

Bureau of Materials
Illinois Laboratory Test Procedure
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Linseed Oil Based Emulsion Curing Compound

This test procedure applies to Article 1022.01(d) of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction ([April 1, 2016](#)).

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 This procedure covers the test required to determine the percent oil and percent water phase composition of the linseed oil based emulsion compound for curing concrete.

2.0 EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 Analytical balance capable of weighing 0.1mg
2.2 Drying oven capable of 110 ± 5 °C (230 ± 41 °F)
2.3 Muffle furnace capable of 760 ± 10 °C (1400 ± 50 °F)
2.4 Porcelain crucible
2.5 Desiccator
2.6 Syringe with cap (no needle)

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Samples shall be run in duplicate.
3.2 Weigh the porcelain crucible, record the weight (*A*).
3.3 Transfer 1-2 grams of the sample via syringe into the crucible.
3.4 Determine the weight of the sample and crucible (*B*).
3.5 Place crucible and sample in drying oven at 110 ± 5 °C (230 ± 41 °F). Dry until sample reaches constant weight.
3.6 After drying, weigh and record the combined weight (*C*) of the crucible and sample residue.
3.7 Place the crucible and sample residue into a cold muffle furnace.
3.8 Set muffle temperature to 760 ± 10 °C (1400 ± 50 °F).
3.9 Once muffle reaches 760 ± 10 °C (1400 ± 50 °F), cool to 300 ± 10 °C (572 ± 50 °F).
3.10 Once the sample reaches 300 ± 10 °C (572 ± 50 °F), remove it from the muffle, allow to cool in a desiccator, and weigh (*D*).

4.0 CALCULATIONS

4.1 Calculate the % Water Phase and % Oil Phase:

$$4.1.1 \text{ Water Phase: } \left(\frac{C - A}{B} \right) \times 100$$

$$4.1.2 \text{ Oil Phase: } \left(\frac{C - D}{B} \right) \times 100$$

$$4.1.3 \text{ \% Water Phase: } \left(\frac{\textit{WaterPhase}}{\textit{WaterPhase} + \textit{OilPhase}} \right) \times 100$$

$$4.1.4 \text{ \% Oil Phase: } \left(\frac{\textit{OilPhase}}{\textit{WaterPhase} + \textit{OilPhase}} \right) \times 100$$