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The Importance of the Quality of Deicing Materials

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Introduction



























Emphasis

Laboratory testing of materials

Effect of salts on skid resistance

Salt spreading on mixed (asphalt and cement concrete) pavements

Further development



Laboratory testing 1

Physical analyses

- Perceptible properties
- Moisture content
- Hygroscopic properties
- Granulometric composition
- Effectiveness of melting ice
- Dissolving of salt after a set period
- Loose bulk density
- Strew angle



Example of the presentation of results of sieving analyses of 15 samples of salt with granulation of 0/2 mm.



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Laboratory testing 2

Chemical analyses

- chlorides content
- content of insoluble substances
- anti-caking agent content



Proposed properties of NaCl upon delivery 1

Property type	Required value
Moisture content	max. 4 m% (in bulk)
	max. 1 m% (for silos)
Content of chlorides expressed as NaCl	≥ 96 m%
Content of K4Fe(CN)6x3H2O	≤ 20 mg/kg



Proposed properties of NaCl upon delivery 2

Property type	Required value
Granulometric composition:	
0/4 mm	
>4.00	≤ 10 %
2.00/4.00	20 - 40 %
0.40/2.00	40 - 70 %
<0.40	≤ 10 %
0/2 mm	
>2.00	≤ 5 %
1.00/2.00	30 - 60 %
0.20/1.00	30 - 60 %
<0.20	≤ 10 %
0/1 mm	
	< 1 0/
20.0 0 20/1 00	$ \geq 1 \frac{7}{0} $
-0.20/1.00	90 - 90 % < 2 %
< 0.20	$\geq 2 70$



Proposed properties of NaCl upon delivery 3

Some changes were involved later

- for granulometric compositions and
- the content of anti-caking agent



• The main purpose of salt spreading is to improve traffic safety

When salt is not mechanically removed from the roadway, it crystallises after it dries out and covers the roadway as dust. That can reduce skid resistance on an otherwise dry roadway



Test field surface for measuring skid resistance

new asphalt pavement

old asphalt pavement

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Measuring of skid resistance

Skid Resistance Tester

Sample before testing







Description of sample	Types of samples								
surface	old asphalt pavement samples				new asphalt pavement samples				
	A1	A2	A3	A4	B1	B2	B 3	B4	
Non-spread, 24 °C	59	38	41	51	69	70	72	64	
Initial condition, non- spread, 0 °C	60	42			75	66			
100g/m ² NaCl 0/4, 0°C		R	41	48			70	62	
200g/m ² NaCl 0/4, 0°C			42	45			64	59	
Initial condition, non- spread, -10°C	17	14			80	84			
100g/m² NaCl 0/4, -10 °C		22	34	48		30	80	65	
200g/m ² NaCl 0/4, -10 °C		-	35	47	305	*	63	51	



Mixed pavements of crowler lines

crowler line

crowler line asphalt pavement



Temperature measurement results on different surfaces



ALPCR - PLARC 201

Theoretical quantities of the melting agent

Melting agent	Temperature of measurement					
	-5°C	-6 °C	-7 °C	-8 °C	-9 °C	-10 °C
Consumption of 96% NaCl in g for melting 1 kg of ice	90.6	105.5	122.2	139.4	154.3	169.6
Consumption of 24% CaCl ₂ in g for melting 1 kg of ice	422	488	541	606	650	701



Further Development

Development goes primarily in the direction of preserving an adequate effectiveness of the known spreading materials with reduced pollution of the environment and, if possible, lower costs.

One of the options to get closer to that goal is the replacement of CaCl2 with NaCl solution, when and where it is possible.



Mixing plant 4,5 m3 and silo for solution 30000 liters









Conclusions

- The basic principle in the use of melting materials is to use chemicals only there and then and in the quantity urgently necessary for road traffic safety.
- Implement all known advancements in winter maintenance
- Develop winter service information system
- Provide funds for further development





Thank you!

