

**The 2011 CANADIAN ASPHALT MIX EXCHANGE PROGRAM (CAMEP)**

**2011 Detailed Report (May 2011)**

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**ABSTRACT**

Forty eight Canadian engineering organizations participated in the 2011 CANADIAN ASPHALT MIX EXCHANGE PROGRAM. The exchange provides an opportunity for participants to compare their test results to those of other laboratories. It provides a mechanism for review and refinement of existing test methods and equipment. The exchange evaluates the volumetric and mechanical properties of an asphalt-aggregate mixture using Marshall mix design procedures, the gyratory compactor, and the ignition oven.

This report documents the test results for the year 2011 CANADIAN ASPHALT MIX EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

The complete report is available on the internet at the following address:

**<http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/Camep11/>**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange Program (CAMEP) is part of the Canadian Asphalt and Mix Program (CAMP). The Asphalt Mix Exchange Program is operated by a steering committee under the umbrella of the Canadian User Producer Group for Asphalt (CUPGA).

In 2011, forty eight laboratories from across Canada obtained samples for the 2011 Canadian Asphalt and Mix Program. These laboratories represent 9 government/municipal agencies and 39 private/consulting firms.

There are three parts to the 2011 Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange Program:

- Marshall Mix Design Procedures,
- SHRP Gyratory Compactor,
- Ignition Oven.

Forty six labs participated in the Marshall Mix Design Procedures (9 government/municipal and 37 private/consulting). Twenty six laboratories participated in the Gyratory Compactor part of the exchange program (8 government/municipal and 18 private/consulting). Forty six laboratories participated in the Ignition Oven testing (8 government/municipal and 38 private/consulting).

Participation in the exchange program is voluntary. The results cannot be used for pre-qualification or specification purposes as previously indicated in this report. Laboratory results are confidential and are presented using a randomly assigned laboratory number that is known by the particular laboratory and the co-ordinating agency only. The order of the participating laboratories shown in Tables 17, 18, and 19 is not related to the laboratory numbers used in the other tables contained in this report.

The exchange program is operated on an annual basis. Samples are shipped to participants in February. Test results are returned to the co-ordinating agency by the end of March and the final report is made available in late May.

For 2011, each laboratory paid a participation fee of \$350 for the first part and \$75 for every part thereafter. The cost to participate in all three parts is \$500. The participation fee is used to cover the costs associated with operating the asphalt mix exchange program. The participation fee is reviewed at the CAMP annual meeting that is held in conjunction with the Canadian Technical Asphalt Association annual conference. Mix exchange packages are shipped collect to the participating laboratories.

Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure is the co-ordinating agency for the mix exchange program. The responsibilities include:

- developing participant lists
- providing instructions for handling and testing of the materials
- supplying data collection forms
- arranging and co-ordinating material suppliers
- preparing, packaging and shipping aggregate and asphalt samples
- collecting and compiling the test data
- preparing a final report that is available to all participants
- preparing a final report for the CTAA (Canadian Technical Asphalt Association) Annual Proceedings.

## 2 ASPHALT MIX COMPONENT

The asphalt mix, consisting of processed aggregates, was used for a Saskatchewan Highways and Infrastructure hot-mix paving project on Highway No. 1, east of Regina.

### 2.1 Asphalt Cement

All the asphalt cement samples are supplied from the same batch of asphalt by Moose Jaw Refinery Inc. of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The asphalt cement is 150/200A penetration grade. To ensure consistency, the following values are used in the exchange:

- Specific gravity = 1.030
- Mixing temperature = 145 °C
- Compaction temperature = 135 °C

### 2.2 Mineral Aggregate

The mineral aggregate is from Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure pit number 72I-234, a glacial gravel deposit. The aggregate has the gradation shown in Table 1.

**TABLE 1: Mix Exchange Aggregate Gradation**

| Canadian Metric Sieve Size           | Percent Passing |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 16.0 mm                              | 100.0 %         |
| 12.5 mm                              | 100.0 %         |
| 9.0 mm                               | 89.6 %          |
| 5.00 mm                              | 64.9 %          |
| 2.0 mm                               | 47.4 %          |
| 900 µm                               | 35.8 %          |
| 400 µm                               | 21.4 %          |
| 160 µm                               | 8.5 %           |
| 75 µm                                | 5.2 %           |
| Note: Filler relative density = 2.70 |                 |

## 3 PARTICIPANT SAMPLE PACKAGES (MARSHALL MIX)

Each asphalt mix exchange participant package contains seventeen prepared aggregate samples and two litres of asphalt cement. The aggregate samples are prepared by splitting raw aggregate samples on each of the sieves shown in Table 1. The weight of each individual sieve size, to be combined for the exchange aggregate samples, is established through a trial and error process. Each aggregate test sample is prepared by weighing the individual size components and recombining them.

The following samples are distributed:

- Eight (8) 1,200 gram samples for Marshall Compaction Briquettes.
- Three (3) 2,000 gram samples for Asphalt Mix Maximum Theoretical Density.
- Three (3) 2,000 gram samples for Coarse Aggregate Relative Density.
- Three (3) 1,000 gram samples for Fine Aggregate Relative Density.

## **4 INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS (MARSHALL MIX)**

### **4.1 Aggregate Relative Density and Water Absorption**

Three determinations are made on each of the individual pre-weighed coarse and fine aggregate samples. The coarse aggregate density is obtained by following ASTM C127 Standard Test Method for DENSITY, RELATIVE DENSITY (SPECIFIC GRAVITY), AND ABSORPTION OF COARSE AGGREGATE. The fine aggregate density is determined by following ASTM C128 Standard Test Method for DENSITY, RELATIVE DENSITY (SPECIFIC GRAVITY) AND ABSORPTION OF FINE AGGREGATE. Both aggregate densities are reported to four (4) significant figures.

The following interpretative revisions to ASTM C128 were agreed to at the 1989 Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange meeting. All participants are to incorporate the following into their procedures:

1. The fine aggregate should again be washed after the 24 hour immersion period.
2. For the cone test, do not refill the cone after each tamping.

During the May 29, 1989 General Technical Meeting, most agencies indicated that a fan is used to dry aggregate when determining the aggregate specific gravity (as allowed by ASTM). This procedure is to be incorporated by all participants.

The water absorption for the two aggregates is determined during the aggregate relative density testing in accordance with the respective ASTM procedures. The combined percentage water absorption is based on a blend of 35.1 % of the average held on the 5.0 mm sieve and 64.9 % of the average passing the 5.0 mm sieve.

### **4.2 Maximum Theoretical Density**

During the November 2005 CAMP technical meeting it was agreed that only one test method for the Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity and Density of Bituminous Paving Mixtures is required. The test method shall follow AASHTO T 209; the only deviations from AASHTO T 209 are:

- the 2000g aggregate samples provided shall be mixed at 145°C
- the mix samples shall be conditioned for four hours at the compaction temperature of 135°C.

The results for this Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity and Density test will be used for determining the air voids of the Marshall briquettes and the percent asphalt absorption.

If for some reason the aggregate mass varies from that specified, the asphalt cement mass should be calculated based on the new aggregate mass to achieve an asphalt cement content of 5.70% by weight of dry aggregate.

### 4.3 Asphalt Mix and Briquette Preparation

Eight (8) briquettes with an asphalt cement content of 5.70 % (by weight of dry aggregate) are prepared separately by adding 68.4 g of asphalt cement to the 1,200 gram aggregate samples.

Three (3) MTD samples with an asphalt cement content of 5.70 % (by weight of dry aggregate) are prepared by adding 114.0 g of asphalt cement to the 2,000 gram aggregate samples.

Participating labs are asked to adjust the amount of asphalt to obtain 5.70 % asphalt content (by dry weight of aggregate) if for some reason their aggregate samples are not 1,200 g or 2,000 g.

#### Mixing

The following procedures are used to ensure uniformity in preparation of the briquettes and MTD samples:

1. Aggregate shall be heated for 12 hours minimum at a temperature of  $110 \pm 5$  °C prior to adding asphalt cement.
2. Mixing shall be done at 145 °C using a "**buttered**" mixing pan. The mixing pan should not be totally clean but should contain the residue from previous mixing that is left after scraping with a spoon and/or spatula.
3. The asphalt cement added should be the percentage specified and no allowance should be made for asphalt cement that is left sticking to the sides of the mixing pan.
4. All mixing is to be done by hand using a spoon and a spatula.
5. Mixing of samples for Marshall Briquettes and MTD shall be done one at a time. Do not combine samples for mixing purposes.

#### Compaction

A total of eight (8) briquettes are manufactured, four (4) by hand compaction and four (4) by mechanical compaction.

Hand compaction is 75 BLOWS to each face at 135 °C. Mechanical compaction is based on the equivalent blow count to each face that each laboratory correlates to 75 blows of the hand hammer at 135 °C.

The following procedures are used to ensure uniformity in briquette preparation:

1. The compaction pedestal shall follow specifications from AASHTO T245 Standard Test Method for RESISTANCE TO PLASTIC FLOW OF BITUMINOUS MIXTURES USING MARSHALL APPARATUS and shall be secured to a solid concrete slab.
2. For a bevelled compaction hammer, the thickest part of the compaction foot shall be placed toward the chain of the mechanical compactor at the start of compaction.
3. Manufactured briquettes will be air cooled for one hour before removal from the compaction moulds.
4. The briquettes shall be removed from the compaction moulds by applying a constant pressure to the full face of the mould and not by applying blows to the face.
5. Briquettes are manufactured one at a time. Do not combine samples.

### Marshall Mix Design Characteristics

The following procedures are used to determine Marshall Mix Design Characteristics:

1. Bulk specific gravity and density determination for briquettes shall be as specified in ASTM D2726 Standard Test Method for BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY AND DENSITY OF NON-ABSORPTIVE COMPACTED BITUMINOUS MIXTURES.
2. Marshall Stability and flow determination for briquettes shall be as specified in AASHTO T245 Standard Test Method for RESISTANCE TO PLASTIC FLOW OF BITUMINOUS MIXTURES USING MARSHALL APPARATUS.
3. Bulk specific gravity, Marshall Stability, and flow testing on the briquettes shall be performed 24 hours after the briquettes have been compacted.
4. Flow shall be measured using flow meters on each guide rod. The average flow value is recorded if hand flow meters are used. Please specify if some other method is being used.

#### **4.4 Calculated Data**

For the four (4) hand compacted and four (4) mechanically compacted briquettes, each lab uses their determination of the aggregate bulk density, the bulk density of the compacted mixture and the maximum theoretical density of the asphalt-aggregate mixture to compute:

- percent voids in the mineral aggregate (*VMA*)
- percent air voids (*AV*)
- percent voids filled (*VF*)

The void characteristics are calculated using the following formulae:

Percent Voids in the Mineral Aggregate (*VMA*)

$$VMA = 100 - \left( \frac{G_{mb}}{G_{sb}} \times \frac{100}{100 + P_b} \right) \times 100$$

Percent Air Voids (*AV*)

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

Percent Voids Filled with Asphalt (*VF*)

$$VF = \left( \frac{VMA - AV}{VMA} \right) \times 100$$

Percent Water Absorption (*WA*)

$$WA = \left( \frac{B - A}{A} \right) \times 100$$

| Where:   |                                                                | Units                |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| $G_{mb}$ | = bulk density of the compacted mixture                        | (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
| $G_{sb}$ | = bulk density of the aggregate                                | (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
| $P_b$    | = asphalt content of the mix (% by weight of dry aggregate)    | (%)                  |
| $G_{mm}$ | = maximum theoretical density of the asphalt-aggregate mixture | (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
| B        | = weight of saturated surface dry aggregate                    | (g)                  |
| A        | = dry weight of aggregate                                      | (g)                  |

#### 4.5 Mechanical Compaction Equipment Data

Each laboratory must provide a description of the mechanical compaction equipment used. This required information includes:

- number of blows,
- mass of the compaction hammer (kg),
- drop of the hammer (mm),
- type of spring in the hammer,
- thickness of the compaction foot (mm),
- the high and low thickness (if the compaction foot is bevelled),
- type of base (rotating or stationary),
- type and trade name of the mechanical compactor (e.g., home-made, Soil test, Pine Instrument, double acting, etc.).

### 5 PARTICIPANT SAMPLE PACKAGES (GYRATORY COMPACTOR)

Each gyratory sample package contains three 4,700 g aggregate samples and asphalt cement of sufficient quantity to allow for a 5.39 % asphalt content (by total weight of mix).

### 6 INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS (GYRATORY COMPACTOR)

#### 6.1 Preparation Instructions

Complete instructions and a data sheet are included in the package to ensure uniformity between the labs. Three specimens are prepared and tested.

The following gyratory compaction guidelines are used:

1. Mixing Temperature = 145 °C
2. Compaction Temperature = 135 °C
3.  $N_{\text{Design}} = 75$  gyrations
4. Asphalt Content: 5.39 % by total weight of mix (267.9 grams are added to each sample)
5. If for some reason the aggregate mass varies from that specified, the labs are to adjust the asphalt mass so that the desired asphalt content is maintained.

#### Aggregate Preparation

The following procedures are used to prepare the aggregate:

1. The aggregate is placed in a pan and heated in an oven for two to four hours until the mixing temperature is reached. The oven temperature is set approximately 15 °C higher than the mixing temperature. All the mixing implements are heated at the same time.
2. The asphalt binder is heated to the desired mixing temperature.
3. A forced draft mixing oven is preheated to 135 °C for use in short term aging of the test specimens.

### Mixture Preparation

The following procedures are used to prepare the mixture:

1. Place the hot mixing bowl on a scale and zero the scale.
2. Charge the mixing bowl with the heated aggregates and dry mix thoroughly.
3. Form a crater in the blended aggregate and weigh the required asphalt into the mixture to achieve the desired batch weight.
4. Remove the mixing bowl from the scale and mix the asphalt and the aggregate until the aggregate is thoroughly coated.
5. Place the mixture in a flat shallow pan to an even thickness of 21-22 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and put the pan in the forced draft oven at 135 °C.
6. Short term age the specimen for 2 hours in accordance with AASHTO R30.
7. Repeat this process for each specimen.
8. Proper timing of the gyratory compaction steps can be achieved by spacing approximately 20 minutes between mixing each specimen and proceeding with compaction.

## **6.2 Compaction of Specimens**

The compaction of the specimens and the determination of the bulk density will be conducted in accordance with AASHTO T312 and AASHTO R35.

## **6.3 Gyratory Compactor Characteristics**

The bulk density at 75 gyrations is determined after the specimens are compacted with the gyratory compactor.

## **7 PARTICIPANT SAMPLE PACKAGES (IGNITION OVEN)**

Each ignition oven participant package contains three 1,500 gram aggregate samples, three asphalt mix samples and one asphalt cement sample. The three aggregate samples are used to calibrate the ignition oven; the three asphalt mix samples are used for the ignition oven tests.

## **8 INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS (IGNITION OVEN)**

### **8.1 Calibration**

Calibration testing is done using three of the aggregate samples. The ignition oven calibration is done at an asphalt content of 5.2 by dry weight of aggregate (4.94% by total weight of mix). Three samples are prepared separately by adding 78.0 grams of asphalt to the aggregate sample in order to obtain the desired 5.2 % asphalt content. The three samples are used to determine a correction factor for the ignition oven and

aggregate. If for some reason the aggregate mass varies from that specified, the labs are to adjust the asphalt mass so that the desired asphalt content is maintained.

### Mixing

The following process is used to ensure uniformity in mixing the samples:

1. Aggregates shall be heated for 12 hours minimum at  $110 \pm 5$  °C prior to adding asphalt.
2. Mixing should be done at 145 °C using a “buttered” mixing pan. The mixing pan should not be totally clean but should contain the residue from previous mixing that is left after scraping with a spoon and/or spatula.
3. The asphalt cement should be added in the amount specified and no allowance should be made for asphalt that is left sticking to the sides of the mixing pan.
4. All mixing should be done by hand using a spoon and a spatula.
5. After the sample is mixed, record the mass of the total mixture to 0.1 gram as  $M_{PC1}$ .
6. Repeat the process for the other two samples and record the total mass of the mixture to the nearest 0.1 gram as  $M_{PC2}$  and  $M_{PC3}$ .

### Testing

The following process was used to ensure uniformity in ignition oven testing:

1. After the samples are prepared, the asphalt content will be determined using:
  - ASTM D6307 STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR ASPHALT CONTENT OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT BY IGNITION METHOD.
2. After the asphalt is burned off in the ignition oven, determine the mass of the remaining sample to 0.1 gram and record it as  $M_{AC1}$ ,  $M_{AC2}$ , and  $M_{AC3}$ . The masses recorded as  $M_{AC1}$ ,  $M_{AC2}$ , and  $M_{AC3}$  should correspond to the samples that have masses of  $M_{PC1}$ ,  $M_{PC2}$ , and  $M_{PC3}$  respectively.

### Calculations

A correction factor for the calibration samples is determined.

1. Calculate the measured percent mass loss ( $C_{sx}$ ) for each sample using the equation in ASTM D6307:

$$C_{sx} = \left( \frac{M_{PCx} - M_{ACx}}{M_{PCx}} \times 100 \right) - \%AC$$

Where:

|           |                                                                                |     |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| $C_{sx}$  | = Measured mass loss of the calibration sample.                                | (%) |
| $x$       | = Calibration sample number, where $x = 1$ or $x = 2$ or $x = 3$ .             |     |
| $M_{PCx}$ | = Total mass of the mixture calibration sample prior to ignition.              | (g) |
| $M_{ACx}$ | = Total mass of the mixture calibration sample after ignition.                 | (g) |
| $\%AC$    | = Percentage of the actual asphalt cement in the mix by mass of the total mix. | (%) |

- Calculate the average calibration factor (CF) using the following equation:

$$C_F = \frac{C_{S1} + C_{S2} + C_{S3}}{3}$$

Where:

Units

|          |   |                                                                                     |     |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| $C_F$    | = | Average measured mass loss of the calibration sample expressed as a (%) percentage. |     |
| $C_{S1}$ | = | Measured mass loss of calibration sample 1.                                         | (%) |
| $C_{S2}$ | = | Measured mass loss of calibration sample 2.                                         | (%) |
| $C_{S3}$ | = | Measured mass loss of calibration sample 3.                                         | (%) |

## 8.2 Testing of premixed asphalt samples

After the correction factor is determined, ignition oven testing is completed on the other three premixed asphalt mix samples. The asphalt mix samples have been pre-mixed with a predetermined amount of asphalt that is known only to the coordinating agency.

### Preparation of asphalt mix samples

- In accordance with AASHTO T308 or ASTM D6307, oven dry each hot mix sample at a temperature of  $105^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to constant mass.
- Record the mass of the total mixture to the nearest 0.1 gram as  $M_{PT1}$ .
- Ensure the sample has been softened enough to distribute evenly in the sample basket.
- Repeat the process for the other two samples and record the mass of the total mixture to the nearest 0.1 gram as of the total mixture to the nearest 0.1 gram as  $M_{PT2}$  and  $M_{PT3}$ .

### Testing

The following process is used to ensure uniformity in the ignition oven testing:

- After the samples are prepared, the asphalt content will be determined using AASHTO T308 or ASTM D6307.
- After the asphalt is burned off in the ignition oven, determine the mass of the remaining samples to 0.1 gram and record it as  $M_{AT1}$ ,  $M_{AT2}$ , and  $M_{AT3}$ . The masses recorded as  $M_{AT1}$ ,  $M_{AT2}$ , and  $M_{AT3}$  should correspond to the samples that have masses of  $M_{PT1}$ ,  $M_{PT2}$ , and  $M_{PT3}$  respectively.

### Calculations

- Calculate the corrected asphalt content (%AC<sub>x</sub>) using the equation in ASTM D6307:

$$\%AC_x = \left( \frac{M_{PTX} - M_{ATX}}{M_{PTX}} \times 100 \right) - C_F$$

| Where:                                                                                                                                                             | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| $\%AC_x$ = Measured percent asphalt content by mass of the oven-dry HMA sample.                                                                                    | (%)   |
| $C_F$ = Calibration factor as determined above, expressed as a percentage.                                                                                         | (%)   |
| $x$ = Testing sample number (1, 2 or 3).                                                                                                                           |       |
| $M_{PTx}$ = Total mass of the mixture testing sample prior to ignition.                                                                                            | (g)   |
| $M_{ATx}$ = Total mass of the aggregate remaining after ignition.                                                                                                  | (g)   |
| 2. Calculate the asphalt content percent ( $\%AC_x$ ) by mass of the oven dry HMA for each sample and record on the result sheet.                                  |       |
| 3. Compute and record the asphalt content ( $\%AC_x$ ) by dry weight of aggregate for each sample and record on the test result sheet. Use the following equation: |       |

$$\%AC_{DRY\ WEIGHT\ AGGREGATE} = \frac{\%AC_{OVEN\ DRY}}{1 - \left( \frac{\%AC_{OVEN\ DRY}}{100} \right)}$$

The results shown in Table 16.1 provide asphalt content by total mass of mixture.

## 9 SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

### 9.1 Background

The 2011 asphalt mix exchange test results are analysed using ASTM test procedure E691, Standard Practice for Conducting an Inter-laboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method.

The repeatability standard deviation,  $s_r$ , is a measure of the variability that can be expected within-laboratory under repeatability conditions. It usually refers to the single operator variability that can be expected when the operator, equipment, equipment calibration, and environment (temperature, humidity, etc.) have a minimal effect on the variability of test results within a lab.

The reproducibility standard deviation,  $s_R$ , is a measure of between-laboratory variability. It refers to the variability that can be expected when the operator, equipment, equipment calibration, and environment (temperature, humidity, etc.) have a significant effect on the variability of test results between different labs.

The  $k$  consistency statistic is used to examine the consistency of test results within a laboratory. This value indicates how a lab's within-laboratory variability (under repeatability conditions on a particular material) compares with the within-laboratory variability of all the other laboratories combined. The  $k$  consistency statistic is calculated for each lab and then compared to a critical value,  $k_{crit}$ . If a lab's  $k$  consistency statistic exceeds the critical value, then it is likely that they are having problems repeating test results in their laboratory. The critical value is determined using a statistical calculation based on an F-Test at a 0.5% level of significance. The critical value is a function of the level of significance, the number of labs involved in the testing and the number of replicate samples.

The  $h$  consistency statistic is used to examine the consistency of test results between laboratories. This value indicates how a lab's average test result (under repeatability conditions on a particular material) compares to the average obtained by all of the other laboratories involved in the testing program. The  $h$  consistency

statistic is calculated for each lab and compared to a critical value,  $h_{crit}$ . If a lab's  $h$  consistency statistics exceeds the critical value, then it is likely that they are having problems correlating test results with other laboratories. The critical value is determined using a statistical calculation based on a Student's t-Test at a 0.5% level of significance. The critical value is a function of the level of significance and the number of labs involved in the testing.

The level of significance is the probability of incorrectly deciding that two data sets are different when in fact they are the same. At a 0.5% level of significance, only 1 in every 200 times will a lab be identified as having some type of testing problem; when in fact they do not. ASTM E691 Standard Practice for Conducting an Inter-laboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method suggests that a 0.5% level of significance is appropriate for this type of analysis.

## 9.2 Test Results

A summary of the results for each test procedure used in the Marshall Mix, Gyrotory Compactor, and Ignition Oven parts of the exchange is presented in Table 20. The following information is provided:

- The average value
- The repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations
- The 95% confidence limits for repeatability and reproducibility
- The labs that exceed or are close to the critical  $h$  or  $k$  statistics.

As an example, for the Bulk Density of the Coarse Aggregate in Table 20, the average value reported by all of the laboratories is 2.6670. The repeatability standard deviation,  $s_r$ , is 0.0070 and reproducibility standard deviation,  $s_R$ , is 0.0163.

The 95% confidence limit for repeatability is computed with the following equation:

$$95\% \text{ Repeatability Confidence Limit} = 1.96 * \sqrt{2} * s_r$$

The 95% confidence limit for repeatability means that approximately 95% of all pairs of test results on a given material from within a laboratory can be expected to differ in absolute value by  $1.96 * \sqrt{2} * s_r$ . For example, the Bulk Density of the Coarse Aggregate 95% Confidence Limit for Repeatability is computed to be  $1.96 * \sqrt{2} * 0.0070 = 0.0195$ . This means that approximately 95% of all pairs of test results on a given material from within a laboratory can be expected to differ in absolute value by 0.0195. In other words, two test results from the same lab on the same material will be considered suspect if they differ in absolute value by more than 0.0195.

The 95% confidence limit for reproducibility is computed with the following equation:

$$95\% \text{ Reproducibility Confidence Limit} = 1.96 * \sqrt{2} * s_R$$

The 95% confidence limit for reproducibility means that approximately 95% of all pairs of test results on a given material from between laboratories can be expected to differ in absolute value by  $1.96 * \sqrt{2} * s_R$ . For example, the Bulk Density of the Coarse Aggregate 95% Confidence Limit for Reproducibility is computed to be  $1.96 * \sqrt{2} * 0.0163 = 0.0451$ . This means that approximately 95% of all pairs of test results on a given material from between two laboratories can be expected to differ in absolute value by 0.0451. In other words, two test results from different labs on the same material will be considered suspect if they differ in absolute value by more than 0.0451.

Table 20 indicates which labs have between-laboratory consistency statistics ( $h$  consistency statistic) that exceed (Labs Out  $h$ -stat) or are close (Labs Close  $h$ -stat) to the critical between-laboratory consistency statistic,  $h_{crit}$ . This table also shows the laboratories that have within-laboratory consistency statistics ( $k$  consistency statistic) that exceed (Labs Out  $k$ -stat) or are close (Labs Close  $k$ -stat) to the critical within-laboratory consistency statistic,  $k_{crit}$ .

If a lab has a between-laboratory consistency statistic ( $h$  consistency statistic) that exceeds the critical between-laboratory consistency statistic,  $h_{crit}$ , then its average test result is significantly different from the average obtained by the other laboratories. It may have difficulty correlating to other laboratories and should investigate its testing equipment and procedures.

Using Bulk Density of Fine Aggregate from Table 20 as an example, lab 19 has a between-laboratory consistency statistics ( $h$  consistency statistic) that exceeds the critical consistency statistic,  $h_{crit}$ . The laboratory average test results are significantly different from the average obtained by the other laboratories. They may have difficulty correlating to other laboratories and should investigate their testing equipment and procedures.

If a lab has a between-laboratory consistency statistic ( $h$  consistency statistic) that is close to the critical between-laboratory consistency statistic,  $h_{crit}$ , then its average test result is not significantly different from the average obtained by the other laboratories. However, the lab may want to consider taking precautions to ensure that there are not any problems with its testing procedures and equipment.

If a lab has a within-laboratory consistency statistic ( $k$  consistency statistic) that exceeds the critical within-laboratory consistency statistic,  $k_{crit}$ , then its within-laboratory standard deviation is significantly different from that obtained by all of the laboratories combined. The laboratory is having problems repeating test results in its own laboratory and should investigate its testing procedures and equipment.

Using Bulk Density of Coarse Aggregate from Table 20 as an example, labs 11 and 45 have a within-laboratory consistency statistic ( $k$  consistency statistic) that exceeds the critical consistency statistic,  $k_{crit}$ . The within-laboratory standard deviation is significantly different from that obtained by all of the laboratories combined. They may have problems repeating the test results in their own lab and should investigate their testing procedures and equipment.

If a lab has a within-laboratory consistency statistic ( $k$  consistency statistic) that is close to the critical within-laboratory consistency statistic,  $k_{crit}$ , then its within-laboratory standard deviation is not significantly different from that obtained by all of the laboratories combined. However, the lab may want to consider taking precautions to ensure that there are not any problems with its testing procedures and equipment.

## 10 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The complete set of test results is presented in Appendix A (Tables 1.1 – 11.1). Graphs representing the  $k$ -consistency statistic, for within laboratory variability, and the  $h$ -consistency statistic, for between laboratory variability, are also included in Appendix A.

A comparison of the three previous year's and this year's results is attached as Table 21 in Appendix A.

The definitions and formulae for the statistical equations used in the analysis of the test results are included in Appendix B. Additional elaboration on the statistical analysis can be found in ASTM E691 Standard Practice for Conducting an Inter-laboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method.

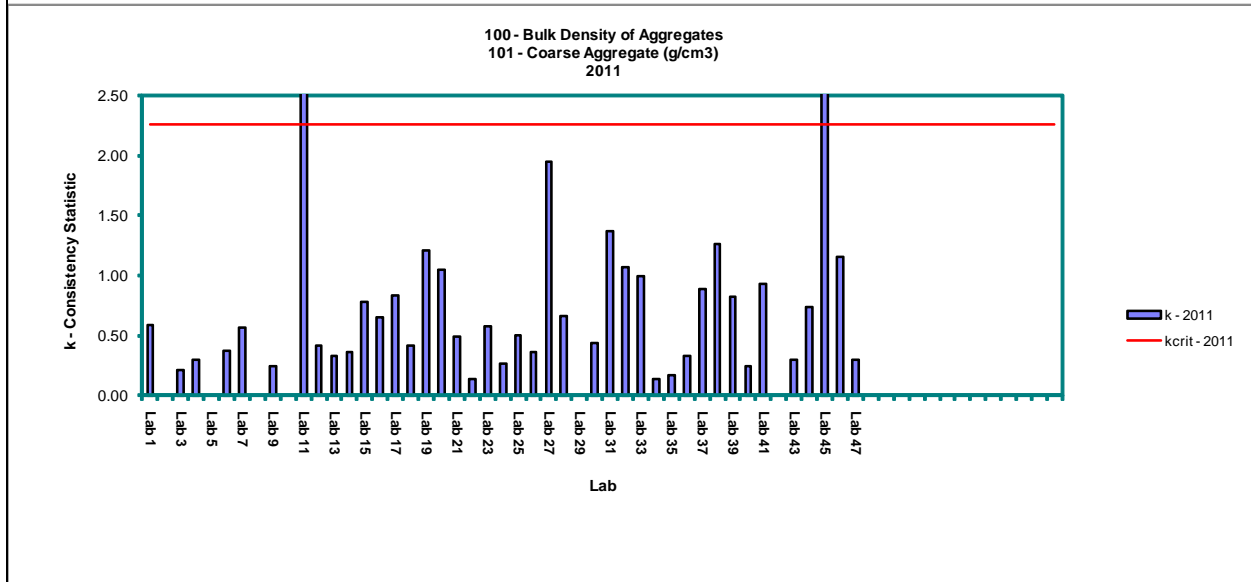
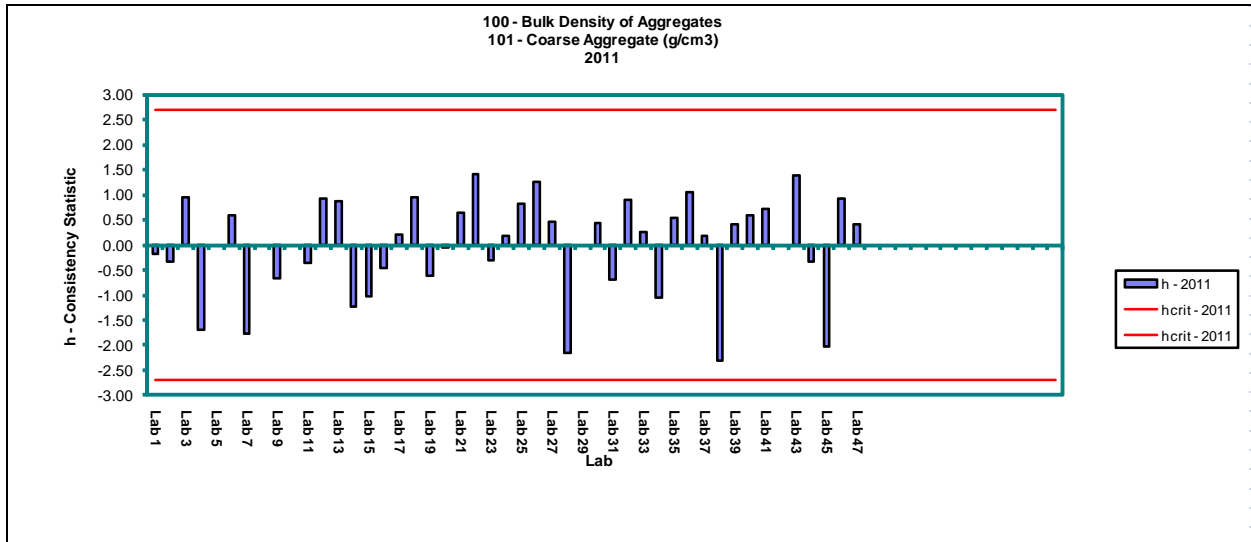
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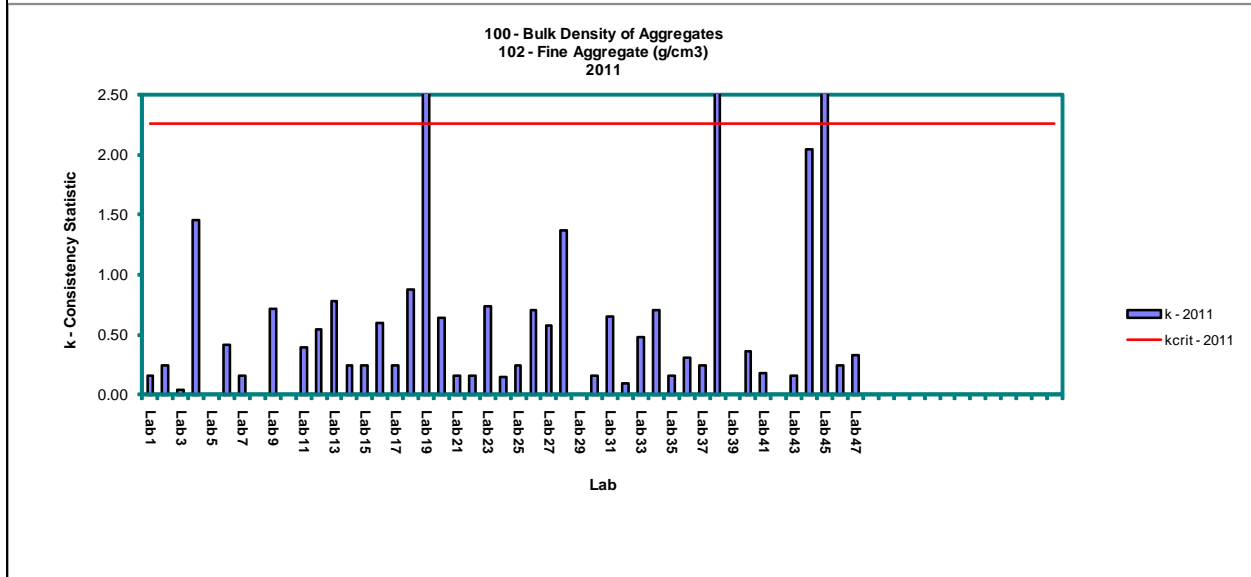
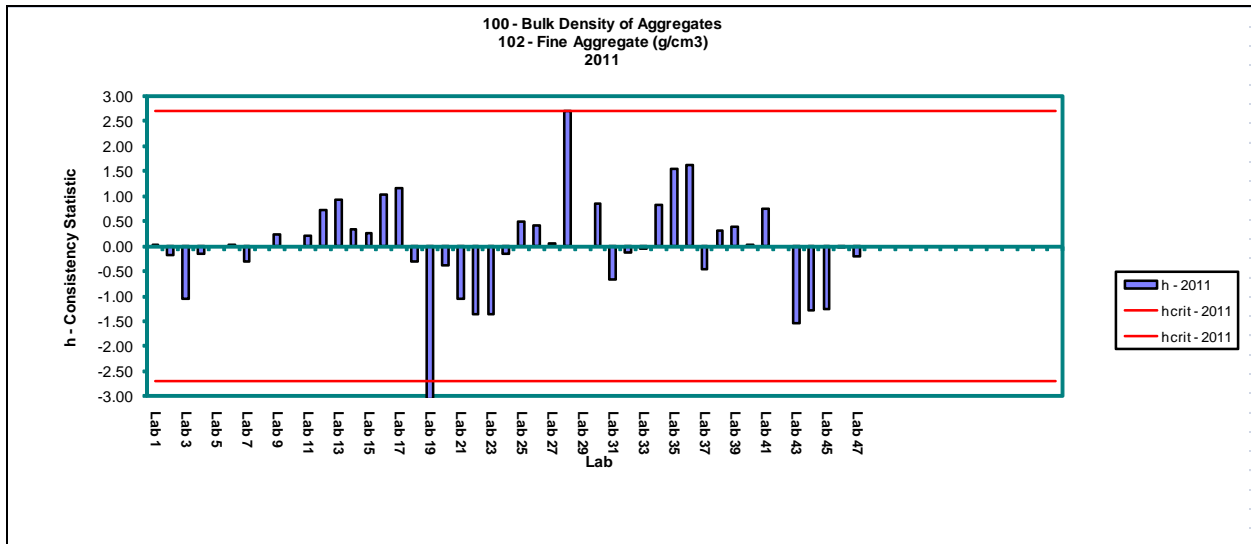
## **Appendix A**





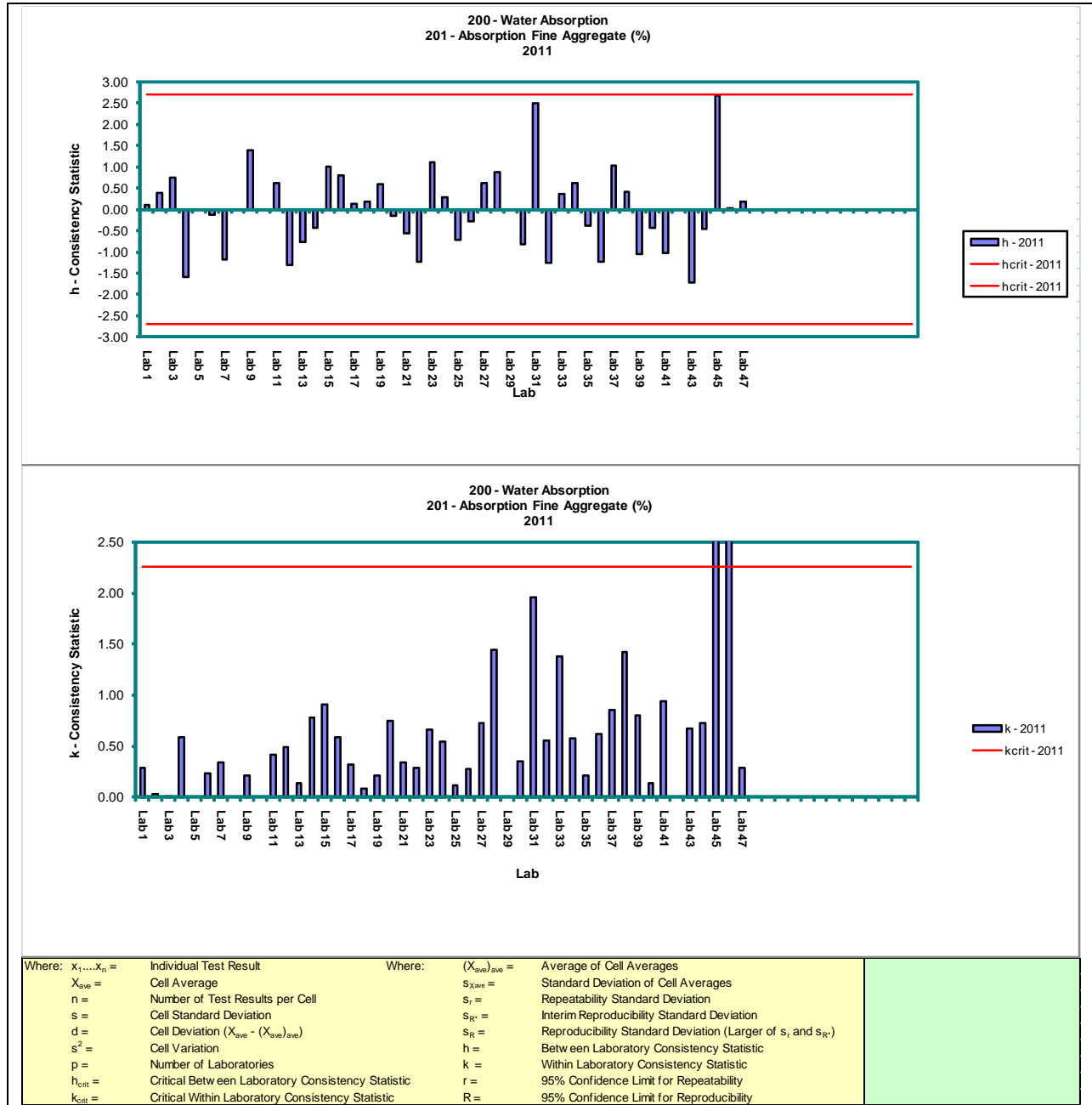
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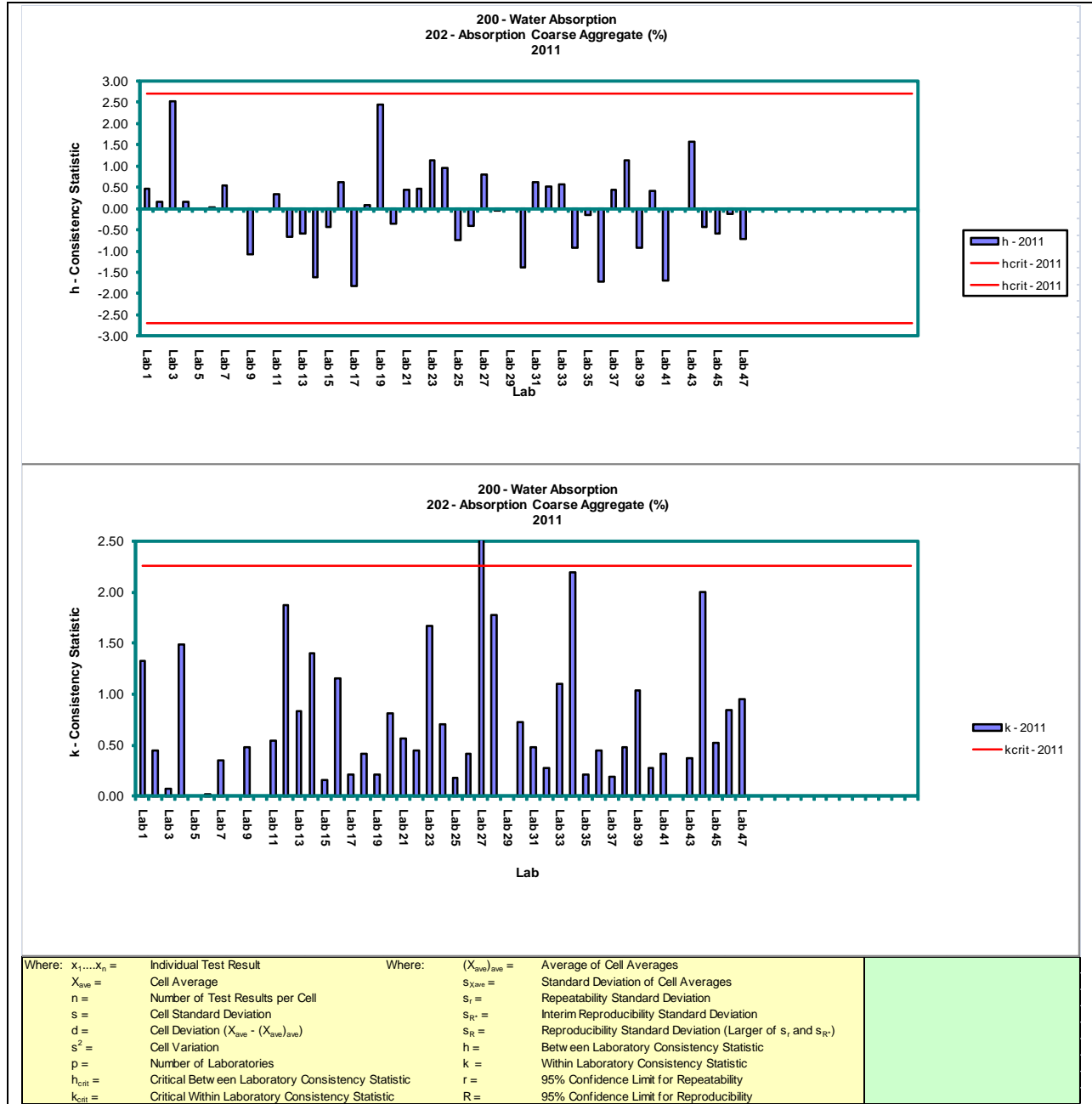


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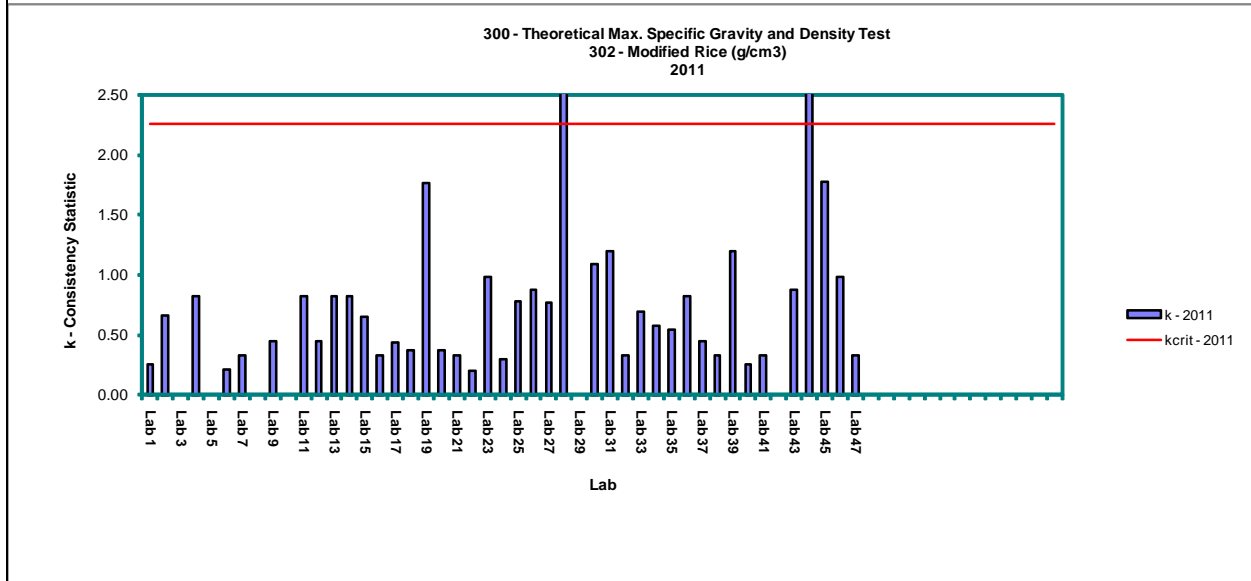
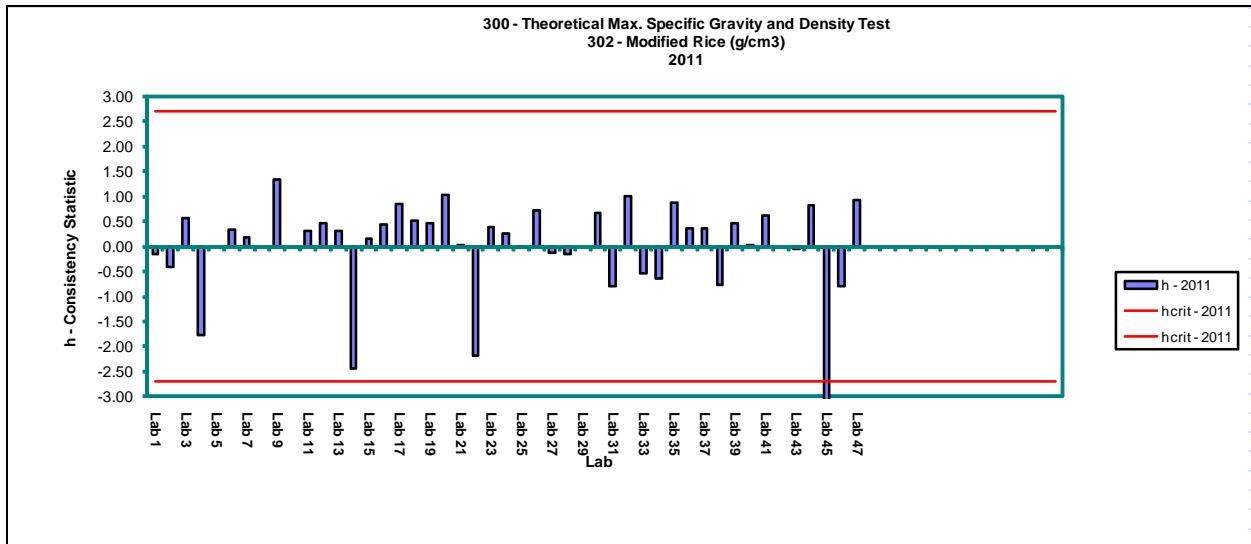






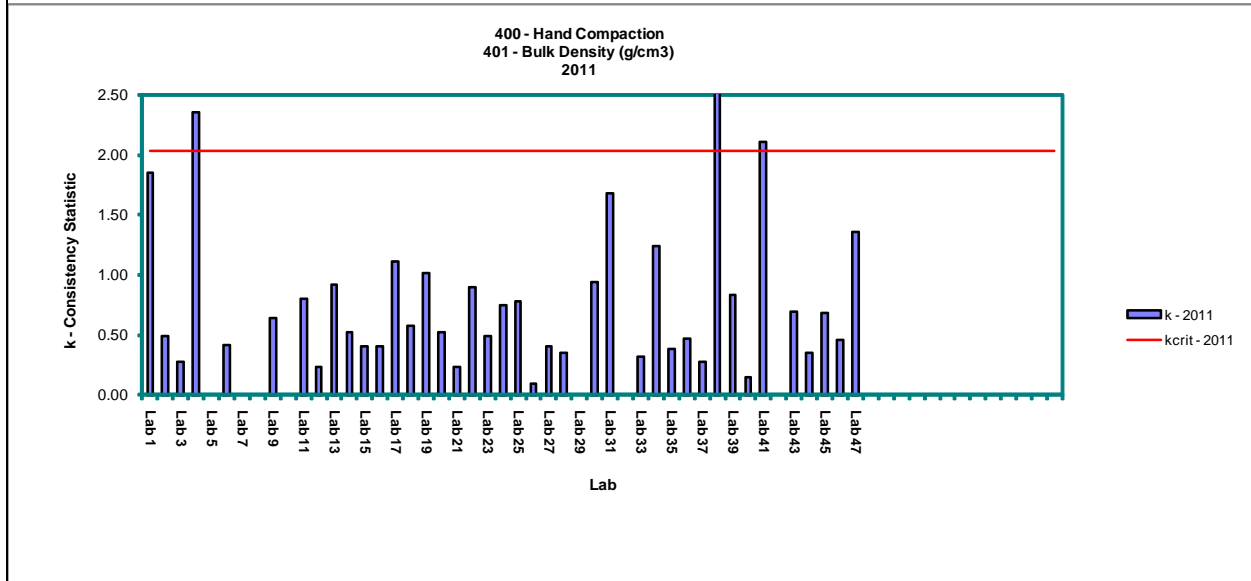
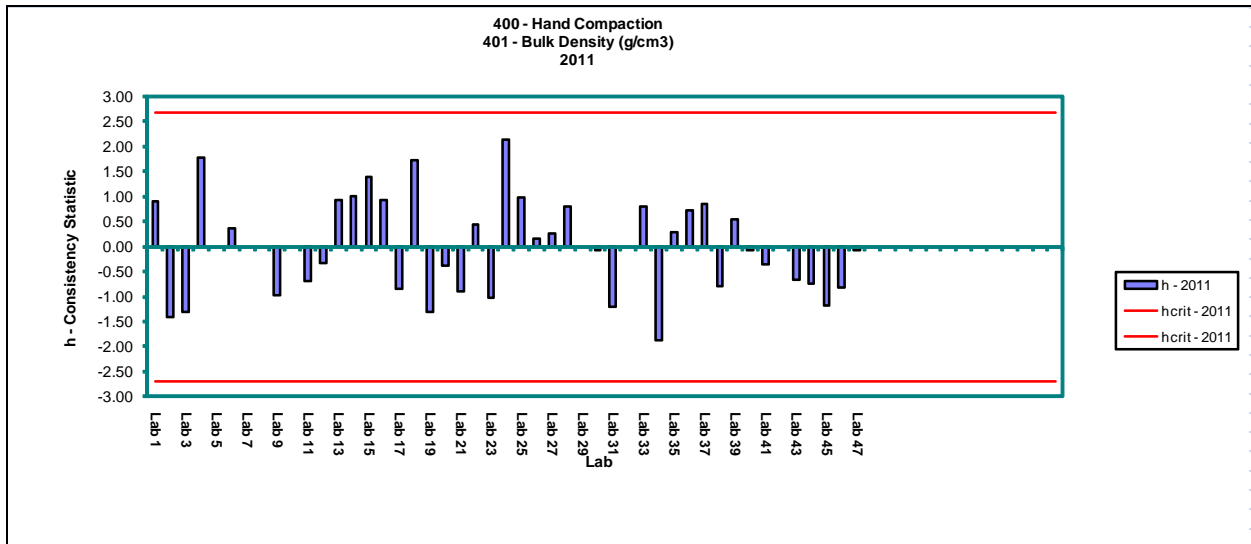






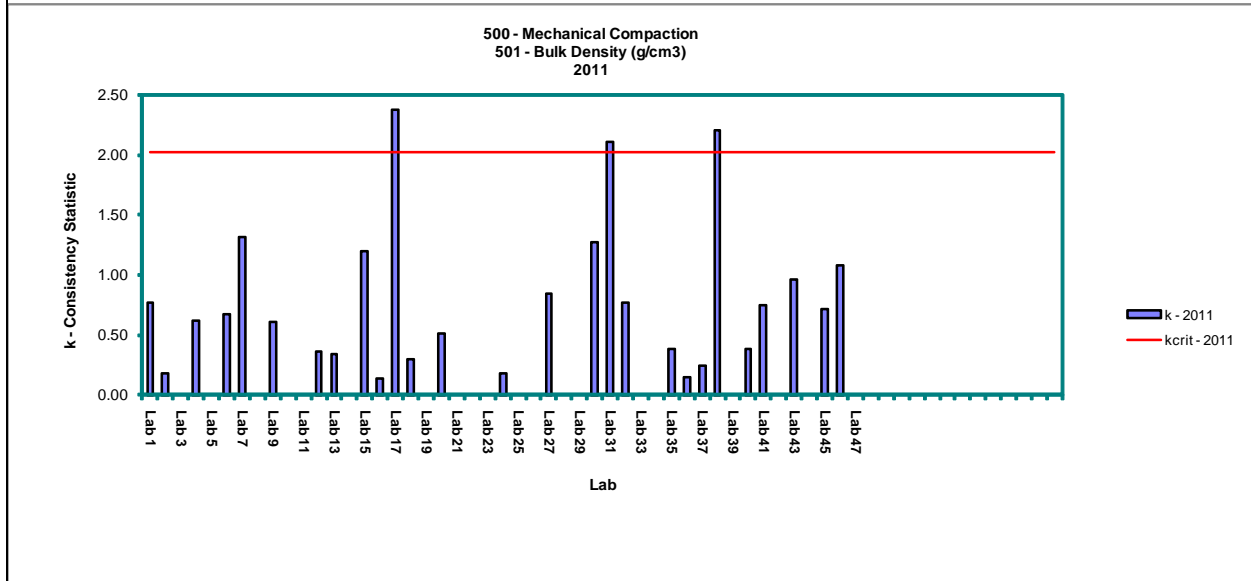
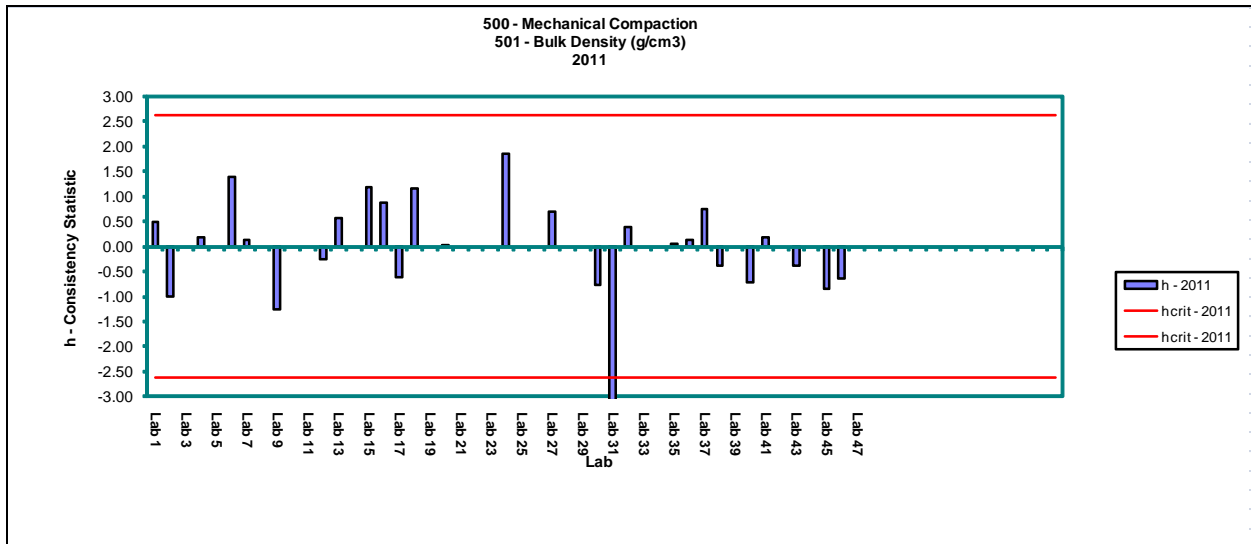
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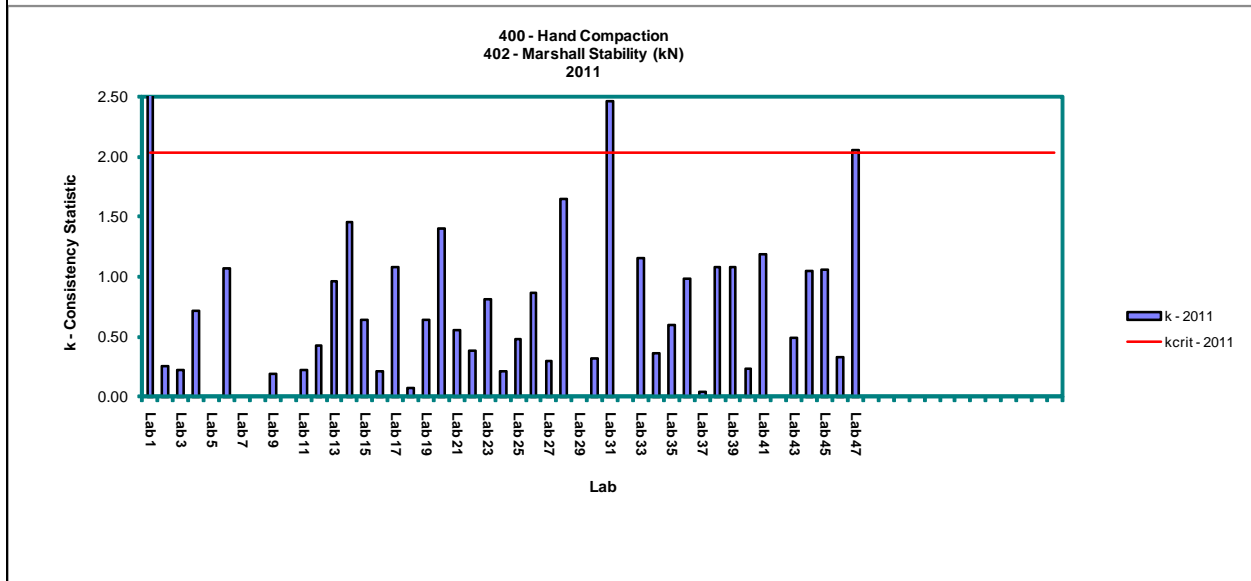
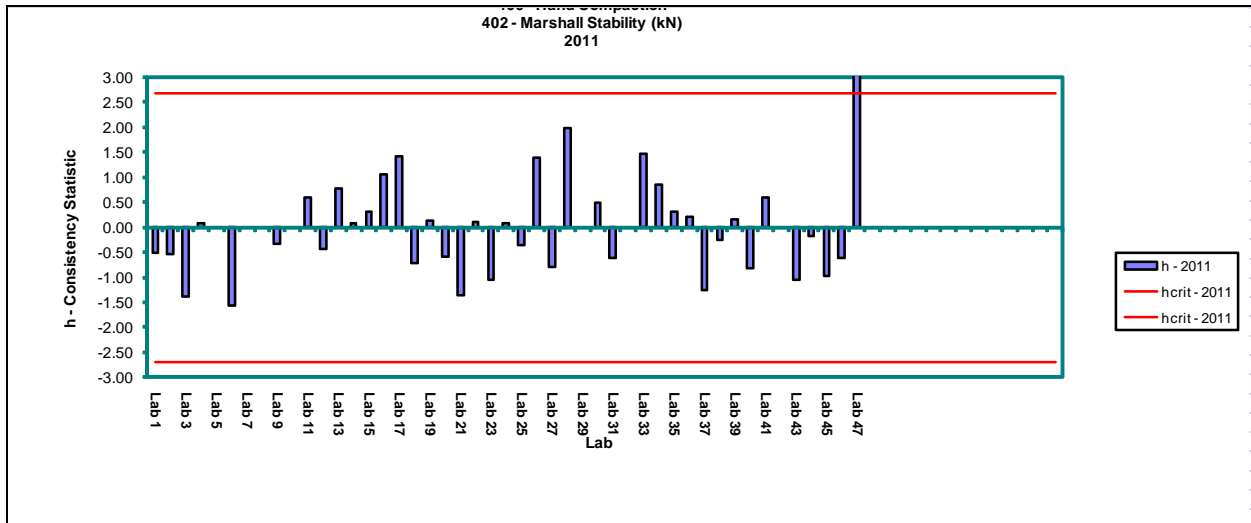
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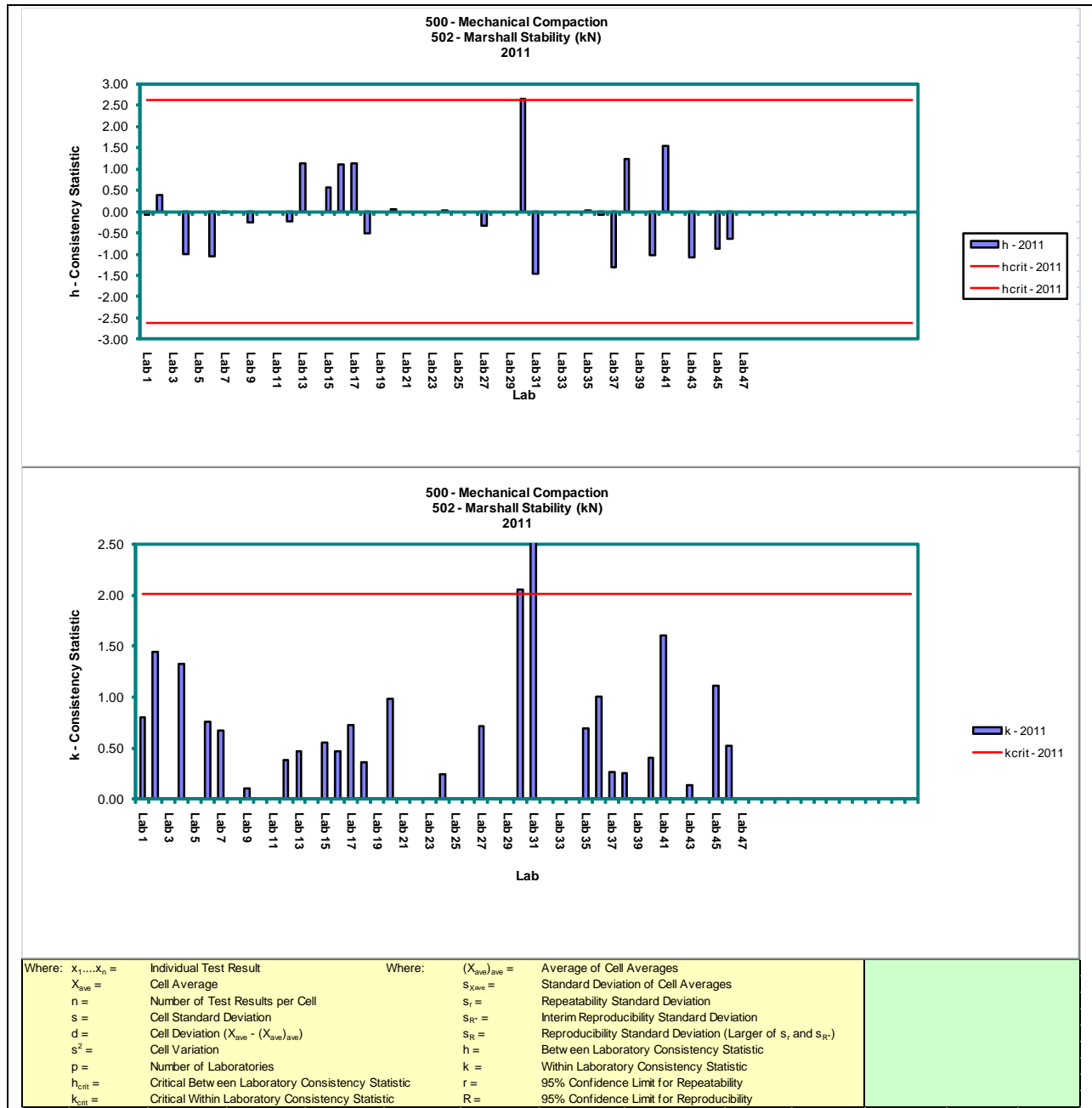
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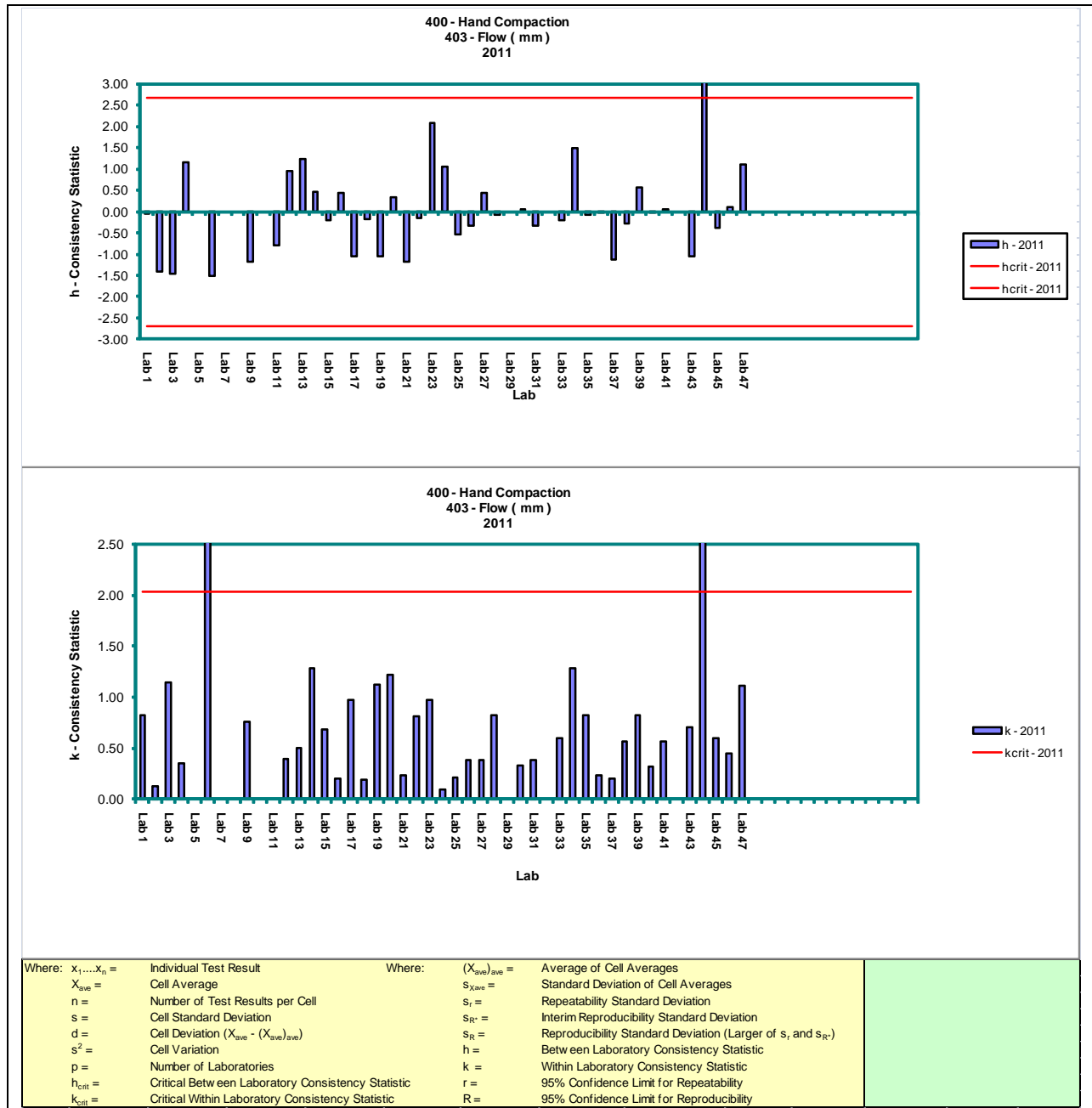


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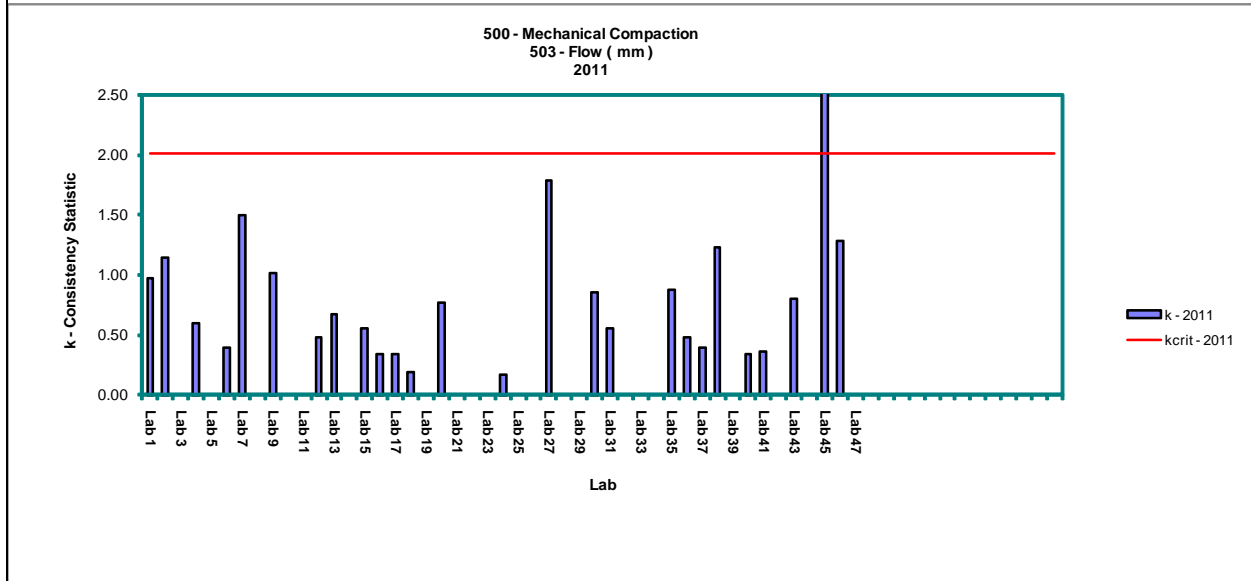
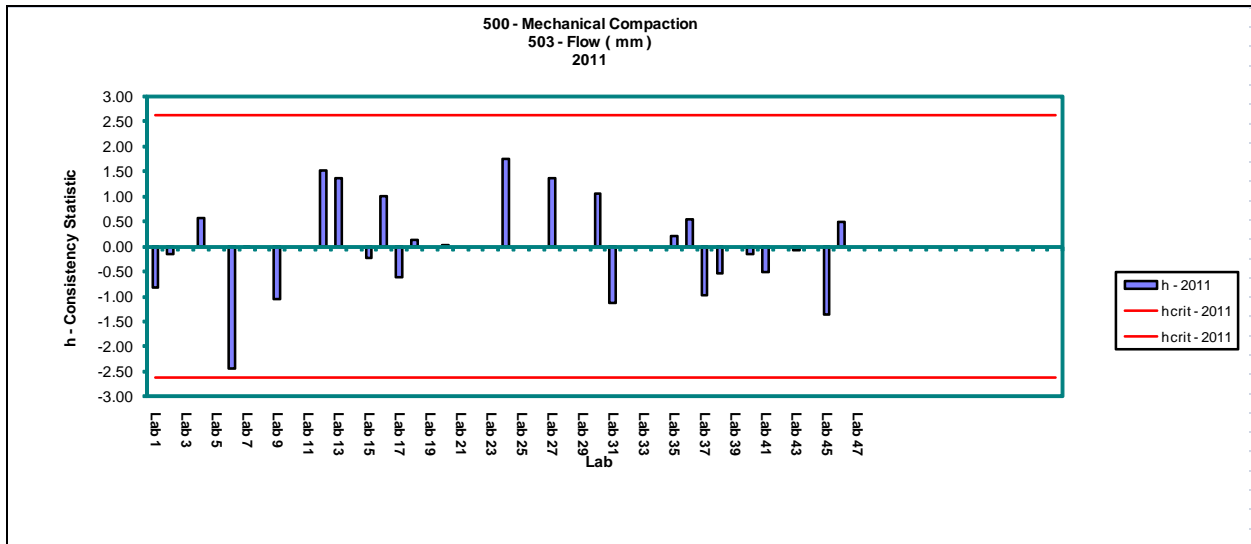






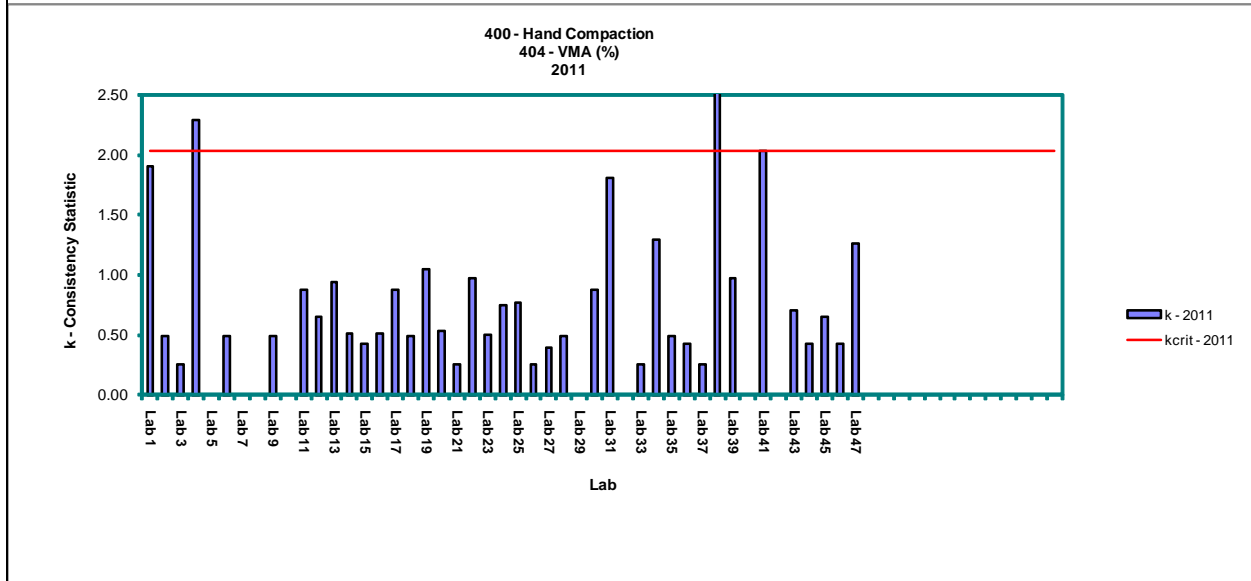
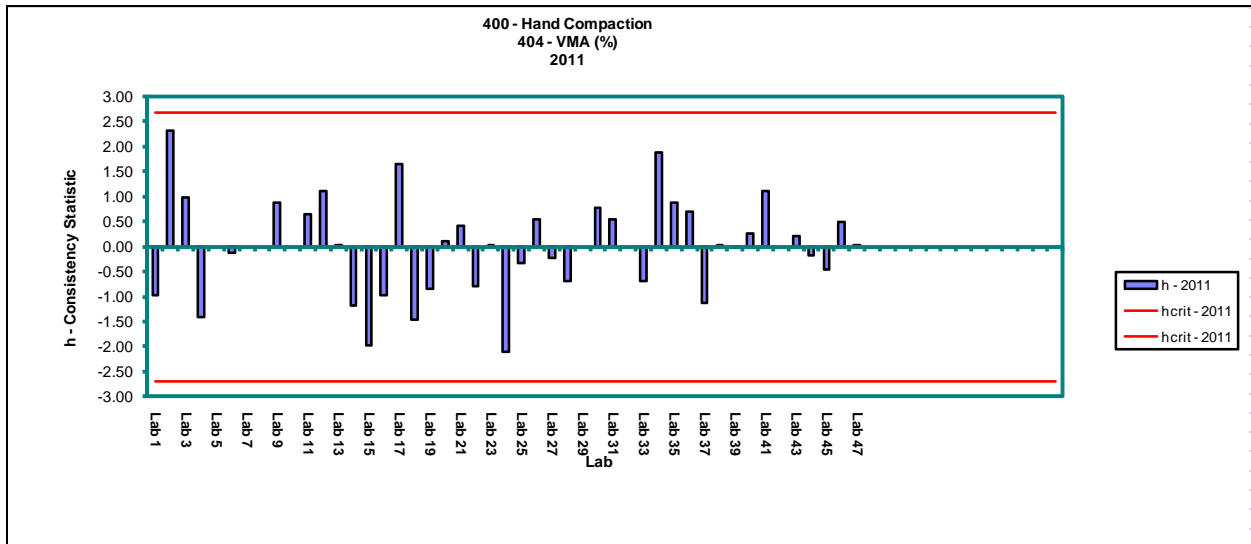






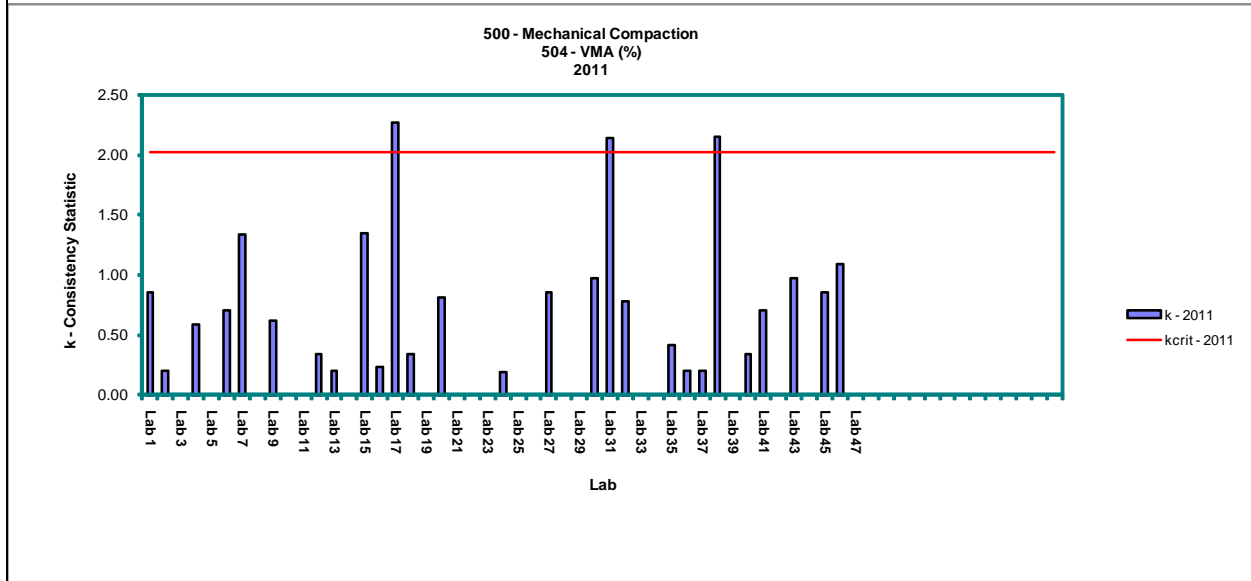
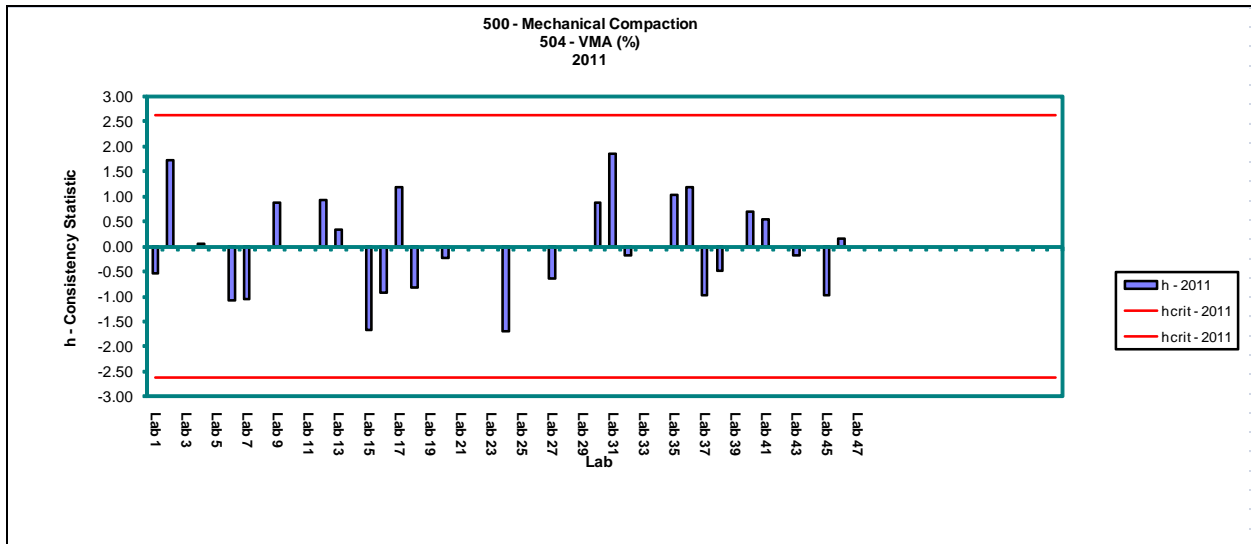
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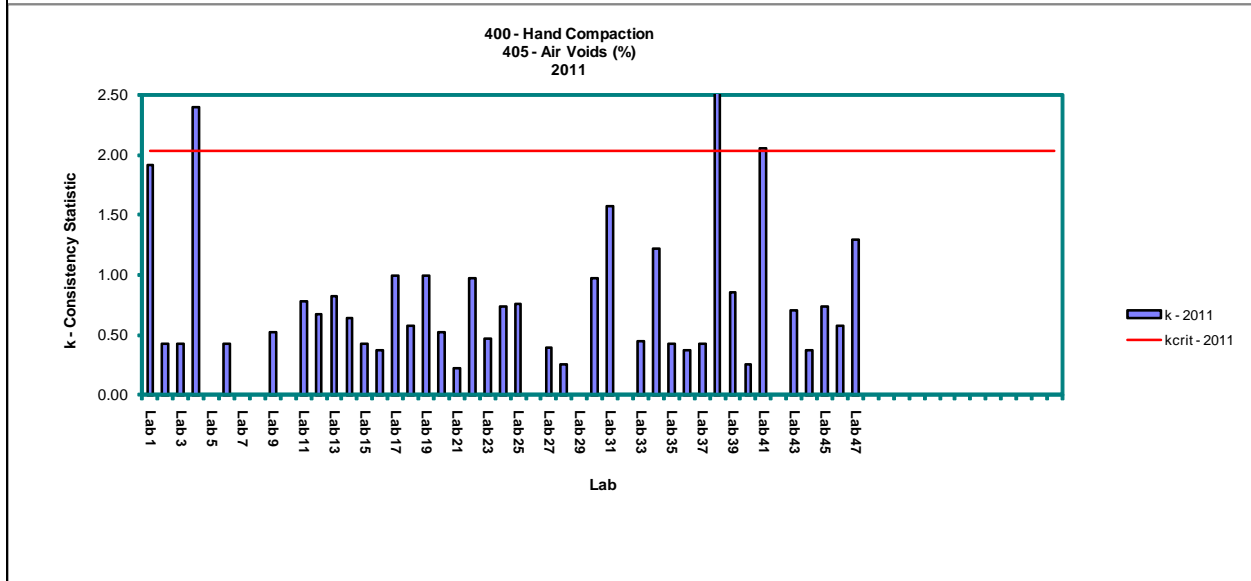
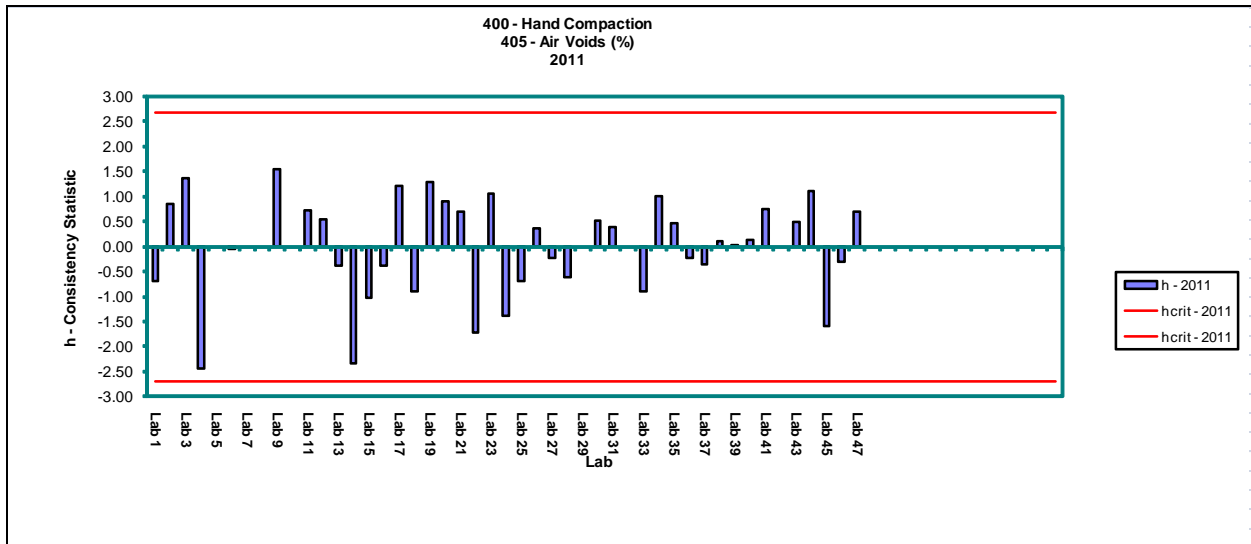
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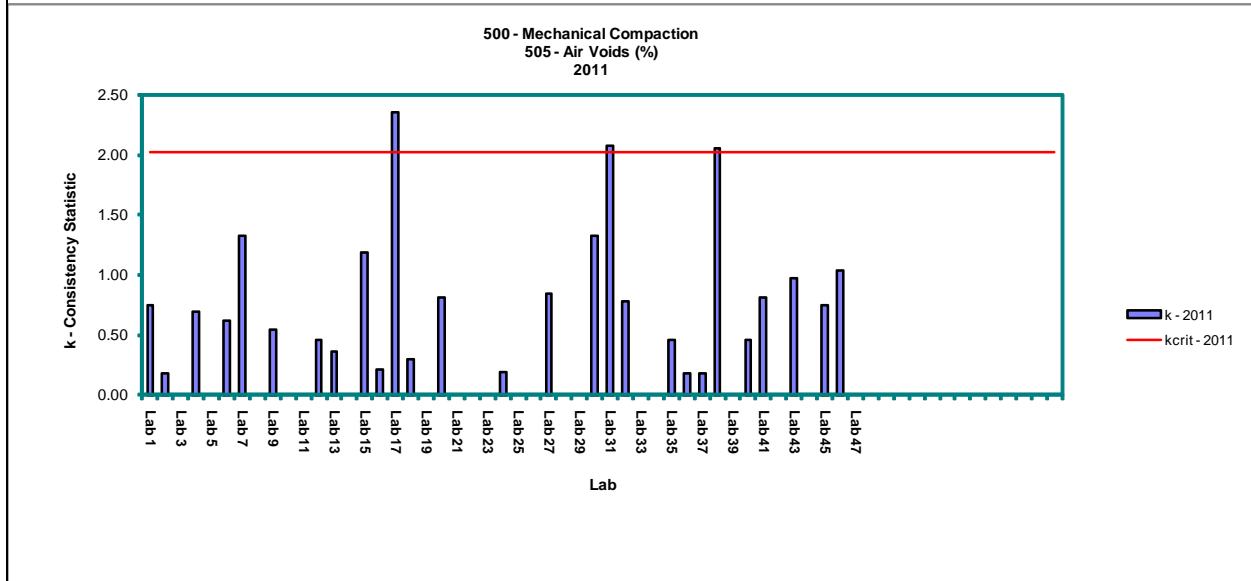
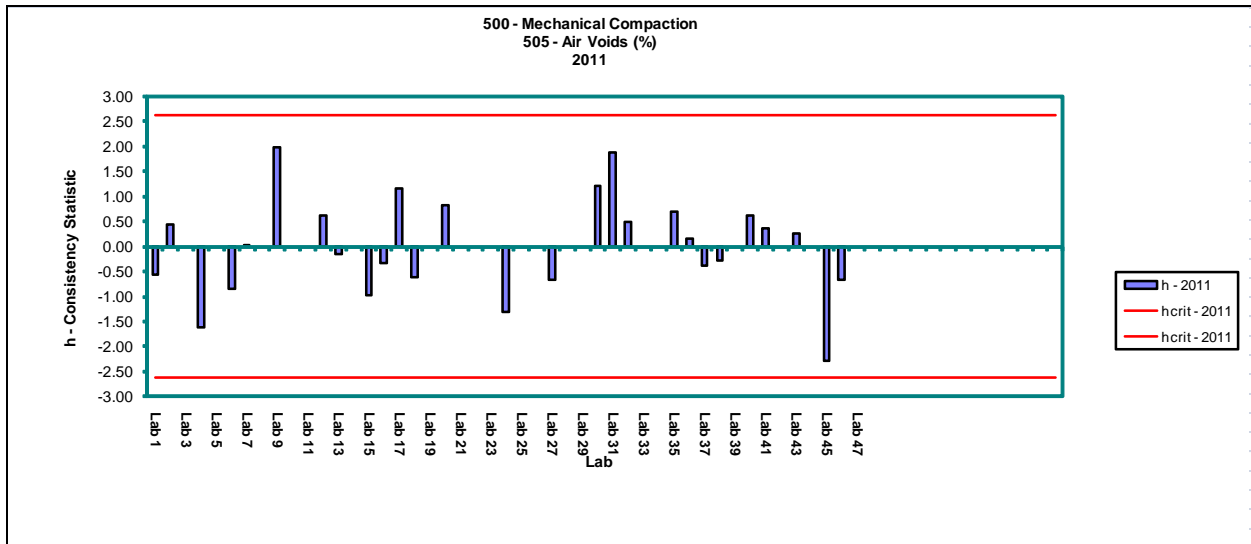
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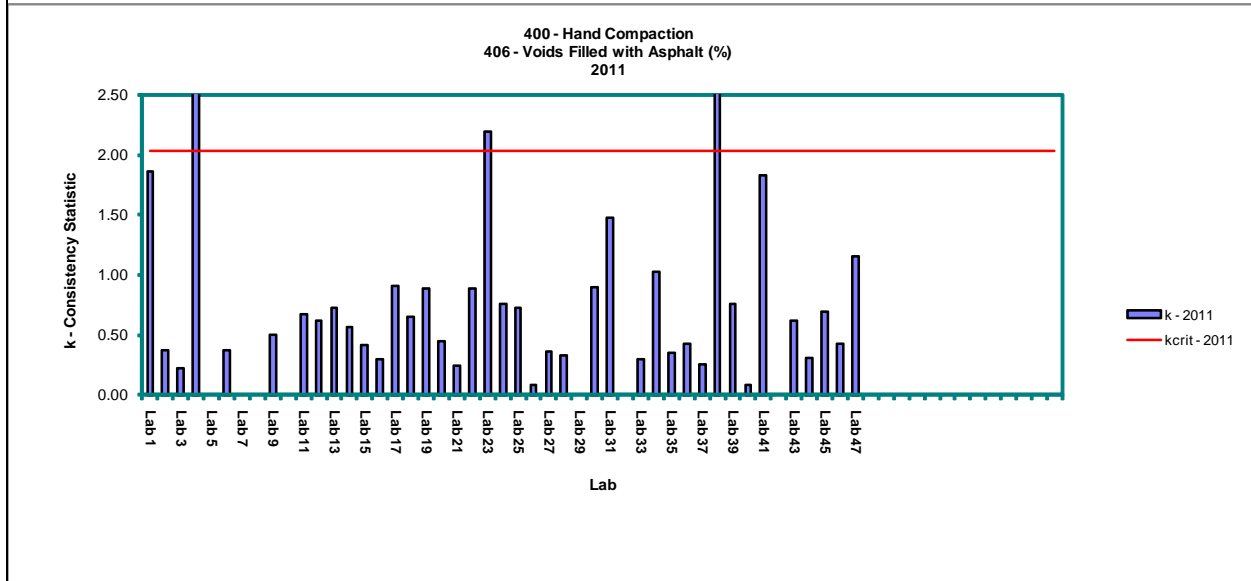
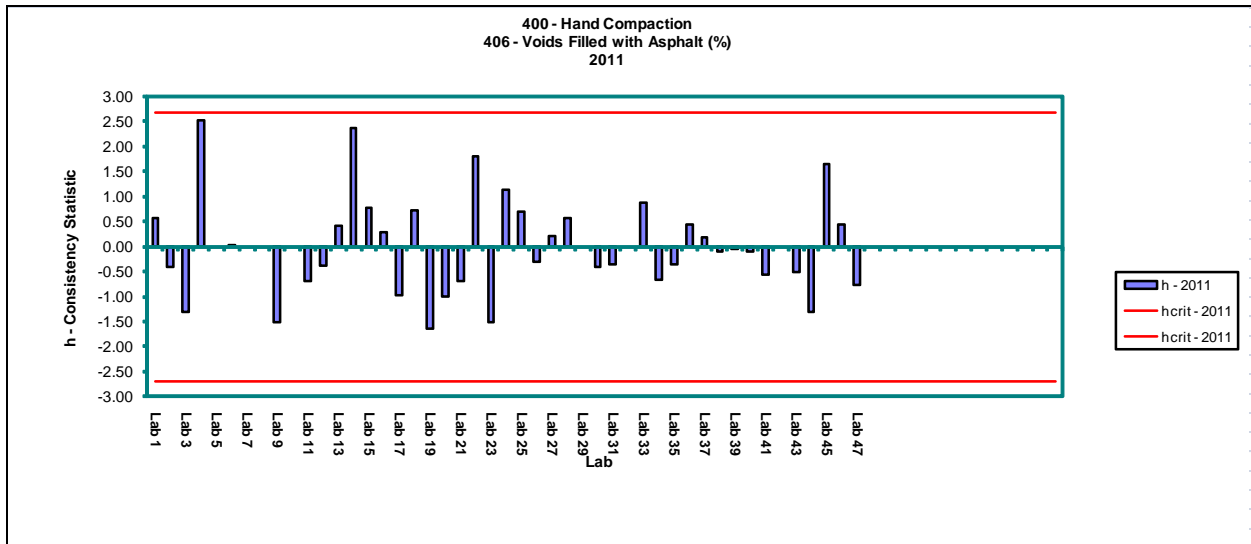
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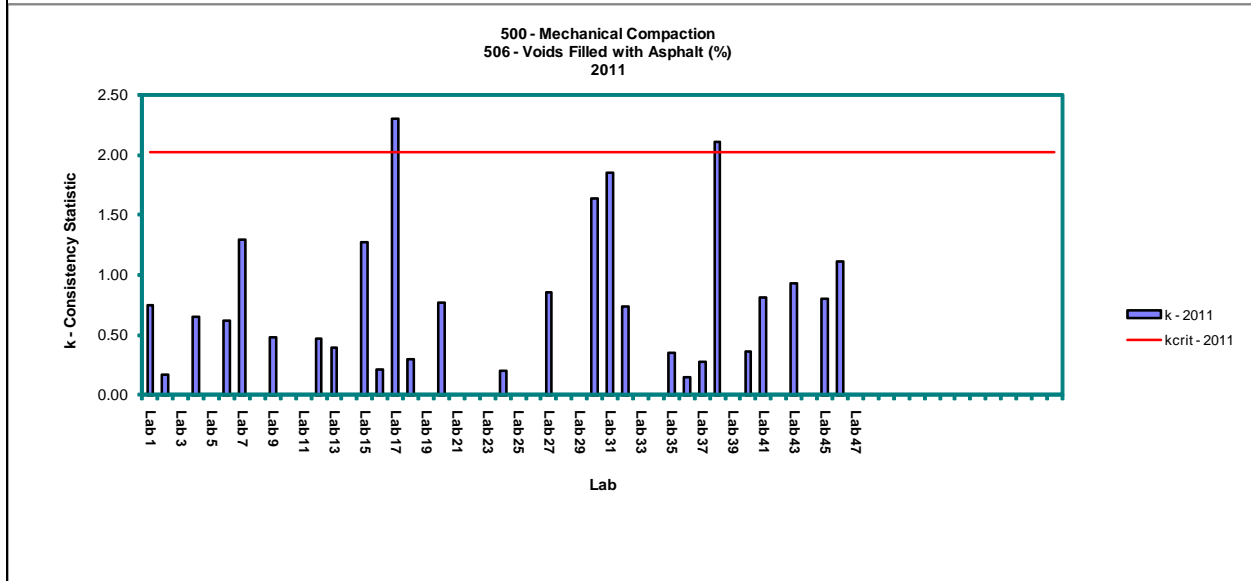
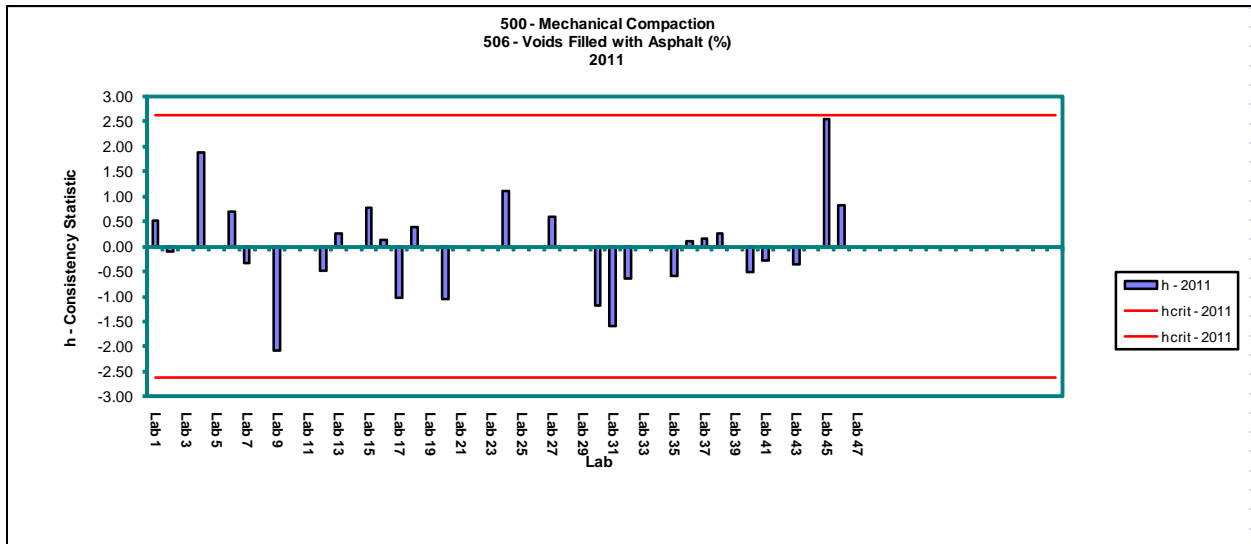
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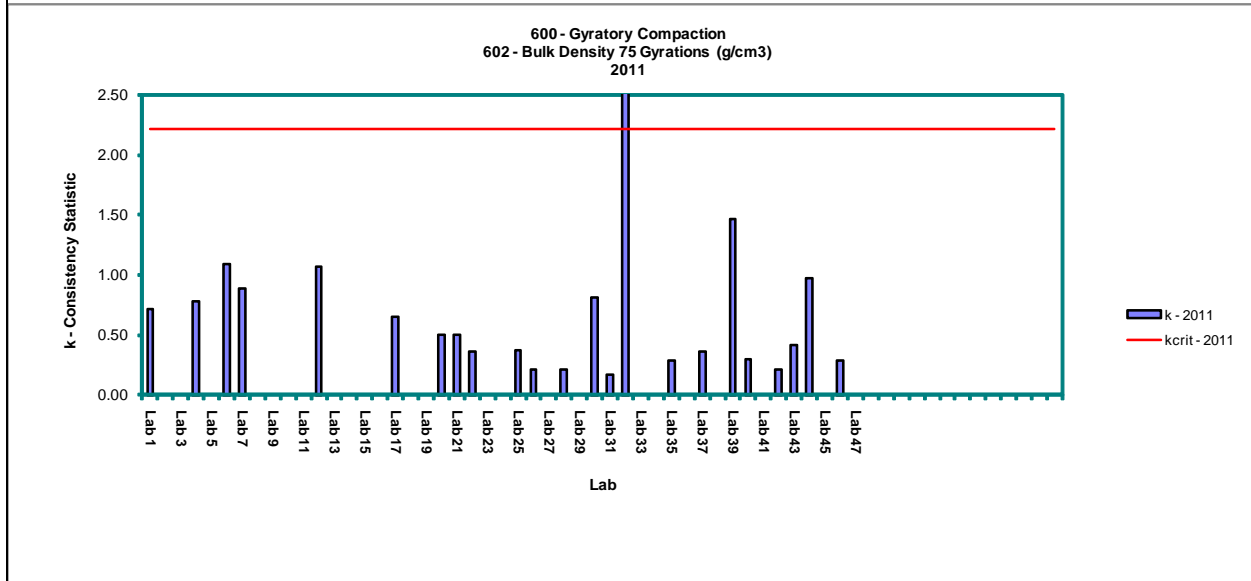
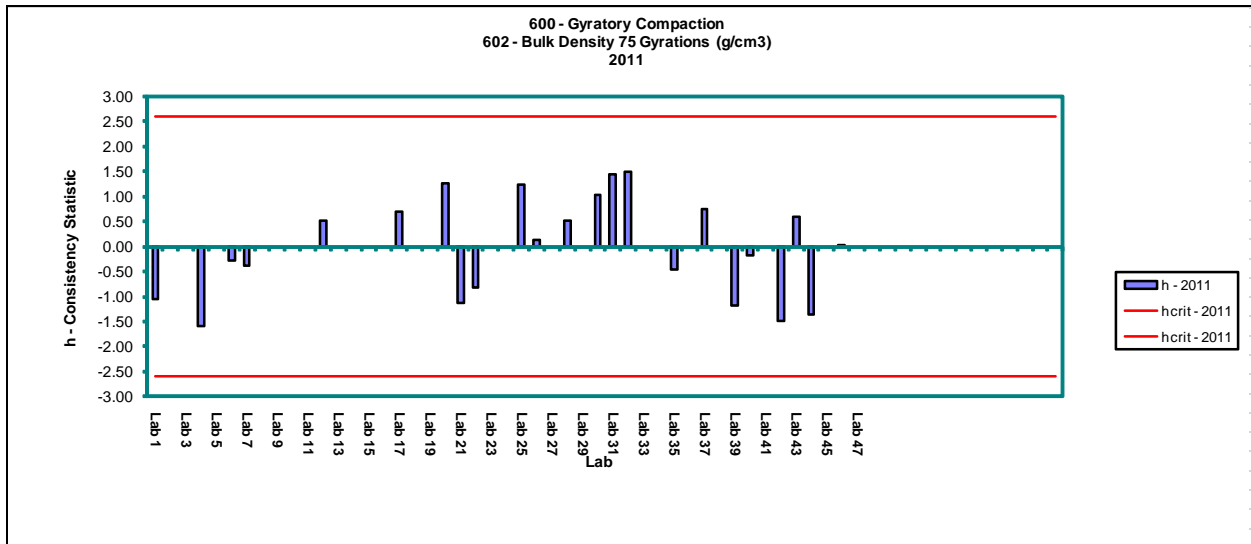
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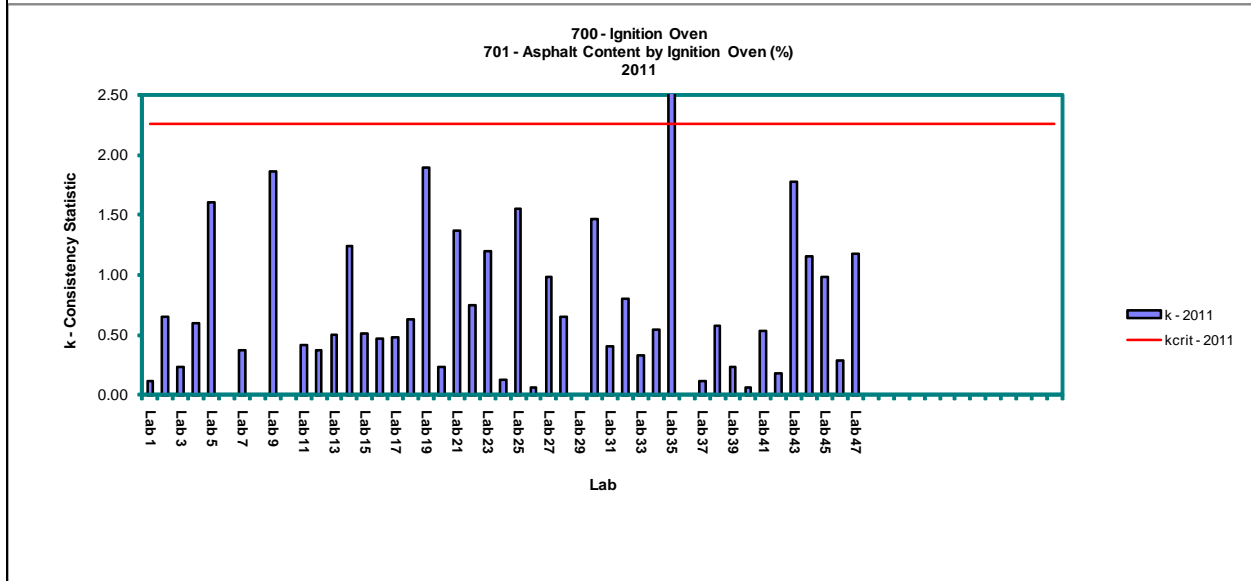
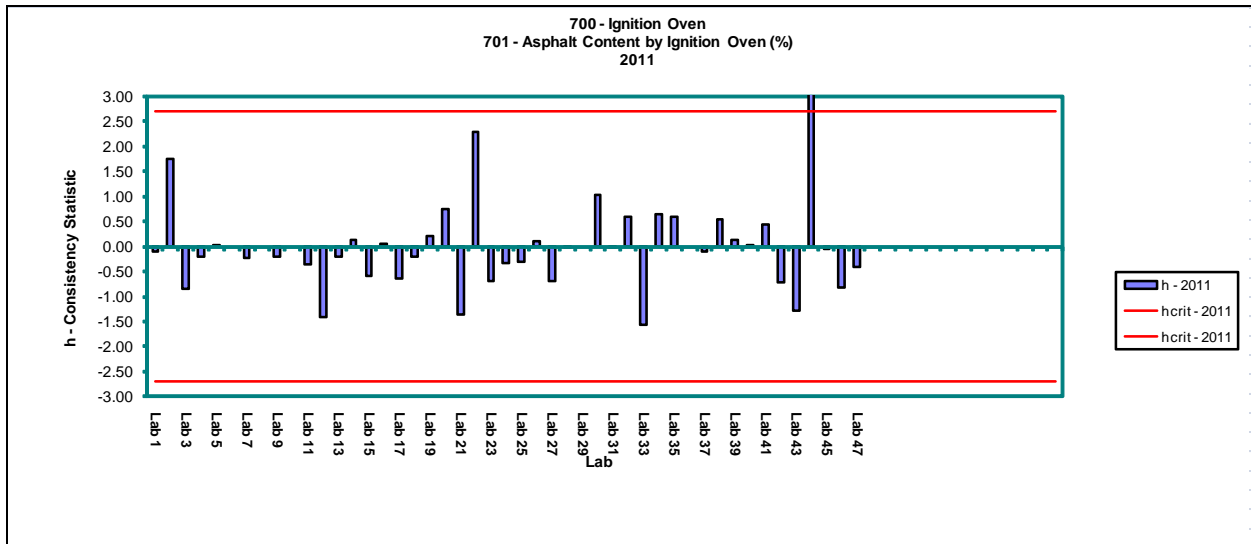
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| $n =$                      | Number of Test Results per Cell                      | $s_r =$                          | Repeatability Standard Deviation                                   |
| $s =$                      | Cell Standard Deviation                              | $s_{R'} =$                       | Interim Reproducibility Standard Deviation                         |
| $d =$                      | Cell Deviation ( $X_{ave} - (\bar{X}_{ave})_{ave}$ ) | $s_R =$                          | Reproducibility Standard Deviation (Larger of $s_r$ and $s_{R'}$ ) |
| $s^2 =$                    | Cell Variation                                       | $h =$                            | Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic                           |
| $p =$                      | Number of Laboratories                               | $k =$                            | Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic                            |
| $h_{crit} =$               | Critical Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic    | $r =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Repeatability                             |
| $k_{crit} =$               | Critical Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic     | $R =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Reproducibility                           |





|                            |                                                      |                                  |                                                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Where: $x_1, \dots, x_n =$ | Individual Test Result                               | Where: $(\bar{X}_{ave})_{ave} =$ | Average of Cell Averages                                           |
| $\bar{X}_{ave} =$          | Cell Average                                         | $s_{\bar{X}_{ave}} =$            | Standard Deviation of Cell Averages                                |
| $n =$                      | Number of Test Results per Cell                      | $s_r =$                          | Repeatability Standard Deviation                                   |
| $s =$                      | Cell Standard Deviation                              | $s_{R'} =$                       | Interim Reproducibility Standard Deviation                         |
| $d =$                      | Cell Deviation ( $X_{ave} - (\bar{X}_{ave})_{ave}$ ) | $s_R =$                          | Reproducibility Standard Deviation (Larger of $s_r$ and $s_{R'}$ ) |
| $s^2 =$                    | Cell Variation                                       | $h =$                            | Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic                           |
| $p =$                      | Number of Laboratories                               | $k =$                            | Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic                            |
| $h_{crit} =$               | Critical Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic    | $r =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Repeatability                             |
| $k_{crit} =$               | Critical Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic     | $R =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Reproducibility                           |





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|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Where: $x_1, \dots, x_n =$ | Individual Test Result                               | Where: $(\bar{X}_{ave})_{ave} =$ | Average of Cell Averages                                           |
| $\bar{X}_{ave} =$          | Cell Average                                         | $s_{\bar{X}_{ave}} =$            | Standard Deviation of Cell Averages                                |
| $n =$                      | Number of Test Results per Cell                      | $s_r =$                          | Repeatability Standard Deviation                                   |
| $s =$                      | Cell Standard Deviation                              | $s_{R'} =$                       | Interim Reproducibility Standard Deviation                         |
| $d =$                      | Cell Deviation ( $X_{ave} - (\bar{X}_{ave})_{ave}$ ) | $s_R =$                          | Reproducibility Standard Deviation (Larger of $s_r$ and $s_{R'}$ ) |
| $s^2 =$                    | Cell Variation                                       | $h =$                            | Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic                           |
| $p =$                      | Number of Laboratories                               | $k =$                            | Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic                            |
| $h_{crit} =$               | Critical Between Laboratory Consistency Statistic    | $r =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Repeatability                             |
| $k_{crit} =$               | Critical Within Laboratory Consistency Statistic     | $R =$                            | 95% Confidence Limit for Reproducibility                           |

**Table No. 17 Participating Labs  
CAMEP 2011 (Marshall Mix)**

- ADI Limited  
Saint John, NB
- AME Materials Engineering  
Caledon, ON
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Lloydminster, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Saskatoon, SK
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Dartmouth, NS
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Red Deer, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Regina, SK
- DBA Engineering Ltd.  
Vaughan, ON
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Nanaimo, BC
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Golder Associates Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Island Asphalt Company  
Victoria, BC
- John Emery Geotechnical Engineering Ltd.  
Toronto, ON
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Nanaimo, BC
- Levelton Consultants Ltd.  
Abbotsford, BC
- Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation  
Winnipeg, MB
- Maritime Testing (1985) Limited  
Dartmouth, NS
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Quebec, QC
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Quebec, QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Regina, SK
- PEI Dept. of Transport. & Public Works  
Mt. Stewart, PEI
- Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Lafarge Construction Materials (Spy Hill)  
Calgary, AB
- Almor Testing Services Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Burnaby, BC
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Regina, SK
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Saskatoon, SK
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Lethbridge, AB
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Genivar  
Red Deer, AB
- Gov. of Newfoundland and Labrador  
St. John's, NL
- J.R. Paine and Associates Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Calgary, AB
- Levelton Consultants Ltd.  
Nanaimo, BC
- M&B Technical Testing Services Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation  
Winnipeg, MB
- McIntosh Lalani Engineering Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Montreal, QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Saskatoon, SK
- Municipal Group of Companies  
Bedford, NS
- Peto MacCallum Ltd.  
Toronto, ON
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Saskatoon, SK
- Lafarge Construction Materials (Bow river Qc)  
Calgary, AB

**Table No. 18 Participating Labs  
CAMEP 2011 (Gyratory Compactor)**

- ADI Limited  
Saint John NB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Burnaby BC
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Lethbridge AB
- Gemtec Limited  
Fredericton NB
- Gov. of Newfoundland and Labrador  
St. John's NL
- J.R. Paine and Associates Ltd.
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Calgary AB
- M&B Technical Testing Services Ltd.  
Calgary AB
- Maritime Testing (1985) Limited  
Dartmouth NS
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Quebec QC
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Quebec QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Regina SK
- PEI Dept. of Transport. & Public Works  
Mt. Stewart PEI
- AME Materials Engineering  
Caledon ON
- DBA Engineering Ltd.  
Vaughan ON
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Calgary AB
- Genivar  
Red Deer AB
- Imperial Oil  
Edmonton AB
- John Emery Geotechnical Engineering  
Ltd.
- Levelton Consultants Ltd.  
Abbotsford BC
- Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation  
Winnipeg MB
- McIntosh Lalani Engineering Ltd.  
Calgary AB
- Ministere Des Transports Du Quebec  
Montreal QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Saskatoon SK
- Municipal Group of Companies  
Bedford NS
- Peto MacCallum Ltd.  
Toronto ON

**Table No. 19 Participating Labs  
CAMEP 2011 (Ignition Oven)**

- ADI Limited  
Saint John, NB
- AME Materials Engineering  
Caledon, ON
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Lloydminster, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Saskatoon, SK
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Dartmouth, NS
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Red Deer, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Regina, SK
- DBA Engineering Ltd.  
Vaughan, ON
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Nanaimo, BC
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Genivar  
Red Deer, AB
- Gov. of Newfoundland and Labrador  
St. John's, NL
- J.R. Paine and Associates Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Calgary, AB
- Levelton Consultants Ltd.  
Nanaimo, BC
- M&B Technical Testing Services Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation  
Winnipeg, MB
- McIntosh Lalani Engineering Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Ministère Des Transports Du Quebec  
Quebec, QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Regina, SK
- PEI Dept. of Transport. & Public Works  
Mt. Stewart, PEI
- Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Lafarge Construction Materials (Spy Hill)  
Calgary, AB
- Almor Testing Services Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Burnaby, BC
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Regina, SK
- AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Clifton Associates Ltd.  
Saskatoon, SK
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Lethbridge, AB
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.  
Calgary, AB
- Gemtec Limited  
Fredericton, NB
- Golder Associates Ltd.  
Edmonton, AB
- Imperial Oil  
Sarnia, ON
- John Emery Geotechnical Engineering Ltd.  
Toronto, ON
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Nanaimo, BC
- Levelton Consultants Ltd.  
Abbotsford, BC
- Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation  
Winnipeg, MB
- Maritime Testing (1985) Limited  
Dartmouth, NS
- Ministère Des Transports Du Quebec  
Montreal, QC
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure  
Saskatoon, SK
- Municipal Group of Companies  
Bedford, NS
- Peto MacCallum Ltd.  
Toronto, ON
- Lafarge Construction Materials  
Saskatoon, SK
- Lafarge Construction Materials (Bow river Qc)  
Calgary, AB

Table No. 20 Summary of 2011 CAMEP Report

|                                                    |                     |         |                |                |                |                    |                    | Labs Out |            | Labs Close |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------|
| Test                                               |                     | Average | S <sub>x</sub> | S <sub>r</sub> | S <sub>R</sub> | 2.77S <sub>r</sub> | 2.77S <sub>R</sub> | h-stat   | k-stat     | h-stat     | k-stat |
| <b>Marshall Mix</b>                                |                     |         |                |                |                |                    |                    |          |            |            |        |
| Bulk Density of<br>Aggregates (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Coarse Aggregate    | 2.6670  | 0.0152         | 0.0070         | 0.0163         | 0.0195             | 0.0451             |          | 11, 45     |            |        |
|                                                    | Fine Aggregate      | 2.6344  | 0.0146         | 0.0064         | 0.0155         | 0.0177             | 0.0430             | 19       | 19, 38, 45 | 28         |        |
| Water Absorption<br>(%)                            | Fine Aggregate      | 1.063   | 0.122          | 0.072          | 0.136          | 0.201              | 0.376              |          | 45, 46     | 45         |        |
|                                                    | Coarse Aggregate    | 1.025   | 0.173          | 0.056          | 0.179          | 0.154              | 0.497              |          | 27         |            |        |
| Theor. Max. Specific<br>Gravity & Density          | Modified Rice       | 2.475   | 0.0113         | 0.0046         | 0.0119         | 0.0128             | 0.0331             | 45       | 28, 44     |            |        |
| Bulk Density<br>(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )               | Hand Compaction     | 2.367   | 0.012          | 0.0054         | 0.013          | 0.015              | 0.036              |          | 4, 38, 41  |            |        |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 2.368   | 0.011          | 0.007          | 0.012          | 0.019              | 0.034              | 31       | 17, 31, 38 |            |        |
| Marshall Stability<br>(kN)                         | Hand Compaction     | 9.979   | 1.80           | 0.70           | 1.89           | 1.92               | 5.25               | 47       | 1, 31, 47  |            |        |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 9.806   | 1.68           | 0.53           | 1.74           | 1.48               | 4.83               | 30       | 30, 31     |            |        |
| Flow (mm)                                          | Hand Compaction     | 2.3     | 0.38           | 0.25           | 0.44           | 0.70               | 1.22               | 44       | 6, 44      |            |        |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 2.2     | 0.31           | 0.15           | 0.36           | 0.41               | 1.01               |          | 45         |            |        |
| VMA (%)                                            | Hand Compaction     | 15.5    | 0.12           | 0.19           | 0.48           | 0.54               | 1.33               |          | 4, 38      |            | 41     |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 15.5    | 0.16           | 0.24           | 0.51           | 0.67               | 1.40               |          | 17, 31, 38 |            |        |
| Air Voids (%)                                      | Hand Compaction     | 4.4     | 0.67           | 0.22           | 0.70           | 0.62               | 1.93               |          | 4, 38, 41  |            |        |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 4.3     | 0.55           | 0.28           | 0.60           | 0.76               | 1.66               |          | 17, 31, 38 |            |        |
| Voids Filled<br>With Asphalt (%)                   | Hand Compaction     | 71.9    | 3.9            | 1.2            | 4.0            | 3.3                | 11.2               |          | 4, 23, 38  |            |        |
|                                                    | Mech. Compaction    | 72.0    | 3.0            | 1.4            | 3.2            | 3.8                | 9.0                |          | 17, 38     |            |        |
| <b>Gyratory Compaction</b>                         |                     |         |                |                |                |                    |                    |          |            |            |        |
| Bulk Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )                  | 75 Gyration         | 2.409   | 0.013          | 0.0070         | 0.014          | 0.020              | 0.039              |          | 32         |            |        |
| <b>Ignition Oven</b>                               |                     |         |                |                |                |                    |                    |          |            |            |        |
| Asphalt Content (%)                                | By Mass of Oven-Dry | 5.2     | 0.208          | 0.087          | 0.215          | 0.242              | 0.597              | 44       | 35         |            |        |

**Legend:****s<sub>x</sub>** = Standard Deviation**s<sub>r</sub>** = Repeatability Standard Deviation**s<sub>R</sub>** = Reproducibility Standard Deviation**2.77s<sub>r</sub>** = 95% Confidence Limits for Repeatability (k-stat)**2.77s<sub>R</sub>** = 95% Confidence Limits for Reproducibility (h-stat)**CAMEP** = Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange Program**VMA** = Voids in Mineral Aggregate**MTD** = Maximum Theoretical Density

Table No. 21 Comparison of 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 CAMEP Results

| Test                                            |                     | 2011 Results |                |                |                | 2010 Results |                |                |                | 2009 Results |                |                |                | 2008 Results |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                 |                     | Average      | S <sub>x</sub> | S <sub>r</sub> | S <sub>R</sub> | Average      | S <sub>x</sub> | S <sub>r</sub> | S <sub>R</sub> | Average      | S <sub>x</sub> | S <sub>r</sub> | S <sub>R</sub> | Average      | S <sub>x</sub> | S <sub>r</sub> | S <sub>R</sub> |
| <b>Marshall Mix</b>                             |                     |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |
| Bulk Density of Aggregates (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Coarse Aggregate    | 2.6670       | 0.0152         | 0.0070         | 0.0163         | 2.6709       | 0.0171         | 0.0083         | 0.0184         | 2.6709       | 0.0191         | 0.0059         | 0.0197         | 2.6736       | 0.0136         | 0.0052         | 0.0143         |
|                                                 | Fine Aggregate      | 2.6344       | 0.0146         | 0.0064         | 0.0155         | 2.6376       | 0.0136         | 0.0097         | 0.0157         | 2.6380       | 0.0202         | 0.0085         | 0.0214         | 2.6440       | 0.0173         | 0.0051         | 0.0178         |
| Water Absorption (%)                            | Fine Aggregate      | 1.063        | 0.122          | 0.072          | 0.136          | 1.039        | 0.224          | 0.077          | 0.232          | 0.973        | 0.168          | 0.071          | 0.178          | 0.938        | 0.296          | 0.074          | 0.302          |
|                                                 | Coarse Aggregate    | 1.025        | 0.173          | 0.056          | 0.179          | 1.106        | 0.203          | 0.041          | 0.217          | 1.067        | 0.120          | 0.052          | 0.128          | 0.888        | 0.177          | 0.071          | 0.186          |
| Theor. Max Specific Gravity & Density           | Modified Rice       | 2.475        | 0.0113         | 0.0046         | 0.0119         | 2.470        | 0.0197         | 0.0129         | 0.0224         | 2.476        | 0.0149         | 0.0042         | 0.0153         | 2.485        | 0.0134         | 0.0040         | 0.0137         |
| Bulk Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )               | Hand Compaction     | 2.367        | 0.012          | 0.0054         | 0.013          | 2.373        | 0.013          | 0.0047         | 0.014          | 2.379        | 0.013          | 0.0153         | 0.019          | 2.382        | 0.012          | 0.0155         | 0.018          |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 2.368        | 0.011          | 0.007          | 0.012          | 2.388        | 0.010          | 0.005          | 0.011          | 2.378        | 0.013          | 0.0080         | 0.015          | 0.023        | 0.015          | 0.0050         | 0.015          |
| Marshall Stability (kN)                         | Hand Compaction     | 9.979        | 1.80           | 0.70           | 1.89           | 9.807        | 1.90           | 0.78           | 2.02           | 10.001       | 2.33           | 0.79           | 2.43           | 9.102        | 1.86           | 0.53           | 1.92           |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 9.806        | 1.68           | 0.53           | 1.74           | 9.914        | 1.84           | 0.50           | 1.89           | 9.910        | 2.46           | 0.65           | 2.52           | 8.668        | 1.61           | 0.52           | 1.67           |
| Flow (mm)                                       | Hand Compaction     | 2.3          | 0.38           | 0.25           | 0.44           | 2.4          | 0.41           | 0.25           | 0.46           | 2.5          | 0.56           | 0.24           | 0.60           | 2.3          | 0.40           | 0.21           | 0.44           |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 2.2          | 0.31           | 0.15           | 0.36           | 2.4          | 0.36           | 0.19           | 0.39           | 2.5          | 0.62           | 0.27           | 0.66           | 2.3          | 0.38           | 0.19           | 0.41           |
| VMA (%)                                         | Hand Compaction     | 15.5         | 0.12           | 0.19           | 0.48           | 15.3         | 0.47           | 0.17           | 0.49           | 15.2         | 0.58           | 0.20           | 0.61           | 15.2         | 0.61           | 0.17           | 0.63           |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 15.5         | 0.16           | 0.24           | 0.51           | 15.3         | 0.45           | 0.16           | 0.47           | 15.3         | 0.50           | 0.20           | 0.53           | 15.2         | 0.60           | 0.19           | 0.62           |
| Air Voids (%)                                   | Hand Compaction     | 4.4          | 0.67           | 0.22           | 0.70           | 4.1          | 0.59           | 0.19           | 0.61           | 3.9          | 0.55           | 0.23           | 0.59           | 4.1          | 0.47           | 0.19           | 0.50           |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 4.3          | 0.55           | 0.28           | 0.60           | 3.9          | 0.53           | 0.19           | 0.56           | 4.0          | 0.54           | 0.19           | 0.57           | 4.2          | 0.57           | 0.21           | 0.60           |
| Voids Filled With Asphalt (%)                   | Hand Compaction     | 71.9         | 3.9            | 1.2            | 4.0            | 73.5         | 3.6            | 1.0            | 3.7            | 74.5         | 4.7            | 1.1            | 4.8            | 72.8         | 2.7            | 1.0            | 2.8            |
|                                                 | Mech. Compaction    | 72.0         | 3.0            | 1.4            | 3.2            | 74.4         | 3.3            | 1.0            | 3.4            | 74.1         | 3.1            | 1.0            | 3.2            | 72.5         | 3.3            | 1.0            | 3.4            |
| <b>Gyratory Compaction</b>                      |                     |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |
| Bulk Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )               | 134 Gyration        |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 2.400        | 0.013          | 0.0042         | 0.013          |
|                                                 | 75 Gyration         | 2.409        | 0.013          | 0.0070         | 0.014          | 2.414        | 0.014          | 0.0051         | 0.015          | 2.441        | 0.018          | 0.0052         | 0.019          |              |                |                |                |
|                                                 | 86 Gyration         |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 2.379        | 0.014          | 0.0043         | 0.014          |
|                                                 | 7 Gyration          |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 2.220        | 0.032          | 0.0207         | 0.037          |
| Air Voids (%)                                   | 86 Gyration         |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 3.59         | 0.57           | 0.18           | 0.59           |
| VMA (%)                                         | 86 Gyration         |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 14.0         | 0.58           | 0.16           | 0.59           |
| Voids Filled (%)                                | 86 Gyration         |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                | 74.3         | 3.3            | 0.9            | 3.4            |
| <b>Ignition Oven</b>                            |                     |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |              |                |                |                |
| Asphalt Content (%)                             | By Mass of Oven-Dry | 5.2          | 0.208          | 0.087          | 0.215          | 5.2          | 0.239          | 0.101          | 0.252          | 4.9          | 0.201          | 0.066          | 0.208          | 5.1          | 0.140          | 0.076          | 0.153          |

**Legend:**S<sub>x</sub> = Standard DeviationS<sub>r</sub> = Repeatability Standard DeviationS<sub>R</sub> = Reproducibility Standard Deviation2.77S<sub>r</sub> = 95% Confidence Limits for Repeatability (k-stat)2.77S<sub>R</sub> = 95% Confidence Limits for Reproducibility (h-stat)

CAMEP = Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange Program

VMA = Voids in Mineral Aggregate

MTD = Maximum Theoretical Density

## **Appendix B**

### Formulas Used in Calculating Precision Results

$x$  = Individual test result

$n$  = Number of test results per lab

$p$  = Number of laboratories

$$\bar{x} = \text{Lab Average} = \frac{\sum^n x}{n}$$

$$x_a = \text{Average of lab averages} = \frac{\sum^p \bar{x}}{p}$$

$$s = \text{Lab standard deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum^n (x - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)}}$$

$$d = \text{Lab standard deviation} = \bar{x} - x_a$$

$$s_{Xave} = \text{Standard deviation of lab averages} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum^p d^2}{(p-1)}}$$

$$s_r = \text{Repeatability standard deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum^p s^2}{p}}$$

$s_R$  = Reproducibility standard Deviation

$$= \text{the larger of } s_r \text{ and } \sqrt{s_{Xave}^2 + s_r^2 \times \frac{(p-1)}{n}}$$

$$h = \text{The between-laboratory consistency statistic} = \frac{d}{s_{Xave}}$$

$$k = \text{The within-laboratory consistency statistic} = \frac{s}{s_r}$$

Reference: ASTM E691, Standard Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method.