



# Standard Practice for Determining Asphalt Volume Correction to a Base Temperature<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice provides tables of volume correction factors which may be used to convert volumes of asphalt measured at different temperatures to a volume at a standard base temperature. These tables are applicable to all types of asphalts except emulsified asphalts.

1.2 This practice provides tables to convert asphalt volumes to 15°C [60°F] from volumes measured at any temperature from –25 to +275°C [0 to 500°F].

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

NOTE 1—Correction factors in **Table 1** and **Table 2** are for use in place of correction factors provided in Guide **D1250**, which do not address requirements for asphalt specifications.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- D70 Test Method for Density of Semi-Solid Bituminous Materials (Pycnometer Method)**
- D1250 Guide for Use of the Petroleum Measurement Tables**
- D3142 Test Method for Specific Gravity, API Gravity, or Density of Cutback Asphalts by Hydrometer Method**
- D3289 Test Method for Density of Semi-Solid and Solid Bituminous Materials (Nickel Crucible Method)**

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<sup>2</sup> Factors originally published for Groups 0 and 1 oils in Tables 7, 25, and 55 in **D1250 – 52 T**. Last previous edition **D1250 – 04**.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Asphalts change in volume with change in temperature. They are loaded or transferred at widely varying temperatures. Volume correction factors are used to adjust bulk volumes measured at those temperatures to corresponding volumes at a base temperature of 15°C or [60°F] for the purposes of custody transfer and accounting operations.

3.2 Correction factors as provided in this practice have proven to be sufficiently accurate for the intended purposes.

3.3 Coefficients of expansion used for development of data in this practice are as follows:

Table	Column A	Column B
1	0.00035	0.00040
2	0.00063	0.00072

## 4. Procedure

4.1 Volume correction factors are provided for volume adjustments to 15°C in **Table 1** and [60°F] in **Table 2**. The tables are entered with asphalt temperature at which bulk volume is measured.

4.2 The tables provide two sets of factors in columns labeled A and B. The selection of the appropriate column, A or B, is defined by table footnotes. The selection is based on asphalt density at 15°C, API gravity at [60°F], or by the specific gravity [60/60°F]. Column A factors apply to the majority of asphalts.

4.2.1 Values for density at 15°C, API gravity at [60°F], and specific gravity [60/60°F] may be obtained by Test Method **D70**, Test Method **D3289**, or Test Method **D3142**.

4.2.2 Volume correction factors (see **Note 2**) for **Table 1** were generated using the following formulas:

### 4.2.2.1 **Table 1—A Factor Asphalts:**

$$A = 1.00946841 - 6.33413411 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°C})] + 1.45710416 \times 10^{-7} [T(\text{°C})]^2 \quad (1)$$

where:

$A$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°C})$  = temperature of asphalt in °C.

### 4.2.2.2 **Table 1—B Factor Asphalts:**

**TABLE 1 Volume Reduction to 15°C**

Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C		Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C		Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C	
	A	B		A	B		A	B
-25.0	1.0254	1.0290	0	1.0095	1.0108	25.0	0.9937	0.9929
-24.5	1.0251	1.0287	0.5	1.0092	1.0104	25.5	0.9934	0.9925
-24.0	1.0248	1.0283	1.0	1.0088	1.0101	26.0	0.9931	0.9921
-23.5	1.0244	1.0279	1.5	1.0085	1.0097	26.5	0.9928	0.9918
-23.0	1.0241	1.0276	2.0	1.0082	1.0094	27.0	0.9925	0.9914
-22.5	1.0238	1.0272	2.5	1.0079	1.0090	27.5	0.9922	0.9911
-22.0	1.0235	1.0268	3.0	1.0076	1.0086	28.0	0.9918	0.9907
-21.5	1.0232	1.0265	3.5	1.0073	1.0083	28.5	0.9915	0.9904
-21.0	1.0228	1.0261	4.0	1.0069	1.0079	29.0	0.9912	0.9900
-20.5	1.0225	1.0257	4.5	1.0066	1.0076	29.5	0.9909	0.9897
-20.0	1.0222	1.0254	5.0	1.0063	1.0072	30.0	0.9906	0.9893
-19.5	1.0219	1.0250	5.5	1.0060	1.0068	30.5	0.9903	0.9889
-19.0	1.0216	1.0246	6.0	1.0057	1.0065	31.0	0.9900	0.9886
-18.5	1.0212	1.0243	6.5	1.0054	1.0061	31.5	0.9897	0.9882
-18.0	1.0209	1.0239	7.0	1.0050	1.0057	32.0	0.9893	0.9879
-17.5	1.0206	1.0235	7.5	1.0047	1.0054	32.5	0.9890	0.9875
-17.0	1.0203	1.0232	8.0	1.0044	1.0050	33.0	0.9887	0.9872
-16.5	1.0200	1.0228	8.5	1.0041	1.0047	33.5	0.9884	0.9868
-16.0	1.0196	1.0224	9.0	1.0038	1.0043	34.0	0.9881	0.9865
-15.5	1.0193	1.0221	9.5	1.0035	1.0039	34.5	0.9878	0.9861
-15.0	1.0190	1.0217	10.0	1.0031	1.0036	35.0	0.9875	0.9858
-14.5	1.0187	1.0213	10.5	1.0028	1.0032	35.5	0.9872	0.9854
-14.0	1.0184	1.0210	11.0	1.0025	1.0029	36.0	0.9869	0.9850
-13.5	1.0180	1.0206	11.5	1.0022	1.0025	36.5	0.9865	0.9847
-13.0	1.0177	1.0202	12.0	1.0019	1.0022	37.0	0.9862	0.9843
-12.5	1.0174	1.0199	12.5	1.0016	1.0018	37.5	0.9859	0.9840
-12.0	1.0171	1.0195	13.0	1.0013	1.0014	38.0	0.9856	0.9836
-11.5	1.0168	1.0192	13.5	1.0009	1.0011	38.5	0.9853	0.9833
-11.0	1.0165	1.0188	14.0	1.0006	1.0007	39.0	0.9850	0.9829
-10.5	1.0161	1.0184	14.5	1.0003	1.0004	39.5	0.9847	0.9826
-10.0	1.0158	1.0181	15.0	1.0000	1.0000	40.0	0.9844	0.9822
-9.5	1.0155	1.0177	15.5	0.9997	0.9996	40.5	0.9841	0.9819
-9.0	1.0152	1.0173	16.0	0.9994	0.9993	41.0	0.9837	0.9815
-8.5	1.0149	1.0170	16.5	0.9991	0.9989	41.5	0.9834	0.9812
-8.0	1.0145	1.0166	17.0	0.9987	0.9986	42.0	0.9831	0.9808
-7.5	1.0142	1.0162	17.5	0.9984	0.9982	42.5	0.9828	0.9805
-7.0	1.0139	1.0159	18.0	0.9981	0.9979	43.0	0.9825	0.9801
-6.5	1.0136	1.0155	18.5	0.9978	0.9975	43.5	0.9822	0.9797
-6.0	1.0133	1.0152	19.0	0.9975	0.9971	44.0	0.9819	0.9794
-5.5	1.0130	1.0148	19.5	0.9972	0.9968	44.5	0.9816	0.9790
-5.0	1.0126	1.0144	20.0	0.9969	0.9964	45.0	0.9813	0.9787
-4.5	1.0123	1.0141	20.5	0.9965	0.9961	45.5	0.9809	0.9783
-4.0	1.0120	1.0137	21.0	0.9962	0.9957	46.0	0.9806	0.9780
-3.5	1.0117	1.0133	21.5	0.9959	0.9953	46.5	0.9803	0.9776
-3.0	1.0114	1.0130	22.0	0.9956	0.9950	47.0	0.9800	0.9773
-2.5	1.0111	1.0126	22.5	0.9953	0.9946	47.5	0.9797	0.9769
-2.0	1.0107	1.0122	23.0	0.9950	0.9943	48.0	0.9794	0.9766
-1.5	1.0104	1.0119	23.5	0.9947	0.9939	48.5	0.9791	0.9762
-1.0	1.0101	1.0115	24.0	0.9944	0.9936	49.0	0.9788	0.9759
-0.5	1.0098	1.0112	24.5	0.9940	0.9932	49.5	0.9785	0.9755
50.0	0.9782	0.9752	75.0	0.9628	0.9578	100.0	0.9476	0.9407
50.5	0.9779	0.9748	75.5	0.9625	0.9574	100.5	0.9473	0.9403
51.5	0.9772	0.9741	76.5	0.9619	0.9567	101.5	0.9467	0.9396
52.0	0.9769	0.9738	77.0	0.9616	0.9564	102.0	0.9464	0.9393
51.0	0.9775	0.9745	76.0	0.9622	0.9571	101.0	0.9470	0.9400
52.5	0.9766	0.9734	77.5	0.9613	0.9561	102.5	0.9461	0.9390
53.5	0.9760	0.9727	78.5	0.9606	0.9554	103.5	0.9455	0.9383
54.0	0.9757	0.9724	79.0	0.9603	0.9550	104.0	0.9452	0.9379
54.5	0.9754	0.9720	79.5	0.9600	0.9547	104.5	0.9449	0.9376
53.0	0.9763	0.9731	78.0	0.9609	0.9557	103.0	0.9458	0.9386





**TABLE 1** *Continued*

Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C		Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C		Observed Temperature, °C	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to 15°C	
	A	B		A	B		A	B
215.0	0.8800	0.8654	240.0	0.8658	0.8498	265.0	0.8518	0.8345
215.5	0.8797	0.8651	240.5	0.8656	0.8495	265.5	0.8516	0.8342
216.0	0.8794	0.8648	241.0	0.8653	0.8492	266.0	0.8513	0.8339
216.5	0.8792	0.8645	241.5	0.8650	0.8489	266.5	0.8510	0.8336
217.0	0.8789	0.8642	242.0	0.8647	0.8486	267.0	0.8507	0.8333
217.5	0.8786	0.8639	242.5	0.8644	0.8483	267.5	0.8505	0.8330
218.0	0.8783	0.8635	243.0	0.8642	0.8480	268.0	0.8502	0.8327
218.5	0.8780	0.8632	243.5	0.8639	0.8477	268.5	0.8499	0.8324
219.0	0.8777	0.8629	244.0	0.8636	0.8474	269.0	0.8496	0.8321
219.5	0.8775	0.8626	244.5	0.8633	0.8471	269.5	0.8493	0.8318
220.0	0.8772	0.8623	245.0	0.8630	0.8468	270.0	0.8491	0.8315
220.5	0.8769	0.8620	245.5	0.8627	0.8465	270.5	0.8488	0.8312
221.0	0.8766	0.8617	246.0	0.8625	0.8461	271.0	0.8485	0.8309
221.5	0.8763	0.8614	246.5	0.8622	0.8458	271.5	0.8482	0.8306
222.0	0.8760	0.8610	247.0	0.8619	0.8455	272.0	0.8480	0.8303
222.5	0.8757	0.8607	247.5	0.8616	0.8452	272.5	0.8477	0.8300
223.0	0.8755	0.8604	248.0	0.8613	0.8449	273.0	0.8474	0.8297
223.5	0.8752	0.8601	248.5	0.8611	0.8446	273.5	0.8471	0.8294
224.0	0.8749	0.8598	249.0	0.8608	0.8443	274.0	0.8469	0.8291
224.5	0.8746	0.8595	249.5	0.8605	0.8440	274.5	0.8466	0.8288

<sup>A</sup> Use column A factors for asphalts with density at 15°C of 966 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or higher.

<sup>B</sup> Use column B factors for asphalts with density at 15°C of 850 to 965 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

$$B = 1.01080200 - 7.23435153 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°C})] + 2.19965983 \times 10^{-7} [T(\text{°C})]^2 \quad (2)$$

where:

$B$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°C})$  = temperature of asphalt in °C.

4.2.2.3 These formulas may be used in lieu of **Table 1** to calculate volume correction factors.

NOTE 2—The volume correction factors are designed to generate values similar to those found in the original published Guide **D1250** for Group 0 and 1 Oils. **Table 1** has been corrected to a base temperature of 15°C. See **Appendix X1** for details.

4.2.3 Volume correction factors (see **Note 3**) for **Table 2** were generated using the following formulas:

#### 4.2.3.1 **Table 2**—A Factor Asphalts:

$$A = 1.02113262 - 3.54898812 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°F})] + 4.49881 \times 10^{-8} [T(\text{°F})]^2 \quad (3)$$

NOTE 3—The volume correction factors are designed to generate values similar to those found in the original published Guide **D1250** for Group 0 and 1 Oils. **Table 2** has been corrected to a base temperature of [60°F]. See **Appendix X1** for details.

where:

$A$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°F})$  = temperature of asphalt in [°F].

#### 4.2.3.2 **Table 2**—B Factor Asphalts:

$$B = 1.02413769 - 4.0641418 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°F})] = 6.79176 \times 10^{-8} [T(\text{°F})]^2 \quad (4)$$

where:

$B$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°F})$  = temperature of asphalt in [°F].

4.2.3.3 These formulas may be used in lieu of **Table 2** to calculate volume correction factors.

4.3 Enter the desired table with the asphalt temperature at which the volume measurement was made, and read the volume correction factor in a selected column A or B.

4.4 Multiply the volume measurement by the appropriate volume correction factor to obtain the adjusted volume of asphalt at 15°C or [60°F].

#### 5. Example of Use

5.1 **Example A**—Volume of asphalt cement is measured to be 5000 m<sup>3</sup> at a temperature of 135°C. Asphalt cement density at 15°C is 1015 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine the volume of asphalt cement at the standard base temperature of 15°C.

5.1.1 Column A factors from **Table 1** are applicable since density at 15°C exceeds 966 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or higher.

5.1.2 A volume correction factor of 0.9266 is read for observed temperature of 135°C. Multiplying the measured volume of 5000 m<sup>3</sup> by 0.9266 results in 4633 m<sup>3</sup> of asphalt at 15°C.

5.2 **Example B**—Volume of asphalt cement is measured to be 347 m<sup>3</sup> at a temperature of [307°F]. The asphalt cement specific gravity at [60°F] is 0.960. Determine the volume of the asphalt cement at a temperature of [60°F].

5.2.1 Column B factors from **Table 2** are applicable since the specific gravity is between 0.850 and 0.966 at [60°F].

5.2.2 A volume correction factor of 0.9058 is read for an observed temperature of [307°F]. Multiplying the measured volume of 347 m<sup>3</sup> by 0.9058 results in 314.3 m<sup>3</sup> at [60°F].

#### 6. Keywords

6.1 base temperature; volume correction





**TABLE 2** *Continued*

Observed Temperature, [°F]	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to [60°F]		Observed Temperature, [°F]	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to [60°F]		Observed Temperature, [°F]	Volume Correction <sup>A,B</sup> Factor to [60°F]	
	A	B		A	B		A	B
342	0.9050	0.8931	392	0.8889	0.8753	442	0.8731	0.8578
343	0.9047	0.8927	393	0.8886	0.8749	443	0.8727	0.8574
344	0.9044	0.8924	394	0.8883	0.8746	444	0.8724	0.8571
345	0.9040	0.8920	395	0.8880	0.8742	445	0.8721	0.8567
346	0.9037	0.8916	396	0.8876	0.8738	446	0.8718	0.8564
347	0.9034	0.8913	397	0.8873	0.8735	447	0.8715	0.8560
348	0.9031	0.8909	398	0.8870	0.8731	448	0.8712	0.8557
349	0.9028	0.8906	399	0.8867	0.8728	449	0.8709	0.8553
450	0.8705	0.8550						
451	0.8702	0.8547						
452	0.8699	0.8543						
453	0.8696	0.8540						
454	0.8693	0.8536						
455	0.8690	0.8533						
456	0.8687	0.8529						
457	0.8683	0.8526						
458	0.8680	0.8522						
459	0.8677	0.8519						
460	0.8674	0.8516						
461	0.8671	0.8512						
462	0.8668	0.8509						
463	0.8665	0.8505						
464	0.8661	0.8502						
465	0.8658	0.8498						
466	0.8655	0.8495						
467	0.8652	0.8492						
468	0.8649	0.8488						
469	0.8646	0.8485						
470	0.8643	0.8481						
471	0.8640	0.8478						
472	0.8636	0.8474						
473	0.8633	0.8471						
474	0.8630	0.8468						
475	0.8627	0.8464						
476	0.8624	0.8461						
477	0.8621	0.8457						
478	0.8618	0.8454						
479	0.8615	0.8450						
480	0.8611	0.8447						
481	0.8608	0.8444						
482	0.8605	0.8440						
483	0.8602	0.8437						
484	0.8599	0.8433						
485	0.8596	0.8430						
486	0.8593	0.8427						
487	0.8590	0.8423						
488	0.8587	0.8420						
489	0.8583	0.8416						
490	0.8580	0.8413						
491	0.8577	0.8410						
492	0.8574	0.8406						
493	0.8571	0.8403						
494	0.8568	0.8399						
495	0.8565	0.8396						
496	0.8562	0.8393						
497	0.8559	0.8389						
498	0.8556	0.8386						
499	0.8552	0.8382						
500	0.8549	0.8379						

<sup>A</sup> Use column A factors for asphalts with API gravity at [60°F] of 14.9° or less with a specific gravity [60/60°F] of 0.967 or higher.

<sup>B</sup> Use column B factors for asphalts with API gravity at [60°F] from 15.0° to 34.9° or with a specific gravity [60/60°F] from 0.850 to 0.966.

## APPENDIX

### (Nonmandatory Information)

#### X1. FORMULAS USED IN DETERMINING VOLUME CORRECTIONS TO A BASE TEMPERATURE

**X1.1 Volume Correction Formulas**—The formulas used in **Tables 1 and 2** were derived from the original tables listed in Guide **D1250** for Group 0 and 1 Oils in Tables 7.25. A linear regression analysis for the tables is listed below for each factor.

$$A = 1.02113262 - 3.54898812 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°F})] \quad (\text{X1.1})$$

$$+ 4.49881000 \times 10^{-8} [T(\text{°F})]^2$$

where:

$A$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°F})$  = temperature of asphalt cement in [°F].

$$B = 1.02413769 - 4.0641418 \times 10^{-4} [T(\text{°F})] \quad (\text{X1.2})$$

$$+ 6.79176 \times 10^{-8} [T(\text{°F})]^2$$

where:

$B$  = volume correction factor, and  
 $T(\text{°F})$  = temperature of asphalt cement in [°F].

**X1.1.1** These two formulas generate the same values as the original table at all temperatures except those listed below:

Temperature, [°F]	Factor A	
	D1250 Table	Calculated Value
7	1.0186	1.0187
49	1.0038	1.0039
59	1.0003	1.0004
246	0.9365	0.9366
Temperature, [°F]	Factor B	
	D1250 Table	Calculated Value
17	1.0174	1.0172
336	0.8952	0.8953
372	0.8823	0.8824
449	0.8554	0.8553
479	0.8451	0.8450
499	0.8383	0.8382

The differences are always in the 4th digit and the difference is never more than one. The 10 exceptions out of 1000 results indicates an exceptionally good fit to the original data.

**X1.2 Temperature Correction to 15°C**—Because the original tables were developed around correcting asphalt cement to a base temperature of [60°F] (15.6°C) it was determined to use

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