

Annex J: PennDOT Roadway Conditions

STANDARDIZED ROADWAY CONDITION DESCRIPTIONS

In order to attain a common understanding of winter road conditions, the following conditions and definitions have been established.

Condition 1: Clear - No snow and ice is bonded or accumulated on the road surface. Bare pavement surface is maintained at all times.



Condition 2: Clear and wet - Bare/wet pavement surface is the general condition. There are occasional areas having snow or ice accumulations resulting from drifting, sheltering, cold spots, frozen melt-water, etc



Condition 3: Snow and/or slush covered with wheel tracks exposed - Accumulations of loose snow or slush ranging up to (2 in.) are found on the pavement surface. Packed and bonded snow and ice are not present.



Condition 4: Snow and/or slush covered - The pavement surface has continuous stretches of packed snow with or without loose snow on top of the packed snow or ice.



Condition 5: Icy - The pavement surface is completely covered with packed snow and/or ice. There may be loose snow on top of the icy or packed snow surface.



Condition 6: Impassable - The road is temporarily impassable. This may be the result of severe weather (low visibility, etc.) or road conditions (drifting, excessive unplowed snow, avalanche potential or actuality, glare ice, accidents, vehicles stuck on the road, etc.).