

Calibration of the rutting model in HDM 4 on the highway network in Macedonia

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Abstract. The World Bank HDM 4 model is adopted in many countries worldwide. It is consisted of the developed models for almost all types of deformation on the pavement structures, but it can't be used as it is developed everywhere in the world without proper adjustments to local conditions such as traffic load, climate, construction specificities, maintenance level etc. This paper presents the results of the researches carried out in Macedonia for determining calibration coefficient of the rutting model in HDM 4.

1 Introduction

This research was carried out in the period from 2010 until 2014 on a number of sections of the highway network in Macedonia, such as Veles-Gradsko, Gradsko-Negotino and Kumanovo-Miladinovci in total length of around 100 km.

The purpose of the research was to provide initial calibration coefficient of the rutting model on the highway network in Macedonia. The data used for the research was provided by regular measurement in the period from 2002 to 2006 and from 2010 to 2014. It should be noted that no significant maintenance activities were taken in the period from 2006 to 2010. The paper presents the results of the calibration of the rutting model in HDM4 [1-8].

2 Description of rutting development model

According to HDM-4 the rutting model consists of the following components:

- Initial thickening
- Structural deformation
- Plastic deformation
- Wear and tear due to use of winter tyres

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In most cases, only the first three components of the rutting development are taken into account, because there are, usually no data on the influence of winter tyres on the appearance of rutting.

3 Initial thickening

Initial thickening is given in the following equation:

$$RDO = K_{rid} \left[a_0 \cdot (YE 4 \cdot 10^6)^{(a_1+a_2 \cdot DEF)} \cdot SNP^{a_3} \cdot COMP^{a_4} \right] \quad (1)$$

RDO- rutting caused by initial thickening [mm]

K_{rid} - calibration coefficient for a certain initial thickening

YE4- average annual number of equivalent standard axes [million/lane]

DEF- average annual deflection [mm]

SNP- modified structural number of the pavement

COMP- relative compacting (%) (Table 1)

a_i - model coefficients

Table 1. Recommended values of the relative compacting level COMP

Compactness	Relative compactness COMP [%]
Total compactness in all layers	100
Total compactness in some layers	95
Adequate compactness in most layers	90
Inadequate compactness in most layers	85

What is of special importance is the relation between the advancement of the initial rutting and the standard deviation. Currently, HDM-4 enables for positive linear relation between the rutting and the resulting standard deviation of the rutting depth. It is considered that this trend can be negative in the initial stages of thickening.

Table 2. Values of the coefficient of the model of initial thickening of pavements without creation of cracks.

a_0	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4
51740	0.09	0.0384	-0.502	-2.30

4 Structural information

Rutting is a very good indicator of the pavement structure condition. For example, on the world level, rutting is one of the key indicators of the condition that is used in the road maintenance contracts. It is supposed that the appearance of rutting in the road network shall gain importance in future, receiving increased understanding of the condition.

HDM -4 gives two forms of rutting progress on cracked and non-cracked sections:

- Structural deformation on no-cracked sections

$$RDST_{UC} = K_{ist} \cdot (a_0 \cdot SNP^{a_1} \cdot YE 4^{a_2} \cdot COMP^{a_3}) \quad (2)$$

- Structural deformation after the incurrence of cracks

$$RDST_{CRK} = K_{ist} \cdot (a_0 \cdot SNC^{a_1} \cdot YE 4^{a_2} \cdot MMP^{a_3} \cdot ACX^{a_4}) \quad (3)$$

$\Delta RDST$ – gradual increase of the structural deformation in the year of analysis [mm]

K_{rst} - coefficient of calibration for a structural deformation

YE4- annual number of equivalent standard axes [million/lane]

COMP- relative compacting [%]

MMP- average monthly precipitations [mm/month]

SNC- modified structure number of the pavement

ACX- area of non-indexed cracks [% from the total lane of traffic lane]

a_i model coefficients

$$K_{\text{KO}} \text{ACX}_a = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta RST = \Delta RST_{uc}$$

$$K_{\text{KO}} \text{ACX}_a > 0 \Rightarrow \Delta RST = \Delta RST_{uc} + \Delta RST_{crk}$$

ΔRST_{uc} - increase of rutting due to structure deformation on non-cracked pavements [mm]

ΔRST_{crk} - increase of rutting due to structure deformation on cracked pavements [mm]

Table 3. Values of the coefficients of the structure deformation model

Pavement condition	a_0	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4
Without cracks	44950	-1.14	0.11	-2.3	
With cracks	0.0000248	-0.84	0.14	1.07	1.11

5 Plastic deformation

Due to plastic deformation, rutting is represented in HDM-4 as follows:

$$RDPD = K_{rpd} \cdot CDS^3 \cdot a_0 \cdot YE4 \cdot Sh^{a_1} HS^{a_2} \quad (4)$$

$\Delta RDPD$ - Gradual increase of plastic deformation in the year of analysis [mm]

K_{rpd} - calibration coefficient for plastic deformations

CDS- construction defect indicator

YE4- annual number of equivalent standard axes [million/lane]

Sh- velocity of heavy-duty vehicles [km/h]

HS- overall thickness of asphalt layers

a_i - model coefficients

Table 4. Values of the plastic deformation model coefficients

a_0	a_1	a_2
2.46	-0.78	0.71

6 Rutting as a result of wear and tear due to use of winter tyres

The form of the model is given by the following equation:

$$RDW = K_{rsw} \left(a_0 \text{PASS}^{a_1} W^{a_2} S^{a_3} \text{SALT}^{a_4} \right) \quad (5)$$

RDW - rutting due to the use of winter tyres in the analyzed year [mm]

PASS - annual number of vehicles with winter tyres per direction

S - average velocity of traffic flow [km/h]

SALT - variable depending on whether salt is used in winter maintenance (**SALT** =1 – no salt used; **SALT** =2 – salt usef)

K_{rsw} - coefficient of calibration of the rutting method due to use of winter tyres

The model coefficients are given on the following table.

Table 5. Values of the coefficients of the plastic deformation model

Pavement surface type	a0	a1	a2	a3	a4
All types	0.000248	1	-0.46	1.22	0.32

7 Overall rutting size

The increase of rutting on annual level is given in the following equations:

$$\text{If } AGE4 \leq 1 \Rightarrow \Delta RDM = K_{pd} (RDO + \Delta RDPD + \Delta RDW) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{If } AGE4 > 1 \Rightarrow \Delta RDM = K_{pd} (\Delta RDST + \Delta RDPD + \Delta RDW) \quad (7)$$

AGE4 - age of the pavement regarding to the appearance of rutting, in years

ΔRDM - increase of the overall rutting size on annual level

K_{pd} - calibration coefficient for all rutting

The overall rutting size is determined as follows:

$$RDM = \Delta RDM + RD_a \quad (8)$$

RD_a - the overall rutting size at the beginning of the analyzed year

8 Rutting calibration methodology

Calibration of rutting progressing is a simple process of comparison of the envisaged and the existing rutting depth by establishing the relation between the geometric mean value of the measured rutting depth, **ORDM** and the geometric mean value of the rutting depth.

$$K_{rp} = \frac{\text{GeometricMean}[\text{ORDM}_i]}{\text{GeometricMean}[\text{PRDM}_i]} \quad (9)$$

The rutting model calibration coefficient can be calculated by the sums of the logarithms of the measured and anticipated value

$$K_{rp} = \frac{\sum (\log \text{ORDM}_i)}{\sum (\log \text{PRDM}_i)} \quad (10)$$

K_{rp} - coefficient of calibration of the rutting depth development

PRDM- rutting depth envisaged for the section

ORDM- measured rutting depth

It must be noted that, as per the HDM recommendations on calibration level 2 it is sufficient to determine the coefficient of calibration of the overall rutting depth, whereas for level 3 of calibration, it is necessary to establish all coefficients of calibration of the individual rutting components (K_{rid} , K_{rpd} , K_{rst} и K_{rsw})

9 Measuring of rutting depth

Figure 1 gives the distribution of the increase, that is, the deepening of the rutting in the periods of analysis. The figure includes all rutting measures, except on sections where subsequent measurement indicates errors. The determined precision of rutting measuring is of 1mm. The average annual increase of the rutting is of 4.2 mm (standard deviation = 1, and the changes vary from 0 to 7,4 mm/annually).

Remarks from this figure include the following:

- The annual increase of the rutting depth is within 4mm for all intervals of analysis.
- The maximal annual increase of the rutting is of 11mm, and the minimal one is of 2mm.

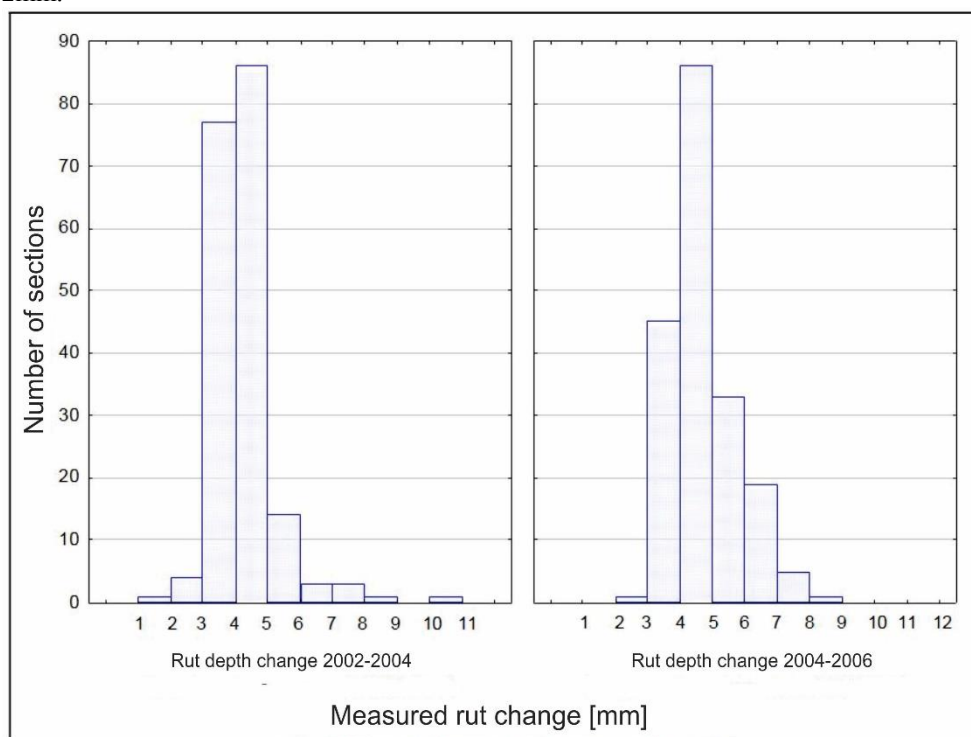


Fig. 1. Rutting increase distribution. Source: Public Enterprise of State Roads, 2002-2006

10 Calibraton of the HDM rutting model

The format of the HDM-4 rutting model has been adopted within this research fort he establishment of the calibration coefficient. Figure 2 shows the change in the rutting depth for the non-calibrated model (the calibration coefficient being of 1).

Figures 2 and 3 indicate that there is no coincidence between the envisaged and the factual change of the rutting depth. The measured data demonstrate an annual change of 4mm, while the envisaged change of the rutting depth is of 2mm per year. On the other hand,

the non-calibrated model demonstrates that the depth of the rutting on the new pavements is of 20mm, which is not appropriate (the line of the envisaged and appeared depths and changes of the rutting begins at 20mm).

The acquired calibration coefficient as pursuant to the data obtained in Macedonia is given in Table 6 (equation 9).

Table 6. Calibration coefficient for rutting depth

Type of data	Calibration coefficient (K_{pd})	Error function RMSE
All data	0.62	3657.7

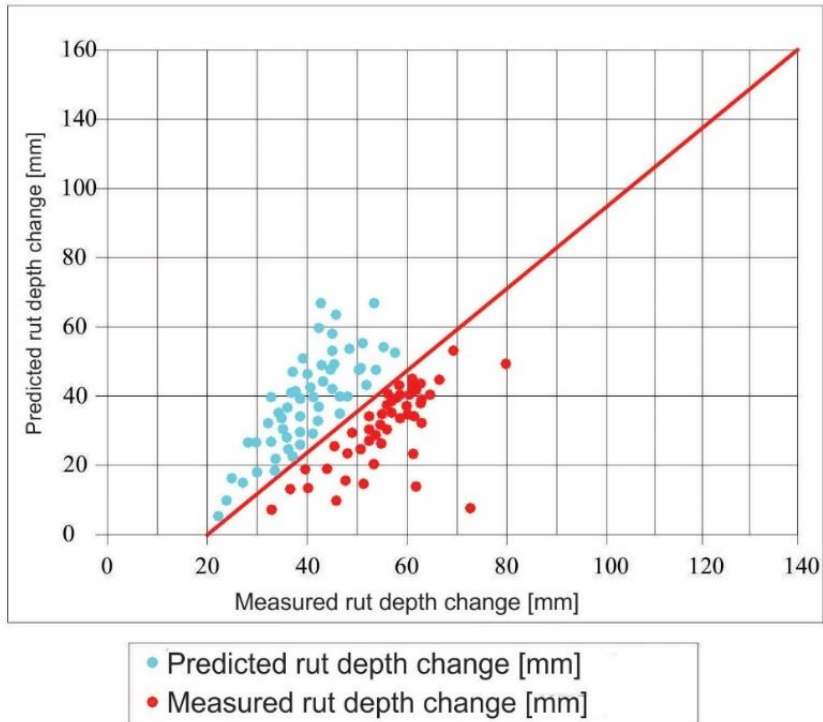


Fig. 2. Relation between the predicted and measured change of rutting depth of the non-calibrated HDM model (Default model) Source: Own research

Figure 4 demonstrates that the relation between the measured and the real change of the rutting on annual level is already established by the new value of the calibration coefficient, $K_{pd}=0.62$.

Figure 5 shows that the new calibration coefficient establishes a practically ideal relation between the envisaged and the measured data on the rutting depth. It leads to the conclusion that the rutting development method with the adopted calibration coefficient can be used with high level of certainty.

Note:

The RMSE error function is obtained as a square root of the difference between the envisaged and the real values of the rutting.

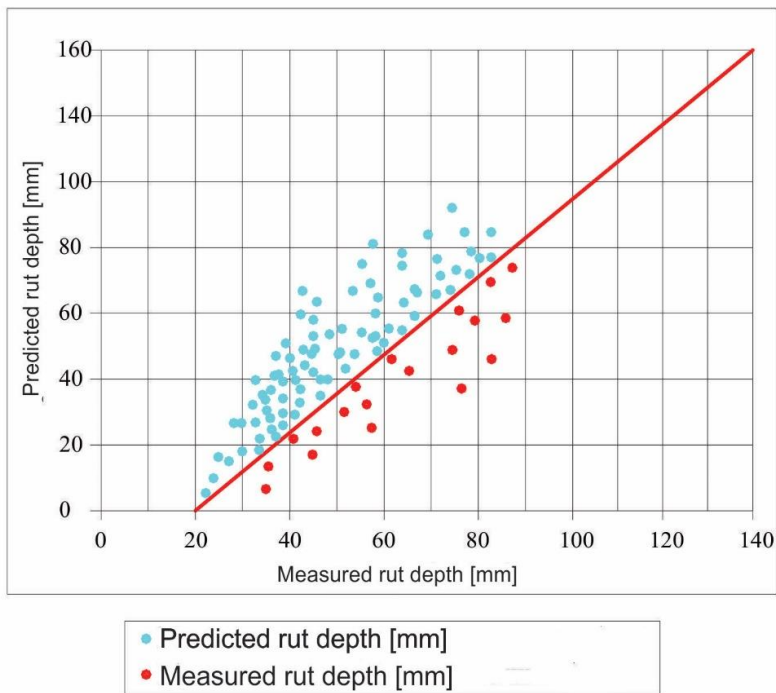


Fig. 3. Relation between the envisaged and the measured rutting depth in the non-calibrated HDM model (Default model) Source: Own research

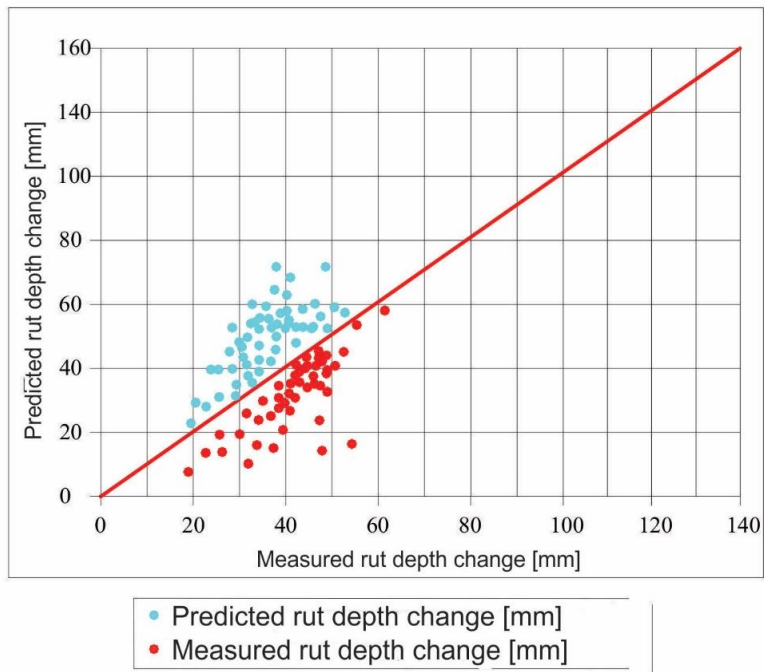


Fig. 4. Relation between the envisaged and measured change of the rutting depth in the calibrated HDM model. Source: Own research

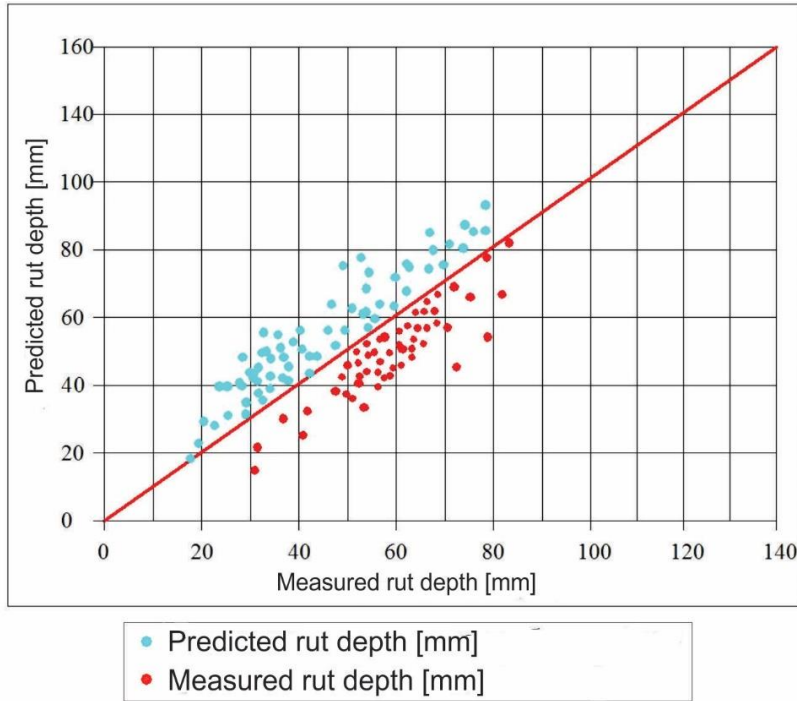


Fig. 5. Comparison between the real and the envisaged rutting depth for the HDM-4 calibrated model. Source: Own research

It must be noted that some anticipations have been made regarding certain sizes on which there are not data.

Relative compacting: $COMP = 98\%$

Crack percentage: $ACX = 3-17\%$ for pavements aged from 10 to 20 years

Heavy-duty vehicle velocity: $S_h = 50\text{km/h}$

Use of salt in winter maintenance : $SALT = 2$ (salt used)

Average traffic flow velocity: $S = 80\text{km/h}$

Average annual number of vehicles with winter tyres: $PASS = 0.6PGDS$

Conclusion

The obtained calibration coefficient yields satisfactory results in comparison with the non-calibrated model. However, it must be noted that the research lacked new data on the rutting depth.

The only available data were the ones obtained in the period of 2002-2006 and 2010-2014. Despite the incompleteness of the measures conducted from 2006-2010, they were sufficient to offer control on the rutting development in the period from 2010 to 2014.

Nevertheless, more comprehensive analyses are necessary, within the period of at least 10 years as well as possible development of another model, which in fact is calibration of level 3 according to HDM.

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