

## **APPLICATION BULLETIN #2**

## AGGREGATE SAMPLES (breaking down asphalt)

Laboratory analysis of aggregate samples requires complete separation of the random sample content. Ultrasonic stimulation will provide complete separation of the mixture quickly and cleanly.

- 1. Fill the main tank 2/3 full with General Purpose Cleaner Non-Ammoniated (PC228) diluted per label instructions. This will be used as a carrier bath.
- 2. Place Auxiliary Pan containing Ultrasonic Instrument Rinsing Solution (PC197) in the main tank (double boiler fashion).
- 3. Place asphalt sample (3x3x2) in Stainless Steel Basket in the Auxiliary Pan.
- 4. Cavitate 8 to 15 minutes.
- 5. Sand and gravel particles on the bottom of the Auxiliary Pan should be stirred occasionally to insure maximum cavitation.
- 6. Pour off dirty solution from Auxiliary Pan.
- 7. Using a series of fine sifters, mixture can be graded and tested.

Note: Do not place aggregate directly into the main tank, loose material on tank bottom tends to overheat the unit.

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

Machines, Accessories\*: Q210 or S200 Ultrasonic Cleaning System with Timer,

Auxiliary Pan and Basket.

Solutions: Ultrasonic Instrument Rinsing Solution (PC197)

General Purpose Cleaner Non-Ammoniated (PC228)

\*Recommended Ultrasonic Cleaning System varies as to internal tank dimensions and volume of required cleaning.

