



## Design a hybrid and ecofriendly flexible road pavement using shredded plastic waste material

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**Abstract:** All aspects of daily activities plastics are normally used. Due to an enormous creation of waste plastics and the lack of effective solid waste treatment methods, there will be significant global environmental problems. The environment faces a serious threat from waste plastic and its disposal, which causes pollution and global warming. The characteristics and strength of bituminous mixtures are improved by the addition of plastic waste. Additionally, it will be a fix for numerous pavement flaws like potholes, corrugation, ruts, etc., as well as a way to dispose of plastic. Polyethylene, Polystyrene, and Polypropylene make up the used waste plastic. The waste plastic is crushed, covered with gravel, and combined with hot bitumen to create a mixture that is used to create pavement. The pavement will be strengthened and become more durable as a result. The titanium dioxide is employed as a smoke-absorbing substance, absorbing the smoke produced by the vehicles.

The hot, humid atmosphere of India will benefit from this cutting-edge technology. In this research review, we've covered topics including pavement design, flexible pavement building and plastic-smoke absorbent pavement construction processes.

**Key Words:** plastic waste, flexible pavement, strength, eradication of potholes etc

### I. INTRODUCTION

The disposal of discarded plastic is the main environmental threat. The main issue with a highway is the corrugation and potholes. Plastic pavement will be a more effective remedy for the aforementioned issues. Plastic is a term used to describe a substance that contains one or more organic polymers with a large molecular weight, is solid when finished, and can be moulded using its flow [1]. Plastic has a high level of durability and a very slow rate of deterioration. Plastic is also highly resistant to deterioration. Thermosets and thermoplastics are the two main kinds of plastic. Thermosets can be utilized largely in construction applications since they can solidify permanently when heated, making them extremely strong and durable [2]. Plastic is a non-biodegradable trash that contributes to global warming and the greenhouse effect. Various studies have been conducted to determine whether waste plastic may be productively repurposed. According to a variety of academic sources, adding waste plastic to hot aggregates creates a thin layer of plastic over the aggregate, which when combined with a binder result in aggregates with greater strength, resistance, and performance over time [3]. Use of discarded plastic improves the life and smoothness of bitumen. It is cost-effective and sustainable. Plastic shrinkage and drying shrinkage are reduced when plastic waste is added to the pavement construction process [5]. Asphalt pavement's resistance to abrasion and slipping is enhanced by the use of discarded plastic. Plastic pavements are most advantageous in India because of the country's hot and exceedingly humid climate. Titanium dioxide can be used to absorb the smoke from the automobiles. Additionally, it improves the mechanical qualities of the plastic, giving it greater strength and resistance [6]. India would benefit from plastic roads. Durable and environmentally friendly plastic roads are of greatest benefits in hot, severely humid climates. Additionally, this will aid in ridding the planet of all plastic garbage. A significant portion of the world's solid waste management issue in recent decades has been caused by the rising volumes of plastic garbage made from bottles. Numerous attempts have been made to appropriately dispose of plastic trash by incorporating it into asphaltic mix as an additive or as a partial replacement for the components used in traditional asphalt mixes.

### II. LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 1. Utilization of Plastic waste in Bitumen Mixes for Flexible Pavement

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In this first paper, the authors produced traditional pavements and advanced pavements along with the tests performed on it. When compared to traditional flexible pavements, the use of waste plastic in flexible pavements produces good results. It has been noted that adding plastic debris to bituminous mixes extends the lifespan of the road and lowers maintenance costs. According to the project's cost study, the percentage cost reduction for one cumulative material combination is 5.18%. When compared to modified semi dense bituminous concrete mixes with waste plastic, the volume of Air Voids in neat semi dense bituminous concrete mixes at the optimal bitumen level was 8.1% lower. The MORTH-specified limitations for voids in bitumen-filled and plastic-modified semi-dense bituminous mixes, as well as voids in mineral aggregates for both neat and modified mixes, were met. 5.18%

## 2. An Overview on Waste Plastic Utilization In Asphaltting Of Roads

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In this second paper, the authors sought to identify practical approaches for using hard plastic waste particles as a bitumen modifier for flexible pavements. A useful outlet for such materials is the use of recovered waste plastic in pavement coatings. The use of modified bitumen with the addition of processed waste plastic in amounts ranging from 5 to 10% by weight of bitumen aids in steadily increasing the Marshall stability, strength, fatigue life, and other desirable properties of bituminous mix, improving longevity and pavement performance while marginally reducing bitumen usage. The method is earth-friendly. The production of highways and laminated roofs from waste plastic also contributes to the large-scale consumption of waste plastic. As a result, these processes have a lot of societal significance and improve infrastructure.

## 3. Experimental Study on Use of Plastic in Flexible Pavement

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In this third paper, the authors found that Low Density Polymers (LDPE), High Density Polymers (HDPE), Polypropylene, and Polystyrene are the ideal polymers for plastic roads, according to IS SP-98 2003, because of their improving qualities. One of these two processes—the dry process or the wet process—is employed for mixing. Modified Polymer Bitumen is utilized because it performs better. The bitumen that has been plastically coated improves the area of contact between the bitumen and the aggregate and aids in strengthening the bond. It also aids in void removal. The removal of spaces makes the road resistant to trapped air's oxidation of the bitumen. This quality enables the bituminous plastic-coated road to tolerate high traffic. Additionally, studies have shown that using plastic for roads not only improves their quality but also economical and durable.

### A. Objectives:

The objectives of this project are:

1. Determine the properties of shredded plastic waste material related to pavement of road.
2. Identify the proper proportion of shredded plastic waste material for proper strengths improvement of pavement efficiency.
3. Compare the different parameter of a hybrid road pavement and conventional road pavement.

### B. Methodology:

Plastics can also be categorized based on the chemicals that make them. Cellulose plastics, synthetic resin plastics, protein plastics, natural resins, elastomers, and fibers are six broad categories, according to sources of plastic [1]. The sources of plastic trash creation are shown in Table 1. When building pavement, only plastic that complies with Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE), High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), PET, and Polyurethane standards may be utilized [2].

Waste Plastic	Origin
Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	Carry bags, sacks, milk pouches, bin lining, cosmetic and detergent bottles.
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)	Carry bags, bottle caps, house hold articles etc.
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)	Drinking water bottles etc.
Polypropylene (PP)	Bottle caps and closures, wrappers of detergent, biscuit, wafer packets, microwave trays for readymade meal etc.

Commonly utilised asphalt courses include dense bitumen macadam and bituminous concrete. The mix designs for DBM and BC are based on the MORTH guidelines. The ultimate goal of mix design method improvements should be long-lasting eternal pavements. The goals of the mix design are to have enough bitumen to ensure a long-lasting pavement, enough workability to allow for straightforward placement without segregation, enough flexibility to prevent early cracking due to repeated traffic bending, enough air voids in the bitumen to allow

for additional traffic compaction, enough strength to resist shear deformation under traffic at higher temperatures, and enough air voids in the bitumen to allow for additional traffic compaction [3]. The main goals of the research work are to reduce bituminous content by the replacement of plastic waste and the properties of bituminous mix specimens due to coating of waste plastic materials, but the basic intention is to effectively utilize the waste plastic in a constructive way so that it can be beneficial to society. For the semi-dense bituminous mixes, the Marshall tests ought to be carried out [4].

The samples from both clean bituminous mixes and plastic-modified bituminous mixes should be used for the tests. A bituminous mix cylindrical specimen with a compacted diameter and thickness of 101.6 mm and 63.5 mm is used for the Marshall Stability test [5]. At a constant rate of deformation of 51 mm per min at the standard test temperature of 60 degrees, the load is applied perpendicular to the axis of the cylindrical specimen through a testing head made up of two cylindrical segments. The samples are tested and results are analyzed according to standards mentioned in Indian Road Congress (IRC 37;2012) [6].

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