

## **OPERATING MANUAL**

# Marshall Stability Load Frame MS-86 and MS-86F

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The MS-86 Marshall Stability Load Frame has a 10,000lbf (44.5kN) capacity and loading rate is fixed at 2in (50.8mm) per minute specified for Marshall testing. The loading rate is maintained at  $\pm 1\%$  by the 3/4hp DC motor and controller.

A 6.75in (171.5mm) diameter lower platen is included and the load frames have a vertical clearance of 37.3in (947mm) and horizontal clearance of 11.9in (302mm). Cross-head heights are quickly and accurately changed using the self-centering adjusting nuts. Cabinet construction is 14-gauge steel with a durable enamel finish. The 1.25in (31.8mm) diameter vertical threaded rods are plated for corrosion resistance. Malleable boots protect the precision loading screws from dust and dirt.

### **FEATURES:**

- 10,000lbf (44.5kN) capacity
- Built for Marshall Testing with fixed 2in (50.8mm) per minute loading rate
- Consistent loading rate maintained at ±1% by the 3/4hp DC motor and controller
- Easily changeable cross heads with self-centering adjusting nuts
- Flexible boots protect precision loading screws from debris

#### Included Items:

- MS-86 Marshall Stability Load Frame
- 6.75in (171.5mm) diameter lower platen

### **UNPACKING & SET UP:**

- 1. After inspecting your MS-86 for shipping damage, remove it from the pallet.
- 2. Set cross bar to appropriate height.
- 3. Install component set
  - 3.1 Load Ring and Dial Indicator
  - 3.2 Digital readout box, load cell, LVT.

The MSA-860 Digital Component Set displays asphalt load and flow measurements, transfers ASC11 file-formatted data, and must be connected to a user supplied PC.



MS-86 shown with MSA-860D, MS-26 and HMA-94

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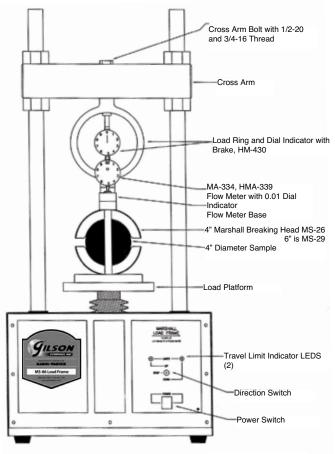
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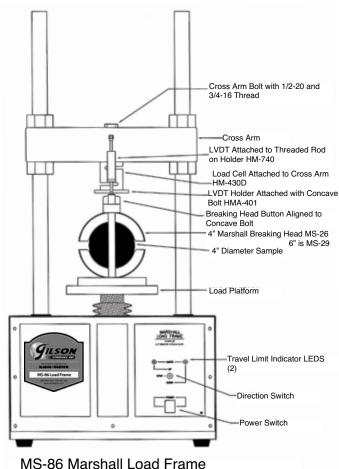
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### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Please read and understand all safety and operating instructions for the Gilson MS-86 Marshall Load Frame before placing it into service.
- 2. The controls are located on the front right side of the panel. The main power switch has an indicator light to show when power is on.
- 3. The three position toggle switch controls the platen direction of travel; up, off (in the center position), and down. The switch has a built-in hesitation to prevent damage to the motor when reversing direction.
- 4. The red limit lights indicate the maximum travel limits of the platen. The platen can travel 3.0 inches (76.2 mm).
- 5. The machine does not stop automatically when the stability load is reached. You must use the toggle switch to stop the test.
- 6. Refer to ASTM D1559 or AASHTO T-245 for instructions on performing the Marshall test.



MS-86 Marshall Load Frame with Load Ring and Flow Meter



MS-86 Marshall Load Frame with Load Cell and LVDT