

**Item No. 312S  
Seal Coat**

**312S.1 Description**

This item shall govern the construction of a surface treatment composed of a single application of asphalt or latex-asphalt covered with aggregate for the sealing of existing pavements in accordance with the details on the Drawings and this specification item.

**312S.2 Submittals**

The submittal requirements of this specification item include:

- A. Recommended design mix (emulsion type, aggregate type, type and % of polymer)
- B. Test results on the emulsion (Saybolt Furol Viscosity, storage stability, demulsibility, sieve test, distillation test and residue tests).
- C. Test results on the aggregate (gradation and percent wear).
- D. Characteristics (i.e. manufacturer, rate of application, speed, etc.) of the proposed distributor and aggregate spreader.
- E. List of facilities and equipment proposed for temperature measurements.
- F. List of facilities and equipment proposed for storage and handling of asphaltic materials.

**312S.3 Materials**

A. Asphaltic Materials

Asphaltic material shall conform to Item No. 301S, "Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions" as follows:

1. Patching

Patching shall be completed with Class D HMAC conforming to Item No. 340S, "Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete".

2. Sealing

- a) Cool Weather of 65 to 80°F (18 to 27°C): HFRS-2.
- b) Warm Weather over 81°F (27°C): RS-2.

B. Aggregate

Aggregate material shall conform to Item No. 302S, "Aggregate for Surface Treatments". Unless otherwise specified on the drawings, the aggregate grading shall meet Grade 5.

C. Aggregate (Stockpiled)

Aggregate may be stockpiled only with permission of the Engineer or designated representative at locations designated for stockpiling. The Contractor shall be responsible for all remedial pollution control measures during the clean up of the stockpiling.

D. Latex Additive

The latex shall be an emulsion of styrene-butadiene low-temperature copolymer in water. The emulsion shall have good storage stability and possess the following properties:

Monomer ratio, Butadiene/Styrene	(73 ± 5)/ (27 ± 5)
Minimum solids content, % by weight (mass)	45
Viscosity of emulsion at 77°F ± 1°F (25°C ± 1°C), Cps, Maximum (No. 3 spindle, 20 rpm, Brookfield RVT Viscometer)	2000

The manufacturer shall furnish the actual styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) content for each batch of latex emulsion. This information shall accompany all shipments to facilitate proper addition rates.

### 312S.4 Equipment

Equipment will consist of the following: asphalt storage and heaters, distributors, aggregate spreaders, blade equipped tractor and drag broom, pneumatic rollers, water truck with pump and rotary broom.

All storage tanks, piping, retorts, booster tanks and distributors used in storage or handling of asphaltic material shall be kept clean and in good operating condition at all times and they shall be operated in such manner that there will be no contamination of the asphaltic material. The Contractor shall provide and maintain in good working order a recording thermometer to continuously indicate the temperature of the asphaltic material at the storage-heating unit, when storing of asphalt is permitted.

The distributor shall have pneumatic tires of such width and number that the load produced on the street surface shall not exceed 650 pounds per inch (12 kilograms per millimeter) of tire width and shall be so designed, equipped, maintained and operated that asphaltic material at even heat may be applied uniformly on variable widths of surface at readily determined and controlled rates of from 0.05 to 0.2 gallons per square yard (0.25 to 0.9 liters per square meter), with a pressure range of from 25 to 75 pounds per square inch (170 to 515 kilopascals), and with an allowable variation from any specified rate not to exceed 5 percent. Distributor equipment shall include tachometer,

pressure gauges, volume measuring devices and a thermometer for reading temperatures of tank contents.

The aggregate spreading equipment shall be adjusted and capable of spreading aggregate at controlled amounts per square yard (square meter: 1 square meter equals 1.196 square yards) in a continuous manner.

The drag broom shall be lightweight street type, mounted on a frame, designed to spread aggregate uniformly over the surface of a bituminous pavement and equipped with pull plates for towing. Towing equipment shall be pneumatic tired.

Rollers shall conform to Item No. 232S, "Rolling (Pneumatic Tire)", Light Pneumatic Tire Roller.

Rotary brooms shall be suitable for cleaning the surfaces of bituminous pavements.

Vacuum sweepers shall be suitable for removing any loose aggregate without disturbing the compacted seal coat.

### **312S.5 Construction Methods**

Prior to commencement of this work, all erosion control, environmental protection measures and all traffic control devices shall be in place.

Seal coats may be applied when the surface on which the seal coat is to be placed is 60°F (16°C) or above and the air temperature is above 50°F (10°C) and rising, if the temperature is measured in the shade and away from artificial heat. Asphaltic material shall not be placed when general weather conditions are not suitable for a satisfactory seal coat or when the environment could be damaged.

#### **A. Cracks and Holes**

Cracks and holes will be patched by the Contractor prior to seal coat operations. Patching materials shall be hot mix, hot laid asphaltic concrete in conformance with Standard Specification Item No. 340S, "Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement" or other asphaltic materials as approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

#### **B. Cleaning Existing Surfaces**

Prior to placement of the seal coat, loose dirt and other objectionable material shall be removed from the existing surface. The surface will be cleaned with a rotary broom. Hand brooms will be used in areas not accessible to rotary brooms. The Engineer or designated representative must approve all streets before application of any asphalt.

#### **C. Mixing Asphalt**

When the air temperature is 80°F (27°C) or higher, latex shall be added to the asphalt at the rate of 1 1/2 to 2 percent by weight (mass) [solid bases]. The actual rate shall be in accordance with the drawings and/or as approved by the Engineer or designated representative. The asphalt shall be heated to 150°F (65°C) before adding the latex. The mixture shall be thoroughly mixed before application.

The finished latex-asphalt shall meet the following requirements:

Viscosity at 140° F, stokes (60°C, Pa-s)	1500 (150) maximum
Ductility at 39.2° F, 1 cm per min, cm (4°C, 1 mm/min, mm)	100 minimum

D. Application of Asphaltic Material

Immediately following the preparation of the existing surface by cleaning, the asphaltic material shall be applied at the rate of 0.25 to 0.30 gallon per square yard (0.9 to 1.1 liters per square meter) as determined by the Engineer or designated representative, so that uniform distribution is obtained at all points. Skip streaks on the pavement, due to defective distributor nozzles, will be reshot with a distributor at the expense of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall calibrate the spray bar nozzles by spreading building paper as required on the surface for a sufficient distance back from the end of each application so that flow through sprays may be started and stopped on the paper and so that all sprays will operate properly over the entire length being treated. Building paper so used shall be immediately removed and loaded on a truck. At the end of each day, the paper shall be disposed of at a permitted site approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

Application temperatures will be determined by weather conditions but the temperature of the asphaltic material to be applied shall be between 150 and 160°F (65 and 71°C) as determined by the Engineer or designated representative. When a street to be sealed is continuous through several intersections, sealed area will include all spandrels and stub-outs, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer or designated representative. Spandrels will be hand sprayed. Contractor shall not apply excessive amounts of asphaltic materials when hand spraying. Excessive materials applied shall be removed by the Contractor before spreading the aggregate.

The Contractor shall be required to seal all spandrels at the same time the adjacent streets are sealed, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Engineer.

During all applications, the surface of adjacent structures shall be protected in such a manner as to prevent their being splattered or marred. Building paper shall be spread on all manholes, valve boxes, junction boxes, etc. to protect the surface from asphaltic materials. The asphaltic material shall not be applied until the cover aggregate is available and ready to spread with assurance of continuous operation. No asphaltic material shall be placed which cannot be covered and rolled during daylight hours.

E. Spreading the Aggregate

The Contractor shall employ a mechanical aggregate spreader, which applies the aggregate uniformly over the surface at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per square

yard (8 to 11 kilograms per square meter). The actual rate shall be as directed by the Engineer or designated representative.

The covering material in the quantity specified shall be spread uniformly over the bituminous material as soon after application as possible. The aggregate shall be spread in the same width of application as for the asphaltic material and spread uniformly with the aggregate spreading equipment.

Trucks spreading aggregate shall be operated backward so that bituminous material will be covered before truck wheels pass over it. The aggregate shall be applied to a thickness that will not produce blanketing or stacking. Any blanketing or stacking shall be removed prior to rolling. Backspotting or sprinkling cover aggregate shall be done by hand spreading, which will be continued during the operations whenever necessary, as directed by the Engineer or designated representative.

F. Brooming and Rolling and Rolling

Rolling shall be started as soon as sufficient aggregate is spread to prevent pick-up and continued until no more aggregate can be worked into the surface. The surface shall be blanket rolled. The Contractor shall manage the work so that all rolling of all cover aggregate applied that day is accomplished with a minimum of four complete coverages with pneumatic rollers prior to sundown.

In lieu of the rolling equipment specified, the Contractor may, upon written permission from the Engineer or designated representative, operate other compacting equipment that will produce equivalent relative compaction in the same period of time as the specified equipment.

Rollers shall be maintained in good repair and operating condition and shall be approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

The Contractor will be responsible for maintaining all streets for 48 hours after each street has been seal coated. Maintenance will consist of brooming, rolling and adding more aggregate as directed by the Engineer or designated representative.

G. Asphaltic Material Contractor's Responsibility Material Contractor's Responsibility

The Contractor shall furnish vendor's certified test report for asphaltic material shipped for the project. The report shall be delivered to the Engineer or designated representative before permission is granted for use of the material. Any change of source shall be reported prior to delivery.

**312S.6 Traffic Control Facilities**

The Contractor shall arrange the seal coat operation in such a manner as to avoid excessive inconvenience to the public in the seal coat area.

The Contractor shall notify all abutting property owners along the street prior to initiation of the seal coat operation.

The Contractor shall have on the project site sufficient barricades, flag-persons and traffic control devices to assure a minimum of inconvenience to traffic around the construction area in conformance with the General Conditions of the Standard Contract Documents. If the Contractor's arrangements are unsatisfactory to the Engineer or designated representative, the seal coat operation will not be allowed to commence.

After the seal coat has been applied, the Contractor shall post appropriate warning signs along these streets as directed by the Engineer or designated representative and maintain such signs for 48 hours.

### **312S.7 Final Cleanup**

The Contractor shall vacuum sweep the completed seal coat and curb areas to remove loose aggregate as required during the first week after the traffic is allowed on the street.

### **312S.8 Measurement**

All accepted Seal Coat will be measured by one of the following methods:

- A. "Asphaltic Material" will be measured in gallons (liters: 1 liter equals 0.264 gallons) at the applied temperature at the point of application on the street.
- B. "Aggregate" will be measured by the cubic yard (cubic meter: 1 cubic meter equals 1.31 cubic yards) in vehicles as applied on the street.
- C. "Aggregate (Stockpiled)", if required to be furnished, will be measured by the cubic yard (cubic meter: 1 cubic meter equals 1.31 cubic yards) of material in vehicles at the point of stockpiling.
- D. "Complete in Place" will be measured by the square yard (square meter: 1 square meter equals 1.196 square yards) of surface area treated.

### **312S.9 Payment**

The work performed and materials furnished as prescribed by this item and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit bid prices stipulated in the bid for "Seal Coat, Asphaltic Material", "Seal Coat, Aggregate", "Seal Coat, Aggregate (Stockpiled)" or "Seal Coat, Complete in Place". The unit bid prices shall each include full compensation for: a) furnishing, delivering and placing all materials; b) patching, brooming, compacting and rolling; c) cleaning the existing surface, covering excess asphaltic material, removing excess aggregate and cleaning gutters and cleaning stockpiles sites; d) a 48 hour maintenance period and e) all labor, equipment, tools and incidentals necessary to complete the work required as indicated on the drawings.

Payment will be made under one of the following:

<b>Pay Item No. 312S-A:</b>	Seal Coat, Asphaltic Material	Per Gallon.
<b>Pay Item No. 312S-B:</b>	Seal Coat, Aggregate	Per Cubic Yard.
<b>Pay Item No. 312S-C:</b>	Seal Coat, Aggregate (Stockpiled)	Per Cubic Yard.
<b>Pay Item No. 312S-D:</b>	Seal Coat, Complete in Place	Per Square Yard.

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<b><i>SPECIFIC</i> Cross Reference Materials</b>
<b>Specification Item No. 312S, “ Seal Coat”</b>

City of Austin Standard Specifications

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 232S	Rolling (Pneumatic Tire)
Item No. 301S	Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions
Item No. 302S	Aggregates for Surface Treatments
Item No. 340S	Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement

Texas Department of Transportation: Manual of Testing Procedures

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tex-200-F	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
Tex-410-A	Abrasion of Coarse Aggregate Using the Los Angeles Machine
Tex-502-C	Test for Penetration of Bituminous Material
Tex-503-C	Test for Ductility of Bituminous Materials
Tex-504-C	Test for Flash and Fire Points of Petroleum Materials by Cleveland Open Cup
Tex-506-C	Test for Loss on Heating of Oils and Asphaltic Compounds
Tex-507-C	Proportion of Bitumen Soluble in Trichloro-ethylene
Tex-513-C	Test for Saybolt Viscosity
Tex-519-C	Float Test for Bituminous Materials
Tex-520-C	Test for Residue of Specified Penetration
Tex-521-C	Testing Emulsified Asphalts

Tex-528-C	Test for Absolute Viscosity of Asphalt Cements
Tex-529-C	Test for Kinematic Viscosity of Asphalts

<b><i>RELATED</i> Cross Reference Materials</b>
<b>Specification Item No. 312S, “ Seal Coat”</b>

City of Austin Standard Specifications

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 310S	Emulsified Asphalt Treatment
Item No. 313S	Rubber Asphalt Joint and Crack Sealant
Item No. 315S	Milling Asphaltic Concrete Paving and Non Portland Cement Concrete Bases
Item No. 316S	Polymerized Asphalt Interlayer Seal
Item No. 320S	Two Course Surface Treatment
Item No. 350S	Heating, Scarifying and Repaving
Item No. 801S	Construction Detours
Item No. 803S	Barricades, Signs and Traffic Handling
Item No. 870S	Work Zone Pavement Markings
Item No. 874S	Eliminating Existing Pavement Markings and Markers

Texas Department of Transportation: Standard Specifications for Construction and  
Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Item No. 300	Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions
Item No. 302	Aggregates for Surface Treatments
Item No. 314	Emulsified Asphalt Treatment
Item No. 315	Emulsified Asphalt Seal
Item No. 316	Surface Treatments
Item No. 345	Asphalt Stabilized Base (Plant Mixed)
Item No. 520	Weighing and Measuring Equipment

City of Austin Standard Contract Documents

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
00700	General Conditions
01500	Temporary Facilities
01550	Public Safety and Convenience

Texas Department of Transportation: Manual of Testing Procedures

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tex-509-C	Spot Test of Asphaltic Materials
Tex-510-C	Determining the Effect of Heat and Air on Asphaltic Materials when Exposed in Thin Films
Tex-512-C	Test for Flash Points of Volative Flammable Materials by Tag Open-Cup Apparatus