



# Illinois Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

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To: Studies and Plans Squads PPM 40-01  
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### PLAN PREPARATION MEMORANDUM 40-01

#### BACKGROUND

This memorandum revises Plan Preparation Memorandum 88-195.P, Constructing Test Strip and supplements Article 406 of the Standard Specifications and Memorandum "Start-Up Guideline" from H.W. Monroney dated August 8, 1988 in providing uniformity of District Preference regarding application and inclusion of Constructing Test Strips in Contract Documents.

#### PROCEDURE

Start-Up Guidelines from H. W. Monroney dated August 8, 1988, now requires a test strip for Class I Bituminous Mixtures on both interstate and non-interstate. It is required on all interstate sections and on non-interstate sections under the following conditions:

1. The minimum quantities of either binder or surface of 3,000 tons. If both binder and surface have 3,000 tons, two test strips will be required.
2. On maintenance overlay contracts, the 3,000 tons applies for each location, not the total contract.
3. The Rolling Patterns does not require a pay item.
4. The requirements for the test strip can be waived in circumstances where the mixture in question has been previously evaluated.

Studies and Plans members should consult the Mixtures Control Engineer in the Bureau of Program Implementation to confirm the number of constructing test strips required.