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TEST REPORT

STRUCTURAL SCIENCE COMPOSITES
DR60 COMPOSITE COVER AND FRAME
AASHTO H25 Load Test
(Cover Number-0194818)
(Frame Number-0195347)

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Clarifying Statements:

1. The results reported have been performed in accordance with the test requirements agreed by the customer (Structural Science Composites Ltd.) and laid down in the ASSHTO standard.

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Panel

The composite trench panel supplied is a circular DR60. (Photo.1)

Photo. 1

Test Rig

The test rig consists of a 'giant mecanno' frame bolted to the floor and supporting the Enerpac 90 ton hydraulic cylinder. (Photo 2)

Photo. 2

The panel was seated on 65mm x 50mm rectangular steel bars round the span of the frame.

The load cell and test rig complies with EN ISO 7500-1:2004 minimum Class 3.

Test Rig ID: EG100TF
Load Cell ID:
Instron Calibration Certificate No. E288062725080001A
System Class: 1
Calibration Date: 27/06/25

Photograph 3 below shows the calibration certificate for the load cell and test rig.

Photo.3

Test

The test was carried out in accordance with AASHTO M 306-04, Clauses 5.1 and 5.2.

The load was applied to the panel through a 9 in. x 9 in. (229mm X 229mm) by 0.75 in. thick steel plate with a 9 in. x 9 in. rubber pad between the plate and cover.

The load was measured using a 100 ton (1000kN) load cell (serial no. 3243N) and digital load indicator (serial no. D.I.B.1).

The deflection was measured at the geometric centre on the underside of the cover using a linear potentiometer.

The panel was tested to H25

The H25 test consists of proof loading the cover to 50,000lb (222kN) and holding the load for 1 minute.

The load was then released, the permanent deformation measured and the cover inspected for any damage.

Results

Permanent set test

Photo.4

Initial Reading	0.00mm	
Reading after 50,000lbf held for 1 min.	1.06mm	
Permanent Set	**1.06mm**	**.041in.**

Permissible permanent set for an AASHTO H25 test is 2.54mm (0.1in.)

Therefore the panel PASSED the permanent set test.

Load Test

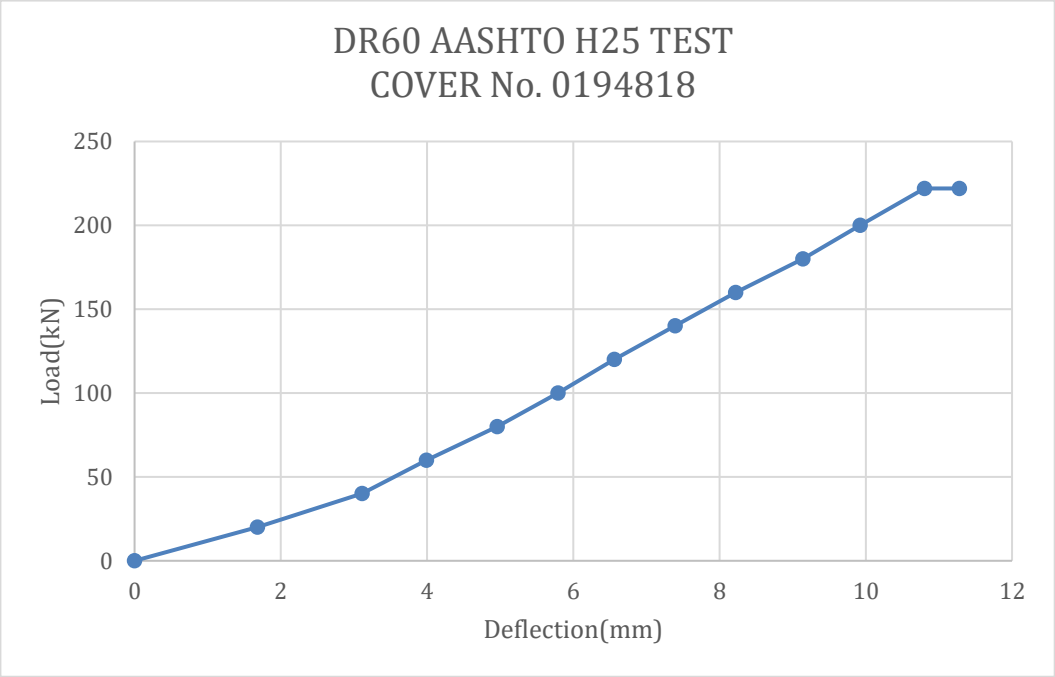
LOAD (kN)	(lbs)	DEFLECTION (mm)	(in.)	REMARKS
0	0	0.00	0.000	
20	4,496	1.68	0.066	
40	8,992	3.11	0.122	
60	13,488	3.99	0.157	
80	17,985	4.96	0.195	
100	22,481	5.79	0.227	
120	26,977	6.56	0.258	
140	31,473	7.39	0.290	
160	35,969	8.22	0.323	
180	40,000	9.14	0.359	
200	44,961	9.92	0.390	
222	50,000	10.80	0.425	
222 (60 secs)	50,000	11.28	0.444	
0	0	1.06	0.041	

H25 Test

The panel held the proof test load of 50,000 lbs (222kN) for the required 1 minute and with no visible signs of any cracking.

In accordance with Clause 5.1 of the AASHTO M306-04 standard the permanent deformation was 0.041 in. (1.06mm) and is within the 0.1in. (2.54mm) that is allowed.

The panel therefore passed the H25 test.


DR60 AASHTO H25 TEST
COVER No. 0194818
Load(kN)
250
200
150
100
50
0
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
Deflection(mm)