

Memorandum

To: ALL CONSTRUCTION SENIORS and ABOVE
ALL RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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From: **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Construction Program
Mail Station 44

Subject: Caltrans Test 360 – Surface Abrasion

California Test 360, “Test for Surface Abrasion of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures” was changed in July 1998. Since that time, several equipment and procedural issues have been identified that make it difficult to perform the test. The Department of Transportation has formed a task group with industry representatives to get these issues resolved.

Until resolution is reached, the Construction Program, with concurrence of the Flexible Pavement Unit at Materials Engineering and Testing Services, is requesting that Resident Engineers (REs) remove the CT360 requirement from all asphalt concrete (AC) projects except in areas where chain wear may be a concern. If there are questions about the applicability of the test to a specific project, the District Materials Engineer should be consulted.

The RE should inform the contractor that testing AC mix designs for conformance to CT360 will be waived. This change should be documented by a “no cost/no change” construction change order.

Examples of the construction change order and the accompanying memorandum are attached for the REs to use. These documents are also available in electronic form at <http://onramp.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/>.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Terrie Bressette at (916) 654-4135.

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