



# Asphalt Binder


## Sampling and Material Quality Issues

# Presentation Overview

- IDOT'S Material Policy
- AASHTO Accreditation
- Sampling
- Failing Tests
- 2005 Material Failures
- Suggestions
- Summary

Avg 7-day Max, °C	PG 46			PG 52			PG 58			PG 64			PG 70			PG 76			PG 82											
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## ORIGINAL

 $\geq 230$ °C	(Flash Point) <b>FP</b>																										
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 $\leq 3$ Pa·s @ 135 °C	(Rotational Viscosity) <b>RV</b>																										
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# IDOT Material Policy


 $\geq 1.00$ kPa	(ROLLING THIN FILM OVEN) <b>RTFO</b> Mass Loss $\leq 1.00$ %																										
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 $\geq 2.20$ kPa	(Dynamic Shear Rheometer) <b>DSR</b> G*/sin $\alpha$																										
	46	52	58	64	70	76	82																				


## (PRESSURE AGING VESSEL) PAV

20 Hours, 2.07 MPa	90	90	100	100	100 (110)	100 (110)	110 (110)																				
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 $\leq 5000$ kPa	(Dynamic Shear Rheometer) <b>DSR</b> G* sin $\alpha$ Intermediate Temp = [(7-day max + 1-day min)/ 2] + 4																																				
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$S \leq 300$ MPa  $m \geq 0.300$	( Bending Beam Rheometer) <b>BBR</b> "S" Stiffness & "m"- value																																				
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Report Value	(Bending Beam Rheometer) <b>BBR</b> Physical Hardening																										
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$\geq 1.00$ % 	(Direct Tension) <b>DT</b>																																				
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# Binders Required to Meet AASHTO M 320

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- Polymer modified binders require PG plus tests:
  - Separation of Polymer
  - Force Ratio
  - Elastic Recovery





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## Current Focus

# ILLINOIS WORK ZONE SAFETY CALENDAR CONTEST ONLINE VOTING BEGINS -

Beginning *December 12th*, the public will have a chance to view over 200 drawings Children from grades K-6 have entered for this first annual [Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest](#). IDOT, along with the Illinois State Board of Education, the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (ATSSF), and the Illinois Chapter of the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), coordinated this statewide Contest. Contestants are from across the state.

### Latest News

IDOT, ISP urge local law enforcement to [intensify enforcement efforts](#) in December

IDOT releases the [Illinois State Transportation Plan 2005](#) for public review.

IDOT Crews [Prepare for Winter Season](#)

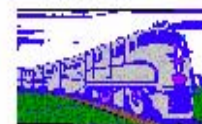
Fall/Winter 2005 edition of Caution, IDOT Traffic Safety magazine is now [available online](#)

IDOT Reduces [Peotone Airport Footprint](#) by 2,350 Acres

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### Did You Know You Can

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- [View the latest information on the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program \(CREATE\)](#)

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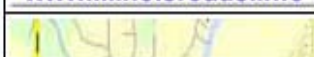
- [Determine the compliance requirements for attaining truck permits](#)

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- Displays the current traffic and truck volumes on Illinois roadways.

December 28, 2005

## IDOT Features



<http://www.dot.il.gov/materials/03-05pgbn.pdf>

State of Illinois  
Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Materials and Physical Research

POLICY MEMORANDUM

April 1, 2003

Springfield

03-05

TO: DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND HIGHWAY BUREAU CHIEFS  
ASPHALT MANUFACTURERS & TERMINAL SOURCES

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE GRADED ASPHALT BINDER ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE  
DEFINITIONS

**State** - State of Illinois

**Department** - Illinois Department of Transportation

**Bureau** - Bureau of Materials and Physical Research at 126 East Ash Street,  
Springfield, Illinois 62704-4766

**Local Agency** - Municipality or City, County or Road District

**Source** - Refinery or Distribution Terminal

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Materials and Physical Research

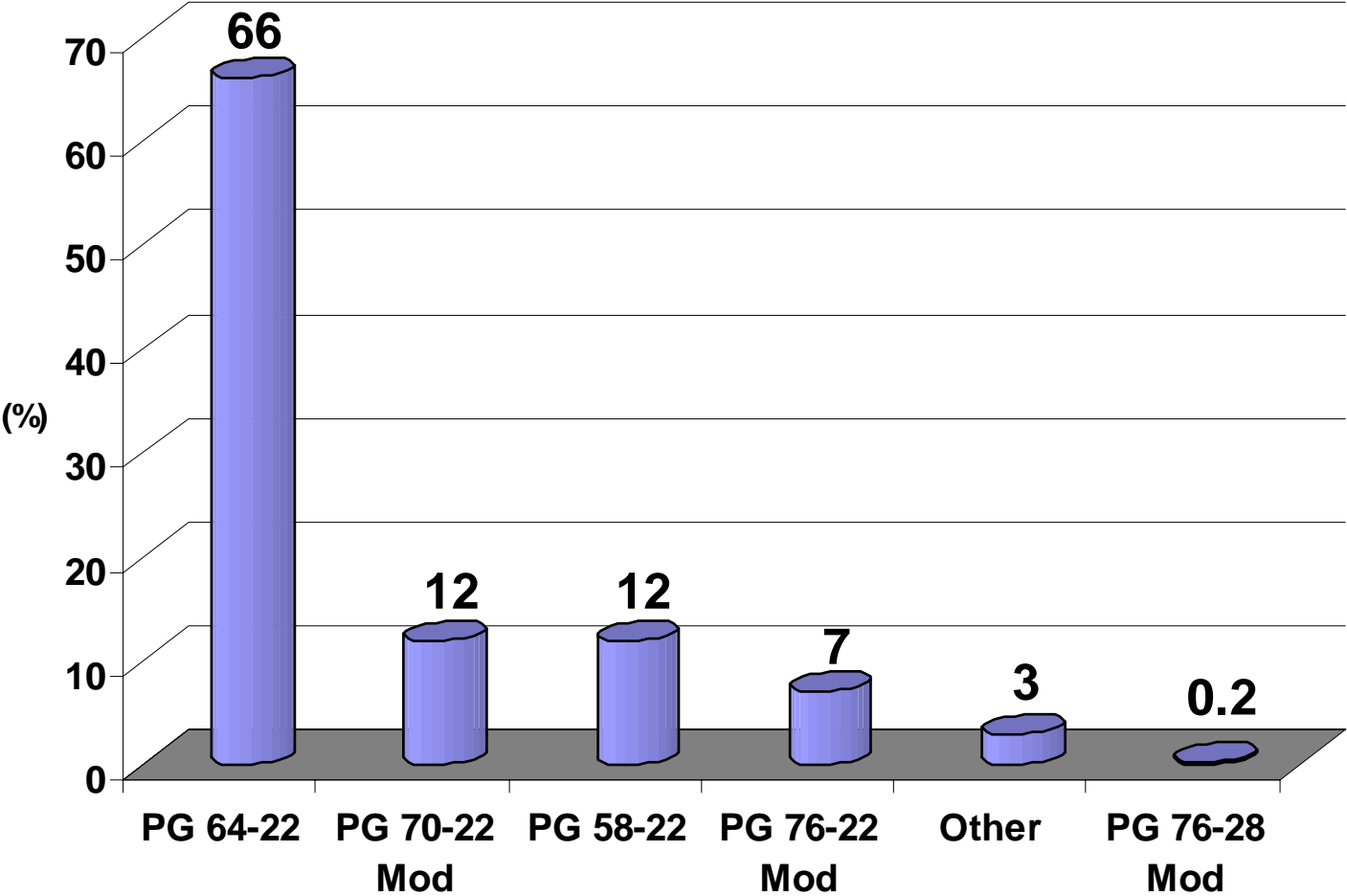
**APPROVED LIST OF CERTIFIED SOURCES FOR PERFORMANCE GRADED ASPHALT BINDER  
September 16, 2005**

**This list supersedes the August 26, 2005 list.**

Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 1009 (Adopted January 1, 2002)  
Current Policy Memorandum, "Performance Graded Asphalt Binder Acceptance Procedure"

<b>Source</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source No.</b>	<b>Qualified Products</b>
BP	Davenport, IA	5627-01	PG 64-22 PG 58-22 PG 58-28 PG 46-28
BP	Whiting, IN	5627-02	PG 64-22 PG 58-22 PG 52-28 PG 46-28
BP	Milwaukee, WI	5627-04	PG 64-22 PG 58-22
BP	South Bend, IN	5627-11	SBS PG 70-22* SBS PG 64-28*
BP	Bartlett, IL	5627-13	PG 64-22 PG 58-22 PG 52-28

# Binder Grades used in Illinois












# **AASHTO Accreditation**

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# Asphalt Lab

## AASHTO Accredited

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- Periodic On-site Lab Inspection by AMRL Personnel
- Participate in Round Robin Testing, Sponsored by AMRL
- Periodic Calibration of All Test Equipment





Do you  
*always* run  
it that way?



## Results for Laboratory Number 45

### Performance Graded Asphalt Binder Sample Numbers 201 & 202

December 23, 2005

Test	Test Title	Lab Data		Averages		Ratings	
		201	202	201	202	201	202
<b><u>TESTS ON ORIGINAL BINDER</u></b>							
<b><u>AASHTO T228/ASTM D70, Specific Gravity</u></b>							
(1)	Specific Gravity	1.0303	1.0314	1.03105	1.03092	-5	5
<b><u>AASHTO T48/ASTM D92, Cleveland Open Cup</u></b>							
(2)	Flash Point (°C)	330	330	326.3	326.8	5	5
<b><u>AASHTO T316/ASTM D4402, Rotational Viscosity</u></b>							
(4)	Viscosity at 135°C (Pa •s)	0.448	0.443	0.4510	0.4521	-5	-5
<b><u>AASHTO T315, Dynamic Shear Rheometer</u></b>							
<b>(64°C, 25-mm plate, 1-mm gap)</b>							
(5)	Complex Shear Modulus, $G^*$ (kPa)	1.22	1.24	1.292	1.291	-5	-5
(6)	Phase Angle, $\delta$ (Degrees)	83.8	83.9	83.69	83.72	5	5
(7)	$G^* / \sin \delta$ (kPa)	1.23	1.25	1.299	1.299	-5	-5

**Note: ±5 Best Possible Rating**



# AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory

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## AASHTO Accreditation Details\*

### Illinois Dept. of Transportation

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#### **Asphalt Cement / Cutback Asphalt - 7/15/1990**

R28 T44 T48 T49 T50 T51 T53 T78 T79 T201 T202 T228 T240 T313 T315 T316 - D243

#### **Emulsified Asphalt - 7/15/1990**

T59 (Residue by Distillation, Residue by Evaporation, Particle Charge, Saybolt Viscosity, Demulsibility, Cement Mixing, Sieve Test, Storage Stability)

#### **Hot Mix Asphalt - 7/15/1990**

T30 T164 T166 T170 T209 T269 T283 T308 T312 - D1188



# IDOT Testing Proficiency

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Very confident that what we test is representative of the actual properties of the sample provided.



# Illinois Asphalt Supplier's Certification Requirements

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- Annual Quality Control Plan
- Annual Qualification Samples
  - Product acceptability
  - Test results correlation
- Have source primary lab AMRL inspected



# Illinois Asphalt Supplier's Certification Requirements

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## (cont.)

- Test and certify that each tank meets Illinois specifications
- Submit test results
- Maintain records of test results and bills of lading for 3 years





# **Supplier's annual notarized certification statement**

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“ A routine procedure will be followed that makes a reasonable attempt to prevent the contamination of the material to be loaded into tank trucks or cars by the material previously carried.”

# Bills of Lading

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Required to have specific information including the type of material last transported and ID number referencing supplier's test results.



# Sampling

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# Samples for Evaluation

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- Supplier's process control samples
- Qualification samples
- Random split samples
- Retained samples – kept by supplier a minimum of 60 days
- Investigative samples



# Investigative Samples

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- At refinery or asphalt terminal – taken by supplier, witnessed by IDOT during unannounced inspections
- At jobsite – as part of QC/QA for Bituminous Concrete Mixtures Program  
2 samples per month per grade  
Witnessed by IDOT





# Jobsite Samples

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- Can be taken anywhere, anytime.
- Must be witnessed to ensure sample security and integrity.



# AASHTO / ASTM

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**'Sampling** is equally as important as the testing, and the sampler shall use every precaution to obtain samples that will show the nature and condition of the materials which they represent'



# Proper Sampling

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- Container
  - 1 quart friction-top can
  - new, clean and dry
- Representative Sample - Prior to Sampling draw and discard a **minimum 1 gallon** of material
- Seal sample container **immediately**

# Proper Sampling (cont.)

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- Label Container Properly (not lid)
- Label Paperwork Thoroughly and Accurately
  - Sampled From
  - Bill of Lading Number
  - Date
- Submit samples in a reasonable time frame
- For more Information on Proper Sampling
  - AASHTO T 40 *Sampling Bituminous Materials*

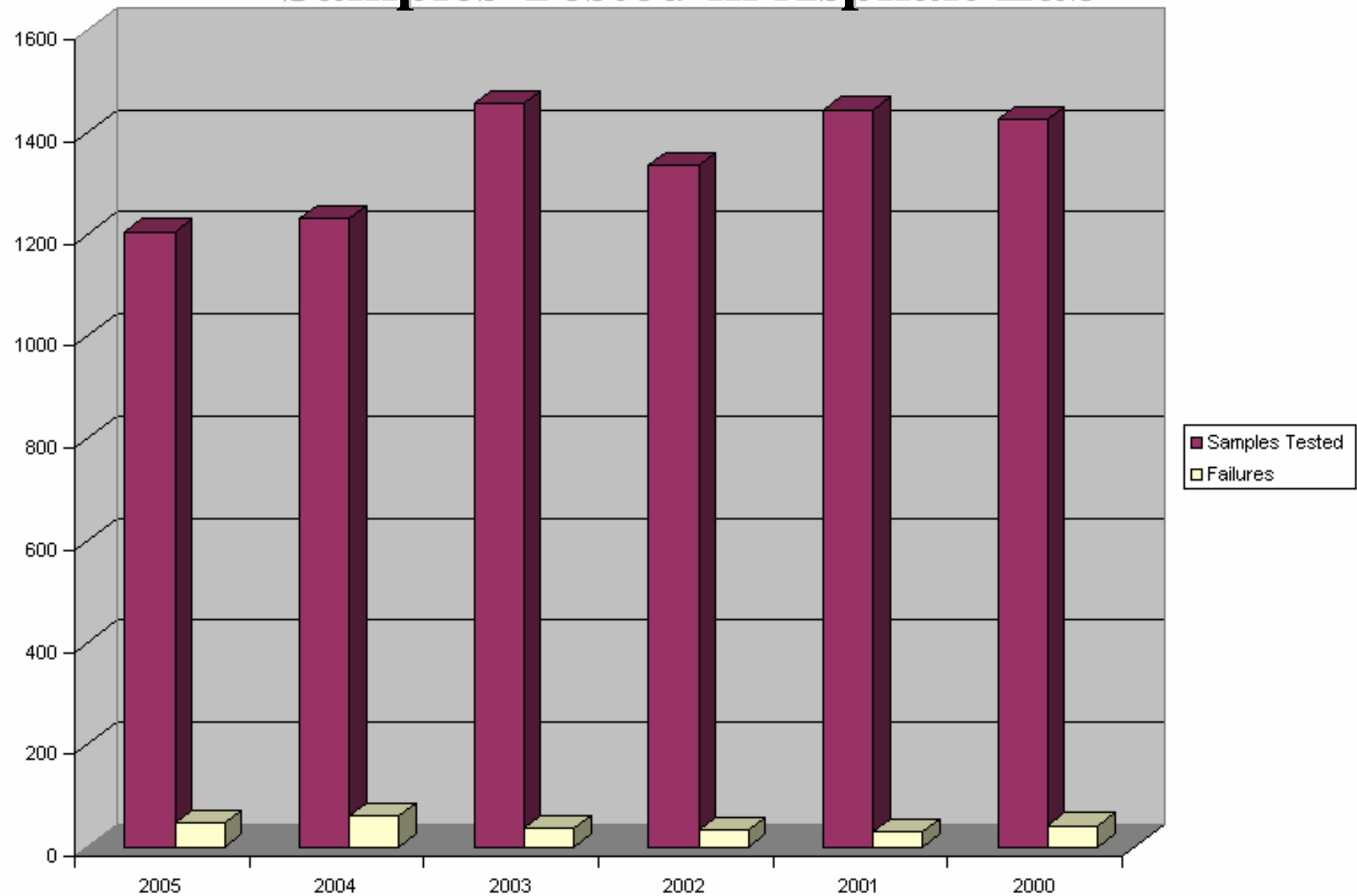


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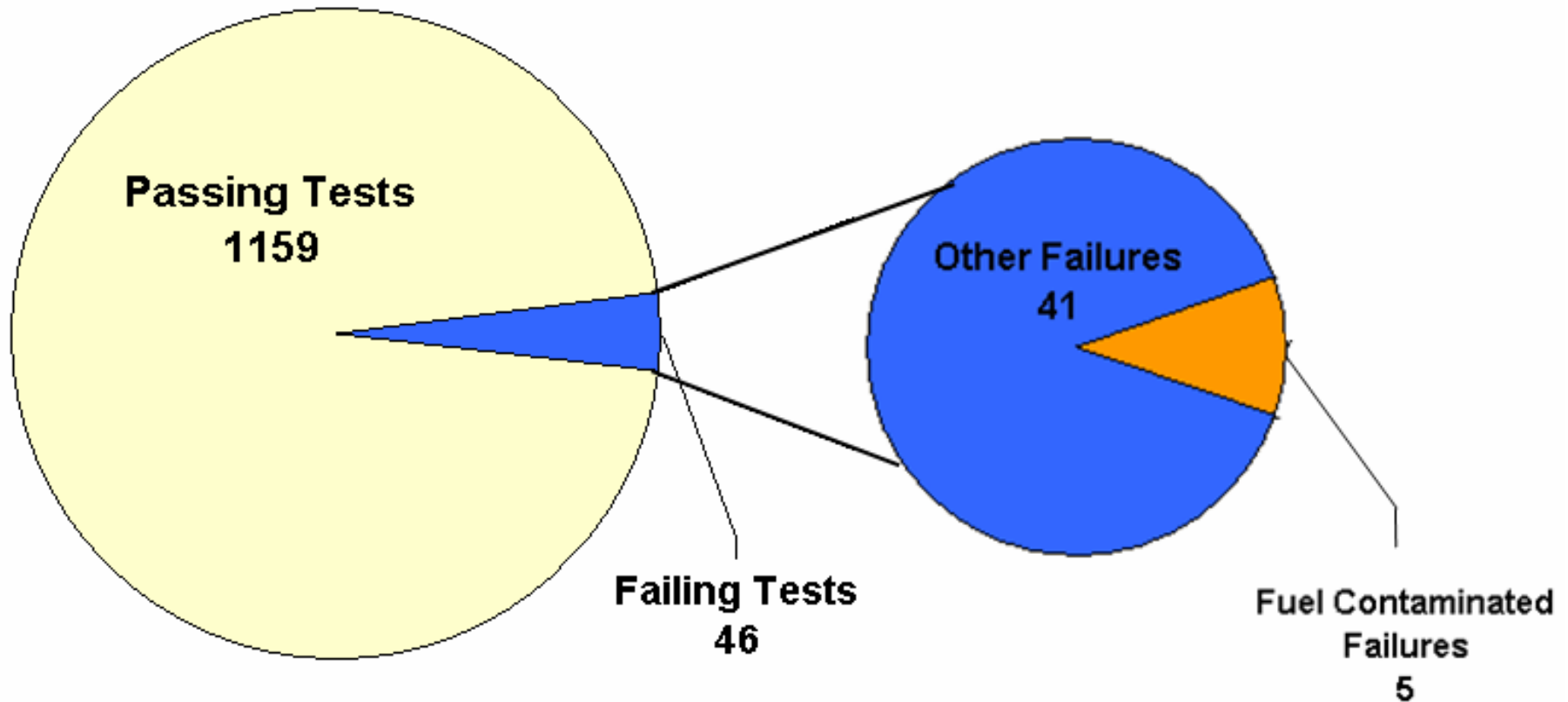
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# Samples Tested in Asphalt Lab



# Binder Samples Tested in 2005

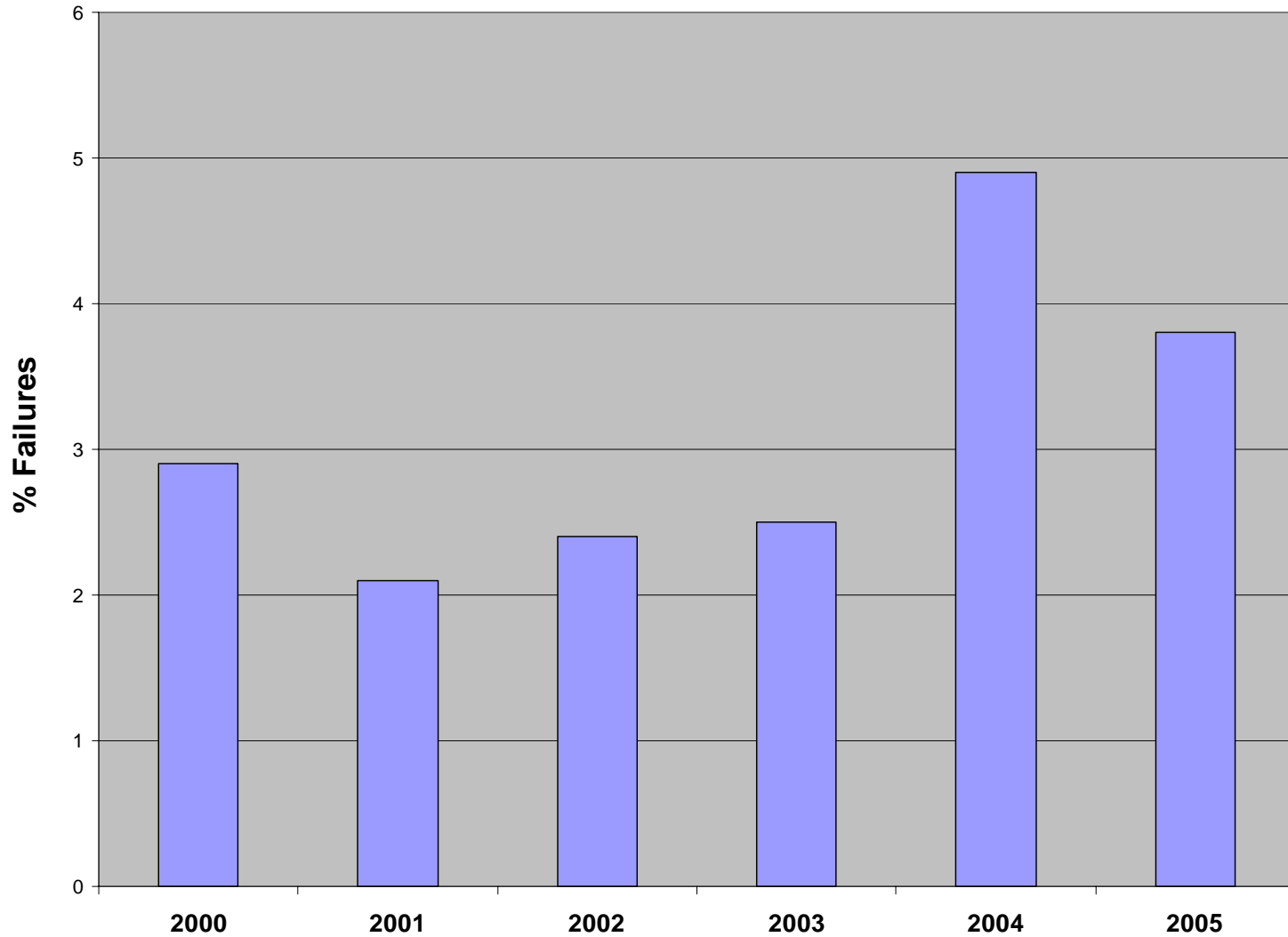


# Failures

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- Look at trends
- Resample if possible
- Check for contamination
- We don't mill up pavement based on one low DSR test result
- Sample at asphalt terminal - More emphasis on samples from the binder supplier's tanks

# Failures



**HMA Plant Sample**

**Binder Producer Sample**



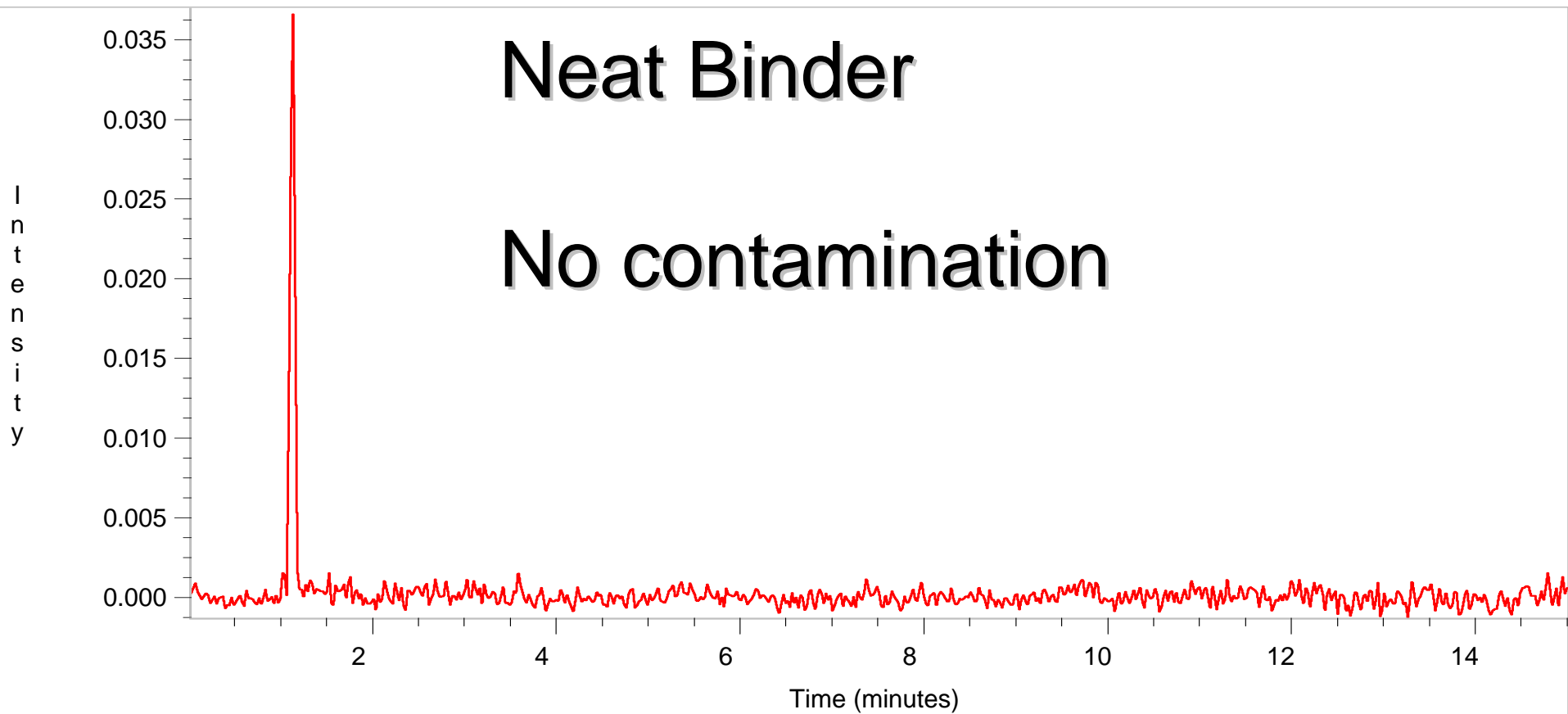


# Gas Chromatograph

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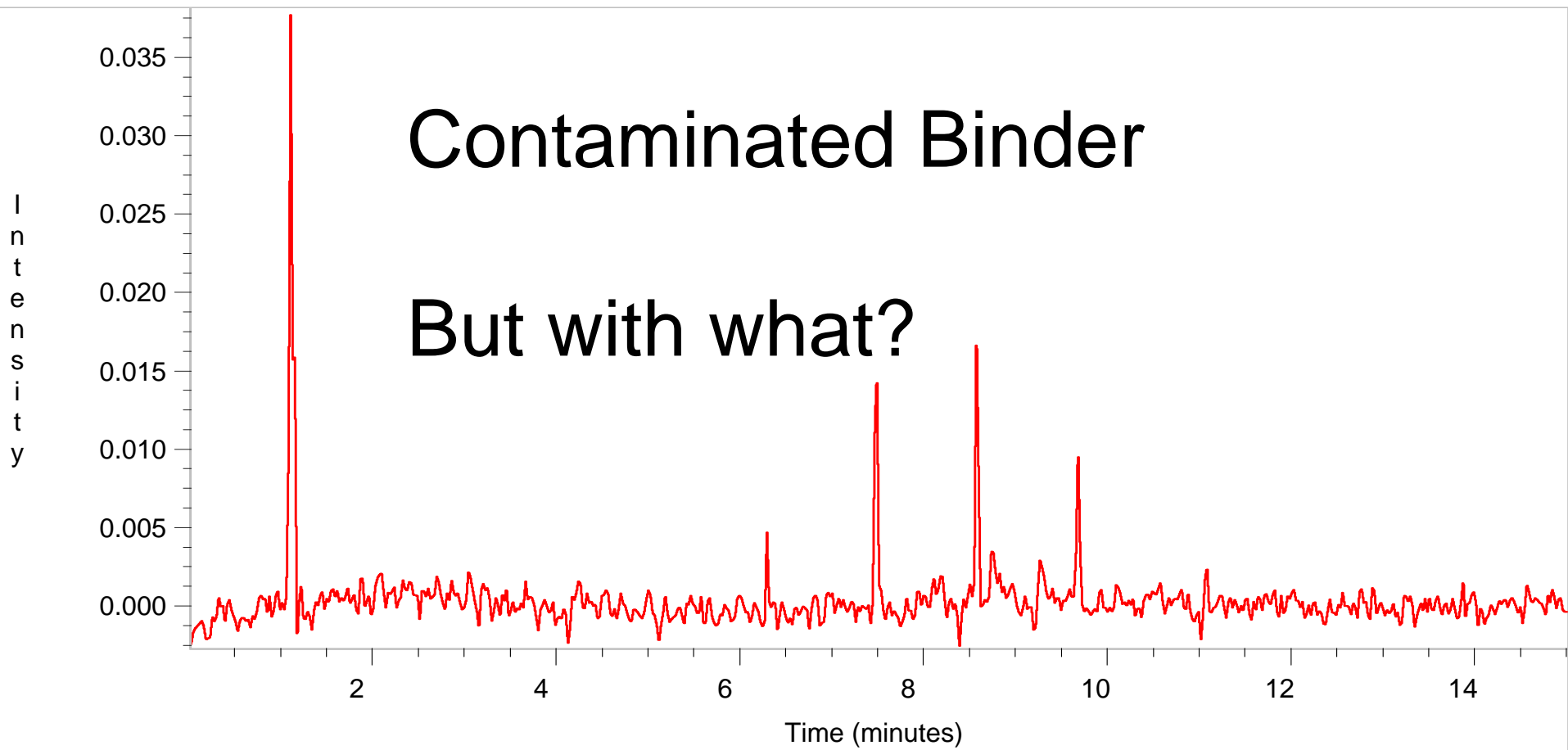
- Used to detect contamination with solvents, diesel or fuel oil





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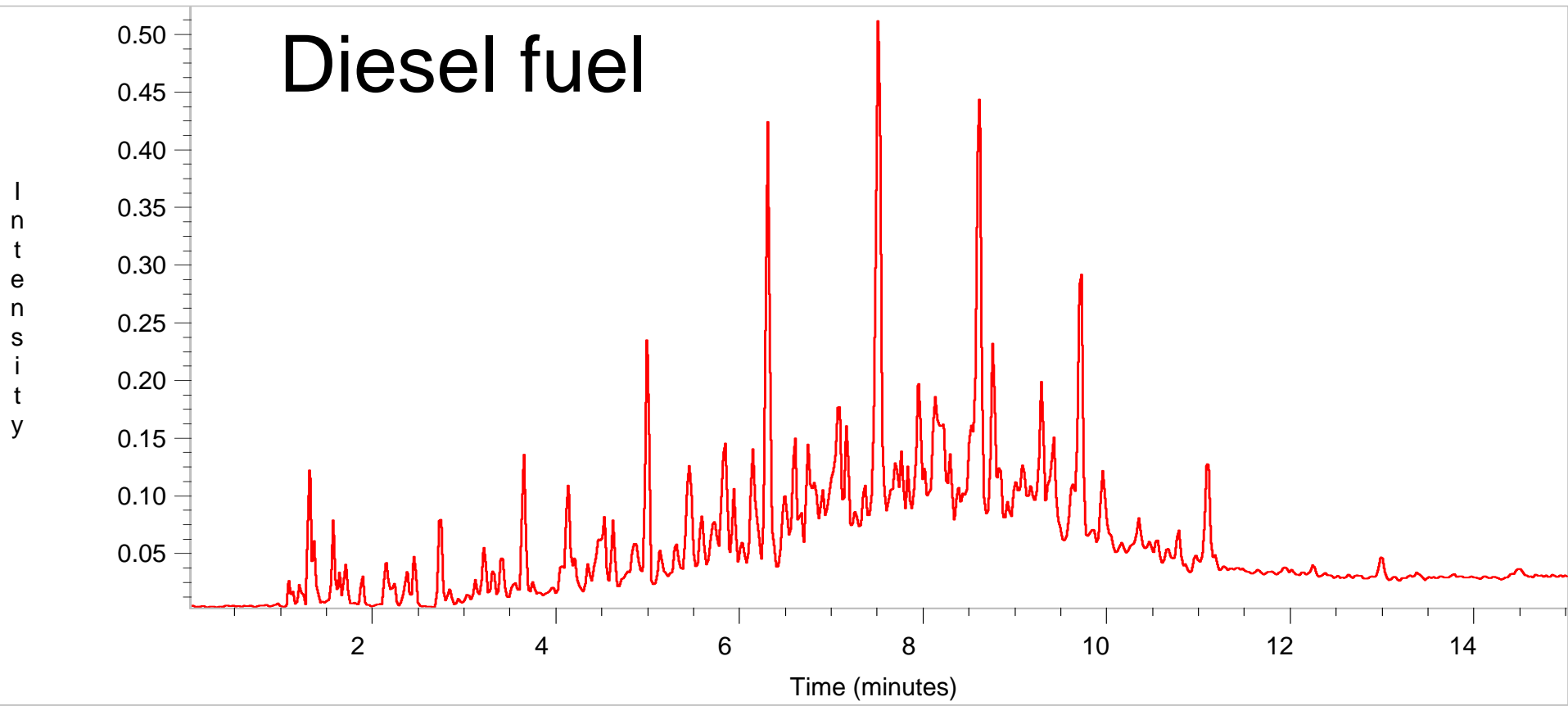


Contaminated Binder

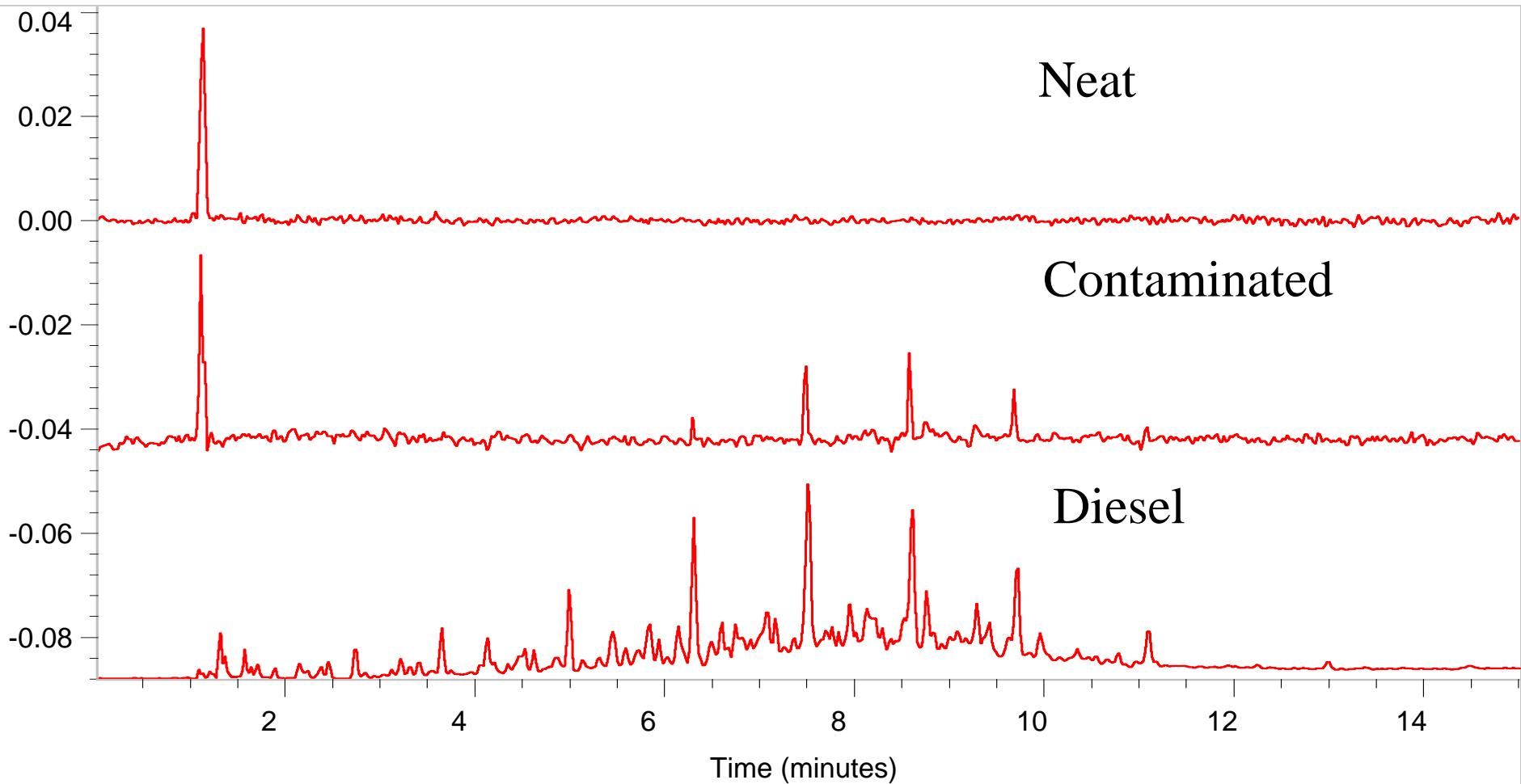
But with what?

Gas Chromatograph

# Diesel fuel



# Gas Chromatograph



# Gas Chromatograph

# Factors Affecting Field Samples

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- Borderline original results
- Contamination with binder in haul tank from last cartage
- Contamination with binder in HMA mix plant storage tank
- Contaminated in asphalt lines
- Fuel oil for flushing (be aware of line sags)

# IDOT Special Provision for SUPERPAVE Mixes

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Requires:

“Polymer modified asphalt binder shall be placed in an empty tank and shall not be blended with other asphalt binders.”

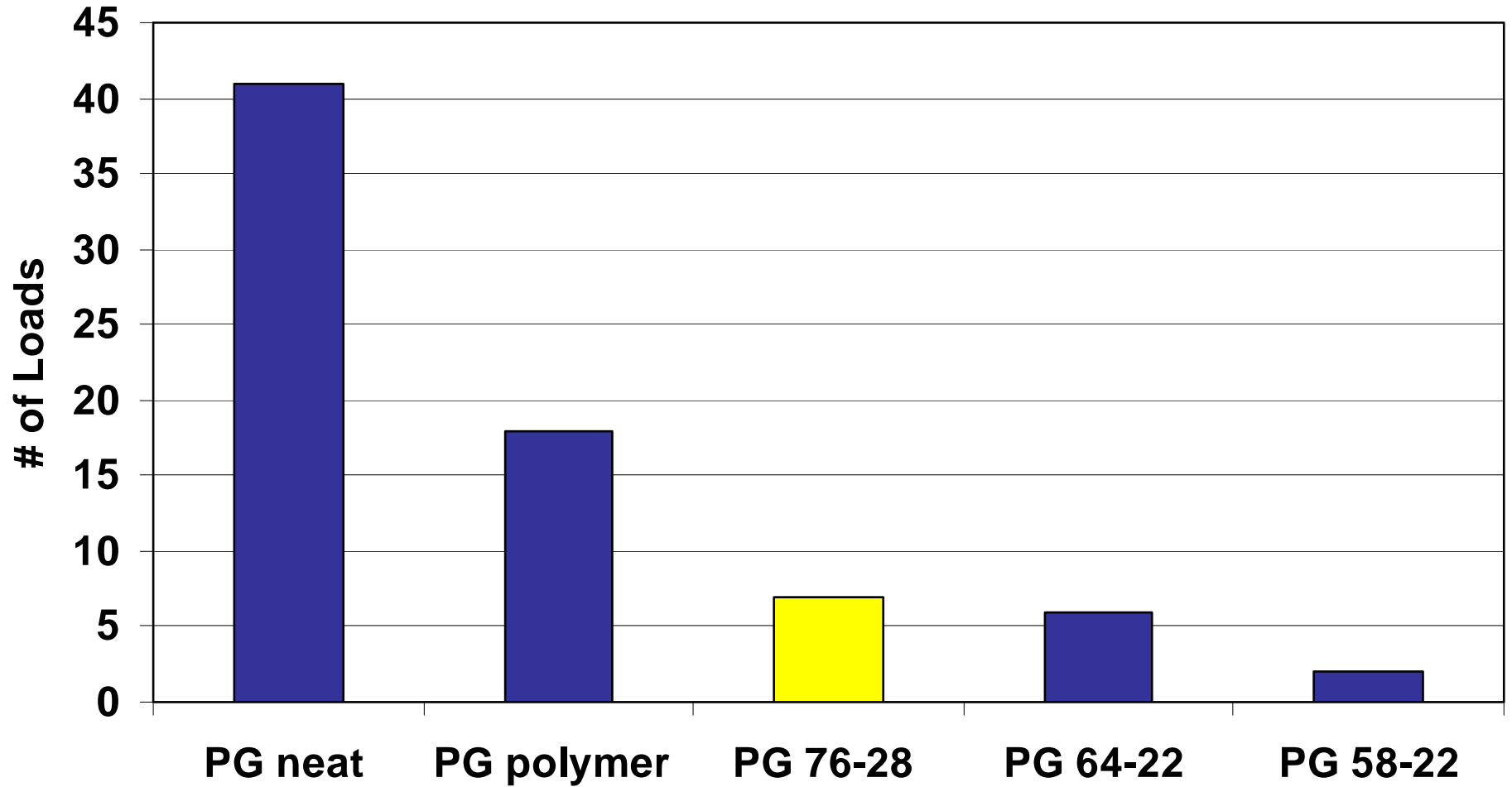


# 2005 Material Failures

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- Sand Mix jobs requiring small quantities of Polymer Modified PG 76-28 transported in small loads
- 4 samples taken over a period of 10 days failed Original DSR
- Suspect contamination with previous load carried in transport truck or residual in plant tank

# Last Load Carried





# Actions

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Suggested that to minimize possible contamination during small jobs, it may be a good idea to keep the materials in the tanker and directly feed the HMA plant.





# Sampling Issues

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- Sample Properly
- Make sure representative
- Label, store properly
- Send to lab in a timely manner



# Material Handling Issues

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- Borderline original results
- “clean” transport truck
- “clean” receiving tank
- Be aware of possible contamination



# Summary

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- Want to make sure taxpayer is getting what is specified “on the road”
- Binder sampling is throughout pipeline
- Testing properly and accurately on sample



## Summary (cont.)

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- What does sample represent?
- In Illinois, binder producer has responsibility of material until pumped off truck
- Marginally produced material is at risk of failure
- Possible HMA plant shut down



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