## Soils Field Testing Technician KT-12 Standard Compaction Test (Fine) Revised July 2016

Two attempts may be made by the applicant. The applicant may stop themselves once and not have that count as one of the two attempts. If the applicant stops voluntarily, draw a line at that point and note that the applicant stopped themselves then restart at the top of the next attempt.

**CIT #: Applicant:** Employer: 1st Test Stopped Test **Re-Test** Sample Preparation Fine Obtain a 60 to 80 lb (30 to 35 kg) sample, dry 1. at 140°F (60°C) if necessary. Break it down to PASS FAIL PASS FAIL PASS FAIL pass the No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve. Discard granular particles retained on the sieve. (4.1.1.)2. Mix thoroughly and weigh out six portions, PASS FAIL PASS FAIL PASS FAIL each weighing 5 lb (2200 g). (4.1.2.) **Test Procedure** Add a measured amount of water 3. (approximately 12% by dry mass) to one 5 lb PASS FAIL PASS FAIL PASS FAIL (2200 g) portion and thoroughly mix it into the sample. (4.2.1.)The sample of soil water mixture shall be 4. placed in a closed container to minimize moisture loss. The sample shall then be PASS FAIL PASS FAIL PASS FAIL allowed to stand for a minimum of 12 hours before conducting the moisture density test. (4.2.2.)PASS FAIL PASS FAIL PASS FAIL Obtain the mass of the mold. (4.2.3.) 5. Place the assembled mold on the rigid base 6. PASS FAIL and fill the mold so that the compacted layer PASS FAIL PASS FAIL will equal 1/3 of the mold volume. (4.2.4.) Compact the material with 25 blows of the 7. rammer dropped from a height of 12 in (304.8 PASS FAIL mm) above the surface of the material. PASS FAIL PASS FAIL Distribute the blows of the rammer evenly over the surface. (4.2.5.)

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8.	Place two more layers of the material in the mold and compact each layer as stipulated above. (4.2.6.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
9.	Remove the top collar and trim the excess material level with the top of the mold. (4.2.7.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
10.	Remove the base and trim excess material level with the bottom of the mold. (4.2.8.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
11.	Weigh the sample to the nearest 5 g while it is in the mold. (4.2.9.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
12.	Repeat the compaction procedure using the other 5 lb (2200 g) increments of the sample to which different measured amounts of water have been added. (4.2.10.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
13.	This procedure will be continued with varying moisture contents until at least three points are obtained on the dry side of "optimum moisture" and at least two points are obtained on the wet side of "optimum moisture". (4.2.10.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
14.	Remove the material from the mold and slice vertically through the center. Take a representative sample, weighing a minimum of 100 g, of the material from one of the cut faces, determine the mass immediately and dry in accordance with KT-11 to determine moisture content. (4.2.11.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
15.	Calculations <u>Calculate the dry mass and the wet mass of</u> <u>compacted soil. (6.)</u>	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
16.	Report the density to the nearest whole number. Report the moisture to the nearest whole number. (7.1.)	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL

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