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## Abstract

At some route corridors, especially at import and export corridors, there exists a considerable movement of heavy trucks, higher tire pressures and high temperature which instigates a significant increase of dynamic loads and failures on the bituminous road pavements. Due to this, currently, high budgets are allocated for the construction of rigid pavements at some corridors which intern is affecting the financial dealings of the government since there are also other alternatives for enhancing the performance of flexible pavement with reduced cost. One alternative to improve the performance of asphalt pavements in hot climates and under heavy traffic is to use bitumen modifiers to enhance its rheological property. Hence, in this research waste thermoplastic polymer (waste polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)) modifiers were used with varied content and percentage by weight of the bitumen (i.e. 8%, 10%, 12 & 14% by weight of the bitumen) and the performance of the modified bitumen and the asphalt mix were evaluated through experimental studies based on Super-pave test method (specific tests selected for targeted performance indicator tests). As a result, unlike the pure bitumen which has a temperature resistance of up to 64°C and accommodating a maximum traffic level up to 10 Million ESAL, at the same temperature, it was able to increase the resistance of the traffic level up to three times (i.e. 30 Million) by adding 14% PVC to the bitumen. Furthermore, with the same composition the modified bitumen was able to resist a standard traffic level up to 10million ESAL at increased temperature level up to 70°C. Additionally, based on performance tests, by adding 14% waste PVC, the permanent deformation (rut depth) at the end of the design life of the asphalt mix was able to reduce by 35% relative to the pure/non – modified mix and the modified mix was able to have a better resistance to moisture-induced damages and lesser reduction in strength after it was conditioned in water.

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## List of Symbols and Abbreviations

|                 |                                                                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PVC             | Polyvinile chloride                                                |
| AASHTO          | American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials |
| ASTM            | American Society for Testing and Material                          |
| V <sub>a</sub>  | air void                                                           |
| G <sub>mm</sub> | theoretical Specific gravity                                       |
| MSCR            | Multiple stress recovery                                           |
| PG              | performance grade                                                  |
| RTFO            | Rolling Thin Film Oven                                             |
| SHRP            | Strategic Highway Research Program                                 |
| SUPER-PAVE      | Superior Performance Pavement                                      |
| DSR             | Dynamic Shear Rheometer                                            |
| GTP             | Growth and transformation plan                                     |
| RSDP            | road sector development program                                    |
| GOE             | Government of Ethiopia                                             |
| MEPDG           | Mechanistic–Empirical Pavement Design Guide                        |
| ε <sub>o</sub>  | Initial Strain at the beginning of the Creep Portion of each Cycle |
| ε <sub>c</sub>  | Strain at the end of the Creep Portion of each Cycle               |
| ε <sub>r</sub>  | the strain value at the of the recovery portion                    |
| J <sub>nr</sub> | residual strain (Non recoverable creep compliance)                 |
| G*              | Complex Shear Modulus                                              |
| δ               | Phase angle                                                        |

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The communal consequence of traffic loading and temperature is very critical on the functional as well as on the structural performance of flexible pavements, and it shall be carefully considered through the design and material selection of the pavement. Temperature variations within a pavement structure contribute to the occurrence of distresses in different ways cause possible failure of pavement structures. More than rigid pavements, flexible pavements, which are widely used, are more subjected to large temperature range/variation due to temperature susceptible behavior of bitumen in asphalt concrete mix. And to this regard, during the past three years, the road industry in Ethiopia is introducing rigid pavement construction in hot semi-arid corridors where large number of heavy axle traffic are anticipated like most of Afar region (i.e. construction of Dichoto-Galafi-Elidar-Belho road project and Afdera-Irebtu junction-Ertale junction- Ahmedela road projects are amongst). In this case, even if it is significant to bring new and different design and construction techniques in the road construction commerce, on the other hand, it is apparent to ruminate the cost riding quality and safety aspects on both type of pavements which in this case the initial construction cost and the riding quality for rigid pavement is comparatively tough relative to the flexible pavements. To counter these shortcomings, the common pavement materials shall be modified to enhance high-temperature performance/response of this flexible pavements like using modified binders in asphalt mixes and this could enable flexible pavement to withstand the combined effect of both hot climate and large number of heavy axle traffic.

The basis of this research is to study the performance/enactment of flexible pavements at high temperature and traffic loading through using Bitumen modifiers particularly by using non-biodegradable material like waste thermoplastic polymers (waste polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)) that has been used previously as either part of cable and service ducting, drainage pipe, pipe and fittings, and sewerage system by considering the undesirable impact on the environment. Here, the concern is to study waste PVC pipes performing as bitumen modifier by varying the content of the PVC for pavement applications. And further, the preeminent way to yield this benefit is that to use analytical and experimental methodologies that potentially improve the mix design methods that imply a direct relationship between laboratory analysis

and field performance after construction i.e. Super-pave Mix Design method for HMA. The different properties of individual mixture materials aggregates (coarse, fine & filler), bitumen, PVC modified bitumen and different mixes made of this materials are evaluated through different material quality and performance tests; and for the modified and unmodified bituminous mixture, comparisons have been made with one another based on the performance test results and the proposed mix design outcomes.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

For hot temperature areas, the most important performance requirement for asphalt mixture is resistance to rutting and resistance to bleeding of asphalt binder. And bitumen has a prodigious influence on this performance requirement and it is very necessary to know how the composition of bitumen affects the physical reactivity of the bitumen itself and the physical property of the asphalt mixture. For flexible pavements, High Temperature causes colossal damage to the pavement majorly due variation of asphalt binder property (rheology) with temperature, therefore, expected extreme temperatures and the damage/effect thereof should be primary consideration and to address this deficiency modifying the bitumen physical property to achieve the required performance can be satisfactorily achieved through bitumen modifiers. In this regard, the previous asphalt binder characterization and grading system(i.e. the empirical system) did not directly account temperature effects and on the other hand, Super-pave asphalt binder performance grading system corrects this deficiency by grading asphalt binder based on its performance in relation to temperature. In advantage, the Super-pave mix design is advanced to address/consider specific mix design issues with Hveem and Marshal mix design methods such as traffic loading, environmental condition and better simulation with the actual field compaction (gyratory) which in this case more suitable for studying the effect of traffic condition and temperature on the modified and unmodified mix conditions.

## **1.3 Research questions**

The following questions are answered by this research:

- ❖ Is waste PVC bitumen modifier compatible with bitumen, and in what conditions?
- ❖ What is the effect of Waste PVC bitumen modifier in altering the properties of bitumen, and the overall asphalt mix performance?

- ❖ What is the reliable content of modifier to satisfactorily enhance the property of bitumen?

## **1.4 Objectives of the research**

### **1.4.1 General objectives**

The general objective of this research is to study performance of bitumen and bituminous mixture at high temperature by adding a modifier (i.e. thermoplastic polymer/waste PVC) to the 40/50 bitumen.

### **1.4.2 Specific objectives**

- ❖ To check the compatibility of waste polyvinyle chloride with Bitumen,
- ❖ To study the performance behavior (ability for rut resistance) of the modified bitumen by varying the modifier content,
- ❖ To define the appropriate content of the modifier by weight of bitumen,
- ❖ To compare the modified mix with the conventional one through Super-pave mix design.
- ❖ To evaluate the performance of the two different mixes using performance tests.

## **1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Research**

The limitations and assumptions of the research are: -

- ❖ The experimental tests for this research were limited to the available testing equipment in Addis Ababa University, and test machines which were available at the laboratory of the Modjo – Hawasa expressway project. In this regard, rotational viscometer and indirect tensile test machines (with Super-pave mold) were not available at so many laboratories. Therefore, as a replacement of the rotational viscometer, the compaction and mixing temperature was determined based on the original/pure binder's viscosity.
- ❖ The research does not include economic implications (cost analysis) evaluation of the outputs of the research.
- ❖ The research is conducted for only one penetration grade bitumen (40/50) and all results of the tests and the overall conclusions are pertinent for similar grade and source of bitumen.

## 1.6 Significance of the research

This research will make a contribution to waste materials to be recycled and used as a modifier for bitumen mixture which enhances the performance of the mixture in later use in pavement works. Furthermore, it contributes to minimizing environmental damage by adding value to the plastic (non-degradable) waste management problems.

## 1.7 Outline and organization of the research

Here **Section one** provides the introduction, statement of the problem, objective and significance of the research. **Section 2** comprises literature survey of past experimental investigations on interrelated matters focusing on the study area and significant parameters. **Section 3** sights the methodology for experimental tests and major process of the tests conducted. **Section 4** discusses the results obtained from the experimental studies. **Section 5** determines the conclusion and recommendation of the research.

## 2 Literature review

This chapter delivers a background of the study area and related subjects and identifies the connection of others works in the context of their contribution to the subject matter and tries to put the topic within the context of existing literature by specifying a case for why further study is required. Thus, further review will be made on the historical background of Super-pave mix design analysis, system components, bitumen modifiers, the relevancy of bitumen modification and performance of pavement in relation to traffic loading and temperature.

### 2.1 Introduction

Ethiopia's road network has been improving each year. As of the end of Fiscal year 2017/18, Ethiopia had 126,773 kilometers (78,773 miles) of all-weather roads – about 37% of the required road network in the country. In 2017 and 2018, the Ethiopian Government invested about 33.1 billion Ethiopian birr in road construction. The Federal roads authority has plans to build a total road stretch of about 10,000 KMs at a cost of 41 billion during the past year (2019). In the previous 15 years, the Government of Ethiopia has been robustly engaged in construction of new roads targeting expansion of the existing road network through Road Sector Development Program (RSDP). Throughout the the second Growth transformation Plan period which covers from 2015/16 to 2019/20, the Government of Ethiopia planned expansion of the the road network of the country to 220,000 kilometers. (Ethiopia road and railway, 2019)

Accordingly, it is understood that our country is assigning large budget for road construction and in order to get (Byram, et al., 2012) well benefits from the invested costs, Proper designed, constructed and maintained Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) are required for giving many years of satisfactory service in return. However, like all pavements, HMA pavements can be damaged by certain conditions. Different researches and investigations have indicated some of the main reasons behind the failures in road constructions. The common forms of pavement distresses comprises distortion, cracking, skidding hazards, disintegration and surface treatment distress. For these failures, the typical causes include traffic loading (extreme/unexpected traffic and heavy loading), influence of climate or environment, pavement drainage problem, individual material quality deficiencies and workmanship problem. Therefore, climate conditions and traffic load are some of the significant effects of the deterioration and early failure of roads.

## 2.2 Effect of temperature and Traffic loading on pavement performance

Climate change has a huge effect on the deterioration rates of flexible pavements and pavement service lives. Many studies have indicated that temperature is the supreme significant environmental factor in road construction. For the asphalt mixture, Proper design of a pavement includes consideration of climatic factor. Unless otherwise, distresses caused by the environment are inevitable. The Selection of asphalt binder is strictly related to the surrounding temperature conditions in order to fulfil the pavement functional and structural requirements. To this effect, some recent reserches proved that temperature is the most dominant factor for flexiable pavemnts and the discovery of Byram et al is amongst. (Byram, et al., 2012)

This study is basically conducted to examine the sensitivity of climatic inputs of an American pavement analysis tool, the Mechanistic–Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG).

Pavement temperature is considered to have an effect on rutting of asphalt, thermal cracking, and age hardening. Because of the viscoelastic nature of bituminous binders, temperature plays an important part in rutting and stiffness performance of asphalt pavement. Enlarged rutting of asphalt is anticipated under higher tempratures, mainly while large and slow traffic volume is experianced. (WillwayT, et al., 2008)

Flexible pavements are more prone to age hardening under increased pavement temperature. Among the undesirable influences on road surface, age hardening is amongst because this can condense the capability of the pavement to flex under traffic. Due to this effect, the surface becomes brittle and vulnerable to cracking. (Ishai, 1987)

In addition to the impact of temperature on the road, as illustrated above; traffic load has a significant influence. Examining the effect of traffic loading on pavement is important since it is an input for the road design and construction process particularly for technical reason (i.e. bituminous mixture & pavement design and for administration which is regulation of total loads of vehicles and regulation of legal axle).

Traffic on a pavement is categorized through a large number of different vehicle types, and traffic loads are considered in pavement design by means of truck factors to change the damage they put on the pavement to the anticipated damage that would be applied through standard axle. The truck factors to change trucks into standard axles or the load equivalent factors to change

axles in to standard axles are well-defined by considering the average loads for each axle. This procedure comprises vehicles traveling with axle loads beyond the legal limit. These vehicles/axles cause significant damage to pavements which in turn increases the rehabilitation and construction cost of roads.

Important investigations and recommendations were done by AASHTO road tests which give the relevant information on the effects of axle loads on pavements. Afterwards other essential research has been performed.

The basic behaviors of pavement depend on the combined characteristics of individual pavement materials and thickness, the construction quality, the environmental and climatic condition, and condition of the subgrade (presence of ground water and bearing capacity of the subgrade material). However, it is the traffic (i.e. frequency, load intensity of the axle and tire configuration) which is principally accountable for pavement damage because of the applied loads by tires of vehicles. In this regard, the critical factor causing failures in pavement resulting from rutting and fatigue cracking and at the end demanding pavement rehabilitation at early stage of the road design period is heavy traffic. (JorgeC, 2013)

In a process of investigating the influence of traffic loads on performance of pavement, Timm et al. has recommended models to characterize the distribution of traffic which can be applied to study the influence of the overloaded traffic on pavement performance. (TimmD, et al., 2005)

Currently, in our country, routes serving as main import-export corridors are experiencing hot temperatures and are serving large number of heavy axle traffic and due to this, they are undergoing difficulty withstanding the traffic loading adequately. And now, due to these reasons, rigid pavements are currently introduced to the construction industry. However, from the comparative studies made by Milind V. Mohod & Dr.K.N.Kadam, on rigid and flexible pavements, the disadvantages of rigid pavement when compared with flexible were Higher initial cost of construction; and if not properly constructed tends to be more troublesome for reconstruction or repair and the rough riding quality of rigid pavement than flexible are amongst. (MilindV, et al., 2016)

Thus, even though many advantages will be gained through using rigid pavements like less lifetime cost, durability and ability to accommodate the traffic at difficult external conditions, the

initial investment cost is the main factor to be considered to satisfy and address the increasing demand of road and transportation infrastructure. (MilindV, et al., 2016)

This demand for better roads and services required researchers to explore cost effective engineering products in order to satisfy the increasing demand that would economize the construction as well as increase durability like those modifiers which improve the temperature susceptibility and viscosity characteristics of bitumen. Many studies have been conducted on enhancing high temperature performance of flexible pavements and have proposed many types of bitumen modifiers based on experimental studies.

Therefore, Especial attention is needed for the roads constructed in hot weather condition regions and areas of the country. In the same way, the growth in the development of the area, which in consequence will have an enormous contribution for traffic growth, shall be considered on the stage of design. Accordingly, the type of modifiers and the relevance of the same will be discussed on the next section of the chapter.

## **2.3 Bitumen Modifiers**

Bitumen is composed principally of high molecular weight hydrocarbons, having adhesive properties, derived from petroleum either by natural or refinery processes and substantially soluble in carbon disulphide. (Akhber Yousefi ,2002), bitumen in pure form may not be suitable for heavy traffic and high temperature condition. Modern roads and present traffic, therefore forced engineers to modify bitumen to improve its performance during service life. The modified binders are more stable under heavy loads, braking and accelerating forces and shows increased resistance to permanent deformation in hot weather.

There are 3 categories of bitumen modifier, based on the physical changes they make on the overall properties of bitumen, they are categorized as physical, chemical and other type of modification. Among the modification types the research focuses on physical modification.

The type of physical modifiers is indicated in the table below: -

*Table 2-1* The type of physical modifier and additive used in the material (Read and Whiteoak, 2003)

| TYPE OF MODIFIER             | TYPE OF ADDITIVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Thermoplastic Elastomers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Styrene – butadiene – styrene (SBS)</li><li>• Styrene – butadiene – rubber (SBR)</li><li>• Styrene – isoprene – styrene (SIS)</li><li>• Styrene – ethylene – butadiene – styrene (SEBS)</li><li>• Ethylene – propylene – diene terpolymer (EPDM)</li><li>• Isobutene – isoprene copolymer (IIR)</li><li>• Natural rubber</li><li>• Crumb tyre rubber</li><li>• Polybutadiene (PBD)</li><li>• Polyisoprene</li></ul> |
| (2) Thermoplastic Polymer    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA)</li><li>• Ethylene methyl acrylate (EMA)</li><li>• Ethylene butyl acrylate (EBA)</li><li>• Atactic polypropylene (APP)</li><li>• Polyethylene (PE)</li><li>• Polypropylene (PP)</li><li>• Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)</li><li>• Polystyrene (PS)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                |
| (3) Thermosetting Polymers   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Epoxy Resin</li><li>• Polyurethane Resin</li><li>• Acrylic Resin</li><li>• Phenolic resin</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Bitumen can be modified using polymers either using physical modification by adding thermoplastic elastomers, thermoplastic polymers & thermosetting polymers or by using a chemical agent as additive like Organo- metallic compounds, Sulphur, hydrated lime & other chemical additives. (Read & Whiteoak, 2003)

However, most modifiers besides being costly are not easily available and since better alternatives with reduced cost are needed, further studies made by Usman G. and Waqass Arshade T. have familiarize the use of Waste polymers like (polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) materials

that considers both reduced cost of construction and protected environment from waste plastic in regard to availability and non-degradability of waste plastic materials has been introduced through experimental study. And based on experimental tests they have proved that Waste PVC pipe can be successfully used as modifier with bitumen, and the addition of waste PVC has increased the softening point and decreased the penetration value which will prove beneficial in hot climate areas and also helpful to overcome the bleeding problems and the stability and % air voids of the bituminous mixes were also improved and this intern enables to withstand larger stresses imposed on it by moving wheel loads without sustaining substantial permanent deformation. (Ghani & Tanoli, 2015)

Furthermore, similar results were also obtained on researches made by Bale, Vasudevan and Mauskar on waste plastic modified bitumen with the added content of PVC within the range of 4-8% by weight of bitumen content. (BaleA.S, 2011), (MauskarJ.M, 2008)

The above mentioned researches showed that The performance characteristic of the bituminous mix made up of these modified binder (PVC) were enhanced based on prevailing conditions on each studies but many of the researchers conduct their studies by considering the effects of varying percentage of modifiers with in small range and does not provide the more reliable percentage content of modifier. plus, recent studies made here in Ethiopia using other bitumen modifiers used a marshal mix deign method for the mix design which is an empirical system that did not directly account temperature, traffic and actual performance of the mix and this research focus on this gaps.

This research also considers utilizing waste plastic materials (PVC) for pavement works. Therefore, it is important to review the practices of plastic waste management in our country. Currently, economic development and people's changing patterns of consumption and production have led to a drastic increase in plastic wastes all over the world. Plastic waste disposal harms the environment and poses a threat to human health. Hence, there is a great desire to reduce plastic wastes. To reduce plastic wastes, education is of utmost importance as education can change people's knowledge, attitude, and behaviors toward plastic waste management. In this regard, we have to use these surplus wastes to useful material input for engineering and other purposes.

### 2.3.1 Plastic Waste Management Practices

In developing countries, improper handling and disposal of solid wastes contribute to high level of mortality and morbidity even if produce less per capita solid waste (Me (martin\_medina\_martinez, 2013), because of cities and municipalities cannot cope up with the accelerated rate of waste production and composition in terms of technology, institutional arrangement and cost-effectiveness of solid waste management (Modak, 2010)

Due to these, improper municipal solid waste disposal and management causes all types of pollution, i.e. air, soil and water pollution (Alam and Ahamade, 2013). This indicated that human health and ecosystem service is threatened by an improper solid waste management system. Even though the overall goal of urban solid waste management is to collect, treat and dispose of solid waste generated by all urban dwellers, 30%–60% of all the urban solid wastes are uncollected, and less than 50% of the population is served (Monoyoncho, 2013). As a result, inefficient municipal solid waste management systems increase disease transmission, contaminate ground and surface water, create greenhouse gas emissions, damage ecosystem services, discourages tourism and other business activities (Alam and Ahamade, 2013).

Taking into account all the mentioned problems, this research also tried to consider waste material (waste PVC) to be used as bitumen modifier which decreases the biodiversity impact of plastic wastes. The following pictures illustrate solid/plastic waste disposal practices in Ethiopia.



Figure 2-1 solid/plastic waste disposal practices around Koshe Addis Ababa Ethiopia

### **2.3.2 The role of bitumen modifiers in bitumen and bituminous mixture**

Bitumen plays a significant role and is responsible for the visco-elastic behavior of asphalts, and this is important in determining many aspects of road performance, particularly resistance to deformation and cracking. In general, the proportion of any induced strain in asphalt that is attributable to viscous flow (i.e. non-recoverable flow) increases with both the loading time and the temperature. One of the prime roles of many bitumen modifiers is to increase the resistance of the asphalt to deformation at high road temperatures without adversely affecting the properties of the bitumen or asphalt at other temperatures. This is achieved by one of the two following methods, both of which result in a reduction in the permanent strain. The first approach is to stiffen the bitumen so that the total visco-elastic response of the asphalt is reduced. The second approach is to increase the elastic component of the bitumen, thereby reducing the viscous component. Increasing the stiffness of the bitumen is also likely to increase the dynamic stiffness of the asphalt. This will improve the load spreading capability of the material, increase the structural strength and lengthen the expected service life of the pavement. Alternatively, it may be possible to achieve the same structural strength but with a thinner layer. Increasing the elastic component of the bitumen will improve the flexibility of the asphalt. This is important where high tensile strains are induced. In the 1970s, the development of PMBs (Jiqing et al., 2014; Taylor and Airey, 2008; Yetkin, 2007) and the use of additives for bitumen by controlled industrial The Shell Bitumen Handbook150.

Furthermore, the addition/modification of bitumen through modifiers requires advanced level test methods in order to evaluate the effects of the modifier on the bitumen by considering the external factors (temperature and traffic loading) as basic input. The research paper also takes in to account the advanced test methods for the evaluation of the modifications made on the bitumen and bituminous mixture. The next section also explains the basics of the test methods utilized in this research.

## **2.4 Super-pave test methods**

A variety of asphalt mix design methods are practiced all over the world such as Asphalt Institute Triaxial, Marshall, Hubbard field, Super-pave, and Hveem mix design methods. Out of these three are most widely practiced: Marshall; Super-pave; and Hveem mix design methods (H.U.Bahia, 1993). The primary problem of the Marshall Design method is that the asphalt mixes are designed based on empirical laboratory procedures, without simulating the actual field

conditions. This makes it difficult to accurately predict how a particular mix will perform in the field. (Roberts, et al., 1991). The Super-pave mix design method was developed to fill this need. To design a proper asphalt mix, this method is based on performance-related criteria which allow a direct relationship to be drawn between the lab and field performance of the asphalt mix.

Super-pave stands for Superior Performing Asphalt Pavements. Super-pave was initially developed by the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) (1987-1993) and it continues to improve. This method was mainly developed to improve previous HMA design methods. Some of the primary goals of this method are: better incorporation of traffic and climatic conditions, better asphalt binder and aggregate evaluation and selection and better volumetric approaches to mix design. ((SP-2), 1996)

the temperature conditions under which specified binder properties must be achieved are vastly different, recognizing the deficiencies in the existing system, state highway agencies decided to fund a research program to develop a new system for specifying paving asphalt also and the following features comprises the developed system: -

- ❖ it is called a “binder “specification because it is intended for modified as well as unmodified asphalts,
- ❖ a unique feature of the Super-pave specification is that the specified criteria remain constant, but the temperature at which the criteria must be achieved changes for the various grades.
- ❖ The Super-pave test measures physical properties that can be related directly to field performance by engineering principles.
- ❖ The Super-pave binder tests are also conducted at temperatures that are encountered by in-service pavements.

The following table depicts Super-pave binder test equipment and their purpose.

Table 2-2 Super-pave Binder Test Equipment

| <b>Super-pave Binder Test Equipment</b> |                                       |                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Equipment</b>                        |                                       | <b>Purpose</b>                                                                             |
| Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR)           | Amplitude Sweep Test                  | Measures binders stiffness and elasticity properties at high and intermediate temperatures |
|                                         | Frequency Sweep Test                  |                                                                                            |
|                                         | PG Determination Test                 |                                                                                            |
|                                         | Multiple Stress Creep & Recovery Test |                                                                                            |
| Rotational Viscometer (RV)              |                                       | Measures binder viscosity at high temperature                                              |
| Bending Beam Rheometer                  |                                       | Measures low-temperature stiffness and failure properties                                  |

The Super-pave mix design process starts with aggregate evaluation. Aggregate characteristics are identified as either source properties or consensus properties. Source properties are defined by the purchasing agency. Consensus aggregate properties were defined by the Super-pave researches to ensure mixes made with the aggregate have good performance characteristics. The researcher envisioned that all agencies using Super-pave would adopt these specifications without modification for local conditions. (McLeod & N.W, 1956)

A study in India by Swami et al. was conducted to ascertain and evaluate how well Super-pave designed mixtures performed compared to conventional Marshall mix with respect to permanent deformation (rutting) using local materials in Malaysia. The study results showed that the Super-pave gyratory compactor (SGC) is capable of achieving lower air void contents than that could be achieved by the mechanical Marshall hammer compactor. Also they found that Super-pave mixes have less asphalt binder contents than the Marshall mixes. (B.L.Swami, et al., 2004)

The presence of modifiers and the effects thereof is also more identifiable through Super-pave test methods since it accounts for the effect of variation of different external factors on the properties of bitumen. Considering this, the Super-pave test methods are selected for this research.

### 3 Research methods and materials

#### 3.1 Introduction

The research methodology applied for this study is experimental. As it is stated before, the main objective of this study is to investigate the behavior of modified asphalt mixes containing waste polyvinyl chloride at high temperature and heavy traffic condition that is based on the super-pave performance test method. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct all the necessary experimental tests required in order to arrive at a reasonable conclusion point. The tests are conducted on a virgin binder and on the bitumen treated with a waste polyvinyl chloride modifier. Therefore, the research design describes the types of materials to be tested, sample preparation, types of tests and purpose of the test and related matters.

#### 3.2 Experimental Program Test Method

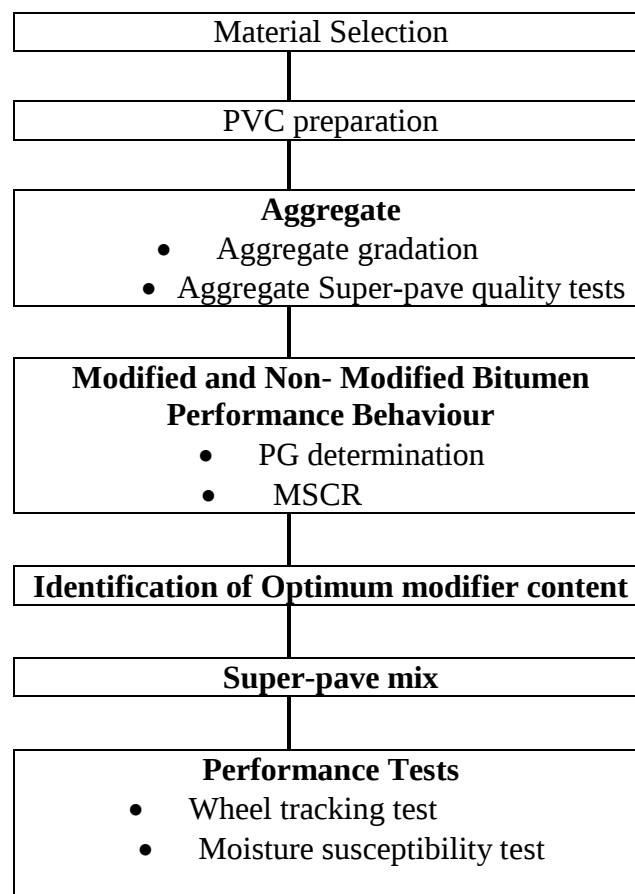


Figure 3-1 Experimental Program

### 3.3 Materials

Materials required for the research work are as follows:

- Bitumen
- Waste PVC material as modifier
- Aggregates

#### 3.3.1 Bitumen

Super-pave uses its own asphalt binder selection process which is tied to Super-pave asphalt binder performance grading system that is considering the anticipated pavement temperature extremes in the area of intended use. For this study, a penetration grade of 40/50 is used, which is one of the most commonly used bitumen type for hot weather environment in Ethiopia.

#### 3.3.2 Waste PVC material as modifier

By considering the undesirable impact on the environment, a thermoplastic polymer (waste polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)) that has been used previously as plastic partition board and drainage pipe were selected for the modification purpose. The collected PVC was subjected to shredding through shredding machines at plastic factories. Then the shredded pieces were further sieved to get a particle size less than 0.25 millimeter since as per MS4 7<sup>th</sup> edition, a particulate matter that has a particle size greater than 0.25 millimeter may interfere with the consistency response of tests at high temperature while testing through DSR machine.

However, the PVC powder was not compatible with the bitumen, while mixing, it was noted that all the PVC powder try to stick together rather than dispersing through the bitumen. Further, the distinct powder was unable to melt with in the PVC melting temperature which is suggested to be between 160°C up to 260°C. Nevertheless, within the melting temperature of the PVC it was able to get a PVC burned powder which can be easily pulverized into small pieces. Then, the pulverized pieces were again sieved to get a particle size less than 0.25 millimeter and finally, the compatibility of the bitumen and the burned PVC powder within the range of melting temperature of the PVC were achieved. The following pictures describe the process to prepare a compatible PVC powder modifier for the bitumen.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 3-2 material preparation of PVC material (a) Pulverized PVC (b) Burning Furnace (c) Burned powder



Figure 3-3 bitumen mixed with PVC powder

### 3.3.3 Aggregates

Aggregates are also major compositions of the asphalt mix, coarse aggregates, fine aggregates and filler (dust) that have been used to conduct the experimental tests for this research.



Figure 3-4 Aggregate used for the asphalt mix

Under the Super-pave system, there are two types of aggregate properties: source properties and Consensus Properties. Those properties must be met at various levels depending on the traffic level and position within the pavement. These properties are requirements for quality of aggregate used in HMA.

### 3.3.3.1 Consensus properties for aggregate

- coarse aggregate angularity
- fine aggregate angularity
- flat or elongated particles
- clay content

#### Coarse Aggregate Angularity

This property confirms a high degree of aggregate rutting resistance & internal friction and recommends how much percent of the coarse aggregate has Fractured Face based on traffic level and position within the pavement. The details of the procedure and recommended values are stated under ASTM D 5821.

Table 3-1 Requirements for coarse aggregate angularity

| Traffic, million ESALs | Depth from Surface |            |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                        | $\leq 100$ mm      | $> 100$ mm |
| $< 0.3$                | 55                 | 50         |
| 0.3 to $< 3$           | 75                 | 50         |
| 3 to $< 10$            | 85/80              | 60         |
| 10 to $< 30$           | 95/90              | 80/75      |
| $\geq 30$              | 100/100            | 100/100    |
| Shoulder               | 50                 | 50         |

#### Fine Aggregate Angularity

This property is distinct as the percentage air void in loosely compacted aggregate sizes smaller than 2.36mm. A higher void content means more fractured faces and confirms a high degree of rutting resistance and fine aggregate internal friction. As per AASHTO T 304 test method, the output results are recommended to have fine aggregate angularity as indicated in the table below based on traffic level and position within the pavement.

Table 3-2 Requirements for fine aggregate angularity

| Traffic, million ESALs | Depth from Surface |            |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                        | $\leq 100$ mm      | $> 100$ mm |
| $< 0.3$                | 42                 | 42         |
| 0.3 to $< 3$           | 42 (45*)           | 42         |
| 3 to $< 10$            | 45                 | 42         |
| 10 to $< 30$           | 45                 | 42         |
| $\geq 30$              | 45                 | 45         |
| Shoulder               | 40                 | 40         |

**Flat and Elongated Particles**

Normally, those aggregates which have greater maximum to minimum dimension ratio than five are not recommended for the aggregate structure. Elongated particles are unwanted because they have an affinity to break under traffic and during construction. The test procedure used is illustrated under ASTM D-4791.

Table 3-3 : Requirements for Flat and Elongated Particles for HMA

| Traffic, million ESALs                                                                   | Maximum, Percent |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| All Traffic Levels                                                                       | 10               |
| Note: Criteria are presented as maximum percent by mass of flat and elongated particles. |                  |

**Clay Content (Sand Equivalent)**

Clay content (Sand Equivalent) is the percent by volume of clay material which is contained in the aggregate fraction. The sand equivalent value is computed as a ratio of the sand to clay height readings expressed as a percentage.

Table 3.4: Clay Content (Sand Equivalent) Criteria

| Traffic, million ESALs | Sand Equivalent minimum, percent |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $< 0.3$                | 40                               |
| 0.3 to $< 3$           | 40                               |
| 3 to $< 10$            | 45                               |
| 10 to $< 30$           | 45                               |
| $\geq 30$              | 50                               |
| Shoulder               | 40                               |

### 3.3.3.2 Source Properties

The source properties are:

- toughness
- soundness

#### **Toughness**

Toughness is the resistance of coarse aggregates to abrasion and degradation and is measured by the Los Angeles abrasion test (AASHTO T 96 or ASTM C131). This test estimates the mechanical degradation of aggregates during handling, construction, and in-service. It is performed by subjecting the coarse aggregate, usually larger than 2.36 mm, to impact and grinding by steel spheres. The test result is percent loss, which is the mass percentage of coarse material lost during the test as a result of the mechanical degradation. The percentage loss is recommended to be less than 35 percent.

#### **Soundness**

Soundness is the percent loss of materials from an aggregate blend during the sodium sulfate soundness test. The procedure is stated in AASHTO T 104 or ASTM C88. This test estimates the resistance of aggregate to weathering while in service. It can be performed on both coarse and fine aggregate. The test is performed by alternately exposing an aggregate sample to repeated immersions in saturated solutions of sodium or magnesium sulfate each followed by oven drying. One immersion and drying is considered one soundness cycle. During the drying phase, salts precipitate in the permeable void space of the aggregate. Upon re-immersion, the salt rehydrates and exerts expansive forces that simulate the expansive forces of freezing water. The test result is total percent loss over various sieve intervals for a required number of cycles. Maximum loss values range from approximately 10 to 20 percent for five cycles.

#### **Aggregate Gradation**

aggregate structure (design blend) consists of determining the aggregate stockpile proportions and corresponding combined gradations of the mix design. The design aggregate structure, when blended at the optimum asphalt binder content, should yield acceptable volumetric properties based on the established criteria.

For this specific study, a nominal size of 19mm has been selected considering heavy traffic (i.e. Design ESALs (million) > 30) and the following figures and charts depicts the template and chart prepared as a requirement based on MS4.

Table 3-4 Gradation control points (Asphalt Institute Manual, MS<sub>4</sub>)

| 19mm nominal size |                |       |                 |       | Sieve Size<br>mm power<br>of 0.45 |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Sieve Size        | Control Points |       | Restricted Zone |       |                                   |
|                   | Lower          | upper | Lower           | upper |                                   |
| 25                | 100            | 100   |                 |       | 4.3                               |
| 19                | 90             | 100   |                 |       | 3.8                               |
| 12.5              |                | 90    |                 |       | 3.1                               |
| 9.5               |                |       |                 |       | 2.8                               |
| 4.75              |                |       |                 |       | 2.0                               |
| 2.36              | 23             | 49    | 34.6            | 34.6  | 1.5                               |
| 1.18              |                |       | 22.3            | 28.3  | 1.1                               |
| 0.6               |                |       | 16.7            | 20.7  | 0.8                               |
| 0.3               |                |       | 13.7            | 13.7  | 0.6                               |
| 0.15              |                |       |                 |       | 0.4                               |
| 0.075             | 2              | 8     |                 |       | 0.3                               |

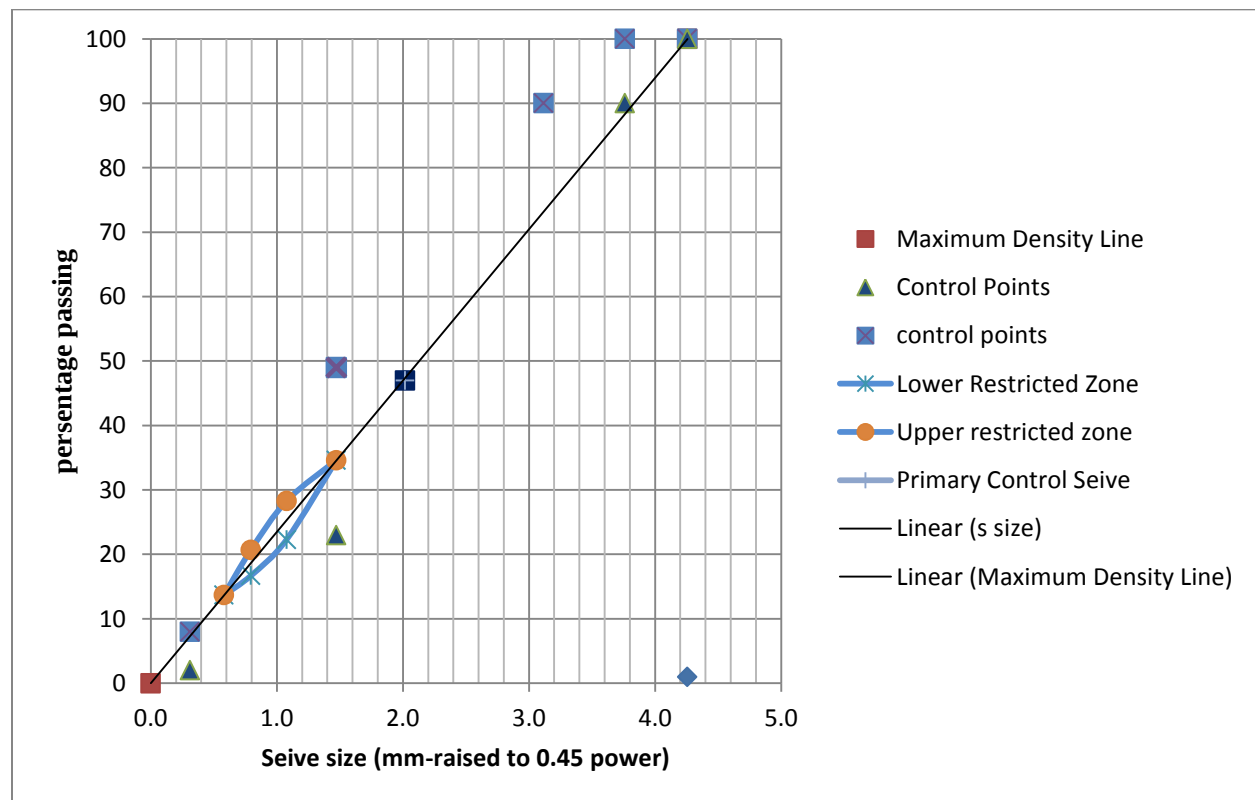


Figure 3-5 grading chart including control and restricted points

## **3.4 Bitumen Tests**

### **3.4.1 Conventional Tests**

The following conventional tests of bitumen have been conducted.

#### **3.4.1.1 Penetration Test**

Penetration test measures the consistency (hardness or softness) of asphalt binder. The standard test method for penetration of bituminous materials is described under ASTM D5 or AASHTO T 49. The penetration is determined by measuring the distance in tenths of millimeter that a standard needle vertically penetrates a sample of the material under a specified load at a specified temperature within a specific period of time. In normal condition, 100g of loading at a temperature of 25°C and 5sec of testing time is common. Higher values of penetration indicate softer consistency and the lower the value the harder the bitumen is. Here the penetration test is conducted in order to confirm the supplier data.

#### **3.4.1.2 Kinematic viscosity**

It is the ratio of - absolute (or dynamic) viscosity to density - a quantity in which no force is involved (gravitational force). Kinematic viscosity can be obtained by dividing the absolute viscosity of a fluid with the fluid mass density. On which absolute viscosity - coefficient of absolute viscosity - is a measure of internal resistance. It is the tangential force per unit area required to move one horizontal plane with respect to another plane - at a unit velocity - when maintaining a unit distance apart in the fluid. Here, viscosity test was conducted in order to estimate the compaction and mixing temperature of the mix.

#### **3.4.1.3 Specific gravity (as an input for the asphalt mix design)**

The specific gravity of bitumen is the ratio of the mass of a given volume of bitumen to the mass of an equal volume water at a similar temperature. The specific gravity of bitumen is an input for the mix design process.

### **3.4.2 Conditioning test**

#### **A. RTFO (Rotational Thin Film Oven test)**

The basic RTFO procedure is conducted with unaged asphalt binder samples in cylindrical glass bottles and these bottles are placed in a rotating carriage within an oven. The carriage rotates within the oven while the 325°F (163°C) temperature ages the samples for 85 minutes. RTFO

aged sample simulates the reaction of the bitumen with oxygen while mixing and placing of the asphalt mix by considering the short term aging of the bitumen due to the same scenario.



Figure 3-6 RTFO test Machine

### 3.4.3 Asphalt SUPER-PAVE Tests

Super-pave binder tests are used to quantify the asphalt performance at different stage of the pavement life. It used to study the bitumen property at its original state, after mixing and placing of the asphalt layer (short term aging effect) and after its service/design life (long term aging effect) considering different external factors. In this research, before beginning of tests for the bitumen, test specimens (bitumen and PVC powder) were prepared accordingly the bitumen was heated at 165°C first and based on related researches (i.e. research done by (Ambika Behl, 2012) and (Shirish N. Nemade, 2013)), the mixing temperature for blending bitumen and PVC was considered between 160°C and 165°C, (this temperature is also with in the range of pvc melting temperature which is also used to crack the pvc in to powder form), and the frequency of the stirrer Machine (i.e. 2000rpm using electronic stirrer machine). The mixing time was considered to be 40 minutes.



Figure 3-7 Electronic Stiring Machine

Table 3-5 proportions for Mixing/Blending of Waste PVC Material with Bitumen

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| 1 | 0%-PVC  |
| 2 | 8%-PVC  |
| 3 | 10%-PVC |
| 4 | 12%-PVC |
| 5 | 14%-PVC |



Figure 3-8 prepared samples with different asphalt and PVC proportion

### 3.4.3.1 Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR) Tests

The rheological behavior of asphalt depends on both temperature and loading time. And a supreme test for asphalt should consider both factors. In this regard, the Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR) test machine has a competency of considering both effects in the test procedure. The DSR is used to characterize the viscous and elastic behavior of asphalt binders. It measures the viscous and elastic properties of a thin asphalt binder sample sandwiched between an oscillating and a fixed plate. Operational details of the DSR can be found in AASHTO T 315.



Figure 3-9 DSR test machine

In this research, among the DSR tests, only PG determination and Multiple stress recovery tests were conducted for original and aged binder respectively.

#### A. PG Determination Test

PG determination test is one of DSR tests which is conducted at high temperature in order to categorize the bitumen, based on its temperature resistance considering PG factors. The basic target here is to determine the complex shear ( $G^*$ ) modulus and phase angle ( $\delta$ ) of asphalt binders. The apparatus consists of a dynamic shear rheometer (DSR), a temperature controller, and a computer that is used to control the rheometer and acquire data. The test is performed on unaged binders and binders that have been aged in a rolling thin film oven. However, in this research considering updated versions of the DSR tests and considering better correlation with the actual performance of HMA on fields, MSCR test better simulates the effect of temperature and traffic loading. Therefore, here PG determination test is conducted in order to identify testing temperatures for MSCR test and for minimizing several trials for later tests. And the tests are

conducted for only unaged binder. Super-pave specification defines and places requirements on a rutting factor,  $G^*/\sin \delta$  which represents a measure of high-temperature stiffness; and to minimize the rutting effect of the asphalt  $G^*/\sin \delta$  should be minimum of 1Kpa for unaged binder.

### **B. Multiple stress creep and Recovery Test**

The Multiple Stress Creep Recovery (MSCR) test is the newest upgrading to the Super-pave PG Asphalt Binder specification. The requirement/procedure is listed under AASHTO T350 and AASHTO M332. MSCR provides a new high-temperature binder specification that more accurately indicates the rutting performance of the asphalt binder. It avoids the need to conduct tests such as elastic recovery and phase angle designed specifically to indicate polymer modification of asphalt binders. A single MSCR test can provide information on both the performance and formulation of the asphalt binder. The MSCR test results allow binder formulators to use a more economical use of polymers to improve performance.

MSCR test uses the Dynamic Shear Rheometer to measure the nonrecoverable creep compliance ( $J_{nr}$ ) and percent recovery ( $R_{3.2}$ ). The asphalt binder sample is sandwiched between the DSR's parallel plates and is sheared for one second and allowed to recover without loading for nine seconds.  $J$  (compliance) is inversely related to the complex modulus. The lower the  $J_{nr}$  value the stiffer the binder. The permanent strain measured directly relates to rutting. The calculated  $J_{nr}$  is unrecoverable strain/ applied stress. The  $R_{3.2}$  which gives us information about binder modification is recoverable strain/unrecoverable strain  $\times 100\%$ . Recovery tells us how readily the sample will return to its original form.

## **3.5 Asphalt Mix Design using the Super-pave method**

### **3.5.1 Determining the Optimum Binder Content**

Based on the test results from the bitumen test (i.e. PG determination test and MSCR test), one optimum content of PVC is selected and for comparison purpose one modified and non - modified mixes (at optimum content of PVC) are prepared as per the following procedures. By utilizing the selected aggregate gradations initially, the optimum binder content was predicted and samples were prepared accordingly. Design bitumen content is determined giving air void

content of 4% at design gyration and insuring the specification values for Voids in mineral aggregates (VMA), Voids Filled with Asphalt (VFA) and Specific gravity.

Primarily, the actual traffic load for 20 years regardless of actual roadway design life and the number of gyration is selected according to the table below;

Table 3-6 A number of gyration for N<sub>initial</sub>, N<sub>design</sub>, N<sub>max</sub> (SP-2, third edition)

| 20-yr Traffic Loading   | Number of Gyration   |                     |                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| (10 <sup>6</sup> ESALs) | N <sub>initial</sub> | N <sub>design</sub> | N <sub>max</sub> |
| <0.3                    | 6                    | 50                  | 75               |
| 0.3 to 3                | 7                    | 75                  | 115              |
| 3 to 30                 | 8                    | 100                 | 160              |
| ≥ 30                    | 9                    | 125                 | 205              |

The traffic load is selected for ESALs > 30 for 20-year traffic loading and N<sub>design</sub> is selected as 125. When the gyration number is selected specimens with three different binder contents (5.2%, 5.3%, and 5.4%) is prepared. For modified binder (5.8%, 6% and 6.2%). All of them have been compacted with the N<sub>design</sub> gyration numbers. After the compaction, the air void contents, VMA contents, VFA contents and specific gravity values are calculated according to the following equations;

$$V_a = \left(1 - \frac{G_{mb}}{G_{mm}}\right) \times 100 \quad (3.1)$$

$$G_{mb} = \frac{W_d}{W_{SSD} - W_{Sub}} \quad (3.2)$$

$$G_{mm} = \frac{W_{agg} + W_b}{V_{eff} + V_b} \quad (3.3)$$

$$V_{eff} = V_{agg} - V_{BA} \quad (3.4)$$

Where;  $V_a$  is the air void (%),

$G_{mm}$  is the theoretical Specific gravity ( $g/cm^3$ ),

$w_d$  is the dry weight (g),

$W_{SSD}$  is the saturated surface dry weight (g),

$W_{sub}$  is the weight submerged in water (g),

$W_{agg}$  is the weight of aggregate (g),

$W_b$  is the weight of binder= (g),

$V_{eff}$  is the effective volume of aggregate (cm3),

$V$  is the volume of binder (cm3),

$V_{agg}$  is the volume of aggregate (cm3),

$V_{BA}$  is the volume of absorbed asphalt (cm3),

When the air voids are calculated the corresponding VMA and VFA values are calculated with the following equations;

$$V_{MA} = 100 - \left[ \frac{G_{mb} \times P_s}{G_{sb}} \right] \quad (3.5)$$

$$V_{FA} = V_{MA} - P_a \quad (3.6)$$

Where; VMA is the voids in mineral aggregate (%),

$P_s$  is the aggregate content by weight of mix (%),

$G_{sb}$  is the bulk specific gravity of the aggregate (g cm3),

VFA is the voids filled with asphalt (%),

$P_a$  percent of the air voids (%),

Accordingly, the design mix is selected considering the mix at the optimum bitumen content that satisfies all volumetric properties requirements and compaction characteristics.

The following figures illustrate the test machines used for the mix design preparation and sample preparations for the mix.



Figure 3-10 vacuum pump machine (used to suck the air in the asphalt mixture)



Figure 3-11 Gyratory compaction machine



Figure 3-12 Super-pave Compacted Samples

### 3.6 Performance tests

As part of the study, after proper mixes with the required proportion of aggregate and bitumen is identifies further performance evaluation of the two types of mixes were conducted through wheel-track and moisture susceptibility tests. Here the wheel track test for both modified and non-modified samples is conducted at 64<sup>0</sup>c for comparison purposes.

### 3.6.1 Moisture Susceptibility

AASHTO T283 (2011) test procedure is used to obtain the Indirect Tensile (IDT) strength. Here for moisture susceptibility test the method of compaction and the over all procedure is adopted based on marshall test method due to the reason that the molds avialble at the laboratory for this particular test was marshal moulds. Accordingly, the mixtures are compacted with 400 blows for each side. Compacted specimens are prepared to be further conditioned in water at 60oc for 24 hours to simulate the water damage on the mix and other untreated samples as a control to verify the percentage difference/ratio on the tensile strength of test specimens. Typical TSR values are expected to lie in between the range from 70% to 90%. The following figures show the test machines for the indirect tensile strength and sample soaking water bath which was used for conditioning the samples.



Figure 3-13 Indirect Tensile strength test machine



Figure 3-14 water bath for conditioning samples for moisture susceptibility test

### 3.6.2 Wheel Tracking Test

The wheel track is used to evaluate the rutting performance of asphalt mixture. Before beginning the test, samples were prepared using a slab compactor machine with 25 number of passes considering the initial compaction of asphalt after placing. Then the compacted specimen is subjected to wheel tracking test for 6hrs and 20,000 number of passes (i.e. the number of pass simulates heavy traffic condition which exceeds 30million ESAL) with controlling the temperature at 64oc. The following figures show the wheel track machines and specimens (including after tests are conducted).



Figure 3-15 Wheel truck test machine



Figure 3-16 Specimen compactor for Wheel track



Figure 3-17 wheel truck specimen after test

## 4 Result and Discussion

This part of the research signifies the study results in light of the conducted laboratory tests and interprets and describes how the results fit with the prevailing knowledge, what new comprehensions they contribute and insights confirmation and challenges with the prevailing theories.

### 4.1 Analysis and Interpretation of Asphalt Test Results

Almost all tests conducted here are based on super pave test methods except penetration and viscosity for the original binder (i.e. in order to confirm the penetration grades of the bitumen and for the purpose of determining mixing and compaction temperature) and moisture susceptibility test for the asphalt mixes for both modified and non- modified was conducted using Marshall test machine (i.e. Marshall test machine is used here due to the difficulty of using Super-pave gyratory compacter mold at the laboratory for moisture susceptibility test).

#### 4.1.1 Conventional Tests for Asphalt

Conventional Tests for asphalt binder undergoes rigorous methods that do not have a common generic asphalt binder selection and evaluation procedure; each specifying entity uses empirical methods and have poor relation with the performance of asphalt on the actual conditions.

Here, penetration test was conducted to confirm the supplier data and Kinematics viscosity test was conducted for the purpose of determining compaction and mixing temperature for later use of the Asphalt mix procedures. Results of conventional tests conducted on the binder are given in the table 4-1 below: -

Table 4-1 penetration and kinematic viscosity specific gravity test result

| Description of test                                            | Test Method | Composition          | Test Result |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Penetration value AC 40/50 at 25° c                            | AASHTO T49  | Non modified bitumen | 44          |
| Kinematics Viscosity at 135 ° c Cst (for non modified bitumen) | AASHTO T201 | Non modified bitumen | 400         |
| Kinematics Viscosity at 160 ° c Cst (for non modified bitumen) | AASHTO T201 | Non modified bitumen | 190         |
| Specific gravity at 25°c                                       | AASHTO T228 | Non modified bitumen | 1.026       |
| Specific gravity at 25°c                                       | AASHTO T228 | modified bitumen     | 1.041       |

As depicted in the table above the penetration value is 44 which confirms that the penetration grade of the original asphalt is 40/50; and the fluid's internal resistance to flow under gravitational force at different temperatures is also presented with Cst (square millimeter per second).

#### **4.1.2 Super pave tests for Asphalt**

The basis for conducting Super-pave tests for the asphalt in this research is basically to study the material property under different (i.e. high) temperature and to determine the optimum content of modifier that brings satisfactory test results for later use in the mix design. And this research only focuses on high pavement temperature since the study is basically for high temperature and heavy traffic performance of asphalt mix.

As preliminary, prior to the beginning of tests, the first preparation work was mixing the PVC powder with the bitumen; as mentioned in chapter three, the PVC is first prepared in a powder form with a particle size of less 0.25 millimeter. Then, the powder was added percentage by weight of the bitumen and thoroughly mixed with the bitumen until a uniform mixture is developed the percent compositions mentioned under table 3.5 are decided through PG determination tests, after many trials, by considering those results that show significant changes in the output results. Further, the initial trials for determining the amount of PVC to be added to the bitumen were based on previously conducted researches. However, it was difficult to attain similar percentages since most of the researches were done by melting the PVC with chemicals or by using the unprocessed or the virgin PVC powder as a bitumen modifier.

##### **4.1.2.1 Performance grade determination**

In the case of performance grade determination using DSR, as the shear stress, ( $\tau$ ) is applied to the test samples, it measures the response (shear strain) of the asphalt. The relationship between the applied stress and the resulting strain provides information necessary to calculate the complex shear modulus ( $G^*$ ) and phase angle ( $\delta$  /delta). Here the strain (input) was 12% and this being an input for the test the samples were conditioned for 10 minutes and the test was conducted at different Temperatures with 6°C increments until the sample fails to satisfy the required resistance for the provided temperature (i.e until  $G^*/\sin \delta$  becomes less than 1Kpa) . The following table shows the test results of all binders (both modified and non-modified) including the exact temperature at which the requisite factor goes beyond the required limit.

Table 4-2 PG determination test results of modified and unmodified original binder

| 40/50 binder and modifier composition | Trials                     | Temperature (°C) | Phase Angle (°) | Complex Modulus (KPa) | Elastic Modulus (KPa) | Viscous Modulus (KPa) | G*/sin δ | Pass Fail Temp | Avg. Pass Fail Temp |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| 100% - bitumen<br>0% - PVC            | 1                          | 58.1             | 88.9            | 2.92                  | 0.06                  | 2.92                  | 3.63     | 65.7           | 65.73               |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.09            | 89.28           | 1.22                  | 0.02                  | 1.22                  | 1.26     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 70.05            | 89.25           | 0.55                  | 0.01                  | 0.55                  | 0.57     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 2                          | 58.02            | 89.04           | 2.87                  | 0.05                  | 2.87                  | 3.27     | 65.8           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.09            | 89.47           | 1.26                  | 0.01                  | 1.26                  | 1.26     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 69.96            | 89.4            | 0.56                  | 0.01                  | 0.56                  | 0.57     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 3                          | 58.04            | 89.02           | 2.89                  | 0.05                  | 2.89                  | 3.32     | 65.7           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.09            | 89.24           | 1.23                  | 0.02                  | 1.29                  | 1.29     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 70.05            | 89.35           | 0.55                  | 0.01                  | 0.55                  | 0.56     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            |                  |                 |                       |                       |                       |          |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 92% - bitumen<br>8% - PVC  | 1                | 58.01           | 88.9                  | 4.32                  | 0.08                  | 4.32     | 5.37           |                     | 68.5  | 68    |
|                                       |                            |                  | 63.95           | 89.28                 | 1.85                  | 0.02                  | 1.85     | 1.91           |                     |       |       |
| 69.95                                 |                            |                  | 89.26           | 0.82                  | 0.01                  | 0.82                  | 0.85     |                |                     |       |       |
| 2                                     |                            | 58.06            | 88.72           | 3.84                  | 0.09                  | 3.84                  | 5.6      | 68.1           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.07            | 88.9            | 1.69                  | 0.03                  | 1.69                  | 2.1      |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 69.98            | 88.81           | 0.78                  | 0.02                  | 0.79                  | 1.05     |                |                     |       |       |
| 3                                     |                            | 58.04            | 88.72           | 3.46                  | 0.08                  | 3.46                  | 5.04     | 67.4           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.1             | 88.91           | 1.5                   | 0.03                  | 1.5                   | 1.85     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 70.02            | 88.73           | 0.71                  | 0.02                  | 0.71                  | 1.03     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            |                  |                 |                       |                       |                       |          |                |                     |       |       |
| 90% - bitumen<br>10% - PVC            |                            | 1                | 58.06           | 88.3                  | 4.33                  | 0.15                  | 4.33     | 13.15          | 69                  | 68.87 |       |
|                                       |                            |                  | 64.02           | 88.72                 | 1.93                  | 0.05                  | 1.93     | 2.81           |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 69.98                      |                  | 88.34           | 0.88                  | 0.03                  | 0.88                  | 2.4      |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 2                          | 58.03            | 88.41           | 4.59                  | 0.13                  | 4.58                  | 10.64    | 68.9           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 63.93            | 88.76           | 1.96                  | 0.04                  | 1.96                  | 2.75     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 69.9             | 88.75           | 0.87                  | 0.02                  | 0.87                  | 1.23     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 3                          | 57.91            | 88.46           | 4.3                   | 0.12                  | 4.3                   | 9.05     | 68.7           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 64.09            | 88.83           | 1.84                  | 0.04                  | 1.84                  | 2.42     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 70.03            | 88.88           | 0.84                  | 0.02                  | 0.84                  | 1.06     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            |                  |                 |                       |                       |                       |          |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       | 88% - bitumen<br>12% - PVC | 1                | 58.06           | 88.71                 | 5.09                  | 0.11                  | 5.09     | 7.5            | 69.3                |       | 69.33 |
|                                       |                            |                  | 63.97           | 89.26                 | 2.11                  | 0.03                  | 2.11     | 2.19           |                     |       |       |
| 69.99                                 |                            |                  | 89.4            | 0.91                  | 0.01                  | 0.91                  | 0.92     |                |                     |       |       |
| 2                                     |                            | 57.96            | 88.55           | 4.71                  | 0.12                  | 4.71                  | 8.52     | 69             |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 63.94            | 89.01           | 1.98                  | 0.03                  | 1.98                  | 2.29     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 69.99            | 89.15           | 0.87                  | 0.01                  | 0.87                  | 0.94     |                |                     |       |       |
| 3                                     |                            | 58.1             | 88.58           | 4.78                  | 0.12                  | 4.78                  | 8.28     | 69.7           |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 63.95            | 89.1            | 2.11                  | 0.03                  | 2.11                  | 2.32     |                |                     |       |       |
|                                       |                            | 70.1             | 89.25           | 0.95                  | 0.01                  | 0.94                  | 0.98     |                |                     |       |       |

|                            |   |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |  |
|----------------------------|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--|
|                            |   |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |  |
| 86% - bitumen<br>14% - PVC | 1 | 57.98 | 88.7  | 5.86 | 0.13 | 5.86 | 8.74 | 70.3 | 70.27 |  |
|                            |   | 64.08 | 89.22 | 2.42 | 0.03 | 2.42 | 2.54 |      |       |  |
|                            |   | 70.1  | 89.46 | 1.03 | 0.01 | 1.03 | 1.03 |      |       |  |
|                            |   | 76.04 | 89.23 | 0.48 | 0.01 | 0.48 | 0.5  |      |       |  |
|                            |   |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |  |
|                            | 2 | 58.1  | 88.77 | 5.54 | 0.12 | 5.54 | 7.69 | 70.4 |       |  |
|                            |   | 64.01 | 89.22 | 2.34 | 0.03 | 2.34 | 2.46 |      |       |  |
|                            |   | 70.01 | 89.3  | 1    | 0.01 | 0.99 | 1.03 |      |       |  |
|                            |   | 76.07 | 89.42 | 0.45 | 0.01 | 0.43 | 0.46 |      |       |  |
|                            |   |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |  |
|                            |   | 57.97 | 88.75 | 5.7  | 0.13 | 5.72 | 8.06 | 70.1 |       |  |
|                            |   | 64.02 | 89.24 | 2.37 | 0.03 | 2.37 | 2.48 |      |       |  |
| 70.09                      |   | 89.36 | 1.01  | 0.01 | 1    | 1.02 |      |      |       |  |
| 76.01                      |   | 89.33 | 0.46  | 0.01 | 0.44 | 0.47 |      |      |       |  |

N.B, minimum of 3 trials have been conducted for the conducted tests

Based on the results, the complex shear modulus ( $G^*$ ) is the ratio of the total shear stress to the total shear strain and the time lag between the applied stress and the resulting strain is related to the phase angle ( $\delta$  /delta). For perfectly elastic material an applied load causes an immediate response; thus the time lag or phase angle is zero, meanwhile a viscous material has a relatively larger time lag between load and response. Before the formation of the MSCR test, Super-pave specification defines and places requirements on a rutting factor,  $G^*/\sin \delta$  which represents a measure of high-temperature stiffness or rutting resistance; and to minimize the rutting effect of the asphalt  $G^*/\sin \delta$  should be minimum of 1Kpa for the original binder.

Accordingly, as presented on the table above, all compositions of binders except the 14% modifier & 86% binder composition, failed the minimum criteria of AASHTO M-320 (i.e.  $G^*/\sin \delta > 1\text{Kpa}$ ) between 64oC and 70 oC and the latest fails to satisfy after 70oc. And this indicates the used 14% modifier has better resistance under higher temperatures relative to the others.

As a result, based on the average pass-fail temperature (i.e., for every three trials), and the corresponding rutting factor ( $G^*/\sin \delta$ ) the equivalent PG grade is determined as follows:- (here the PG graids are disignated as “PG HH – LL”, HH stands for the high temperature at which the samples deem to comply the rutting factor /limit to the maximum and LL stands for the low temperature; however, since the research focuses on high temperature performance this area has not been included/studied in this circumstance).

Table 4-3 equivalent PG grade for the binder

| binder Type | composition    | Avg. Pass Fail Temp | $G^*/\sin \delta > 1\text{Kpa}$ | PG Determination |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 40/50       | 0% - PVC       | 65.73               | 1.26                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 100% - bitumen |                     | 1.26                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             |                |                     | 1.29                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 8% - PVC       | 68                  | 1.91                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 92% - bitumen  |                     | 2.1                             | PG 64 – LL       |
|             |                |                     | 1.85                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 10% - PVC      | 68.87               | 2.81                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 90% - bitumen  |                     | 2.75                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             |                |                     | 2.42                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 12% - PVC      | 69.33               | 2.19                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 88% - bitumen  |                     | 2.29                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             |                |                     | 2.32                            | PG 64 – LL       |
|             | 14% - PVC      | 70.27               | 1.03                            | PG 70 – LL       |
|             | 86% - bitumen  |                     | 1.03                            | PG 70 – LL       |
|             |                |                     | 1.02                            | PG 70 – LL       |

N.B, minimum of 3 trials have been conducted for the executed tests and the study gives emphases on for only high temperature

Accordingly, all binders (0%, 8%, 10%, 12%) compositions are categorized as PG 64 and 14% modified binder categorized as PG 70. Note that the drade classification is further strengthen/ confirmed through MSCR test since PG is less correlated (is indicator of) rutting performance.

#### 4.1.2.2 Multiple Stress Creep Recovery

Principally, in rating binders for rutting resistance, the PG rutting parameter ( $G^*/\sin\delta$ ) was found to have poor correlations with field rutting. It was found to be deficient in indicating the rutting performance of some binders on previous studies, particularly polymer-modified binders. As a consequence, this has become the reason for the development of the improved test method (i.e. Multiple Stress Creep Recovery (MSCR) test) which has a better correlation with rutting performance. The determination of PG temperature minimizes the number of tests for too many temperature levels. Therefore, based on the determined PG grade of each binder, the MSCR test was conducted at a temperature of the corresponding PG grade and at the immediate preceding and succeeding grades with number of three trials for every sample. The temperature level for each sample are depicted in the table below: -

Table 4-4 Testing Temperature for MSCR test

| binder Type | composition                | Equivalent PG | Testing Temperature |    |    |    |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----|----|----|
| 40/50       | 0% - PVC<br>100% - bitumen | PG 64         | 58                  | 64 | 70 | -  |
|             | 8% - PVC<br>92% - bitumen  | PG 64         | 58                  | 64 | 70 | -  |
|             | 10% - PVC<br>90% - bitumen | PG 64         | 58                  | 64 | 70 | -  |
|             | 12% - PVC<br>88% - bitumen | PG 64         | 58                  | 64 | 70 | -  |
|             | 14% - PVC<br>86% - bitumen | PG 70         | 58                  | 64 | 70 | 76 |

After the samples are prepared based on the above compositions, the samples were exposed for aging using RTFO (rolling thin film oven) aging machine, all samples were exposed for 85 minutes under 163oc with an application of external air pressure. The samples have been checked for percent mass/weight loss before and after aging condition and it was confirmed that all samples are in the range of 0.05 to 0.5 percent.

Subsequently, based on the computation illustrated under chapter three for MSCR test, all output data are computed using similar procedures and for purpose of demonstration among the three trials for a sample, one trial test which is conducted at 58oc for pure bitumen is presented in table 4-6 below.

Table 4-5 computation of MSCR test data for 0.1Kpa stress level for pure bitumen at a temperature of 58<sup>o</sup>c

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | J <sub>nr</sub> , Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c \cdot \epsilon_0$            | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 197.92613                                        | 218.72542                                        | 20.79929                                              | 217.52700                             | 5.8                                                                 | 19.60087                                                                                    | 1.96                                               |
| 2            | 217.79331                                        | 238.13986                                        | 20.34655                                              | 236.99470                             | 5.6                                                                 | 19.20139                                                                                    | 1.92                                               |
| 3            | 237.31428                                        | 257.79399                                        | 20.47971                                              | 256.59557                             | 5.9                                                                 | 19.28129                                                                                    | 1.93                                               |

|             |           |           |          |           |     |                    |        |        |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 4           | 256.91515 | 277.34160 | 20.42645 | 276.19644 | 5.6 | 19.28129           | 1.93   |        |
| 5           | 276.51602 | 296.96909 | 20.45308 | 295.69078 | 6.2 | 19.17476           | 1.92   |        |
| 6           | 295.98372 | 316.83628 | 20.85255 | 315.53133 | 6.3 | 19.54760           | 1.95   |        |
| 7           | 315.85091 | 336.49041 | 20.63950 | 335.21209 | 6.2 | 19.36118           | 1.94   |        |
| 8           | 335.53167 | 355.98474 | 20.45308 | 354.41348 | 7.7 | 18.88181           | 1.89   |        |
| 9           | 354.73306 | 375.18614 | 20.45308 | 373.69477 | 7.3 | 18.96171           | 1.90   |        |
| 10          | 374.01435 | 394.46742 | 20.45308 | 392.92279 | 7.6 | 18.90844           | 1.89   |        |
| Temperature |           | 58°C      |          |           | 6.4 |                    | 1.92   |        |
|             |           |           |          |           |     | Avg                | 1.9220 |        |
|             |           |           |          |           |     | Min                | 1.8882 |        |
|             |           |           |          |           |     | Max                | 1.9601 |        |
|             |           |           |          |           |     | % Normalized Range |        | 3.7412 |

Table 4-6 computation of MSCR test data for 3.2Kpa stress level for pure bitumen at a temperature of 58°C

| Stress Cycle       | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                 | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa            | $\epsilon_o$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_c\cdot\epsilon_o$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2,N)=(\epsilon_c-\epsilon_r)/\epsilon_1*100$ | $\epsilon_{10}=\epsilon_r-\epsilon_o$                                                       | $Jnr(3.2,N)=\epsilon_{10}/3.2kPa$ |
| 1                  | 404.02817                                        | 1073.25393                                       | 669.22576                                             | 1067.95418                            | 0.8                                                        | 663.926                                                                                     | 2.07                              |
| 2                  | 1079.61883                                       | 1753.55840                                       | 673.93957                                             | 1751.05500                            | 0.4                                                        | 671.436                                                                                     | 2.10                              |
| 3                  | 1762.13375                                       | 2439.77505                                       | 677.64130                                             | 2437.35160                            | 0.4                                                        | 675.218                                                                                     | 2.11                              |
| 4                  | 2448.32382                                       | 3125.96518                                       | 677.64136                                             | 3121.89053                            | 0.6                                                        | 673.567                                                                                     | 2.10                              |
| 5                  | 3133.26223                                       | 3811.46285                                       | 678.20062                                             | 3807.38820                            | 0.6                                                        | 674.126                                                                                     | 2.11                              |
| 6                  | 3818.33379                                       | 4499.78347                                       | 681.44968                                             | 4495.44247                            | 0.6                                                        | 677.109                                                                                     | 2.12                              |
| 7                  | 4506.97395                                       | 5191.53948                                       | 684.56553                                             | 5187.22515                            | 0.6                                                        | 680.251                                                                                     | 2.13                              |
| 8                  | 5198.67674                                       | 5886.46475                                       | 687.78800                                             | 5882.15041                            | 0.6                                                        | 683.474                                                                                     | 2.14                              |
| 9                  | 5893.14927                                       | 6581.92265                                       | 688.77338                                             | 6577.42183                            | 0.7                                                        | 684.273                                                                                     | 2.14                              |
| 10                 | 6588.74026                                       | 7274.13143                                       | 685.39117                                             | 7269.60401                            | 0.7                                                        | 680.864                                                                                     | 2.13                              |
| Temperature        |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.59                                                       |                                                                                             | 2.11                              |
|                    |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Avg                                                                                         | 2.1138                            |
|                    |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Min                                                                                         | 2.0748                            |
|                    |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Max                                                                                         | 2.1384                            |
| % Normalized Range |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | 3.0080                                                                                      |                                   |

Table 4-7 Jnr diff computation

| Stress Cycle | Jnr diff=(Jnr3.2-Jnr,0.1)/Jnr0.1*100 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1            | 5.851                                |
| 2            | 9.275                                |
| 3            | 9.435                                |
| 4            | 9.168                                |
| 5            | 9.865                                |
| 6            | 8.247                                |
| 7            | 9.796                                |
| 8            | 13.117                               |
| 9            | 12.772                               |
| 10           | 12.526                               |
| Avg          | 10.005                               |

Accordingly, all test data are computed with similar procedure and the computations for the remaining all samples are attached in the Appendix.

From the computation and analysis of test data two vital parameters i.e. Non Recoverable Creep Compliance (Jnr) and Percent Recovery are basically considered, and they are used for analyzing properties of a binder at high temperatures. Accordingly, Jnr is a measure of the amount of residual strain left in the binder specimen after repeated creep and recovery, relative to the applied stress magnitude. The %Recovery at 3.2 kPa is a measure of how much the sample returns to its previous shape after being repeatedly stretched and relaxed.

According to AASHTO M-332 there is a standard specification for PG grade asphalt based on Jnr 3.2 value and other parameters of MSCR test result as stated in the table below:-

Table 4-8 Standard Specification for PG Binder Using MSCR Test (AASHTO M-332)

| Traffic Category    | Traffic levels (ESALs) | Traffic Speed/Load rate(km/h) | Jnr diff | Jnr3.2 (kPa-1) |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Standard "S"        | <10 million            | >70                           | max 75%  | 4              |
| Heavy "H"           | 10>30 million          | 20-70 (slow)                  | max 75%  | 2              |
| Very Heavy "V"      | >30 million            | < 20                          | max 75%  | 1              |
| Extremely Heavy "E" | >30 million            | < 20 (standing )              | max 75%  | 0.5            |

As depicted in the table above, for example for specific temperature say 580c and with Jnr(Kpa-1) ( $\tau=3.2$ ) value of 1.987, the sample is categorized with a grade under PG58H-LL. (which means

the sample has a maximum resistance of heavy traffic i.e. 10 – 30 Million ESAL, with traffic speed of 20-70 Km/hr at 58°C.)

According to the requirements indicated above, test results of each sample are evaluated against the non-Recoverable Creep Compliance  $J_{nr}(Kpa-1)$  ( $\tau=3.2$ ) limits. Subsequently, the categorization of each binder based on the test results is summarized as shown in the table 4-10 below: -

Table 4-9 summary of test results of MSCR and grading of asphalt based on  $J_{nr}(Kpa-1)$  ( $\tau=3.2$ )

| binder Type | composition                    | Temperature (°C) | trial | Jnr(Kpa-1) |            | Jnr diff | % Recovery | average Jnr(Kpa-1) ( $\tau=3.2$ ) | Grade      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|             |                                |                  |       | $\tau=0.1$ | $\tau=3.2$ | (Kpa)    | $\tau=3.2$ |                                   |            |
| 40/50       | 0% - modifier<br>100% - binder | 58               | 1     | 1.92       | 2.11       | 10.0%    | 0.59       | 1.987                             | PG58H - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 1.82       | 1.95       | 7.13%    | 0.61       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 1.87       | 1.90       | 1.83%    | 0.58       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 64               | 1     | 2.99       | 3.29       | 10.1%    | 0.17       | 3.287                             | PG64S - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 2.98       | 3.38       | 13.1%    | 0.2        |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 2.79       | 3.19       | 14.3%    | 0.19       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 70               | 1     | 10.74      | 11.26      | 4.8%     | -0.45      | 11.235                            | -          |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 10.47      | 11.21      | 7.0%     | -0.44      |                                   |            |
| 40/50       | 8% - modifier<br>92% - binder  | 58               | 1     | 1.54       | 1.55       | 0.6%     | 1.14       | 1.637                             | PG58H- LL  |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 1.68       | 1.72       | 2.4%     | 1.43       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 1.61       | 1.64       | 1.9%     | 1.31       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 64               | 1     | 2.85       | 3.00       | 5.2%     | 0.28       | 3.145                             | PG64S - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 2.76       | 3.20       | 15.8%    | 0.29       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 2.99       | 3.24       | 8.4%     | 0.26       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 70               | 1     | 6.51       | 7.30       | 12.1%    | -0.04      | 7.037                             | -          |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 6.44       | 6.92       | 7.5%     | 0.01       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 5.98       | 6.89       | 15.2%    | 0.02       |                                   |            |
| 40/50       | 10% - modifier<br>90% - binder | 58               | 1     | 1.16       | 1.20       | 2.9%     | 1.46       | 1.173                             | PG58H - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 1.09       | 1.15       | 5.8%     | 1.58       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 1.12       | 1.17       | 4.3%     | 1.52       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 64               | 1     | 2.75       | 3.05       | 11.1%    | 0.45       | 3.027                             | PG64S - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 2.82       | 3.00       | 6.4%     | 0.4        |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 2.79       | 3.03       | 8.7%     | 0.42       |                                   |            |
|             |                                | 70               | 1     | 6.48       | 7.03       | 8.5%     | -0.12      | 7.013                             | -          |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 6.27       | 7.00       | 11.6%    | -0.1       |                                   |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 6.38       | 7.01       | 10.0%    | -0.11      |                                   |            |
| 40/50       | 12% - modifier<br>88% - binder | 58               | 1     | 0.92       | 1.02       | 10.99%   | 1.78       | 1.100                             | PG58H - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 1.13       | 1.18       | 5.0%     | 1.25       |                                   |            |

| binder Type | composition                    | Temperature (°C) | trial | Jnr(Kpa-1) |      | Jnr diff | % Recovery | average Jnr(Kpa-1) | Grade      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|------|----------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 1.02       | 1.10 | 7.7%     | 1.5        |                    |            |
| 40/50       | 14% - modifier<br>86% - binder | 64               | 1     | 2.43       | 3.03 | 25.5%    | 0.54       | 2.830              | PG64S - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 2.64       | 2.85 | 8.2%     | 0.58       |                    |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 2.45       | 2.61 | 6.4%     | 0.51       |                    |            |
|             |                                | 70               | 1     | 5.21       | 6.40 | 23.2%    | -0.02      | 6.820              | -          |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 6.7        | 7.24 | 8.1%     | -0.14      |                    |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 5.95       | 6.82 | 14.6%    | -0.08      |                    |            |
|             |                                | 58               | 1     | 0.69       | 0.72 | 4.8%     | 2.73       | 0.753              | PG58V - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 0.77       | 0.79 | 2.0%     | 2.52       |                    |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 0.73       | 0.75 | 3.2%     | 2.62       |                    |            |
|             |                                | 64               | 1     | 1.73       | 1.85 | 7.2%     | 0.89       | 1.790              | PG64H - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 1.42       | 1.59 | 12.1%    | 1.25       |                    |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 1.76       | 1.93 | 9.2%     | 0.85       |                    |            |
|             |                                | 70               | 1     | 3.82       | 4.00 | 4.9%     | 0.17       | 3.930              | PG70S - LL |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 3.46       | 3.79 | 9.5%     | 0.26       |                    |            |
|             |                                |                  | 3     | 3.73       | 4.00 | 7.2%     | 0.21       |                    |            |
|             |                                | 76               | 1     | 8.65       | 9.22 | 6.6%     | -0.28      | 8.515              | -          |
|             |                                |                  | 2     | 7.3        | 7.81 | 7.0%     | -0.53      |                    |            |

As depicted in the above table the Jnr3.2 value decreases as the percentage of PVC modifier increases from 8% to 14% for all test temperatures. Plus, based on the result it is only possible to attain the required performance at 70oc on the modified bitumen at 14% PVC but only for Standard “S” traffic with ESAL of less10 million. Further, it can be noted that for all samples the Jnr diff is way less than 75%.In addition, the following figures illustrate the effect of variation of temperature on the total strain at different stress levels and the effect of addition of PVC at different present on the total strain at maximum stress level (3.2Kpa). (N.B the following data is sample selection for demonstration the remaining samples shares similar trained and are attached in the appendix part of the research paper.)

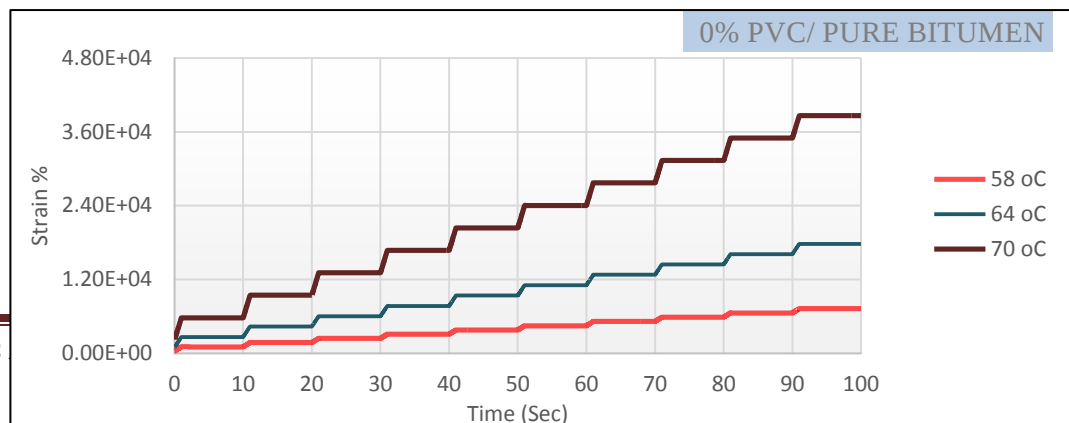


Figure 4-1 effect of variation of temperature on the total strain at stress level 3.2 kpa for pure bitumen

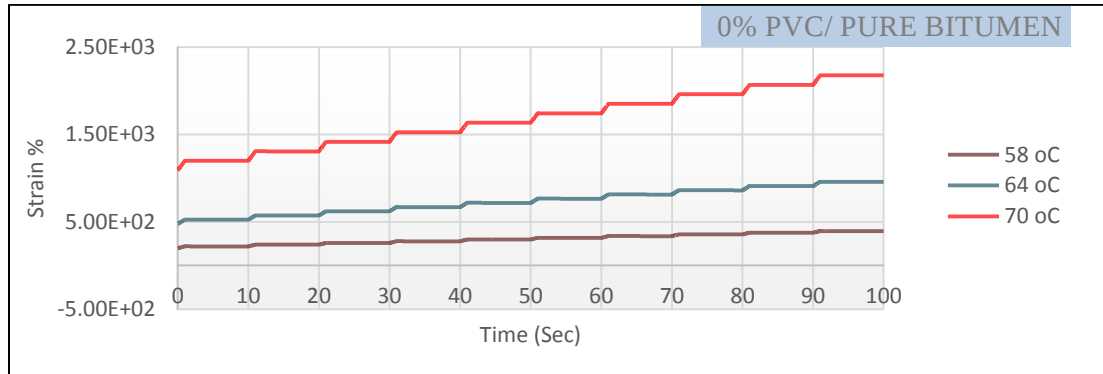


Figure 4-2 effect of variation of temperature on the total strain at stress level 0.1 kpa for pure bitumen

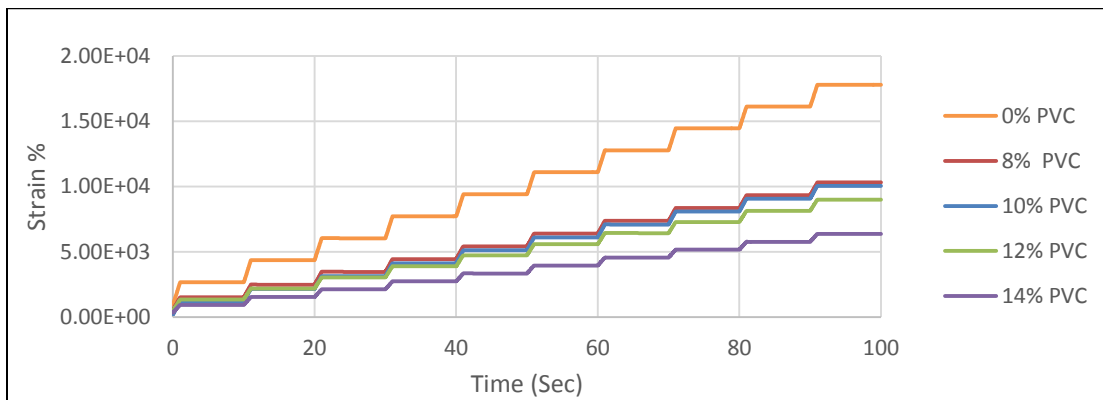


Figure 4-3 effect of modifier on the total strain at similar temperature (640c)

Finally, based on the asphalt test results shown in figure 4-3, it is noted that the modified bitumen with 14% PVC has better rut resistance than the remaining compositions. As a result, for further verification of the outputs of the asphalt test result two different mixes i.e. one with no modification of bitumen and the other with addition of 14% PVC by weight of bitumen will be prepared for performance tests of the mix.

## 4.2 Aggregate test results

Super-pave identifies aggregate consensus and source properties as critical to the overall performance of the mix. Criteria for the consensus properties are based on the anticipated traffic level and aggregate position within the pavement structure. Aggregates near the pavement

surface are subjected to high traffic levels and require stringent consensus properties. The consensus properties include coarse aggregate angularity, fine aggregate angularity, flat and elongated particles, and clay content in fine aggregate. The summary of consensus test results of aggregates that have been used for the mix is presented below along with the requirements asphalting works as per Super-pave requirement is summarized in the tables 4-11 below:

Table 4-10 Super-pave Consensus Aggregate Requirements for Design ESALs (million) > 30  
(source Table 4.2 MS-4)

| Item No. | Consensus Aggregate Properties                                                    | Acceptance Criteria | Results of the test aggregate |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1        | Coarse aggregate angularity (%) Min.                                              | 100/100             | 100                           |
| 2        | Uncompacted void content of fine aggregate (%) Min.                               | 45                  | 50                            |
| 3        | Clay Content (Sand Equivalent) (%) Min.                                           | 50                  | 86.9                          |
| 5        | Flat and Elongated (%) Max. (criterion based upon a 5:1 maximum to minimum ratio) | 10                  | 4                             |

Source aggregate properties include the soundness, toughness of the aggregate, and the deleterious materials contained. These three properties of the source aggregate are determined using the Sodium or Magnesium Sulfate Soundness test (AASHTO T104 or ASTM C88), Los Angeles Abrasion test (AASHTO T96 or ASTM C131 or C535), and the Clay Lumps and Friable Particles test (AASHTO T112 or ASTM C142) respectively. Source aggregate properties closely relate to the quality of the parent rock.

Table 4-11 Recommended Source aggregate properties

| Item No. | Test performed                   | Acceptance Criteria                                                                          | Result |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1        | Toughness, Max. (%)              | 35%                                                                                          | 16.4%  |
| 2        | Soundness (Coarse aggregate) (%) | Max 10% when Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> is used and 20% when MgSO <sub>4</sub> is used. | 4.9%   |
| 3        | Soundness (Fine aggregate) (%)   | Max 16% when Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> is used and 20% when MgSO <sub>4</sub> is used. | 1.0%   |

As shown in the tables above, the selected aggregates to be used in the experiment are cohesion less and sound and it consists of hard, strong, durable pieces, free of coherent coating and conforms to the Super-pave specification.

#### **4.2.1 Aggregate Gradation Analysis**

Accordingly, the design aggregate structure is determined using Super-pave mix design method which includes developing of various blends of aggregate, when plotted on 0.45 power curve, that meet Super-pave specification criteria. The grading analysis of individual sized aggregate and combined aggregates are shown in the Table 4-13 below.

Table 4-12 Grading of Combined aggregates as per Asphalt Institute Manual, MS<sub>4</sub>

| Sieve size (mm) | 0-3 mm | percentage proportion (30%) | 3-6 mm | percentage proportion (18%) | 6-13 mm | percentage proportion (24%) | 13-20 mm | percentage proportion (26%) | filler | Percentage proportion (2%) | Combined | sieve size <sup>0.45</sup> | Maximum density line | specification control points (lower) | specification control points (upper) |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 50              | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 100     | 24                          | 100      | 26                          |        |                            |          |                            |                      |                                      |                                      |
| 25              | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 100     | 24                          | 100      | 26                          | 100    | 2                          | 100.00   | 4.26                       | 100.00               | 100                                  | 100                                  |
| 19              | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 100     | 24                          | 100      | 26                          | 100    | 2                          | 100.00   | 3.76                       | 88.38                | 90                                   | 100                                  |
| 12.5            | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 100     | 24                          | 34.5     | 8.97                        | 100    | 2                          | 82.97    | 3.12                       | 73.20                |                                      | 90                                   |
| 9.5             | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 90.5    | 21.72                       | 3.2      | 0.832                       | 100    | 2                          | 72.55    | 2.75                       | 64.70                |                                      |                                      |
| 6.3             | 100    | 30                          | 100    | 18                          | 26.2    | 6.288                       | 0.2      | 0.052                       | 100    | 2                          | 56.34    | 2.29                       | 53.78                |                                      |                                      |
| 4.75            | 100    | 30                          | 95     | 17.1                        | 1.6     | 0.384                       | 0.2      | 0.052                       | 100    | 2                          | 49.54    | 2.02                       | 47.36                |                                      |                                      |
| 3.35            | 97.6   | 29.28                       | 45     | 8.1                         | 0.3     | 0.072                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 100    | 2                          | 39.48    | 1.72                       | 40.48                |                                      |                                      |
| 2.36            | 91     | 27.3                        | 19.9   | 3.582                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 100    | 2                          | 32.93    | 1.47                       | 34.57                | 23                                   | 49                                   |
| 1.18            | 65.5   | 19.65                       | 1.4    | 0.252                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 100    | 2                          | 21.95    | 1.08                       | 25.31                |                                      |                                      |
| 0.6             | 48.6   | 14.58                       | 0.2    | 0.036                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 100    | 2                          | 16.67    | 0.79                       | 18.67                |                                      |                                      |
| 0.3             | 30.5   | 9.15                        | 0.1    | 0.018                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 100    | 2                          | 11.22    | 0.58                       | 13.67                |                                      |                                      |
| 0.15            | 20     | 6                           | 0.1    | 0.018                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 99.6   | 2                          | 8.07     | 0.43                       | 10.00                |                                      |                                      |
| 0.075           | 10     | 3                           | 0.1    | 0.018                       | 0.1     | 0.024                       | 0.1      | 0.026                       | 99.3   | 2                          | 5.07     | 0.31                       | 7.32                 | 2                                    | 8                                    |

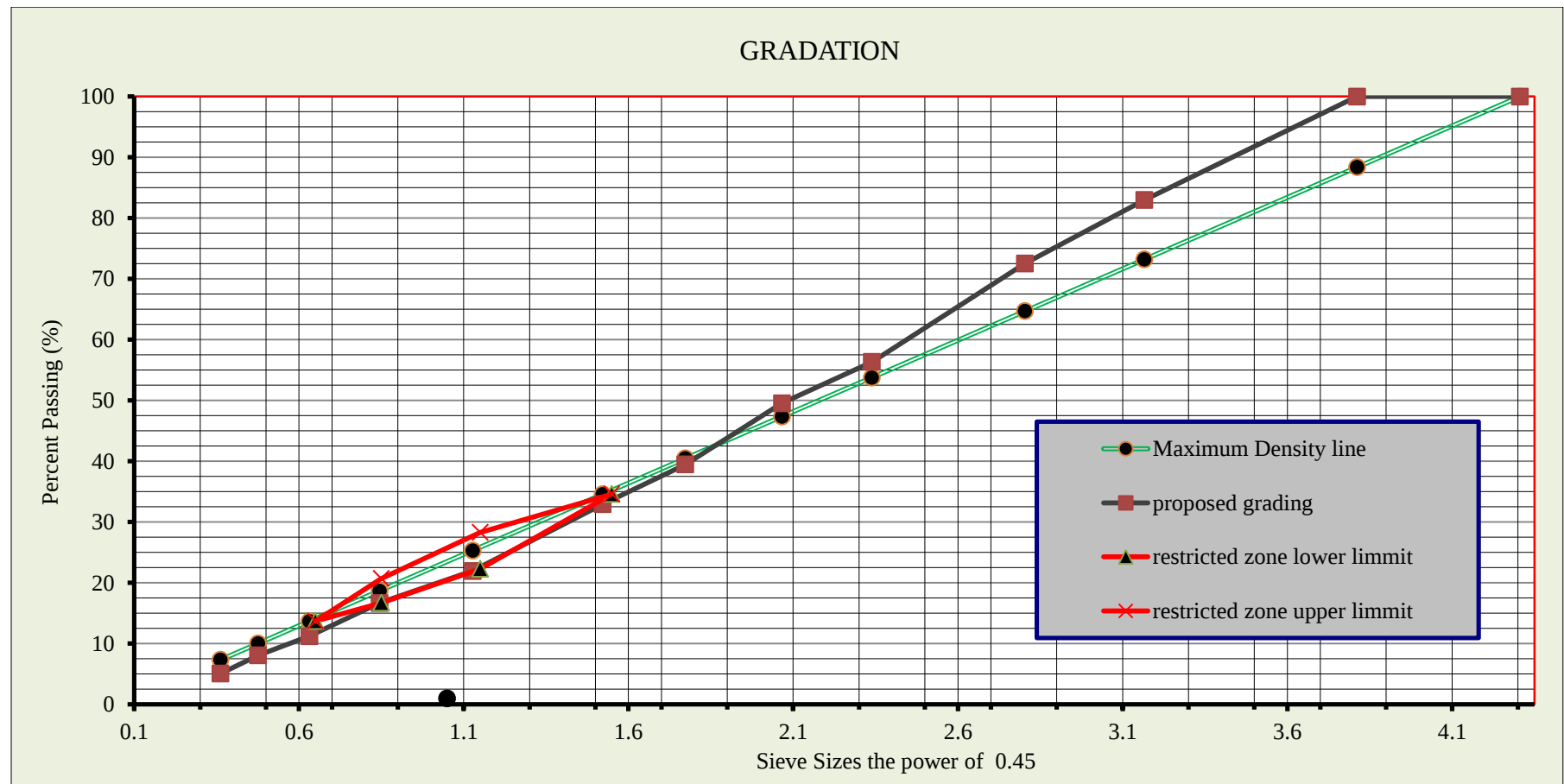


Figure 4-4 Combined grading

### 4.3 Asphalt mix design

The basics in asphalt mix design is to determine adequate proportion of aggregate and asphalt binder in a way that the desired bituminous mixture is achieved (i.e. a mix that resist deformation and cracking, able to serve its service life(durable), resist water damage, minimized cost and applicable for the actual condition).

Accordingly, AASHTO M -323 2014 suggests requirements based on traffic levels. For heavy traffic which has an equivalent standard axel load of more than 30 million, there are suggested criteria for volumetric and other parameters.

Table 4-13 Super-pave Criteria from AASHTO M -323 2014

| Super-pave Method Mix Criteria                                                     | Heavy Traffic |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                                                    | Minimum       | Maximum |
| Relative density @ $N_{initial}$ %                                                 |               | 89      |
| Relative density @ $N_{design}$ %                                                  | =96           |         |
| Relative density @ $N_{max}$ %                                                     |               | 98      |
| Percent Air Voids %                                                                | 4             |         |
| Percent Voids Filled with Asphalt ( VFA)                                           | 65            | 75      |
| Percent VMA (For Nominal Maximum Particle Size of 19 mm and design air void of 4%) | 13            |         |
| Dust binder ratio                                                                  | 0.6-1.2       |         |
| Number of cycle @ $N_{initial}$                                                    | 9             |         |
| Number of cycle @ $N_{design}$                                                     | 125           |         |
| Number of cycle @ $N_{max}$                                                        | 205           |         |

#### 4.3.1 Mixing and Compaction Temperature

The mixing and compaction temperatures for the asphalt mixes being used are determined from temperature-viscosity graph (SP-2, 1995). The temperatures are those required to produce viscosities of  $170 \pm 20$  centistokes for mixing and  $280 \pm 30$  centistokes for compaction. Accordingly, In the mix preparation, based on the viscosity of the original binder, the temperature range  $160 - 170^{\circ}\text{C}$  is used for mixing and  $142 - 150^{\circ}\text{C}$  is used for compaction of test specimens and specifically for the pure bitumen the considered temperature was the middle range of compaction and mixing temperature and for the modified bitumen the upper limits of both compaction and mixing temperature were considered. Here the mixing and compaction

temperature for the modified bitumen could not be directly determined/considered due to the following reasons:-

- 1, for modified bitumens, adopting “Temperature Viscosity Chart” results unrealistic high temperature and this has been proved through previous researchs,
- 2, the Rotational Viscometer was another alternative to determine the temperatures; however the available equipment at this university is not operating well,
- 3, by taking in to account the above reasons and considering the PG of the non modified bitumen here it is presumed that more than 85% is the bitumen component which is the widely held composition and the test results on the bitumen specially the MSCR test result has shown that similar grade but different traffic class. Therefore, based on the determined compaction and mixing temperature of the non-modified bitumen the upper limits were considered for the modified one.

The following chart illustrates how the temperature range is selected:-

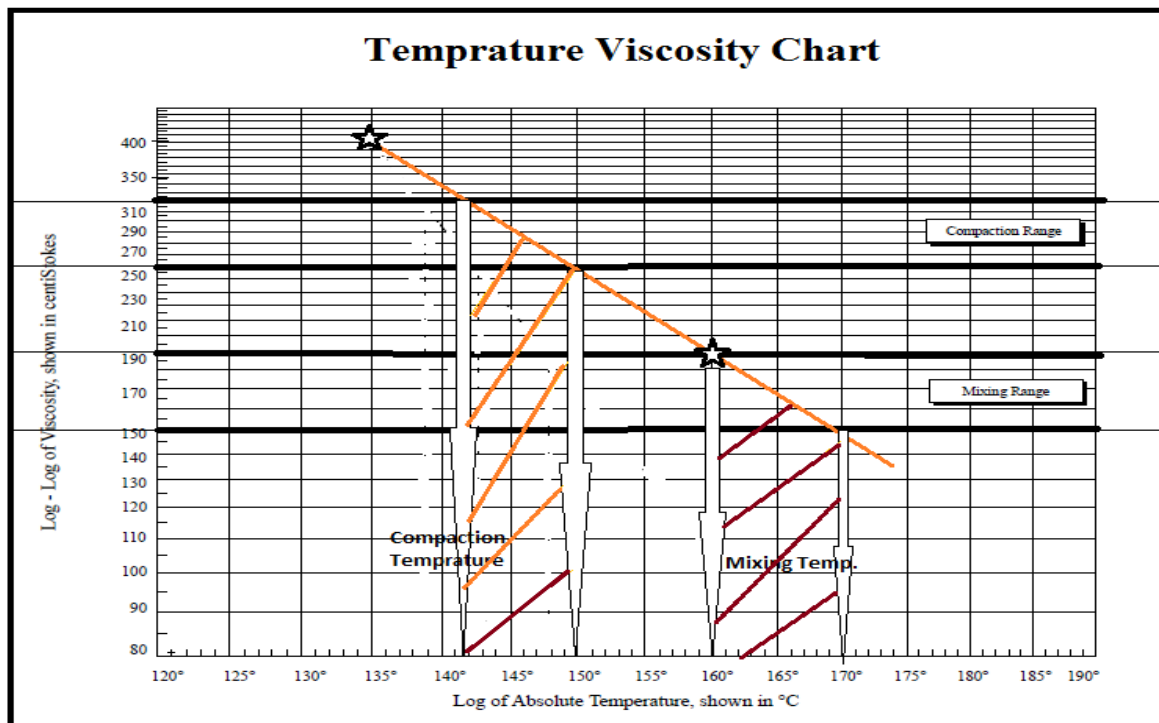


Figure 4-5 Temperature Viscosity Chart (ASTM D 2493)

### 4.3.2 Optimum Asphalt Binder Estimation

As per the Super-pave mix design method and based on the methodologies particularized under chapter three of the research paper, three asphalt binder contents have been considered for

volumetric analyses for both modified (with 14% PVC) and non-modified mixes among which one is the first estimated binder content.

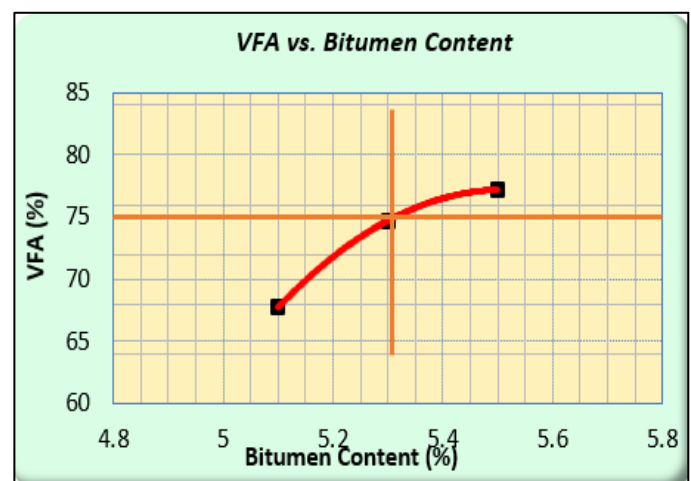
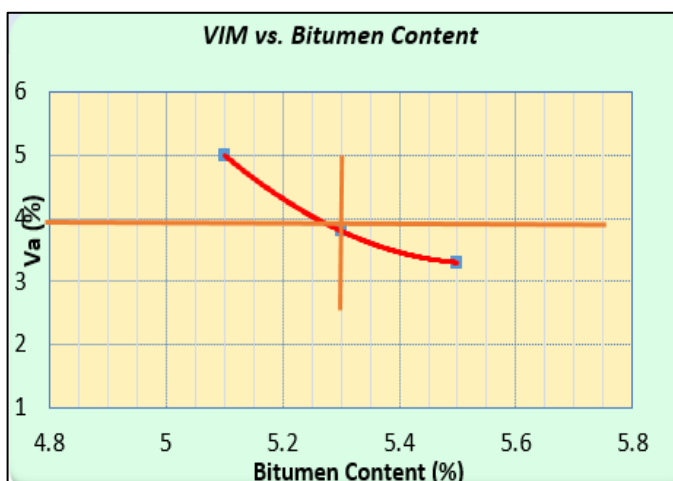
#### 4.3.2.1 Mixture Volumetric Results

The design/target air void content is four percent and by taking in to account the target air void, the maximum theoretical density test is conducted for the estimated/initial binder content and the corresponding (Gmm) of the mix was acquired then the gyratory compaction was conducted accordingly at Ndesign (125 number of cycles for compaction). Consequently, considering the out puts of the test results for the compacted mix at different conditions, the volumetric parameters and the mixture characterization based on compaction is made for the first trial then based on established air void and other parameters, additional 2 trials with different bitumen content were proceeded/executed accordingly.

The following table shows the volumetric ratios after the test specimens are subjected to the gyratory compaction for different binder content

Table 4-14 summary of Volumetric data for the pure bitumen (non- modified)

| Bitumen content (%) | Bulk SG of specimen (Gmb) | Max SG of loose mix(Gmm) | VIM (%) | VMA (%) | VFA (%) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 5.1                 | 2.498                     | 2.63                     | 5       | 15.5    | 67.7    |
| 5.3                 | 2.518                     | 2.618                    | 4       | 15      | 74.7    |
| 5.5                 | 2.525                     | 2.61                     | 3.3     | 14.4    | 77.2    |
|                     |                           |                          |         |         |         |



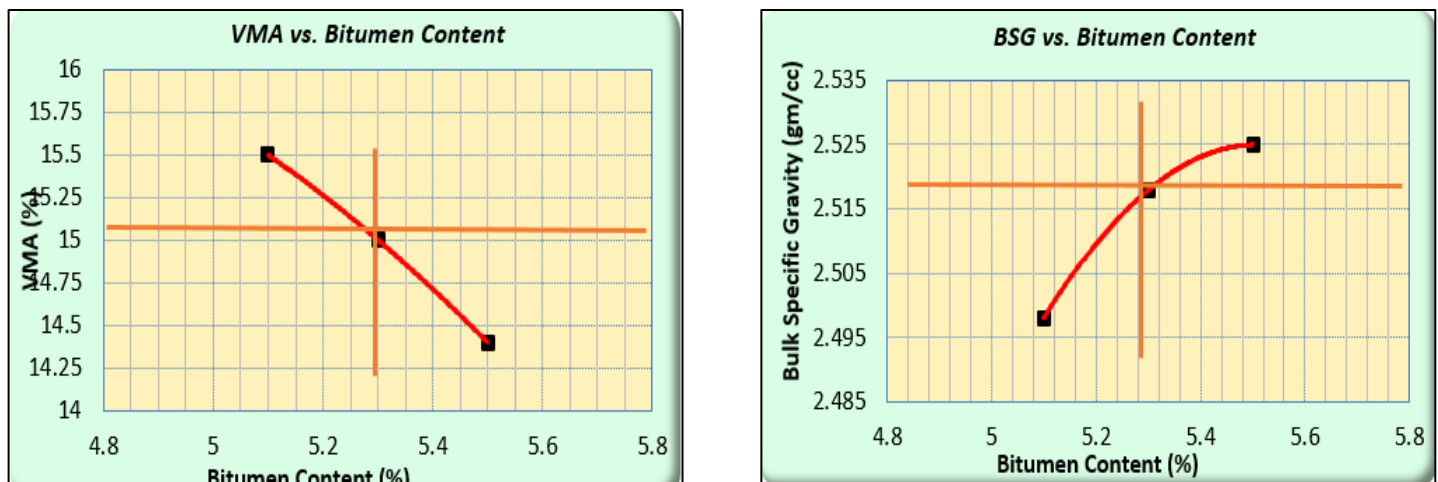
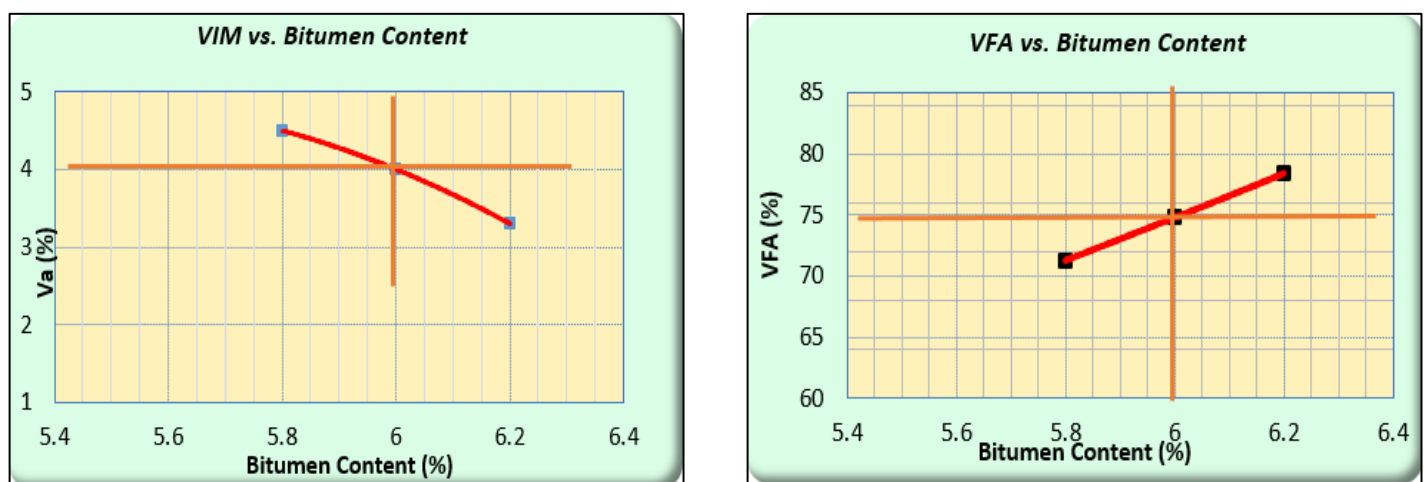


Figure 4-6 optimum bitumen content selection (Graphical Presentation) for the non-modified bitumen

Table 4-15 summary of Volumetric data for the pure bitumen (modified)

| <i>Bitumen content (%)</i> | <i>Bulk SG of specimen (<math>G_{mb}</math>)</i> | <i>Max SG of loose mix (<math>G_{mm}</math>)</i> | <i>VIM (%)</i> | <i>VMA (%)</i> | <i>VFA (%)</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5.8                        | 2.511                                            | 2.629                                            | 4.5            | 15.7           | 71.3           |
| 6.0                        | 2.527                                            | 2.623                                            | 4.0            | 15.5           | 74.8           |
| 6.2                        | 2.534                                            | 2.620                                            | 3.3            | 15.3           | 78.4           |



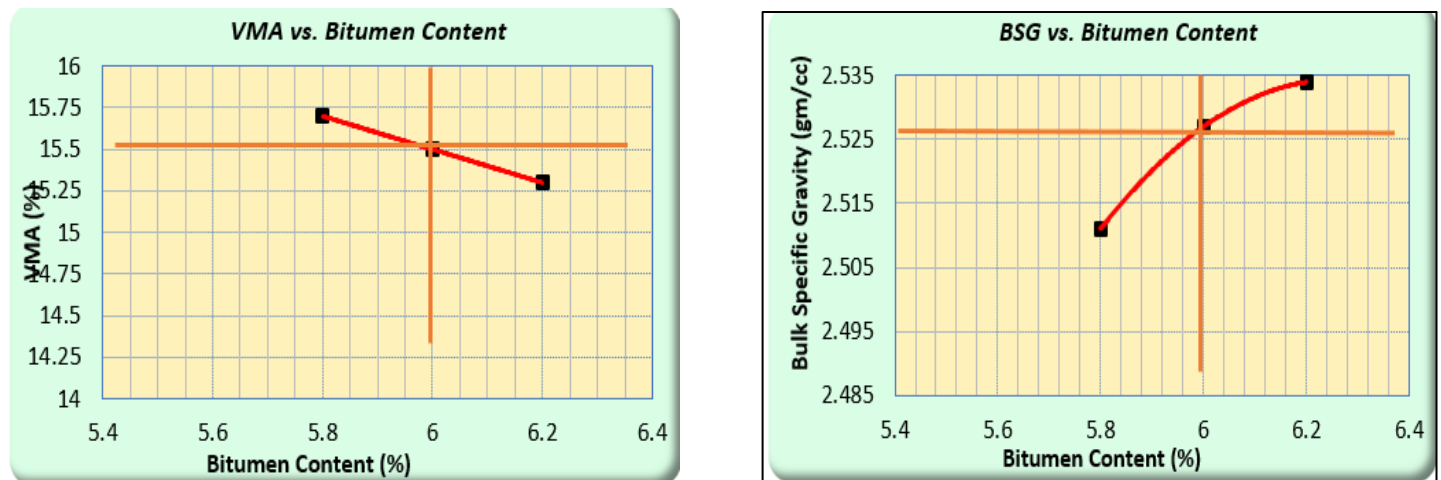


Figure 4-7 optimum bitumen content selection (Graphical Presentation) for the modified bitumen (with 14% PVC)

From the above graph and tables, it can be noted that the optimum bitumen content for the modified and non-modified mix, at 4% air void is 6% and 5.3% respectively. And at both optimum content all volumetric parameters conform with the requirements of AASHTO M -323 2014, for traffic level exceeding 30Million ESAL. After the volumetric properties determined from gyratory compaction, compaction curves have been checked at three different points, by using the data from the software outputs at Ninitial (9 gyration), Ndesign (125 gyration) and N maximum (205 gyration) for optimum bitumen content, in order to ensure adherence to specification criteria as seen in the figure below.

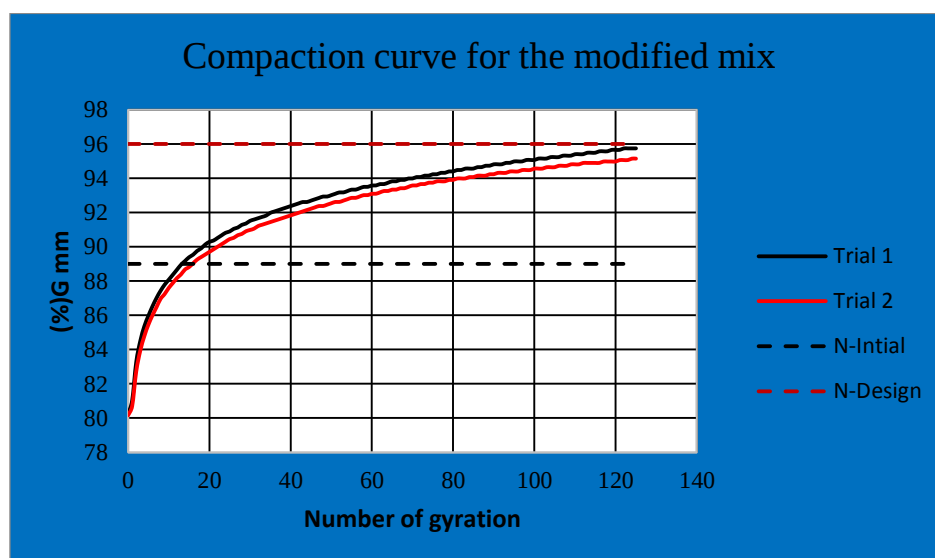


Figure 4-8 Plot of Gyratory Compaction curve for modified mix at N design (125 gyration cycle)

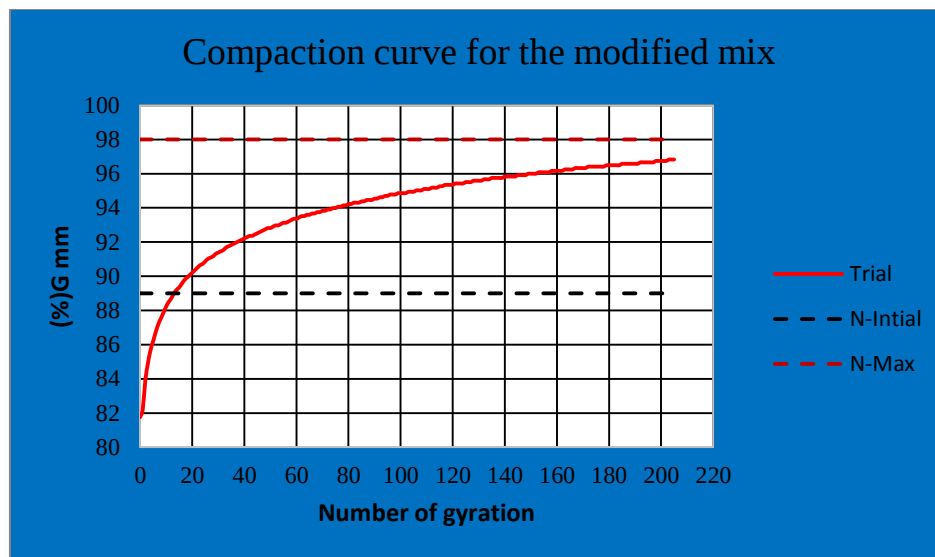


Figure 4-9 Plot of Gyrotory Compaction curve for modified mix at N max (205 gyration cycle)

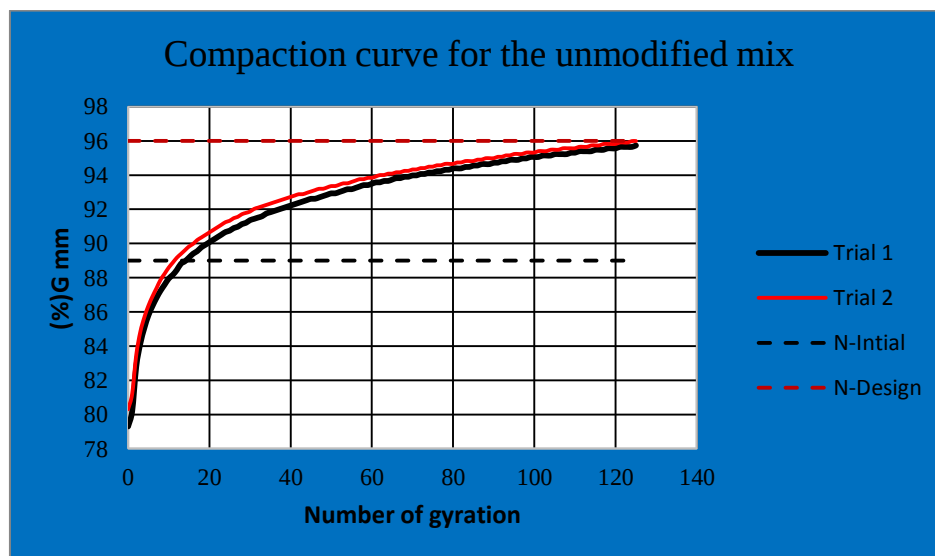


Figure 4-10 Plot of Gyrotory Compaction curve for non-modified mix at N design (125 gyration cycle)

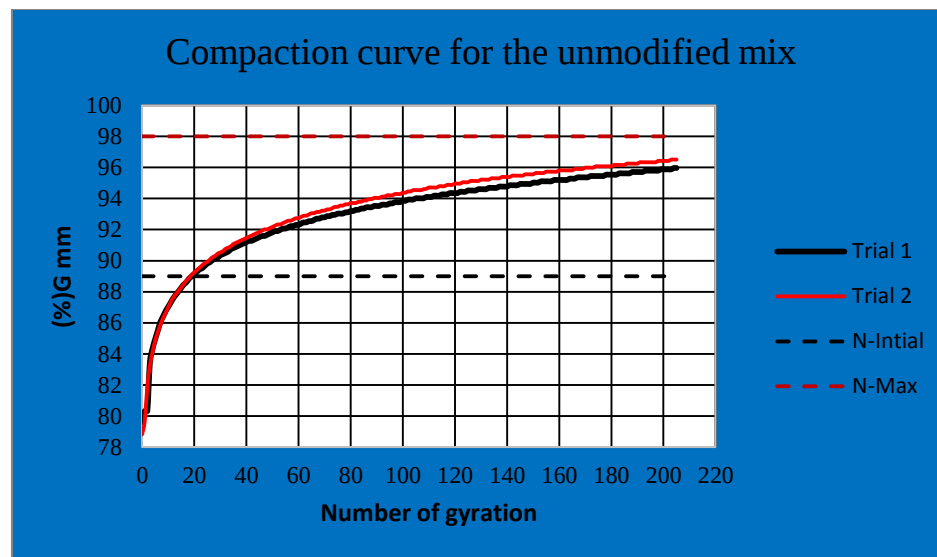


Figure 4-11 Plot of Gyrotory Compaction curve for non- modified mix at N max (205 gyration cycle)

#### 4.3.2.2 Dust binder ratio

Table 4-16 Dust to binder ratio computation

| Bitumen content | G <sub>b</sub> specific Gravity of bitumen | G <sub>sa</sub> ( apparent specific gravity of the combined aggregate) | G <sub>sb</sub> (bulk specific gravity of the combined aggregate) | G <sub>se</sub> (effective specific gravity of the combined aggregate)= (G <sub>se</sub> = G <sub>sb</sub> + 0.6(G <sub>sa</sub> - G <sub>sb</sub> )) | P <sub>ba</sub> (absorbed asphalt) | Effective Bitumen content | amount of material passing 75μm sieve | Dust Binder Ratio |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 5.3             | 1.026                                      | 2.944                                                                  | 2.806                                                             | 2.889                                                                                                                                                 | 1.048                              | 4.252                     | 5.07                                  | 1.192             |
| 6               | 1.041                                      | 2.944                                                                  | 2.806                                                             | 2.889                                                                                                                                                 | 1.063                              | 4.937                     | 5.07                                  | 1.027             |

As depicted in the above table, the dust to binder ratio is within the acceptable ranges i.e. between 0.6 to 1.2.

### 4.4 Performance Testing of Trial Mixes

The performance tests were conducted with the objective of evaluating the performance of the bituminous mixes for two type of major pavement defects one is rutting and the other is striping (wheel tracking test and moisture susceptibility test (resistance of compacted asphalt mixture to moisture induced damage) was conducted accordingly.

#### 4.4.1 Wheel tracking test

Based on the proportion of the design mixes specimen were prepared for both modified and non-modified mixes and were subjected to compaction using slab compactor (i.e. with 25 number of pass which simulates the actual site condition) and after the compaction, the compacted

samples/moulds were detained for 24hrs at 64oc. Consequently, the test samples were subjected to wheel tracking test for 6hrs at 20,000 number of passes (i.e. the number of pass simulates heavy traffic condition which exceeds 30million ESAL) with controlling temperature of 64oc. The designated temperature (i.e. 64oc) was selected for comparison purpose of the two specimens at similar temperature since the non-modified bitumen was categorized as PG 64.

The following graph represents the wheel tracking test report for rut depth of compacted specimen

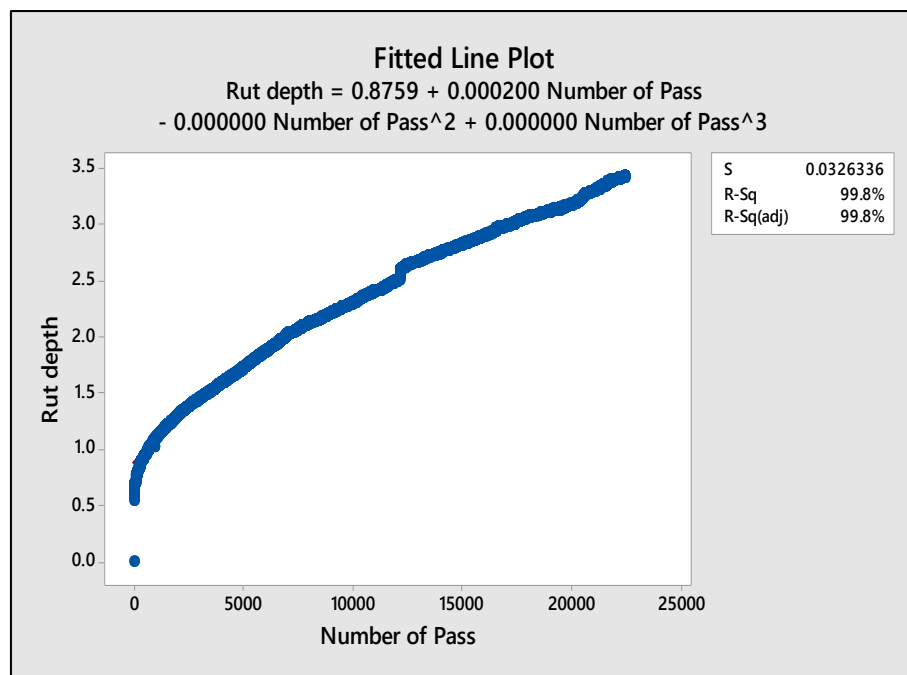


Figure 4-12 Wheel Tracking Testing report for rut depth of compacted specimen for the non-modified mix

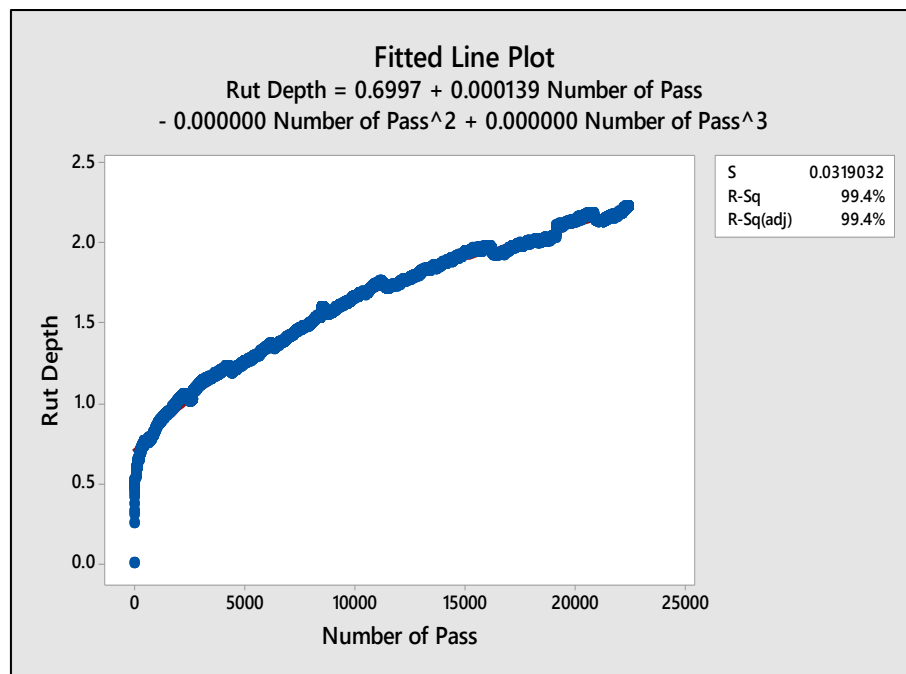


Figure 4-13 Wheel Tracking Testing report for rut depth of compacted specimen for the modified mix

According to Colorado DOT recommends a maximum rut depth 10mm at 20,000 load cycle. And the city of Hamburg, Germany, uses a maximum allowable rut depth 4mm at 19,200 load cycles. (FHWA, 2003). In this regard, both the modified and non-modified mix has rut resistant less the specified values i.e. after 20,000 load cycles the rut depth for the non-modified mix was 3.419 mm, and for the modified mix was 2.229 mm, which shows a 35% reduction in rut depth.

#### 4.4.2 Moisture susceptibility test (resistance of compacted asphalt mixture to moisture induced damage)

Asphalt mixes might be sensitive to the presence of water in the pavement. Water causes separation of asphalt from the aggregates. Since the asphalt is the binding entity that holds the aggregates together, rapid failure of the pavement can be expected if the asphalt cannot act as a binder. This phenomenon is often referred to as stripping. And both the proposed mixes (modified and non – modified) were evaluated through moisture susceptibility test accordingly the resulting output of the test is presented in the table 4-18 below: -

Table 4-17 Indirect Tensile Strength Test of Bituminous Mixture for treated/conditioned and unconditioned sample for the modified mix

| Specimen No                           | UT1    | UT2     | UT3     | T1     | T2     | T3      | Average                         |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Average Height (mm)                   | 62.775 | 64      | 62.95   | 62.75  | 63.175 | 63.3    | Indirect Tensile Strength (Kpa) |                    |
| Average Diameter (mm)                 | 101.65 | 101.575 | 101.45  | 101.5  | 101.5  | 101.5   | dry subset                      | conditioned subset |
| Corrected Maximum Load (N)            | 18530  | 19770   | 19260   | 16950  | 17150  | 17105   | 19186.7                         | 17068.3            |
| Indirect Tensile Strength (Kpa)       | 1848.7 | 1936.1  | 1919.9  | 1694.2 | 1702.7 | 1694.86 | 1901.6                          | 1697.25            |
| Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR), UT/T, % | 91.645 | 87.9454 | 88.2764 |        |        |         | 89.26                           |                    |

Table 4-18 Indirect Tensile Strength Test of Bituminous Mixture for treated/conditioned and unconditioned sample for the unmodified mix

| Specimen No                            | UT1       | UT2     | UT3     | 1     | 2      | 3       | Average                         |                    |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Average Height (mm)                    | 63.35     | 62.825  | 63.075  | 62.7  | 63.35  | 63.225  | Indirect Tensile Strength (Kpa) |                    |
| Average Diameter (mm)                  | 101.575   | 101.575 | 101.675 | 101.6 | 101.6  | 101.55  | dry subset                      | conditioned subset |
| Corrected Maximum Load (N)             | 17140     | 17165   | 16865   | 15150 | 15150  | 14935   | 17056.7                         | 15078.3            |
| Indirect Tensile Strength (Kpa)        | 1695.734  | 1712.4  | 1674.2  | 1514  | 1498.5 | 1480.87 | 1694.1                          | 1497.79            |
| Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR), S2/S1, % | 89.284078 | 87.508  | 88.4548 |       |        |         | 88.41                           |                    |

Typical TSR value range from 70% to 90% in both scenarios (modified mix condition and non-modified mix conditions) the TSR value greater than 70%. In addition, the modified specimens have higher TSR value (i.e. 89.26%) which indicates good resistance to moisture induced damage and the lesser reduction in strength in water soaking condition relative to the non – modified mix

## 5 Conclusion and recommendation

Nowadays, most of our road corridors are experiencing big shortfalls on long term and adequate service provision due to the presence of different failures on the road surface among which rutting is one type of failure. Rutting is mostly encountered due to heavy traffic and temperature. And on those locations which experience both at extreme levels, either using rigid pavement or using higher penetration grade or modified bitumen are the available options. In this respect, PVC modified bitumen mixes are among the options being tested, and there are existing literature on the use of PVC modified bitumen in the asphalt mixture and most of them were conducted based on Marshall test method which has weak correlation with the actual field performance. And this study focuses on a specific type of failure (rutting) based on evaluations made on improved test methods with better correlation with actual field performance (i.e. Superpave test method). The main goal of this research is to study the effect of adding a bitumen modifier (i.e. thermoplastic polymer/waste PVC) on the performance of flexible pavements under high temperature and heavy traffic loading.

### 5.1 Conclusion

From the results obtained, the following conclusions can be derived:

❖ Asphalt tests

- ✓ Based on the test results of PG determination, the modified bitumen with 14% PVC has better temperature resistance than the non-modified pure bitumen. According to MSCR test, the modified bitumen with 14% PVC was able to resist and perform well as maximum up to a standard traffic level (less than 10million ESAL) at 70°C. However, the non – modified bitumen was able to resist and perform well as a maximum of the same traffic level at 64°C.
- ✓ The modified bitumen at 14% PVC, the amount of residual strain left in the binder specimen after repeated creep and recovery at the maximum stress showed 45% decrease compared to the non modified binder. Thus, it implies lower rutting depth.

- ✓ The 14% PVC modified bitumen has a lower plastic strain (i.e.  $\epsilon_{\text{plastic}} = \epsilon_{\text{total}} - \epsilon_{\text{elastic}}$ ), the recoverable strain or elastic strain is larger compared to the non – modified binder.

❖ Asphalt mix

- ✓ From the prepared mix design based on similar aggregate structure for both modified and non-modified bitumen, it was noted that at the optimum bitumen content it was able to reduce the bitumen consumption up to 2.6% due to replacing the part of bitumen with 14% waste PVC. Here, in terms of large scale production the percent is significant for saving the bitumen consumption and combating the environmental impact due to accumulation of waste plastic materials. Further, this also reduces waste management costs due to recycling of the PVC material for further consumption.

❖ Performance test

- ✓ Even though the MSCR test result shows that the maximum traffic level that can be accommodated by the modified and non-modified bitumen at 64°C is in between 10 million and 30 million ESALS and less than 10 million ESAL respectively, from the wheel track test, it was observed that in both scenarios it was possible to attain more than 30 million ESAL within the allowable rut depth up to end of the design life.
- ✓ Due to the applied modification on the bitumen rut depth at the design life of the asphalt mix was able to reduce by 35%.
- ✓ The modified mix has better resistance to moisture induced damage and has lesser reduction in strength in water soaking condition relative to the non – modified mix.

## 5.2 Recommendation

- ❖ The results from this research are promising, and it will be highly recommended to use the PVC modifier in asphalt mixes in hot areas with heavy traffic. It improves the performance of the pavements, and at the same time reuses waste materials which is good for the environment. However, the researcher recommends further studies on the following issues:
  - The research only focuses on the performance study (rutting performance) of waste PVC modified asphalt and bituminous mixture. A separate study shall be made for how the waste PVC materials are collected and processed in order to get the end product.
  - The effect of adding waste PVC shall also be studied for different penetration grade bitumen.
  - Further chemical property/composition tests for the PVC and combination of bitumen and PVC shall be conducted.
  - In the application of modified mixes there should be separate safety guideline (special provisions) since there exist harmful gases while burning plastics. In this regard, it should be conducted with in isolated or confined equipment.
  - The cost analysis (cost reduction) shall be further evaluated since the amount of bitumen used has definitely reduced due to the percentage of waste material added. Plus, not only the bitumen consumption, the cost to manage the waste material and the environmental damage has also reduced since plastic materials are non-degradable materials.

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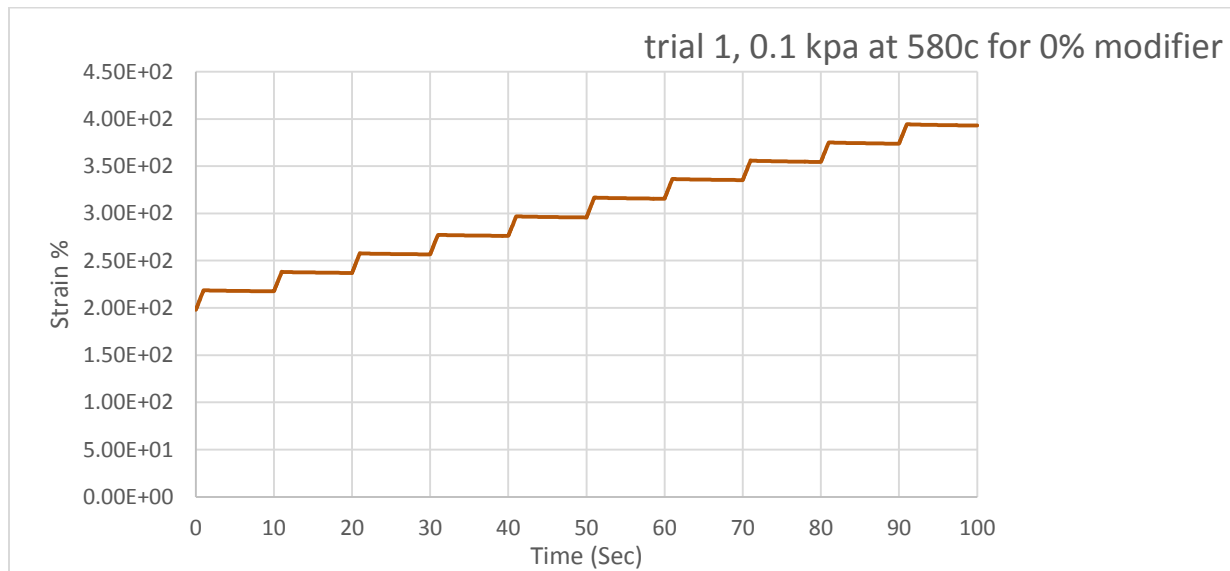
## Appendix

### Appendix A

#### Asphalt Tests (MSCR) Analysis

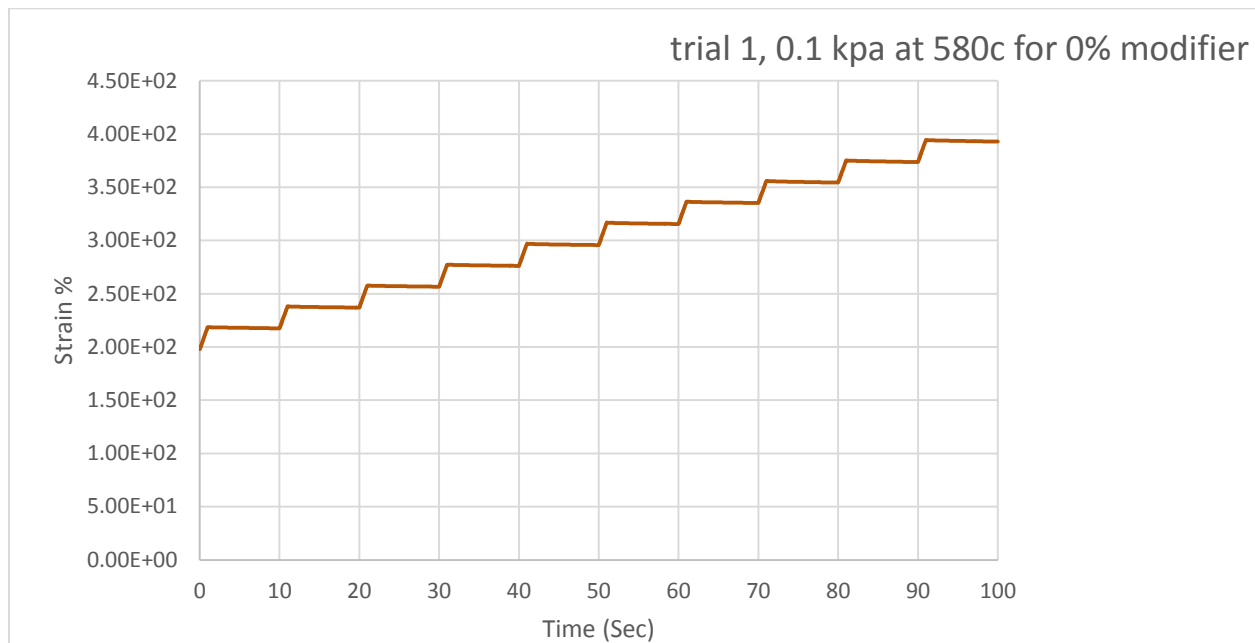
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 0% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr(3.2)} - J_{nr(0.1)}) / J_{nr(0.1)} * 100$ |
| 1            | 197.92613                                        | 218.72542                                        | 20.79929                                              | 217.52700                             | 5.8                                                                 | 19.60087                                                                                    | 1.96                                               | 5.85                                                                    |
| 2            | 217.79331                                        | 238.13986                                        | 20.34655                                              | 236.99470                             | 5.6                                                                 | 19.20139                                                                                    | 1.92                                               | 9.28                                                                    |
| 3            | 237.31428                                        | 257.79399                                        | 20.47971                                              | 256.59557                             | 5.9                                                                 | 19.28129                                                                                    | 1.93                                               | 9.44                                                                    |
| 4            | 256.91515                                        | 277.34160                                        | 20.42645                                              | 276.19644                             | 5.6                                                                 | 19.28129                                                                                    | 1.93                                               | 9.17                                                                    |
| 5            | 276.51602                                        | 296.96909                                        | 20.45308                                              | 295.69078                             | 6.2                                                                 | 19.17476                                                                                    | 1.92                                               | 9.87                                                                    |
| 6            | 295.98372                                        | 316.83628                                        | 20.85255                                              | 315.53133                             | 6.3                                                                 | 19.54760                                                                                    | 1.95                                               | 8.25                                                                    |
| 7            | 315.85091                                        | 336.49041                                        | 20.63950                                              | 335.21209                             | 6.2                                                                 | 19.36118                                                                                    | 1.94                                               | 9.80                                                                    |
| 8            | 335.53167                                        | 355.98474                                        | 20.45308                                              | 354.41348                             | 7.7                                                                 | 18.88181                                                                                    | 1.89                                               | 13.12                                                                   |
| 9            | 354.73306                                        | 375.18614                                        | 20.45308                                              | 373.69477                             | 7.3                                                                 | 18.96171                                                                                    | 1.90                                               | 12.77                                                                   |
| 10           | 374.01435                                        | 394.46742                                        | 20.45308                                              | 392.92279                             | 7.6                                                                 | 18.90844                                                                                    | 1.89                                               | 12.53                                                                   |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 6.4                                                                 |                                                                                             | 1.92                                               | 10.01                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.9220                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 1.8882                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.9601                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 3.7412                                             |                                                                         |



Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 0% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 404.02817                                        | 1073.25393                                       | 669.22576                                             | 1067.95418                            | 0.8                                                                 | 663.926                                                                                     | 2.07                                            |
| 2            | 1079.61883                                       | 1753.55840                                       | 673.93957                                             | 1751.05500                            | 0.4                                                                 | 671.436                                                                                     | 2.10                                            |
| 3            | 1762.13375                                       | 2439.77505                                       | 677.64130                                             | 2437.35160                            | 0.4                                                                 | 675.218                                                                                     | 2.11                                            |
| 4            | 2448.32382                                       | 3125.96518                                       | 677.64136                                             | 3121.89053                            | 0.6                                                                 | 673.567                                                                                     | 2.10                                            |
| 5            | 3133.26223                                       | 3811.46285                                       | 678.20062                                             | 3807.38820                            | 0.6                                                                 | 674.126                                                                                     | 2.11                                            |
| 6            | 3818.33379                                       | 4499.78347                                       | 681.44968                                             | 4495.44247                            | 0.6                                                                 | 677.109                                                                                     | 2.12                                            |
| 7            | 4506.97395                                       | 5191.53948                                       | 684.56553                                             | 5187.22515                            | 0.6                                                                 | 680.251                                                                                     | 2.13                                            |
| 8            | 5198.67674                                       | 5886.46475                                       | 687.78800                                             | 5882.15041                            | 0.6                                                                 | 683.474                                                                                     | 2.14                                            |
| 9            | 5893.14927                                       | 6581.92265                                       | 688.77338                                             | 6577.42183                            | 0.7                                                                 | 684.273                                                                                     | 2.14                                            |
| 10           | 6588.74026                                       | 7274.13143                                       | 685.39117                                             | 7269.60401                            | 0.7                                                                 | 680.864                                                                                     | 2.13                                            |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.59                                                                |                                                                                             | 2.11                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 2.1138                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 2.0748                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 2.1384                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 3.0080                                          |

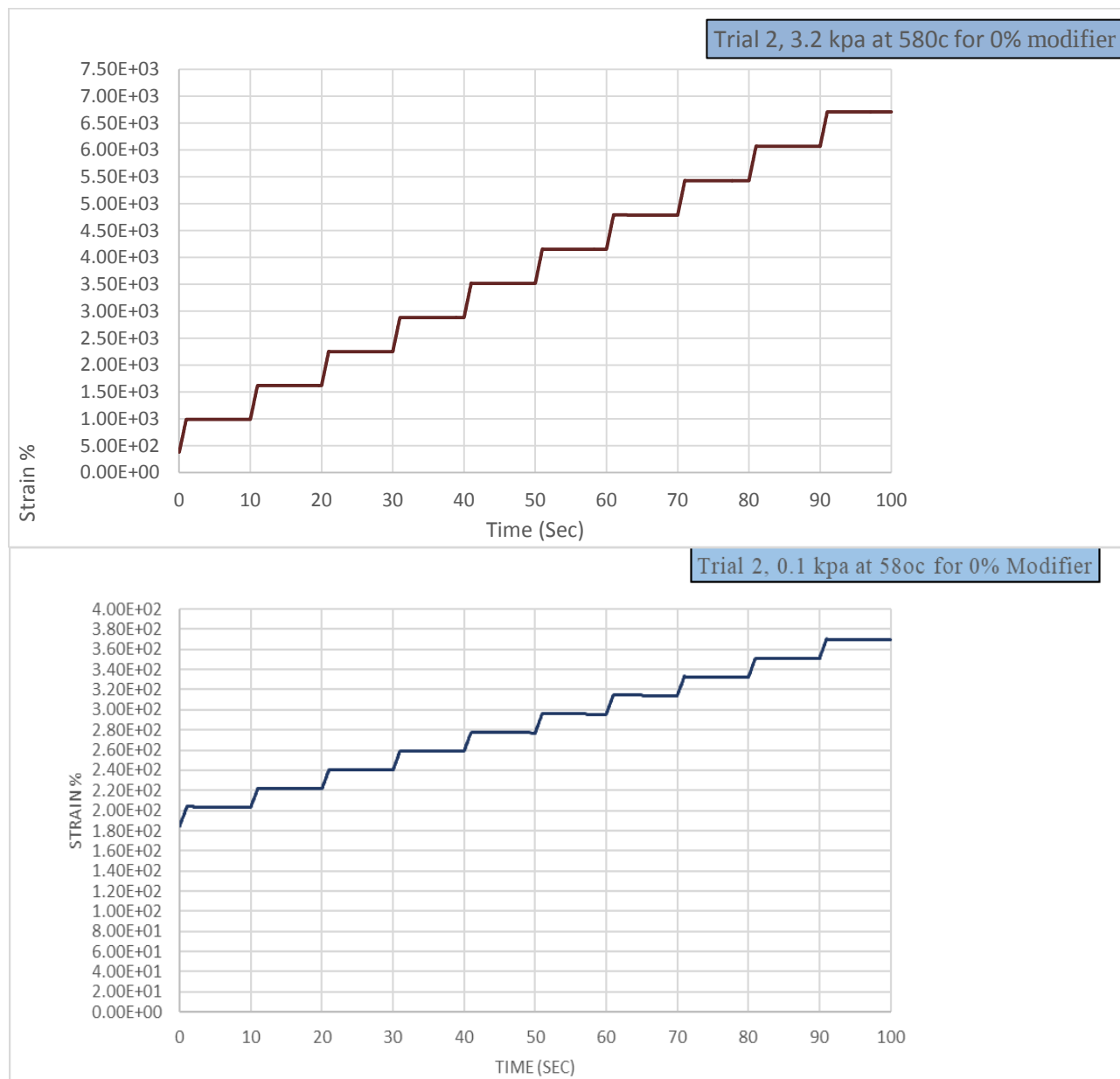


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 0% modifier (trial 2)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 185.06306                                        | 203.91824                                        | 18.85518                                              | 203.38561                             | 2.8                                                                 | 18.32255                                                                                    | 1.83                                               |
| 2            | 203.65193                                        | 222.13427                                        | 18.48234                                              | 221.54837                             | 3.2                                                                 | 17.89644                                                                                    | 1.79                                               |
| 3            | 221.84132                                        | 240.66987                                        | 18.82855                                              | 240.00408                             | 3.5                                                                 | 18.16276                                                                                    | 1.82                                               |
| 4            | 240.27039                                        | 259.31199                                        | 19.04160                                              | 258.64620                             | 3.5                                                                 | 18.37581                                                                                    | 1.84                                               |
| 5            | 258.93915                                        | 277.63454                                        | 18.69539                                              | 277.02202                             | 3.3                                                                 | 18.08286                                                                                    | 1.81                                               |
| 6            | 277.28833                                        | 296.19678                                        | 18.90844                                              | 295.55762                             | 3.4                                                                 | 18.26928                                                                                    | 1.83                                               |
| 7            | 295.85056                                        | 314.67911                                        | 18.82855                                              | 314.03995                             | 3.4                                                                 | 18.18939                                                                                    | 1.82                                               |
| 8            | 314.33290                                        | 332.86850                                        | 18.53560                                              | 332.22934                             | 3.4                                                                 | 17.89644                                                                                    | 1.79                                               |
| 9            | 332.52229                                        | 351.37747                                        | 18.85518                                              | 350.76494                             | 3.2                                                                 | 18.24265                                                                                    | 1.82                                               |
| 10           | 351.05789                                        | 370.12613                                        | 19.06823                                              | 369.48697                             | 3.4                                                                 | 18.42907                                                                                    | 1.84                                               |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 3.3                                                                 |                                                                                             | 1.82                                               |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.8187                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 1.7896                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.8429                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 2.9287                                             |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 0% modifier (trial 2)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                         |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 379.42056                                        | 990.34970                                        | 610.92914                                             | 986.56804                             | 0.6                                                                 | 607.147                                                                                     | 1.90                                               |
| 2            | 996.90111                                        | 1619.01549                                       | 622.11439                                             | 1615.44689                            | 0.6                                                                 | 618.546                                                                                     | 1.93                                               |
| 3            | 1625.51364                                       | 2251.32980                                       | 625.81616                                             | 2247.68133                            | 0.6                                                                 | 622.168                                                                                     | 1.94                                               |
| 4            | 2258.04102                                       | 2885.16224                                       | 627.12122                                             | 2881.54029                            | 0.6                                                                 | 623.499                                                                                     | 1.95                                               |
| 5            | 2891.97988                                       | 3520.67233                                       | 628.69245                                             | 3516.78410                            | 0.6                                                                 | 624.804                                                                                     | 1.95                                               |
| 6            | 3527.22369                                       | 4156.36891                                       | 629.14522                                             | 4152.45400                            | 0.6                                                                 | 625.230                                                                                     | 1.95                                               |
| 7            | 4163.00012                                       | 4793.42357                                       | 630.42346                                             | 4789.53541                            | 0.6                                                                 | 626.535                                                                                     | 1.96                                               |
| 8            | 4799.86848                                       | 5431.78336                                       | 631.91488                                             | 5427.76198                            | 0.6                                                                 | 627.894                                                                                     | 1.96                                               |
| 9            | 5438.12168                                       | 6071.87414                                       | 633.75246                                             | 6067.90603                            | 0.6                                                                 | 629.784                                                                                     | 1.97                                               |
| 10           | 6078.29236                                       | 6710.63335                                       | 632.34099                                             | 6706.50543                            | 0.7                                                                 | 628.213                                                                                     | 1.96                                               |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.61                                                                |                                                                                             | 1.95                                               |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.9481                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 1.8973                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.9681                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 3.6313                                             |

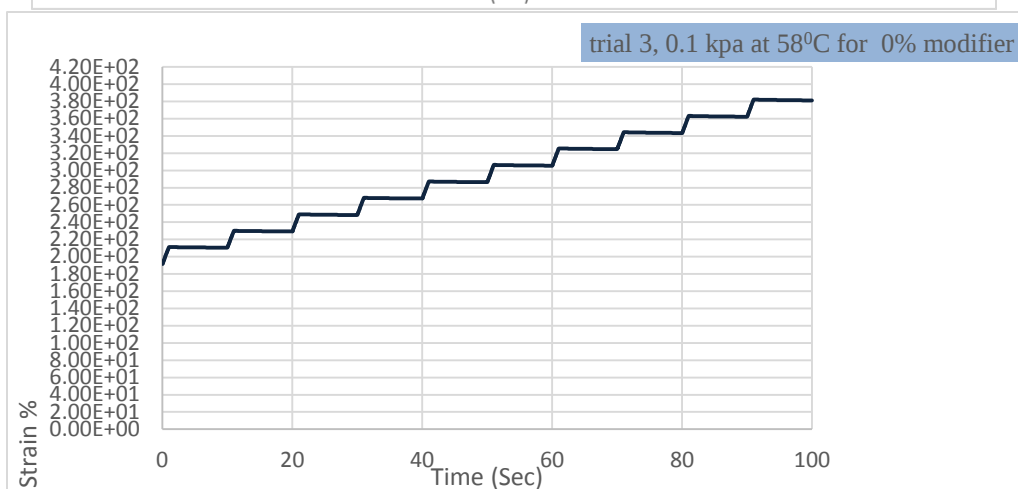
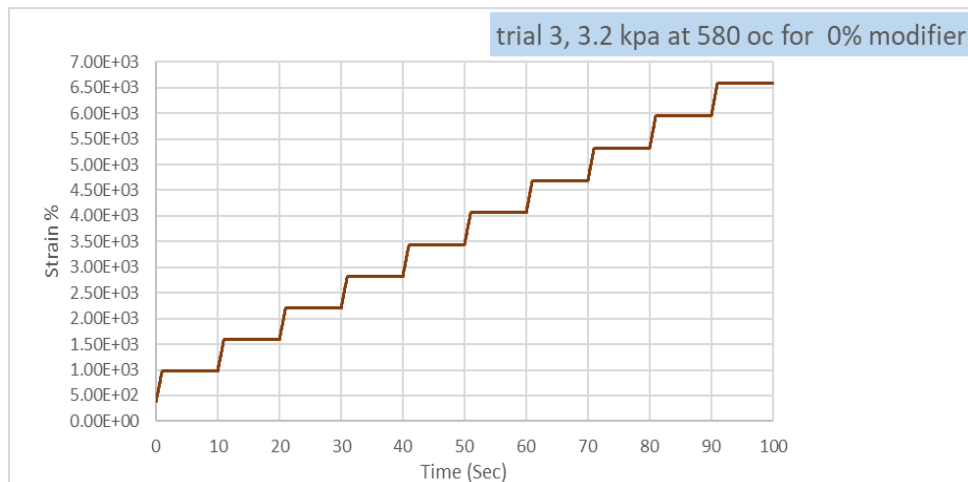


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 0% modifier (trial 3)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c \cdot \epsilon_0$            | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr(3.2)} - J_{nr(0.1)}) / J_{nr(0.1)} * 100$ |
| 1            | 191.49460                                        | 211.32183                                        | 19.82723                                              | 210.45630                             | 4.4                                                                 | 18.96171                                                                                    | 1.90                                               | -2.15                                                                   |
| 2            | 210.72262                                        | 230.13707                                        | 19.41444                                              | 229.27154                             | 4.5                                                                 | 18.54892                                                                                    | 1.85                                               | 0.95                                                                    |
| 3            | 229.57780                                        | 249.23193                                        | 19.65413                                              | 248.29982                             | 4.7                                                                 | 18.72202                                                                                    | 1.87                                               | 0.02                                                                    |
| 4            | 248.59277                                        | 268.32680                                        | 19.73402                                              | 267.42132                             | 4.6                                                                 | 18.82855                                                                                    | 1.88                                               | 0.46                                                                    |
| 5            | 267.72758                                        | 287.30182                                        | 19.57423                                              | 286.35640                             | 4.8                                                                 | 18.62881                                                                                    | 1.86                                               | 2.52                                                                    |
| 6            | 286.63603                                        | 306.51653                                        | 19.88050                                              | 305.54447                             | 4.9                                                                 | 18.90844                                                                                    | 1.89                                               | 1.44                                                                    |
| 7            | 305.85074                                        | 325.58476                                        | 19.73402                                              | 324.62602                             | 4.9                                                                 | 18.77529                                                                                    | 1.88                                               | 2.34                                                                    |
| 8            | 324.93228                                        | 344.42662                                        | 19.49434                                              | 343.32141                             | 5.7                                                                 | 18.38913                                                                                    | 1.84                                               | 5.22                                                                    |
| 9            | 343.62768                                        | 363.28180                                        | 19.65413                                              | 362.22986                             | 5.4                                                                 | 18.60218                                                                                    | 1.86                                               | 3.84                                                                    |
| 10           | 362.53612                                        | 382.29677                                        | 19.76066                                              | 381.20488                             | 5.5                                                                 | 18.66876                                                                                    | 1.87                                               | 3.65                                                                    |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 4.9                                                                 |                                                                                             | 1.87                                               | 1.83                                                                    |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.8703                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 1.8389                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.8962                                             |                                                                         |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          |                                                    | 3.0614                                                                  |

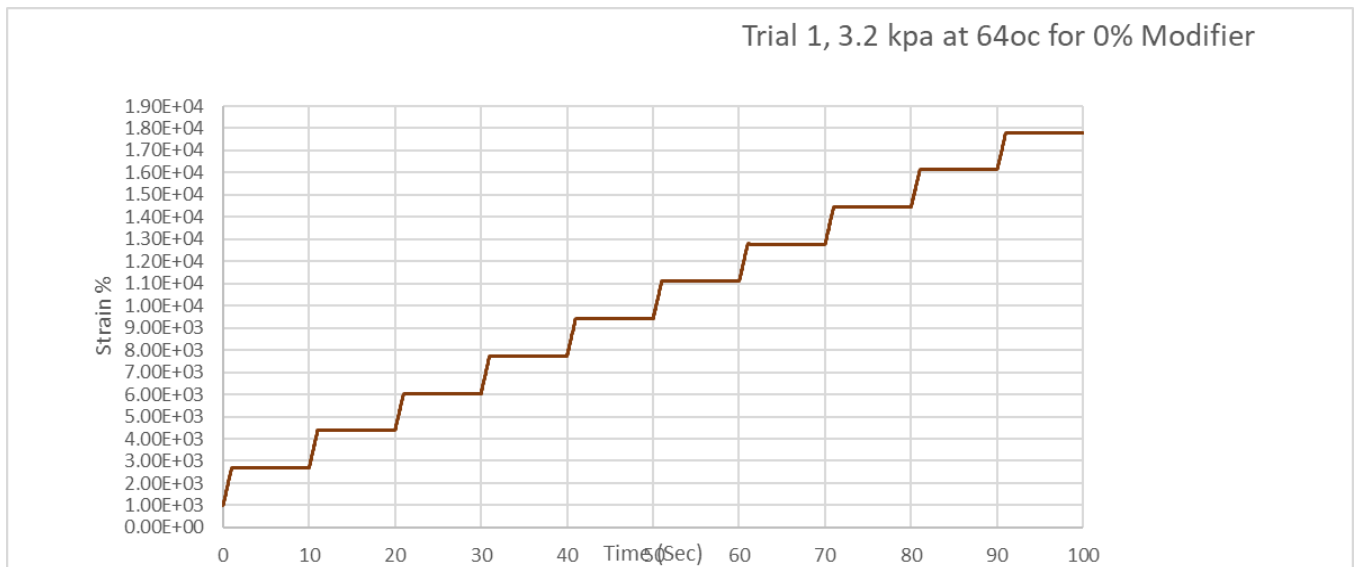
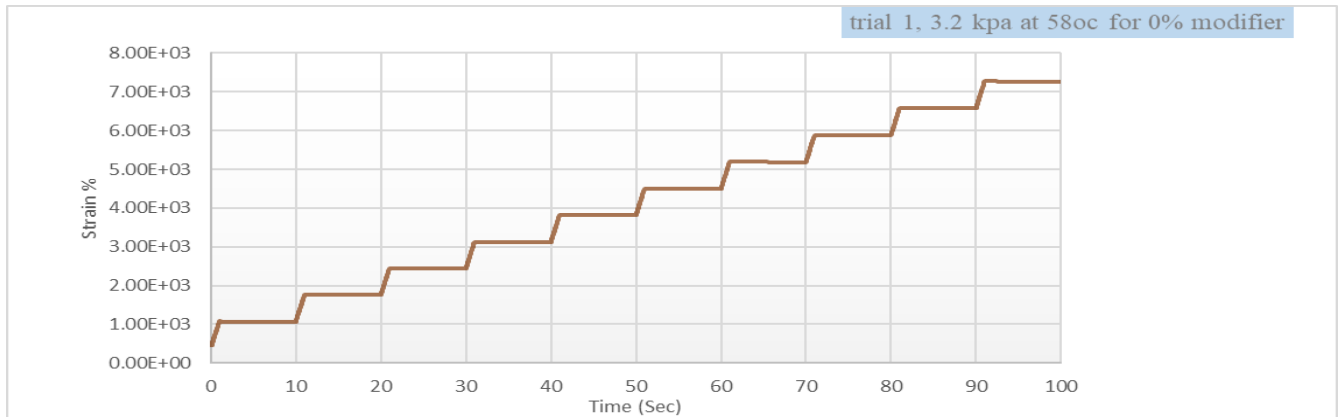
Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 0% modifier (trial 3)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                 | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_c.\epsilon_0$                    | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2,N)=(\epsilon_c-\epsilon_r)/\epsilon_1*100$ | $\epsilon_{10}=\epsilon_r-\epsilon_0$                                                       | $Jnr(3.2,N)=\epsilon_{10}/3.2kPa$ |
| 1            | 391.33820                                        | 988.79179                                        | 597.45358                                             | 985.06333                             | 0.6                                                        | 593.725                                                                                     | 1.86                              |
| 2            | 994.83713                                        | 1597.61702                                       | 602.77989                                             | 1594.02178                            | 0.6                                                        | 599.185                                                                                     | 1.87                              |
| 3            | 1603.90211                                       | 2206.89507                                       | 602.99296                                             | 2203.14001                            | 0.6                                                        | 599.238                                                                                     | 1.87                              |
| 4            | 2213.41981                                       | 2822.43153                                       | 609.01171                                             | 2818.70307                            | 0.6                                                        | 605.283                                                                                     | 1.89                              |
| 5            | 2828.82308                                       | 3443.56054                                       | 614.73746                                             | 3439.93867                            | 0.6                                                        | 611.116                                                                                     | 1.91                              |
| 6            | 3449.95215                                       | 4067.40607                                       | 617.45392                                             | 4063.73089                            | 0.6                                                        | 613.779                                                                                     | 1.92                              |
| 7            | 4074.03732                                       | 4692.45000                                       | 618.41267                                             | 4688.93459                            | 0.6                                                        | 614.897                                                                                     | 1.92                              |
| 8            | 4699.18776                                       | 5321.46198                                       | 622.27423                                             | 5318.37268                            | 0.5                                                        | 619.185                                                                                     | 1.93                              |
| 9            | 5328.65248                                       | 5949.99460                                       | 621.34213                                             | 5946.77215                            | 0.5                                                        | 618.120                                                                                     | 1.93                              |
| 10           | 5956.91880                                       | 6579.43269                                       | 622.51389                                             | 6576.13037                            | 0.5                                                        | 619.212                                                                                     | 1.94                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.58                                                       |                                                                                             | 1.90                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Avg                                                                                         | 1.9043                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Min                                                                                         | 1.8554                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Max                                                                                         | 1.9350                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                         |                                                                                             | 4.1824                            |



Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 0% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                  | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                            | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\%r(0.1,N) = (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_1) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1,N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 492.71446                                        | 524.72262                                        | 32.00816                                              | 522.61872                             | 6.6                                                         | 29.90427                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 13.61                                                             |
| 2            | 540.83778                                        | 573.00573                                        | 32.16795                                              | 570.74204                             | 7.0                                                         | 29.90427                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 12.99                                                             |
| 3            | 588.98773                                        | 621.12905                                        | 32.14132                                              | 618.89200                             | 7.0                                                         | 29.90427                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 8.87                                                              |
| 4            | 637.11105                                        | 669.19911                                        | 32.08806                                              | 667.01531                             | 6.8                                                         | 29.90427                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 7.97                                                              |
| 5            | 685.20774                                        | 717.56211                                        | 32.35438                                              | 715.37832                             | 6.7                                                         | 30.17058                                                                                    | 3.02                                              | 7.66                                                              |
| 6            | 733.59737                                        | 765.52564                                        | 31.92827                                              | 763.23532                             | 7.2                                                         | 29.63795                                                                                    | 2.96                                              | 11.36                                                             |
| 7            | 781.45437                                        | 813.72885                                        | 32.27448                                              | 811.38527                             | 7.3                                                         | 29.93090                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 11.22                                                             |
| 8            | 829.60433                                        | 861.82554                                        | 32.22121                                              | 859.48196                             | 7.3                                                         | 29.87763                                                                                    | 2.99                                              | 10.16                                                             |
| 9            | 877.72765                                        | 910.18855                                        | 32.46090                                              | 907.79170                             | 7.4                                                         | 30.06406                                                                                    | 3.01                                              | 8.17                                                              |
| 10           | 926.01076                                        | 958.39176                                        | 32.38101                                              | 955.96829                             | 7.5                                                         | 29.95753                                                                                    | 3.00                                              | 8.81                                                              |
| Temperature  | 64°C                                             |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | 7.1                                                         |                                                                                             | 2.99                                              | 10.08                                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                             | Avg                                                                                         | 2.9926                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                             | Min                                                                                         | 2.9638                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                             | Max                                                                                         | 3.0171                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                             | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 1.7799                                            |                                                                   |

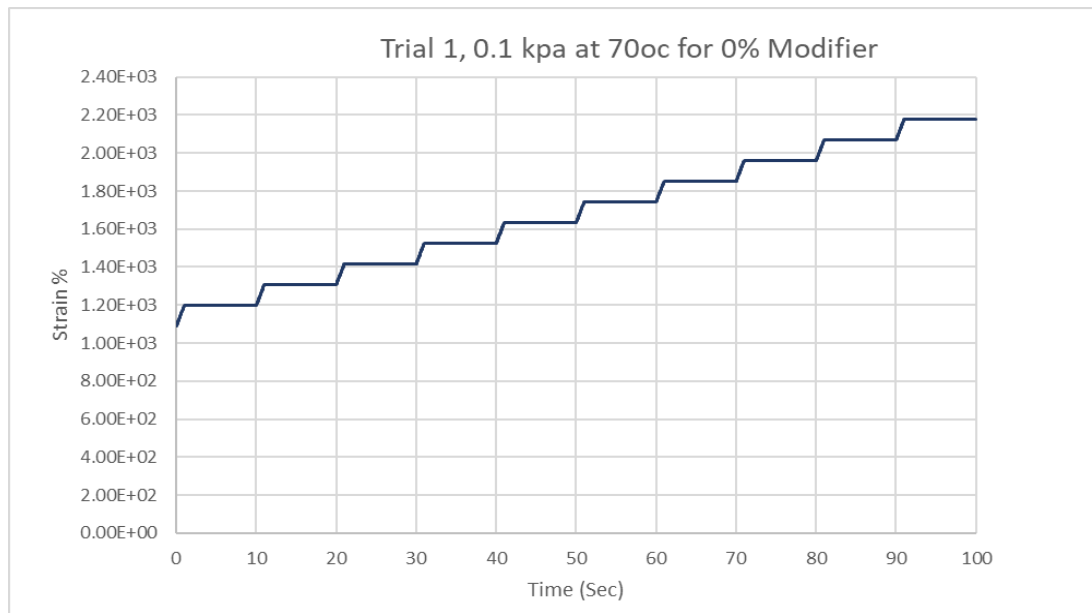


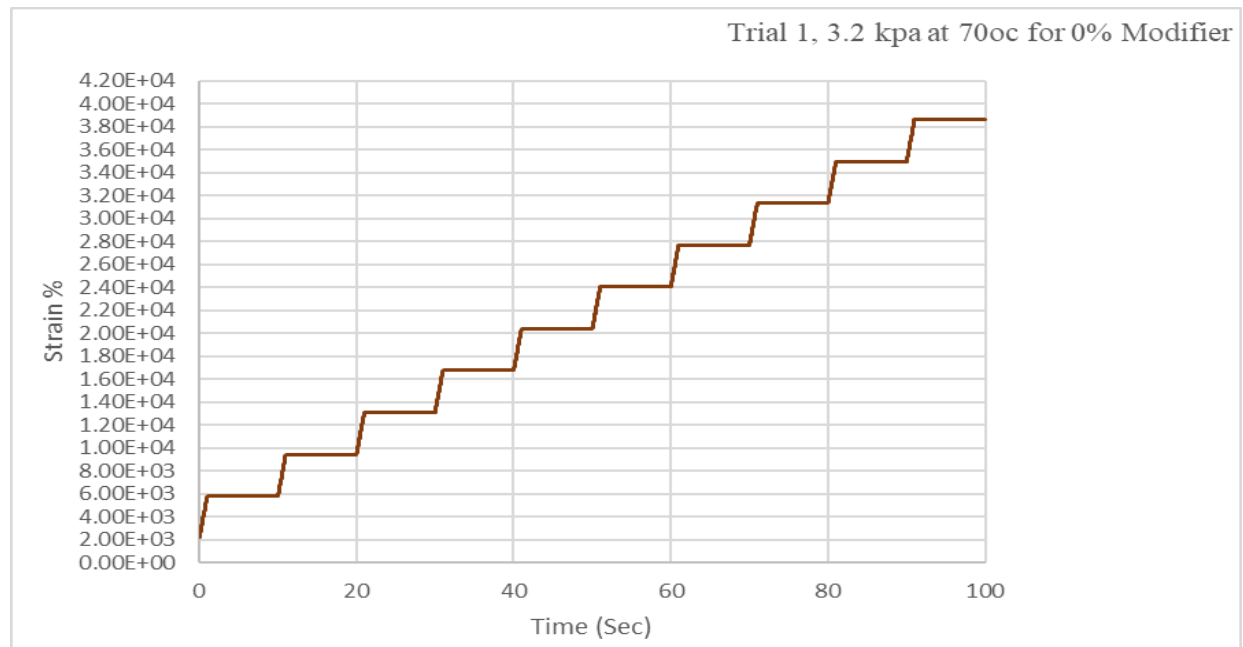
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 0% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                         | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c \cdot \epsilon_0$            | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\square r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_c * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 1090.24491                                       | 1197.73010                                       | 107.48519                                             | 1197.73010                            | 0.0                                                                | 107.48519                                                                                   | 10.75                                              | 3.33                                                              |
| 2            | 1199.00842                                       | 1306.81318                                       | 107.80477                                             | 1306.70665                            | 0.1                                                                | 107.69823                                                                                   | 10.77                                              | 5.71                                                              |
| 3            | 1307.98497                                       | 1415.97615                                       | 107.99118                                             | 1415.86962                            | 0.1                                                                | 107.88466                                                                                   | 10.79                                              | 4.65                                                              |
| 4            | 1417.17457                                       | 1524.84617                                       | 107.67160                                             | 1524.81955                            | 0.0                                                                | 107.64498                                                                                   | 10.76                                              | 4.73                                                              |
| 5            | 1526.09786                                       | 1633.71621                                       | 107.61834                                             | 1633.52978                            | 0.2                                                                | 107.43192                                                                                   | 10.74                                              | 4.91                                                              |
| 6            | 1634.78147                                       | 1742.34655                                       | 107.56508                                             | 1742.02696                            | 0.3                                                                | 107.24549                                                                                   | 10.72                                              | 5.19                                                              |
| 7            | 1743.30528                                       | 1850.89699                                       | 107.59171                                             | 1850.52414                            | 0.3                                                                | 107.21886                                                                                   | 10.72                                              | 5.38                                                              |
| 8            | 1851.80246                                       | 1959.52733                                       | 107.72487                                             | 1959.07459                            | 0.4                                                                | 107.27213                                                                                   | 10.73                                              | 4.44                                                              |
| 9            | 1960.32627                                       | 2068.18430                                       | 107.85803                                             | 2067.67829                            | 0.5                                                                | 107.35202                                                                                   | 10.74                                              | 4.93                                                              |
| 10           | 2068.92998                                       | 2176.65484                                       | 107.72486                                             | 2176.04231                            | 0.6                                                                | 107.11233                                                                                   | 10.71                                              | 5.15                                                              |
| Temperature  | 70°C                                             |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | 0.2                                                                |                                                                                             | 10.74                                              | 4.84                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Avg                                                                                         | 10.7435                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Min                                                                                         | 10.7112                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Max                                                                                         | 10.7885                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                 |                                                                                             | 0.7189                                             |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 0% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2$<br>kPa |
| 1            | 2215.82994                                       | 5754.31865                                       | 3538.48871                                            | 5769.79201                            | -0.4                                                                | 3553.962                                                                                    | 11.11                                      |
| 2            | 5809.76606                                       | 9435.36710                                       | 3625.60104                                            | 9453.05031                            | -0.5                                                                | 3643.284                                                                                    | 11.39                                      |
| 3            | 9492.70478                                       | 13089.51687                                      | 3596.81210                                            | 13105.38959                           | -0.4                                                                | 3612.685                                                                                    | 11.29                                      |
| 4            | 13145.20385                                      | 16735.73088                                      | 3590.52703                                            | 16752.72208                           | -0.5                                                                | 3607.518                                                                                    | 11.27                                      |
| 5            | 16792.21676                                      | 20384.15533                                      | 3591.93857                                            | 20398.80257                           | -0.4                                                                | 3606.586                                                                                    | 11.27                                      |
| 6            | 20439.14946                                      | 24031.83352                                      | 3592.68406                                            | 24049.09085                           | -0.5                                                                | 3609.941                                                                                    | 11.28                                      |
| 7            | 24089.01164                                      | 27689.92495                                      | 3600.91330                                            | 27704.57249                           | -0.4                                                                | 3615.561                                                                                    | 11.30                                      |
| 8            | 27744.91938                                      | 31313.04901                                      | 3568.12963                                            | 31330.09356                           | -0.5                                                                | 3585.174                                                                                    | 11.20                                      |
| 9            | 31372.27803                                      | 34961.87311                                      | 3589.59508                                            | 34976.99987                           | -0.4                                                                | 3604.722                                                                                    | 11.26                                      |
| 10           | 35016.62771                                      | 38604.19881                                      | 3587.57110                                            | 38620.68336                           | -0.5                                                                | 3604.056                                                                                    | 11.26                                      |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | -0.45                                                               |                                                                                             | 11.26                                      |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 11.2636                                    |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 11.1061                                    |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 11.3853                                    |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 2.4782                                     |



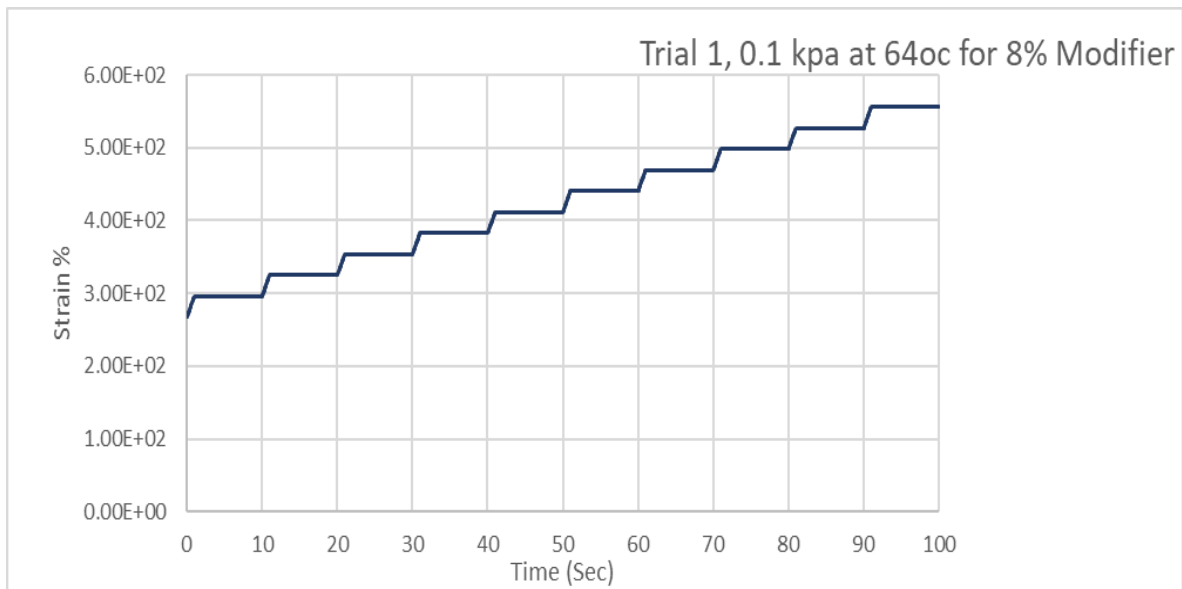


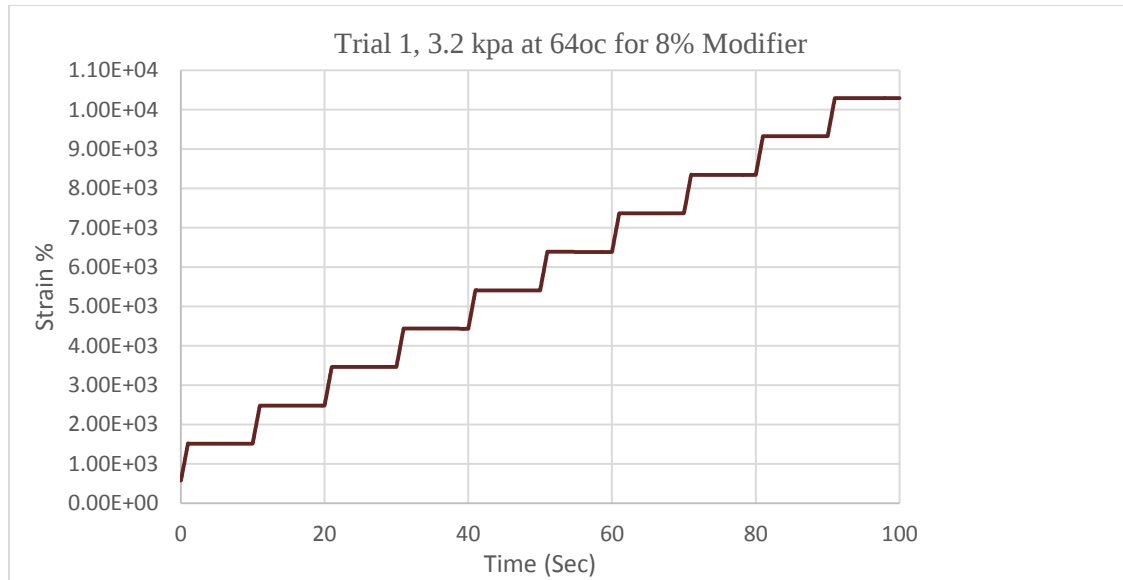
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 8% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                   | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\%r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 267.14169                                        | 296.06362                                        | 28.92193                                              | 295.71741                             | 1.2                                                          | 28.57572                                                                                    | 2.86                                               | 2.95                                                              |
| 2            | 296.11688                                        | 324.98555                                        | 28.86866                                              | 324.61270                             | 1.3                                                          | 28.49582                                                                                    | 2.85                                               | 4.33                                                              |
| 3            | 325.06544                                        | 353.66779                                        | 28.60235                                              | 353.32158                             | 1.2                                                          | 28.25614                                                                                    | 2.83                                               | 6.74                                                              |
| 4            | 353.77432                                        | 382.90930                                        | 29.13498                                              | 382.58972                             | 1.1                                                          | 28.81540                                                                                    | 2.88                                               | 4.15                                                              |
| 5            | 383.01582                                        | 411.59154                                        | 28.57572                                              | 411.27196                             | 1.1                                                          | 28.25614                                                                                    | 2.83                                               | 6.08                                                              |
| 6            | 411.69807                                        | 440.62000                                        | 28.92193                                              | 440.32705                             | 1.0                                                          | 28.62898                                                                                    | 2.86                                               | 5.16                                                              |
| 7            | 440.77979                                        | 469.24898                                        | 28.46919                                              | 468.92940                             | 1.1                                                          | 28.14961                                                                                    | 2.81                                               | 6.79                                                              |
| 8            | 469.35551                                        | 498.67691                                        | 29.32140                                              | 498.33070                             | 1.2                                                          | 28.97519                                                                                    | 2.90                                               | 4.31                                                              |
| 9            | 498.73018                                        | 527.14611                                        | 28.41593                                              | 526.82653                             | 1.1                                                          | 28.09635                                                                                    | 2.81                                               | 7.07                                                              |
| 10           | 527.27926                                        | 556.22783                                        | 28.94856                                              | 555.90825                             | 1.1                                                          | 28.62898                                                                                    | 2.86                                               | 4.42                                                              |
| Temperature  | 64°C                                             |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | 1.1                                                          |                                                                                             | 2.85                                               | 5.20                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Avg                                                                                         | 2.8488                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Min                                                                                         | 2.8096                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Max                                                                                         | 2.8975                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 3.0850                                             |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 8% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_1) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 570.34258                                        | 1514.27337                                       | 943.93079                                             | 1511.74338                            | 0.3                                                                 | 941.401                                                                                     | 2.94                                            |
| 2            | 1526.92340                                       | 2481.05416                                       | 954.13076                                             | 2478.31108                            | 0.3                                                                 | 951.388                                                                                     | 2.97                                            |
| 3            | 2493.43783                                       | 3461.52352                                       | 968.08569                                             | 3458.56742                            | 0.3                                                                 | 965.130                                                                                     | 3.02                                            |
| 4            | 3473.58765                                       | 4437.11930                                       | 963.53165                                             | 4433.97687                            | 0.3                                                                 | 960.389                                                                                     | 3.00                                            |
| 5            | 4448.73078                                       | 5411.22386                                       | 962.49307                                             | 5407.89494                            | 0.3                                                                 | 959.164                                                                                     | 3.00                                            |
| 6            | 5422.86190                                       | 6389.03008                                       | 966.16818                                             | 6386.23373                            | 0.3                                                                 | 963.372                                                                                     | 3.01                                            |
| 7            | 6401.33385                                       | 7366.03731                                       | 964.70345                                             | 7363.32098                            | 0.3                                                                 | 961.987                                                                                     | 3.01                                            |
| 8            | 7378.60752                                       | 8348.02480                                       | 969.41728                                             | 8345.73449                            | 0.2                                                                 | 967.127                                                                                     | 3.02                                            |
| 9            | 8360.99440                                       | 9325.77783                                       | 964.78342                                             | 9323.64719                            | 0.2                                                                 | 962.653                                                                                     | 3.01                                            |
| 10           | 9338.82720                                       | 10297.77826                                      | 958.95106                                             | 10295.43461                           | 0.2                                                                 | 956.607                                                                                     | 2.99                                            |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.28                                                                |                                                                                             | 3.00                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 2.9966                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 2.9419                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 3.0223                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 2.6828                                          |



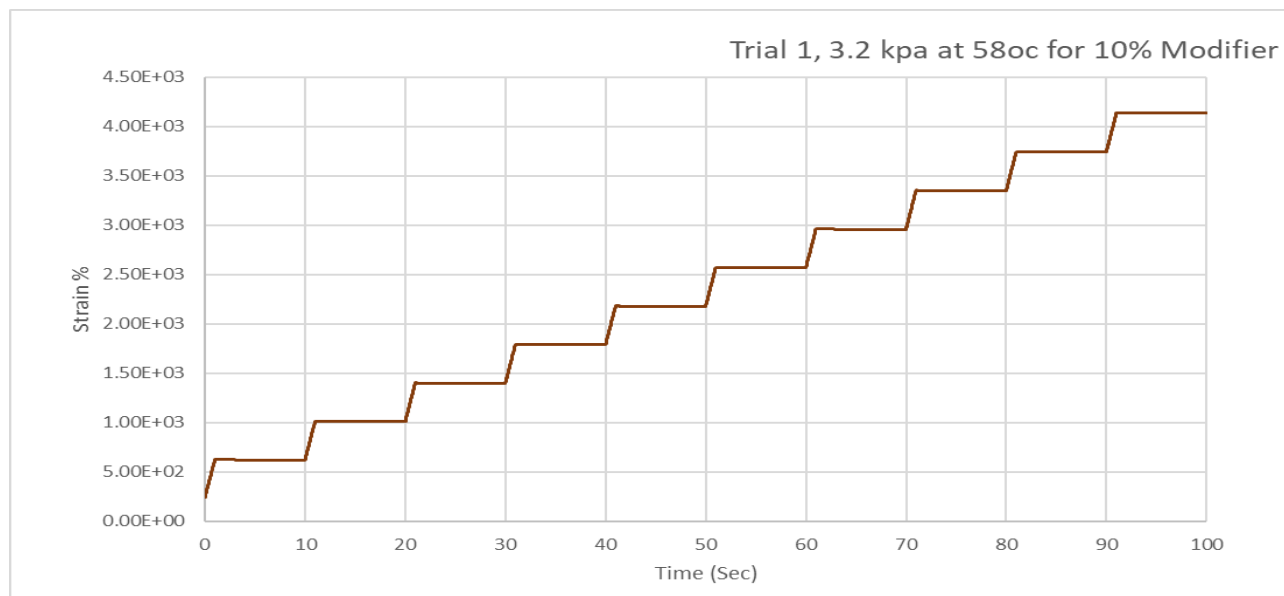


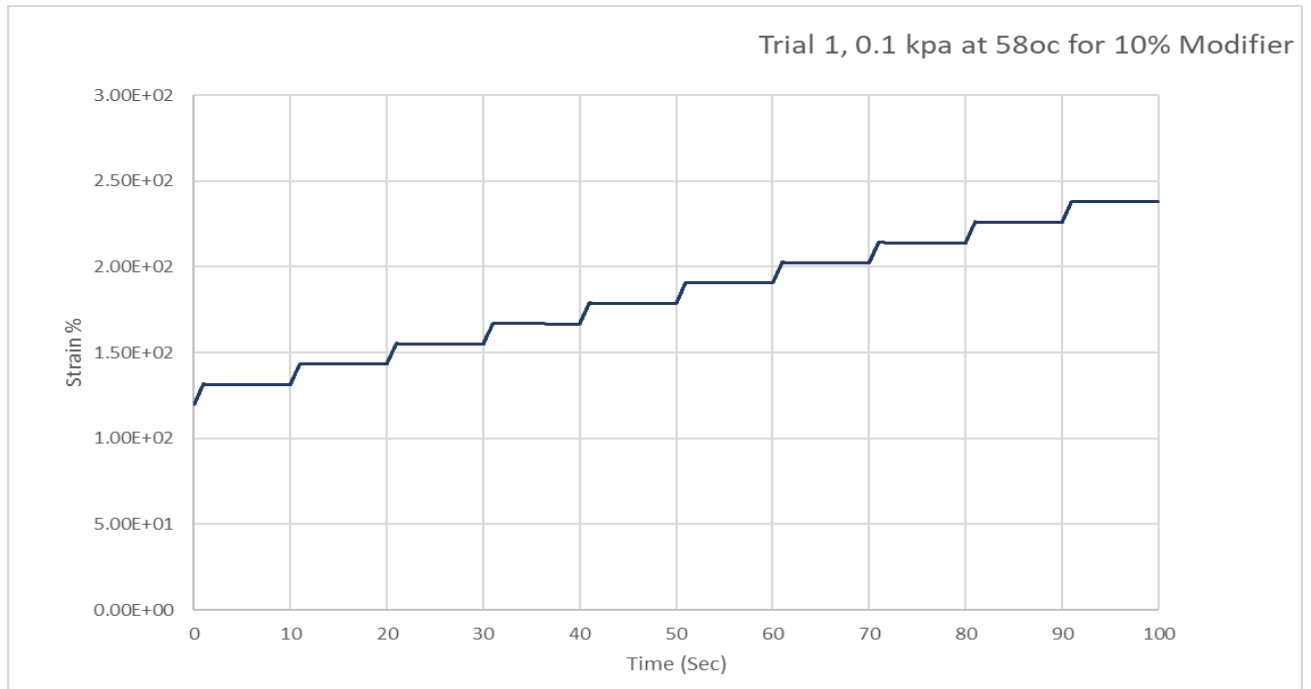
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 10% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                   | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\%r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 119.54930                                        | 131.64005                                        | 12.09075                                              | 131.34710                             | 2.4                                                          | 11.79780                                                                                    | 1.18                                               | 0.01                                                              |
| 2            | 131.56016                                        | 143.67754                                        | 12.11738                                              | 143.35796                             | 2.6                                                          | 11.79780                                                                                    | 1.18                                               | 0.97                                                              |
| 3            | 143.54438                                        | 155.31555                                        | 11.77117                                              | 154.96934                             | 2.9                                                          | 11.42496                                                                                    | 1.14                                               | 4.55                                                              |
| 4            | 155.15577                                        | 167.08673                                        | 11.93096                                              | 166.71388                             | 3.1                                                          | 11.55812                                                                                    | 1.16                                               | 3.43                                                              |
| 5            | 166.92694                                        | 178.96443                                        | 12.03749                                              | 178.59158                             | 3.1                                                          | 11.66465                                                                                    | 1.17                                               | 2.61                                                              |
| 6            | 178.77800                                        | 190.84212                                        | 12.06412                                              | 190.46928                             | 3.1                                                          | 11.69128                                                                                    | 1.17                                               | 2.34                                                              |
| 7            | 190.68233                                        | 202.63993                                        | 11.95759                                              | 202.26708                             | 3.1                                                          | 11.58475                                                                                    | 1.16                                               | 3.38                                                              |
| 8            | 202.50677                                        | 214.25131                                        | 11.74454                                              | 213.85183                             | 3.4                                                          | 11.34507                                                                                    | 1.13                                               | 5.82                                                              |
| 9            | 214.09152                                        | 226.18227                                        | 12.09075                                              | 225.80943                             | 3.1                                                          | 11.71791                                                                                    | 1.17                                               | 2.72                                                              |
| 10           | 225.99585                                        | 238.11323                                        | 12.11738                                              | 237.71376                             | 3.3                                                          | 11.71791                                                                                    | 1.17                                               | 2.90                                                              |
| Temperature  | 58°C                                             |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | 3.0                                                          |                                                                                             | 1.16                                               | 2.87                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Avg                                                                                         | 1.1630                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Min                                                                                         | 1.1345                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                              | Max                                                                                         | 1.1798                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                           |                                                                                             | 3.8928                                             |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 10% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_1) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 244.55808                                        | 627.60055                                        | 383.04247                                             | 622.14107                             | 1.4                                                                 | 377.583                                                                                     | 1.18                                            |
| 2            | 628.95876                                        | 1015.46332                                       | 386.50457                                             | 1010.13702                            | 1.4                                                                 | 381.178                                                                                     | 1.19                                            |
| 3            | 1017.22102                                       | 1404.97729                                       | 387.75627                                             | 1399.46454                            | 1.4                                                                 | 382.244                                                                                     | 1.19                                            |
| 4            | 1406.38875                                       | 1794.62437                                       | 388.23561                                             | 1788.92523                            | 1.5                                                                 | 382.536                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 5            | 1795.95598                                       | 2184.67098                                       | 388.71500                                             | 2178.97181                            | 1.5                                                                 | 383.016                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 6            | 2186.02918                                       | 2574.63765                                       | 388.60846                                             | 2568.91184                            | 1.5                                                                 | 382.883                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 7            | 2575.88932                                       | 2965.00378                                       | 389.11446                                             | 2959.11819                            | 1.5                                                                 | 383.229                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 8            | 2966.25546                                       | 3356.16887                                       | 389.91341                                             | 3350.41646                            | 1.5                                                                 | 384.161                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 9            | 3357.34068                                       | 3748.21283                                       | 390.87215                                             | 3742.51366                            | 1.5                                                                 | 385.173                                                                                     | 1.20                                            |
| 10           | 3749.41125                                       | 4141.13559                                       | 391.72434                                             | 4135.25000                            | 1.5                                                                 | 385.839                                                                                     | 1.21                                            |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 1.46                                                                |                                                                                             | 1.20                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.1962                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 1.1799                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.2057                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 2.1568                                          |

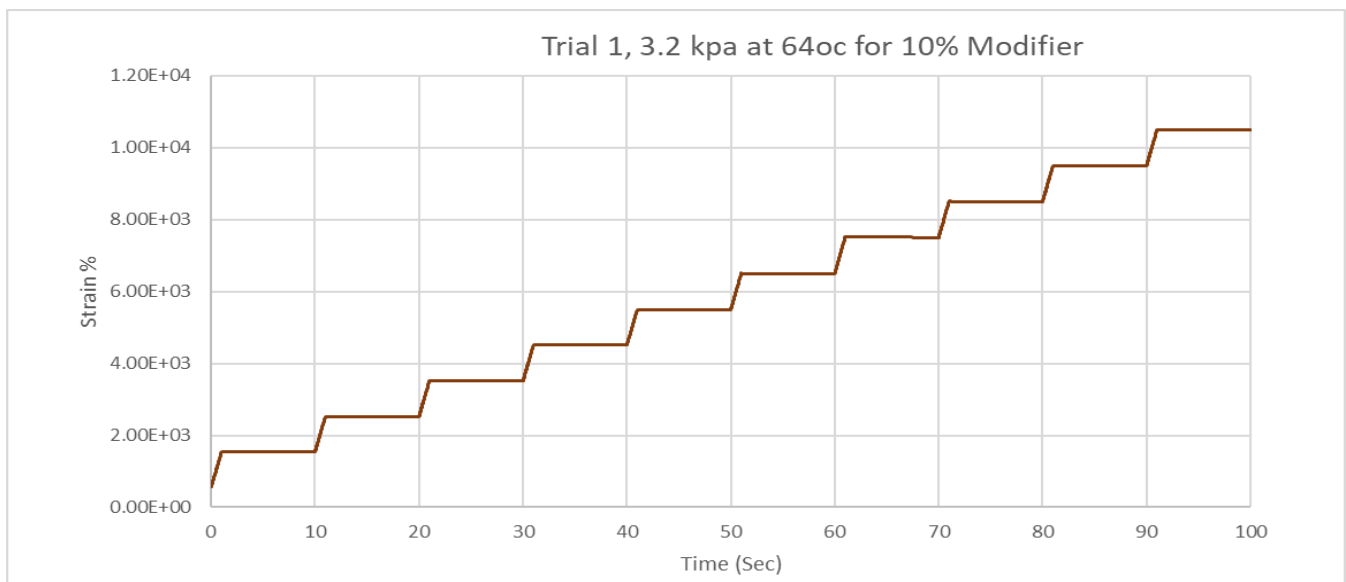


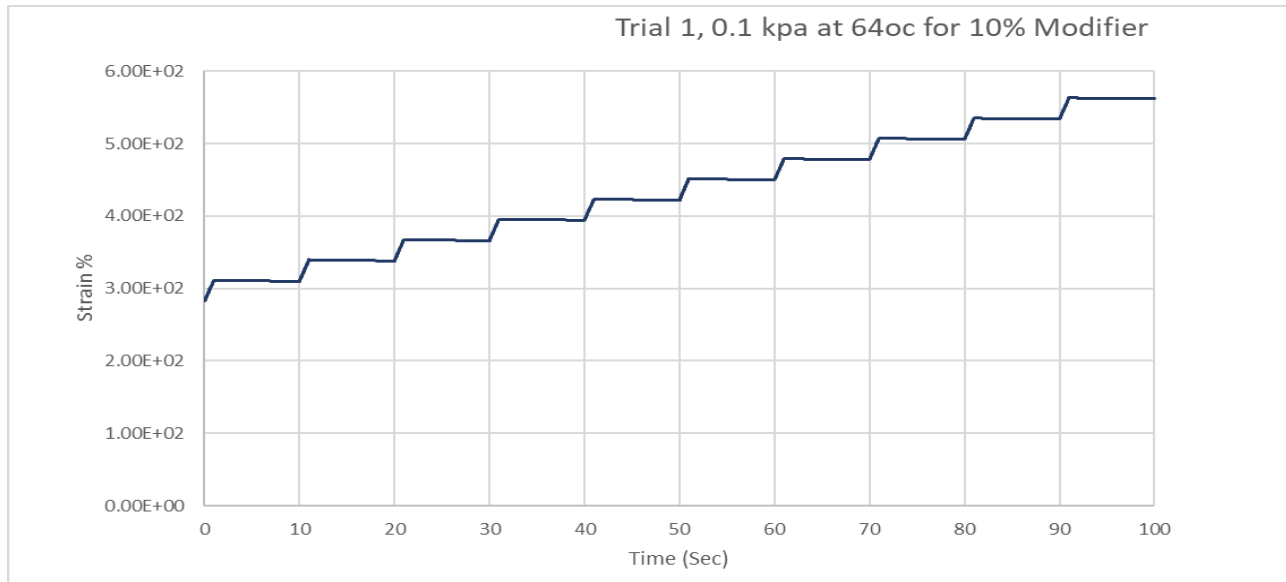


| Trial 1, with 10% Modifier |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     |                                                                                             |                                                    |        |                                                                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stress Cycle               | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             |        | Jnr diff                                                          |
| 0.1 KPa                    | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ |        | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1                          | 282.64129                                        | 311.43006                                        | 28.78877                                              | 310.01859                             | 4.9                                                                 | 27.37730                                                                                    | 2.74                                               |        | 10.06                                                             |
| 2                          | 310.49796                                        | 339.71283                                        | 29.21488                                              | 338.19483                             | 5.2                                                                 | 27.69688                                                                                    | 2.77                                               |        | 9.16                                                              |
| 3                          | 338.64757                                        | 367.59613                                        | 28.94856                                              | 366.02487                             | 5.4                                                                 | 27.37730                                                                                    | 2.74                                               |        | 10.89                                                             |
| 4                          | 366.53087                                        | 395.82564                                        | 29.29477                                              | 394.33427                             | 5.1                                                                 | 27.80340                                                                                    | 2.78                                               |        | 9.71                                                              |
| 5                          | 394.81364                                        | 423.60241                                        | 28.78877                                              | 422.05777                             | 5.4                                                                 | 27.24414                                                                                    | 2.72                                               |        | 12.46                                                             |
| 6                          | 422.51051                                        | 451.69876                                        | 29.18825                                              | 450.15412                             | 5.3                                                                 | 27.64361                                                                                    | 2.76                                               |        | 11.53                                                             |
| 7                          | 450.63349                                        | 479.50216                                        | 28.86867                                              | 477.85100                             | 5.7                                                                 | 27.21751                                                                                    | 2.72                                               |        | 13.47                                                             |
| 8                          | 478.33037                                        | 507.70503                                        | 29.37467                                              | 506.10714                             | 5.4                                                                 | 27.77677                                                                                    | 2.78                                               |        | 10.58                                                             |
| 9                          | 506.55987                                        | 535.34864                                        | 28.78877                                              | 533.72412                             | 5.6                                                                 | 27.16424                                                                                    | 2.72                                               |        | 12.86                                                             |
| 10                         | 534.17685                                        | 563.49826                                        | 29.32140                                              | 561.84710                             | 5.6                                                                 | 27.67025                                                                                    | 2.77                                               |        | 10.24                                                             |
| Temperature                |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 5.4                                                                 |                                                                                             | 2.75                                               |        | 11.10                                                             |
|                            |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 2.7497                                             |        |                                                                   |
|                            |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 2.7164                                             |        |                                                                   |
|                            |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 2.7803                                             |        |                                                                   |
|                            |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          |                                                    | 2.3245 |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 10% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 577.26680                                        | 1546.39111                                       | 969.12431                                             | 1541.43759                            | 0.5                                                                 | 964.171                                                                                     | 3.01                                            |
| 2            | 1556.96382                                       | 2529.09751                                       | 972.13369                                             | 2524.43702                            | 0.5                                                                 | 967.473                                                                                     | 3.02                                            |
| 3            | 2540.06978                                       | 3515.77216                                       | 975.70238                                             | 3511.51102                            | 0.4                                                                 | 971.441                                                                                     | 3.04                                            |
| 4            | 3527.11715                                       | 4507.13375                                       | 980.01660                                             | 4503.19231                            | 0.4                                                                 | 976.075                                                                                     | 3.05                                            |
| 5            | 4518.71854                                       | 5503.20932                                       | 984.49077                                             | 5499.16134                            | 0.4                                                                 | 980.443                                                                                     | 3.06                                            |
| 6            | 5514.52778                                       | 6504.93079                                       | 990.40301                                             | 6501.12250                            | 0.4                                                                 | 986.595                                                                                     | 3.08                                            |
| 7            | 6516.75525                                       | 7509.20893                                       | 992.45367                                             | 7505.05433                            | 0.4                                                                 | 988.299                                                                                     | 3.09                                            |
| 8            | 7520.76698                                       | 8508.18724                                       | 987.42026                                             | 8503.63330                            | 0.5                                                                 | 982.866                                                                                     | 3.07                                            |
| 9            | 8518.91984                                       | 9505.00847                                       | 986.08862                                             | 9499.97508                            | 0.5                                                                 | 981.055                                                                                     | 3.07                                            |
| 10           | 9515.52794                                       | 10496.47675                                      | 980.94881                                             | 10491.65637                           | 0.5                                                                 | 976.128                                                                                     | 3.05                                            |
| Temprature   |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.45                                                                |                                                                                             | 3.05                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 3.0545                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 3.0130                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 3.0884                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 2.4685                                          |



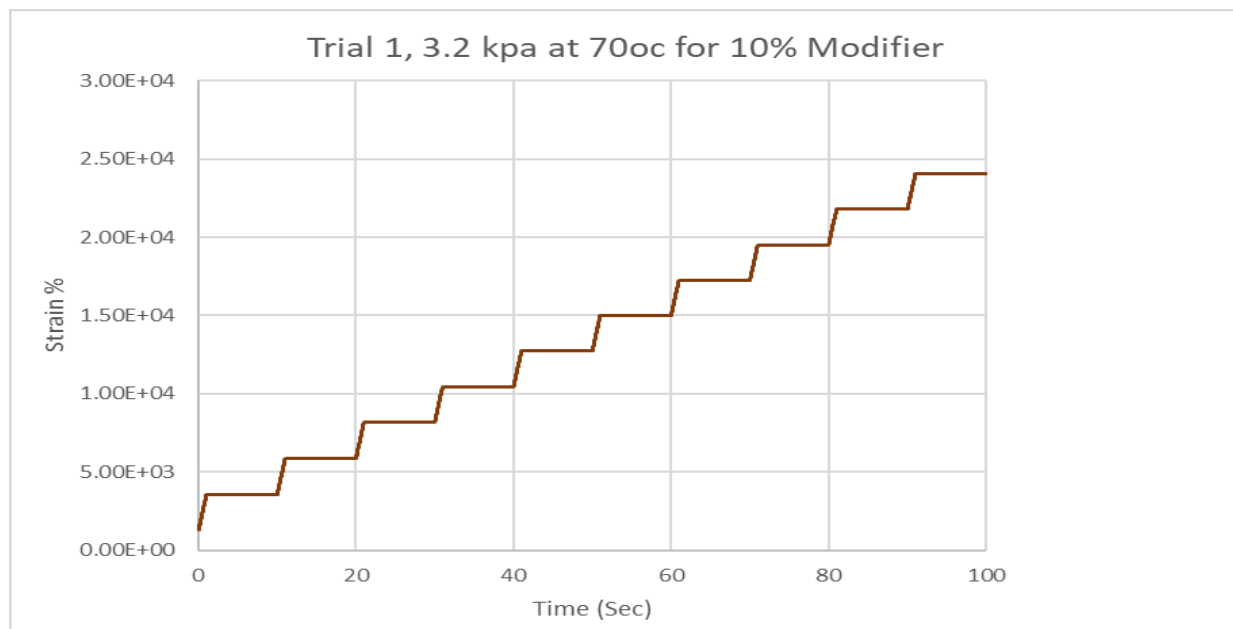


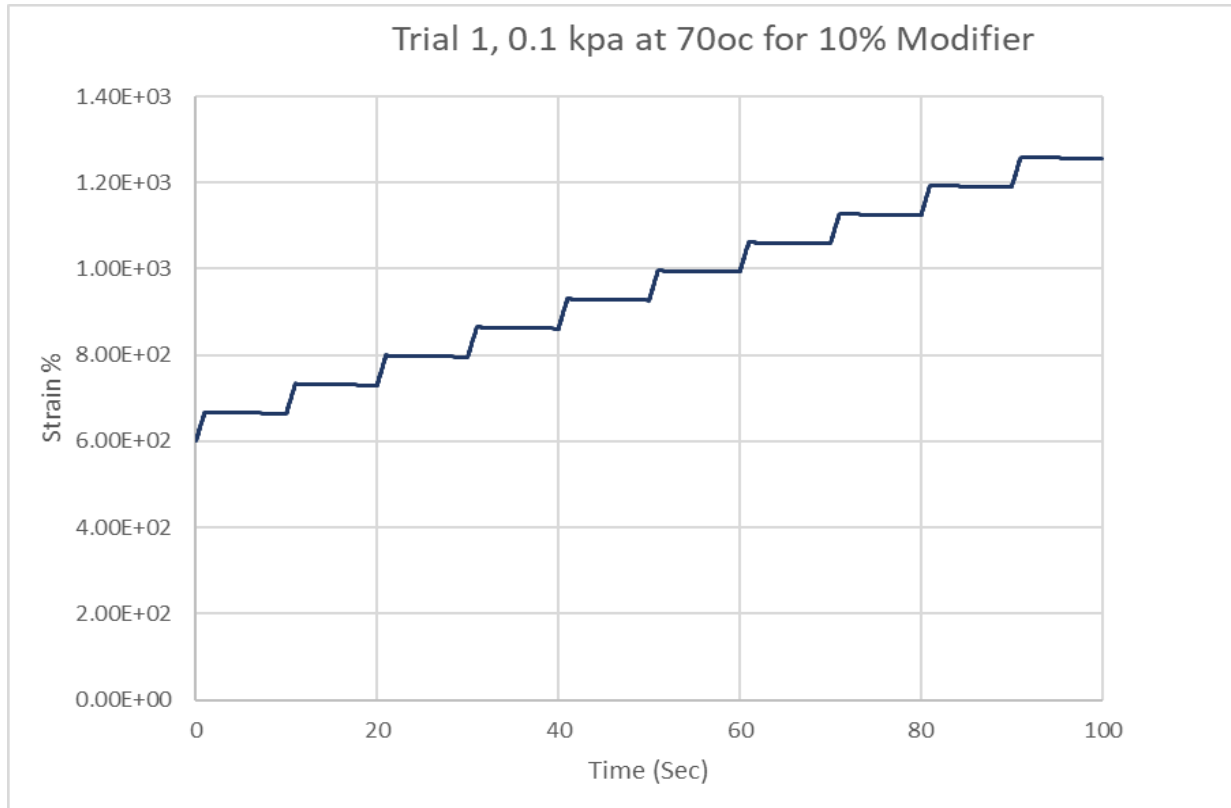
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 10% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c \cdot \epsilon_0$            | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 599.87703                                        | 667.57458                                        | 67.69756                                              | 664.59184                             | 4.4                                                                 | 64.71481                                                                                    | 6.47                                               | 9.06                                                              |
| 2            | 665.47069                                        | 733.43456                                        | 67.96387                                              | 730.05234                             | 5.0                                                                 | 64.58166                                                                                    | 6.46                                               | 10.70                                                             |
| 3            | 730.98445                                        | 799.10811                                        | 68.12366                                              | 795.67263                             | 5.0                                                                 | 64.68818                                                                                    | 6.47                                               | 9.92                                                              |
| 4            | 796.65800                                        | 864.88819                                        | 68.23018                                              | 861.42608                             | 5.1                                                                 | 64.76808                                                                                    | 6.48                                               | 8.74                                                              |
| 5            | 862.35818                                        | 930.29543                                        | 67.93724                                              | 926.91321                             | 5.0                                                                 | 64.55502                                                                                    | 6.46                                               | 8.74                                                              |
| 6            | 927.84531                                        | 995.88908                                        | 68.04377                                              | 992.82644                             | 4.5                                                                 | 64.98113                                                                                    | 6.50                                               | 7.43                                                              |
| 7            | 993.73192                                        | 1061.50937                                       | 67.77745                                              | 1058.28694                            | 4.8                                                                 | 64.55502                                                                                    | 6.46                                               | 7.89                                                              |
| 8            | 1059.21905                                       | 1127.84871                                       | 68.62966                                              | 1124.49313                            | 4.9                                                                 | 65.27408                                                                                    | 6.53                                               | 7.42                                                              |
| 9            | 1125.39860                                       | 1193.78858                                       | 68.38998                                              | 1190.40637                            | 4.9                                                                 | 65.00776                                                                                    | 6.50                                               | 7.73                                                              |
| 10           | 1191.36510                                       | 1259.51539                                       | 68.15029                                              | 1256.21308                            | 4.8                                                                 | 64.84797                                                                                    | 6.48                                               | 7.39                                                              |
| Temprature   | 70°C                                             |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | 4.8                                                                 |                                                                                             | 6.48                                               | 8.50                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 6.4797                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 6.4555                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 6.5274                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 1.1097                                             |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 10% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 1285.69427                                       | 3541.01900                                       | 2255.32473                                            | 3544.21471                            | -0.1                                                                | 2258.520                                                                                    | 7.06                                            |
| 2            | 3574.36169                                       | 5860.12621                                       | 2285.76452                                            | 5862.12356                            | -0.1                                                                | 2287.762                                                                                    | 7.15                                            |
| 3            | 5892.05749                                       | 8165.94441                                       | 2273.88692                                            | 8167.48891                            | -0.1                                                                | 2275.431                                                                                    | 7.11                                            |
| 4            | 8197.02337                                       | 10447.39444                                      | 2250.37107                                            | 10450.64364                           | -0.1                                                                | 2253.620                                                                                    | 7.04                                            |
| 5            | 10480.41778                                      | 12723.41181                                      | 2242.99403                                            | 12726.68768                           | -0.1                                                                | 2246.270                                                                                    | 7.02                                            |
| 6            | 12757.89993                                      | 14990.37463                                      | 2232.47471                                            | 14991.81275                           | -0.1                                                                | 2233.913                                                                                    | 6.98                                            |
| 7            | 15021.24068                                      | 17247.40375                                      | 2226.16307                                            | 17249.96034                           | -0.1                                                                | 2228.720                                                                                    | 6.96                                            |
| 8            | 17280.29375                                      | 19520.01233                                      | 2239.71858                                            | 19524.06023                           | -0.2                                                                | 2243.766                                                                                    | 7.01                                            |
| 9            | 19555.24585                                      | 21793.55283                                      | 2238.30698                                            | 21796.32265                           | -0.1                                                                | 2241.077                                                                                    | 7.00                                            |
| 10           | 21825.88374                                      | 24052.47290                                      | 2226.58916                                            | 24054.36371                           | -0.1                                                                | 2228.480                                                                                    | 6.96                                            |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | -0.12                                                               |                                                                                             | 7.03                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 7.0305                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 6.9640                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 7.1493                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 2.6350                                          |



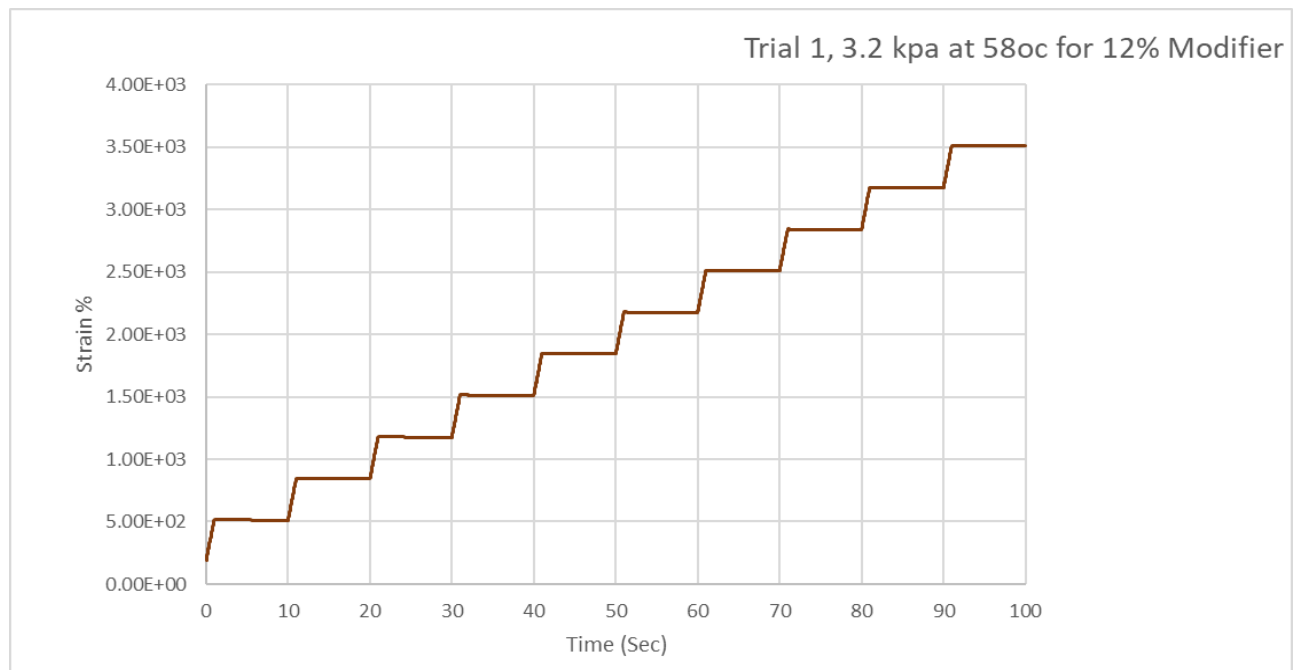


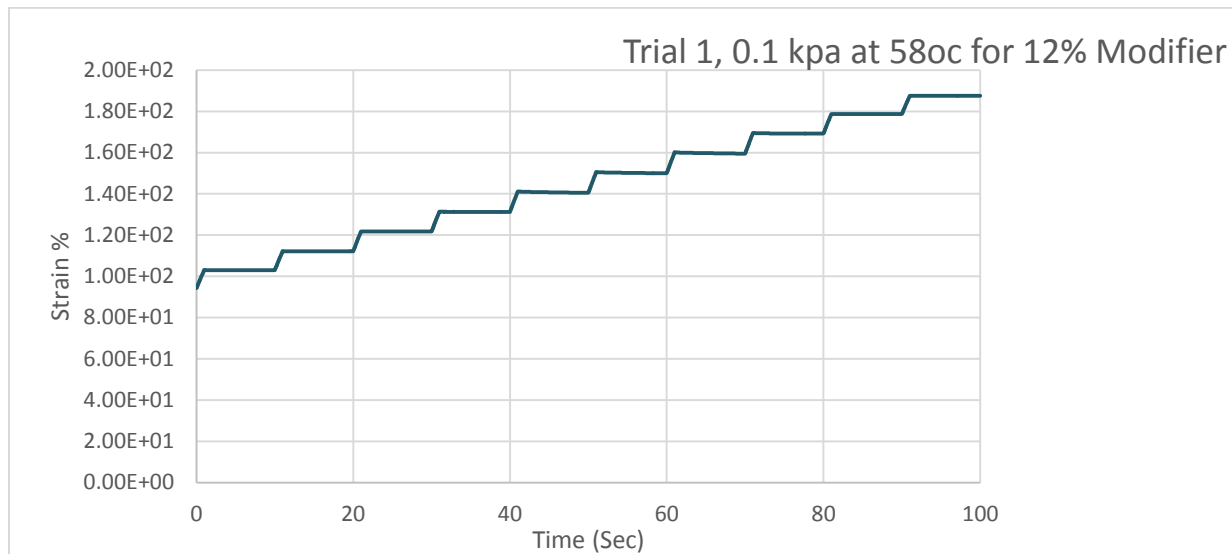
Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 12% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                         | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                                   | Jnr diff                                                                             |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\%R(0.1, N) = \frac{(\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r)}{\epsilon_1} * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \frac{\epsilon_{10}}{0.1 \text{ kPa}}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = \left( \frac{J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}}{J_{nr0.1}} \right) * 100$ |
| 1            | 94.32916                                         | 103.09096                                        | 8.76180                                               | 103.03770                             | 0.6                                                                | 8.70854                                                                                     | 0.87                                                     | 14.34                                                                                |
| 2            | 103.14423                                        | 112.22561                                        | 9.08138                                               | 112.11908                             | 1.2                                                                | 8.97485                                                                                     | 0.90                                                     | 13.19                                                                                |
| 3            | 112.27887                                        | 121.81299                                        | 9.53412                                               | 121.73309                             | 0.8                                                                | 9.45422                                                                                     | 0.95                                                     | 8.45                                                                                 |
| 4            | 121.91951                                        | 131.42700                                        | 9.50748                                               | 131.29384                             | 1.4                                                                | 9.37433                                                                                     | 0.94                                                     | 10.04                                                                                |
| 5            | 131.45363                                        | 141.20080                                        | 9.74717                                               | 140.50838                             | 7.1                                                                | 9.05475                                                                                     | 0.91                                                     | 11.94                                                                                |
| 6            | 140.66817                                        | 150.65502                                        | 9.98685                                               | 149.98923                             | 6.7                                                                | 9.32106                                                                                     | 0.93                                                     | 8.86                                                                                 |
| 7            | 150.12239                                        | 160.21577                                        | 10.09338                                              | 159.49672                             | 7.1                                                                | 9.37433                                                                                     | 0.94                                                     | 8.48                                                                                 |
| 8            | 159.68314                                        | 169.53683                                        | 9.85370                                               | 169.19062                             | 3.5                                                                | 9.50748                                                                                     | 0.95                                                     | 6.90                                                                                 |
| 9            | 169.37704                                        | 178.75137                                        | 9.37433                                               | 178.67148                             | 0.9                                                                | 9.29443                                                                                     | 0.93                                                     | 10.03                                                                                |
| 10           | 178.80463                                        | 187.61970                                        | 8.81506                                               | 187.53980                             | 0.9                                                                | 8.73517                                                                                     | 0.87                                                     | 17.65                                                                                |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 3.0                                                                |                                                                                             | 0.92                                                     | 10.99                                                                                |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Avg                                                                                         | 0.9180                                                   |                                                                                      |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Min                                                                                         | 0.8709                                                   |                                                                                      |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | Max                                                                                         | 0.9507                                                   |                                                                                      |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 8.7032                                                   |                                                                                      |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 12% modifier (trial 1)

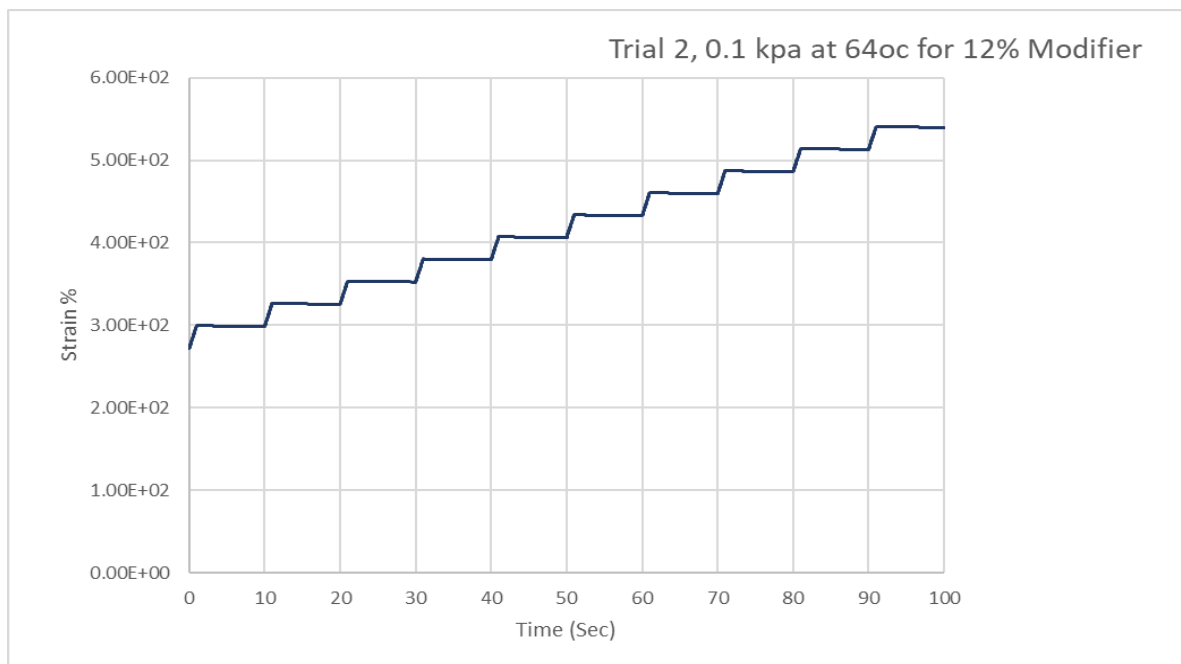
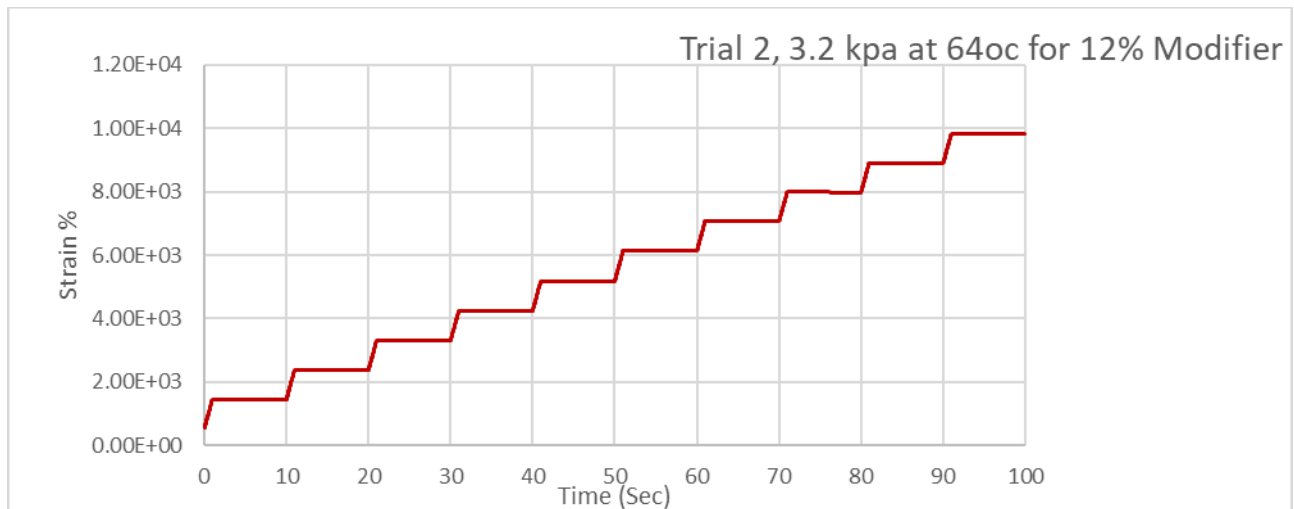
| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $Jnr(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 193.45202                                        | 519.68926                                        | 326.23724                                             | 512.09924                             | 2.3                                                                 | 318.647                                                                                     | 1.00                                            |
| 2            | 517.95819                                        | 847.28469                                        | 329.32650                                             | 843.02363                             | 1.3                                                                 | 325.065                                                                                     | 1.02                                            |
| 3            | 849.01574                                        | 1181.32499                                       | 332.30925                                             | 1177.11716                            | 1.3                                                                 | 328.101                                                                                     | 1.03                                            |
| 4            | 1183.26906                                       | 1517.33600                                       | 334.06694                                             | 1513.36786                            | 1.2                                                                 | 330.099                                                                                     | 1.03                                            |
| 5            | 1519.43987                                       | 1850.01806                                       | 330.57819                                             | 1843.78625                            | 1.9                                                                 | 324.346                                                                                     | 1.01                                            |
| 6            | 1849.83162                                       | 2181.12887                                       | 331.29724                                             | 2174.52423                            | 2.0                                                                 | 324.693                                                                                     | 1.01                                            |
| 7            | 2180.56960                                       | 2512.66577                                       | 332.09617                                             | 2505.98126                            | 2.0                                                                 | 325.412                                                                                     | 1.02                                            |
| 8            | 2512.42611                                       | 2844.22935                                       | 331.80324                                             | 2837.65134                            | 2.0                                                                 | 325.225                                                                                     | 1.02                                            |
| 9            | 2843.77661                                       | 3177.47068                                       | 333.69407                                             | 3171.02586                            | 1.9                                                                 | 327.249                                                                                     | 1.02                                            |
| 10           | 3177.15113                                       | 3512.46972                                       | 335.31860                                             | 3506.02490                            | 1.9                                                                 | 328.874                                                                                     | 1.03                                            |
| Temprature   |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 1.78                                                                |                                                                                             | 1.02                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 1.0180                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 0.9958                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 1.0316                                          |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 3.5152                                          |





Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 12% modifier (trial 2)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                         | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             |        | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\%r(0.1, N) = \frac{(\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r)}{\epsilon_1} * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ |        | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 271.69570                                        | 299.57899                                        | 27.88330                                              | 298.51373                             | 3.8                                                                | 26.81803                                                                                    | 2.68                                               |        | 4.88                                                              |
| 2            | 298.93984                                        | 326.53018                                        | 27.59035                                              | 325.38503                             | 4.2                                                                | 26.44519                                                                                    | 2.64                                               |        | 7.23                                                              |
| 3            | 325.83776                                        | 353.48138                                        | 27.64361                                              | 352.30959                             | 4.2                                                                | 26.47182                                                                                    | 2.65                                               |        | 8.12                                                              |
| 4            | 352.70906                                        | 380.29941                                        | 27.59035                                              | 379.10099                             | 4.3                                                                | 26.39193                                                                                    | 2.64                                               |        | 9.15                                                              |
| 5            | 379.52709                                        | 407.35713                                        | 27.83003                                              | 406.13207                             | 4.4                                                                | 26.60498                                                                                    | 2.66                                               |        | 8.72                                                              |
| 6            | 406.58481                                        | 433.88221                                        | 27.29740                                              | 432.63052                             | 4.6                                                                | 26.04571                                                                                    | 2.60                                               |        | 10.82                                                             |
| 7            | 433.08326                                        | 460.64698                                        | 27.56372                                              | 459.39529                             | 4.5                                                                | 26.31203                                                                                    | 2.63                                               |        | 9.06                                                              |
| 8            | 459.82140                                        | 487.22533                                        | 27.40393                                              | 485.97364                             | 4.6                                                                | 26.15224                                                                                    | 2.62                                               |        | 8.91                                                              |
| 9            | 486.42638                                        | 514.17652                                        | 27.75014                                              | 512.97809                             | 4.3                                                                | 26.55172                                                                                    | 2.66                                               |        | 6.70                                                              |
| 10           | 513.45746                                        | 540.86139                                        | 27.40393                                              | 539.63633                             | 4.5                                                                | 26.17887                                                                                    | 2.62                                               |        | 7.90                                                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 4.3                                                                |                                                                                             | 2.64                                               |        | 8.15                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    |                                                                                             | Avg                                                | 2.6397 |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    |                                                                                             | Min                                                | 2.6046 |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    |                                                                                             | Max                                                | 2.6818 |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                    |                                                                                             | % Normalized Range                                 | 2.9258 |                                                                   |

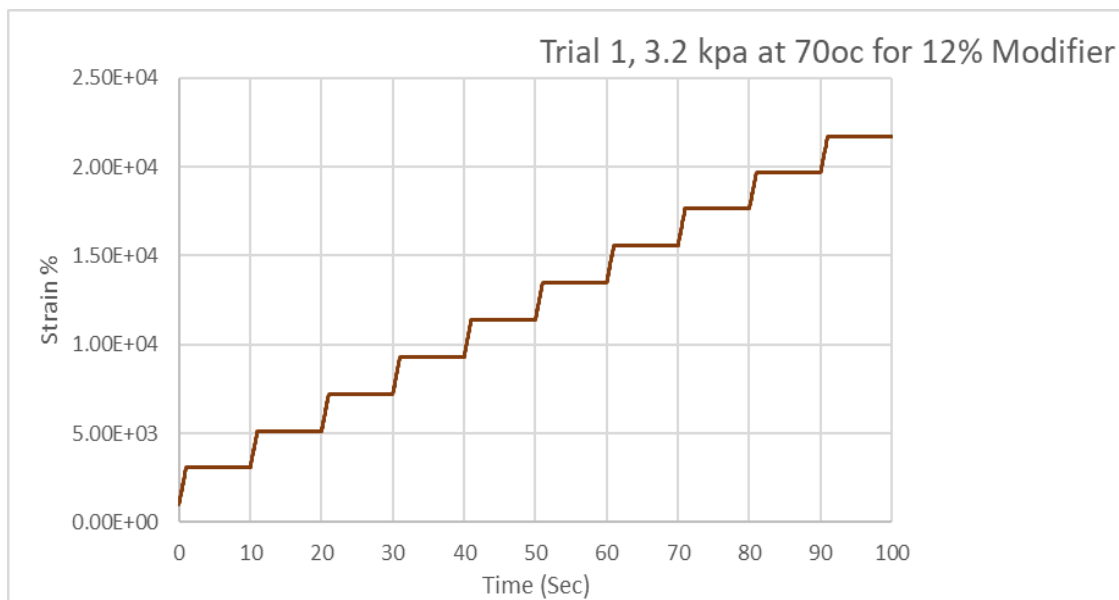
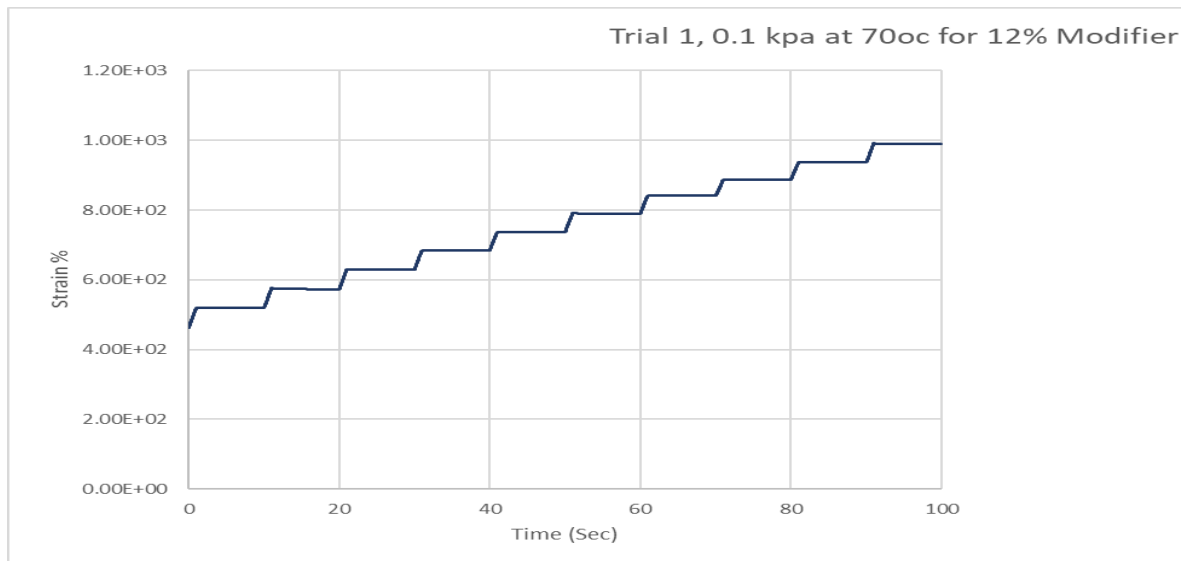


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 12% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                      | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                            | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\square_r$                           | $\square_r(0.1, N) = (\square_c - \square_r) / \square_1 * 100$ | $\square_{10} = \square_r - \square_0$                                                      | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \square_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 463.15034                                        | 519.20989                                        | 56.05954                                              | 518.65062                             | 1.0                                                             | 55.50028                                                                                    | 5.55                                              | 14.63                                                             |
| 2            | 519.44957                                        | 575.74880                                        | 56.29923                                              | 572.36658                             | 6.0                                                             | 52.91701                                                                                    | 5.29                                              | 20.69                                                             |
| 3            | 573.19216                                        | 630.37022                                        | 57.17807                                              | 628.74570                             | 2.8                                                             | 55.55354                                                                                    | 5.56                                              | 15.82                                                             |
| 4            | 629.59791                                        | 684.56556                                        | 54.96765                                              | 684.51229                             | 0.1                                                             | 54.91438                                                                                    | 5.49                                              | 17.11                                                             |
| 5            | 685.20472                                        | 737.05647                                        | 51.85175                                              | 736.15099                             | 1.7                                                             | 50.94627                                                                                    | 5.09                                              | 26.46                                                             |
| 6            | 736.94994                                        | 790.95884                                        | 54.00891                                              | 789.73379                             | 2.3                                                             | 52.78385                                                                                    | 5.28                                              | 22.17                                                             |
| 7            | 790.55937                                        | 841.55890                                        | 50.99953                                              | 841.53227                             | 0.1                                                             | 50.97290                                                                                    | 5.10                                              | 26.32                                                             |
| 8            | 842.14480                                        | 887.07232                                        | 44.92753                                              | 887.04569                             | 0.1                                                             | 44.90090                                                                                    | 4.49                                              | 41.94                                                             |
| 9            | 887.76475                                        | 936.82017                                        | 49.05543                                              | 936.82017                             | 0.0                                                             | 49.05543                                                                                    | 4.91                                              | 28.86                                                             |
| 10           | 937.45933                                        | 991.14866                                        | 53.68932                                              | 990.96224                             | 0.3                                                             | 53.50291                                                                                    | 5.35                                              | 18.00                                                             |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 1.4                                                             |                                                                                             | 5.21                                              | 23.20                                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Avg                                                                                         | 5.2105                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Min                                                                                         | 4.4901                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Max                                                                                         | 5.5554                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | % Normalized Range                                                                          |                                                   | 20.4447                                                           |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 12% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                 | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_c-\epsilon_0$                    | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2,N)=(\epsilon_c-\epsilon_r)/\epsilon_1*100$ | $\epsilon_{10}=\epsilon_r-\epsilon_0$                                                       | $Jnr(3.2,N)=\epsilon_{10}/3.2kPa$ |
| 1            | 1017.70037                                       | 3054.45939                                       | 2036.75902                                            | 3053.50050                            | 0.0                                                        | 2035.800                                                                                    | 6.36                              |
| 2            | 3080.74464                                       | 5123.36254                                       | 2042.61790                                            | 5124.40130                            | -0.1                                                       | 2043.657                                                                                    | 6.39                              |
| 3            | 5151.99165                                       | 7209.70973                                       | 2057.71808                                            | 7210.98810                            | -0.1                                                       | 2058.996                                                                                    | 6.43                              |
| 4            | 7238.52519                                       | 9296.61602                                       | 2058.09083                                            | 9296.40293                            | 0.0                                                        | 2057.878                                                                                    | 6.43                              |
| 5            | 9324.04654                                       | 11385.70607                                      | 2061.65952                                            | 11385.70607                           | 0.0                                                        | 2061.660                                                                                    | 6.44                              |
| 6            | 11413.72252                                      | 13475.51525                                      | 2061.79273                                            | 13477.19297                           | -0.1                                                       | 2063.470                                                                                    | 6.45                              |
| 7            | 13504.78332                                      | 15564.07273                                      | 2059.28941                                            | 15565.21788                           | -0.1                                                       | 2060.435                                                                                    | 6.44                              |
| 8            | 15592.59518                                      | 17632.31024                                      | 2039.71506                                            | 17632.09715                           | 0.0                                                        | 2039.502                                                                                    | 6.37                              |
| 9            | 17660.96582                                      | 19684.78173                                      | 2023.81591                                            | 19683.71645                           | 0.1                                                        | 2022.751                                                                                    | 6.32                              |
| 10           | 19711.41332                                      | 21730.46231                                      | 2019.04899                                            | 21731.74068                           | -0.1                                                       | 2020.327                                                                                    | 6.31                              |
| Temprature   |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | -0.02                                                      |                                                                                             | 6.40                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Avg                                                                                         | 6.3951                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Min                                                                                         | 6.3135                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                            | Max                                                                                         | 6.4483                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                         |                                                                                             | 2.1082                            |

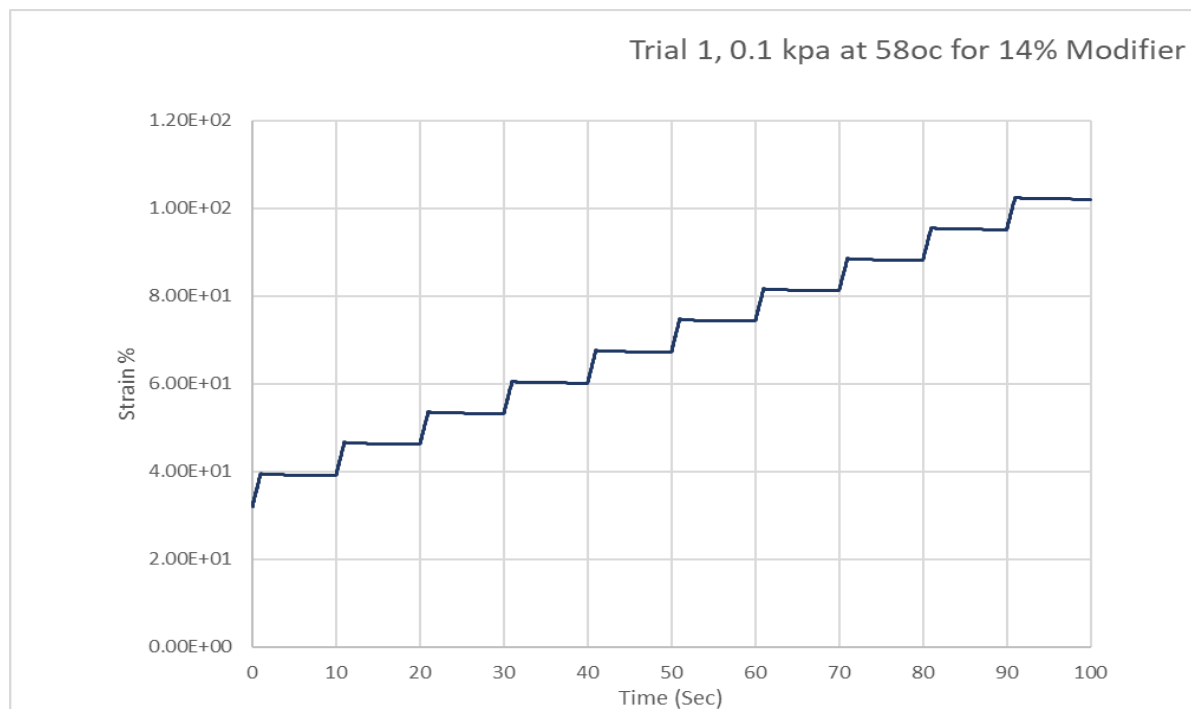
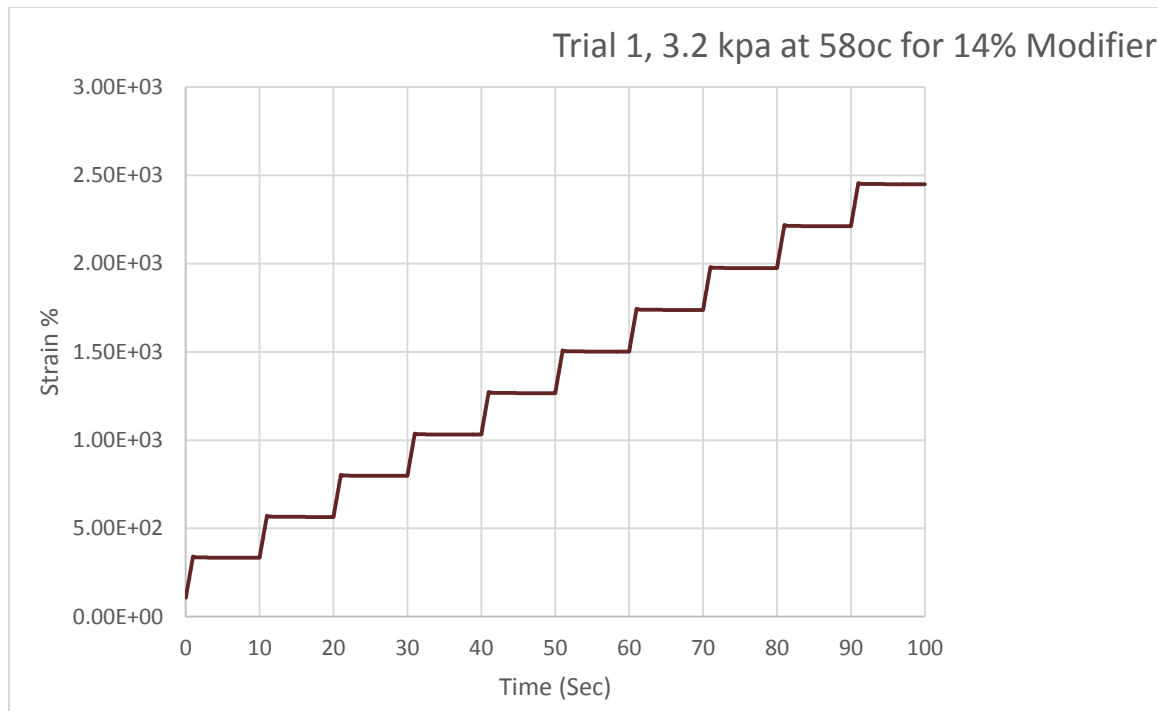


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                      | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                            | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\square_r$                           | $\square_r(0.1, N) = (\square_c - \square_r) / \square_1 * 100$ | $\square_{10} = \square_r - \square_0$                                                      | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \square_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 32.20793                                         | 39.46805                                         | 7.26011                                               | 39.06857                              | 5.5                                                             | 6.86064                                                                                     | 0.69                                              | 3.36                                                              |
| 2            | 39.20173                                         | 46.60532                                         | 7.40359                                               | 46.20585                              | 5.4                                                             | 7.00411                                                                                     | 0.70                                              | 1.05                                                              |
| 3            | 46.31237                                         | 53.60943                                         | 7.29706                                               | 53.15670                              | 6.2                                                             | 6.84432                                                                                     | 0.68                                              | 4.11                                                              |
| 4            | 53.28985                                         | 60.56028                                         | 7.27043                                               | 60.10755                              | 6.2                                                             | 6.81769                                                                                     | 0.68                                              | 5.20                                                              |
| 5            | 60.24071                                         | 67.61766                                         | 7.37696                                               | 67.16492                              | 6.1                                                             | 6.92422                                                                                     | 0.69                                              | 3.82                                                              |
| 6            | 67.29808                                         | 74.70167                                         | 7.40359                                               | 74.22230                              | 6.5                                                             | 6.92422                                                                                     | 0.69                                              | 4.16                                                              |
| 7            | 74.32883                                         | 81.62589                                         | 7.29706                                               | 81.17315                              | 6.2                                                             | 6.84432                                                                                     | 0.68                                              | 5.54                                                              |
| 8            | 81.30631                                         | 88.60337                                         | 7.29706                                               | 88.09737                              | 6.9                                                             | 6.79106                                                                                     | 0.68                                              | 6.95                                                              |
| 9            | 88.23053                                         | 95.55422                                         | 7.32369                                               | 95.10148                              | 6.2                                                             | 6.87096                                                                                     | 0.69                                              | 5.92                                                              |
| 10           | 95.23464                                         | 102.47844                                        | 7.24380                                               | 101.99907                             | 6.6                                                             | 6.76443                                                                                     | 0.68                                              | 7.57                                                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 6.2                                                             |                                                                                             | 0.69                                              | 4.77                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Avg                                                                                         | 0.6865                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Min                                                                                         | 0.6764                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Max                                                                                         | 0.7004                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | % Normalized Range                                                                          |                                                   | 3.4916                                                            |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                             | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                       |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_c-\epsilon_0$                    | $\square_r$                           | $\square_r(3.2,N)=(\square_c-\square_r)/\square_1*100$ | $\square_{10}=\square_r-\square_0$                                                          | $Jnr(3.2,N)=\square_{10}/3.2kPa$ |
| 1            | 106.47318                                        | 340.24547                                        | 233.77229                                             | 333.40114                             | 2.9                                                    | 226.928                                                                                     | 0.71                             |
| 2            | 338.08830                                        | 571.11491                                        | 233.02661                                             | 564.56353                             | 2.8                                                    | 226.475                                                                                     | 0.71                             |
| 3            | 569.14416                                        | 803.66212                                        | 234.51796                                             | 797.16402                             | 2.8                                                    | 228.020                                                                                     | 0.71                             |
| 4            | 801.82455                                        | 1037.72736                                       | 235.90281                                             | 1031.33577                            | 2.7                                                    | 229.511                                                                                     | 0.72                             |
| 5            | 1035.86314                                       | 1272.35184                                       | 236.48870                                             | 1265.90698                            | 2.7                                                    | 230.044                                                                                     | 0.72                             |
| 6            | 1270.56751                                       | 1507.77525                                       | 237.20774                                             | 1501.35706                            | 2.7                                                    | 230.790                                                                                     | 0.72                             |
| 7            | 1506.01759                                       | 1743.43840                                       | 237.42081                                             | 1737.17997                            | 2.6                                                    | 231.162                                                                                     | 0.72                             |
| 8            | 1741.76061                                       | 1980.64615                                       | 238.88554                                             | 1974.17467                            | 2.7                                                    | 232.414                                                                                     | 0.73                             |
| 9            | 1978.91509                                       | 2218.25338                                       | 239.33828                                             | 2211.80853                            | 2.7                                                    | 232.893                                                                                     | 0.73                             |
| 10           | 2216.78864                                       | 2455.83397                                       | 239.04533                                             | 2449.62883                            | 2.6                                                    | 232.840                                                                                     | 0.73                             |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 58°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 2.73                                                   |                                                                                             | 0.72                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Avg                                                                                         | 0.7191                           |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Min                                                                                         | 0.7077                           |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Max                                                                                         | 0.7278                           |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                     |                                                                                             | 2.7892                           |

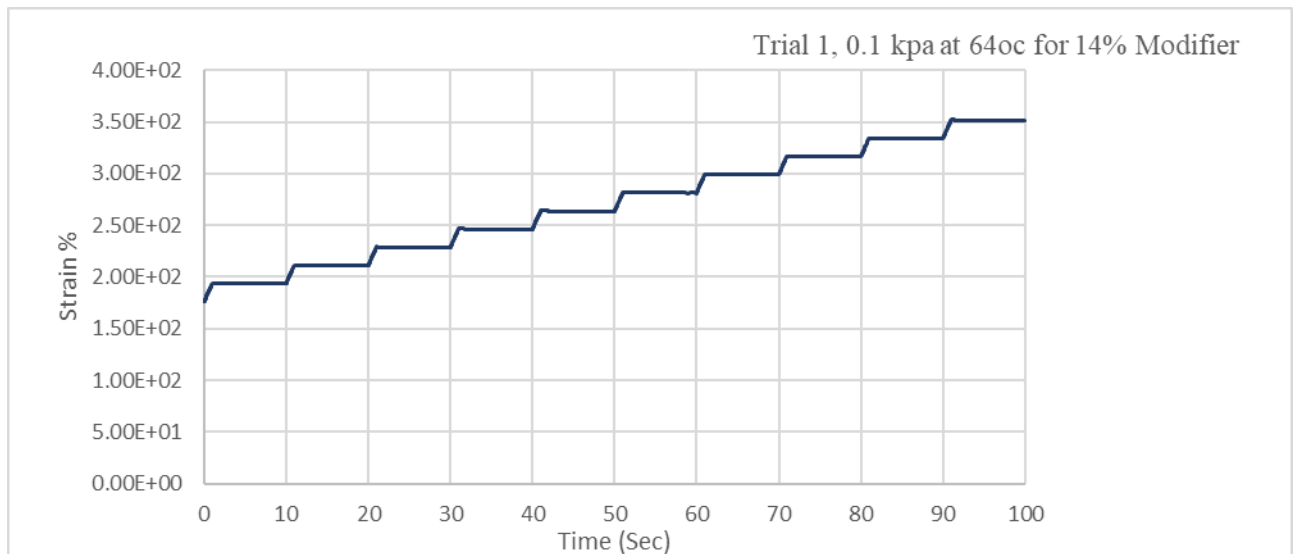
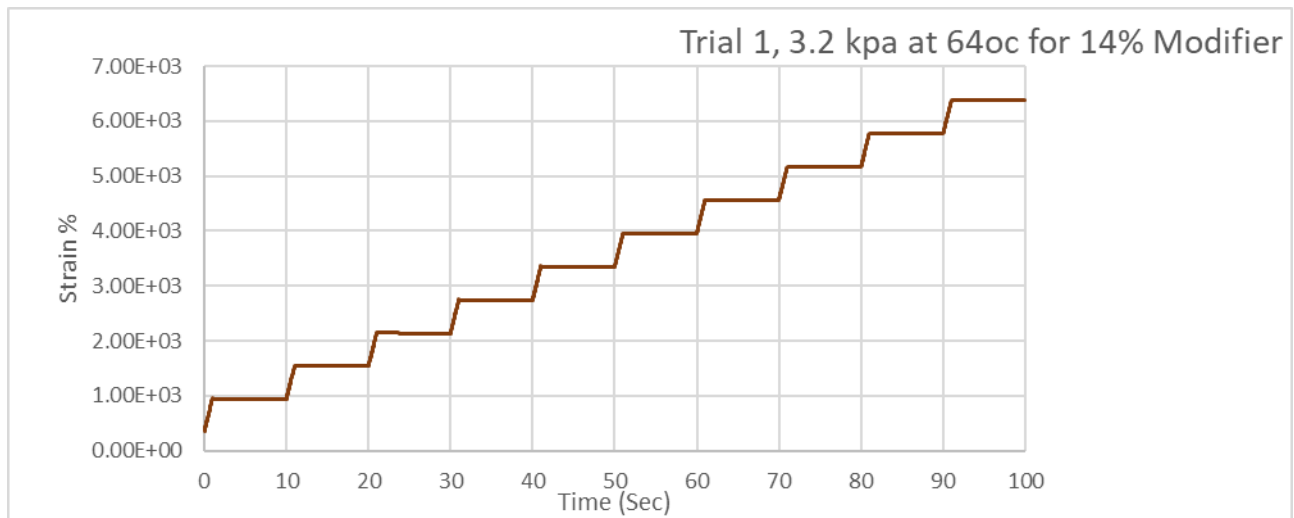


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                      | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                            | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\square_r$                           | $\square_r(0.1, N) = (\square_c - \square_r) / \square_1 * 100$ | $\square_{10} = \square_r - \square_0$                                                      | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \square_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 176.06158                                        | 194.06455                                        | 18.00297                                              | 193.63844                             | 2.4                                                             | 17.57686                                                                                    | 1.76                                              | 3.39                                                              |
| 2            | 193.93139                                        | 211.58815                                        | 17.65676                                              | 211.16204                             | 2.4                                                             | 17.23065                                                                                    | 1.72                                              | 6.19                                                              |
| 3            | 211.45499                                        | 229.11175                                        | 17.65676                                              | 228.65901                             | 2.6                                                             | 17.20402                                                                                    | 1.72                                              | 7.18                                                              |
| 4            | 228.97859                                        | 246.68861                                        | 17.71002                                              | 246.23587                             | 2.6                                                             | 17.25728                                                                                    | 1.73                                              | 7.61                                                              |
| 5            | 246.55545                                        | 264.10568                                        | 17.55023                                              | 263.65295                             | 2.6                                                             | 17.09749                                                                                    | 1.71                                              | 8.94                                                              |
| 6            | 263.94589                                        | 281.68255                                        | 17.73665                                              | 281.17655                             | 2.9                                                             | 17.23065                                                                                    | 1.72                                              | 8.22                                                              |
| 7            | 281.49613                                        | 299.39257                                        | 17.89644                                              | 298.91320                             | 2.7                                                             | 17.41707                                                                                    | 1.74                                              | 6.91                                                              |
| 8            | 299.25941                                        | 317.02269                                        | 17.76329                                              | 316.51669                             | 2.8                                                             | 17.25728                                                                                    | 1.73                                              | 7.69                                                              |
| 9            | 316.78301                                        | 334.43977                                        | 17.65676                                              | 333.93377                             | 2.9                                                             | 17.15076                                                                                    | 1.72                                              | 8.50                                                              |
| 10           | 334.27998                                        | 352.12316                                        | 17.84318                                              | 351.64379                             | 2.7                                                             | 17.36381                                                                                    | 1.74                                              | 6.91                                                              |
| Temprature   |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 2.6                                                             |                                                                                             | 1.73                                              | 7.15                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Avg                                                                                         | 1.7279                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Min                                                                                         | 1.7097                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Max                                                                                         | 1.7577                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | % Normalized Range                                                                          |                                                   | 2.7744                                                            |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                             | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_c-\epsilon_0$                    | $\square_r$                           | $\square_r(3.2,N)=(\square_c-\square_r)/\square_1*100$ | $\square_{10}=\square_r-\square_0$                                                          | $J_{nr}(3.2,N)=\square_{10}/3.2kPa$ |
| 1            | 361.63064                                        | 948.77776                                        | 587.14712                                             | 943.13186                             | 1.0                                                    | 581.501                                                                                     | 1.82                                |
| 2            | 953.62471                                        | 1544.39375                                       | 590.76904                                             | 1539.12064                            | 0.9                                                    | 585.496                                                                                     | 1.83                                |
| 3            | 1549.45370                                       | 2144.75010                                       | 595.29639                                             | 2139.50370                            | 0.9                                                    | 590.050                                                                                     | 1.84                                |
| 4            | 2149.99655                                       | 2749.52739                                       | 599.53085                                             | 2744.25432                            | 0.9                                                    | 594.258                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 5            | 2754.53412                                       | 3356.03569                                       | 601.50156                                             | 3350.57624                            | 0.9                                                    | 596.042                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 6            | 3360.85604                                       | 3962.83697                                       | 601.98094                                             | 3957.53730                            | 0.9                                                    | 596.681                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 7            | 3967.87037                                       | 4569.02575                                       | 601.15538                                             | 4563.75267                            | 0.9                                                    | 595.882                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 8            | 4574.21890                                       | 5174.25574                                       | 600.03685                                             | 5168.92940                            | 0.9                                                    | 594.711                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 9            | 5179.79510                                       | 5780.36457                                       | 600.56948                                             | 5775.25131                            | 0.9                                                    | 595.456                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| 10           | 5785.69090                                       | 6384.84892                                       | 599.15801                                             | 6379.73562                            | 0.9                                                    | 594.045                                                                                     | 1.86                                |
| Temprature   |                                                  | 64°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.89                                                   |                                                                                             | 1.85                                |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Avg                                                                                         | 1.8513                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Min                                                                                         | 1.8172                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                        | Max                                                                                         | 1.8646                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                     |                                                                                             | 2.5624                              |

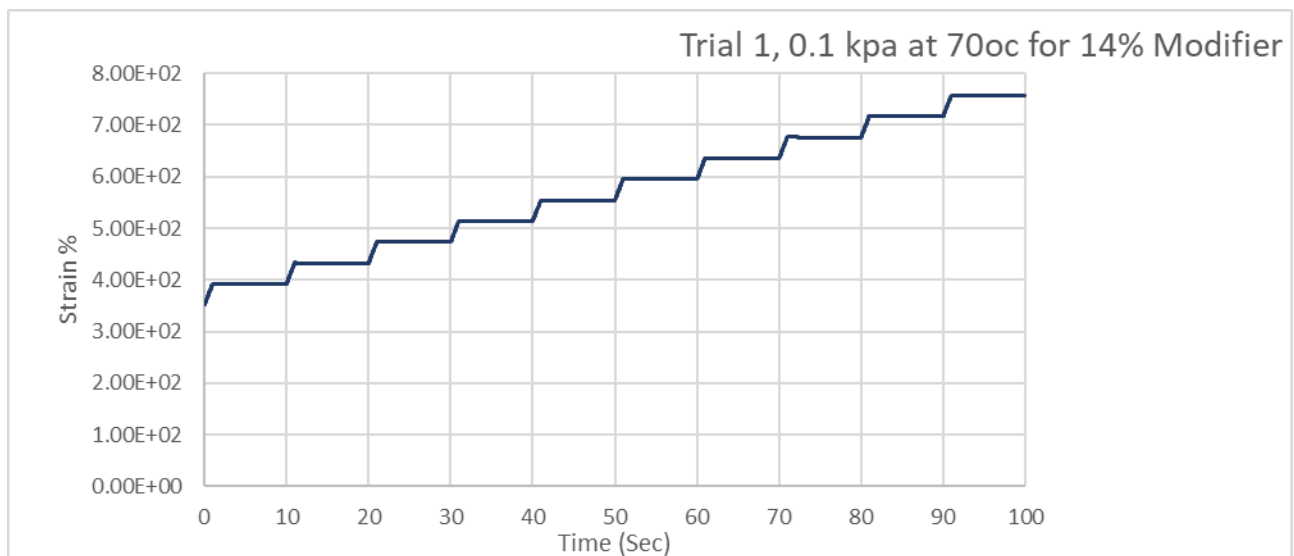
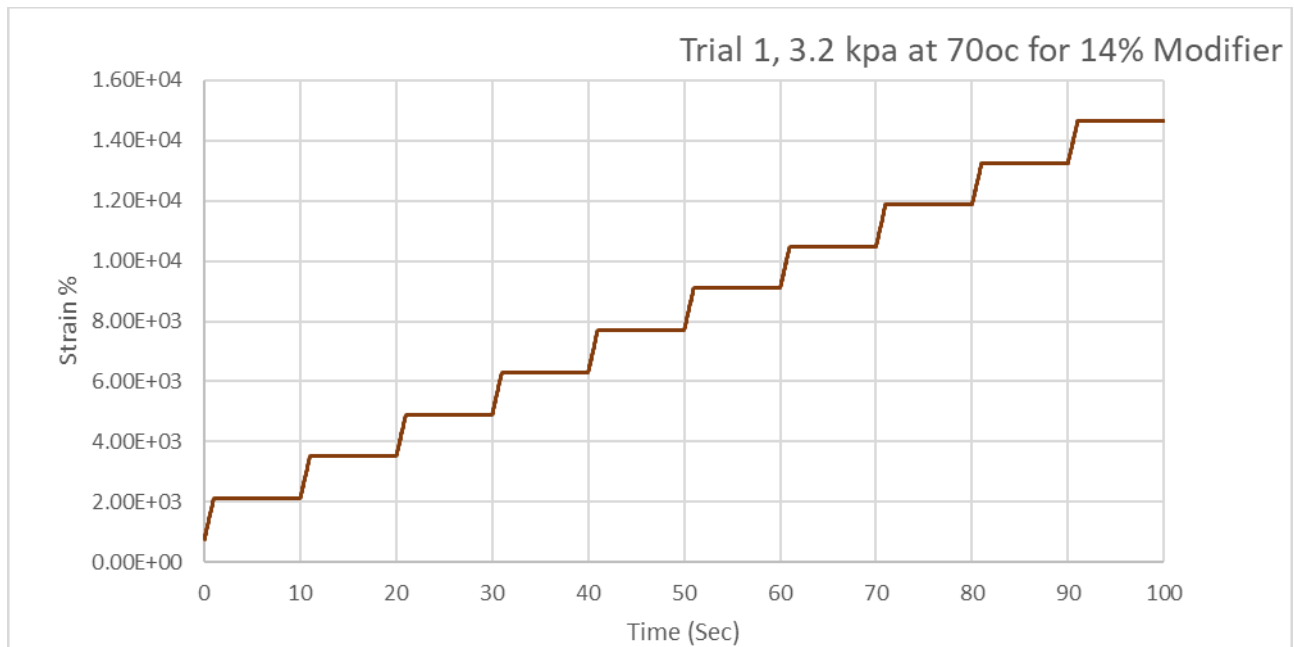


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                      | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                            | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\square$                             | $\square r(0.1, N) = (\square c - \square r) / \square_1 * 100$ | $\square_{10} = \square r - \square_0$                                                      | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \square_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 354.06990                                        | 392.47005                                        | 38.40015                                              | 392.09721                             | 1.0                                                             | 38.02731                                                                                    | 3.80                                              | 3.91                                                              |
| 2            | 394.73637                                        | 433.08326                                        | 38.34689                                              | 432.63052                             | 1.2                                                             | 37.89416                                                                                    | 3.79                                              | 5.36                                                              |
| 3            | 435.26968                                        | 473.45678                                        | 38.18710                                              | 472.97742                             | 1.3                                                             | 37.70773                                                                                    | 3.77                                              | 6.70                                                              |
| 4            | 475.61657                                        | 514.28304                                        | 38.66647                                              | 513.77704                             | 1.3                                                             | 38.16047                                                                                    | 3.82                                              | 6.19                                                              |
| 5            | 514.38957                                        | 554.60330                                        | 40.21373                                              | 554.15056                             | 1.1                                                             | 39.76100                                                                                    | 3.98                                              | 1.61                                                              |
| 6            | 556.78972                                        | 595.03009                                        | 38.24037                                              | 594.52409                             | 1.3                                                             | 37.73436                                                                                    | 3.77                                              | 6.38                                                              |
| 7            | 597.18988                                        | 635.88298                                        | 38.69310                                              | 635.40361                             | 1.2                                                             | 38.21373                                                                                    | 3.82                                              | 4.77                                                              |
| 8            | 638.04277                                        | 676.65598                                        | 38.61321                                              | 676.20324                             | 1.2                                                             | 38.16047                                                                                    | 3.82                                              | 4.86                                                              |
| 9            | 678.86903                                        | 717.45560                                        | 38.58658                                              | 716.94960                             | 1.3                                                             | 38.08057                                                                                    | 3.81                                              | 4.68                                                              |
| 10           | 719.61539                                        | 758.20197                                        | 38.58658                                              | 757.74923                             | 1.2                                                             | 38.13384                                                                                    | 3.81                                              | 4.46                                                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 1.2                                                             |                                                                                             | 3.82                                              | 4.89                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Avg                                                                                         | 3.8187                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Min                                                                                         | 3.7708                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Max                                                                                         | 3.9761                                            |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 5.3768                                            |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                      | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\square$                             | $\square r(3.2, N) = (\square c - \square r) / \square_1 * 100$ | $\square_{10} = \square r - \square_0$                                                      | $J_{nr}(3.2, N) = \square_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 863.25557                                        | 2129.96959                                       | 1266.71403                                            | 2127.65276                            | 0.2                                                             | 1264.397                                                                                    | 3.95                                              |
| 2            | 2233.29226                                       | 3513.74820                                       | 1280.45594                                            | 3510.87197                            | 0.2                                                             | 1277.580                                                                                    | 3.99                                              |
| 3            | 3616.83105                                       | 4907.24727                                       | 1290.41622                                            | 4904.31770                            | 0.2                                                             | 1287.487                                                                                    | 4.02                                              |
| 4            | 5010.25015                                       | 6309.37487                                       | 1299.12472                                            | 6306.97801                            | 0.2                                                             | 1296.728                                                                                    | 4.05                                              |
| 5            | 6412.61751                                       | 7707.34802                                       | 1294.73050                                            | 7705.45721                            | 0.1                                                             | 1292.840                                                                                    | 4.04                                              |
| 6            | 7811.22986                                       | 9097.35828                                       | 1286.12842                                            | 9095.78711                            | 0.1                                                             | 1284.557                                                                                    | 4.01                                              |
| 7            | 9201.26681                                       | 10484.49248                                      | 1283.22566                                            | 10482.49513                           | 0.2                                                             | 1281.228                                                                                    | 4.00                                              |
| 8            | 10588.42757                                      | 11871.30704                                      | 1282.87947                                            | 11868.91019                           | 0.2                                                             | 1280.483                                                                                    | 4.00                                              |
| 9            | 11974.46979                                      | 13252.39569                                      | 1277.92589                                            | 13250.13205                           | 0.2                                                             | 1275.662                                                                                    | 3.99                                              |
| 10           | 13355.69165                                      | 14632.12624                                      | 1276.43459                                            | 14630.39517                           | 0.1                                                             | 1274.704                                                                                    | 3.98                                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 70°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 0.17                                                            |                                                                                             | 4.00                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Avg                                                                                         | 4.0049                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Min                                                                                         | 3.9512                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | Max                                                                                         | 4.0523                                            |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                 | % Normalized Range                                                                          | 2.5227                                            |

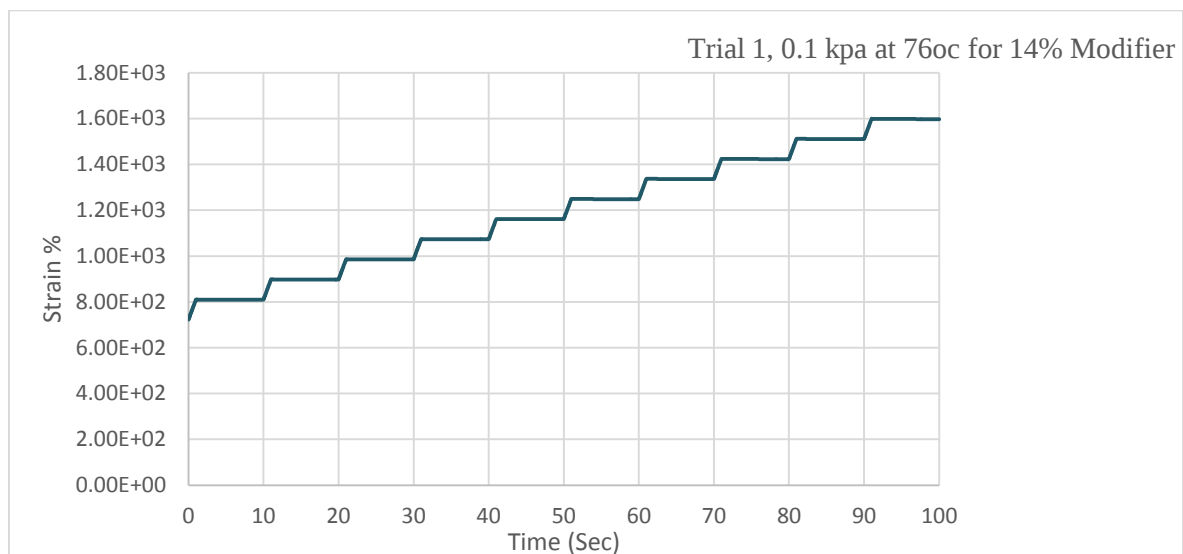
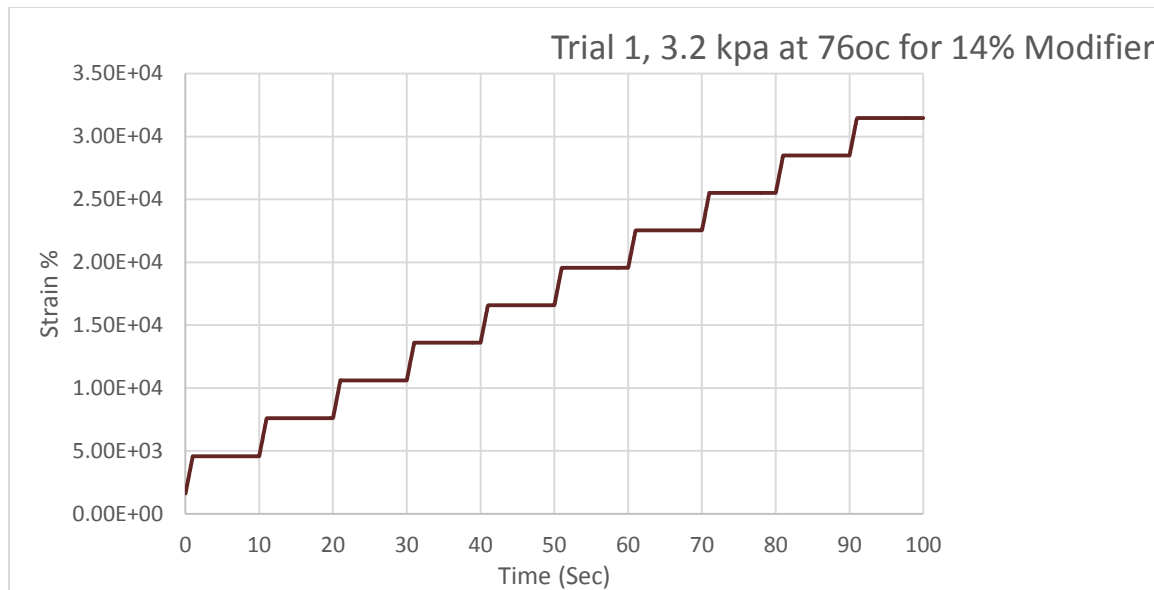


Jnr Computation at stress level 100Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa <sup>-1</sup>                             | Jnr diff                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.1 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(0.1, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(0.1, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ | $J_{nr} \text{ diff} = (J_{nr3.2} - J_{nr0.1}) / J_{nr0.1} * 100$ |
| 1            | 722.67539                                        | 810.18687                                        | 87.51147                                              | 809.65423                             | 0.6                                                                 | 86.97884                                                                                    | 8.70                                               | 5.56                                                              |
| 2            | 810.77276                                        | 898.28424                                        | 87.51147                                              | 897.56518                             | 0.8                                                                 | 86.79242                                                                                    | 8.68                                               | 7.59                                                              |
| 3            | 898.76360                                        | 986.08866                                        | 87.32505                                              | 985.31634                             | 0.9                                                                 | 86.55274                                                                                    | 8.66                                               | 7.65                                                              |
| 4            | 986.51476                                        | 1074.07950                                       | 87.56474                                              | 1073.20066                            | 1.0                                                                 | 86.68590                                                                                    | 8.67                                               | 6.48                                                              |
| 5            | 1074.29256                                       | 1161.96382                                       | 87.67127                                              | 1160.87192                            | 1.2                                                                 | 86.57937                                                                                    | 8.66                                               | 6.10                                                              |
| 6            | 1161.99045                                       | 1249.63508                                       | 87.64463                                              | 1248.56982                            | 1.2                                                                 | 86.57937                                                                                    | 8.66                                               | 5.92                                                              |
| 7            | 1249.71498                                       | 1337.38624                                       | 87.67127                                              | 1336.18782                            | 1.4                                                                 | 86.47284                                                                                    | 8.65                                               | 6.31                                                              |
| 8            | 1337.43950                                       | 1424.47161                                       | 87.03211                                              | 1423.21992                            | 1.4                                                                 | 85.78042                                                                                    | 8.58                                               | 7.30                                                              |
| 9            | 1424.39171                                       | 1511.92982                                       | 87.53811                                              | 1510.59824                            | 1.5                                                                 | 86.20652                                                                                    | 8.62                                               | 6.55                                                              |
| 10           | 1511.71676                                       | 1599.17498                                       | 87.45821                                              | 1597.79013                            | 1.6                                                                 | 86.07336                                                                                    | 8.61                                               | 6.73                                                              |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 76°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | 1.2                                                                 |                                                                                             | 8.65                                               | 6.62                                                              |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 8.6470                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 8.5780                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 8.6979                                             |                                                                   |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 1.3859                                             |                                                                   |

Jnr Computation at stress level 3200Pa for 14% modifier (trial 1)

| Stress Cycle | Initial strain at the beginning of creep portion | Strain at the end of creep portion (after 1 sec) | Adjusted strain value at the end of the creep portion | Strain at end of the Recovery portion | % Recovery                                                          | the strain value at the end of the recovery portion, after 10 seconds (Non recovery strain) | Jnr, Kpa-1                                         |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 3.2 KPa      | $\epsilon_0$                                     | $\epsilon_c$                                     | $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_c - \epsilon_0$                | $\epsilon_r$                          | $\epsilon_r(3.2, N) = (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_r) / \epsilon_1 * 100$ | $\epsilon_{10} = \epsilon_r - \epsilon_0$                                                   | $J_{nr}(3.2, N) = \epsilon_{10} / 3.2 \text{ kPa}$ |
| 1            | 1633.39659                                       | 4565.16415                                       | 2931.76756                                            | 4571.44917                            | -0.2                                                                | 2938.053                                                                                    | 9.18                                               |
| 2            | 4607.34858                                       | 7585.85453                                       | 2978.50596                                            | 7595.41542                            | -0.3                                                                | 2988.067                                                                                    | 9.34                                               |
| 3            | 7631.36809                                       | 10605.55995                                      | 2974.19186                                            | 10613.06984                           | -0.3                                                                | 2981.702                                                                                    | 9.32                                               |
| 4            | 10649.20893                                      | 13595.41089                                      | 2946.20196                                            | 13603.00065                           | -0.3                                                                | 2953.792                                                                                    | 9.23                                               |
| 5            | 13639.11311                                      | 16569.22937                                      | 2930.11626                                            | 16578.55064                           | -0.3                                                                | 2939.438                                                                                    | 9.19                                               |
| 6            | 16614.39679                                      | 19542.56922                                      | 2928.17244                                            | 19548.96063                           | -0.2                                                                | 2934.564                                                                                    | 9.17                                               |
| 7            | 19585.36604                                      | 22518.14545                                      | 2932.77940                                            | 22527.14694                           | -0.3                                                                | 2941.781                                                                                    | 9.19                                               |
| 8            | 22562.91319                                      | 25499.60763                                      | 2936.69443                                            | 25508.15613                           | -0.3                                                                | 2945.243                                                                                    | 9.20                                               |
| 9            | 25543.86911                                      | 28476.38250                                      | 2932.51338                                            | 28483.27995                           | -0.2                                                                | 2939.411                                                                                    | 9.19                                               |
| 10           | 28519.17936                                      | 31449.10932                                      | 2929.92996                                            | 31459.01621                           | -0.3                                                                | 2939.837                                                                                    | 9.19                                               |
| Temperature  |                                                  | 76°C                                             |                                                       |                                       | -0.28                                                               |                                                                                             | 9.22                                               |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Avg                                                                                         | 9.2193                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Min                                                                                         | 9.1705                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                                                     | Max                                                                                         | 9.3377                                             |
|              |                                                  |                                                  |                                                       |                                       | % Normalized Range                                                  |                                                                                             | 1.8135                                             |



## Appendix B

### Asphalt mix preparation

#### Specific gravity computation

| Average specific Gravity of the Aggregates                               |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
| Trial blend- Computation                                                 |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| Hot Bin Compartment→                                                     | 13/20                              | 6/13  | 3/6   | 0/3   | Dust  |       |   |       |   |       |
| Composition (%)                                                          | 26                                 | 24    | 18    | 30    | 2     |       |   |       |   |       |
| Bulk Sp. Gr.                                                             | 2.780                              | 2.805 | 2.814 | 2.821 | 2.862 |       |   |       |   |       |
| Apparent Sp. Gr.                                                         | 2.929                              | 2.950 | 2.960 | 2.950 |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| Water Absorption (%)                                                     | 1.69                               | 1.76  | 1.70  | 1.54  | —     |       |   |       |   |       |
|                                                                          |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| WATER ABSORPTION, BULK & APPARENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF COMBINED AGGREGATE |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| Bulk Sp. Gsb.                                                            | 100                                |       |       |       |       | 2.806 |   |       |   |       |
|                                                                          | 26                                 | +     | 24    | +     | 18    |       | + | 30    | + | 2     |
|                                                                          | 2.780                              |       | 2.805 |       | 2.814 |       |   | 2.821 |   | 2.862 |
|                                                                          |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| Apparent Sp. Gsb.                                                        | 100                                |       |       |       |       | 2.944 |   |       |   |       |
|                                                                          | 26                                 | +     | 24    | +     | 18    |       | + | 30    | + | 2.0   |
|                                                                          | 2.929                              |       | 2.950 |       | 2.960 |       |   | 2.950 |   | 2.862 |
|                                                                          |                                    |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |
| Water Absorption (%) =                                                   | 1.69*26+1.76*24+1.7*18+1.54*30+2*0 |       |       |       |       | 1.63  |   |       |   |       |
|                                                                          | 100                                |       |       |       |       |       |   |       |   |       |

#### Super-pave Volumetric data at the optimum content for the non-modified mix

| SUPERPAVE VOLUMETRIC MIX DATA |          |                 |                    |          |              |                   |       |                                |         |                   |     |                  |                 | SUPERPAVE DENSIFICATION DATA          |                    |        |             |       |             |      |      |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|------|
| JMF #                         |          |                 |                    |          | Mix Type     |                   |       | SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF BINDER (A) |         | 1.026             |     | TEST Control No. | 5.3             |                                       | S. G. OF AGGREGATE |        |             |       |             |      |      |
| Location                      |          | SITE LABORATORY |                    |          |              | # Gyrtions @ Nini |       | 9                              |         |                   |     |                  |                 | 13-20                                 |                    | 0.26   | 2.78        | 2.929 |             |      |      |
| Date Sampled                  |          |                 |                    |          |              | # Gyrtions @ Ndes |       | 125                            |         |                   |     |                  |                 | 6.0-13                                |                    | 0.24   | 2.805       | 2.95  |             |      |      |
| Date Tested                   |          |                 |                    |          |              |                   |       |                                |         |                   |     |                  |                 | 3.0-6                                 |                    | 0.18   | 2.814       | 2.96  |             |      |      |
|                               |          |                 |                    |          |              |                   |       |                                |         |                   |     |                  |                 | 0-3                                   |                    | 0.3    | 2.821       | 2.95  |             |      |      |
| Tested by                     |          | beza            |                    |          |              |                   |       |                                |         |                   |     |                  |                 | filler                                |                    | 0.02   | 2.862       | 2.862 |             |      |      |
| Source of Mix                 |          | SITE LABORATORY |                    |          |              | Compaction Tem.   |       | 155 °C                         |         |                   |     |                  |                 | Weighted Average Bulk S.G of Agg      |                    |        | 2.806       |       |             |      |      |
|                               | ①        |                 | ③                  | ④        | ⑤            | ⑥                 | E     | ⑦                              | ⑧       | ⑨                 | ⑩   | ⑪                | ⑫               | Weighted Ave. App.S.G of of Total Agg |                    |        | 2.945       |       |             |      |      |
| Sample No.                    | Binder % | Thick-ness      | SPECIMEN WEIGHT(g) |          |              | SPECIMEN VOLUME   |       |                                | Density |                   | T.D | % binder by vol  | Voids (Percent) |                                       |                    | # Gyr. | Specimen #1 |       | Specimen #2 |      | Avg. |
|                               | Cement % | Thick-ness      | IN AIR             | IN WATER | S.S.D IN AIR | B=⑤-④             | ⑤/B   | ③/B                            | (1-⑦)/⑧ | 100-(100-⑪)x⑦/ASG |     |                  | ⑩-⑩*100         |                                       |                    |        |             |       |             |      |      |
|                               |          |                 |                    |          |              | C=③-④             |       |                                |         |                   |     |                  |                 | ①xE/B.SG                              | ⑩x100              |        | ⑪           |       |             |      |      |
| A                             | 5.3      | 110.0           | 4731.2             | 2864.3   | 4748.7       | 1884.4            | 2.520 | 2.511                          |         |                   |     |                  |                 |                                       | 9                  | 120.3  | 87.7        | 119.9 | 88.5        | 88.1 |      |
| B                             |          | 110.0           | 4741.5             | 2879.5   | 4757.2       | 1877.7            | 2.534 | 2.525                          |         |                   |     |                  |                 |                                       | 125                | 110.0  | 95.9        | 110.0 | 96.4        | 96.2 |      |
|                               |          |                 |                    |          |              | 1881.1            | 2.527 | 2.518                          | 2.618   | 13.1              | 4   | 15.0             | 74.7            |                                       |                    |        |             |       |             |      |      |

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| SUPERPAVE VOLUMETRIC MIX DATA |          |                |                    |          |              |                 |                                |        |       |                 |                  |                   |                                  | SUPERPAVE DENSIFICATION DATA          |             |               |             |               |      |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------|
| JMF #                         |          |                |                    |          | Mix Type     |                 | SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF BINDER (A) |        | 1.041 |                 | TEST Control No. | 6.0               |                                  | S. G OF AGGREGATE                     |             |               |             |               |      |
| Location                      |          |                |                    |          |              |                 | # Gyration @ Nini              | 9      |       |                 |                  |                   | 13-20                            |                                       | 0.26        | 2.78          | 2.929       |               |      |
| Date Sampled                  |          |                |                    |          |              |                 |                                |        |       |                 |                  |                   | 6.0-13                           |                                       | 0.24        | 2.805         | 2.95        |               |      |
| Date Tested                   |          |                |                    |          |              |                 | # Gyration @ N <sub>des</sub>  | 125    |       |                 |                  |                   | 3.0-6                            |                                       | 0.18        | 2.814         | 2.96        |               |      |
|                               |          |                |                    |          |              |                 |                                |        |       |                 |                  |                   | 0-3                              |                                       | 0.3         | 2.821         | 2.95        |               |      |
| Tested by                     |          |                |                    |          |              |                 |                                |        |       |                 |                  |                   | filler                           |                                       | 0.02        | 2.862         | 2.862       |               |      |
| Source of Mix                 |          |                |                    |          |              |                 | Compaction Tem.                | 160 °C |       |                 |                  |                   | Weighted Average Bulk S.G of Agg |                                       |             | 2.806         |             |               |      |
|                               | ①        |                | ③                  | ④        | ⑤            | ⑥               | E                              | ⑦      | ⑧     | ⑨               | ⑩                | ⑪                 | ⑫                                | Weighted Ave. App.S.G of of Total Agg |             |               | 2.945       |               |      |
| Sample No.                    | Binder % | Thickness (mm) | SPECIMEN WEIGHT(g) |          |              | SPECIMEN VOLUME | Density                        |        | T.D   | % binder by vol | Voids (Percent)  |                   |                                  | # Gyr.                                | Specimen #1 |               | Specimen #2 |               | Avg. |
|                               |          |                | IN AIR             | IN WATER | S.S.D IN AIR |                 | S.S.D                          | Bulk   |       |                 | Air void         | VMA               | VFA                              |                                       | Ht.         | % Gmm         | Ht.         | % Gmm         |      |
|                               | A        |                | B                  | C        | D            | B=⑤-④<br>C=③-④  | ⑤/B                            | ③/B    |       | ①×E/B.SG        | ×100             | 100-(100-①)×⑦/ASG | ⑩-⑩×100<br>⑪                     |                                       | Ht. (mm)    | % Gmm (Corr.) | Ht. (mm)    | % Gmm (Corr.) |      |
| A                             | 6.0      | 110.0          | 4779.7             | 2895.7   | 4788.1       | 1892.4          | 2.530                          | 2.526  |       |                 |                  |                   |                                  | 9                                     | 120.2       | 88.1          | 121.4       | 87.8          | 88.0 |
| B                             |          | 111.1          | 4795.6             | 2904.1   | 4809.1       | 1905.0          | 2.524                          | 2.517  |       |                 |                  |                   |                                  | 125                                   | 110.0       | 96.3          | 111.1       | 96.0          | 96.1 |
|                               |          |                |                    |          |              | 1898.7          | 2.527                          | 2.522  | 2.623 | 14.6            | 4                | 15.5              | 74.8                             |                                       |             |               |             |               |      |