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Modification of Bitumen with Polyethylene and Rubber Wastes

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Abstract - In the present work, modifications of road oil bitumen based on rubber and polymer waste were studied. Using crumb rubber with a particle size of 0.4–0.8 mm made it possible to obtain asphalt concrete with high physical and mechanical properties. This work confirmed that, in terms of complex parameters, only crumb rubber has the potential to improve the properties of the bituminous binder. It is shown that in the construction and maintenance of roads, high efficiency can be achieved by using a rubber-bitumen composition. As a result of bituminous modification of rubber crumb, the elasticity of the composition increased by 3 times, and the softening point by 2 times. The conducted studies also made it possible to establish that adding crumb rubber and polyethylene waste to bituminous binders increases their adhesion to stone materials.

However, this increase is insignificant, from 2 (original bitumen) to 3 points with adding polymer waste (on a five-point scale). To improve this indicator, it is desirable to use additives, mineral powders, and high molecular weight petroleum acid. Our studies show that combining polymer waste with HFNC in a modified binder provides high shear, crack, and water resistance to asphalt concrete.

Keywords - Bitumen, Crumb rubber, Ecology, Modification, Recycling, Softening point.

1. Incidents

Most polymers are highly durable, mechanically strong, [1-3],[4-7],[811],[12-14],[15-18],[19-22] they have hardness, are sensitive to temperature changes, and sometimes resist aging and disintegration. Various amounts of additional components are added to polymers to increase their mechanical properties. It can be said that 50 wt. h of other components can be added to the polymer per 100 parts of its mass. Polymers are used not only to buy various products but also as modifiers. Recently, petroleum road bitumen has been modified with polymers in order to number of proper several lost commonly used polymer modifies that modify the modifying:[23-25],[26-27],[28-30] thermoplastics, thermoplastic elastomers, rubbers, and rubber scrubbers.

Styrene block copolymers are used as elastomeric materials Sterol-Butadiene-styrene (SBS). Bitumen modified with is characterized by good elasticity, high softening temperature, and resistance to cold and heat. Taking these into account motor this motor modified TB 25/4,,0, TB 70/30 and Vamotor5/25 oil-roamotorumen, polyethylene, rubber, and we used high molecular weight oil tour.

2. Methods and dissertation

The study was carried out only according to the current standards. The standard method for determining the extensibility does not reflect the actual working conditions of bitumen in the road structure. The duration of a single impact of a dynamic load during the passage of a car is about 0.1–0.01 s.

In this case, the deflection of the coating does not exceed 1–1.5 mm, and the deformation rate corresponds to approximately 600–1000 cm/min. Relative temperature deformations in the asphalt concrete pavement also do not exceed 0.001. In this regard, I.M. Rudenskaya and A.V. Rudensky emphasize that the extensibility index turns out to be of little use for assessing the quality of bitumen and does not allow one to judge the behavior of the binder on the road surface under dynamic influences.

For the modification of bitumen grades, TB 25/40, TB 70/30, and Vaki 85/25, polyethylene and rubber waste were used. The physical and mechanical properties of the bitumen used are shown in Table 1, and the formulation based on polyethylene and rubber dust is shown in Table 2.

Subsequently, based on the obtained mineral powders and active bitumen (B75), an asphalt concrete mixture was prepared with the following composition: (wt. h. -46); mineral powder -26; bitumen -10; high molecular weight petroleum acid (HMPA)



Table 1. Composition of bitumen-polymer compositions

Composition Components	Content of components, wt. Parts. By examples								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rubber crumb-polyethylene waste	-	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
Bitumen	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Filler	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
mineral powder	150	-	-	-	25	40	50	60	80
high molecular weight petroleum acid	-	-	-	-	10	10	10	20	20
The mixing temperature of components in the mixer, °C	100	70	90	100	160-180	70	90	70	100
Mixing time, min	15	10	12	15	65-120	10	12	10	15

As laboratory studies have shown, this technology of introducing active rubber powder is not accompanied by the destruction of macromolecules, which provides quite satisfactory elastic properties for the road surface.

Table 2. Physical and mechanical properties of the composition based on rubber dust

№	Indicators	Samples				
		1	2	3	4	5
1.	Needle penetration at 25 °C	38	72	100	71	96
The softening	The softening point, °C	49	68	82	56	75
3.	Brittleness temperature, °C	-10	-10	-26	-8	-20
4.	Extensibility at 25, °C	40	60	70	55	60
5.	Density, g / sm ³	2,34	2,36	2,38	2,2	2,4
6.	Temperature changes at T=65 °C for 5 hours	7	6	6	6	6
7.	Tensile strength at 20 °C	2,4	3,0	3,5	3,1	3,4
	at 50 °C	0,9	1,0	1,2	1,1	1,3

The obtained granular bitumen-polymer compositions were tested according to standard methods. The data are presented in tables 3 and 4.

Table3. Indicators of physical and mechanical properties of asphalt concrete mixtures

Names of indicators	Samples			
	1	2	3	4
Compressive strength, MPa,				
At 20 °C	2,2	-	-	-
50°C	0,9	-	-	-
Water-resistance coefficient, %	0,90	-	0,95	0,89
The water-resistance coefficient for long-term water saturation, % by volume	0,86	0,90	0,94	0,90
Swelling, % by volume	0,6	0,9	0,5	1,0
Residual porosity, % by volume	2,1	2,4	2,0	2,3

As can be seen from Table 2, the optimal amount of polymer waste addition to bitumen is 4–5%. In this case, the decrease in the depth of penetration of the needle (penetration) at 25 °C does not exceed 19% for BND 60/90 bitumen and 28% for BND 90/130 bitumen. In contrast, the extensibility decreases from 98 to 17 0, 1 mm and 100 to 26 0.1 mm.

The remains of the Guzdek stone quarry {11} were used as a mineral powder. The data obtained are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Asphalt Mix Test Results

Names of indicators	asphalt concrete		
	Initial bitumen	Activated Mineral Powder	indicators according to the standard
Average density, g/sm3	2,25	2,36	-
Residual porosity, %	2,6	1,98	2.5-5.0
Water saturation, % by volume	2,0	1,4	1,5-4,0
: Compressive strength, MPa, at a temperature			
	20 °C	3,0	3,8
	50 °C	1,0	1,9
	0 °C	6,0	7,6
Water resistance coefficient	0.86	0,98	0,75

Results

As a result, a polymer-bitumen binder was obtained that meets the operational requirements for asphalt concrete pavements. It is shown that, as a result of the

research, a polymer-bitumen binder composition was obtained, which, in terms of its physical and mechanical properties, surpasses unmodified road oil bitumen.

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