

OBTAINING OF COUMARONE-INDENE RESINS BASED ON LIGHT FRACTION OF COAL TAR.

5. EMULSIONS ON THE BASIS OF BITUMEN MODIFIED BY COUMARONE-INDENE RESINS WITH EPOXY GROUPS

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Abstract. The road slow-setting monophasic cationic bitumen emulsions have been prepared from bitumen modified by coumarone-indene resin with epoxy groups. Emulsions were obtained using a colloid mill at the standard temperatures (413–423 K). The physico-technical parameters of modified monophasic emulsions have been established and the comparative analysis with the base sample has been made.

Keywords: bitumen emulsion, emulsifier, modified bitumen, coumarone-indene resin with epoxy groups.

1. Introduction

Bitumen without special additives does not wet stone materials, does not envelop their particles and does not adhere to them. Bitumen emulsions (BE) have not these disadvantages. Moreover, when using BE the consumption of bitumen is reduced by 20–30 wt % due to the formation of a thin bitumen film around the grains of mineral materials; emulsions and stone materials have no need to be pre-heated and thus fuel and energy resources are saved; the wet stone materials may be processed. The storage of BE is simple and does not require a complex heating system. The emulsions allow to work under adverse weather conditions, when it is impossible to achieve the required quality of work using hot mixtures even in the presence of surfactants. But there are also some drawbacks of using BE: the possibility of emulsion washing-out during prolonged rains; the final formation of coatings under the influence of motion is slower than that using the hot method; the coating formation requires particularly diligent care [1-3].

Road bitumen emulsions are liquids of dark brown (black) color, which are obtained by dispersing (crushing) bitumen into 1–10 μm particles in an aqueous solution of the emulsifier with the addition of acid or alkali. The emulsifier itself is a component of the emulsion; it is a surfactant of cationic or anionic type, which promotes the dispersion of bitumen and ensures the emulsion stability during storage and transportation. Cationic type is based on derivatives of higher aliphatic amines (mono-, di- and polyamines), as well as quaternary ammonium salts. Anionic type is based on salts (soaps) of higher natural or synthetic carboxylic fatty acids (fractions C_{17} – C_{20} , C_{21} – C_{25}) or their vat residues. The emulsion may include polymeric, adhesive and other additives. As a result, there are two types of modified bitumen emulsion: the first type is prepared on the basis of modified bitumen (monophasic emulsion) and the second one is the emulsion modified after preparation (two-phase emulsion).

Thermoelastoplastics (first of all, styrene block copolymers of SBS type) are widely used for RBE modification due to their ability not only to increase the bitumen strength, but also to provide polymerized bitumen with elasticity, including that at low temperatures. Thermoelastoplastics retain their highly elastic strain capability in the temperature range from 193 to 353 K; their destruction temperature is 463–483 K. The content of such polymers in bitumen can reach 3–10 wt % [4-7]. The main reason limiting the increase in the production of polymer modified bitumen (PMB) is their high cost (1.5–2.5 times higher than the cost of unmodified bitumen) [8, 9].

Recently, at the Department of Chemical Technology of Oil and Gas Processing at Lviv Polytechnic National University, new bitumen modifiers have been developed based on petroleum [11-13], phenol-formaldehyde [14-16], epoxy [16] and coumarone-indene resins without [17-18] and with functional groups [19-22]. The most promising results were obtained for coumarone-

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indene resins with functional groups, since they are produced from a light fraction of coal tar, which is available and low cost by-product of coal coking.

The aim of this work was to produce bitumen emulsions from bitumen modified by indene-coumarone resin with epoxy groups (CIRE) and to study their properties.

2. Experimental

2.1. Initial Materials

BND 60/90 bitumen produced by PJSC “Ukratnafta” (Kremenchuk, Ukraine) was used. The characteristics of pure and modified bitumen are given in Table 1, the changes in bitumen properties after heating are represented in Table 2.

According to recipe, bitumen emulsions contained Redicote E-11 (Nouryon, Sweden) emulsifier (Table 3).

CIRE was synthesized on the basis of light fraction of coal tar (LFCT), purchased from PJSC “Zaporizhkoks” (Ukraine). The LFCT composition is given in Table 4.

The following materials were also used for CIRE synthesis:

– Monoperoxy derivative of diglycidyl ether Bisphenol A (PO), synthesized according to the procedure described in [22]. For PO: molecular weight 430 g/mol, active oxygen content 2.5 % and content of epoxy groups 8.8 %;

– Glycidyl methacrylate was purchased from Aldrich (USA) with n_D^{20} 1.449, d_4^{20} 1.042;

– Styrene was dried before the experiments with solid alkali and purified by distillation at 323 K under residual pressure of 300–400 Pa. Its characteristic: n_D^{20} 1.5471, d_4^{20} 0.902.

Table 1

Physico-mechanical properties of pure and modified bitumen

Bitumen	Parameters							
	Softening point, T_s , K	Penetration at 298 K, P_{298} , 10^{-4} m	Ductility at 298 K, D_{298} , $m \cdot 10^{-2}$	Fraass breaking point, T_f , K	Plasticity range, K	Penetration index	Adhesion to	
							crushed stone, points	glass, %
BND 60/90	319	70	63	255	64	-1.5	3	33
BND 60/90+CIRE	322	57	82	–	–	–	5	84

Table 2

Physico-mechanical properties of bitumen after heating

Bitumen	Parameters			
	Change in softening point, K	Residual penetration at 298 K, 10^{-4} m	Adhesion to	
			crushed stone, points	glass, %
BND 60/90	+2	93	3	43
BND 60/90+CIRE	+2	91	5	92

Table 3

Characteristics of Redicote E-11 emulsifier for slow setting cationic BE

Appearance	Liquid at 298 K
pH	6–9 (5% in 50/50 2-propanol/water)
Active content, %	48–53 (solid)–
Density at 293 K, kg/m^3	900
Flash point, K	291
Pour point, K	253
Viscosity at 293 K, mPa·s	50
Solubility in water	Soluble

Components content in LFCT

Component	Content, wt %
Benzene	0.98
Toluene	1.23
Ethylbenzene	0.32
<i>m</i> + <i>p</i> -Xylenes	8.10
<i>o</i> -Xylene	2.61
Styrene	6.73
<i>o</i> -Ethylbenzene	4.35
Pseudocumene	7.71
Hidrindane	2.64
Coumarone	5.75
Indene	44.45
Naphthalene	6.96
β -Methylnaphthalene	0.31
α -Methylnaphthalene	0.13
Other hydrocarbons	7.73
Total	100.0

2.2. CIRE Synthesis

CIRE was synthesized in the metal ampoules by the volume of 1000 ml. 250 ml (244.0 g) of LFCT, 30 ml (27.2 g) of styrene, 20 ml (23.0 g) of glycidyl methacrylate (GMA), and 12.5 g of PO were loaded into the ampoule. Then, the system was blown with an inert gas, closed and placed in a thermostat. Radical co-oligomerization proceeded at 393 K for 6 h. After co-oligomerization, the ampoule was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was transferred to a distillation flask and unreacted raw material was distilled under vacuum. The resulting product was dried in a vacuum-dryer at 313 K to a constant weight. 100.0 g of CIRE with a molecular weight of 920 g/mol and content of epoxy groups 2.1 % were obtained.

IR-spectroscopy was used to confirm the structure of CIRE (Fig. 1). The presence of epoxy groups in the synthesized resin is confirmed by the absorption band at 944 cm^{-1} . The presence of OH group in coumarone-indene resin formed due to the initiation of unsaturated compounds in the initial mixture by PO is confirmed by the absorption band at 3368 cm^{-1} . Moreover, the

$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ fragment in the resin structure is confirmed

by gel-dimethyl vibrations at 1384 and 1356 cm^{-1} ; the etheric bond – at 1172 cm^{-1} ; benzene rings – at 1600 and 1512 cm^{-1} . The entering of GMA molecule with the ester bond into the resin structure is confirmed by absorption bands at 1720 , 1244 and 1046 cm^{-1} .

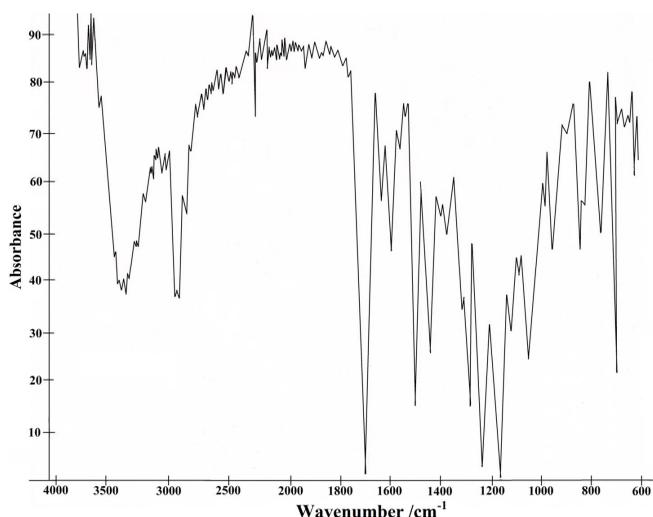


Fig. 1. IR spectrum of CIRE

2.3. Analytical Determination

The number-average molecular weight (M_n) of the synthesized CIRE was determined using cryoscopy in benzene. The content of epoxy groups (epoxy number, e.n.) was determined according to the procedure described in [23].

2.4. Spectral Measurements

IR spectra were recorded using "Specord-80" spectrophotometer (Zeiss, Germany) with the relevant absorbance range of 4000–400 cm^{-1} . The samples were dissolved in acetone and obtained films were applied over the plate with KBr (layer thickness was 0.03 mm).

2.5. Preparation and Analysis of PMB and BE

To prepare polymer modified bitumen (PMB) 99 wt % of BND 60/90 was heated to 463 K and then 1 wt % of the modifier (CIRE) was added. The modification was carried out for 1 h under constant stirring ($Re = 1200$). For bitumen and PMB the softening temperature ("ball and ring" method), penetration, ductility, bitumen properties after heating, adhesion to crushed stone and glass were determined according to the procedures described in [4, 24–28].

The bitumen emulsions were prepared in several steps:

- preparation of the "aqueous phase";
- preparation of the "bitumen phase";
- mixing of two phases at the laboratory bitumen emulsion plant SEP-0.3R (DenimoTECH, Denmark) equipped with a colloid mill.

The aqueous and bitumen phases were placed in special containers of the plant and heated to the required temperature (323 K for aqueous phase, 413–423 K for bitumen). BE was obtained by mixing the phases. The number of components in the emulsion was calculated according to its recipe using a computer program.

Physico-technical characteristics of BE (appearance, pH, homogeneity, binding agent residual content, viscosity at 293 K, storage stability, adhesion, miscibility with mixtures of grain composition, breaking index) were investigated according to [29]. Particle's morphology was determined using a Hitachi S-4700 Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (Japan).

3. Results and Discussion

Monophase emulsions were produced on the basis of pure (BE1) and modified (BE2 and BE2a) bitumen

(Table 5). The amount of Redicote E-11 emulsifier in BE2a was lower than recommended by the recipe for slow setting emulsions. Among the rapid setting, medium setting and slow setting emulsions the latter were chosen because this type of emulsion is recommended for the manufacture of Slurry Surfacing mix, the development of which is the next stage of the study.

In general, modified emulsions are obtained according to the same scheme as unmodified ones, except for the stage of the modifier introduction. As it was mentioned above, according to the preparation technology the modified emulsions are divided into mono- and two-phase ones. Monophase modified BE are prepared on the basis of modified bitumen, *i.e.* the modifier (modifying agent) has already been introduced into the bitumen. In most cases, the high viscosity of the modified bitumen forces to use a higher temperature for their dispersion compared to unmodified emulsions. As a result, the emulsion temperature at the outlet of the colloidal mill may be above 373 K. Under such conditions, traditional equipment needs to be modified to make it serviceable at $(1.5\text{--}2.0)\cdot 10^5$ Pa and a cooling system (usually a heat exchanger) at the outlet of the mixer is needed. In the case of two-phase modified emulsions, the modifier is added in the form of an emulsion system (latex). Latex may be introduced by various ways: by dispersing in the aqueous phase; by injecting directly into the dispersed (bitumen) phase; by direct injection into a colloid mill or by addition to the resulted bitumen emulsion.

The technological advantage of CIRE-modified bitumen is that they allow to produce monophase bitumen emulsions at standard temperatures needed for unmodified emulsions preparation (413–423 K). These additives do not provide bitumen with elasticity and increase its viscosity.

Table 6 shows the physical and technical characteristics of monophased modified emulsions in comparison with the base sample. The base sample BE1 (according to Ukrainian standards [29]) corresponds to ECS-60, and the CIRE-modified samples correspond to the ECSM-60. The sample BE2a is characterized by a lower breaking index and storage stability, which is explained by the lower amount of emulsifier in it. Thus, to obtain a qualitative modified bitumen emulsion, we do not counsel to reduce the amount of emulsifier below the recommended value, because the emulsion with a lower amount of emulsifier does not meet the requirements of standards [29].

Micrograph of BE2 is represented in Fig. 2. It is seen that the bitumen droplets size in the emulsion is within 1–20 μm in diameter. The droplets are distributed uniformly in the emulsion volume.

Table 5

Compositions of bitumen emulsions

Emulsion	Content of components in the emulsion, wt %			
	Bitumen	Redicote E-11	Hydrochloric acid	Water
BE1	62.0	1.1	till pH = 2.5 in aqueous phase	till 100
BE2		1.1		
BE2a		0.9		

Table 6

Physico-technical characteristics of BE

Index	Requirements according to [29]		Emulsion		
	ECS-60	ECSM-60	BE1	BE2	BE2a
Appearance	Homogeneous dark-brown liquid		Fits the requirements		
Hydrogen ions concentration, pH	1.5-6.5		3.10	3.9	4.0
Homogeneity (residue on sieve No.014), %, no more than	0.25	0.3	0.05	0.08	0.1
Content of residual binding agent	58-62		61.02	61.2	61.25
Relative viscosity at 293 K (apparatus with hole diameter of 4 mm), s	5-25		9.8	11.2	11.8
Stability during storage					
- after 7 days, (residue on sieve No.014), %, no more than	0.3	0.4	0.11	0.38	0.39
- after 30 days (residue on sieve No.014), %, no more than	0.4	0.5	0.20	0.42	0.49
Adhesion of residual binding agent to macadam, points, no less than	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0
Miscibility with mixtures of grained composition	porous	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	dense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Breaking index, %	170-230		210.25	200.7	172.8

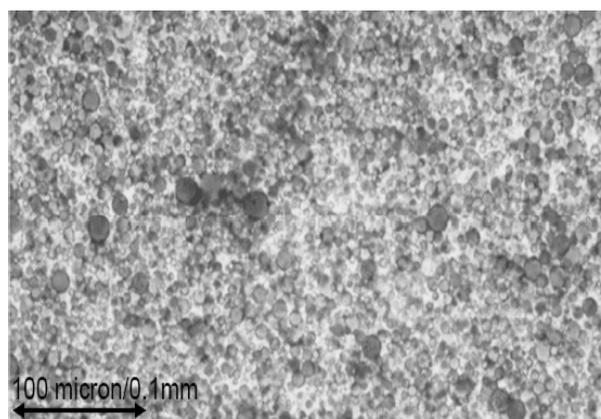


Fig. 2. Micrograph of BE2

4. Conclusions

The possibility of obtaining cationic road bitumen emulsions based on CIRE-modified bitumen has been proved. The produced emulsions are characterized by improved physical and mechanical properties. In addition to the increase in heat resistance and elongation of bitumen, the CIRE modifier significantly improves the adhesion of bituminous binder to mineral surfaces. The residual binding agent obtained after the bitumen emulsion breakdown will have the properties of the

original CIRE-modified bitumen and improve the quality of the final road products. The technological advantage of CIRE-modified bitumen for the production of emulsions is that they do not require increased heating, as is the case with bitumen modified by usual polymers.

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ОДЕРЖАННЯ ІНДЕН-КУМАРОНОВИХ СМОЛІ З ЛЕГКОЇ ФРАКЦІЇ КАМ'ЯНОВУГІЛЬНОЇ СМОЛИ. 5. ЕМУЛЬСІЇ НА ОСНОВІ БІТУМІВ, МОДИФІКОВАНИХ ІНДЕН-КУМАРОНОВОЮ СМОЛОЮ З ЕПОКСИДНИМИ ГРУПАМИ

Анотація. З бітумів, модифікованих інден-кумароновою смолою з епоксидними групами, виготовлені дорожні повільноспадні монофазні катіонні бітумні емульсії. Емульсії одержано з використанням колоїдного млина, за стандартних температур (413-423 К). Встановлено фізико-технічні показники монофазних модифікованих емульсії та здійснено їх порівняльний аналіз з базовим зразком.

Ключові слова: бітумні емульсії, емульгатор, модифікований бітум, інден-кумаронова смола з епоксидними групами.