



Standard Specification for Materials for Soil-Aggregate Subbase, Base, and Surface Courses¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers the quality and grading of the following materials for use in the construction of subbase, base, and surface courses: sand-clay mixtures; gravel; stone or slag screenings; sand; crusher-run coarse aggregate consisting of gravel, crushed stone, or slag combined with soil mortar; or any combination of these materials. The requirements are intended to cover materials having normal specific gravity, absorption, and gradation characteristics. Where other materials are to be used, appropriate limits suitable to their use must be specified.

1.2 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the Test Methods portion, Section 9, of this specification. *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C 117 Test Method for Materials Finer than 75- μm (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
- C 131 Test Method for Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine
- C 136 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
- D 75 Practice for Sampling Aggregates
- D 420 Guide to Site Characterization for Engineering Design and Construction Purposes

- D 421 Practice for Dry Preparation of Soil Samples for Particle-Size Analysis and Determination of Soil Constants
- D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids
- D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction
- D 4318 Test Methods for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms in this standard, refer to Terminology D 653.

4. Types

4.1 The following types of mixtures are specified:

4.1.1 *Type I*—Mixtures shall consist of stone, gravel, or slag with natural or crushed sand and fine mineral particles passing a No. 200 (75- μm) sieve and shall conform to the requirements of Table 1 for Gradation A, B, C, or D.

4.1.2 *Type II*—Mixtures shall consist of natural or crushed sand with fine mineral particles passing a No. 200 (75- μm) sieve, with or without stone, gravel, or slag, and shall conform to the requirements of Table 1 for Gradation E or F.

5. General Requirements

5.1 *Coarse Aggregate*—Coarse aggregate, retained on a No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve, for use in Type I and Type II mixtures, shall consist of hard, durable, and sound particles or fragments of stone, gravel, or slag. Coarse aggregate shall have abrasion loss, determined by Test Method C 131, of not more than 50.

NOTE 1—A higher or lower abrasion loss may be specified by the engineer, depending upon the materials available for the work.

5.2 *Fine Aggregate*—Fine aggregate, passing a No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve, for use in Type I and Type II mixtures, shall consist of natural or crushed sand and fine mineral particles passing the No. 200 (75- μm) sieve. The fraction passing the No. 200 (75- μm) sieve shall not be greater than two thirds of the fraction passing the No. 40 (425- μm) sieve as determined by

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.