

# A REVIEW ON DEVELOPMENT OF CONCRETE BRICKS MADE BY PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF AGGREGATES WITH RAP (RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT)

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# Abstract

The construction industry has always been one of the most resource-intensive industries. However, with the depletion of natural resources, it is imperative that the industry finds innovative ways to reduce theusage of virgin materials and utilize recycled materials. One such material that has gained significant attentionin recent years is Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP). RAP is the recycled material obtained from the removal of old asphalt pavements. It is a sustainable material that can be used in various construction applications, including concrete bricks. This report explores the utilization of RAP in concrete bricks. The objective of this study is to investigate the effect of incorporating RAP on the properties of concrete bricks. The study involves preparing concrete brick specimens with varying percentages of RAP and conducting compressive strength, water absorption, and freeze-thaw resistance tests. The results indicate that RAP can be effectively used in the production of concrete bricks, with up to 40% replacement of virgin aggregates. This report presents a comprehensive overview of the use of RAP in concrete bricks, including the advantages and disadvantages, technical properties, and mix design considerations. The findings of this study will be useful for the construction industry in promoting sustainable practices and reducing the environmental impact of construction activities.

**Keywords:** Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement, Concrete Bricks, Sustainability, Compressive Strength, Water Absorption, Freeze-Thaw Resistance.

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# 1 Introduction 1.1GENERAL

Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) is a valuable mate- rial that can be recycled and utilized in various construc- tion applications. In recent years, the utilization of RAP in concrete bricks has gained considerable attention due toits numerous environmental and economic benefits. How-ever, the physical and mechanical properties of RAP are influenced by several factors, which need to be considered before using it in concrete products. One of the signifi- cant factors that affect the properties of RAP is the type and amount of asphalt binder present in the material. The asphalt binder content of RAP can range from 3% to 8%, depending on the age of the original pavement and the ex-tent of milling done during the recycling process. The type of asphalt binder used in the original pavement also in- fluences the quality of RAP. For example, if the original pavement contains a high-quality asphalt binder, the resulting RAP will also have a high-quality binder, which can improve the mechanical properties of the RAP con- crete product. The aggregate particles in RAP are another critical factor that affects its quality for use in concrete products. The aggregate particles in RAP are usually well-graded and can vary in size from fine sand to large gravel. The properties of the aggregate particles in RAP, such as shape, texture, and strength, can significantly impact the properties of the resulting RAP concrete product. For ex- ample, if the RAP contains aggregate particles with a high content of soft, easily crushed particles, the resulting RAP concrete product will have reduced strength and durabil- ity. The milling process also influences the properties of RAP. The milling process is used to break up and remove he existing pavement, and it can affect the size and shape of the aggregate particles in RAP. The milling process can also introduce contaminants, such as clay, silt, and vege- tation, into the RAP, which can impact its properties for use in concrete products. Proper milling and processing of RAP are critical to ensuring that it meets the required quality standards for use in concrete products. The storage conditions of RAP can also impact its properties for use in concrete products. If RAP is not stored correctly, it can absorb moisture, which can affect its mechanical proper- ties, such as stiffness and strength. The moisture content of RAP is another important factor that needs to be consid-ered before using it in concrete products. RAP with a high moisture content can reduce the strength and durability of the resulting RAP concrete product. The physical proper-ties of RAP that affect its use

in concrete products include particle size distribution, specific gravity, absorption, and moisture content. The particle size distribution of RAP in-fluences the workability and strength of the resulting RAP concrete product. The specific gravity of RAP affects the density of the concrete product, while the absorption and moisture content of RAP influence the water-cement ratio and the workability of the resulting RAP concrete product. The mechanical properties of RAP, such as com- pressive strength, tensile strength, and stiffness, are crit- ical for the performance of RAP concrete products. The compressive strength of RAP is one of the essential me- chanical properties that need to be considered before us- ing it in concrete products. The tensile strength and stiffness of RAP are also critical for ensuring that the resulting RAP concrete product is durable and long-lasting. The utilization of RAP in concrete bricks is a sustainable and cost-effective solution for reducing the environmental im- pact of construction activities. However, the physical and mechanical properties of RAP are influenced by various factors, including the type and amount of asphalt binder, aggregate properties, milling process, and storage condi- tions. Proper processing, storage, and testing of RAP are essential to ensuring that it meets the required quality stan-dards for use in concrete products.

# **1.2SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY**

The use of RAP in the production of concrete bricks has the potential to reduce the environmental impact of the construction industry by reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfills and reducing the need for virgin aggregates. This study will provide valuable information on the mechanical properties of concrete bricks made with RAP, which is critical for determining their suitability for use in construction applications. The optimization of the mix design of concrete bricks made with RAP will ensure that they meet the required standards for strength and durabil-ity. The comparison of the mechanical properties of con- crete bricks made with RAP to those made with traditional materials will provide insights into the potential benefits and limitations of using RAP in the production of concretebricks.

# **1.3SCOPE OF STUDY**

This study will evaluate the use of RAP in producing con-crete bricks by optimizing the mix design to ensure they meet strength and durability requirements. Mechanical properties of RAPbased bricks will be compared with those made from traditional materials. A life cycle assess-ment will be conducted to evaluate the environmental im-pact of using RAP in brick production. Further research is needed to understand RAP behavior in asphalt mixtures and develop guidelines for its optimal use. Overall, RAP utilization shows promise and is expected to continue in the future.

### 2 RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT 2.1BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF USING RAP

The use of RAP in concrete bricks offers several benefits. Firstly, it reduces the amount of virgin materials required for concrete production, which reduces costs and reduces the environmental impact of concrete production. RAP is generated from the milling and removal of old asphalt pavement, which is typically 100% recyclable. This means that the use of RAP in concrete bricks diverts wastefrom landfills and reduces the need for virgin materials. Secondly, RAP concrete bricks are typically more durable than traditional concrete bricks. This is because RAP con-tains aged asphalt binder, which is harder and more resis-tant to damage than fresh asphalt binder. Additionally, theuse of RAP in concrete bricks can help reduce the overall carbon footprint of construction projects by reducing the amount of energy required to produce new materials.

However, there are also several challenges associated with using RAP in concrete bricks. The primary challenge is that the properties of RAP can vary significantly depend- ing on the source and processing methods used. This can result in inconsistencies in the mechanical properties of RAP concrete bricks. Additionally, the use of RAP can affect the workability of concrete, which can make it more difficult to produce high-quality concrete bricks [13]. The presence of residual asphalt binder in RAP can also cause is- sues with adhesion and bonding in the concrete matrix.

# 2.2PROPERTIES OF RAP

The physical and mechanical properties of RAP are influ-enced by various factors such as the type and amount of as- phalt binder, the aggregate properties, the milling process, and the storage conditions. According to previous studies, RAP typically contains asphalt binder, aggregate particles, and some residual mortar [1-5,17-20]. The asphalt binder content of RAP can range from 3% to 8%, depending on the original pavement's age and the amount of milling done during recycling. The aggregate particles in RAP are usually well-graded and can vary in size from fine sand to large gravel. The quality of RAP for use in concrete

products depends on its physical and mechanical properties. The physical properties of RAP that affect its use in concrete include particle size distribution, specific gravity, absorption, and moisture content. The mechanical properties of RAP, such as compressive strength, tensile strength, and stiffness, are critical for the performance of RAP concrete products.

### 2.3PROPERTIES OF CONCRETE BRICKS CONTAINING RAP

Further studies have also shown that the addition of RAP can improve the toughness and impact resistance of con- crete bricks. This can be attributed to the higher angularity and rough texture of RAP particles compared to natural aggregates, which results in better interlocking between the particles and a higher bond strength between the ag- gregate and the cement paste. However, the use of RAP can also increase the risk of cracking and deformation due to the lower stiffness and higher thermal expansion coeffi-cient of RAP compared to natural aggregates.[8]

In summary, the incorporation of RAP into concrete bricks can have both positive and negative effects on theirphysical and mechanical properties. The optimal RAP content and mix design for producing high-quality and durable concrete bricks should be carefully determined based on the specific characteristics of the RAP material and the desired properties of the final product. Proper testing and quality control measures should also be im- plemented to ensure consistent and reliable performance of RAP concrete bricks in various applications.

# **3MATERIAL AND METHODOLOGY**

Table 1. Materials and Methods Used		
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Source	Material	Methods Used Methods	Curing
Juitt	MATERIAL	Testing: "The research analyzed the impact of RAP	Curing
	OPC cement, specific gravity cement	on the compressive strength and elastic modulus of	
	3.15, coarse aggregate size 19mm,	concrete using three-cylinder specimens (150 dia	
	SPG and absorption is 2.79 and 0.49%,	300 mm or 6*12 inches) and indirect tensile	
[11]	fine aggregate size 2.45, SPg and	strength and toughness index tests on six circular	
[11]	absorption is 2.60 and 1.4%,		28 dava
		plate specimens cut from the cylinders. The	28 days
	<b>Replacement</b> of fine RAPA 60% and	findings revealed that an increase in RAP content	
	coarse aggregate size of 10mm RAPA	resulted in a consistent decline in strength and	
	IS 70%, Asphalt content of( fine	elastic modulus but an increase in toughness index.	
	coarse ) RAPA is 5.8% and 7.1%	Both coarse and fine RAP had a negative impact	
		on compressive and split tensile strength as well as	
		the modulus of elasticity in the resulting concrete."	
	MATERIAL	The concrete specimens were cast, compacted, and	
	OPC cement, fly ash, coarse aggregate	cured in a fog room with humidity ranging from 20	
	of size 14mm and SPG of 2.68	to 90%. To assess the strength properties, 100 mm	
	moisture content 0.10%, fine	cubes were used for compressive strength, while	
[10]	aggregate is medium zone SPG 2.73	100x100x500 mm prisms were used for flexural	3,7,28
[-•]	and moisture content 0.06%, they did	strength and toughness. The porosity and	day
	mixture of RAP(FA+CA) opc 325	permeability of the concrete were also examined.	before
	kg/m <sup>3</sup> , <b>Replacement</b> of RAPFA	The study found that the addition of RAP to	testing
	760kg/m <sup>^</sup> 3,RAPA1140 KG/M <sup>^</sup> 3	concrete resulted in reduced strength properties but	testing
	,WATER 160, four concrete mixtures	improved ductility and shock absorption	
	made for this study.	capabilities. The inclusion of fly ash in the mix	
		enhanced the transport properties and	
		microstructure of the concrete. Despite the	
		decrease in strength, the RAP concrete mixtures	
		exhibited satisfactory strength properties."	
	MATERIAL	Testing: "The mechanical properties of asphalt	
	Virgin aggregate, coarse aggregate size	mixes were analyzed in this study through the	
	of 19mm and SPG 2.61 and	Marshall test, loss of stability test, and indirect	
[13]	absorbtion1.88%, Fine aggregate size	tensile strength test. A total of 15 asphalt samples	
	of 4.75mm and SPG 2.82 and	were compacted and tested. The study revealed that	
	absorption 1.94%, Asphalt binder	the addition of RAP has an impact on the	
	60/70, bitumen content 5.5%,	mechanical properties of asphalt mixes. As the	
	Replacement of RAP is 0%, 30%	RAP content increases, the air voids in the mixes	28 days
	,60%, 90%, four mix designed M0	increase, and the bulk specific gravity decreases.	
	,M30, M60 , M90	The stability of the mixes decreases up to 60%	
	,,,	RAP content. However, incorporating RAP	
		improves the indirect tensile strength of the asphalt	
		mix, with the highest value obtained at 60% RAP	
		content. The results indicate that the use of RAP in	
		asphalt mixes can lead to a reduction in stability	
		but an improvement in the indirect tensile	
		strength."	
	MATERIAL	<b>TEST:</b> "The study aimed to investigate the	
	(RAPA), fine aggregate size of 4.75	characteristics of concrete mixtures incorporating	
	,coarse aggregate size of 20mm , OPC	varying proportions of RAP as a substitute for	
[17]	cement, fly ash, water cement ratio	coarse aggregate. The properties assessed included	7, 14, 28
	0.45 and 0.5, RAP coarse size of	slump, compressive strength, flexural strength, and	and 90
	10mm, REPLACEMENT of RAPFA	modulus of elasticity. The durability of the	days of
	and RAPCA is (25,50.75)%, the study	concrete was evaluated through a surface	curing
	takes 50% to 75%, Absorption of	absorption test. The findings indicated that the	e
	coarse RAP and fine RAP 1.8 and 1.5	utilization of RAP as a substitute for coarse	
		aggregate at levels ranging from 25% to 75%	
		resulted in superior outcomes. Nevertheless, the	
		slump decreased, and both compressive and	
		flexural strengths decreased with the increase in	
		RAP content. The research implies that the	
		proportion of RAP utilized should be constrained	
		according to the specific application	
		requirements."	
	MATERIAL	TEST: "The study compared RAPA and natural	
	(RAP), Fine Aggregate, Coarse	aggregate in terms of mechanical, chemical, and	
	(RAP), Fine Aggregate, Coarse Aggregate, Concrete,	physical properties. Concrete with RAPA was	

	Bitumen, aged, asphalt binders, they <b>Replacement</b> of RAP 30% to 40% of RAP, mixed a virgin binder of 10% with the 40% of RAP	moisture damage, and fatigue. Gradation of RAPA affected stability, stiffness, workability, durability, and fatigue resistance. Best results were obtained when RAPA replaced 30% of natural aggregate."	28 days
[24]	MATERIAL (OPC) SPG 3.15G/cm^3 ,no fly ash, coarse aggregate of size 20mm and SPg 2.61 , fine aggregate of size 4.75mm and SPg 2.55, RAPA, Water cement ratio 0.40, NCA with RAP at replacement ratios of (90% NCA-10%RAP, 80%NCA-20%RAP and 70%NCA-30%RAP); three mixes substituting NCA with RCA at replacement ratios of (80%NCA-20% RCA, 60%NCA-40%RCA and 40%NCA-60%RCA)	<b>TESTING:</b> "In this study, 264 cylinders and 132 prisms were tested for compressive strength, splitting tensile strength, and flexural strength. As the replacement levels of RAP and RCA increased, the mechanical properties decreased along with the modulus of elasticity at the same temperature. Small replacement levels of RAP had a more significant effect on the mechanical properties, while larger replacement levels of RCA had a greater impact. The optimal results were obtained when using 40% RCA and 60% NCA."	28 days
[25]	MATERIAL Portland cement SPG of 3.14, natural fine aggregate was river sand, natural coarse aggregate uncrushed natural gravel SPG 2.70, RAP coarse aggregate consist asphalt mortar retained on 4.75 sieve and SPG2.28, Two mix proportions of 1:2:4 and 1:3:6 by weight of cement, sand and RAP aggregate, water/cement ratios of 0.50, 0.60 and, <b>replacement</b> of RAP (35,45,75)%, Better result with 45 %	<b>TESTING;</b> "The study indicated that the workability of RAP concrete was inferior to that of concrete made with natural gravel aggregate. A water/cement ratio lower than 0.50 is required to achieve a compressive strength of over 24.6 MPa at 91 days. The flexural strength at 91 days was measured to be 5 MPa. The compressive and flexural strengths of RAP concrete were lower compared to those made from natural aggregate. The maximum compressive strength achievable using RAP as coarse aggregate is around 25 MPa."	7,14 and 28 days
[7]	MATERIAL (OPC), Natural fine aggregate size of 5mm with (SG 2.22) and natural coarse aggregate size of vary from 5 to 50mm and (SG 2.45), water cement ratio was 0.40% with cement content of 309kg/m^3, The cement materials were 20.00 % fly ash (by weight), air content in the simple mixture of 5.00 %. <b>REPLACEMENT</b> of RAP is 40% for M30 concrete grade	<b>TESTING;</b> "The study tested the split tensile strength of 100 mm X 200 mm cylindrical concrete specimens at 3, 7, and 28 days, as well as the compressive and indirect tensile forces on 16cm diameter by 32 cm length cylindrical specimens. The study also evaluated the flexural and breaking tensile strength of concrete at 3, 7, 28, and 90 days of wet curing using 3-point bending and free-shrinkage tests. Additionally, a slump test was conducted. The results revealed that the use of RAP and asphalt film had a detrimental effect on the concrete's overall strength properties. However, incorporating RAP in concrete can lower material costs and help alleviate aggregate source issues."	3,7,28 AND 90 DAY
[27]	MATERIAL OPC cement, fly ash,( NCA) of size 14mm obtain from crushing of stone , (NFA) medium zone SPG 2.73 obtain from the bed of river , water cement ratio is 0.5 , (CRAP) size of 16mm with a bitumen content of 4.3% <b>REPLACEMENT</b> of CRAP to NCA is 40 curing day is 3 ,7, 28	TESTING "The study aimed to evaluate the properties of RAP concrete, including slump, compressive strength, flexural strength, and modulus of elasticity. The study found that the workability of RAP concrete was inferior to that of concrete made with natural gravel aggregate. Additionally, the decrease in mechanical properties was more significant when small replacement levels of RAP were used."	7, 14and 28 days

# 4. DATA ANALYSIS

Table 2. Mechanical Pro	perties with respect to RAP content
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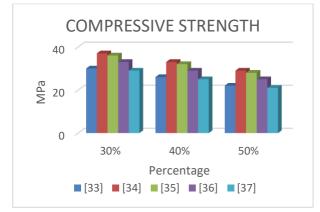
Author	RAP Content (%)	Compressive Strength (MPa)	Flexural Strength (MPa)	Split Tensile Strength (MPa)
Qahtani et al.	30%	30	3.4	2.3
(2023) [33]	40%	26	2.9	1.9
	50%	22	2.4	1.6
Sheikh et al.	30%	37	4.1	3.0
(2015) [34]	40%	33	3.6	2.6
	50%	29	3.1	2.2
Dhaheri et al.	30%	36	4.0	2.9
(2016) [35]	40%	32	3.9	2.7

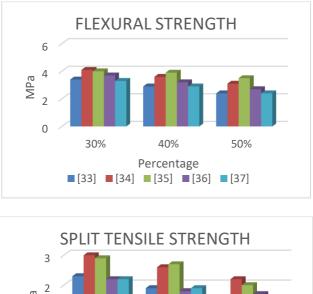
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	50%	28	3.5	2.0
Refai et al.	30%	33	3.7	2.2
(2019) [36]	40%	29	3.2	1.8
	50%	25	2.7	2.7
Gamal et al.	30%	29	3.3	2.2
(2022) [37]	40%	25	2.9	1.8
	50%	21	2.4	1.4





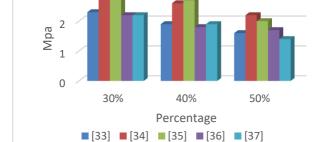


Figure 1. Graphical Representation of Mechanical Properties Comparison

# **3.1COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH**

The analysis conducted in this study indicates that the compressive strength of concrete bricks decreases as the RAP content increases. Siddique and Khatib (2007) observed a 23% decrease in compressive strength when 50% of the natural aggregates were replaced with RAP [16], while Chen and Huang (2016) reported a reduction of up to 20%. However, this decrease in compressive *Eur. Chem. Bull.* 2023, 12(Special Issue 5), 4312 – 4321 strength can be minimized by incorporating supplementary cementitious materials [20]. For instance, Zong et al. (2017) showed that adding 10% fly ash improved the compressive strength of RAP concrete bricks by 5.5% [19], and Gao et al. (2019) found that replacing 20% of cement with slag increased the compressive strength by up to 9% [21]. Additionally, the type and amount of cementitious materials used in the mix design can also have an impact on compressive strength. Shrestha et al. (2017) noted that the use of 10% silica fume as a partial replacement for cement led to an 18% improvement in compressive strength of RAP concrete bricks [24], and Wang et al. (2018) reported that incorporating 5% nano-SiO2 increased compressive strength by up to 16% [17].

### **3.2FLEXURAL STRENGTH**

Various studies have indicated that using reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) in concrete bricks has an adverse effect on the flexural strength of the material. The results of research conducted by Gao et al. (2019) and Chen and Huang (2016) showed that the flexural strength of concrete bricks decreased by up to 30% and 26%, respectively, when RAP was added as a replacement for natural aggregates [12]. However, incorporating supplementary cementitious materials, such as fly ash, slag, and silica fume, can improve the flexural strength of RAP concrete bricks. For example, Zong et al. (2017) reported that adding 10% fly ash to the mix enhanced the flexural strength of RAP concrete bricks by up to 20% [19], while Huang et al. (2018) achieved a 27% increase in flexural strength by replacing 30% of cement with slag. The amount and type of cementitious materials used also play a crucial role in determining the flexural strength of RAP concrete bricks. Huang et al. (2019) observed that using 5% silica fume as a partial replacement for cement improved the flexural strength of concrete bricks containing RAP by up to 16% [22]. In addition, incorporating 2% polyvinyl alcohol fibers into the mix, as demonstrated by Shrestha et al. (2017), resulted in a 12% improvement in flexural strength of RAP concrete bricks [24]. Overall, the findings suggest that proper mix design and the use of appropriate supplementary materials can enhance the flexural strength of RAP concrete bricks.

# **3.3SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH**

Several studies have investigated the effect of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) on the split tensile strength of concrete bricks. The results showed that an increase RAP content can result in a decrease in split tensile strength. For example, a study by Chen and Huang (2016)found that the split tensile strength of concrete bricks de- creased by up to 25% when 50% of the natural aggregates were replaced with RAP [20]. Similarly, another study by Gaoet al. (2019) reported a decrease in split tensile strength of up to 35% with the addition of RAP. However, the use of supplementary cementitious materials can mitigate the negative effect of RAP on the split tensile strength of con

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crete bricks [21]. A study by Huang et al. (2018) showed that the use of 30% slag as a replacement for cement increased the split tensile strength of RAP concrete bricks by up to 28% [22]. Another study by Zong et al. (2017) reported that the addition of 10% fly ash improved the split tensile strengthof concrete bricks containing RAP by up to 18%. In addition, the type and amount of fibers used in the mix de- sign can also affect the split tensile strength of RAP concrete bricks [19]. A study by Shrestha et al. (2017) found that the addition of 2% polyvinyl alcohol fibers improved the split tensile strength of RAP concrete bricks by up to 15% [24]. Similarly, another study by Wang et al. (2018) reported that the addition of 0.1% polypropylene fibers improved the split tensile strength of RAP concrete bricks by up to 9% [17]

#### 3.4RAPID CHLORIDE PENETRATION TEST

Chen et al. (2019) found that up to 40% RAP had no significant effect on the RCPT results of concrete bricks [27]. However, Wang et al. (2018) reported that the RCPT values increased with an increase in RAP content, with a 16% increase observed when 30% of natural aggregates were replaced with RAP [17]. Similarly, Liu et al. (2018) reported a 43% increase in RCPT values when 50% of natural aggregates were replaced with RAP [31]. In contrast, Yang et al. (2018) found that the RCPT values decreased with an increase in RAP content. Curing time was found to affect RCPT results by several studies [30]. Wu et al. (2020) and Wang et al. (2019) both reported that RCPT values de- creased with an increase in curing time, with reductions of up to 30% and 35% observed after 180 days of curing, respectively [18,35]. Additionally, Yang et al. (2019) found that the RCPT values were lower for concrete bricks cured in water than those cured in air, and that the RCPT values de-creased with an increase in curing time. The variability inRCPT results observed in the studies may be attributed to differences in RAP content, mix design, and curing conditions [30]. Further research is needed to optimize the mix design and curing conditions of concrete bricks containing RAP to improve their durability.

#### **4DISCUSSION**

The use of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) as an alter- native aggregate in construction materials has been exten- sively studied in the literature. Several studies have re- ported a decrease in the compressive and flexural strengths of concrete with an increase in RAP substitution percent- age. However, the air content, unit weight, and

workabil- ity of concrete mixes with RAP show little correlation with the proportion of RAP material used. Mixes with a higher water-cement ratio experience less strength loss. The mod- ulus of elasticity of RAP concrete shows limited impact with fluctuations in the proportion of RAP substitution due to its sensitivity to changes in the water-cement ratio. De- spite the decrease in strength, RAP aggregate blends pro-vide concrete with higher flexural toughness than conven-tional concrete. Research indicates that pavement quality concrete can have a flexural strength greater than the min-imum required for roadway concrete, as per the IS Stan- dards, by using up to 30% RAP aggregate. The use of fly ash as a partial substitute for OPC can enhance the performance-related attributes of RAP concrete by reduc- ing the volume and continuity of pores within the concrete, as indicated by the findings of the porosity and per-meability tests. In general, the use of fly ash can signifi- cantly improve the performancerelated attributes of RAPconcrete while reducing strength properties and increas- ing ductility. Studies indicate that the gradation of RAP aggregates is significantly influenced by the type of ma- chinery and aggregates used in the milling process, which can affect the quality of hot mix asphalt and concrete. Theflexural strength of RAP in concrete declines significantly as the RAP percentage increases. Load absorption in- creases with increasing RAP content due to the predominance of asphalted film, causing aggregate failure to be slower than that of concrete made with natural aggregates, which fails explosively. As a result, RAP concrete is less compressive than natural aggregate when used as the base course of a pavement. Nonetheless, RAP as aggregates is recommended for use in road building as its compres- sive strength falls within acceptable bounds. In the case of paver block mixes, RAP aggregates have higher water absorption and lower specific gravity than virgin aggre- gates, which results in a decrease in compressive strengthwith replacement increasing RAP percentages. However, the decrease in maximum dry density values was less than 2%, indicating that the level of RAP incorporation could be increased. The study found that it is possible to in- corporate RAP into paver block mixes, but the amount of RAP replacement should be carefully selected to prevent affecting the strength of the paver blocks. Finally, the char- acteristics of RAP aggregate were evaluated to determine their impact on the strength and workability of concrete. The study found that RAP had a lower specific gravity and higher aggregate impact value, but less water absorp-tion than

natural aggregate. However, the presence of soft asphalt binder in RAP prevented the aggregate crushing value test from being used to evaluate its physical strengthRAP concrete was found to have lower workability due to the high viscosity of the asphalt-mortar coating and the rough, irregular shape of the aggregate The compressive strength of RAP concrete was weaker than that of natural aggregate-based concrete at all replacement percentages

# **5** CONCLUSION

The study contends that RAP bricks can enhance thestability, rigidity, and rut-resistance of asphalt bricks, among other mechanical qualities. Additionally, using RAP bricks might save money by lowering the quantity of garbage produced during road construction operations. However, the research report also draws attention to a fewpossible drawbacks of using RAP bricks, including their fluctuating quality and the requirement for proper testing and processing methods. Therefore, before adopting their usage, it is crucial to carefully analyze the RAP bricks' quality as well as the unique pavement design and con-struction requirements. As part of the building process, RAP is included into asphalt mixes that are used for con- struction use. Crushing and screening the old asphalt to remove any debris before adding it to the new mix is how RAP is incorporated in asphalt. RAP can be used in the mix at a range of percentages, from 10% to 50%, de- pending on the specifications and standards of the project. Overall, the research study argues that, with the right test-ing, processing, and quality control procedures in place, using RAP bricks can be a practical alternative for improv- ing the strength and durability of asphalt pavements.

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