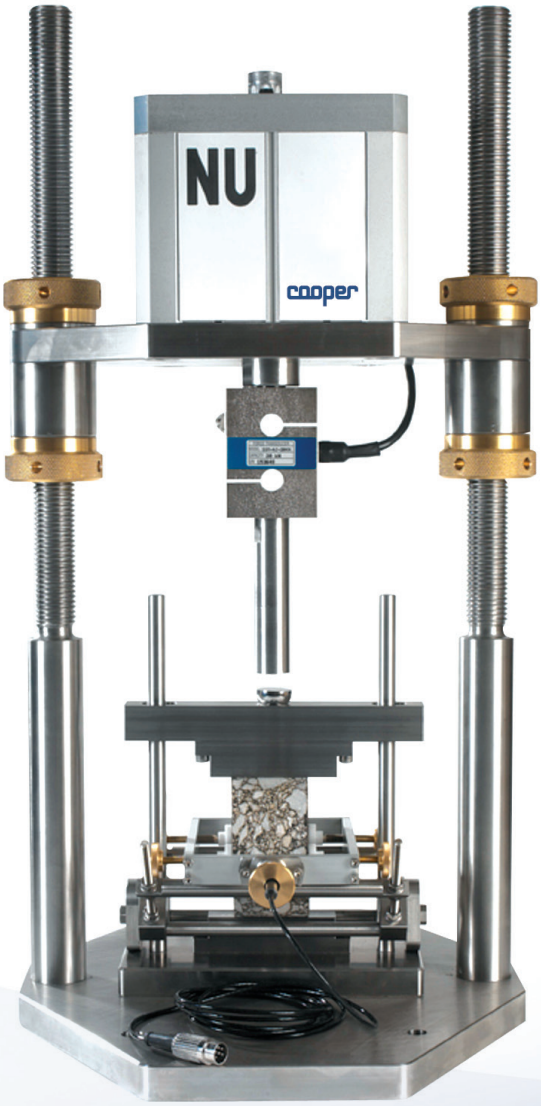
Servo-Pneumatic Universal Testing Machine

CRT-UTM-NU



Rapid determination of modulus, permanent deformation and fatigue of bituminous mixtures using cylindrical specimens that are cored from the highway or prepared in the laboratory

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

This machine is a development of the NAT which was developed by Keith Cooper and Professor Steven Brown at the University of Nottingham. The use of a high precision servo-pneumatic valve in conjunction with a low-friction actuator and sophisticated data acquisition and control, results in a performance that is equal to many servo-hydraulic systems.

Accurate, digitally generated waveforms are applied by the actuator producing repeatable stress variations in test specimens that are simulative of those in a road pavement due to moving traffic. The actuator is double-acting allowing both compressive and tensile forces to be applied. A triaxial cell system is available for the measurement of the resilient modulus of unbound materials.

KEY FEATURES

- Low cost dynamic loading universal test system ideally suited to testing asphalt and unbound granular materials
- Double acting low friction actuator with integral stroke transducer
- Utilises high performance ceramic spool servo-valve
- High quality stainless steel frame
- Issued with UKAS accredited certificate of calibration for EN 12697-24; EN 12697-25, EN 12697-26
- Accessories available to perform a range of standard and non standard test methods
- Can be supplied with standard software to perform EN, ASTM and AASHTO test methods and universal software with which to design non standard test routines

KEY USES

- Assessment of resistance to permanent deformation (rutting)
- Measurement of stiffness modulus
- Assessment of resistance to fatigue cracking
- Resilient modulus of unbound materials
- Mix design

TEST METHODS INCLUDE

ASPHALT

Modulus
- EN 12697-26 Annex C
- EN 12697-26 Annex D & E
- ASTM D7369
- ASTM D4123
- ASTM D3497
- AASHTO TP31
- AASHTO TP62 / TP79

Permanent Deformation
- EN 12697-25 Methods A & B

Fatigue
- EN 12697-24 Annex E
- ASTM D7313 DCT (Disc shaped compact tension test)
- EN 12697-44 SCB (Semi circular bending test)

Simple Performance Tests
- Dynamic Modulus; Flow number, Flow time
  NCHRP9-19; NCHRP9-29

UNBOUND MATERIALS

- AASHTO T307 (previously TP46)
- NCHRP 1-28A

SYSTEM ELEMENTS

The CRT-UTM-NU is comprised of:

- A rigid stainless steel test frame with adjustable height cross-head
- A precision servo-valve with ceramic spool
- Pneumatic actuator with low friction seals and integral stroke transducer
- Load transducer (±20kN capacity)

ADVANCED DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM*

» 20 bit resolution, 5kHz per channel
» Will accept any voltage transducer in any channel using TEDS Thermocouples
» 1024 data points per cycle
» Up to 16 digital input & output channels
» Ethernet/USB/RS232 to PC communication

* Available late 2012