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MEPDG

Mechanistic-Empirical Design Guide

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Objectives

- Implementation of the **MEPDG** for flexible pavements in Idaho.
- Develop a plan for **local calibration** and **Validation** of **MEPDG**.

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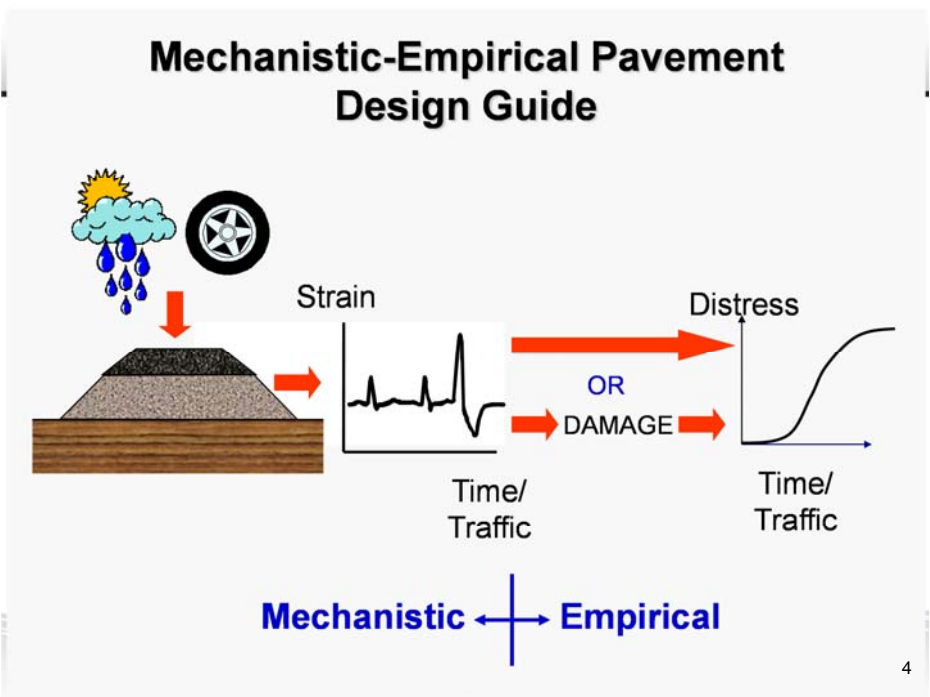
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MEPDG Predicted Distresses



MEPDG Hierarchical Input Levels

- **Level 1:** Highest level of accuracy. Laboratory or field measured data.
 - EX: laboratory E^* for HMA, G^* & δ for binder, M_r for Base/SG.
- **Level 2:** Intermediate level of accuracy. Correlations with other properties.
 - EX: $M_r = 1155 + 555 \cdot R$
- **Level 3:** Lowest level of accuracy. Typical default values (best estimates).
 - EX: for A-1-a soil $M_r = 38,000$ psi

Main Project Tasks

1. Study the Latest Version of the MEPDG Software
2. Review of Other State Agencies Implementation Efforts
3. Material Database:
 - Binder
 - HMA
 - Unbound base/Subbase layers
 - Subgrade
4. Develop Traffic Load Spectra
5. Establish climatic factors for the various regions
6. MEPDG sensitivity analysis
7. Performance and reliability
8. Develop plan for local calibration and validation

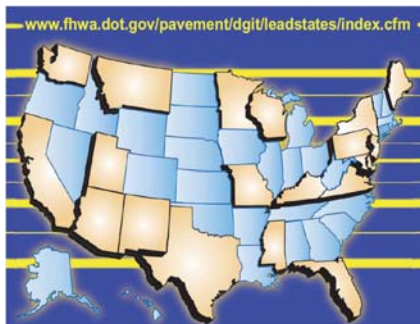
Task 1

- **Study the Latest Version of the MEPDG Software**
 - Overview of the **MEPDG**.
 - Comparison of **MEPDG** and **AASHTO 1993** Guide.
 - Flexible Pavement **Design/Analysis** Procedure in the **MEPDG**.
 - MEPDG **Distress Prediction Models** for Flexible Pavements.
 - MEPDG Software Evolution and Improvements (**Ver 0.70 to Ver 1.10**).
 - MEPDG **Version 1.100 (August 2009)** Software Capabilities and Limitations.

Lead States

- A group of **19 states** was formed to facilitate the refinement, Implementation, and evolution of the MEPDG
- The lead states are:

Arizona	California	Florida
Kentucky	Main	Missouri
Montana	Maryland	Minnesota
Mississippi	Pennsylvania	Texas
Wisconsin	New Jersey	New Mexico
New York	Utah	Virginia
Washington		



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Task 2

• Review of Other State Agencies Implementation Efforts

- Utah
- Montana
- Washington
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Oregon
- North Carolina
- Kansas
- Iowa
- South Dakota
- California
- Minnesota

– *With the Focus on Idaho Adjacent States*

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MEPDG States Implementation Summary

For successful MEPDG implementation:

- A comprehensive database for MEPDG inputs (**input libraries**) for material characterization, traffic, and climate should be established.
- Distress prediction models should be locally calibrated.
- The sensitivity of each input should be defined.
- Establishing reasonable ranges for each key design input based on local conditions.
- Train the staff on the software.

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MEPDG States Implementation Summary (Cont'd)

Issues Related to Traffic are also highlighted:

- Traffic axle load spectra can be characterized using data from WIM stations.
- The quality of the data should be assessed and the WIM stations should be calibrated regularly.
- Some SHA used the **TrafLoad** software (NCHRP project 1-39) for processing the WIM data to be used with the MEPDG.
- Other states reported problems opening the WIM data files with this software and developed their own software for WIM traffic data processing for the MEPDG.

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MEPDG States Implementation Summary (Cont'd)

Material and Climate:

- Although level input 1 is the most accurate input data level, many of the SHA used levels **2 and 3** data inputs for traffic and material characterization as this is the level of data usually available.
- Almost all SHA used the default weather station climatic database that comes with the software for climatic characterization.

Summary of Very Significant to Significant Key Design Input Parameters for New Flexible Pavements based on Literature

Performance Indicator	Input Parameter/Predictor
Top-down fatigue (longitudinal cracking)	<input type="checkbox"/> AADTT <input type="checkbox"/> AC layer thickness <input type="checkbox"/> AC binder grade <input type="checkbox"/> Effective asphalt content <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture in-situ air voids <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture stiffness <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation quality <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental location
Bottom-up fatigue (alligator cracking)	<input type="checkbox"/> AADTT <input type="checkbox"/> AC binder grade <input type="checkbox"/> Effective asphalt content <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture in-situ air voids <input type="checkbox"/> AC layer thickness <input type="checkbox"/> AC Mixture Stiffness (insignificant at very thick AC layers) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation quality <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental location
Transverse cracking	<input type="checkbox"/> AC thickness <input type="checkbox"/> AC binder grade <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture in-situ air voids <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture tensile strength <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental location

Summary of Very Significant to Significant Key Design Input Parameters for New Flexible Pavements (Cont'd)

Performance Indicator	Input Parameter/Predictor
HMA Rutting	<input type="checkbox"/> AADTT <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture stiffness <input type="checkbox"/> AC layer thickness <input type="checkbox"/> AC binder grade <input type="checkbox"/> AC mixture in-situ air voids <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental location
Total Rutting	<input type="checkbox"/> AADTT <input type="checkbox"/> Total pavement thickness <input type="checkbox"/> Depth of water table <input type="checkbox"/> AC binder grade <input type="checkbox"/> Subgrade resilient modulus <input type="checkbox"/> Base resilient modulus <input type="checkbox"/> Climatic location
Smoothness (IRI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom-up fatigue (alligator cracking) <input type="checkbox"/> Total permanent deformation (rutting) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental location <input type="checkbox"/> Initial IRI

Task 3

• MEPDG Material Characterization

- Binder: G^* and δ
- HMA Materials: Dynamic Modulus (E^*)
- Unbound Base / Subgrade Layers:
 - R-Value / M_r , PI, Gradation.

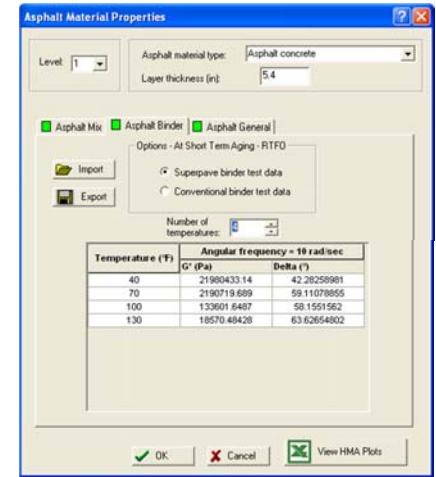
MEPDG Binder Characterization

- Levels 1 and 2: G^* and δ at 10 rad/sec
- Level 3: choose binder grade



Idaho Binder Characterization (MEPDG Level 1)

	G* δ @ 10 Hz		
	Temp., °F	G*, Psi	δ , degrees
PG 58-28	40	3.56E+03	57.96
	70	2.03E+02	60.92
	100	9.92E+00	73.70
	130	8.38E-01	82.02
PG 58-34	40	6.52E+02	56.13
	70	3.31E+01	63.32
	100	3.65E+00	68.09
	130	5.06E-01	70.34
PG 64-22	40	4.66E+03	52.79
	70	4.78E+02	57.38
	100	2.84E+01	73.98
	130	2.06E+00	82.12
PG 64-28	40	8.55E+02	58.87
	70	2.35E+02	60.97
	100	1.51E+01	66.79
	130	1.56E+00	73.77
PG 64-34	40	1.22E+03	46.93
	70	7.32E+01	60.75
	100	5.67E+00	66.87
	130	8.62E-01	61.47



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HMA Material Characterization

ITD Field Mixes Investigated

Mixture Type						
SP1	SP2	SP3		SP4	SP5	SP6
SP1-1	SP 2-1 SP 2-2 *	SP 3-1	SP 3-5-4	SP 4-1	SP 5-1	SP 6-1
		SP 3-2	SP 3-5-5	SP 4-2	SP 5-2	SP6-2
		SP 3-3	SP 3-6 *	SP 4-3	SP 5-3	SP6-3
		SP 3-4	SP 3-7 *	SP 4-4 *	SP 5-4	
		SP 3-5-1	SP 3-8 *			
		SP 3-5-2	SP 3-9 *			
		SP 3-5-3	SP3-10 *			
1	2	14		4	4	3
Total Number of Mixtures = 28 Mixtures						

* From ITD Project No. RP 181 "Development and Evaluation of Performance Tests to Enhance Superpave Mix Design and its Implementation in Idaho"

Experimental Work



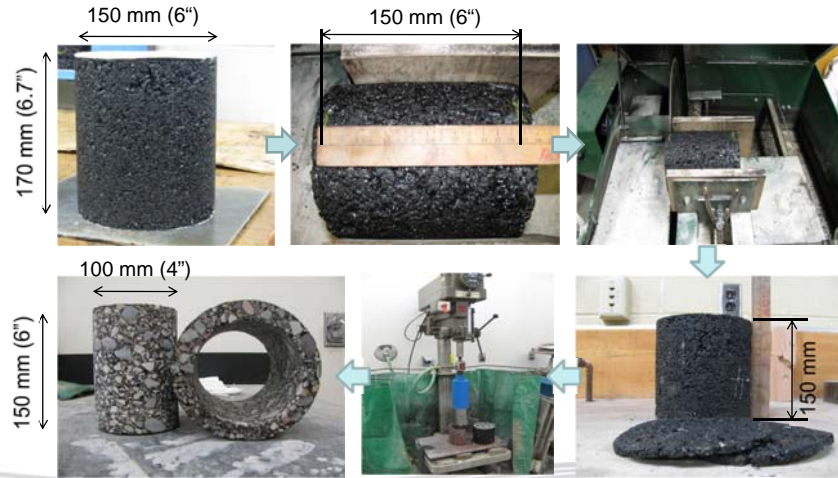
GS Determination from Servopac Gyratory Compactor data



E* Testing using SPT Machine

E* Sample Preparation

Cutting and Coring



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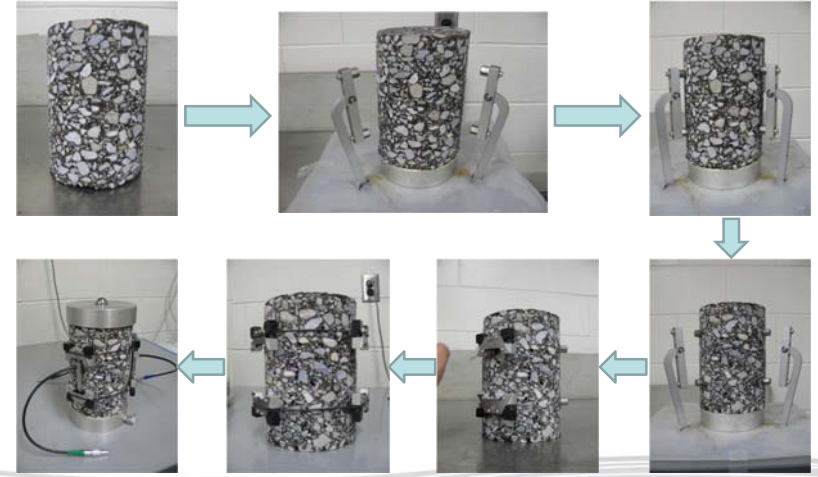
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E* Sample Preparation (Cont'd)

Attaching Gauge Point Fixing System & Strain Transducer Mounts



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E* Testing Data (MEPDG level 1)

Temperatures	Frequency, Hz
40°F (4.4°C)	25
70°F (21.1°C)	10
100°F (37.8°C)	5
130°F (54.4°C)	1.0
	0.5
	0.1

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Example of MEPDG level 1 input data of SP4-2 mixture

Temp (°F)	Asphalt Mix Dynamic Modulus					
	Mixture E* (psi)					
	0.1	0.5	1	5	10	25
14	1.83E+06	2.11E+06	2.23E+06	2.46E+06	2.55E+06	2.66E+06
40	9.58E+05	1.24E+06	1.37E+06	1.67E+06	1.80E+06	1.93E+06
70	2.48E+05	4.05E+05	4.86E+05	7.23E+05	8.39E+05	1.00E+06
100	5.95E+04	1.02E+05	1.28E+05	2.26E+05	2.84E+05	3.77E+05
130	1.45E+04	2.45E+04	3.07E+04	5.87E+04	7.72E+04	1.17E+05

- ✓ Minimum temperature within 10 to 20 °F
- ✓ Maximum temperature within 125 to 135°F.
- ✓ At least E* matrix (3-temperatures * 3-frequencies).
- ✓ E-values = 10,000 to 5,000,000 psi.

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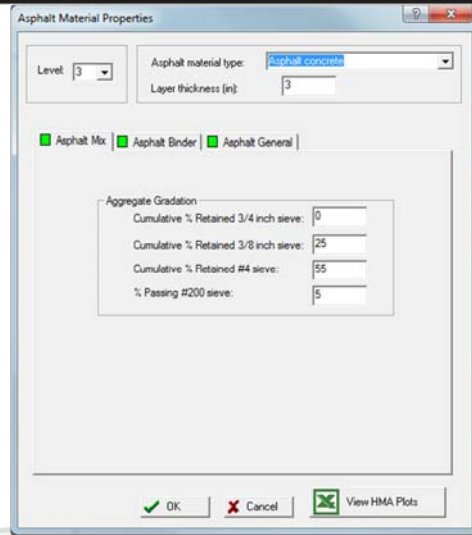
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E* Data (MEPDG Levels 2 & 3)

- Cumulative % Retained 3/4 inch sieve
- Cumulative % Retained 3/8 inch sieve
- Cumulative % Retained #4 sieve
- % Passing # 200 sieve
- % Effective Binder Content by Volume
- % Air Voids
- Binder stiffness or grade



NCHRP 1-37A η^* -based Model

(Andrei, Witczak and Mirza's Revised Model, 1999)

$$\log_{10} E^* = -1.249937 + 0.02923 \rho_{200} - 0.001767(\rho_{200})^2 - 0.002841 \rho_4 - 0.058097 V_a - 0.82208 \frac{V_{beff}}{V_{beff} + V_a} + \frac{3.871977 - 0.0021 \rho_4 + 0.003958 \rho_{38} - 0.000017(\rho_{38})^2 + 0.00547 \rho_{34}}{1 + e^{(-0.603313 - 0.313351 \log f - 0.393532 \log \eta)}}$$

Where,

- E^* = HMA dynamic modulus, in 10^5 psi;
- η = binder viscosity, in 10^6 poise;
- f = loading frequency, in Hz;
- V_a = % air voids in the mix, by volume;
- V_{beff} = % effective binder content, by volume;
- ρ_{34} = cumulative % retained on the 3/4 in sieve,;
- ρ_{38} = cumulative % retained on the 3/8 in sieve,;
- ρ_4 = cumulative % retained on the No. 4in sieve,; and
- ρ_{200} = % passing the No. 200 sieve

NCHRP 1-40D G^* -based Model

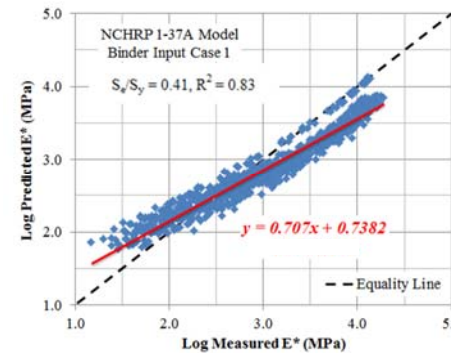
(Witczak, El-Basyouny & El-Badawy Revised from Bari's Model, 2007)

$$\log_{10} E^* = 0.02 + 0.758 \left(|G_b^*|^{-0.0009} \right) \times \left(6.8232 - 0.03274 \rho_{200} + 0.00431 \rho_{200}^2 + 0.0104 \rho_4 - 0.00012 \rho_4^2 + 0.00678 \rho_{38} - 0.00016 \rho_{38}^2 - 0.0796 V_a - 1.1689 \left(\frac{V_{beff}}{V_a + V_{beff}} \right) \right) + \frac{1.437 + 0.03313 V_a + 0.6926 \left(\frac{V_{beff}}{V_a + V_{beff}} \right) + 0.00891 \rho_{38} - 0.00007 \rho_{38}^2 - 0.0081 \rho_{34}}{1 + e^{(-4.5868 - 0.8176 \log |G_b^*| + 3.2738 \log \delta_b)}}$$

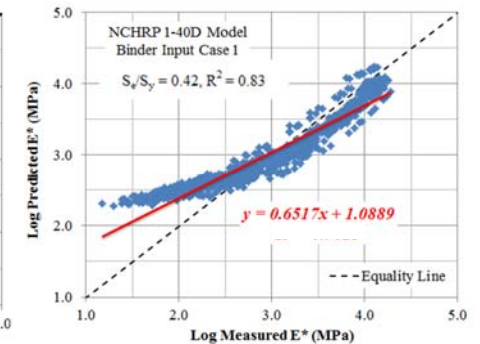
Where,

- E^* = HMA dynamic modulus, psi,
- $|G_b^*|$ = dynamic shear modulus of binder, psi,
- δ_b = phase angle, degrees,
- V_a = air voids in the mix, %,
- V_{beff} = effective binder content, by volume, %,
- ρ_{34} = cumulative % retained on the 3/4 in sieve,
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Comparison of MEPDG 1-37A Model and 1-40D E^* Predictive Model @ Level 1 Binder Data

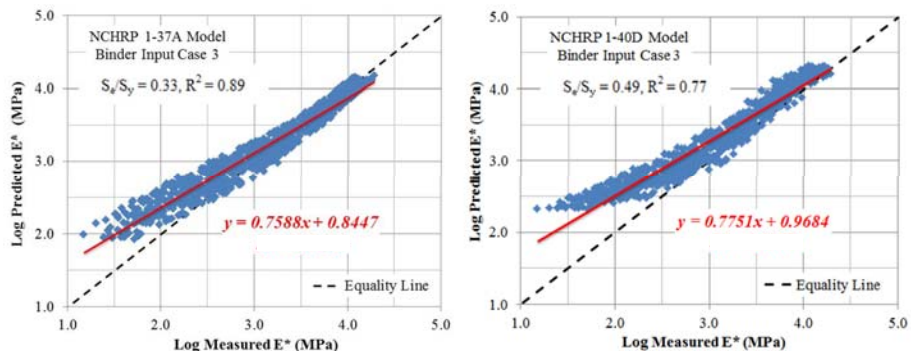


NCHRP 1-37A Model (Binder Input Level 1)



NCHRP 1-40D Model (Binder Input Level 1)

Comparison of MEPDG 1-37A Model and 1-40D E* Predictive Model @ Level 3 Binder Data



NCHRP 1-37A Model (Binder Input Level 3)

NCHRP 1-40D Model (Binder Input Level 3)



Evaluation of the MEPDG Dynamic Modulus Prediction Models for Asphalt Concrete Mixtures

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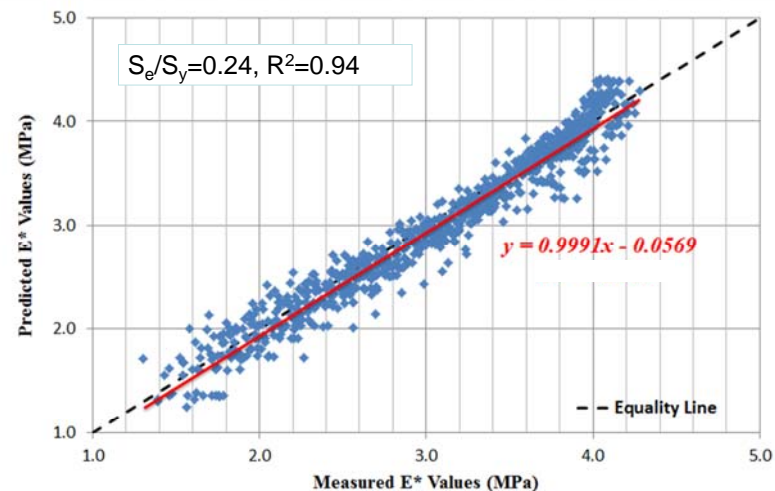
Idaho GS-based E* Model (Bayomy & Abu Abdo 2009)

$$E^* = 1.08 \left(\frac{\rho_w \cdot G^* \cdot GS \cdot G_{mb}}{P_b (1 - P_b)} \right)^{0.558}$$

where,

- E* = dynamic modulus of the mixture, MPa
- G* = dynamic shear modulus for RTFO aged binder, MPa
- P_b = binder content by mix weight
- GS = Gyrotory Stability, kN.m
- G_{mb} = bulk specific gravity of the mix
- ρ_w = Density of water, kg/m³

Measured Vs. Predicted E* using Idaho – GS-based Model



HMA Material Characterization

ITD Field Mixes Investigated

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		SP 3-3	SP 3-6 *	SP 4-3	SP 5-3	SP6-3
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Total Number of Mixtures = 28 Mixtures						

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G-Stab 2010 and E-Star2010

G-Stab 2010 Software

E-Star 2010 Software

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ITD Unbound/Subgrade Material Characterization (MEPDG Level 2 inputs)

Two Models Developed:

- R-Value Models based on ITD Database
- Mr-R-Value Model based on literature Mr-Data

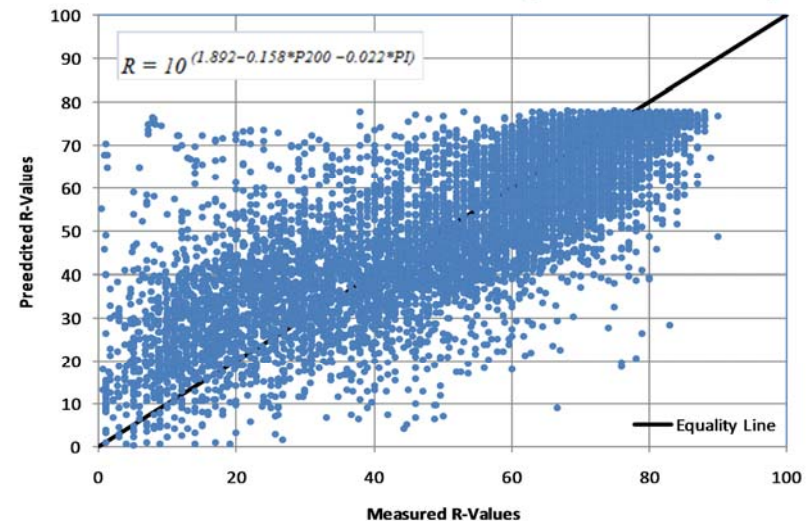
R-Value Model:

- Historical ITD R-Values database (from 1953 to 2008).
- 8233 points with soil classification, P200 and PI.
- Collected by Dr. Stanley Miller (UI)
- ITD-PR 185, NIATT KLK 553: Developing Statistical Correlations of Soil Properties with R-Value for Idaho Pavement Design

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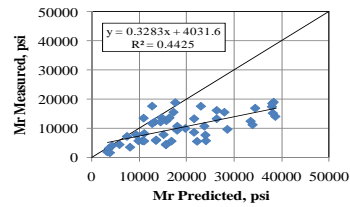
Unbound/SG Material Characterization (Cont'd)

Measured versus Predicted R-Values (ITD Model, 2010)

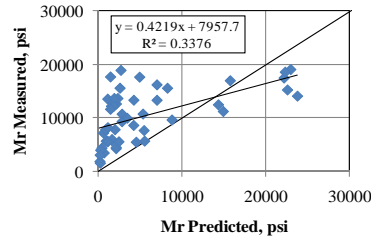


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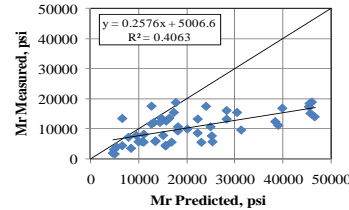
Comparison of Different Mr-R-Value Models based on Mr Literature Data



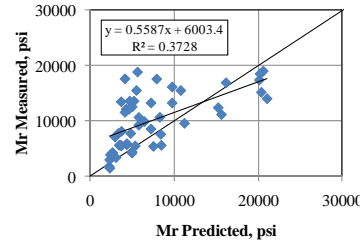
Asphalt Institute Model ($Mr = 1155 + 555 * R$)



WSDOT Model [$Mr = 720.5 (e^{(0.0521 * R)} - 1)$]



ADOT Model: $Mr = \frac{1815 + 225(R_{mean}) + 2.40(R_{mean})^2}{0.6(SVF)^{0.8}}$

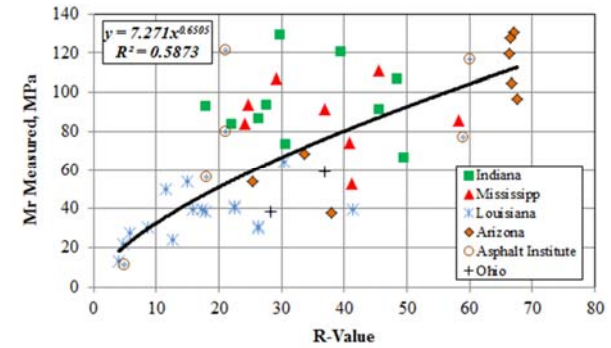


ITD Model ($\log Mr = (222 + R) / 67$)

2010 MR-R-Value Model

$$M_r (\text{psi}) = 1054.6 (R)^{0.6505}$$

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"Prediction of the Subgrade Resilient Modulus for the Implementation of the MEPDG in Idaho" El-Badawy, Bayomy, and Miller, Accepted for Presentation and Publication in the Geo-Frontiers 2011 Conference.

Recommend Default R-Values and Ranges for Unbound Granular Materials and Subgrade Soils for MEPDG Level 3 for Idaho

Unified Soil Classification	ITD Recommended R-Value	ITD Recommended R-Value Range	
		Lower bound	Upper bound
OH	32	15	49
OL	44	30	58
CH	15	3	26
MH	28	12	45
CL	27	12	41
CL-ML	45	31	60
ML	60	47	73
SC	35	17	54
GC	38	20	56
SC-SM	53	35	70



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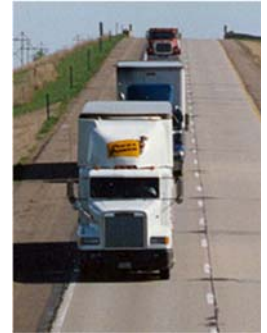
Prediction of the Subgrade Resilient Modulus for the Implementation of the MEPDG in Idaho

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Traffic inputs for MEPDG

Task 4 - MEPDG Traffic Inputs

- Traffic inputs in the MEPDG are very **comprehensive** and more **sophisticated** compared to older design methodologies.
- It relies on the traffic axle load spectra data which requires continuous WIM data measurements.
- 3 hierarchical input levels



MEPDG Major Traffic Inputs

Four basic traffic input categories are required by MEPDG as follows:

- Volume
- Classification
- Weight
- General



MEPDG Traffic Input Levels

Input Level	Understanding of Traffic	Classification Data	Weight Data
Level 1	Good	Site Specific, Continuous	Site Specific
Level 2	Fair	Site Specific, short	Regional Average (TWRGs)
Level 3	Poor	No Actual Class Data	Statewide Average



Idaho WIM Stations



Hammett WIM
I-84 @ MP 114.500
0.5 Mi. E of Jct I84B, E Hammett IC
Segment Code 001010

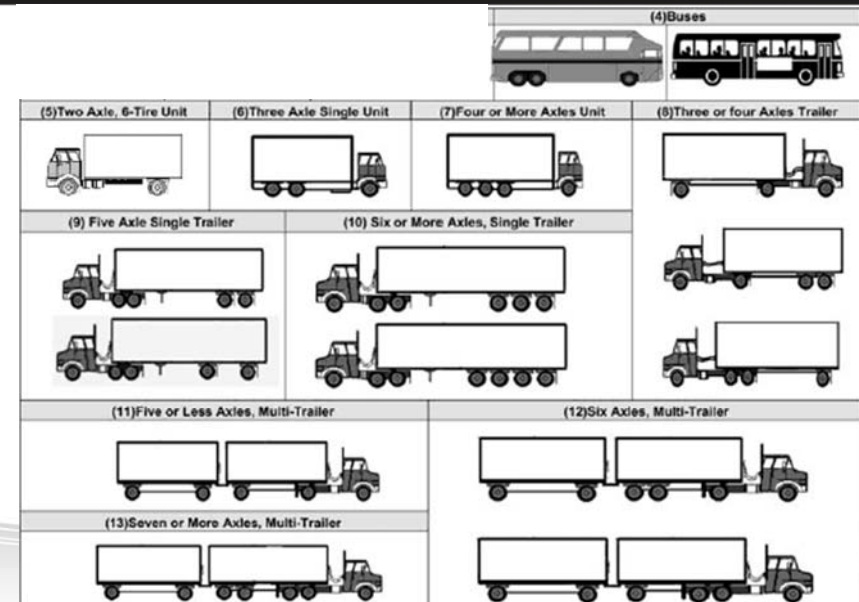
ID	Functional Classification	Rout	Mile post	City
79	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-15	27.7	Downey
93	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-86	25.05	Massacre Rocks
96	Principal Arterial -Other (Rural)	US-20	319.2	Rigby
115	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-90	23.37	Wolf Lodge
117	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-84	231.7	Cottrell
118	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	24.1	Mica
119	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-95	85.2	Samuels
128	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-84	15.1	Black canyon
129	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-93	59.8	Flattop
133	Minor Arterial (Rural)	US-30	205.5	Filer
134	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	US-30	425.785	Georgetown
135	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	US-95	127.7	Mesa
137	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	US-95	37.075	Homedale
138	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	US-95	22.72	Marsing
148	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	US-95	363.98	Potlatch
155	Minor Arterial (Rural)	US-30	229.62	Hansen
156	Minor Arterial (Rural)	SH-33	21.94	Howe
166	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-84		
169	Principal Arterial -Other (Rural)	US-95	56.002	Parma
171	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-84	114.5	Hammett
173	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-15	177.86	Dubois
179	Principal Arterial -Interstate (Rural)	I-86B	101.275	American Falls
185	Principal Arterial-Other (Rural)	US-12	163.01	Powell

Idaho WIM Sites

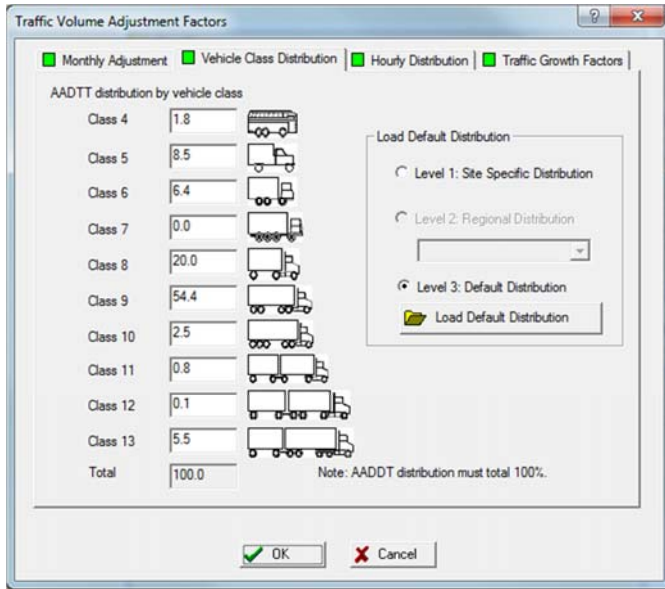
Idaho MEPDG Traffic Characterization

- WIM Data: Classification Data (C-Cards), Weight Data (W-Cards).
- TrafLoad** software (NCHRP project 1-39) was used for processing the WIM data to generate MEPDG traffic inputs.
- 25 WIM Station Data for year 2009 and some WIM station Data for 2008.
- Only 21 WIM sites → continuous classification data.
- 23 WIM sites were successfully analyzed by the TrafLoad for the weight data.
- Only 14 WIM sites → good quality weight data.

MEDPG Truck Classes

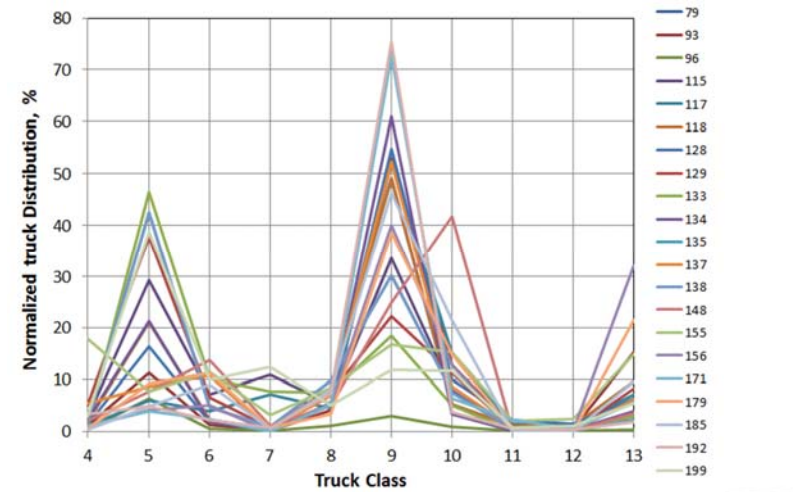


MEPDG Vehicle Class Distribution



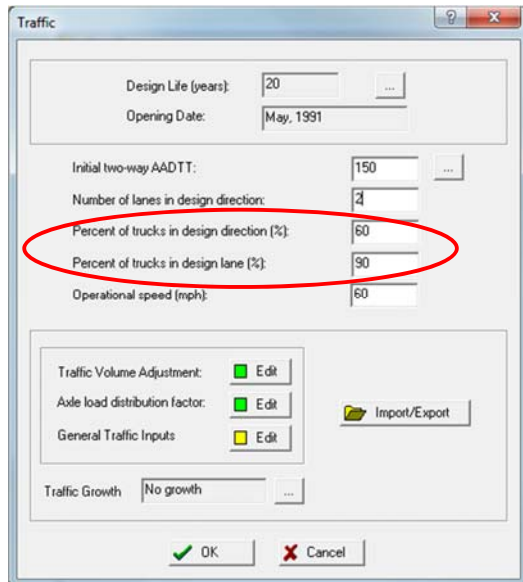
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Normalized Truck Distribution by Truck Class



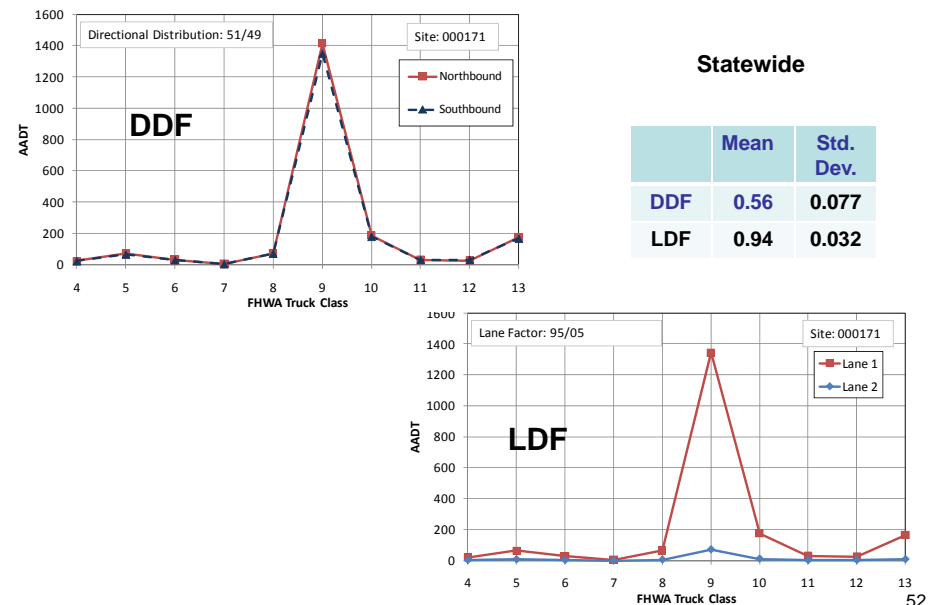
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MEPDG Lane and Directional Distribution Factors



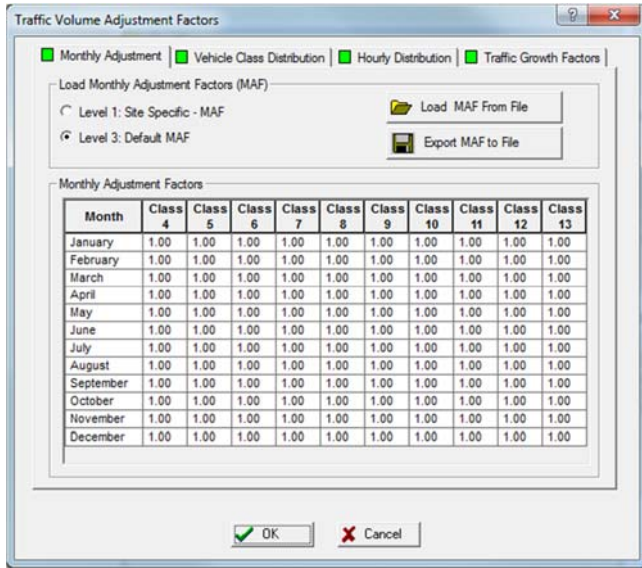
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Lane and Directional Distribution Factors



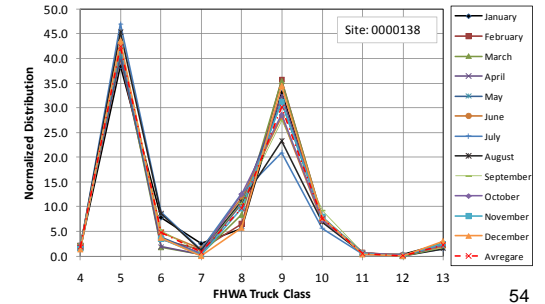
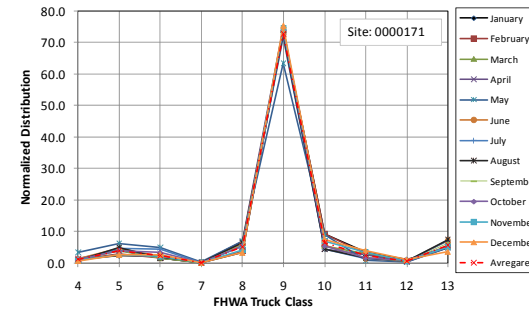
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MEPDG Default MAF



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Monthly Normalized Truck Distribution by Class

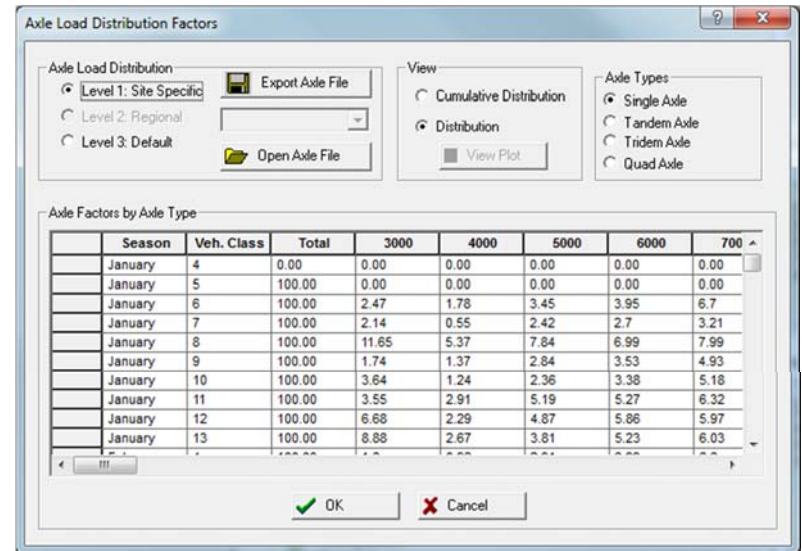


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MAF for WIM Site 000118

Vehicle class:	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
January	0.788	0.764	0.723	0.712	0.634	0.979	0.980	1.494	0.879	0.952
February	0.730	0.774	0.723	0.610	0.652	1.003	1.071	1.494	0.828	0.930
March	0.818	0.818	0.819	0.508	0.843	1.036	1.030	1.398	0.983	0.963
April	0.993	0.947	0.819	0.814	1.065	1.021	1.040	1.157	1.034	0.963
May	1.139	0.986	1.157	1.627	1.034	0.993	0.990	0.675	0.879	1.011
June	1.314	1.143	1.325	1.119	1.231	1.064	1.010	0.771	1.034	1.087
July	1.255	1.345	1.614	1.831	1.471	0.999	1.061	0.771	1.086	0.979
August	1.226	1.211	1.807	1.729	1.218	0.938	0.960	0.675	0.983	1.027
September	1.109	1.189	1.012	1.119	1.274	0.986	0.990	0.627	0.983	1.038
October	0.964	1.035	0.723	0.712	1.108	1.010	1.010	0.819	1.086	1.109
November	0.847	0.942	0.578	0.610	0.849	1.013	0.909	0.867	0.983	1.044
December	0.818	0.845	0.699	0.610	0.622	0.959	0.949	1.253	1.241	0.898

MEPDG Axle Load Distribution Factors (Spectra)



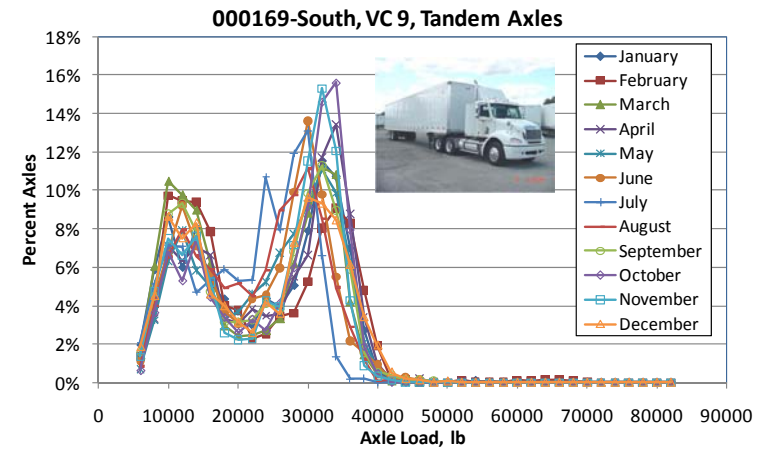
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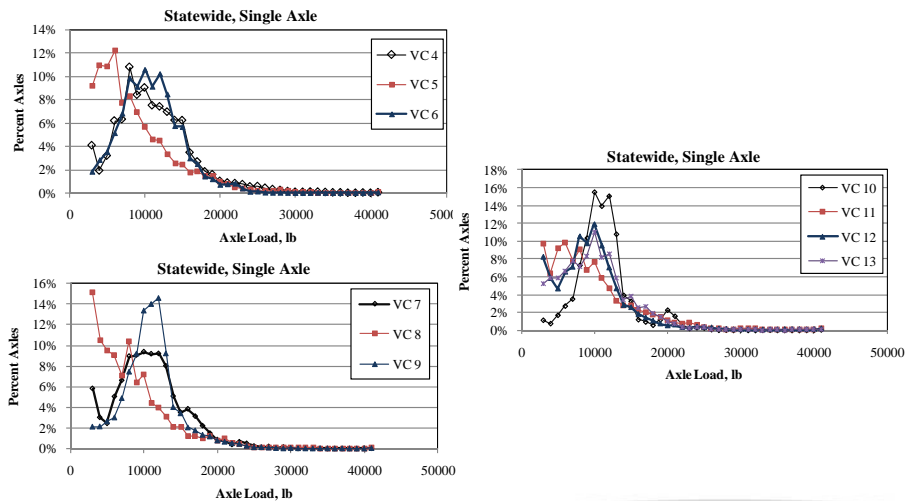
Axle Load Spectra for MEPDG

- Site-Specific Axle Load Spectra, **(Level 1)**.
- Truck Wight Road Groups (TWRGs), **(Level 2)**.
- State Wide Axle Load Spectra **(Level 3)**.

Axle Load Spectra



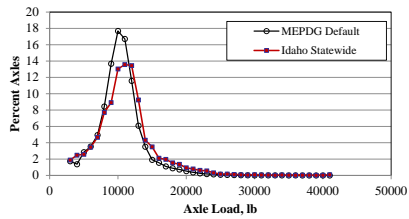
Statewide Single Axle Load Spectra by Truck Class



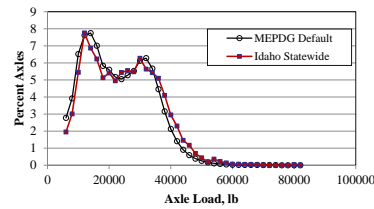
Statewide Single Axle Load Spectra

Axle Load (lb)	Vehicle Class									
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3000	4.40	10.58	1.99	5.76	15.00	1.88	1.20	10.08	8.78	5.79
4000	2.06	10.99	3.02	3.29	8.67	2.48	0.86	6.93	6.25	5.31
5000	3.29	9.35	3.85	2.46	10.39	2.58	1.90	9.88	4.80	5.14
6000	6.50	11.05	5.20	5.38	9.13	3.46	2.25	10.27	6.26	7.41
7000	6.58	7.46	6.02	6.61	6.95	4.66	3.55	7.85	7.29	7.33
8000	10.89	8.11	8.69	8.35	9.34	7.71	7.86	8.48	10.70	7.14
9000	8.14	6.70	7.98	8.28	6.56	8.92	10.32	5.95	9.67	8.58
10000	8.53	5.92	10.44	8.77	7.25	13.03	15.39	7.08	12.07	10.78
11000	6.95	4.24	9.29	8.39	4.66	13.57	13.75	5.42	9.28	7.93
12000	6.88	3.90	10.57	9.38	4.31	13.45	13.89	4.32	6.91	8.07
13000	6.71	3.46	8.92	8.72	3.36	9.24	9.66	3.20	4.54	5.83
14000	6.33	2.78	6.19	5.34	2.28	4.31	4.22	2.69	2.50	3.89
15000	6.27	2.63	6.14	3.27	2.31	3.50	3.71	2.86	2.45	4.08

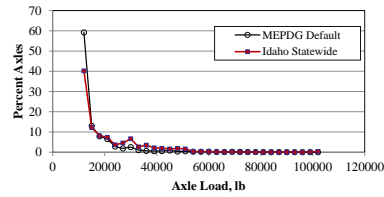
Comparison of MEPDG and Statewide Axle Load Spectra for VC 9



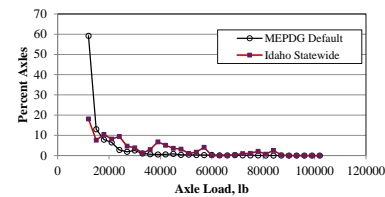
Single Axle



Tandem Axle

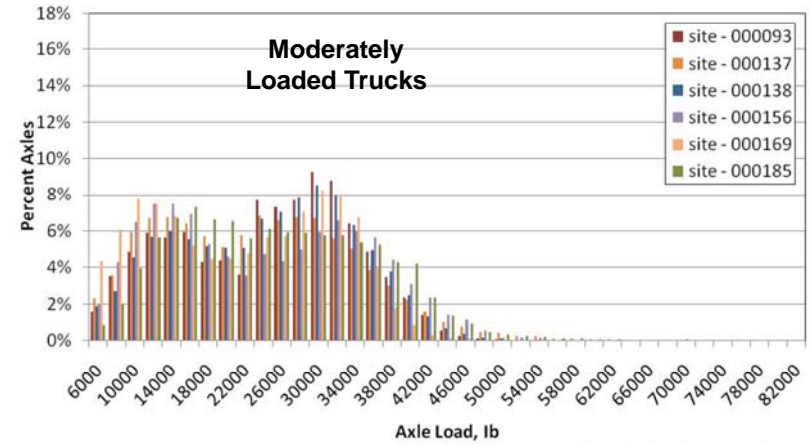


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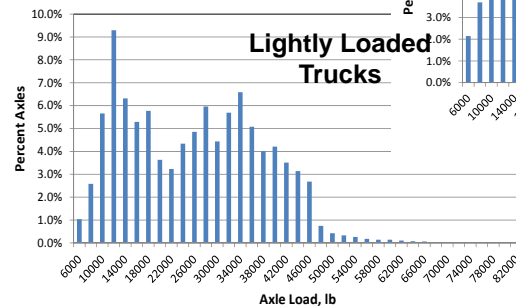
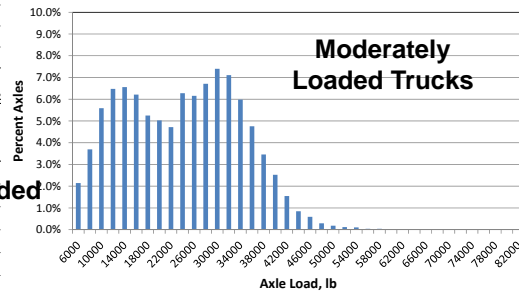
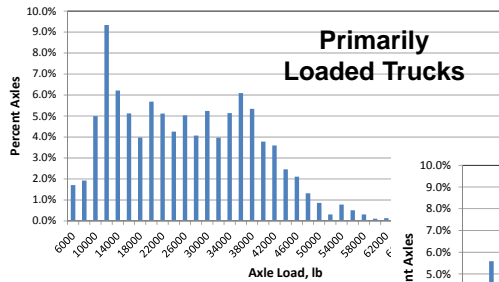


Quad Axle

Idaho TWRGs (level 2)



Idaho TWRGs



General Traffic Inputs

- Wander (Default)
- No of axles per truck category
- Axle configuration (Default)
- Wheelbase (Default)

General Traffic Inputs

Lateral Traffic Wander

Mean wheel location (inches from the lane marking): 18

Traffic wander standard deviation (in): 10

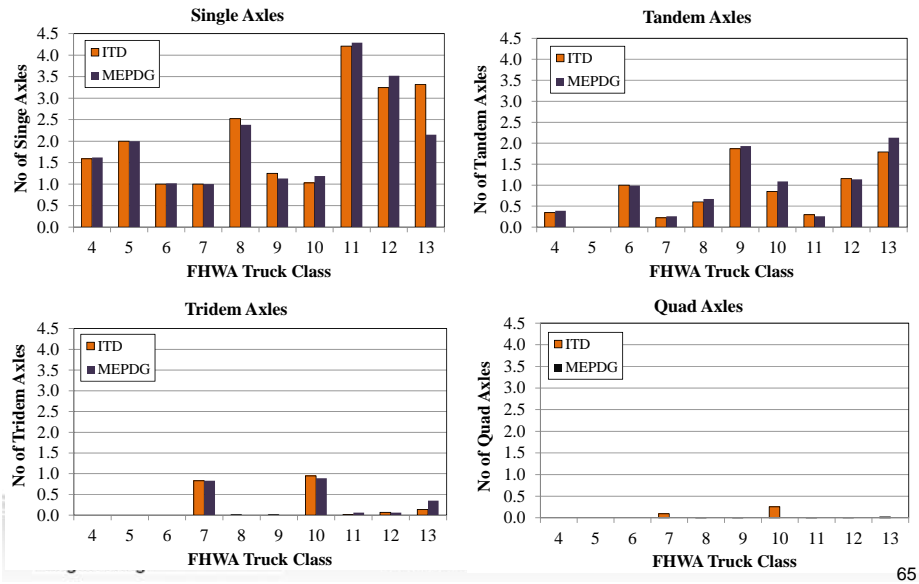
Design lane width (ft): (Note: This is not slab width) 12

Number Axles/Truck Axle Configuration Wheelbase

	Single	Tandem	Tridem	Quad
Class 4	1.62	0.39	0	0
Class 5	2	0	0	0
Class 6	1.02	0.99	0	0
Class 7	1	0.26	0.83	0
Class 8	2.38	0.67	0	0
Class 9	1.13	1.93	0	0
Class 10	1.19	1.09	0.89	0
Class 11	4.29	0.26	0.06	0
Class 12	3.52	1.14	0.06	0
Class 13	2.15	2.13	0.35	0

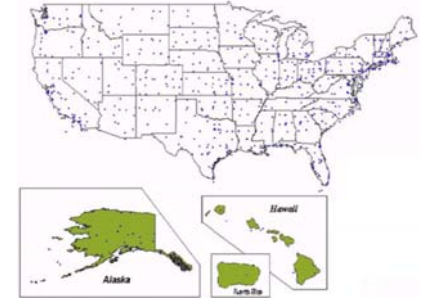
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General Traffic Inputs Number of Axles Per Truck



Task 5 - Climatic Database for Idaho

- MEPDG Requires the Following
 - Hourly air temperature
 - Hourly precipitation
 - Hourly wind speed
 - Hourly percentage sunshine
 - Hourly relative humidity
 - Ground water depth



Task 5: Climatic Database for Idaho (Cont'd)

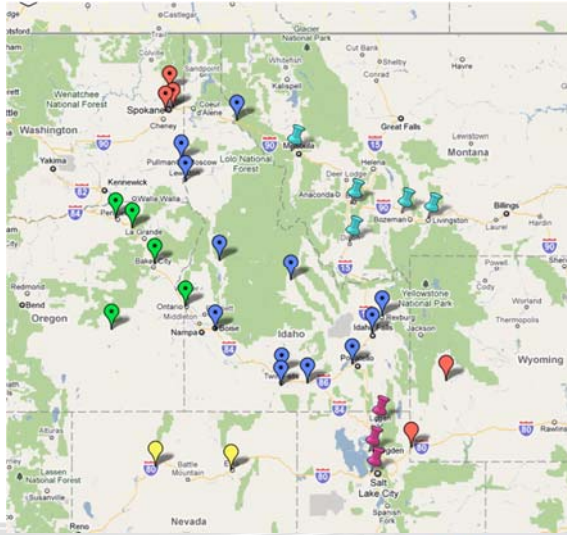
Idaho Weather Stations Currently Available in the MEPDG Software Version 1.100

Weather Station	Station Location	Latitude (Degree.Minutes)	Longitude (Degree.Minutes)	Elevation (ft)	Months of Available Data	Months Missing in File
Baker City	Baker City Municipal Airport	44.5	-117.49	3363	52	0
Boise	Boise Air Trml/Gowen FD AP	43.34	-116.13	2861	116	0
Burley	Burley Municipal Airport	42.32	-113.46	4151	64	0
Challis	Challis Airport	41.31*	-114.13	5042	90	0
Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls Regional Airport	43.31	-112.04	4768	97	0
Jerome	Jerome County Airport	42.44	-114.28	4012	109	4*
Lewiston	Lewiston-Nez-Perce co airport	46.22	-117.01	1447	116	0
MC Call	MC Call Municipal Airport	44.53	-116.06	5032	101	0
Mullan Pass	Mullan Pass	47.28	-115.38	6074	116	0
Pocatello	Pocatello Regional Airport	42.55	-112.34	4454	116	0
Rexburg	Rexburg-Madison County Airport	43.5	-111.53	4875	97	1*
Twin Falls	Jsin Fld-Magic Vly Regional Airport	42.29	-114.29	4148	105	1*
Pullman/Moscow	Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport	46.44	-117.07	2540	93	0

Weather Stations Located in Idaho Adjacent States Close to Idaho Borders

Weather Station	Station Location	State	Latitude (Degree.Minutes)	Longitude (Degree.Minutes)	Elevation (ft)	Months of Available Data	Months Missing in File
Baker City	Baker City Municipal Airport	Oregon	44.5	-117.49	3363	52	0
Burns	Burns Municipal Airport	Oregon	43.35	-118.57	4148	116	0
Meacham	Meacham	Oregon	45.31	-118.25	3729	94	0
Pendleton	Eastern Oregon Regional Airport	Oregon	45.42	-118.5	1516	116	1*
Ontario	Ontario Municipal Airport	Oregon	44.01	-117.01	2192	104	0
Deer Park	Deer Park Airport	Washington	47.58	-117.25	2196	88	1*
Spokane	Spokane International Airport	Washington	47.37	-117.32	2384	116	0
Spokane	Felts Field Airport	Washington	47.41	-117.19	1979	89	0
Bozeman	Gallatin Field Airport	Montana	45.47	-111.09	4468	116	0
Butte	Bert Mooney Airport	Montana	45.58	-112.3	5539	64	0
Dillon	Dillon Airport	Montana	45.16	-112.33	5221	105	0

Weather Stations Located in Idaho and Idaho Adjacent States Close to Idaho Borders



Recommended Weather Stations for Each Idaho County

Idaho County	MEPDG Weather Station
Boundary	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass
Bonner	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman-Moscow
Kootenai	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman/Moscow, Lewiston
Benewah	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman/Moscow, Lewiston
Shoshone	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman/Moscow, Lewiston, Missoula
Latah	Deer Park, Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman/Moscow, Lewiston
Clearwater	Spokane Felts Field, Spokane International Airport, Mullan Pass, Pullman/Moscow, Lewiston, Missoula
Nez Perce	Lewiston, Pullman/Moscow, Meacham

GWT Depth

- Seasonal water table depth variations have a great impact on the in-situ moisture of the unbound base/subbase and subgrade materials.
- For the State of Idaho, GWT depth can be obtained either from geotechnical investigation reports done at the project site.
- Other source for GWT depth are:
 - Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterInformation/GWLevels>.
 - The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) website:
<http://groundwaterwatch.usgs.gov/default.asp>

Thank you