

## STANDARD SPECIFICATION OF PENETRATION BITUMEN GRADE 200/300

This type of bitumen is created during the process of oxidation in a vacuum bottom (The bitumen production feedstock that is derived from a distillation tower residue in vacuum oil refineries) at bitumen production units. The penetration point (Kind of test to indicate the hardness of bitumen becomes **200/300**).

Property/Unit	Specification	Method
Specific gravity @ 25 °C	990 – 1040	ASTM D70
Penetration, 25 °C, (mm/10)	200/300	ASTM D5
Softening point (°C)	32	ASTM D36
Ductility @ 25 °C (cm)	100 min	ASTM D113
Loss on heating (wt %)	1 max	ASTM D6
Drop-in penetration after heating (%)	37 min	ASTM D6 & ASTM D5
Flash point (°C)	177 min	ASTM D92
Solubility in Trichloroethylene (wt %)	99 min	ASTM D2042
Spot test	Negative	*A.A.S.H.O.T 102

### USAGE

Bitumen penetration grade **200/300** is standard penetration grade bitumen. It is used as paving grade bitumen suitable for road construction and for the production of asphalt pavements with superior properties. This grade of bitumen is mainly used in the manufacture of hot mix asphalt for bases and wearing courses.

