Verifying Contractor Profile Results

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AASHTO R54-10

 AASHTO R54-10 – Standard Practice for Accepting Pavement Ride Quality When Measured Using Inertial Profiling Systems - Section 6.3 – Verification Testing – indicates that testing is to be performed within 10 working days after contractor testing is performed and provides the typical max allowable differences from the mean of agency and contractor IRI results.

Mean of and Contractor's IRI (in./mi) Fewer than 50 50 to 100 Greater than 150 Max Allowable Difference 8.5% of Mean IRI 6.0% of Mean IRI 7.0% of Mean IRI

Issues to Consider

DMI differences

This issue can be identified when the features on the profiles are consistent but get increasingly out of sync over the profile length

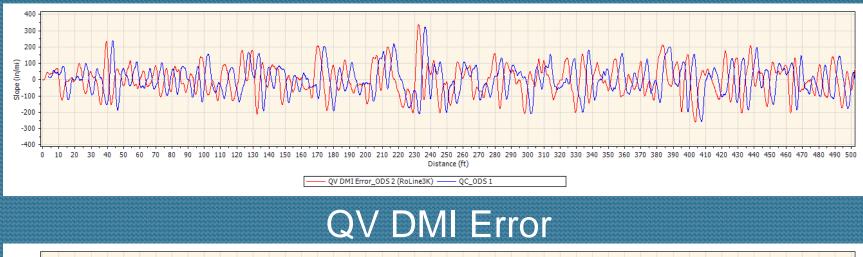
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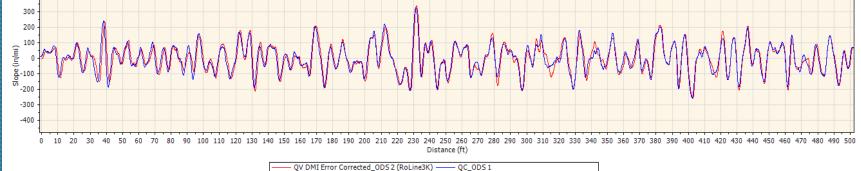
Consistent tracking is essential to assure repeatable results

Equipment problems

Check to make sure everything is mounted and working properly and that equipment and software settings are correct

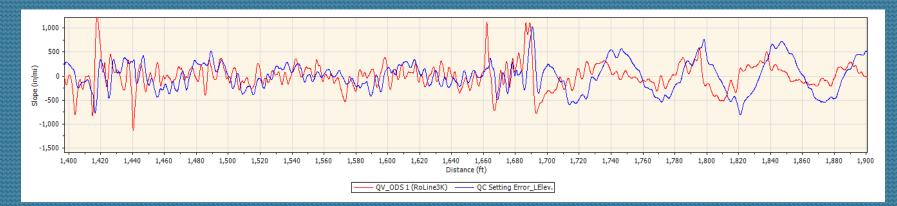
Shifted Filtered Profiles



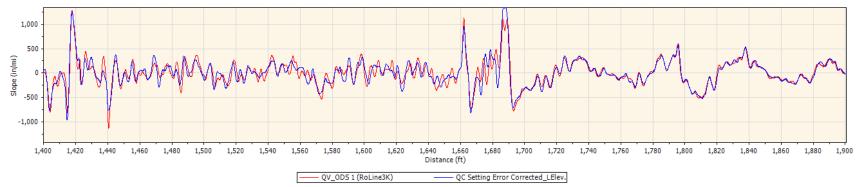


QV DMI Error Corrected

Shifted Filtered Profiles



QC Setting Error



QC Setting Error Corrected

AASHTO R 56-10

 AASHTO R56-10 – Standard Practice for Certification of Inertial Profiler Systems Section 8.4.3 – stipulates that the absolute average difference of the profile measurement from the distance measured with a steel tape must be less than .15 percent to pass.

 A profiler with a +.15% DMI variance compared to a profiler with a -.15% DMI variance would be nearly 16 feet different in each mile tested

Verification Process Device Approval – annually or as needed **Contract Verification** Periodic test section comparisons Periodic full length comparisons Determine comparison results Evaluate results Investigate excessive variability causes Compare differences in bonus/penalty results Report results and actions taken

Profiler Approval

- Test site that is representative of the pavement on which the profiler will be used
- Suitable Reference Device
- Profilers with auto start and event marking capabilities must be capable of making five or more sequential runs on test site with 92 percent repeatability between runs and 90 percent accuracy matching reference results
- Approval is annually and whenever repairs, upgrades or adjustments are performed or results are questionable

Approval Report Card

Statistic	Repeatability - Left	Repeatability - Right	Accuracy - Left	Accuracy - Right
Comparison Count	45	45	10	10
% Passing	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.00
Mean	97.93	96.62	95.30	91.30
Minimum	95.00	93.00	94.00	89.00
Maximum	99.00	99.00	96.00	93.00
Standard Deviation	0.9	1.6	0.7	1.4
Grade	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed

QC/QV Comparison Testing Contractor profiles new pavement for acceptance according to requirement of ride specification State DOT or their representative perform comparison profiling with contractor to verify the results are consistent ProVAL's Cross Correlation Module provides a point by point comparison of the two profiles When profiles have a strong cross correlation, IRI results will generally also compare well

Recommendations

- Use auto start and stop feature to assure accurate and consistent start and stop locations
- Compare run lengths to identify if they differ
- Synchronize profiles for cross correlation in ProVAL
- Check shifted and filtered results to see if the same features are being identified and if they align
- Try different tracking techniques or tracking devices if repeatability between runs becomes an issue
- Check equipment calibration, mounting and software settings to help isolate the cause of a problem

Define Expectations

- How much of a projects total length should be profiled
- How many projects? All or a representative sample ?
- What are acceptable comparison limits for cross correlation, IRI results and localized roughness?
- What is the end result bonus or penalty using both QC and QV results and when is there a problem?
- What will be done when there is a problem?

What is Possible?

Depends on:

The roadway design The number of curves The number of hills The number of manhole, inlets, intersections, etc. The profilers used and the setting and filtering applied to the collected profiles The operators ability to follow the same wheel paths multiple times

Finding The Answers

- Development of a uniform compliance standard for cross correlation requirements for all pavement is unrealistic
- Learning how well the same operator can compare to themselves on multiple runs using the same and different equipment would be a place to start

 Use auto event markers to identify areas that are difficult to produce a smooth ride and investigate ways to minimize or eliminate cause

Getting Started

- Define the percentage of projects that will be tested
- Determine length of profiles used in the comparison
- Define what will be included in the comparison (cross correlation, segment IRI, localized roughness, and maybe pay calculation differences??)
- Define the limits for variation that that should be investigated further and how
- Define Dispute Resolution Process and indicate how disputes were resolved

Reporting Results Report results of the comparison What was compared **Results of comparisons** Limits for comparisons Decisions or resolutions that were made to resolve any differences WisDOT uploads verification reports to the Materials Reporting System located at: www.Atwoodsystems.com

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