the various factors influencing the differential settlement between the embankment and the bridge and to develop alternative solutions for eliminating or minimizing this differential settlement.

The first section of this chapter deals with the dimensional analysis of the problem. The second section describes the BEST device and the soils used. The simulation results are shown in the third section. A summary of results is shown in the fourth section.

#### **Dimensional Analysis**

Dimensional analysis is a technique used in physical sciences and engineering to reduce physical properties such as acceleration, viscosity, and energy to their fundamental dimensions of length, mass, and time. This technique facilitates the study of interrelationships of systems (or models of systems) and their properties. Dimensional analysis is often the basis of theoretical and physical models of real situations. Fundamental units (length, time, and either force or mass) are used in analyses. All other quantities such as stress, moment, and velocity are derived from the fundamental units. These units usually come from the fundamental balance laws such as conservation of mass, conservation of energy, and so on.

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### Buckingham $\pi$ theory

The Buckingham  $\pi$  theorem states that a function describing a relationship among n quantities, X<sub>i</sub>, such as

$$f(X_1, X_2, X_3, \cdots, X_n) = 0 \tag{6.1}$$

where m primary units are requiring to express the  $X_i$  variables can be reduced to the form

$$g(\Pi_1,\Pi_2,\Pi_3,\dots,\Pi_{n-m}) = 0$$
(6.2)

where  $\Pi_i$  are nondimensional products of powers of the  $X_i$  of the form

$$\Pi_{i} = X_{1}^{a} X_{2}^{b} \cdots X_{3}^{c} \tag{6.3}$$

Thus, this very powerful result reduces by the number of primary units, m, the number of variables required to describe the dependent variables.

## Application of Dimensional Analysis

The dimensional analysis begins with defining the variables affecting the settlement of the embankment. Figure 6.1 and Table 6.1 show the variables and their dimensions.



Figure 6.1. Variables for Dimensional Anaylsis.

Quantity	Parameters	Dimension
Settlement	δ	L
Mass	М	FT <sup>2</sup> /L
Gravity	G	$L/T^2$
Pavement Property	$E_1 \times I_1$	$F-L^2$
Pavement Depth	<b>D</b> <sub>1</sub>	L
Soil Young's Modulus	E <sub>2</sub>	F/L <sup>2</sup>
Soil Depth	D <sub>2</sub>	L
Velocity	V	L/T
Acceleration	А	$L/T^2$

**Table 6.1. Parameters and Dimensions.** 

After defining the variables, grouping according to the fundamental units such as force group (F group), time group (T group), and length group (L group) is performed as shown in Table 6.2. All the variables should be placed in three groups (F group, L group, and T group) with a dimension, and then one variable is selected from each group as a repeating variable. The dependent variable, in this case settlement ( $\delta$ ), can not be the repeating variable. The selection of repeating variable depends on experience, but any of them will work. In this study, the researchers selected the mass (m), the pavement depth (D<sub>1</sub>), and the gravity (g) for repeating variables.

Table 6.2. Fundamental Units.

Group	Variables	Repeating Variable
F Group	m, $E_1 \times I_1$ , $E_2$	М
L Group	$D_1, D_2, \delta$	D1
T Group	g, V, a	G

The product of power of repeating variables and each nonrepeating variable in terms of dimensions as shown in Equation (6.4) become 1 for this product to be dimensionless (Equation (6.5)). Equations (6.4) to (6.10) show one example of the calculation procedure and the result.

$$\Pi_1 = m^a \cdot g^b \cdot D_1^c \cdot (E_1 \cdot I_1)^d \tag{6.4}$$

$$\Pi_{1} = m^{a} \cdot g^{b} \cdot D_{1}^{c} \cdot (E_{1} \cdot I_{1})^{d} \Longrightarrow (\frac{FT^{2}}{L})^{a} (\frac{L}{T^{2}})^{b} (L)^{c} (F - L^{2})^{d} = 1$$
(6.5)

$$F^a \cdot F^d \Rightarrow a + d = 0 \tag{6.6}$$

$$L^{-a} \cdot L^{b} \cdot L^{c} \cdot L^{sd} \Longrightarrow -a + b + c + 2d = 0$$
(6.7)

$$T^{2a} \cdot T^{-2b} \Longrightarrow 2a - 2b = 0 \tag{6.8}$$

*if* 
$$a = 1$$
 *then*  $d = -1$ ,  $b = 1$ , *and*  $c = 2$  (6.9)

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{m \cdot g \cdot D_1^2}{E_1 \times I_1} \tag{6.10}$$

The dimensions for the model can be determined from Equation (6.11).

$$(\Pi_1)_{prototype} = \left[\frac{m \cdot g \cdot D_1^2}{E_1 \times I_1}\right]_{prototype} = (\Pi_1)_{model} = \left[\frac{m \cdot g \cdot D_1^2}{E_1 \times I_1}\right]_{model}$$
(6.11)

In the same manner, Equations (6.12) to (6.16) were obtained and used.

$$\Pi_2 = \frac{m \cdot g}{D_1^2 \cdot E_2} \tag{6.12}$$

$$\Pi_3 = \frac{D_2}{D_1}$$
(6.13)

$$\Pi_4 = \frac{\delta}{D_1} \tag{6.14}$$

$$\Pi_5 = \frac{V^2}{g \cdot D_1} \tag{6.15}$$

$$\Pi_6 = \frac{a}{g} \tag{6.16}$$

Based on these relationships, the results of the dimensional analysis for a model scaled 1/20<sup>th</sup> of the length are presented in Table 6.3. The actual variables being used in the field are represented in the prototype column (Field). For a perfect model simulation, the parameters should be scaled directly in the model (Target) values, but this is not always possible and the model (Actual) values were used throughout the BEST test for practical reasons.

Quantity	Symbol	Prototype (Field)	Model (Target)	Model (Actual)
Settlement (m)	δ	0.05	0.0025	0.0012-0.005
Mass (kg)	m	10,000	20	8
Gravity $(m/sec^2)$	g	9.8	9.8	9.8
Pavement Elastic Modulus (Pa)	$E_1$	$30 \times 10^{9}$	$10 \times 10^{9}$	$10 \times 10^{9}$
Moment of Inertia (m <sup>4</sup> )	I <sub>1</sub>	8.7×10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.87×10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.71×10 <sup>-7</sup>
Pavement Property (N-m <sup>2</sup> )	$E_1 \times I_1$	$1.73 \times 10^{8}$	$8.87 \times 10^{2}$	$1.71 \times 10^{3}$
Pavement Depth (m)	$D_1$	0.3	0.015	0.019
Soil Young's Modulus (MPa)	$E_2$	28	23	10.0
Soil Depth (m)	$D_2$	5.19	0.26	0.26
Velocity (km/h)	V	112	25	6.9
Acceleration $(m/sec^2)$	а	20-40	20-40	15-30

Table 6.3. Dimensional Analysis Results.

### **BEST Device and Soil**

#### BEST Device

The BEST device was constructed to carry out model tests on the approach slab, bridge, and pavement assembly. It consists of a laboratory-scale driven wheel guided around a circular track by a rotating arm as shown in Figure 6.2. A motor in the center of the tank runs the wheel at various speeds. The wheel passes over the embankment, approach slab, and bridge once during each cycle around the track. The data obtained during a test are the elevations of the riding surface as a function of time and cycles.

Shackel and Arora (1978) and Road Transport Research (1985) gave a description of many of the test tracks developed for pavement studies. Almost all of these test tracks can either be classified as linear or circular tracks. Linear tracks have a test wheel move forward and forth. Circular tracks have a rotating arm carrying a test wheel that runs around a circular test pavement or track containing the test section (Barenberg and Hazarida, 1976; Paterson, 1972).



(a) Photo of BEST Device



(b) Cross Section of BEST Device





(c) Plan View of BEST Device

Figure 6.2. BEST Device (cont.).

#### Setup of the BEST Device

Sand and porcelain clay were used to simulate the embankment in the BEST tests. The setup procedure is shown in Figures 6.3 to 6.5. Sand was placed in the tank except at the bridge sections, which were supported by columns on the floor of the device (Figure 6.3). The compaction was done by using a hand tamper with an area 10 inch by 10 inch and weighing 10 lbs. Each test for the sand has three layers. To keep the density of the sand consistent throughout the tests, 9 blows/ft<sup>2</sup>/layer for the high level of compaction effort, and 3 blows/ft<sup>2</sup>/layer for the low level of compaction effort at the approach slab sections which are 2 ft away from each end of the bridge, were used. The pavement section as shown in Figure 6.2 was compacted 9 blows/ft<sup>2</sup>/layer. For the clay case, the porcelain clay blocks were placed at the approach slab sections as shown in Figure 6.4 and then the gaps between the clay blocks were filled and leveled with sand. Figure 6.5 shows finished setup for the BEST test. The finished height of the embankment was about 10 inches. The pavement was made of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> -inch plywood and simply placed over the embankment.



Figure 6.3. Setup for Sand and Compaction.



Figure 6.4. Setup for Clay.



Figure 6.5 Finished Setup before Placing the Pavement and Approach Slab on the Embankment.

## Velocity

The velocity of the rotating arm is  $V_0$  (1 cycle/2 seconds, 6.89 km/hr) with an 8 kg weight on the top of the wheel. Velocities equal to 0.4  $V_0$  and 2  $V_0$  are also available by changing the gears. Figure 6.6 shows the rotating arm at a speed of  $V_0$ .



Figure 6.6. Rotating Arm.

## Loading and Measurement

The loading carriage consists of a loading system with a wheel and a driving unit (see Figure 6.2). The tire is  $1/20^{\text{th}}$  the size of a full-scale truck tire and is connected to a rod that slides up and down freely through the rotating arm. A spring is placed between the rotating arm and the weight to simulate the suspension system. A weight of up to 8 kg is placed on the spring to simulate the vehicle weight.

To monitor the acceleration of the weight, an accelerometer is fitted on top of the weight. An analog to digital signal converter is used to transmit the data from the linear variable differential transformer (LVDT) to a laptop computer. Figure 6.7 shows the measuring system. When the elevation of the roadway is to be measured, the test with the wheel is interrupted, the cart shown in Figure 6.7 is placed, and the elevation is recorded with respect to the sides of the device through the use of an LVDT placed on the wheel.



Figure 6.7. Elevation Measuring System.

## Test Plan

The research team performed ten tests to evaluate the effectiveness of the onespan approach slab. Four tests are for the current (two-span) approach slab configuration and six tests are for the proposed one-span approach slab. Table 6.4 shows the test matrix.

Test No.	Approach Slab	Soil	Compactio n Level	Mass (kg)	Velocity (km/h)
1	One-Span	Sand	High	8	6.89
2	One-Span	Sand	Low	8	6.89
3	One-Span	Clay	-	8	6.89
4	One-Span	Sand	Low	8	6.89
5	One-Span	Sand	Low	8	2.76, 6.89, and 13.78
6	One-Span	Sand	Low	1	6.89
7	Current	Sand	High	8	6.89
8	Current	Sand	Low	8	6.89
9	Current	Clay	-	8	6.89
10	Current	Clay	-	8	2.76, 6.89, and 13.78

Table 6.4. Combination of Tests.

Sand and clay were used for this test. Basic soil tests were done for these two soils to determine the soil properties. Table 6.5, Figure 6.8, and Figure 6.9 show dry unit weights, compaction test results, and moduli results from triaxial tests for the sand. To measure the unit weight and its water content, a consolidation ring that is 1 ½ inch in diameter and 1 inch thick was pushed into the sand after finishing the compaction of the sand. After that pushing, the consolidation ring was carefully taken out with the sand by placing a thin plate at the bottom of the ring. The unit weight and the water content were measured using the cored sand sample, and the dry unit weight was then calculated.

Figure 6.10 shows sieve analysis for the clay. The consolidation ring was used to measure the unit weight and the water content of the clay. Sampling was done before the test by pushing the consolidation ring into the clay block and taking it out with clay. The dry unit weight (Table 6.6) was calculated from the measured unit weight and the water content. Table 6.7 presents other basic test results for the clay, including moduli values obtained from unconfined compression tests. The detailed results are shown in Appendix H.

Table 6.5. Dry Unit Weight of Sand.

Test No.	1	2	4	5	6	7	8
ω (%)	4.67	7.17	4.92	4.89	4.90	5.00	7.03
γ <sub>d</sub> (pcf)	102.0	85.4	84.2	85.7	86.6	101.2	85.6



Figure 6.8. Compaction Test for Sand.



Figure 6.9. Modulus of Sand.

Sample No.	1	2	3	4
ω (%)	26.8	26.5	26.1	26.4
γ <sub>d</sub> (pcf)	90.87	96.36	98.04	94.97

Table 6.6. Dry Unit Weight of Clay.



Figure 6.10. Sieve Analysis Result of Clay.

Sample	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plastic Index	Young's modulus (E25)
No.	(%)	(%)		(psi)
2	34.44	18.29	16.15	165
3	34.56	18.54	16.02	146
4	34.23	18.10	16.13	119

Table 6.7. Basic Test Results of Clay.

#### Simulation Results

Ten tests were done as shown in Table 6.4. Different conditions were used to evaluate the bump at the end of the bridge. The accelerometer gave the acceleration in flight for each measured cycle. The settlement at designated points was measured using the measuring system shown in Figure 6.7. The repeatability of this measurement was about 0.0005 inch or 0.00127 mm.

#### Test 1

This test was done with a one-span approach slab, sand, a high compaction effort, and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.11 and 6.12. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

### Test 2

This test was done with a one-span approach slab, sand, low compaction efforts and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.13 and 6.14. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

## Test 3

This test was done with a one-span approach slab, clay, and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.15 and 6.16. Acceleration results detained with the accelerometer on the ridging mass are shown in Figures 6.17 and 6.18. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

#### Test 4

This test was done to check the repeatability of the BEST device. This test is the same as Test No. 2. The results are shown in Figures 6.19 and 6.20. The comparison with Test No. 2 is very good and verifies the repeatability of the BEST tests. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

#### Test 5

This test was done with a one-span approach slab, sand, low compaction effort, and various velocities ( $0.4 V_0$ ,  $V_0$ , and  $2 V_0$ ), and 500,000 cycles. The results are shown

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in Figures 6.21 and 6.22. The three curves in Figure 6.22 represent the settlement of the sleeper slab at the beginning of bridge, at the end of the bridge, and the average of those two. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.





Figure 6.11. Total Profile for Test No. 1.



Figure 6.12. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 1.



Test 2

Figure 6.13. Total Profile for Test No. 2.



Test 2

Figure 6.14. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 2.





Figure 6.15. Total Profile for Test No. 3.



Test 3

Figure 6.16. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 3.

Test 3 - Acceleration (Cycle No. 1)



Figure 6.17. Acceleration of the Weight in Test No. 3 at Cycle No. 1.

Test 3 - Acceleration (Cycle No. 50,000)



Figure 6.18. Acceleration of the Weight in Test No. 3 at Cycle No. 50,000.





Figure 6.19. Total Profile for Test No. 4.



Figure 6.20. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 4.





Figure 6.21. Total Profile for Test No. 5.


Test 5

Figure 6.22. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 5.

This test was done with a one-span approach slab, sand, low compaction effort, a smaller weight on the wheel, and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.23 and 6.24. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

#### Test 7

This test was done with the current approach slab, sand, high compaction effort, and 400,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.25 and 6.26. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

### Test 8

This test was done with the current approach slab, sand, low compaction effort, and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.27 and 6.28. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

### Test 9

This test was done with the current approach slab, clay, and 200,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.29 and 6.30. Acceleration results detained with the accelerometer on the riding mass are shown in Figures 6.31 and 6.32. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.

### Test 10

This test was done with the current approach slab, clay, and 100,000 cycles. The results are shown in Figures 6.33 and 6.34. Acceleration results are shown in Figures 6.35 and 6.36. All the test data are shown in Appendix I.





Figure 6.23. Total Profile for Test No. 6.



Figure 6.24. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 6.



Test 7

Figure 6.25. Total Profile for Test No. 7.



Figure 6.26. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 7.



Test 8

Figure 6.27. Total Profile for Test No. 8.



Figure 6.28. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 8.



Test 9

Figure 6.29. Total Profile for Test No. 9.



Figure 6.30. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 9.

Test 9

Test 9 - Acceleration (Cycle No. 1000)



Figure 6.31. Accelerations of the Weight in Test No. 9 at Cycle No. 1,000.

Test 9 - Acceleration (Cycle No. 50000)



Figure 6.32. Accelerations of the Weight in Test No. 9 at Cycle No. 50,000.





Figure 6.33. Total Profile for Test No. 10.



Test 10

Figure 6.34. Settlement of the Sleeper Slab at Different Cycles for Test No. 10.

Test 10 - Acceleration (Cycle No. 1)



Figure 6.35. Acceleration of the Weight in Test No. 10 at Cycle No. 1.





Figure 6.36. Acceleration of the Weight in Test No. 10 at Cycle No. 5,000.

#### **Summary of Results**

- 1. By repeating two tests with the same conditions, the researchers found that the BEST device has a good repeatability (Figure 6.37 for Tests No. 2 and No. 4).
- The sand with the higher compaction (Test No. 1) developed less settlement at the sleeper slab than the lower compaction sand (Test No. 2) as shown in Figure 6.38.
- 3. The one-span approach slab (Tests No. 1, 2, and 3) with a 20-ft simulated approach slab experienced less settlement on the average than the current two-span approach slab (Tests No. 7, 8, and 9) as shown in Figures 6.39 and 6.40.
- 4. The velocity of the traveling wheel in the BEST device has little effect on the total settlement under the approach slab as shown in Figure 6.41 (Test No. 5 for  $0.4 V_0.2 V_0$  and Test No. 10 for  $0.4 V_0.2 V_0$ ).
- 5. The mass loading the wheel affects the settlement as shown in Figure 6.42. (Test No. 2 with an 8 kg weight and Test No. 6 with a 1 kg weight). When the weight increased from 1 to 8 kg, the settlement at 200,000 cycles increased from 0.023 to 0.60 inch.
- 6. The settlement of the approach slab (the sleeper slab for the one-span approach slab and the support slab for the current approach slab) versus the number of cycles is reasonably well approximated by a straight line on a log-log plot (Figure 6.40). The slope of the line varies between 0.1377 log (settlement)/log (cycle) and 0.2957 log (settlement)/log (cycle) for these model tests.
- 7. The measured maximum accelerations of the BEST test were 18 m/sec<sup>2</sup> at V<sub>o</sub> (1 cycle/2 seconds, 6.89 km/hr) and 32 m/sec<sup>2</sup> at 2 V<sub>o</sub> (1 cycle/1 second, 13.78 km/hr). Considering that the field values of the maximum acceleration obtained by double differentiation of profilometer profile data are 30-40 m/sec<sup>2</sup>, the measured maximum acceleration are smaller than the field acceleration. The reason is that the field acceleration represent the acceleration of the wheel below the suspension, while the model acceleration are the accelerations of the weight above the spring simulating the car suspension.



Figure 6.37. Repeatability of the BEST Test: Tests No. 2 and 4.



Figure 6.38. Effect of Sand Compaction: Tests No. 1 and 2.



Figure 6.39. Comparison between One-Span and Two-Span Approach Slab: Test s No. 1 and 7, Tests No. 2 and 8, and Tests No. 3 and 9.



Figure 6.40. Total Results on the Sleeper Slabs and the Support Slab.



Figure 6.41. Effect of Velocity: Tests No. 5 and 10.



Figure 6.42. Effect of Mass: Tests No. 2 and 6.

# CHAPTER 7: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Conclusions from Report 4147-1**

The research team investigated the bump at the end of the bridge by a literature survey, by a questionnaire distributed to the 25 districts of the Texas DOT, and by a detailed investigation of two bridge sites in Houston, Texas.

The literatures surveyed led to the following conclusions:

- 1. On the average, 25 percent of all bridges in the USA are affected by the bump problem.
- 2. The maintenance cost for the bump problem in the USA is estimated at 100 million dollars per year (1997 dollars).
- 3. The main reasons for the development of a bump are the settlement of the embankment due to a weak natural soil or to the compression of the embankment fill, voids under the pavement due to erosion, and abutment displacement due to pavement growth, slope instability, or temperature cycles.
- 4. The bump is more severe if there is a high embankment, an abutment on piles, high average daily traffic, soft natural soil, intense rain storms, extreme temperature cycles, and steep approach gradients.
- 5. The bump is less severe when there is an approach slab, appropriate fill material, good compaction or stabilization, effective drainage, good construction practice and inspection, and an adequate waiting period between fill placement and paving.
- 6. A tolerable bump has a slope of 1/200 or less.

The best approach recommended in the literature is:

- Treat the bump problem as a stand-alone design issue and make prevention a design goal.
- 2. Assign the responsibility of this design issue to an engineer.
- 3. Stress teamwork and open-mindedness among the geotechnical, structural, pavements, construction, and maintenance engineers.

- 4. Carry out proper settlement versus time calculations.
- 5. If differential settlement is excessive, design an approach slab.
- 6. Provide for expansion/contraction between the structure and the approach roadway (fabric reinforcement, flow fill).
- 7. Design a proper drainage and erosion protection system.
- 8. Use and enforce proper specifications.
- 9. Choose knowledgeable inspectors especially for geotechnical aspects.
- 10. Perform a joint inspection including joints, grade specifications, and drainage.

The questionnaire results led to the following conclusions:

- 1. On the average, 24.5 percent of the bridges in Texas have a bump problem.
- 2. The maintenance cost for the bump problem in Texas is estimated at 6.3 million dollars per year (2001 dollars).
- 3. The number one reason for the bump is the settlement of the embankment fill, followed by the loss of fill by erosion.
- 4. The problem is worse when the embankment is high and the fill is clay.
- 5. The problem is minimized when an approach slab is used and the fill behind the abutment is cement stabilized.

Two bridge overpass sites on major highways in Houston were subjected to a detailed investigation. Both bridge sites had articulated two-span approach slabs with a wide flange beam. The investigation led to the following conclusions:

- The profilometer gave bump amplitudes varying from 1.15 to 2.35 inches on April 2001 and from 0.76 to 2.12 on March 2002, transition slopes as steep as 1/100; international roughness indices as high as 820, indicating a rough unpaved road condition; and present serviceability indices of 0.00, indicating really poor condition.
- 2. The profilometer test performed one year after the first one indicated that some of the bumps had decreased and some had stayed the same, while others had increased. Therefore, bumps are dynamic features that may be tied to the

weather through the shrink-swell nature of some soils used for embankment fills.

- Close to the bridge abutment, the cone penetrometer resistance was 33.8 percent lower on the average and the water content was 10.5 percent higher on the average than the values away from the abutment.
- 4. The compaction level within the embankment below the bump averaged 96 percent of the Standard Proctor maximum dry unit weight.
- 5. The soil of the embankment fill had a PI varying from 8.52 to 33.77 with an average equal to 20.96.
- 6. The ground penetrating radar indicated that there were no voids under the pavement.

The data seem to indicate that the soil near the abutment is more exposed to water than the soil away from the abutment. This exposure leads to a higher water content, a lower strength, and therefore, a higher compressibility of the soil, which leads to the bump.

A bump rating (BR) number and a bump index (BI) were developed as part of this research project. The bump number goes from 0 for no bump to 4 for a dangerous bump and is typically obtained by guessing at the BR number after riding over the pavement at full speed. The number refers to the differential settlement in inches between the low and high point of the bump. The bump ratings at the two sites investigated ranged from 0 to 2. The BI gives an estimate for the likelihood that a bump will develop for a given situation. The equation giving the bump index includes the height of embankment, average daily traffic (ADT), bridge life, average yearly precipitation, temperature cycle, resistance of abutment, resistance of embankment, and gradient of approach. Further research is needed if the coefficients involved in that equation are to be determined.

### **Conclusions from This Report (4147-2)**

Researchers summarized the first year work by reviewing the literature survey, the questionnaire results, and the investigation of two bridge sites in Houston with significant bump problems. It led to the following conclusions:

- 1. Twenty five percent of all bridges in the USA and in Texas are affected by the bump problem.
- The maintenance cost for the bump problem in the USA is estimated at 100 M\$ per year (1997) and 7.0 M\$ per year in Texas (2001).
- 3. A tolerable bump has a slope of 1/200 or less.
- 4. In Texas the number one reason for the bump is the settlement of the embankment fill followed by the loss of fill by erosion.
- 5. The problem is worse when the embankment is high and the fill is clay.
- 6. The problem is minimized when an approach slab is used and the fill behind the abutment is cement stabilized.
- 7. The soil near the abutment of the two sites studied was weaker and wetter than the soil away from the abutment.
- 8. The soil near the abutment of the two sites studied had a relatively high PI for an embankment fill.
- 9. There were no voids under the pavement according to the ground penetrating radar.
- 10. The vertical acceleration of the wheel of the vehicle reached 4 g's at one of the bump sites.
- 11. A bump rating number and a bump index number are proposed to document the severity of existing bumps and to evaluate the likelihood of developing a bump at a site.

Researchers surveyed planning, design, and construction, maintenance and rehabilitation practices for the approach slab. It led to the following conclusions:

1. For embankments higher than 15 ft, the recommended boring spacing is a maximum of 200 ft. For each bridge abutment, a maximum of two borings is

recommended, and additional borings are suggested when the abutment exceeds 100 ft in length or has wingwalls more than 20 ft long.

- Two major design concepts, conventional bridges and integral abutment bridges, are currently used for road bridges. The conventional design type has a superstructure resting on an abutment at each end, but the integral abutment bridges are connected with superstructure and abutment.
- 3. Some states specify fill with a maximum PI of 15 and fewer than 40 percent fines within 150 ft of an abutment wall, and the required relative compaction is increased to 95 percent from 90 percent within approach embankments.
- Five types of abutment are in use: closed or high abutment, stub or perched abutment, pedestal or spill-through abutment, integral abutment, and mechanically stabilized abutment.
- Approach slabs are used in about 80 percent of new bridges (Schaefer and Koch, 1992). Most approach slabs are 20 to 40 ft long and 9 to 12 ft thick.
- 6. The approach embankment can be constructed either before or after the bridge and the abutment. Closed, spill-through, and integral abutments require that the abutment be built first, but perched and MSE abutments are constructed after the embankment is finished.
- Moulton et al. (1985) suggest a tolerable angular distortion of 1/250 for continuous-span bridges and 1/200 for simply supported spans.
- 8. Most bridges designed in Texas have stub or perched abutments with the approach slab and wide flange terminal joint.

Researchers proposed a new approach slab that has a one-span slab. They arrived at this new design by reviewing the components related to the settlement at the bridge approach slab expansion joint, performing numerical analyses, and conducting model scale simulations.

The numerical analyses led to the following conclusions:

1. The presence of the abutment wall on piles creates a major difference in settlement between the abutment wall and the embankment.

- 2. The differential settlement is drastically reduced in the absence of the wall.
- 3. The transition zone is about 40 ft with 80 percent of the maximum settlement occurring in the first 20 ft for a uniform load case.
- 4. The size of the sleeper slab and support slab influences the settlement of the slab when load is applied to the slab. The optimum width of both slabs is 5 ft. The height of the embankment influences the settlement of the embankment.

The new proposed approach slab has the following characteristics:

- 1. The new approach slab is 20 ft long and has one span from the abutment to the sleeper slab.
- 2. It is designed to carry the full traffic load without support on the soil except at both ends; the support slab is removed and the wide flange is kept on the embankment side as a temperature elongation joint.
- 3. This new approach slab will simplify construction, will be less expensive, and will place less emphasis on the need for very good compaction close to the abutment wall.

The Bridge to Embankment Simulator of Transition device, which is a 1/20<sup>th</sup> scale model of the typical transition, was designed, built, and used to simulate the problem. The results of the BEST tests led to the following conclusions:

- 1. The proposed new approach slab (one-span) with a 20 ft simulated approach slab gave a smaller bump than the current two-slab approach slab.
- 2. The soil with the higher compaction developed less bump at the sleeper slab than the lower compaction soil.
- 3. The bump size increases with the number of cycles in a straight line on a loglog plot.
- 4. The maximum acceleration the BEST test recorded, 32 m/sec<sup>2</sup> at the velocity of 13.78 km/hr, was smaller than the maximum field acceleration, 40 m/sec<sup>2</sup>, obtained by double differentiation of the profilometer data.

## **Final Recommendations**

The following recommendations are made for the zone located within 100 ft from the abutment:

- Use quality backfill: PI less than 15, less than 20 percent passing sieve #200, coefficient of uniformity larger than 3.
- Compact the soil to 95 percent of Modified Proctor, controlled by inspection, with an increased rate of measurement more frequent than required by current TxDOT specifications.

If such a quality backfill cannot be achieved, the embankment fill within that 100-ft zone should be cement stabilized.

The following recommendation is made for the approach slab.

 Use a single-slab approach slab that is at least 20 ft long and 13 inches thick. The articulation that exists in the current approach slab is removed, and the wide flange is kept on the embankment side as a temperature elongation joint. Design the approach slab to handle the full load in free span.

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APPENDIX A

EXAMPLE OF APPROACH SLAB DETAILS (BRIAUD

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# **Approach Slab Details**












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# APPENDIX B QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS (HOPPE, 1999)

State	Smooth Ride	Reduced Impact	Control Drainage	Uniform Settlement	Lower Maint. Cost	Seismic Stability	Minimum Deviation at Joints	None
AL	Х	Х						
AZ	Х	Х						
CA	X							
СТ	Х							
DE	Х							
FL	Х							
GA	X							
ID		Х		Х				
IL			Х	Х				
IN	Х			Х				
IO	Х	Х					Х	
KS	Х	Х	Х					
KY								Х
LA		X X						
ME	Х	Х		Х				
MD								Х
MA	Х							
MN	Х	Х						
MS	Х							
MO	Х					Х		
MT	Х	Х						
NE	Х		Х	Х	Х			
NH				Х				
NJ	Х	Х						
NM	Х							
NY	Х							
ND	Х				Х			
OH	Х							
OK	Х							
OR	Х		Х	X		Х		
SD	Х	Х	Х					
ТΧ	Х							
VT	Х	Х						
VA	Х	Х		X				
WA	Х					Х		
WI	Х	Х			Х			
WY		Х	Х	X				

 Table B-1. Advantages of Using Approach Slabs.

State	Higher Initial	Maint.	Erosion	Bending Stress	Problems w/Staged	Joints	Rough Surface	Increased Construction
	Cost			at Backwall	Construction			Time
CA	Х							
DE	Х	Х	Х					
GA		Х	Х					
IL	Х							
IN	Х							
IO	Х	Х						
KS	Х	Х						
KY	Х	Х						
LA				Х				
ME	Х							
MN		Х						
MO	Х							
MT		Х	X			Х		
NE	Х	Х						
NJ		Х						
ND	Х							
OK	Х							Х
OR	Х						Х	Х
SD	Х	Х						
VA		Х	Х					
WA	Х				Х			
WI	Х	Х						
WY	Х							

 Table B-2. Disadvantages of Using Approach Slabs.

State	Interstate System	Primary System	Secondary System
AL	100	100	20
AZ	100	100	80
СТ	< 50	< 50	< 50
DE	90	65	20
FL	100	100	100
GA	100	100	100
ID	"small"	"small"	"very small"
IL	100	100	90
IN	100	100	100
IA	100	75	10
KS	90	50	20
КҮ	35	35	35
LA	100	100	100
ME	>50	>50	>50
MD	<1	<2	0
MA	100	100	100
MN	90	69	8
МО	100	100	10
MS	100	100	85
MT	<5	<5	<1
NE	100	100	100
NV	100	100	100
NH	95	30	7
NM	80	80	80
NY	100	100	100
ND	75	60	0
ОН	100	95	75
OK	100	>90	0
OR	100	100	100
SC	100	100	30
SD	95	90	5
VT	100	100	100
VA	98	75	<4
WA	75	50	25
WI	100	100	25
WY	90	75	50

## Table B-3. Current Use of Approach Slabs (%).

State	Use on All	ADT, AADT,	Pavement Type	Settlement Expected	Road Functional	Embankment Height	Engineer's Option	Not Used
	Bridges	DHV		-	Classification	_	_	
AL		Х			Х			
AZ	Х							
CA			X X		Х			
СТ			Х	Х				
DE		Х		Х	Х	Х		
FL	Х							
GA	Х							
ID			Х					
IL					Х			
IN	Х							
IA		Х	X	Х	Х			
KS		Х	Х					
KY								Х
MA	Х							
MD								Х
ME		Х		Х	Х	Х		
MN					Х			
MS	Х							
МО	Х							
MT		Х	Х					
NE	Х							
NH	Х							
NJ		Х			Х			
NM	Х							
NV	Х							
NY	Х							
ND					Х			
OH				Х				
OK					Х			
OR		Х						
SC		Х				Х		
SD					Х			
ΤX							Х	
VT	Х							
VA		Х			Х			
WA				Х				
WI					Х			
WY	X							

 Table B-4. Criteria for Use of Approach Slabs with Conventional Abutments.

State	Use on All Bridges	ADT, AADT, DHV	Pavement Type	Settlement Expected	Road Functional Classification	Embankment Height	Engineer's Option	Not Used
AL								Х
AZ	Х							
СО	X X							
СТ			Х	Х				
DE								Х
FL								Х
GA	Х							
ID	Х							
IL	Х							
IN	Х							
IA		Х	Х	Х	Х			
KS		Х	Х	Х				
KY	Х							
MA	Х							
MD								Х
ME		Х		Х		Х		
MN					Х			
MS								Х
MO	Х							
MT		Х	Х					
NE	Х							
NH	Х							
NJ								Х
NM	Х							
NV	Х							
NY	Х							
ND					Х			
OK	Х							
OR		Х						
SC		Х				Х		
SD					Х			
ΤX								Х
VT	Х							
VA	Х							
WA				Х				
WI					Х			
WY	Х							

 Table B-5. Criteria for Use of Approach Slabs with Integral Abutments

State	Skew	Expected Settlement	Road Class	Engineer's Option	Traffic Volume	Span Length	Pavement Type	Seismic Stability	All Bridges	None
AL				Option X						
AZ										Х
CT										Х
FL									Х	
GA									Х	
ID	Х	Х								
IL										Х
IN									Х	
IO		Х								
KS				Х						
KY			Х		Х	Х				
MA										Х
ME		Х								
MN		X X			Х					
MS										Х
MO										Х
MT		Х			Х					
NE									Х	
NH									Х	
NJ		Х								
NY									Х	
ND										Х
OH									Х	
OK					Х					
OR		Х								
SC										Х
SD			Х							
ΤX										Х
VT					Х		Х			
VA		Х	Х	Х	Х					
WA								Х		
WI				Х						
WY										Х

### Table B-6. Special Inclusion Circumstances.

State	No Settle. Expected	Excessive Settle. Expected	Engineer's Option	Traffic Volume	Existing Embank.	Span Length	Pvmt. Type	Rocky Terrain	Retro- fit	None
AL				Х						
AZ										X X
СТ										Х
DE						Х				
FL										Х
GA										Х
ID										X X
IL										Х
IN										Х
IO	Х			Х						
KS										Х
KY	Х									
ME	Х									
MA										X X X
MS										Х
MT										Х
NE	Х									
NV									Х	
NH										Х
NJ	Х							Х		
NY										Х
ND				Х						
OH					Х					
OK										Х
OR	Х									
SC	Х			Х						
SD							Х			
TX										Х
VT				Х			Х			
VA				Х						
WA		Х								
WI			Х							
WY										Х

 Table B-7.
 Special Exclusion Circumstances.

State	Length,	Thickness,	Width	Miscellaneous
	m (ft)	mm (in)		
AL	6.1 (20)	230 (9)	Pavement	
AZ	4.6 (15)			
CA	3.0-9.1 (10-30)	305 (12)	Curb-Curb	
DE	5.5-9.1 (18-30)			
FL	6.1 (20)	305 (12)	Curb-Curb	
GA	6.1-9.1 (20-30)	254 (10)	Curb-Curb	
ID	6.1 (20)	305 (12)		Length varies with skew angle
IL	9.1 (30)	380 (15)	Curb-Curb	
IN	6.2 (20.5)			Length varies with skew angle
IO	6.1 (20)	254-305 (10-12)	Pavement	Length varies with skew angle
KS	4.0 (13)	254 (10)	Curb-Curb	
KY	7.6 (25)		Curb-Curb	
LA	12.2 (40)	405 (16)	Curb-Curb	Length varies with skew angle
ME	4.6 (15)	203 (8)	Curb-Curb	
MA		254 (10)		Slab is sloped longitudinally
MN	6.1 (20)	305 (12)	Pavement	T-beams
MS	6.1 (20)		Curb-Curb	
MO	7.6 (25)	305 (12)		Timber header at sleeper slab
NV	7.3 (24)	305 (12)	Curb-Curb	
NH	6.1 (20)	380 (15)		
NJ	7.6 (25)	457 (18)		Used with transition slab 9.1 m $\times$ 230-457 mm (30 ft $\times$ 9-18 in)
NM	4.6 (15)		Curb-Curb	
NY	3.0-7.6 (10-25)	305 (12)	Curb-Curb	Sleeper slab, length varies with abutment type
ND	6.1 (20)	356 (14)	Curb-Curb	
ОН	4.6-9.1 (15-30)	305-432 (12-17)		Length varies with embankment and skew angle
OK	9.1 (30)	330 (13)	Curb-Curb	
OR	6.1-9.1 (20-30)	305-356 (12-14)	Curb-Curb	Length varies with fill height and skew angle
SC	6.1 (20)			
SD	6.1 (20)	230 (9)		
TX	6.1 (20)	254 (10)		
VT	6.1 (20)			
VA	6.1-8.5 (20-28)	380 (15)	Pavement	Length varies with skew angle
WA	7.6 (25)	330 (13)	Pavement	Length varies with skew angle
WI	6.2 (20.5)	305 (12)		
WY	7.6 (25)	330 (13)	Curb-Curb	Sleeper slab 1.7 m $\times$ 254 mm (5.5 ft $\times$ 10 in)

## Table B-8. Typical Approach Slab Dimensions.

State	Convention	nal Bridges	Integral	Bridges	Integral Abutments Not Used
	Doweled or	No	Doweled or	No	
	Tied	Connection	Tied	Connection	
AL	Х				X
AZ		X			
CA	Х		Х		
СТ		Х			
DE		Х			Х
FL	Х				Х
GA		Х			
ID	Х		Х		
IL	Х		Х		
IN		Х	Х		
IA	Х			Х	
KS	Х		Х		
KY		X			
LA	Х				
ME		X	Х		
MD					Х
MA	Х			X	
MN		X	Х		
МО	Х				
MS		Х			Х
MT		X			
NV	Х			X	
NH	Х				
NJ		Х			Х
NM	Х				
NY		Х			
ND		X		X	
OH	Х				
OK	X		Х		
OR	X		X		
SC	X				
SD	**	Х		X	
TX	Х				Х
VT	X				
VA		X	Х		
WA	Х		X		
WI		Х			
WY	Х		Х		

#### Table B-9. Slab to Backwall Connection.

State	Same/Different	% Passing	Miscellaneous
	from Regular Embankment	75 μm (No. 200) Sieve	
AL	Same		A-1 to A-7
AZ	Different		
CA		<4	Compacted pervious material
СТ	Different	<5	Pervious material
DE	Different		Borrow type C
FL	Same		A-1,A-2-4 through A-2-7,A-4,A-5,A-6,A-7 (LL<50)
GA	Same		GA Class I, II or III
ID			A yielding material
IL	Different		Porous, granular
IN	Different	<8	
IO	Different		Granular; can use Geogrid
KS			Can use granular, flowable or lightweight
KY		<10	Granular
LA			Granular
ME	Different	<20	Granular borrow
MA	Different	<10	Gravel Borrow type B, M1.03.0
MI	Different*	<7	*Only top 0.9 m (3 ft) are different (granular materials Class II)
MN		<10	Fairly clean granular
MS	Different		Sandy or loamy, non-plastic
MO			Approved material
MT	Different	<4	Pervious
NE			Granular
NV	Different		Granular
NH	Same	<12	
NJ	Different	<8	Porous fill (Soil Aggregate I-9)
NM	Same		
NY		<15	<30% Magnesium Sulfate loss
ND	Different		Graded mix of gravel and sand
OH	Same		Can use granular material
OK	Different*		*Granular just next to backwall
OR	Different		Better materials
SC	Same		
SD	Varies*		*Different for integral; same for conventional
ΤХ	Same		
VT	Same		Granular
VA	Same		Porous backfill
WA			Gravel borrow
WI	Different	<15	Granular
WY	Different		Fabric reinforced

### Table B-10. Embankment Material Specifications.

State	Lift	%	Miscellaneous
	Thickness,	Compaction	
	mm (in)		
AL	203 (8)	95	
AZ	203 (8)	100	
CA	203 (8)	95*	*For top 0.76 m (2.5 ft)
СТ	152 (6)*	100	*Compacted lift indicated
DE	203 (8)	95	
FL	203 (8)	100	
GA		100	
ID	203 (8)	95	
IL	203 (8)	95*	*For top, remainder varies with embankment height
IN	203 (8)	95	
IO	203 (8)	None	One roller pass per inch thickness
KS	203 (8)	90	
KY	152 (6)*	95	*Compacted lift indicated; Moisture = +2% or -4% of optimum
LA	305 (12)	95	
ME	203 (8)		At or near optimum moisture
MD	152 (6)	97*	*For top 0.30 m (1 ft), remainder is 92%
MA	152 (6)	95	<b>~</b> , , , , ,
MI	230 (9)	95	
MN	203 (8)	95	
MS	203 (8)		
MO	203 (8)	95	
MT	152 (6)	95	At or near optimum moisture
NE	<u>``</u>	95	<u>^</u>
NV		95	
NH	305 (12)	98	
NJ	305 (12)	95	
NY	152 (6)*	95	*Compacted lift indicated
ND	152 (6)		
OH	152 (6)		
OK	152 (6)	95	
OR	203 (8)	95*	*For top 0.91 m (3 ft), remainder is 90%
SC	203 (8)	95	
SD	203-305	97	*0.20 m (8 in) for embankments, 0.30 m (12 in) for bridge
	(8-12)*		end backfill
TX	305 (12)	None	
VT	203 (8)	90	
VA	203 (8)	95	+ or -20% of optimum moisture
WA	102 (4)*	95	*Top 0.61 m (2 ft), remainder is 0.20 m (8 in)
WI	203 (8)	95*	*Top 1.82 m (6 ft and within 60 m (200 ft)), remainder is 90%
WY	305 (12)		Use reinforced geotextile layers

### Table B-11. Lift Thickness and Percent Compaction Requirements.

State	Plastic	Weep	Joint	Granular	Miscellaneous
	Pipe	holes	Seal	Fill	
AL					Open joint on bridge side of abutment
AZ					Geocomposite
CA	Х				Filter fabric; geocomposite
CT		X*			*or 152 mm (6 in) underdrain
DE	X	Х			
FL			Х		Divert water from abutment
GA			X*		*or curb and gutter
ID				Х	
IL	Х		Х		$76 \times 127 \text{ mm} (3 \times 5 \text{ in}) \text{ curb};$ can use inlet box
IN	Х			Х	
IO	X		Х		Subdrain at bottom of fill
KS	Х		Х		Filter fabric and strip drain
KY	Х			Х	
LA					Wedge of drainable material
ME		Х			French drains at abutment and wingwalls
MA					Box culvert, curb, waterproofing
MI	Х			Х	Underdrain at top of footing
MN				Х	Curb and gutter, underdrain at top of footing
MS					No special provisions
MO	X*				*or steel pipe; geotextile fabric
MT	X				Geocomposite
NE					Drainage matting; rock riprap
NH		X*		Х	*102 mm (4 in) in diameter
NJ	X*	Х		Х	*or steel pipe
NM					No special provisions
NY				Х	Drainage board
ND	X*				*if soil heave is expected; trench at bottom of
					backfill.
OH	Х			X*	*0.61 m (2 in) thick; underdrain
OK					Underdrain at back of bridge seat
OR			Х		End panels; catch basin
SC		Х			Geotextile fabric and drains
SD	Х				Drainage fabric and waterproofing
ΤX					No special provisions
VT					No special provisions
VA	Х	Х		Х	
WA					Catch basins and deck grading
WI				Х	Underdrains if impervious soil
WY	Х				Drainage and filtration geotextile

### Table B-12. Drainage Provisions.

State	Contractors Closely	Difficulties Obtaining Specified Degree of	Recycled or Manufactured Materials Ever Used for
AL	Monitored?	Compaction at Abutments? X	<b>Backfilling Abutments?</b>
AL		Λ	
CA	X X X		
CT		X	X
DE	X	Λ	Λ
FL	X		
GA	X	X	
ID	X	Λ	
IN	X		
IA	X		
KS		X	Х
KY	X	X	X
LA	X	X	X
MA		X	<u> </u>
MD		<u> </u>	
ME	X		Х
MI	X		X
MS		Х	
MO	X		
MT		Х	
NE		X	
NH	Х	X X	
NJ	Х	Х	
NM	Х		
NY	Х		
OH		Х	
OK		Х	
OR	Х	Х	Х
SC	X		Х
SD	Х	Х	Х
TX	X	Х	
VT	Х		
VA	Х	Х	Х
WA	X		Х
WI	X		
WY	X	Х	

#### Table B-13. Construction Issues.

### Table B-14. Do You Typically Build Approach Embankments Before or After Abutment Construction?

State	Before	After
AL	Х	
AZ		Х
СА	Х	
СТ	Х	
DE		Х
FL		Х
GA	Х	Х
ID	Х	
IN	Х	
IA	Х	
IL	Х	
KS	Х	
KY	X X X X X	
LA	Х	
MA		X X
MD		Х
ME		Х
MI	Х	X X
MS	Х	Х
MO		X
MT	Х	X
ND	Х	
NE	Х	X
NH		X
NJ		X
NM	Х	
NY	Х	X
OH	Х	
ОК	X X	
OR	Х	
SC	X X X	
SD	Х	
TX	Х	
VT		Х
VA	Х	Х
WA	Х	X
WI	Х	
WY	Х	

State	Yes	No	Moderate
AZ		Х	
CA	Х		
СТ			X
DE	Х		
FL			Х
GA	X X		
ID	Х		
IN			X
IA			Х
IL	Х		
KS	Х		
KY	X X X X X	1	
LA	Х	1	
MA		1	X
MD			X X
ME		X	
MI			X
MN	Х		
MS	X		
МО	X X X X X		
MT	Х		
ND	Х		
NE	Х		
NH		X	
NJ			X
NM	Х		
NY		1	X
OH		1	X
OK	X	1	
OR	X	1	
SC	X X X X X	1	
SD	X	1	
TX		X	
VT		X	
VA			X
WA	Х		
WI	X		
WY	1	X	

 Table B-15. Is Approach Slab Settlement a Significant Problem?

# APPENDIX C EXAMPLE OF BRIDGE APPROACH DRAINAGE DETAILS

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## APPENDIX D APPROACH SLAB OF HOUSTON, Texas



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## APPENDIX E COMPACTION SPECIFICATIONS OF HOUSTON, Texas

When proof rolling is shown on the plans and directed by the Engineer, it will be paid for in accordance with Item 216, "Rolling (Proof)".

#### **ITEM 132**

#### EMBANKMENT

132.1. Description. This Item shall govern for the placement and compaction of all materials necessary for the construction of roadway embankments, levees and dykes or any designated section of the roadway where additional material is required.

132.2. Material. Materials may be furnished from required excavation in the areas shown in the plans or from off right of way sources obtained by the Contractor and meeting the requirements herein. All embankment shall conform to one of the following types as shown on the plans, except that material which is in a retaining-wall-backfill area shall meet the requirements for backfill material of the pertinent retaining-wall item:

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Type A. This material shall consist of suitable granular material, free from vegetation or other objectionable matter, and reasonably free from lumps of earth. This material shall be suitable for forming a stable embankment and, when tested in accordance with Test Methods Tex-104-E, Tex-105-E, Tex-106-E and Tex-107-E, Part II shall meet the following requirements:

The liquid limit shall not exceed					. 4	5
The plasticity index shall not exceed.					1	5
The bar linear shrinkage shall not be less than						2

Type B. This material shall consist of suitable earth material such as rock, loam, clay, or other such materials as approved by the Engineer that will form a stable embankment.

Type C. This material shall be suitable and shall conform to the specification requirements shown on the plans.

Type D. This material shall be that obtained from required excavation areas shown on the plans and will be used in embankment.

132.3. Construction Methods.

(1) General. When off right of way sources are involved, the Contractor's attention is directed to Item 7, "Legal Relations and Responsibilities to the Public". Prior to placing any embankment, all work in accordance with Item 100, "Preparing Right of Way", shall have been completed on the areas over which the embankment is to be placed. Stump holes or other small excavations in the limits of the embankments shall be backfilled with suitable material and thoroughly tamped by approved methods before commencing embankment construction. The surface of the ground, including disk-loosened ground or any surface roughened by small washes or other methods. Where shown on the plans or required by the Engineer, the ground surface thus prepared shall be compacted by sprinkling and rolling.

The Engineer shall be notified sufficiently in advance of opening any material source to allow performance of any required testing.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, the surfaces of unpaved areas (except rock) which are to receive embankment shall be loosened by scarifying to a depth of at least 150 millimeters. Hillsides shall be cut into steps before embankment materials are placed. Placement of embankment materials shall begin at the low side of hillsides and slopes. Materials which have been loosened shall be recompacted simultaneously with the new embankment materials placed upon it. The total depth of loosened and new materials shall not exceed the permissible depth of the layer to be compacted, as specified in Subarticle 132.3.(3).(a) and (b).

Trees, stumps, roots, vegetation or other unsuitable materials shall not be placed in embankment.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, all embankment shall be constructed in layers approximately parallel to the finished grade of the roadbed.

Embankments shall be constructed to the grade and sections shown on the plans or as established by the Engineer. Each section of the embankment shall correspond to the detailed section or slopes established by the Engineer. After completion of the roadway, it shall be continuously maintained to its finished section and grade until the project is accepted. (2) Constructing Embankments.

(a) Earth Embankments. Earth embankments shall be defined as those composed principally of material other than rock, and shall be constructed of acceptable material from approved sources.

Unless otherwise specified, earth embankments shall be constructed in successive layers for the full width of the individual roadway cross section and in such lengths as are best suited to the sprinkling and compacting methods utilized.

Layers of embankment may be formed by utilizing equipment and methods which will evenly distribute the material.

A minor quantity of rock or broken concrete encountered in the construction of this project may be incorporated in the lower layers of the embankment if acceptable to the Engineer. Or, it may be placed in the deeper fills, in accordance with the requirements for the construction of rock embankments, provided such placement of rock is not immediately adjacent to structures or in areas where bridge foundations are to be constructed. Also, rock or broken concrete may be placed in the portions of embankments outside the limits of the completed roadbed width where the size of the rock or broken concrete prohibits its incorporation in the normal embankment layers. All exposed reinforced steel shall be cut and removed from the broken concrete.

Each layer of embankment shall be uniform as to material, density and moisture content before beginning compaction. Where layers of unlike materials abut each other, each layer shall be featheredged for at least 30 meters, or the material shall be so mixed as to prevent abrupt changes in the soil. No material placed in the embankment by dumping in a pile or windrow shall be incorporated in a layer in that position, but all such piles or windrows shall be moved by blading or similar methods. Clods or lumps of material shall be broken and the embankment material mixed by blading, harrowing, disking or similar methods until a uniform material of uniform density is achieved in each layer.

Sprinkling required to achieve the moisture content necessary for compaction shall meet the material requirements of Item 204, "Sprinkling". It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to secure a uniform moisture content throughout the layer by such methods as may be necessary. In order to facilitate uniform wetting of the embankment material, the Contractor may apply water at the material source if the sequence and methods used do not cause an undue waste of water. Such procedures shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

(b) Rock Embankments. Rock embankments shall be defined as those composed principally of rock, and shall be constructed of acceptable material.

Unless otherwise specified, rock embankments normally shall be constructed in successive layers for the full width of the individual roadway cross section and of 450 millimeters or less in depth. When, in the opinion of the Engineer, the rock sizes necessitate a greater depth of layer, the layer depth may be increased as necessary, but in no case shall the depth of layer exceed 0.75 meter. Each layer shall be constructed in such a manner that the interstices between the larger stones are filled with smaller stones and spalls which have been created by this operation as well as from the placement of succeeding layers of material.

The maximum dimension of any rock used in embankment shall be less than the depth of the embankment layer, and in no case shall any rock over 0.6 meter in its greatest dimension be placed in the embankment unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Unless otherwise shown on the plans, the upper or final layer of the embankment shall be composed of material so graded that the density and uniformity of the surface layer may be secured by the "Ordinary Compaction" or "Density Control" method. Exposed oversize material shall be reduced by sledging or other methods as approved by the Engineer.

When "Ordinary Compaction" is specified, each embankment layer shall be rolled and sprinkled when and to the extent directed by the Engineer. When "Density Control" is specified, each layer shall be compacted to the required density as outlined for "Earth Embankments", except that in those layers where rock will make density testing difficult, when shown on the plans, the Engineer may require the layer to be proof rolled to insure proper compaction.

(c) Embankment Adjacent to Culverts and Bridges. Embankments adjacent to culverts and bridges shall be compacted in the manner prescribed under Item 400, "Excavation and Backfill for Structures", or other appropriate bid items. 175

As a general practice, embankment material placed adjacent to any portion of any structure and in the first two layers above the top of any culvert or similar structure shall be free of any appreciable amount of gravel or stone particles more than 100 millimeters in greatest dimension and of such gradation as to permit thorough compaction. When, in the opinion of the Engineer, such material is not readily available, the use of rock or gravel mixed with earth will be permitted, in which case no particle larger than 300 millimeters in greatest dimension and 150 millimeters in least dimension may be used. The percentage of fines shall be sufficient to fill all voids and insure a uniform and thoroughly compacted mass of proper density.

(3) Compaction Methods. Compaction of embankments shall be by "Ordinary Compaction" or "Density Control" as shown on the plans.

(a) Ordinary Compaction. When "Ordinary Compaction" is shown on the plans, the following provisions shall govern:

Each layer shall not exceed 200 millimeters of loose depth, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Each layer shall be compacted in accordance with the provisions governing the Item or Items of "Rolling". Unless otherwise specified on the plans, the rolling equipment shall be as approved by the Engineer. Compaction shall continue until there is no evidence of further compaction. Prior to and in conjunction with the rolling operation, each layer shall be brought to the moisture content directed by the Engineer, and shall be kept leveled with suitable equipment to insure uniform compaction over the entire layer. Should the subgrade, for any reason or cause, lose the required stability or finish, it shall be recompacted and refinished at the Contractor's expense.

(b) Density Control. When "Density Control" is shown on the plans, the following provisions shall apply:

Each layer shall be compacted to the required density by any method, type and size of equipment which will give the required compaction. The depth of layers, prior to compaction, shall depend upon the type of sprinkling, mixing and compacting equipment used. However, maximum depth (400 millimeters loose and 300 millimeters compacted) shall not be exceeded unless approved by the Engineer. Prior to and in conjunction with the rolling operation, each layer shall be brought to the moisture content necessary to obtain the required density and shall be kept leveled with suitable equipment to insure uniform compaction over the entire layer. Each layer shall be sprinkled as required and compacted to the extent necessary to provide the density specified below, unless otherwise shown on the plans.

Description	Density, Percent	Moisture
Non-swelling soils with plasticity index less than 20	Not less than 98	
Swelling soils with plasticity index of 20 to 35	Not less than 98 nor more than 102	Not less than optimum
Swelling soils with plasticity index over 35	Not less than 95 nor more than 100	Not less than optimum

The density determination will be made in accordance with Test Method Tex-114-E. Field density determination will be made in accordance with Test Method Tex-115-E.

After each layer of earth embankment is complete, tests as necessary may be made by the Engineer. When the material fails to meet the density requirements or should the material lose the required stability, density, moisture or finish before the next course is placed or the project is accepted, the layer shall be reworked as necessary to obtain the specified compaction, and the compaction method shall be altered on subsequent work to obtain specified density. Such procedure shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

Excessive loss of moisture shall be construed to exist when the subgrade soil moisture content is four (4) percent less than the optimum.

The Contractor may be required to remove a small area of the layer in order to facilitate the taking of density tests. Replacement and compaction of the removed material in the small area shall be at the Contractor's expense.

When shown on the plans and when directed by the Engineer, the Contractor shall proof roll in accordance with Item 216, "Rolling (Proof)". Soft spots shall be corrected as directed by the Engineer.

132.4. Tolerances. The tolerances shall be as follows:

(1) Grade Tolerances.

(a) Stage Construction. Any deviation in excess of 30 millimeters in cross section and 30 millimeters in five (5) meters measured longitudinally shall be corrected by loosening, adding or removing the material, reshaping and recompacting by sprinkling and rolling.

(b) Turnkey Construction. Any deviation in excess of 15 millimeters in cross section and 15 millimeters in five (5) meters measured longitudinally shall be corrected by loosening, adding or removing the material, reshaping and recompacting by sprinkling and rolling.

(2) Gradation Tolerances. The Engineer may accept the material, providing not more than one (1) out of the most recent five (5) gradation tests performed are outside the specified limit on any individual sieve by more than five (5) percent.

(3) Density Tolerances. The Engineer may accept the work providing not more than one (1) out of the most recent five (5) density tests performed is outside the specified density, provided the failing test is no more than 50 kilograms per cubic meter outside the specified density.

(4) Plasticity Tolerances. The Engineer may accept the material providing not more than one (1) out of the most recent five (5) plasticity index samples tested are outside the specified limit by no more than two (2) points.

132.5. Measurement. This Item will be measured as follows:

(1) General.

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Retaining-wall-backfill areas which are also in embankment areas will be measured for payment as embankment except as shown on the plans; such material shall meet the requirements for backfill material of the pertinent retaining-wall item(s). Limits of measurement for embankment in retaining-wall areas will be as shown on Standard Detail Sheet "Earthwork Measurement at Retaining Walls" (EMRW) in the plans. Shrinkage or swellage factors will not be considered in determining the calculated quantities.

(2) Class 1. Embankment will be measured in its original, natural position, and the volume computed in cubic meters by the method of average end area.

(3) Class 2. Embankment will be measured by the cubic meter in vehicles as delivered on the road.

(4) Class 3. Embankment will be measured by the cubic meter in its final position as the volume of embankment computed in place between (1) the original ground surfaces or the surface upon which the embankment is to be constructed, and (2) the lines, grades and slopes of the accepted embankment, using the average end area method.

Class 3 is a plans quantity measurement Item and the quantity to be paid for will be that quantity shown in the proposal and on the "Estimate and Quantity" sheet of the contract plans, except as may be modified by Article 9.8. If no adjustment of quantities is required, additional measurements or calculations will not be required.

132.6. Payment. The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit price bid for "Embankment", of the compaction method, type and class specified. This price shall be full compensation for furnishing embankment; for hauling; for placing, compacting, finishing and reworking; and for all labor, royalty, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

When proof rolling is shown on the plans and directed by the Engineer, it will be paid for in accordance with Item 216, "Rolling (Proof)".

When "Ordinary Compaction" is shown on the plans, all sprinkling and rolling, except proof rolling, will not be paid for directly, but will be considered subsidiary to this Item, unless otherwise shown on the plans.

When "Density Control" is shown on the plans, all sprinkling and rolling, except proof rolling, will not be paid for directly, but will be considered subsidiary to this Item. When subgrade is constructed under this project, correction of soft spots in the subgrade will be at the Contractor's expense. When subgrade is not constructed under this project, correction of soft spots in the subgrade will be in accordance with Article 4.3.

#### **ITEM 134**

#### BACKFILLING PAVEMENT EDGES

134.1. Description. This Item shall govern for backfilling pavement edges in conformity with widths and typical sections shown on the plans. This Item also includes the application of an emulsified asphalt and/or fertilizer with the backfill material, when specified on the plans.

#### 134.2. Material.

(1) General. Unless otherwise indicated on the plans, the top 100 millimeters of the backfill material shall be capable of sustaining vegetation. When less than 100 millimeters of backfill is required, the material supplied shall be capable of sustaining vegetative growth.

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(2) Backfill Material. Backfill material shall be one of the following types:

Type A. Backfill material shall be provided from a source outside the right of way and be in accordance with the requirements shown on the plans.

Type B. Backfill material shall be secured from within the existing right of way as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

Type C. Backfill material shall be mulch sodding provided from an approved source in accordance with Subarticle 162.3(8).

(3) Emulsified Asphalt. The emulsified asphalt shall be of the type specified on the plans and shall meet the requirements of Item 300, "Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions".

(4) Fertilizer. Fertilizer, of the type shown on the plans, shall meet the requirements of Item 166, "Fertilizer".

(5) Water. Water required for proper compaction, the promotion of plant growth, and/or emulsion dilution shall conform to Item 204, "Sprinkling".

134.3. Construction Methods. Unless otherwise permitted by the Engineer, when backfill material is required to be hauled to or within the project site, the backfill material shall be hauled to the approximate required location prior to placement of the pavement finish surface course. After the pavement finish surface course has been placed, the backfill material shall be spread, compacted, and shaped in accordance with the typical sections.

(1) Types A and B Backfill. After the surface course has been placed, the necessary backfill material shall be brought to the approved moisture content, bladed, and compacted as directed by the Engineer. The material shall be shaped to the lines and grades as shown on the plans. After the backfill has been compacted, the roadway sideslopes shall be bladed to a smooth surface conforming to the details indicated on the typical sections or as directed by the Engineer.

(2) Type C Backfill. Mulch sodding backfill material shall be placed in a uniform windrow and kept moist as directed by the Engineer.

After the surface course has been placed, the necessary backfill material shall be bladed and compacted in accordance with Subarticle 162.3(8) or as directed by the Engineer. After the backfill has been compacted, the pavement side slopes shall be bladed to a smooth surface conforming to the details indicated on the typical sections or as directed by the Engineer.

(3) Emulsified Asphalt. Emulsified asphalt mixture, when shown on the plans, shall be applied following final finishing of the backfill material until the specified amount of mixture has been applied. The rate of application, after dilution, shall be as specified on the plans.

(4) Fertilizer. Fertilizer, when shown on the plans, shall be distributed uniformly at the rate specified over the backfilled area following final finishing. After the application of fertilizer, the backfill areas shall be thoroughly moistened to a depth of 100 millimeters or to the maximum depth of the backfill whichever is less.

## APPENDIX F GUIDE SCHEDULE OF SAMPLING AND TESTING FOR

Embankment

## TABLE F-1.

### GUIDE SCHEDULE OF SAMPLING AND TESTING (Per Contract) EMBANKMENTS, SUBBASES, AND BASE COURSES

This is a guide for minimum sampling and testing. When necessary for quality control, additional sampling and testing will be required.			PROJEC	T TESTS		T ASSURANCE STS	English Units	
MATERIAL OR PRODUCT	TEST FOR	TEST NUMBER	LOCATION OR TIME OF SAMPLING	FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING	LOCATION OR TIME OF SAMPLING	FREQUENCY of SAMPLING	REMARKS	
EMBANKMENT	In-place Density (H)	Tex-115-E	As designated by the Engineer	Each 5,000 C.Y. (F)	Same as Project Test	Each 50,000 C.Y. or fraction thereof (B)	Tex-115-E or other approved method	
UNTREATED SUBBASE AND BASE COURSES	Gradation (H)	Tex-110-E	During stockpiling oprs, from stockpile, or from windrow (1)	Each 4,000 C.Y. or 6,000 tons	Same as Project Test	One out of 10 Project Tests or fraction thereof (C)	<ol> <li>Engineer will select any one of these three locations or any combinations thereof with the provision that at least one of 10 tests will be sampled from the windrow for Gradation, Liquid Limit and Plasticity Index.</li> </ol>	
	Liquid Limit	Tex-104-E	During stockpiling oprs, from stockpile, or from windrow (1)	Each 4,000 C.Y. or 6,000 tons	Same as Project Test	One out of 20 Project Tests or fraction thereof (C)		
	Plasticity Index	Тех-106-Е	During stockpiling oprs, from stockpile, or from windrow (1)	Each 4,000 C.Y. or 6,000 tons	Same as Project Test	One out of 20 Project Tests or fraction thereof (C)		
	Wet Ball Mill	Tex-116-E	During stockpiling oprs. from stockpile, or from windrow	Each 20,000 C.Y. or 25,000 tons			When a stockpile is to be sampled that has not been built in horizontal layers, sampling will be one test for each 4,500 C.Y. or 6,000 tons.	
	Triaxial	Tex-117-E	During stockpiling oprs. from stockpile, or from windrow	Each 20,000 C.Y. or 25,000 tons (D)			Triaxial tests are not a field laboratory function. When a stockpile is to be sampled that was not built in horizontal layers, sampling will be one test for each 12,000 C.Y. or 16,000 tons.	
	Compaction (H)	Tex-115-E	As designated by the Engineer	Each 3,000 lin. ft. per course per travel-way (A)	Same as Project Test	One out of 10 Project Tests or fraction thereof (C)	Tex-115-E or other approved method	
	Thickness (H)		As designated by the Engineer	One depth per 3,000 lin. ft. per travel-way (A) (E)	Same as Project Test	One total depth per travel-way per two miles or fraction thereof (A)(C)	If payment is by the S.Y. frequency shall be as called for in the governing specification.	

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# **GUIDE SCHEDULE OF SAMPLING AND TESTING** (Per Contract) EMBANKMENTS, SUBBASES, AND BASE COURSES (Cont.)

This is a guide for minimum sampling and testing. When necessary for quality control, additional sampling and testing will be required.				PROJEC	T TESTS		ENDENT NCE TESTS	English Units		
	TERIAL OR TEST FOR TEST NUMBE		TEST NUMBER	LOCATION OR TIME OF SAMPLING	FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING	LOCATION OR TIME OF SAMPLING	FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING	REMARKS		
	Base Material	As shown above for untreated base (H)		As designated by the Engineer prior to the addition of a stabilizer	As shown above for untreated base	Same as Project Test	As shown above for untreated base	When central mix site or plant is used, windrow sampling may be waived.		
TREATED SUBBASE AND BASE COURSES	Lime	Compliance with Item 264 (I)	Tex-600-J	During delivery to project	TY A; 1 Per Project (I) TY B ea., 200 tons or fraction thereof TY C; 1 Per Project (I)			On projects requiring less than 50 tons, material from CSTM approved sources may be accepted on the basis of Producer's Certification without sampling.		
	Cement	Compliance with the Std. Specifications & Spl. Provisions	AASHTO M 85	Railroad car, truck or cement bins	Each 2,000 bbls. for each type and brand			Each brand and each type to be sampled and tested separately. Sampling will be waived when source is certified by CSTM.		
	Asphalt	Compliance with Item 300	Tex-500-C etc.	Sampled, tested and approved by CSTM						
	Fly Ash	Compliance with Dept. Matl. Spec. D9-8900	Tex-733-I	Sampled, tested and approved by CSTM						
	Complete Mixture	Pulverization	Tex-101-E Part III	Roadway; after pulverization	As necessary for control (G)			Where required to control degree of pulverization		
		In-place Density (H)	Tex-115-E	As designated by the Engineer	Each 3,000 lin. ft. per course per travel-way (A)	Same as Project Test	One out of 10 Project Tests or fraction thereof (C)	Tex-115-E or other approved method		
		Thickness (H)		As designated by the Engineer	Each 3,000 lin. ft. per course per travel-way (A) (E)	Same as Project Test	One total depth per travel-way per two miles or fraction thereof (A)(C)	When base is measured by the square yard the frequency will be as called for in the governing specification.		

- (A) Travel-way is defined, for sampling & testing only, as total width of a travel facility that is not separated from other parallel travel facilities by a median, ditch, etc.
  (B) Independent Assurance Tests are not required for a contract quantity of less than 25,000
- C.Y.
- (C) Independent Assurance Tests are not required for a contract quantity resulting in less than 6 acceptance tests.
- When base material is from a source where the District has a (D) when base material is from a source where the District has a record of satisfactory triaxial results, the frequency of testing may be reduced to one per 30,000 C.Y. or 40,000 tons. If any one test falls below the minimum value required, the frequency of testing will return to that required by this guide. Not required where survey grade control documents
- (E) compliance.
- Or approximately one foot compacted depth per lift as (F) approved and directed by the Engineer.
- (G) At the beginning of the project, one test will be made for each 4,000 C.Y. or 6,000 tons until such time as the Engineer is satisfied that acceptable pulverization results are being obtained.
- When a non-exempt federal-aid project test fails but the product is accepted, the reasons for acceptance should be documented on the Letter of Certification of Materials (H) Used.
- **(I)** For Types A and C lime, sources not on the TxDOT Quality Monitoring Program will be sampled each 200 and 150 tons respectively.

APPENDIX G

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Figure G-1. Load Case 1, No Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-2. Load Case 2, No Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-3. Load Case 3, No Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-4. Load Case 4, No Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-5. Load Case 1, No Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-6. Load Case 2, No Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-7. Load Case 3, No Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-8. Load Case 4, No Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-9. Load Case 1, No Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-10. Load Case 2, No Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-11. Load Case 3, No Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-12. Load Case 4, No Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-13. Load Case 1, 0.5 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-14. Load Case 2, 0.5 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-15. Load Case 3, 0.5 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-16. Load Case 4, 0.5 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-17. Load Case 1, 0.5 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-18. Load Case 2, 0.5 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-19. Load Case 3, 0.5 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-20. Load Case 4, 0.5 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.
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Figure G-21. Load Case 1, 0.5 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-22. Load Case 2, 0.5 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-23. Load Case 3, 0.5 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-24. Load Case 4, 0.5 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-25. Load Case 1, 1.0 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-26. Load Case 2, 1.0 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-27. Load Case 3, 1.0 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-28. Load Case 4, 1.0 m Wall, E=2,500 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-29. Load Case 1, 1.0 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-30. Load Case 2, 1.0 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-31. Load Case 3, 1.0 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-32. Load Case 4, 1.0 m Wall, E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-33. Load Case 1, 1.0 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-34. Load Case 2, 1.0 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.





Figure G-35. Load Case 3, 1.0 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-36. Load Case 4, 1.0 m Wall, E=10,000 kPa in Zone 3.

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Figure G-37. Load Case 1, 0.5 m Wall , E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3, New Approach Slab.





Figure G-38. Load Case 2, 0.5 m Wall , E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3, New Approach Slab.





Figure G-39. Load Case 3, 0.5 m Wall , E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3, New Approach Slab.





Figure G-40. Load Case 4, 0.5 m Wall , E=5,000 kPa in Zone 3, New Approach Slab.

APPENDIX H

## Sieve Analysis for BEST

Sieve Number	Retained (g)	Sieve Mass(g)	Soil Retained(g)	Passing (g)	% Retained	%Passing
4	613.4	608.2	5.2	591.5	0.9	99.1
10	538.5	532.7	5.8	585.7	1.0	98.2
20	371.5	368.7	2.8	582.9	0.5	97.7
40	396.3	394.4	1.9	581.0	0.3	97.4
60	526.3	516.7	9.6	571.4	1.6	95.8
80	547.4	525.0	22.4	549.0	3.8	92.0
200	390.5	298.5	92.0	457.0	15.4	76.6
Pan	258.8	256.5	457.0	0.0	76.6	0.0
Total:	3642.7	3500.7	596.7			

Sieve No.	Opening (mm)
4	4.750
10	2.000
20	0.850
40	0.425
60	0.250
80	0.180
200	0.075
Pan	0



Weight of Tare (g)	368.7
Weight of Tare + Dry Soil - Before Sieving (g)	964.1
Weight of Tare + Dry Soil - After Sieving (g)	509.4
Total Soil (g)	595.4
Soil larger than 0.075 (g)	140.7
Soil finer than 0.075 (g)	454.7

### Atterberg Limit Test for Porcelain Clay-2

Liquid Limit



### **Plastic Limit**

Cup No.	Cup Weight	Cup+Wet Soil	Cup+Dry Soil	Water Wt.	Soil Wt.	Blows	W/C
5	1.00	4.87	4.29	0.58	3.29		17.63
6	1.00	4.39	3.85	0.54	2.85		18.95
Plastic Limit 18.29							

**Plasticity Index** 

### **Atterberg Limit Test for Porcelain Clay-3**

Liquid Limit



## **Plastic Limit**

Cup No.	Cup Weight	Cup+Wet Soil	Cup+Dry Soil	Water Wt.	Soil Wt.	Blows	W/C
9	1.00	3.57	3.17	0.40	2.17		18.43
10	1.00	4.31	3.79	0.52	2.79		18.64
Plastic Limit							

**Plasticity Index** 

### Atterberg Limit Test for Porcelain Clay-4

Liquid Limit



## **Plastic Limit**

Cup No.	Cup Weight	Cup+Wet Soil	Cup+Dry Soil	Water Wt.	Soil Wt.	Blows	W/C
4	1.00	4.42	3.89	0.53	2.89		18.34
5	1.00	4.76	4.19	0.57	3.19		17.87
Plastic Limit 18.1							

**Plasticity Index** 

#### Porcelain Clay

	Length	Height	Volume	Wt of Soil	Tin No.	Wt of Tin	Wt (T+Wet S)	Wt (T+Dry S)	W/C	Dry Unit Wt.	Dry Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.
Sample 1	(mm)	(mm)	(mm^3)	(g)		(g)	(g)	(g)	(%)	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )f	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )
	152.40	254.00	5899343	10889	1	0.98	21.60	17.24	26.8%	1.46	90.87	1.8458	115.23
	Length	Height	Volume	Wt of Soil	Tin No.	Wt of Tin	Wt (T+Wet S)	Wt (T+Dry S)	W/C	Dry Unit Wt.	Dry Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.
Sample 2	(mm)	(mm)	(mm^3)	(g)		(g)	(g)	(g)	(%)	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )
	152.40	254.00	5899343	11519	2	0.97	20.77	16.62	26.5%	1.54	96.35	1.9526	121.90
	Length	Height	Volume	Wt of Soil	Tin No.	Wt of Tin	Wt (T+Wet S)	Wt (T+Dry S)	W/C	Dry Unit Wt.	Dry Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.
Sample 3	(mm)	(mm)	(mm^3)	(g)		(g)	(g)	(g)	(%)	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )
	152.40	254.00	5899343	11684	3	0.97	30.67	24.52	26.1%	1.57	98.04	1.9806	123.65
	Length	Height	Volume	Wt (tin+w soil)	Tin No.	Wt of Tin	Wt (T+Wet S)	Wt (T+Dry S)	W/C	Dry Unit Wt.	Dry Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.	Total Unit Wt.
Sample 4	(mm)	(mm)	(mm^3)	(g)		(g)	(g)	(g)	(%)	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )

ample 4	(mm)	(mm)	(mm^3)	(g)		(g)	(g)	(g)	(%)	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )	(lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	(t/m <sup>3</sup> )
	152.40	254.00	5899343	11347	4	0.98	20.73	16.60	26.4%	1.52	94.97	1.9234

26.6% 1.4884 92.92 1.9256	6 120.22
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120.08

Average

Sample No.	Porcelain C	lay 2
Depth		ft
Dry Unit Weight	96.35	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
W/C	26.5	%
$\sigma_3$	0	psi
Strain rate	0.8	mm/min
Dia. of Sample	1.5	in
L. of Sample	3.15	in
Weight		g
# Dis Trans:	8	y=0.0157x-1.2853
# Force Trans:	CZ0246	y=15.127x-90.406
Cu = q <sub>u</sub> /2 =	0.826	psi
	4.65	nai
$\sigma_{max}$ =	1.65	psi
0.25σ <sub>max</sub> =	0.4132	psi
	•••••=	P

0.0025

165.3 psi

 $\varepsilon_{max}$  (at 0.25 $\sigma_{max}$ ) =

E<sub>25</sub> =



Time	Disp.	Force	Disp.	Load Cell f	Sig_a*(As-Ap)	Wp		Total F	Corrected A	Strain	Total Stress	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$
(min)	(mV)	(mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)		(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(in/in)	(psi)	(psi)
0	0.000	6.277	0.000	0.00	0.00		0	0.00	1.767	0.000	0.00	0.0
0.5	1.003	6.365	0.016	1.33	0.00		0	1.33	1.780	0.005	0.75	0.7
1	2.006	6.389	0.031	1.69	0.00		0	1.69	1.794	0.010	0.94	0.9
1.5	3.009	6.399	0.047	1.85	0.00		0	1.85	1.808	0.015	1.02	1.0
2	4.012	6.404	0.063	1.92	0.00		0	1.92	1.821	0.020	1.05	1.0
2.5	5.015	6.445	0.079	2.54	0.00		0	2.54	1.835	0.025	1.38	1.3
3	6.018	6.452	0.094	2.65	0.00		0	2.65	1.849	0.030	1.43	1.4
3.5	7.021	6.46	0.110	2.77	0.00		0	2.77	1.863	0.035	1.49	1.4
4	8.024	6.471	0.126	2.93	0.00		0	2.93	1.878	0.040	1.56	1.5
4.5	9.028	6.474	0.142	2.98	0.00		0	2.98	1.892	0.045	1.57	1.5
5	10.031	6.477	0.157	3.03	0.00		0	3.03	1.907	0.050	1.59	1.5
5.5	11.034	6.487	0.173	3.18	0.00		0	3.18	1.922	0.055	1.65	1.6
6	12.037	6.484	0.189	3.13	0.00		0	3.13	1.937	0.060	1.62	1.6
6.5	13.040	6.487	0.205	3.18	0.00		0	3.18	1.952	0.065	1.63	1.6
7	14.043	6.485	0.220	3.15	0.00		0	3.15	1.968	0.070	1.60	1.6
7.5	15.046	6.482	0.236	3.10	0.00		0	3.10	1.983	0.075	1.56	1.5
8	16.049	6.488	0.252	3.19	0.00		0	3.19	1.999	0.080	1.60	1.6
8.5	17.052	6.489	0.268	3.21	0.00		0	3.21	2.015	0.085	1.59	1.5
9	18.055	6.497	0.283	3.33	0.00		0	3.33	2.031	0.090	1.64	1.6
9.5	19.058	6.49	0.299	3.22	0.00		0	3.22	2.047	0.095	1.57	1.5
10	20.061	6.486	0.315	3.16	0.00		0	3.16	2.064	0.100	1.53	1.5
10.5	21.064	6.478	0.331	3.04	0.00		0	3.04	2.081	0.105	1.46	1.4
11	22.067	6.48	0.346	3.07	0.00		0	3.07	2.098	0.110	1.46	1.4
11.5	23.070	6.47	0.362	2.92	0.00		0	2.92	2.115	0.115	1.38	1.3
12	24.073	6.464	0.378	2.83	0.00		0	2.83	2.132	0.120	1.33	1.3
12.5	25.076	6.469	0.394	2.90	0.00		0	2.90	2.149	0.125	1.35	1.3
13	26.080	6.464	0.409	2.83	0.00		0	2.83	2.167	0.130	1.31	1.3
13.5	27.083	6.461	0.425	2.78	0.00		0	2.78	2.185	0.135	1.27	1.2
14	28.086	6.463	0.441	2.81	0.00		0	2.81	2.203	0.140	1.28	1.2
14.5	29.089	6.462	0.457	2.80	0.00		0	2.80	2.222	0.145	1.26	1.2
15	30.092	6.459	0.472	2.75	0.00		0	2.75	2.240	0.150	1.23	1.2

#### Sample No. Porcelain Clay 3

Depth		ft
Dry Unit Weight	98.04	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
W/C	26.1	%
$\sigma_3$	0	psi
Strain Rate	0.8	mm/min
Dia. of Sample	1.5	in
L. of Sample	3.15	in
Weight		g
# Dis Trans:	8	y=0.0157x-1.2853
# Force Trans:	CZ0246	y=15.127x-90.406

Cu = q <sub>u</sub> /2 =	0.952 psi
σ <sub>max</sub> =	2.08 psi
0.25σ <sub>max</sub> =	0.5199 psi



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Time	Disp.	Force	Disp.	Load Cell f S	Sig_a*(As-Ap)	Wp		Total F	Corrected A	Strain	Total Stress	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$
(min)	(mV)	(mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)		(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(in/in)	(psi)	(psi)
0	0.000	6.266	0.000	0.00	0.00		0	0.00	1.767	0.000	0.00	0.0
0.5	1.003	6.347	0.016	1.23	0.00		0	1.23	1.780	0.005	0.69	0.6
1	2.006	6.376	0.031	1.66	0.00		0	1.66	1.794	0.010	0.93	0.9
1.5	3.009	6.406	0.047	2.12	0.00		0	2.12	1.808	0.015	1.17	1.1
2	4.012	6.437	0.063	2.59	0.00		0	2.59	1.821	0.020	1.42	1.4
2.5	5.015	6.452	0.079	2.81	0.00		0	2.81	1.835	0.025	1.53	1.5
3	6.018	6.466	0.094	3.03	0.00		0	3.03	1.849	0.030	1.64	1.6
3.5	7.021	6.476	0.110	3.18	0.00		0	3.18	1.863	0.035	1.70	1.7
4	8.024	6.496	0.126	3.48	0.00		0	3.48	1.878	0.040	1.85	1.8
4.5	9.028	6.498	0.142	3.51	0.00		0	3.51	1.892	0.045	1.85	1.8
5	10.031	6.503	0.157	3.59	0.00		0	3.59	1.907	0.050	1.88	1.8
5.5	11.034	6.508	0.173	3.66	0.00		0	3.66	1.922	0.055	1.90	1.9
6	12.037	6.522	0.189	3.87	0.00		0	3.87	1.937	0.060	2.00	2.0
6.5	13.040	6.52	0.205	3.84	0.00		0	3.84	1.952	0.065	1.97	1.9
7	14.043	6.523	0.220	3.89	0.00		0	3.89	1.968	0.070	1.98	1.9
7.5	15.046	6.527	0.236	3.95	0.00		0	3.95	1.983	0.075	1.99	1.9
8	16.049	6.537	0.252	4.10	0.00		0	4.10	1.999	0.080	2.05	2.0
8.5	17.052	6.543	0.268	4.19	0.00		0	4.19	2.015	0.085	2.08	2.0
9	18.055	6.534	0.283	4.05	0.00		0	4.05	2.031	0.090	2.00	2.0
9.5	19.058	6.544	0.299	4.21	0.00		0	4.21	2.047	0.095	2.05	2.0
10	20.061	6.548	0.315	4.27	0.00		0	4.27	2.064	0.100	2.07	2.0
10.5	21.064	6.546	0.331	4.24	0.00		0	4.24	2.081	0.105	2.04	2.0
11	22.067	6.541	0.346	4.16	0.00		0	4.16	2.098	0.110	1.98	1.9
11.5	23.070	6.539	0.362	4.13	0.00		0	4.13	2.115	0.115	1.95	1.9
12	24.073	6.539	0.378	4.13	0.00		0	4.13	2.132	0.120	1.94	1.9
12.5	25.076	6.541	0.394	4.16	0.00		0	4.16	2.149	0.125	1.94	1.9
13	26.080	6.552	0.409	4.33	0.00		0	4.33	2.167	0.130	2.00	2.0
13.5	27.083	6.555	0.425	4.37	0.00		0	4.37	2.185	0.135	2.00	2.0
14	28.086	6.554	0.441	4.36	0.00		0	4.36	2.203	0.140	1.98	1.9
14.5	29.089	6.56	0.457	4.45	0.00		0	4.45	2.222	0.145	2.00	2.0
15	30.092	6.558	0.472	4.42	0.00		0	4.42	2.240	0.150	1.97	1.9

 $\epsilon_{max}$  (at 0.25 $\sigma_{max}$ ) =

E<sub>25</sub> =

146.4 psi

0.00355

Sample N	lo. I	Porcelain	Clay 4

Depth		ft
Dry Unit Weight	98.04	
W/C	26.1	%
$\sigma_3$	0	psi
Strain Rate	0.8	mm/min
Dia. of Sample	1.5	in
L. of Sample	3.15	in
Weight		g
# Dis Trans:	8	y=0.0157x-1.2853
# Force Trans:	CZ0246	y=15.127x-90.406
Cu = q <sub>u</sub> /2 =	0.901	psi
$\sigma_{max}$ =	2.04	psi

0.25σ<sub>max</sub> = 0.50939 psi

E<sub>25</sub> =

 $\epsilon_{max}$  (at 0.25 $\sigma_{max}$ ) = 0.0043

118.5 psi



Time	Disp.	Force	Disp.	Load Cell f	Sig_a*(As-Ap)	Wp		Total F	Corrected A	Strain	Total Stress	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$
(min)	(mV)	(mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)		(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(in/in)	(psi)	(psi)
0	0.000	6.268	0.000	0.00	0.00	. ,	0	0.00	1.767	0.000	0.00	0.00
0.5	1.003	6.337	0.016	1.04	0.00		0	1.04	1.780	0.005	0.59	0.59
1	2.006	6.386	0.031	1.78	0.00		0	1.78	1.794	0.010	1.00	1.00
1.5	3.009	6.403	0.047	2.04	0.00		0	2.04	1.808	0.015	1.13	1.13
2	4.012	6.422	0.063	2.33	0.00		0	2.33	1.821	0.020	1.28	1.28
2.5	5.015	6.44	0.079	2.60	0.00		0	2.60	1.835	0.025	1.42	1.42
3	6.018	6.453	0.094	2.80	0.00		0	2.80	1.849	0.030	1.51	1.51
3.5	7.021	6.46	0.110	2.90	0.00		0	2.90	1.863	0.035	1.56	1.56
4	8.024	6.461	0.126	2.92	0.00		0	2.92	1.878	0.040	1.55	1.55
4.5	9.028	6.486	0.142	3.30	0.00		0	3.30	1.892	0.045	1.74	1.74
5	10.031	6.495	0.157	3.43	0.00		0	3.43	1.907	0.050	1.80	1.80
5.5	11.034	6.497	0.173	3.46	0.00		0	3.46	1.922	0.055	1.80	1.80
6	12.037	6.507	0.189	3.62	0.00		0	3.62	1.937	0.060	1.87	1.87
6.5	13.040	6.511	0.205	3.68	0.00		0	3.68	1.952	0.065	1.88	1.88
7	14.043	6.514	0.220	3.72	0.00		0	3.72	1.968	0.070	1.89	1.89
7.5	15.046	6.521	0.236	3.83	0.00		0	3.83	1.983	0.075	1.93	1.93
8	16.049	6.524	0.252	3.87			0	3.87	1.999	0.080	1.94	1.94
8.5	17.052	6.525	0.268	3.89	0.00		0	3.89	2.015	0.085	1.93	1.93
9	18.055	6.532	0.283	3.99	0.00		0	3.99	2.031	0.090	1.97	1.97
9.5	19.058	6.539	0.299	4.10	0.00		0	4.10	2.047	0.095	2.00	2.00
10	20.061	6.546	0.315	4.21	0.00		0	4.21	2.064	0.100	2.04	2.04
10.5	21.064	6.548	0.331	4.24	0.00		0	4.24	2.081	0.105	2.04	2.04
11	22.067	6.547	0.346	4.22	0.00		0	4.22	2.098	0.110	2.01	2.01
11.5	23.070	6.546	0.362	4.21	0.00		0	4.21	2.115	0.115	1.99	1.99
12	24.073	6.547	0.378	4.22	0.00		0	4.22	2.132	0.120	1.98	1.98
12.5	25.076	6.547	0.394	4.22	0.00		0	4.22	2.149	0.125	1.96	1.96
13	26.080	6.553	0.409	4.31	0.00		0	4.31	2.167	0.130	1.99	1.99
13.5	27.083	6.561	0.425	4.43	0.00		0	4.43	2.185	0.135	2.03	2.03
14	28.086	6.557	0.441	4.37	0.00		0	4.37	2.203	0.140	1.98	1.98
14.5	29.089	6.556	0.457	4.36	0.00		0	4.36	2.222	0.145	1.96	1.96
15	30.092	6.567	0.472	4.52	0.00		0	4.52	2.240	0.150	2.02	2.02
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# **Compaction Test for the BEST Test**

**Test Date:** 5/15/2002

Soil Type: Sand (Soil 1)

Compaction Effort: Standard

Water Content (%)	8	10	12	14	16	
Mold No.	5	5	5	5	5	
Wt of Mold (g)	6810	6810	6810	6810	6810	
Vol of Mold (cm <sup>3</sup> )	2124	2124	2124	2124	2124	
Wt of (S.+M.) (g)	10571	10662	10741	10811	10871	
Wt of Soil (g)	3761	3852	3931	4001	4061	
Total Unit Wt (t/m³)	1.7707	1.8136	1.8508	1.8837	1.9120	
Dry Unit Wt (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.6396	1.6487	1.6525	1.6524	1.6482	
Dry Unit Wt (pcf)	102.36	102.93	103.16	103.16	102.90	



# **Compaction Test for the BEST Test**

Test Date:	5/15/2002
Soil Type:	Sand (Soil 1)

Compaction Effort: Half-Standard

Water Content (%)	8	10	12	14	16	18
Mold No.	6	6	6	6	6	6
Wt of Mold (g)	6871	6871	6871	6871	6871	6871
Vol of Mold (cm <sup>3</sup> )	2124	2124	2124	2124	2124	2124
Wt of (S.+M.) (g)	10556	10637	10711	10786	10865	10868
Wt of Soil (g)	3685	3766	3840	3915	3994	3997
Total Unit Wt (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.7349	1.7731	1.8079	1.8432	1.8804	1.8818
Dry Unit Wt (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.6064	1.6119	1.6142	1.6169	1.6210	1.5948
Dry Unit Wt (pcf)	100.29	100.63	100.77	100.94	101.20	99.56



#### Sample No. Sand for BEST - Dense

Depth		ft
Unit Weight	107.5	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
W/C	0	%
$\sigma_3$	5	psi
Strain Rate	0.38	mm/min
Dia. of Sample	1.5	in
L. of Sample	3.1	in
Weight	154.1	g
# Dis Trans:	9	y=0.015632x+0.014741
# Force Trans:	CZ0245	y=15.047343x-3.890211



Timo	Disp.	Force	Disp.		Sig a*(As-Ap)	Wp	Total F	Corrected A	Total Stress	Strain	6-6
Time (min)	(mV)	Force (mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(psi)	Strain (in/in)	σ <sub>1</sub> -σ <sub>3</sub> (psi)
(((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((	0.000	(IIIV) 0.4	0.000	(10) 2.20	(ib) 6.64	(ID) 1.05	(U) 9.89	(11)	(psi) 5.59	(11/11)	(psi) 0.00
0.5	0.000	1.02	0.000	11.53	6.64	1.05	19.21	1.774	10.83	0.00242	5.24
0.5	0.957	1.26	0.007	15.14	6.64	1.05	22.83	1.780		0.00242	7.23
1.5	1.436	1.20	0.013	16.19	6.64	1.05	23.88	1.786		0.007261	7.77
2	1.914	1.36	0.022	16.65	6.64	1.05	24.33	1.793		0.009682	7.98
2.5	2.393	1.39	0.030	17.10		1.05	24.78	1.800		0.003002	8.18
2.5	2.871	1.41	0.045	17.10		1.05	25.08	1.806		0.012102	8.29
3.5	3.350	1.41	0.052	17.40	6.64	1.05	25.08	1.813		0.016943	8.24
4	3.828	1.42	0.060	17.55		1.05	25.23	1.820		0.019363	8.27
4.5	4.307	1.42	0.067	17.55	6.64	1.05	25.23	1.826		0.021783	8.22
5	4.785	1.42	0.075	17.30	6.64	1.05	25.38	1.833		0.024204	8.25
5.5	5.264	1.43	0.082	17.70	6.64	1.05	25.38	1.840		0.026624	8.20
6	5.742	1.43	0.090	17.70	6.64	1.05	25.38	1.847		0.029045	8.15
6.5	6.221	1.44	0.097	17.85		1.05	25.53	1.853		0.031465	8.18
7	6.699	1.44	0.105	17.85	6.64	1.05	25.53	1.860		0.033885	8.13
7.5	7.178	1.43	0.112	17.00	6.64	1.05	25.38	1.867		0.036306	8.00
8	7.656	1.40	0.120	17.55	6.64	1.05	25.23	1.874		0.038726	7.87
8.5	8.135	1.41	0.127	17.40	6.64	1.05	25.08	1.881		0.041146	7.74
9	8.613	1.41	0.135	17.40		1.05	25.08	1.888		0.043567	7.69
9.5	9.092	1.4	0.142	17.25	6.64	1.05	24.93	1.895		0.045987	7.56
10	9.571	1.4	0.150	17.25		1.05	24.93	1.902		0.048408	7.51
10.5	10.049	1.39	0.157	17.10		1.05	24.78	1.910		0.050828	7.38
11	10.528	1.39	0.165	17.10		1.05	24.78	1.917		0.053248	7.33
11.5	11.006	1.39	0.172	17.10		1.05	24.78	1.924		0.055669	7.29
12	11.485	1.39	0.180	17.10	6.64	1.05	24.78	1.931		0.058089	7.24
12.5	11.963	1.39	0.187	17.10	6.64	1.05	24.78	1.939	12.78	0.06051	7.19
13	12.442	1.4	0.194	17.25	6.64	1.05	24.93	1.946	12.81	0.06293	7.22
13.5	12.920	1.4	0.202	17.25	6.64	1.05	24.93	1.953	12.76	0.06535	7.17
14	13.399	1.39	0.209	17.10		1.05	24.78	1.961		0.067771	7.04
14.5	13.877	1.39	0.217	17.10	6.64	1.05	24.78	1.968		0.070191	7.00
15	14.356	1.39	0.224	17.10	6.64	1.05	24.78	1.976		0.072611	6.95
15.5	14.834	1.38	0.232	16.95	6.64	1.05	24.63	1.983		0.075032	6.83
16	15.313	1.37	0.239	16.80	6.64	1.05	24.48	1.991		0.077452	6.70
16.5	15.791	1.36	0.247	16.65		1.05	24.33	1.999		0.079873	6.58
17	16.270	1.36	0.254	16.65		1.05	24.33	2.006		0.082293	6.53
17.5	16.748	1.36	0.262	16.65		1.05	24.33	2.014		0.084713	6.49
18	17.227	1.35	0.269	16.49		1.05	24.18	2.022		0.087134	6.37
18.5	17.705	1.35	0.277	16.49	6.64	1.05	24.18	2.030		0.089554	6.32
19	18.184	1.35	0.284	16.49	6.64	1.05	24.18	2.038		0.091975	6.27
19.5	18.663	1.34	0.292	16.34	6.64	1.05	24.03	2.045		0.094395	6.15
20	19.141	1.34	0.299	16.34	6.64	1.05	24.03	2.053		0.096815	6.11
20.5	19.620	1.32	0.307	16.04	6.64	1.05	23.73	2.061		0.099236	5.92
21	20.098	1.31	0.314	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.069		0.101656	5.80

## Sample No. Sand for BEST - Mid

Depth		ft
Unit Weight	105.5	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
W/C	0	%
$\sigma_3$	5	psi
Strain Rate	0.38	mm/min
Dia. of Sample	1.5	in
L. of Sample	3.0	in
Weight	145.5	g
# Dis Trans:	9	y=0.015632x+0.014741
# Force Trans:	CZ0245	y=15.047343x-3.890211



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Time	Disp.	Force	Disp.		Sig_a*(As-Ap)	Wp	Total F		Total Stress	Strain	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$
(min)	(mV)	(mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(psi)	(in/in)	(psi)
0	0.000	0.4	0.000	2.20	6.64	1.05	9.89	1.767	5.59	0	0.00
0.5	0.479	0.6	0.007	5.21	6.64	1.05	12.89	1.774	7.27	0.002517	1.68
1	0.957	0.86	0.015	9.12	6.64	1.05	16.81	1.781	9.44	0.005033	3.85
1.5	1.436	1.01	0.022	11.38	6.64	1.05	19.06	1.787	10.67	0.00755	5.07
2	1.914	1.08	0.030	12.43	6.64	1.05	20.12	1.794	11.21		5.62
2.5	2.393	1.12	0.037	13.03	6.64	1.05	20.72	1.801	11.51		5.91
3	2.871	1.15	0.045	13.49	6.64	1.05	21.17	1.808		0.015099	6.12
3.5	3.350	1.18	0.052	13.94	6.64	1.05	21.62	1.815		0.017616	6.32
4	3.828	1.2	0.060	14.24	6.64	1.05	21.92	1.822		0.020132	6.44
4.5	4.307	1.22	0.067	14.54	6.64	1.05	22.22	1.829		0.022649	6.56
5	4.785	1.24	0.075	14.84	6.64	1.05	22.53	1.836		0.025166	6.68
5.5	5.264	1.25	0.082	14.99	6.64	1.05	22.68	1.843	12.31		6.71
6	5.742	1.26	0.090	15.14	6.64	1.05	22.83	1.850		0.030199	6.75
6.5	6.221	1.26	0.097	15.14	6.64	1.05	22.83	1.857		0.032715	6.70
7	6.699	1.27	0.105	15.29	6.64	1.05	22.98	1.864		0.035232	6.73
7.5	7.178	1.28	0.112	15.44	6.64	1.05	23.13	1.871		0.037748	6.76
8	7.656	1.29	0.120	15.59	6.64	1.05	23.28	1.879		0.040265	6.80
8.5	8.135	1.29	0.127	15.59	6.64	1.05	23.28	1.886	12.34		6.75
9	8.613	1.29	0.135	15.59	6.64	1.05	23.28	1.893		0.045298	6.70
9.5	9.092	1.3	0.142	15.74	6.64	1.05	23.43	1.901		0.047815	6.73
10	9.571	1.3	0.150	15.74	6.64	1.05	23.43	1.908		0.050331	6.68
10.5	10.049	1.31	0.157	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.916	12.31		6.71
11	10.528	1.31	0.165	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.923		0.055364	6.67
11.5	11.006	1.31	0.172	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.931	12.21		6.62
12	11.485	1.31	0.180	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.938		0.060397	6.57
12.5	11.963	1.31	0.187	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.946	12.12	0.062914	6.52
13	12.442	1.32	0.194	16.04	6.64	1.05	23.73	1.954	12.15	0.06543	6.55
13.5	12.920	1.31	0.202	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.961		0.067947	6.43
14	13.399	1.31	0.209	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.969	11.97	0.070464	6.38
14.5	13.877	1.31	0.217	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.977	11.93	0.07298	6.33
15	14.356	1.31	0.224	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.985	11.88	0.075497	6.29
15.5	14.834	1.31	0.232	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	1.993	11.83	0.078013	6.24
16	15.313	1.31	0.239	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.001	11.79	0.08053	6.19
16.5	15.791	1.31	0.247	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.009	11.74	0.083046	6.14
17	16.270	1.32	0.254	16.04	6.64	1.05	23.73	2.017	11.77	0.085563	6.17
17.5	16.748	1.32	0.262	16.04	6.64	1.05	23.73	2.025	11.72	0.088079	6.12
18	17.227	1.31	0.269	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.033	11.60	0.090596	6.00
18.5	17.705	1.31	0.277	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.041	11.55	0.093113	5.96
19	18.184	1.31	0.284	15.89	6.64	1.05	23.58	2.049	11.50	0.095629	5.91

Sample No.	Sand for BEST - Loose	Triaxial Test for Sand- Loose
Depth	ft	10
Unit Weight	101.6 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	
W/C	0 %	9
$\sigma_3$	5 psi	
Strain Rate	0.38 mm/min	8
Dia. of Sample	1.5 in	
L. of Sample	3.0 in	7
Weight	143.1 g	6
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# Force Trans:	CZ0245 y=15.047343x-3.890211	
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Time	Disp.	Force	Disp.	Load Cell f	Sig_a*(As-Ap)	Wp	Total F	Corrected A	Total Stress	Strain	$\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$
(min)	(mV)	(mV)	(in)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(in <sup>2</sup> )	(psi)	(in/in)	(psi)
0	0.000	0.4	0.000	2.20	6.64	1.05	9.89	1.767	5.59	0	0.00
0.5	0.479	0.43	0.007	2.65	6.64	1.05	10.34	1.774	5.83	0.000464	0.23
1	0.957	0.73	0.015	7.17	6.64	1.05	14.85	1.780	8.34	0.004929	2.75
1.5	1.436	0.92	0.022	10.02	6.64	1.05	17.71	1.787	9.91	0.007393	4.32
2	1.914	1	0.030	11.23	6.64	1.05	18.91	1.794	10.55	0.009857	4.95
2.5	2.393	1.05	0.037	11.98	6.64	1.05	19.67	1.800	10.92	0.012322	5.33
3	2.871	1.1	0.045	12.73	6.64	1.05	20.42	1.807	11.30	0.014786	5.71
3.5	3.350	1.14	0.052	13.34	6.64	1.05	21.02	1.814	11.59	0.01725	6.00
4	3.828	1.17	0.060	13.79	6.64	1.05	21.47	1.820	11.79	0.019715	6.20
4.5	4.307	1.19	0.067	14.09	6.64	1.05	21.77	1.827	11.92	0.022179	6.32
5	4.785	1.2	0.075	14.24	6.64	1.05	21.92	1.834	11.95	0.024643	6.36
5.5	5.264	1.2	0.082	14.24	6.64	1.05	21.92	1.841	11.91	0.027108	6.31
6	5.742	1.19	0.090	14.09	6.64	1.05	21.77	1.848	11.78	0.029572	6.19
6.5	6.221	1.18	0.097	13.94	6.64	1.05	21.62	1.855	11.66	0.032036	6.06
7	6.699	1.17	0.105	13.79	6.64	1.05	21.47	1.862	11.53	0.034501	5.94
7.5	7.178	1.16	0.112	13.64	6.64	1.05	21.32	1.869	11.41	0.036965	5.81
8	7.656	1.15	0.120	13.49	6.64	1.05	21.17	1.876	11.28	0.039429	5.69
8.5	8.135	1.15	0.127	13.49	6.64	1.05	21.17	1.883	11.24	0.041894	5.65

	Density	(σ1-σ3) <sub>max</sub>	$(\sigma 1 - \sigma 3)_{max}/2$	$\epsilon_{50}$	σ <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>50</sub>
	(pcf)	(psi)	(psi)		(psi)	(psi)
Dense	107.5	8.29	4.147	0.00182	9.147	3102.5
Mid	105.5	6.80	3.398	0.00445	8.398	1100.7
Loose	101.6	6.36	3.179	0.00560	8.179	835.6



 $E_{50} = (\sigma 1 - 0.7 \sigma 3) / \epsilon_{50}$
**APPENDIX I** 

**BEST DEVICE TEST RESULTS** 

Longth (ft)				Cycles (No.)			
Length (ft)	Initial	100	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000
0	-6.29	-6.26	-6.22	-6.08	-5.92	-5.83	-5.60
1.59	-6.20	-6.17	-6.11	-5.97	-5.62	-5.60	-5.44
3.19	-5.87	-5.82	-5.72	-5.67	-5.65	-5.61	-5.51
3.69	-6.99	-6.97	-6.95	-6.93	-6.89	-6.88	-6.70
4.22	-6.10	-6.05	-6.07	-6.07	-6.09	-6.08	-6.07
6.31	-9.60	-9.59	-9.62	-9.61	-9.62	-9.64	-9.61
8.38	-6.18	-6.19	-6.18	-6.18	-6.19	-6.19	-6.19
8.88	-7.61	-7.59	-7.59	-7.57	-7.50	-7.40	-7.25
9.38	-6.38	-6.36	-6.35	-6.28	-6.14	-6.06	-5.81
10.97	-5.93	-5.89	-5.84	-5.74	-5.61	-5.59	-5.40

Table I-1 Test 1.

Longth (ft)			Cycles	s (No.)		
Length (ft)	Initial	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000
0	-5.51	-5.31	-5.24	-5.47	-5.53	-5.72
1.59	-5.50	-5.55	-5.41	-5.42	-5.38	-5.59
3.19	-5.63	-5.48	-5.36	-5.29	-5.23	-5.19
3.69	-7.64	-7.38	-7.33	-7.26	-7.24	-7.21
4.22	-6.63	-6.49	-6.62	-6.63	-6.63	-6.55
5.27	-4.69	-4.68	-4.61	-4.63	-4.48	-4.39
6.31	-3.13	-3.07	-3.19	-3.10	-3.09	-2.94
7.36	-5.01	-4.92	-4.98	-4.96	-4.91	-4.79
8.38	-6.56	-6.58	-6.60	-6.58	-6.59	-6.61
8.88	-6.63	-6.59	-6.44	-6.10	-5.98	-5.94
9.38	-4.70	-4.55	-4.26	-3.46	-3.08	-2.85
10.97	-5.46	-5.15	-4.85	-4.66	-4.60	-4.45

Table I-2. Test 2.

Longth (ft)	Cycles (No.)										
Length (ft)	Initial	100	1000	10000	50000	150000	200000				
0	-5.94	-5.91	-5.87	-5.65	-5.60	-5.45	-5.38				
1.59	-5.50	-5.38	-5.30	-5.26	-5.25	-5.15	-5.08				
3.19	-5.10	-5.08	-5.05	-5.03	-5.01	-4.90	-4.82				
3.69	-7.58	-7.56	-7.52	-7.50	-7.46	-7.33	-7.28				
4.22	-6.70	-6.70	-6.70	-6.70	-6.70	-6.70	-6.69				
6.31	-7.38	-7.36	-7.37	-7.37	-7.37	-7.37	-7.37				
8.38	-7.03	-7.02	-7.03	-7.03	-7.03	-7.03	-7.02				
8.88	-8.00	-7.86	-7.63	-7.57	-7.43	-7.21	-7.07				
9.38	-4.66	-4.61	-4.48	-4.34	-4.20	-4.05	-3.91				
10.97	-5.32	-5.12	-4.88	-4.60	-4.45	-4.13	-3.98				

Table I-3. Test 3.

Longth (ft)		Cycles (No.)											
Length (ft)	Initial	100	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000						
0	-5.22	-5.07	-5.00	-4.88	-4.87	-4.73	-4.50						
1.59	-5.09	-4.84	-4.80	-4.68	-4.51	-4.47	-4.37						
3.19	-4.07	-4.00	-3.97	-3.86	-3.81	-3.73	-3.64						
3.69	-5.91	-5.83	-5.78	-5.74	-5.67	-5.66	-5.62						
4.22	-5.70	-5.70	-5.69	-5.68	-5.69	-5.69	-5.64						
6.31	-8.79	-8.74	-8.75	-8.74	-8.74	-8.75	-8.74						
8.38	-5.74	-5.74	-5.75	-5.75	-5.75	-5.75	-5.76						
8.88	-6.31	-6.20	-6.05	-5.89	-5.24	-5.08	-4.99						
9.38	-4.27	-4.10	-4.07	-3.83	-2.90	-2.54	-2.38						
10.97	-4.72	-4.64	-4.61	-4.58	-4.49	-4.44	-4.41						

Table I-4. Test 4.

Longth (ft)		Cycles (No.)												
Length (ft)	Initial	50	250	500	2500	5000	25000	50000	250000	500000				
0	-5.89	-5.73	-5.68	-5.67	-5.50	-5.46	-5.39	-5.37	-5.26	-5.02				
1.59	-5.67	-5.70	-5.59	-5.54	-5.52	-5.51	-5.45	-5.43	-5.35	-5.26				
3.19	-4.00	-3.88	-3.76	-3.71	-3.48	-3.26	-3.08	-3.01	-2.90	-2.86				
3.69	-6.46	-6.33	-6.30	-6.23	-5.96	-5.96	-5.85	-5.84	-5.82	-5.80				
4.22	-6.31	-6.33	-6.32	-6.32	-6.35	-6.36	-6.32	-6.32	-6.32	-6.30				
6.31	-8.82	-8.83	-8.82	-8.82	-8.82	-8.82	-8.82	-8.82	-8.83	-8.83				
8.38	-6.47	-6.47	-6.47	-6.47	-6.47	-6.48	-6.48	-6.48	-6.48	-6.49				
8.88	-6.42	-6.39	-6.33	-6.29	-6.34	-6.34	-6.18	-6.10	-6.05	-6.02				
9.38	-3.84	-3.74	-3.64	-3.57	-3.48	-3.42	-3.15	-3.08	-3.06	-3.02				
10.97	-5.56	-5.38	-5.21	-5.17	-4.90	-4.87	-4.85	-4.83	-4.66	-4.36				

Table I-5. Test 5.

Longth (ft)				Cycles (No.)			
Length (ft)	Initial	100	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000
0	-5.57	-5.56	-5.54	-5.52	-5.51	-5.56	-5.50
1.59	-5.97	-5.93	-5.77	-5.68	-5.66	-5.63	-5.60
3.19	-4.49	-4.27	-4.13	-4.05	-4.01	-3.99	-3.96
3.69	-6.82	-6.65	-6.47	-6.38	-6.32	-6.31	-6.30
4.22	-5.88	-5.88	-5.84	-5.84	-5.89	-5.88	-5.89
6.31	-8.86	-8.86	-8.86	-8.84	-8.85	-8.85	-8.86
8.38	-6.14	-6.14	-6.14	-6.15	-6.14	-6.14	-6.14
8.88	-6.43	-6.43	-6.39	-6.35	-6.32	-6.23	-6.07
9.38	-3.80	-3.79	-3.72	-3.70	-3.63	-3.50	-3.38
10.97	-5.14	-5.13	-5.07	-5.06	-5.05	-5.06	-5.04

Table I-6. Test 6.

Longth (ft)				Cycles	s (No.)			
Length (ft)	Initial	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000	300000	400000
0	-5.76	-5.49	-5.29	-5.01	-4.79	-4.74	-4.57	-4.41
1.09	-6.26	-6.03	-5.76	-5.52	-5.32	-5.28	-5.08	-4.93
2.16	-5.56	-5.4	-5.13	-5.02	-4.74	-4.6	-4.39	-4.23
2.22	-5.79	-5.78	-5.62	-5.58	-5.48	-5.43	-5.21	-4.87
2.69	-6.77	-6.5	-6.37	-6.25	-6.18	-6.14	-5.84	-5.67
3.16	-6.36	-6.22	-6.14	-5.92	-5.81	-5.71	-5.42	-5.43
3.22	-5.53	-5.35	-5.21	-4.89	-4.62	-4.55	-4.24	-4.15
3.69	-5.75	-5.64	-5.48	-5.34	-5.23	-5.26	-5.01	-5.00
4.16	-5.82	-5.92	-5.77	-5.9	-5.98	-6.1	-5.94	-6.04
4.22	-5.78	-5.92	-5.95	-5.85	-5.98	-6.06	-5.86	-5.94
5.24	-5.16	-5.05	-5.03	-4.96	-4.9	-4.95	-4.75	-4.66

Table I-7. Test 7.

Longth (ft)				Cycles	s (No.)			
Length (ft)	Initial	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000	300000	400000
6.29	-3.94	-3.95	-3.94	-3.87	-3.88	-3.9	-3.68	-3.65
7.33	-5.62	-5.58	-5.5	-5.45	-5.38	-5.32	-5.06	-5.06
8.35	-5.92	-5.88	-5.92	-5.85	-5.9	-5.93	-5.85	-5.89
8.41	-6.43	-5.98	-5.89	-5.9	-6.04	-5.97	-5.92	-5.74
8.88	-6.15	-5.81	-5.39	-5.41	-5.25	-5.29	-5.10	-4.71
9.35	-6.01	-5.74	-5.31	-5.28	-5.25	-5.08	-4.76	-3.83
9.41	-6.5	-6.31	-6.29	-5.94	-5.87	-5.77	-5.53	-4.90
9.88	-7.09	-6.48	-6.41	-6.21	-6.18	-6.13	-6.06	-5.70
10.35	-6.47	-5.84	-5.74	-5.81	-5.83	-6.03	-5.85	-5.95
10.41	-6.45	-5.78	-5.52	-5.45	-5.3	-5.25	-4.98	-5.07
11.48	-5.93	-5.44	-5.24	-4.96	-4.76	-4.73	-4.56	-4.50

Table I-7. Test 7 (Continued).

Longth (ft)			Cycles	s (No.)		
Length (ft)	Initial	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000
0	-6.33	-5.87	-5.74	-5.67	-5.57	-5.48
1.09	-6.22	-5.82	-5.77	-5.69	-5.45	-5.34
2.19	-5.04	-4.63	-4.23	-3.8	-3.57	-3.32
2.69	-6.17	-5.65	-5.09	-4.17	-3.68	-3.49
3.22	-4.67	-3.51	-2.78	-1.12	-0.55	-0.38
3.69	-5.86	-5.24	-4.81	-3.86	-3.62	-3.42
4.22	-6.58	-6.6	-6.7	-6.61	-6.61	-6.56
5.24	-4.87	-4.83	-4.75	-4.64	-4.64	-4.62
6.29	-3.37	-3.28	-3.21	-3.11	-3.02	-3.06
7.33	-5.04	-5.08	-5.05	-5.01	-4.93	-4.92
8.35	-6.59	-6.59	-6.6	-6.62	-6.56	-6.52
8.88	-6.06	-5.76	-5.32	-5	-4.87	-4.66
9.35	-5.62	-5.03	-4.43	-4.01	-3.73	-3.41
9.88	-6.5	-6.23	-5.62	-5.26	-4.96	-4.55
10.38	-5.38	-5.05	-4.44	-4.08	-3.66	-3.17
11.48	-7.07	-5.89	-5.65	-5.45	-5.27	-5.21

Table I-8. Test 8.

Longethe (ft)				Cycles (No.)			
Length (ft)	Initial	100	1000	10000	50000	100000	200000
0	-4.85	-4.8	-4.68	-4.43	-4.41	-4.33	-4.23
1.09	-5.8	-5.68	-5.58	-5.47	-5.3	-5.22	-5.18
2.19	-4.95	-4.9	-4.68	-4.55	-4.41	-4.3	-4.27
2.69	-6.6	-6.41	-6.24	-6.11	-6	-5.91	-5.9
3.22	-3.56	-3.52	-3.42	-3.31	-3.28	-3.26	-3.24
3.69	-4.95	-4.94	-4.85	-4.84	-4.84	-4.84	-4.83
4.22	-6.84	-6.84	-6.84	-6.85	-6.86	-6.85	-6.85
6.29	-6.61	-6.61	-6.61	-6.62	-6.62	-6.62	-6.62
8.35	-7.12	-7.12	-7.12	-7.13	-7.12	-7.12	-7.12
8.88	-5.89	-5.83	-5.77	-5.62	-5.58	-5.54	-5.52
9.35	-4.71	-4.58	-4.41	-4.26	-4.22	-4.21	-4.18
9.88	-6.51	-6.36	-6.31	-6.17	-6.04	-6.01	-5.97
10.38	-4.29	-4.25	-4.2	-4.16	-4.15	-4.1	-4.08
11.48	-4.71	-4.66	-4.45	-4.26	-4.16	-4.07	-4.06

Table I-9. Test 9.

Longth (ft)		Cycles (No.)												
Length (ft)	Initial	50	250	500	2500	5000	9000	100000						
0	-5.18	-5.04	-4.93	-4.84	-4.71	-4.59	-4.57	-3.93						
1.09	-5.38	-5.28	-5.24	-5.17	-5.12	-5.09	-5.07	-4.64						
2.19	-4.11	-4.06	-4.02	-4.00	-3.87	-3.85	-3.83	-3.72						
3.22	-3.76	-3.73	-3.70	-3.60	-3.38	-3.32	-3.30	-3.06						
4.22	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23	-7.23						
6.29	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15	-4.15						
8.35	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46	-7.46						
9.35	-5.45	-5.41	-5.29	-5.24	-4.97	-4.83	-4.82	-3.66						
10.38	-5.50	-5.47	-5.40	-5.38	-5.13	-5.06	-5.03	-4.62						
11.48	-5.26	-5.02	-4.88	-4.81	-4.55	-4.43	-4.41	-3.84						

Table I-10. Test 10.



Figure I-1. Test 3 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 1).



Figure I-2. Test 3 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 100).



Figure I-3. Test 3 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 1000).



Figure I-4. Test 3 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 10,000).



Figure I-5. Test 3 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 50,000).



Figure I-6. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 100).



Figure I-7. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 1,000).



Figure I-8. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 10,000).



Figure I-9. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 50,000).



Figure I-10. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 100,000).



Figure I-11. Test 9 – Acceleration (Cycle No. 200,000).



Figure I-12. Test 10 – Acceleration (Cycle No.1).



Figure I-13. Test 10 – Acceleration (Cycle No.2,500).



Figure I-14. Test 10 – Acceleration (Cycle No.5,000).