

Dynamic Shear Rheometers for Asphalt

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Dynamic shear rheometers (DSR)

The requirements for asphalt binder and bitumen, especially with regards to their elasticity and flexibility, have increased significantly in recent years. Particularly in road construction, new asphalt concepts are being constantly developed to withstand the heavy strains caused by the ever-increasing traffic volume. However, traditional test methods are often not sufficient to characterize these innovative and mainly polymer-modified materials.

So that modern asphalt and bitumen products meet the high requirements placed on them, there's a need for high-performance instruments to investigate and analyze these products in both quality control and during product development. The SmartPave 92 and SmartPave 102e dynamic shear rheometers are able to analyze unmodified as well as modified asphalt binder and bitumen in a wide temperature range, either according to standards or with classic rheological methods.

Our dynamic shear rheometers have proven themselves worldwide for decades due to numerous innovative technologies like the EC motor, the Toolmaster™ automatic tool recognition system, and the most accurate Peltier temperature control for dry sample thermostating available. This guarantees unrivaled accuracy, convenience, and ease of use in asphalt and bitumen rheology.

SmartPave 92



SmartPave 92 is designed especially for the demands of quality control and routine measurements in asphalt test labs.

For standard asphalt tests according to: AASHTO, ASTM, DIN EN, FGSV, IS, SATS GOST, and AGPT specifications

Temperature range:
-5 °C to +200 °C

Designed for the daily lab routine

SmartPave 102e



SmartPave 102e is the instrument which meets the highest measurement demands.

For standard asphalt tests according to: AASHTO, ASTM, DIN EN, FGSV, IS, SATS GOST, and AGPT specifications

Temperature range:
-50 °C to +220 °C

Upgradeable to all standard rheological tests

MCR 502e Power



With the modular compact rheometer **MCR 502e Power** rounding off the portfolio, our rheometers meet all the needs emerging from state-of-the-art asphalt and bitumen analysis.

For extensive asphalt tests in research & development

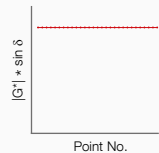
For standard asphalt tests according to: AASHTO, ASTM, DIN EN, FGSV, IS, SATS GOST, and AGPT specifications

Temperature range:
-160 °C to +1000 °C

Full rheological characterization of all materials from liquid to solid

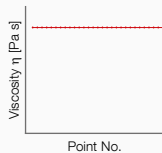
Asphalt and bitumen testing

Asphalt binder and bitumen testing with the SmartPave series:



Superpave performance grading according to AASHTO T315 / ASTM D7175

Classify asphalt binders relative to their rated performance in a temperature range from 6 °C to 88 °C related to the conditions under which they are used, including environmental conditions and pavement temperatures.



Viscosity determination of asphalt binder according to AASHTO T316 / ASTM D4402 / DIN EN 13702

Use standard testing methods for viscosity determination of asphalt binder with a rotational viscometer/rheometer to research the processability of asphalt binders in a temperature range from 60 °C to 180 °C.

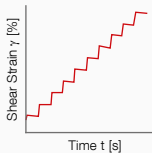
Our dynamic shear rheometers (DSR) are especially designed for the needs and demands of the asphalt industry.

All relevant asphalt binder and bitumen standards can be covered with SmartPave 92, SmartPave 102e, and MCR 502e Power.



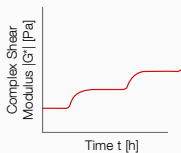
The RheoCompass software: New paths for asphalt and bitumen testing

RheoCompass is a navigation tool that gives you the complete overview as well as the exact insights you require. Designed for intuitive use, the client-and-server-based RheoCompass enables application-oriented template filtering, customized test and analysis definitions, highly simplified data retrieval, a fully automatic and fast temperature calibration and verification routine, and much more.



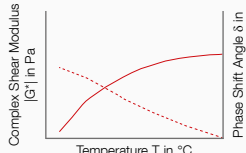
Multiple stress creep recovery (MSCR) according to AASHTO T350 / ASTM D7405 / DIN EN 16659

Determine the rutting performance of modified asphalt binder by measuring the percent recovery and non-recoverable creep compliance of modified asphalt binders.



Rheological property determination of GTR-modified (ground tire rubber) asphalt binders (AASHTO draft)

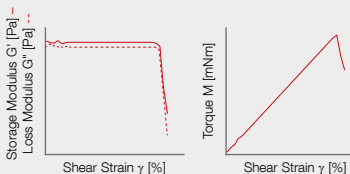
Asphalt binders can be blended with ground tire rubber (GTR) to beneficially modify the properties of the pavement in highway construction. Determine the temperature-dependent rheological properties in an appropriate temperature range with a special DSR setup based on a concentric cylinder Peltier-controlled temperature device.



Determination of temperature-dependent rheological behavior of asphalt binders according to DIN EN 14770

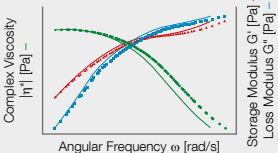
In addition to the existing standard methods, we offer various Peltier-controlled temperature devices that cover a wide temperature range. Enhance measurement possibilities to determine the temperature rheological properties of asphalt binders that are essential for their use (e.g., in road construction).

Advanced asphalt binder and bitumen testing:



DSR tests on solid bitumen and asphalt mortar samples

Characterize materials from the glassy to the molten state over a large temperature range and consequently determine the material's transition temperatures and relaxations precisely. With a dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) the temperature and mechanical behavior of solids is investigated with a variety of available fixtures such as solid circular (SCF), rectangular fixtures (SRF), or parallel-plate systems.



Full rheological characterization including master curves

Conduct all standard rheological investigations on bitumen and asphalt binders in rotation and oscillation mode like flow curves, 3 interval time tests (3ITT), amplitude sweeps, frequency sweeps, temperature tests, master curves, etc.

SmartPave 92 and SmartPave 102e

Fully automatic temperature calibration

Temperature accuracy and stability are crucial in asphalt testing. Properties of asphalt binders are highly sensitive to changes in temperature. The smallest temperature deviations result in vast differences in the measuring results. We offer unique fully automatic temperature calibration and verification routines in the RheoCompass software.

The most accurate Peltier temperature control

Temperature has the biggest influence on the rheological investigation of asphalt binders and bitumen. SmartPave 92 and SmartPave 102e's unique temperature control unit is the first Peltier heating system with heating elements above and below the sample. Temperature gradients are completely eliminated and the heating and cooling rates are very fast. Test times are reduced almost by half, while reproducibility is improved. Due to the unrivaled asphalt chamber, there is no water flow around the sample. You can work in a completely dry environment. The annoying noises made by water circulators and blocked water filters are things of the past.

Toolmaster™ – Automatic tool recognition and configuration

Toolmaster™ is the only completely contact-free automatic tool recognition and configuration system for rheometers. It recognizes measuring systems and temperature control units as soon as these are connected to the rheometer so you don't need to enter any data manually.

Easy-to-use software

The user-friendly rheometer software has been designed specifically for the needs of the asphalt industry. The software consists of predefined, step-by-step instructions for all test types as defined by international asphalt binder specifications.



The best measuring geometry for your needs

Depending on the test method, a large selection of measuring systems – parallel plate, cone-plate, and concentric cylinder systems – are available.

Easy fitting of measuring systems

When changing between measuring systems, QuickConnect provides great ease-of-use. The quick-fitting coupling allows one-handed connection of the measuring systems and ensures fast, convenient system changes without a screwing mechanism.

A clear view of your sample

TruRay is a unique lighting concept only available for SmartPave 92, which gives you a clear view of the sample and measurement surface. This is especially useful for the correct and precise filling of the measuring gap.

25 years of experience in one motor

The EC motor (Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor) deploys a frictionless synchronous movement of the rotor inside that enables the most sensitive and therefore most precise movements. Whether investigating solids or low-viscosity liquids, your results are accurate across a wide viscosity range.

Accessories for SmartPave 92 and SmartPave 102e

The most accurate temperature control

Temperature has the biggest influence on rheological investigations on asphalt binders and bitumen. For this reason, we offer a wide range of Peltier temperature devices with excellent heating and cooling characteristics.

Peltier temperature control for parallel-plate systems (P-PTD 220) and hood for up to 220 °C (H-PTD 220)

- Truly Peltier-temperature-controlled hood
- Temperature range: -50 °C to 220 °C
- Smallest temperature gradients ≤ 0.1 °C according to AASHTO T315
- Dry sample area; no water or gas flow around the sample
- Sliding rail for easy access and sample trimming with 360° view
- Recommended for applications on bitumen and asphalt binder in an extended temperature range



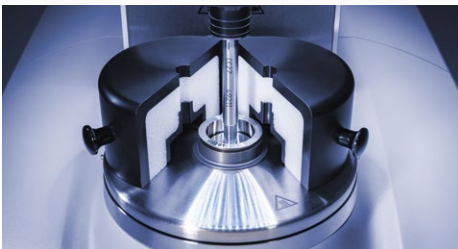
Air-cooled Peltier temperature control for parallel-plate systems (P-PTD 220/AIR) and hood for up to 200 °C (H-PTD 200/AIR)

- CoolPeltier™: Peltier temperature control with built-in air-counter-cooling option that requires no additional fluid circulator for counter-cooling
- Temperature range: -5 °C to +200 °C
- Smallest temperature gradients ≤ 0.1 °C according to AASHTO T315
- Dry sample area; no water or gas flow around the sample
- Sliding rail for easy access and sample trimming
- Recommended for all standard applications on bitumen and asphalt binder according to international asphalt binder specifications
- Available for SmartPave 92 only



Peltier temperature control for concentric-cylinder systems (C-PTD 180/AIR)

- Temperature range: 0 °C to +180 °C
- No vertical temperature gradients in the sample due to patented thermal transfer system (US Patent 6,240,770, 1999)
- CoolPeltier™: Peltier temperature control with built-in air-counter-cooling option that requires no additional fluid circulator for counter-cooling
- Suitable for rheological standard applications according to international asphalt binder specifications as well as for GTR-modified (ground tire rubber) asphalt binder with particle sizes up to 2 mm (mesh 10)



Peltier-based convection-temperature-control system (CTD 180)

- Temperature range: -20 °C to 180 °C
- Rectangular (SRF) and cylindrical solid torsion (SCF) fixture for dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA)
- Humidity option available



Measuring systems:

- Parallel-plate: PP04 / PP08 / PP25 (other diameters on request)
- Cone-plate: different diameters and angles on request
- Concentric-cylinder: CC10 / CC17 / CC27 (other diameters on request)
- Special concentric cylinders for GTR-modified (ground tire rubber) asphalt binder testing: CC10SP / CC17SP



Specifications

	Unit	SmartPave 92	SmartPave 102e	MCR 502e Power
Bearing design	-	Air, fine-pored carbon		
Motor design	-	Electronically Commutated (EC) - Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor		
Displacement transducer design	-	High-resolution optical encoder		
Normal force measurement design (US Pat. 6167752, 1996)	-	-	360° capacitive sensor, non-contacting, fully integrated in bearing	
Working mode	-	Combined Motor Transducer (CMT)		
Minimum torque (rotation)	nNm	1 μNm	5	200
Minimum torque (oscillation)	nNm	1 μNm	2	100
Maximum torque	mNm	125	200	300
Minimum angular deflection (set value)	μrad	1	0.5	0.05
Maximum angular deflection (set value)	μrad	∞	∞	∞
Minimum angular velocity ¹⁾	rad/s	0	0	0
Maximum angular velocity	rad/s	157	314	220
Maximum speed	1/min	1500	3000	2100
Minimum speed (CSS/CSR)	1/min	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁸
Minimum angular frequency ²⁾	rad/s	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁷
Maximum angular frequency	rad/s	628	628	628
Maximum frequency ³⁾	Hz	100	100	100
Normal force range	N	-	-50 to 50	-70 to 70
Minimum gap size change	μm	0.625	0.625	0.625
Dimensions (W x H x D)	mm	380 x 660 x 530	444 x 678 x 586	444 x 753 x 586
Weight	kg	33	42	47

Additional device features

Device display with remote control of software (decoupled from measuring sensor for mechanical and electromagnetic interference prevention)	-	✓	✓	✓
Direct strain/stress controller	-	✓	✓	✓
TruStrain™(sample-adaptive controller)	-	✗	✓	✓
TruRate™ (sample-adaptive controller)	-	✗	○	✓
Raw data (LAOS, waveform)	-	✗	○	✓
Normal force profiles (set and read)	-	✗	✓	✓
Velocity profiles, tack, squeeze	-	✗	✓	✓
Automatic gap control/setting (AGC/AGS)	-	✓	✓	✓
Electronic trim lock for measuring geometry	-	✓	✓	✓
TruGap™ (permanent control of the real measuring gap) (US Pat. 6499336, 2000)	-	✗	○	○
T-Ready™ (detection of sample temperature equilibrium time) (US Pat. 8904852, 2011) ⁴⁾	-	✗	✓	✓
Toolmaster™ (measuring geometries and accessories, storing of zero-gap) (US Pat. 7275419, 2004)	-	✓	✓	✓
QuickConnect coupling for measuring geometries (one-hand operation, screwless)	-	✓	✓	✓
Trimming mirror (360° sample blind spot prevention)	-	✗	✓	✓
Three-point support of device (three robust feet for tool-free one-hand alignment)	-	✓	✓	✓
Three-point support for mounting of measuring cells (wobble prevention, no misalignment after changing of cells)	-	✓	✓	✓
Maximum temperature range ⁴⁾	°C	-50 to +400	-160 to +1000	-160 to +1000

Specifications	Unit	SmartPave 92	SmartPave 102e	MCR 502e Power
Virtually gradient-free temperature control (horizontal, vertical)	-	✓	✓	✓
Temperature gradient ≤0.1 °C according to AASHTO and ASTM	-	✓	✓	✓
CoolPeltier™ Peltier system with built-in cooling option that does not require additional accessories for counter-cooling	°C	-5 to +200	✗	✗
Pressure Cell	Bar	✗	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
SafeGap™ normal force limiter during gap setting	-	✓	✗	✗
TruRay™ dimmable illumination of sample area	-	✓	✗	✗
RheoCompass software				
Asphalt standard operation procedures (SOP) with regular updates		✓	✓	✓
Auto-update via network		○	○	○
Fully automatic temperature calibration		✓	✓	✓
Test and analysis designer		✓	✓	✓
Report designer (with all test information for export and print)		✓	✓	✓
Managed lab multiple clients and servers		○	○	○

Applications

AASHTO T315 / ASTM D7175 / GOST R58400.10 (SHRP-Test/SuperPave PG)	✓	✓	✓
AASHTO T316 / ASTM D4402 DIN EN 13302 & 13702 / GOST 33137 (Rotational Viscosity)	✓	✓	✓
AASHTO T350 / ASTM D7405 DIN EN 16659 / GOST R58400.6 (MSCR-Test)	✓	✓	✓
AASHTO TP101-UL (LAS-Test) / GOST R58400.7	✗	✓	✓
AASHTO TP126	✓	✓	✓
AASHTO TP123	✗	✓	✓
ASTM D7552	✗	✓	✓
GOST 58400.9	✗	✓	✓
FGSV AL 720 BTSV FGSV AL 721 (Constant Shear Rate) FGSV AL 722 (Temperature Sweep) FGSV AL 723 (MSCR-Test)	✓	✓	✓
AGPT/T125 Stress ratio of Bituminous Binder	✗	○ ⁵⁾	✓
AGPT/T192 Viscosity of RAP Binder	✓	✓	✓
AGPT/T194 Aging Resistance of Bitumen Using PAV and DSR	✓	✓	✓
Master Curves	○	✓	✓
Measurement of rubber-modified bitumen	✗	✓	✓
Low-temperature measurements -50 °C parallel plate	✗	✓	✓
Low-temperature measurements -20 °C (torsion)	✗	✓	✓

Legend: ○ optional ✗ not available ✓ included

The DSR is among others part of the following asphalt binder specifications: AASHTO M320, AASHTO M332, ASTM D6373, ASTM D8239, AGPT/ T190, GOST R58400.1-2019, IS 15462, IS 73.

1) In controlled shear stress (CSS) mode. In controlled shear rate (CSR) mode depending on measuring point duration and sampling rate.
2) Theoretical value (duration per cycle = two years)
3) Higher frequencies are possible using multi-wave functionality (942 rad/s (150 Hz) or even higher, depending on measuring system and sample)
4) Depending on used temperature device
5) TruRate™ required

