

Miscellaneous Construction materials① Asbestos:

Asbestos is heat resistant silicate mineral. The word asbestos is derived from Greek word which means inextinguishable (which cannot be destroyed).

→ It is naturally occurring usually exist in between layers of specific rocks.

Types Two types1. Friable Asbestos:-

The asbestos that is made from the material that can be easily crush or pulverized and converted into powder by human hand.

Examples:-

Blue asbestos & Brown asbestos

2. Less Friable:-

The asbestos that is not easily break and converted into powder. → These asbestos have curled fibres.

Example:- White asbestos.

Properties of Asbestos

- Asbestos are chemically stable, insoluble in water & organic solvents
- They are resistant to corrosion
- It can stand heat
- Its powder is white for long time & causes lungs cancer
- It is hard (resist to abrasion)
- It is flexible and malleable can be drawn into fine fibres
- It has more tensile strength i.e. more than steel
- It has good thermal stability, electrical resistance & non-flammable
- It protects against corrosion

Uses of Asbestos

- It is widely used in construction.
- (i) It is used in friction products like brake lining, clutch assemblies etc
- (ii) It is used for thermal insulation, electrical insulation, acoustic insulation and for fire proofing
- (iii) Asbestos is used as asbestos cloth for fire proofing.

2. Plaster of Paris:-

"It is fine white powder of sulphate hemihydrate that hardens when moist with water and allow to dry."

(*) It is mostly manufacture near place of Paris i.e why known as plaster of Paris.

(*) Properties:-

- Easily mixed with water.
- Highly fire & heat resistant.
- Give decorative interior finishing.
- It is easily spread & level.
- It does ^{not} cause surface to crack.

Uses:-

It is used for coating of walls and ceiling also to make architecture designs on ceiling.

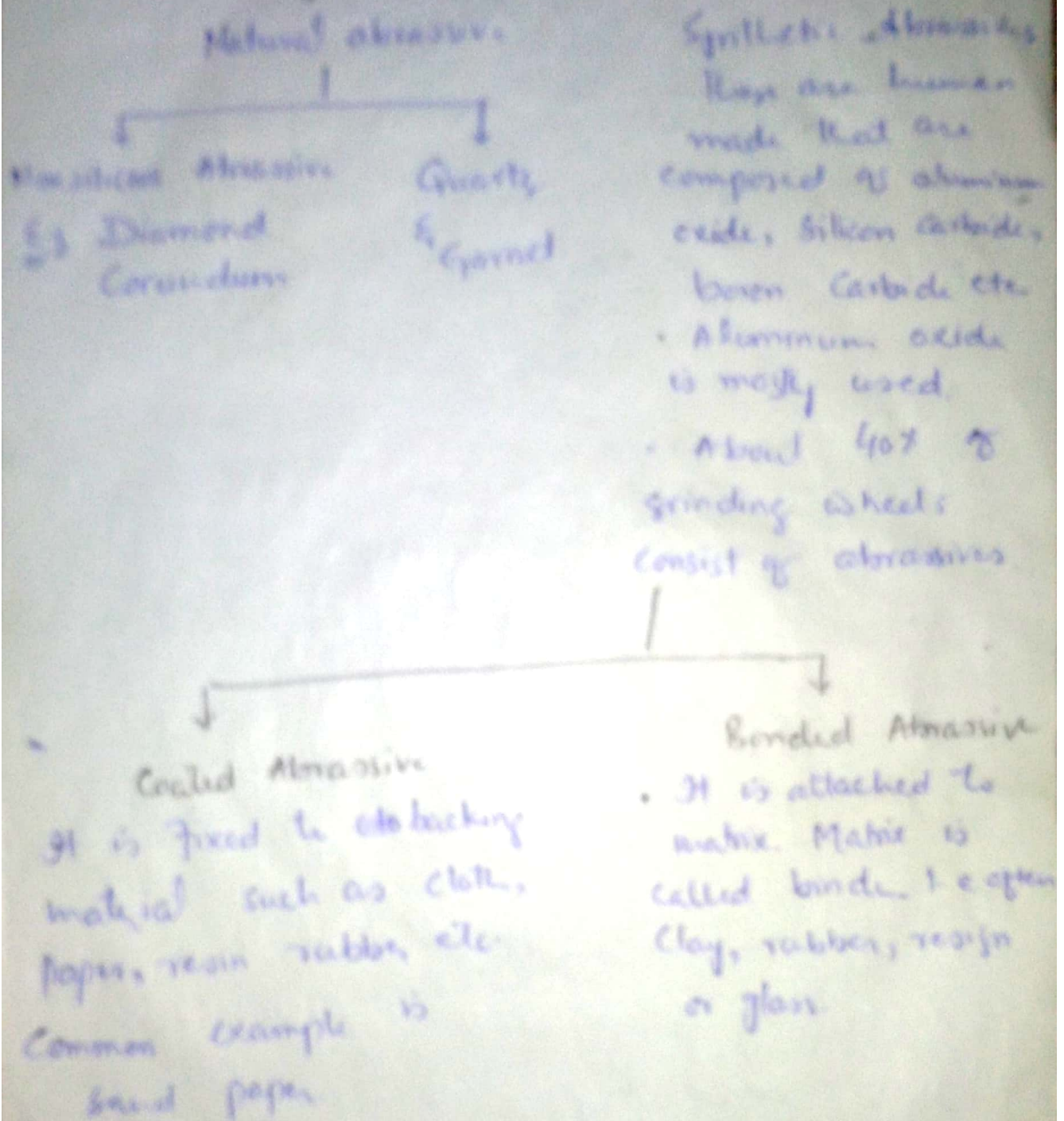
(3) Abrasive:-

Usually hard substance that is used for grinding, shaping & polishing of other substances.

• Examples:-

(a) ...

Types



Properties of Abrasives:-

- Usually hard
- Not get heat by friction
- Ability to scratch away or sharp other material
- Chemically inert
- High melting point

4. Rubbers:-

It is high polymer that deform under load and regain its original size & shape after removal of that load.

→ It is also known as elastomer.

Types

Natural Rubber

The rubber that is obtain from latex of different plants.

E.g. The commercial source of natural rubber is tree Hevea Brasiliensis.

Synthetic Rubber

→ The rubber that is synthesized in factories.

→ These rubbers are mostly synthesized from by product of petroleum.

Properties:-

- They are hard & chemical inert.
- Insoluble in water.
- Can regain its shape.
- Poor conductor of heat & electricity.
- Flexible & non transparent.

Uses:-

- Used in various construction products.
- In expansion joints.
- In windows.
- In pipes & as sound insulation.
- Railway tie pad application.
- Used in bridge construction.

(5) Cork:-

Cork is bark of cork tree that is harvested after 9-12 years.

→ It is outer covering of tree that is stripped without harming tree.

→ Such trees are found in France, Italy, Central Asia, China etc.

Properties:-

- It can absorb vibration.
- It has light weight & ^{low} density.
- It is fire resistant & durable.
- Cork is pliable & rebound well to its original size & shape.
- Cork is permeable to both liquids & gases. Gives good sealing capability.

Uses:-

- It is used as decorative for ceiling, roof & floor.
- Used to absorb vibration in building.
- Used in contraction & expansion joint.
- Cork sheet is also used for making kitchen cabinet & cupboard.

(6) Bitumen:-

It is not crystalline & non viscous material derived from petroleum either by natural or refinery process.

- Brown or black in colour.
- It contains 85% Carbon, 12% Hydrogen & 3% Oxygen.
- In solid state it is called asphalt & in semi liquid state called tar.

Forms of Bitumen:-

(a) Bitumen Emulsion:-

When bitumen is added to excess of water, bitumen emulsion form.

- It is a mixture of bitumen & water.
- They are available in different form

① Rapid setting, medium setting & slow setting.

- These emulsion are always stored in tight drum

(b) Uses:-

Used in construction of bituminous road & for maintenance & repair work.

(b) Blown Bitumen:-

It is obtain by passing air at pressure at high temperature

- It is industrial bitumen, form by oxidation usually black in colour.
- Available in packets.

Uses:-

- It can be used as;
 - As heat insulator.
 - As damp proof & roof.
 - In manufacture of pipe.

(c) Cut back Bitumen:-

This bitumen is cut back by adding controlled amount of petroleum distillate such as Kerosene.

- This is done to reduce viscosity of bitumen so that it spreads effectively during road pavement.

Uses:-

Used in construction of roads & soil stabilization. (2-4%).

(d) Plastic Bitumen:-

- It consist of bitumen, thinner & inert filler
- The amount of inert filler is 40-45%.

Uses:-

- Used for filling of cracks & to control leakings.

(6) Straight run Bitumen-

The bitumen that is distilled to a definite viscosity or penetration without further treatment.

Types of Bitumen on basis of source:-

① Natural Bitumen-

The bitumen that is obtained naturally from bituminous rock.

- Pure natural bitumen is rare as limestone, sand stone and other soil particles found with it.
- It is found with accumulation of ^{petroleum} ~~earth crust~~ on top layer of earth crust.

Properties:-

- Black in colour.
- Usually softer on heating & harden on cooling.
- Insoluble in water but soluble in inorganic solvent.

② Petroleum Bitumen:-

It is obtained from petroleum & its residues.

→ Types -

① Residual Asphaltum-

These are brown or black solid bitumen obtained by atmospheric distillation of petroleum.

after topping of gasoline, kerosene etc.

(b) Oxidized Bitumen:-

The bitumen is obtained by oxidation.

→ Usually air blown over petroleum residue.

(*) The petroleum thickens because of polymerization & condensation.

(c) Crack Bitumen:-

Such bitumen is obtained by heating bitumen at high temperature.

→ Blowing air through bitumen residue gives oxidized cracked bitumen.

Classification on basis of Consistency (18°C)

- i. Solid bitumen.
- ii. Semi solid.
- iii. Liquid bitumen.

Classification on basis of Applications:-

(a) Road construction bitumen.

(b) Building " "

(c) Roofing " "

Uses of Bitumen:-

- Used in construction of roads as binder.
- Use in building construction & damp proofing filts.
- Used for stopping leakage & filling cracks.

- Used in paints.
- Used as heat insulation material for buildings, refrigeration & cold storage equipments.

Properties of Bitumen:-

① Viscosity:-

Usually soft at high temperature & get hard as temperature decrease.

② Ductility:-

At low temperature it contains solid paraffin which make it ductile.

③ Softening Point:-

Bitumen should be soft so that can easily applicable.

④ Resilience:-

It can absorb and absorb itself due to movement of structure, which is because of Temperature, settlement & shrinkage.

⑦ Asphalt:-

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alumina, silica & lime.

- At high temperature it gets soft & hard at low temperature.
- Most used in today.

Types:-

① Natural Asphalt:-

also called native asphalt.

- It contain 70% bitumen, water & other impurities.
- Can be purified by boiling or heating.
- (1) the water content vaporize, impurities rise & bitumen remain down.
- If obtained from lake called lake bitumen.

Uses:-

- flexible pavement, water proofing & structures etc.

② Refined Asphalt:-

It is obtained by heating pitch to remove water contents & impurities.

- It contains 52% bitumen, 38% inorganic matter & 10% organic matter.

(6) Mastic Asphalt:-

~~It is~~

It is manufactured by adding natural rocks into molten bitumen and then mix it to upto 4-5 hours at (200°C) .

→ These are then placed in mold for cooling
→ It form a block (solid) than be used after heating.

→ The block form is tough, durable & non absorbent of heat & noise

→ When non bituminous limestone is added in molten bitumen called Synthetic mastic asphalt.

(4) Liquid asphalt:-

It is viscous asphalt obtained from distillation of asphaltic base crude oil.

• It is sticky, black & highly viscous bitumen.

uses:-

It is used in road construction.

(5) Cut back asphalt:-

It is combination of asphalt cement and petroleum solvent.

- It can add cement to reduce its viscosity & it can easily spread
- It contains less asphalt & remaining sand

Use

Use where temperature is low as viscosity low so easily spread

(6) Bituminous Asphalt

It is obtained by suspension of soluble constituents of coal tar

- It contains 12% bitumen, 87% minerals & 1% organic matter

(7) Asphaltic Cement

It is obtained by oxidizing asphalt at high temperature

- Use in filling & paving & in expansion joints in concrete

Properties of asphalt

- Black or brownish in colour
- Hard or solid or semi solid mostly depend upon temperature
- Viscous on heating

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It is combination of asphalt cement and petroleum solvent

- Provide good insulation to heat, electricity & sound.
- It has resistance to acids.
- Partially soluble in carbon disulphide.
- It has high binding power.
- Not absorb water.

Uses:-

- Used in construction of flexible pavement.
- Used as DPC in building construction.
- Used in paints.
- Used as water proofing cover for roof.

③ Road metal:-

Road metals are crush stones, broken stones & cinder that is used for construction of roads.

- It provides base & sub base for road construction.

Uses & properties:-

These are provided to take the load of vehicle. They can take upto 30 tons/ft².