Name of Test Overlay Test	Developer(s) Lytton and co-workers (Texas A&M University) Analysis modified by researchers at the University of Texas at El Paso
Test Method(s) NJDOT B-10 / Tex-248-F	Adoption by Agencies New Jersey, Texas
Description Test specimens are cut from SGC samples or field cores. Trimmed specimens are glued on a set of two steel base plates with one plate fixed and the other moves horizontally back and forth at a specific frequency (0.1 Hz). The maximum opening displacement of 0.025 inch is controlled during the test. The test is stopped when a 93% reduction of the maximum load occurs or after 1,000 cycles.	Photographs/Illustrations
Test Results Number of cycles to failure (NJ) Critical Fracture Energy (G <sub>c</sub> ) (TX) Crack Resistance Index (Beta) (TX)	Test Temperature(s) 25 ± 0.5°C
Equipment & Cost Texas overlay tester or Asphalt Mixture Performance Tester Platens and Jigs Environmental chamber Saw for cutting specimens	\$45,000 \$100,000 \$10,000 \$4,000 \$6,000
Specimen Fabrication Gyratory specimens, 4 cuts, gluing to plates (4 hrs.)	Number of Replicate Specimens 3 specimens
Specimen Conditioning Conditioning for a minimum of 1 hour at 25°C	Testing Time Up to 3 hrs. per specimen depending on mix
Data Analysis Complexity Simple (by software)	Test Variability Cycles to Failure: High (30-50% COV) Critical Fracture Energy: Medium (10-25% COV) Crack Resistance Index: Medium (10-25% COV)
Field Validations Good (pavement sections in Texas, New Jersey, Nevada, FHWA-ALF and NCAT test track)	Overall Practicality for Mix Design and QA Good for mix design Poor for QA

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