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AS 1141.24:2018

Methods for sampling and testing aggregates

Method 24: Aggregate soundness—Evaluation by exposure to sodium sulfate solution

PREFACE

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- (1) Clause 7(c) Containers (modified).
- (2) Note to Clause 9.
- (3) Note to Clause 9(a) (modified).

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1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out the method for testing aggregates to determine the loss of mass due to disintegration when exposed to sodium sulfate solutions over repeated cycles of wetting and drying.

The Standard furnishes information helpful in judging the soundness of aggregate subject to weathering action, particularly when adequate information is not available from service records of the material exposed to actual weathering conditions.

2 APPLICATION

The values obtained from this method may be used for comparison in specifications, e.g. AS 2758.1 and AS 2758.2. Since the precision of this test is poor in both repeatability and reproducibility, it may not be suitable for the outright rejection of aggregates without confirmation from other tests more closely related to the specific intended use.

Values for permitted percent loss by this method for fine aggregates may be different to those for coarse aggregates.