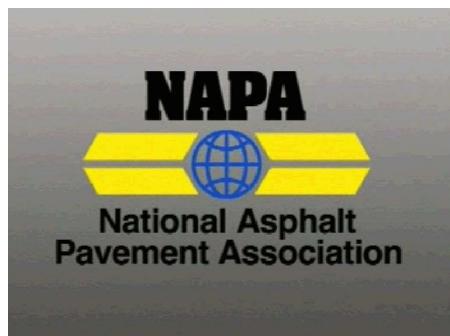


# Hot-Mix Asphalt Construction



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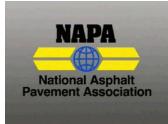
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## Module 1

1. Introduction
2. Communication
3. Project Documents



### 1. Introduction: *Class Format*

- Lecture/discussion
- Informal
- Questions are encouraged
- Class participation is essential
- Respect others
- Observe class schedule



### 1. Introduction: *Course Options*

#### Gauge User

- Radiation Safety
- Exam Friday
- Certified to perform Nuclear Density Testing

#### Non-Gauge User

- Exam Thursday



## **1. Introduction: *Revisions***

### **MP 106.03.50: General Information Guide Technician And Inspector Certification**

#### **Section 10: Asphalt Field and Compaction Technician**

*“Participant shall complete a minimum 40 hours of hands-on training”*

*“Practical exam may be attempted prior to the completion of the apprenticeship cycle”*

*“All Practical Examinations must be completed within 90 days from the date of the original written test date”*

## **1. Introduction: *Objectives***

1. Describe the purpose of project documents and cooperative communication on the job
2. List the steps involved in preparing bases and existing surfaces for asphalt overlays
3. Define a proper asphalt delivery process to the job site
4. Explain the effect of the various components of an asphalt paving machine on the finished mat
5. Describe what effect the compaction process has on the finished pavement

## **1. Introduction: *Reference Materials***

- **Participant’s Workbook**

- **Asphalt Paving Handbook**

- **WVDOH Materials**

- **Compaction Worksheets 401 & 407**

- **Daily Work Report**

- **Tack Coat Form (SM)**

- **DOH Website**



Asphalt Paving Handbook  
2020 Edition  
Updated with Video Links



## **1. Introduction: *Objectives***

6. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the WVDOH Inspector
7. Describe how density measurements are taken
8. Explain the different processes of QC/QA for testing
9. Define the key components of PWL paving
10. Describe the process for troubleshooting if things go wrong

## **1. Introduction: Objectives**

- **Typical design**

- Superpave? Marshall? SMA? OGFC?

- **Contractors/material suppliers**

- Aggregate source? Skid??

- **Specs...401, 410?**

- **Hauling**

- **Laydown**

- **Compaction**

- **Other?**

## **1. Introduction:**

*“at least one certified Asphalt Field and Compaction Technician at each project during paving operations.”*

- **FHWA Requirement**

- **Training for asphalt paving projects**

- **Confidence in work**

## **1. Introduction**

*“certified Asphalt Field and Compaction Technician with certification to perform nuclear density testing of asphalt pavements shall perform all testing necessary to assure compaction of the asphalt meets specification requirements.”*

- **FHWA Requirement**
- **Training for asphalt paving projects**
- **Confidence in work**



## **PAR Review**

### **Asphalt Pavement Construction in West Virginia**

**October 2022**

## **1. Introduction: *Certification***

- Value to you
- Value to company
- Downsizing...who goes first?

## **2. Communication**



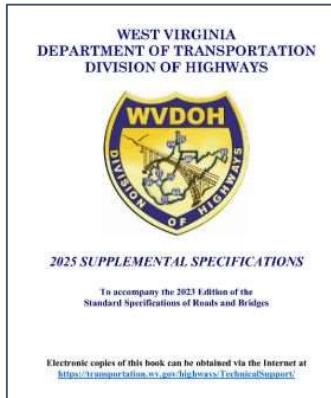
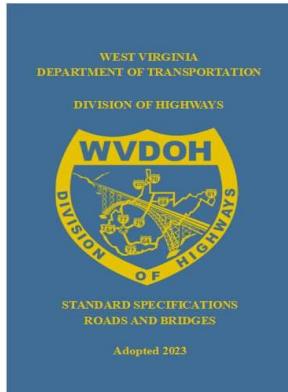
## **2. Communication**

- Schedule
- Weather forecast
- Closed Lanes
- Traffic Control
- Plant issues
- Other requirements/ restrictions
- CHANGES

**Safety**



### 3. Project Documents



### 3. Project Documents

- Reports
- Change Orders
- Pay Estimates
- As-Built Plans
- Traffic Control Plan
- **Job Mix Formula**
  - Max Density
- **Compaction Forms**
  - 401/407
  - Spec year?
- **Tack Coat Forms**
  - Residual
- Daily Work Report

### 3. Project Documents: *Hierarchy*

1. Special Provisions
2. Plans
3. Supplemental Specifications
4. Standard Specifications

### 3. Project Documents:

1. **Special Provisions**
  - Project specific additions or revisions to the standard or supplemental specifications
2. **Plans**
  - Drawings of location, character, dimensions, and details of work
  - Plan notes

### 3. Project Documents:

#### 3. Supplemental Specifications

- Approved additions and/or revisions to standard specifications
- Typos are issued as errata

#### 4. Standard Specifications

- Directions, provisions, and requirements for performing the work illustrated and described in the plans
- Methods of performing the work, desired outcome, or qualities and quantities of materials and labor to be furnished

### The “Team”

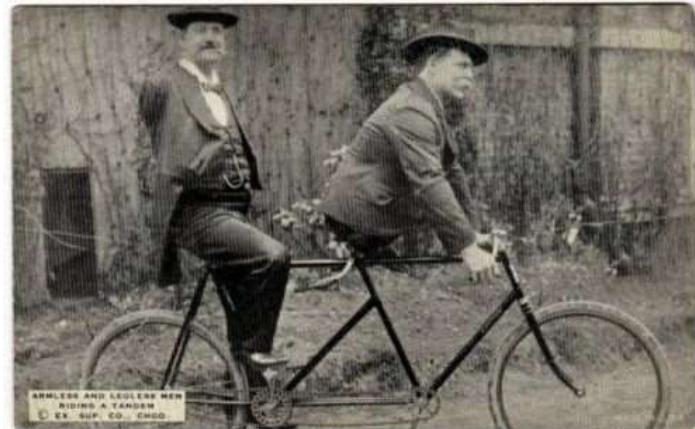
- **Owners**

- Long-term performance
- Ensure quality

- **HMA Industry**

- Provide quality
- Increase performance
- Lower costs

### Teamwork and Cooperation



### Module 2

1. QC/QA
2. Specifications
3. Variability



## 1. QC / QA

### 1. QC/QA: *Learning Objectives*

1. **Describe and differentiate between quality control (QC) and quality assurance (QA)**
2. **Relate different types of specifications to pavement performance and to risk**
3. **Identify sources of variability within HMA construction process**
4. **Explain the use of statistical analysis of test results for QC and QA**

### 1. QC: *Quality Control*

- QC refers to the control component of the production or construction process
- Also referred to as process control
- QC ensures the production of uniform materials that meet specification
- QC is achieved through periodic inspection and testing
- QC is the responsibility of the producer or contractor!

### 1. QA: *Quality Assurance*

- QA refers to the assurance portion of the overall inspection process
- QA assures the buyer/owner that the producer's test results are accurate
- Sampling and testing for acceptance are typically conducted at less frequency and with greater randomization than the producer's process
- QA is the responsibility of the buyer!

### *1. QA: Elements of QA*



### *1. QA: Elements of QA*



*Producer / Contractor provides documentation that the material / end product met specification.*

### *1. QA: Elements of QA*



*Buyer / Owner determines if the quality of the product as specified in the contract requirements*

### *1. QA: Elements of QA*

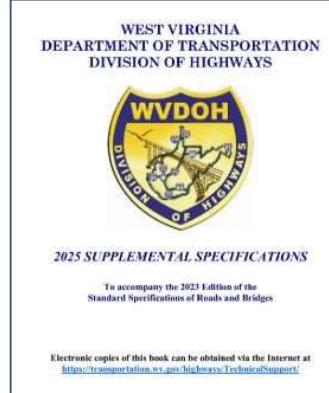
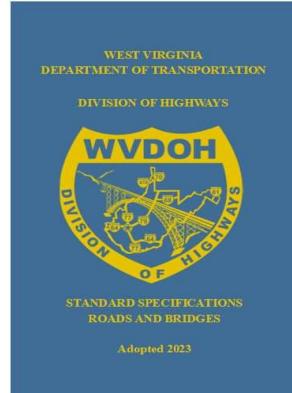


*Activities that combine to produce an unbiased and independent evaluation of all the sampling and testing procedures used in the acceptance program*

## *1. QC/QA: Examples*

Buyer/ Owner	Product	QC Process	Accept- ance	Independent Assurance
Individual	New Car	?	?	?
Individual	Fast Food	?	?	?
Public Agency	Road- way	?	?	?

## **2. Specifications:**



## *2. Specifications: Objectives*

- 1. Types**
- 2. Relationship to performance**
- 3. Risk considerations**

## **2. Specifications: Types**

- Method (Recipe)
- QC/QA
- End-Result
- Performance

## *2. Specifications: Method*

- Old school
- Owner prepares designs and sets requirements for structure, materials and construction processes
- Contractor supplies manpower, materials and equipment
- Owner is responsible for inspection
- Payment based on labor, materials, and equipment use
- Problems:
  - Little or no testing
  - Question of quality
  - Uncertainty of performance

## *2. Specifications: QC/QA*

- Lies between method and end-result specifications
- Separates QC from QA
- Applies statistical approach to both QC and QA
- Requires inspection and testing
- Introduced pay adjustment as a function of QA testing
- Most Common

## *2. Specifications: End-Result*

- Owner specifies the expected end-result of the finished pavement such as:
  - Layer thickness
  - Mix properties
  - Smoothness
- Establishes criteria for acceptance (including rejection and pay adjustment)



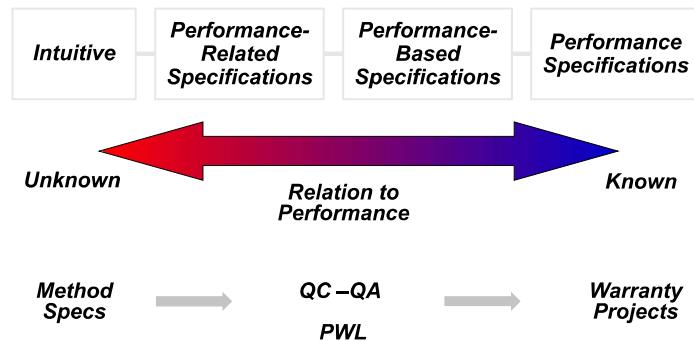
## *2. Specifications: End-Result*

- Owner does NOT specify equipment nor methods of construction
- Increased testing, statistically rigorous, and considers owner and contractor risk
- Requires both QC and QA
- Third party (for independent assurance) often required
- Commonly used

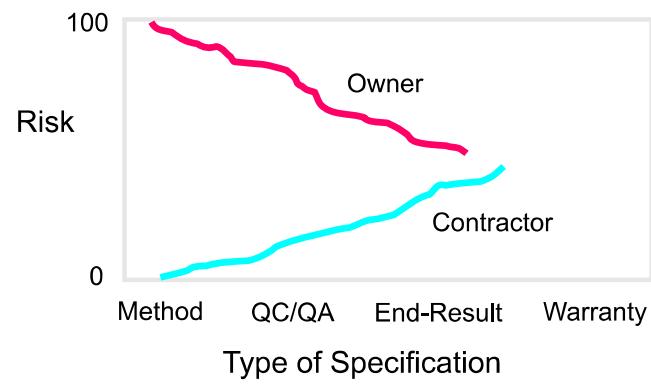
## 2. Specifications: *Performance*

- Performance-related
- Performance-based
- Guarantee and Warranty

## 2. Specifications: *Relationship*



## 2. Specifications: *Risk Considerations*

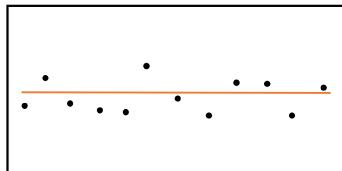


## 3. Variability

### 3. Variability

- What is it?

Property



- Importance
- Properties affected
- Standard measures
- Sources

### 3. Variability: *Importance*

- Major effect on:

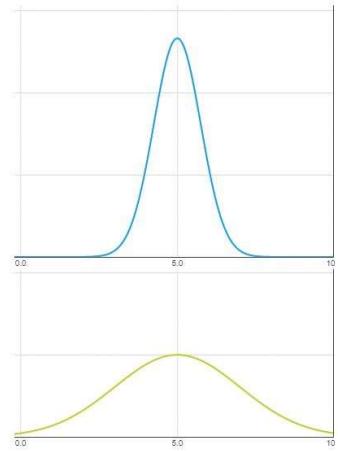
- Quality control
- Quality assurance
- Pay adjustment
- Pavement performance

### 3. Variability: *Properties Affected*

- Thickness
- Aggregate gradation
- Asphalt content
- Air void content (or density)
- Smoothness

### 3. Variability: *Standard Measures*

- Range
- Standard deviation



### *3. Variability: Sources*

- Materials and construction:
  - Plant (stockpiles, cold feeds, binder addition, additives, mixing, transfer and storage)
  - Hauling (loading, transport, unloading)
  - Paver (operation)
  - Compaction (roller equipment and patterns)
- Sampling and testing....

### *3. Variability: Reduce Variability*

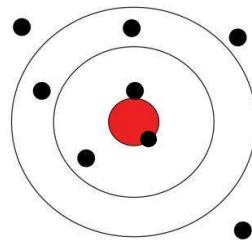
- Technician Training
- Certification (Qualified Workforce)
- Laboratory Accreditation (AASHTO Re:Source)
- Regionalize/Standardize Test Methods
- Regionalize/Standardize Test Method Options
- Proficiency Sample Programs (Round Robins)

### *3.. Variability: Statistical Analysis for QC*

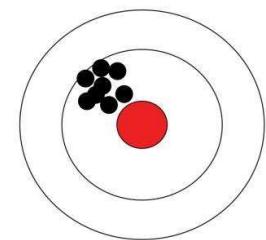


### **Who is the better shooter?**

Shooter 1

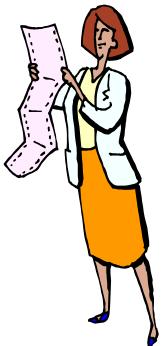


Shooter 2



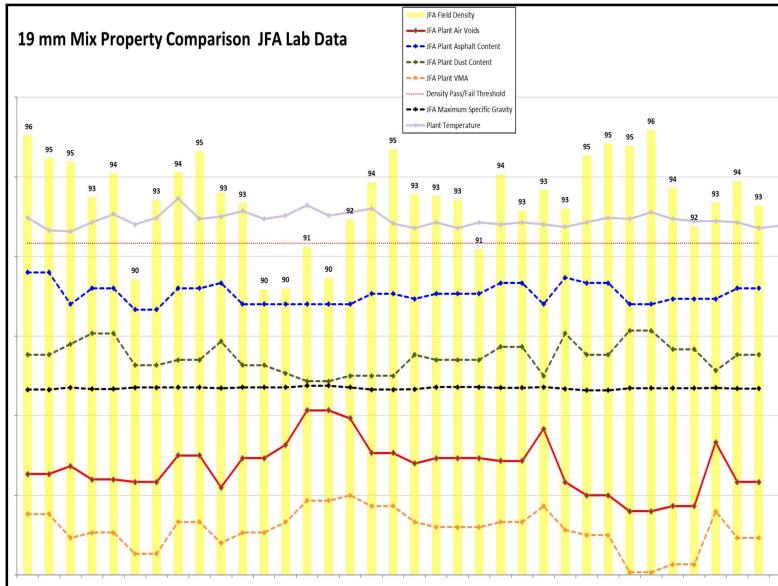
### 3. Variability: *Control Charts*

- What is plotted?
  - Control sieves
  - Asphalt content
  - Specific gravities
  - Voids and VMA
  - In-place density
  - Layer thickness



### 3. Variability: *Control Charts*

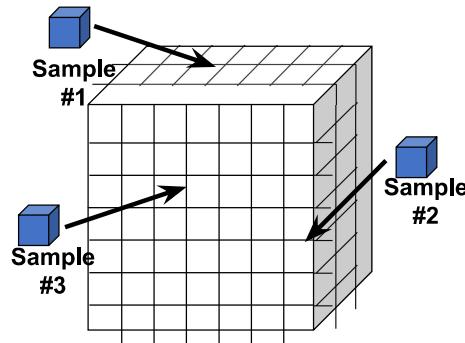
- Early detection of trends
- Establish process capability
- Decrease inspection frequency
- Permanent record of quality
- Provide a basis for acceptance
- Instill quality awareness
- Taking corrective measures
- Evaluating data for cost savings
- Recording and reporting



### 3. Variability: *Statistical Analysis for QA*

- Sampling
- Testing
- Apply acceptance criteria
- Determine pay adjustment

## **Sampling**

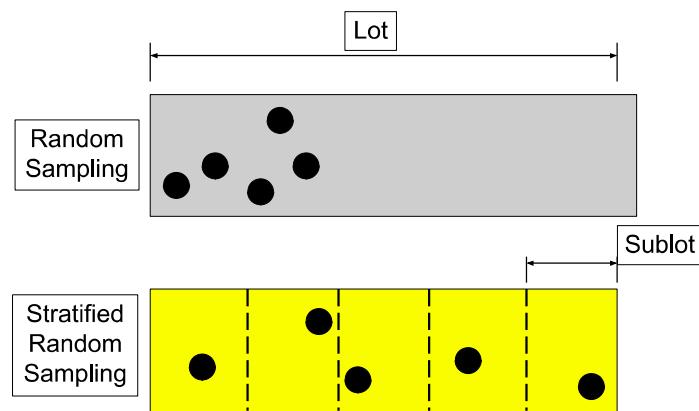


### ***3. Variability: Random Sampling***

- Any portion of the population has equal chance of being selected
- Bias is introduced when judgment is used
- Use random number tables



### ***3. Variability: Lots and Sublots***



## **Pay Adjustments**

- Most QA processes apply pay factor to adjust payment on a lot-by-lot basis
  - PWL and/or PD are commonly used to calculate Pay Factors (both penalty and bonus)
  - Pay Factors are typically determined for different factors and then combined
  - Max and limits on Pay Factors are established
- Not common to consider the Contractor's QC process

## **Payment Based on PWL**

- Small number of tests results outside the specification limits is normal and not necessarily detrimental to performance
- Can also define Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) for key M&C factors (within which no pay adjustment is made)

## **Summary**

1. Differentiate between quality control (QC) and quality assurance (QA)
2. Different types of specifications (relate to performance and risk)
3. Sources of variability within HMA construction process (emphasis on M&C variability)
4. Statistical analysis for QC (control charts) and QA (sampling to payment)

## **Questions**



## Module 3 – Surface Preparation

Chapter 5 – Asphalt Paving Handbook



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### Learning Objectives

- Why surface preparation matters
- Explore the different existing conditions prior to HMA overlay
- Explore various repair techniques
- Describe proper Milling techniques
- Describe proper Tack coat applications



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### Why surface preparation matters?

- The performance of an HMA pavement under traffic is directly related to the condition of the surface on which it was placed.
- “Why bother - it gets covered up anyway”
  - Surface prep often doesn’t get the attention it needs. It is easy to cover up problems with HMA, but rarely do the problems go away.
- Properly prepared surface conditions will maximize the performance of the new HMA surface (or overlay).

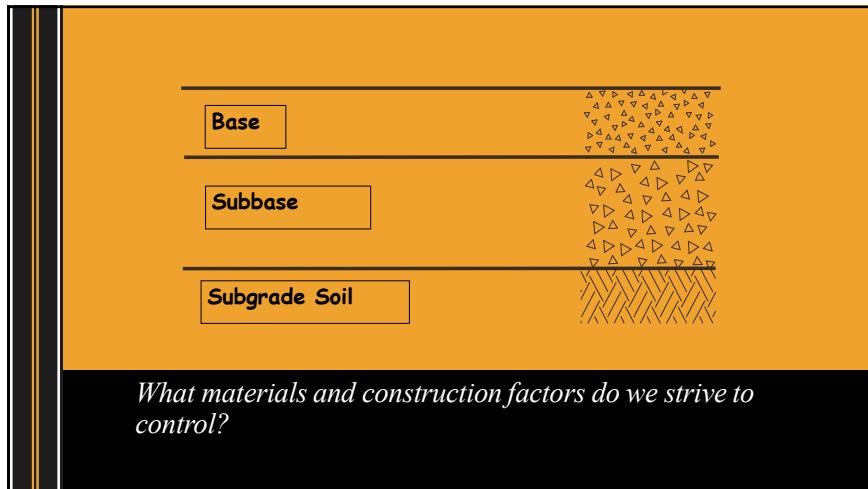


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### Preparation of the Subsurface Layers for a New Pavement



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**Is this subgrade ready?**



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**Re-Work Weak Areas**



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## Aggregate Base Preparation

- For best results use an asphalt paver
  - Improvements to overall pavement smoothness



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## Preparing for an Overlay on an Existing Asphalt Surface

- All depends on the its condition



Good Condition vs Poor Condition



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## Treatment options

- Overlay
- Patching
- Level or Scratch courses
- Base repairs
- Crack Sealing
- Milling



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## Pavement Surface Repairs Must

- Address the distress mechanism (as well as symptom)
- Employ proper materials and construction procedures
- The plans and specification should define the contractor's responsibility for surface repairs.



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## Is this old patch okay?



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## Patch Construction

- Mark patch boundaries
- Cut boundaries
- Remove HMA and weak materials
- Repair foundation
- Apply tack coat
- Place HMA patch material (max lift of 4")
- Compact the patch



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## Mark Patch Boundaries

- Identify limits that exceed the distressed area (recalling that the condition of the HMA is usually worse at the bottom than at the top).
- Mark straight boundary lines with areas as rectangular as possible.
- Extend boundaries into existing surface by at least 1-foot
- Consider width of your compaction equipment.



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## Cut Boundaries

- Ensure Clean, vertical faces
- Keep repairs with square corners and rectangular in shape
- Use diamond saw to cut edges
  - Consider partial-depth saw cut for thick HMA surfaces to retain some interlock.



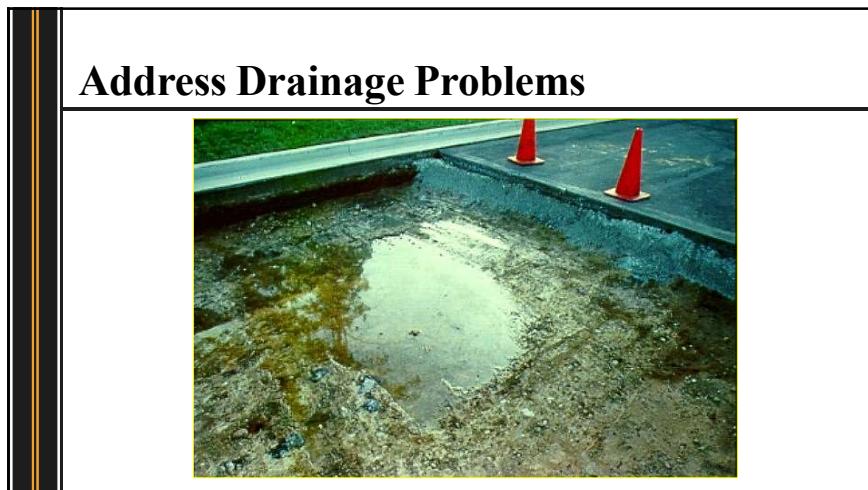
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### Repair Foundation (Base Compaction)



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### Apply Tack Coat



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### Place HMA Patch Material



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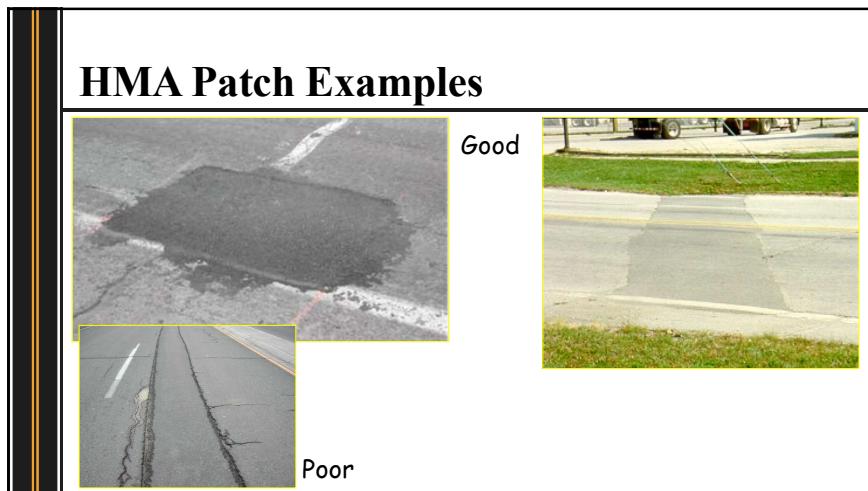
### Patch Compaction

#### Small Patches

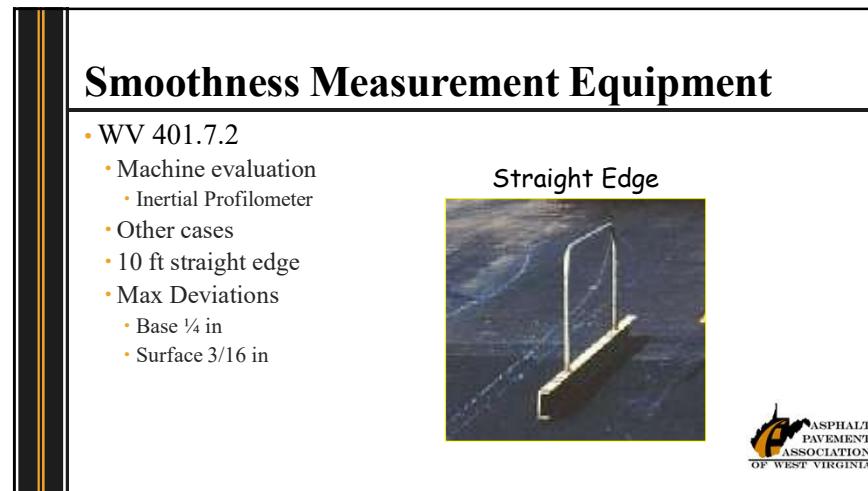


Medium to Large Patches

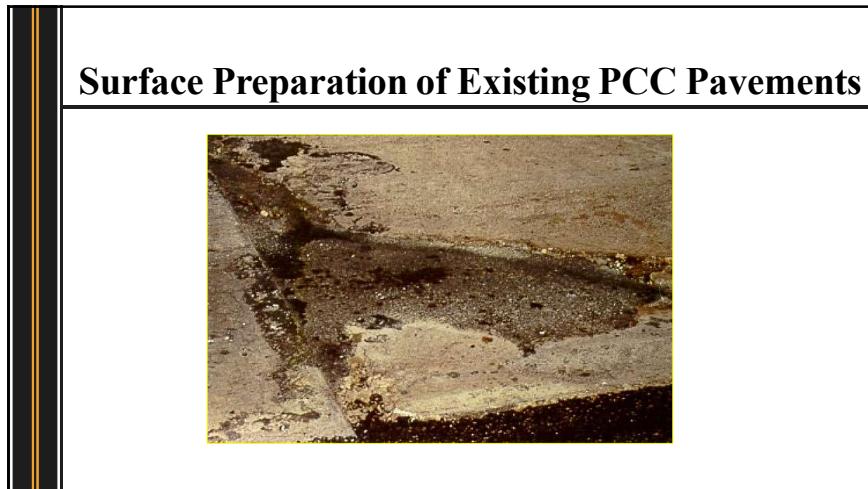
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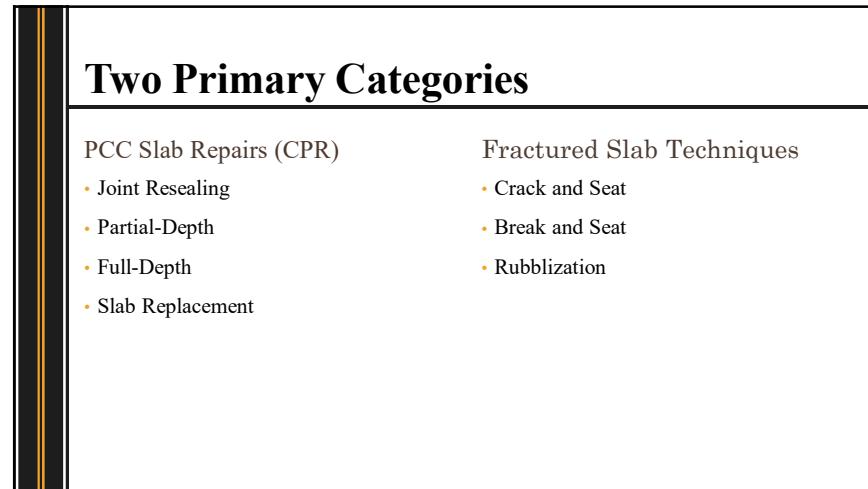
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## PCC Slab Repairs



Partial-Depth Repair



Full-Depth Repair

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## Rubblization



Resonant Frequency Pavement Breaker



Multiple Drop Hammer

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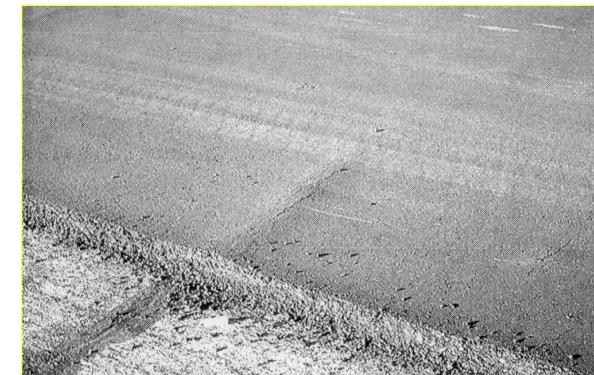
## What is Rubblization?

- The Rubblized material has the structural capacity of a high-quality tightly keyed and interlocked stone layer
  - Eliminates slab action
  - Destroys bond between concrete and steel
  - Layer cannot crack; already fractured
  - High-density
- Proper compaction (and perhaps even a layer of crushed aggregate to provide a better working surface) is required prior to overlay placement



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## Potential Problem with Crack Sealing



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## Improving the Template

- Patch and Level
- Scratch Course
- Milling



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## Patch and Level

- WVDOH
  - General: Patching and Leveling is to be placed at various locations throughout the project to remove irregularities in the existing pavement
    - Dips
    - Raise outside edge
    - Uniform template
  - Not specified as a continuous layer



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## Scratch Course

- WVDOH
  - General: Scratch course shall be specified when deviations in the existing pavement are less than 1 inch in depth.
    - Full lane width
    - Not a constant thickness
    - Equipment "drags" on high spots and fills low spots
  - Can be placed over entire pavement or limits specified by engineer.



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## Surface Leveling Course



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## Manually Placed Leveling Course



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## What caused these problems?



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## Surface Milling and Micromilling



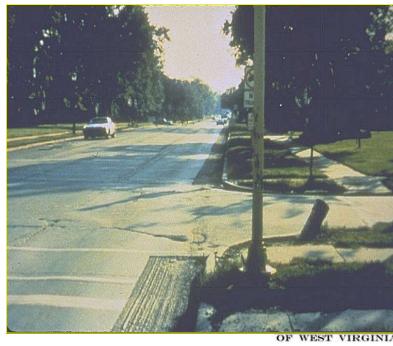
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## Uses for Surface Milling

- Surface distress removal
  - Rutting, raveling, surface cracking
- Achieve desired profile/grade correction
  - Allows smoother placement of the overlay
  - Utilized often in lieu of a leveling course
- Maintain curb reveal
- Improve bond between layer



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## Delamination potential

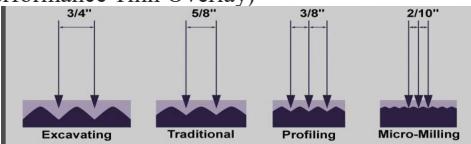
- Ensure milling depth removes distress
- Do not leave scabs or unadhered materials on surface



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## Micromilling

- Finer texture than standard milling
- Special provision
  - Remove less material
  - Template correction
- Existing surfaces with minimal distress
- Used with thin preservation treatments (High Performance Thin Overlay)



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## Surface Milling and Ride Quality

- Milling is the first opportunity for a contractor to achieve smoothness requirements
- Mills can be outfitted with grade control devices
  - Ski, laser, GPS, etc.



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## Surface Preparation

- After patching and sealing, and prior to applying the tack coat, the surface must be properly clean and dry.
- Typically, a power broom or street sweeper is used.
- Any foreign material (dried mud, spilled asphalt, etc.) must be removed.
- Cleaning is typically done immediately prior to placing the tack.



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## Surface Preparation

- What is “CLEAN AND DRY”?
- Clean...
  - Remove anything that would interfere with adhesion or with placement operations, e.g. dust, loose aggregate, soil, leaves, pieces or lumps of foreign material, etc.
- Dry...
  - Emulsions may be placed on “damp” surfaces
  - Pavement should not be wet



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## Apply Tack Coat

- While the surface is still clean, apply the tack coat (as shown in top photo).
- Slow-set asphalt emulsions are typically used
- Distributor must be working properly for even application



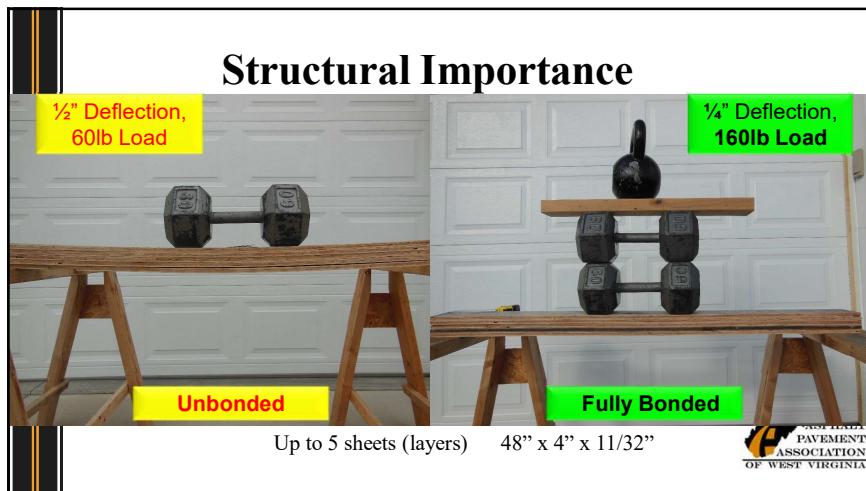
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## Why do we tack??

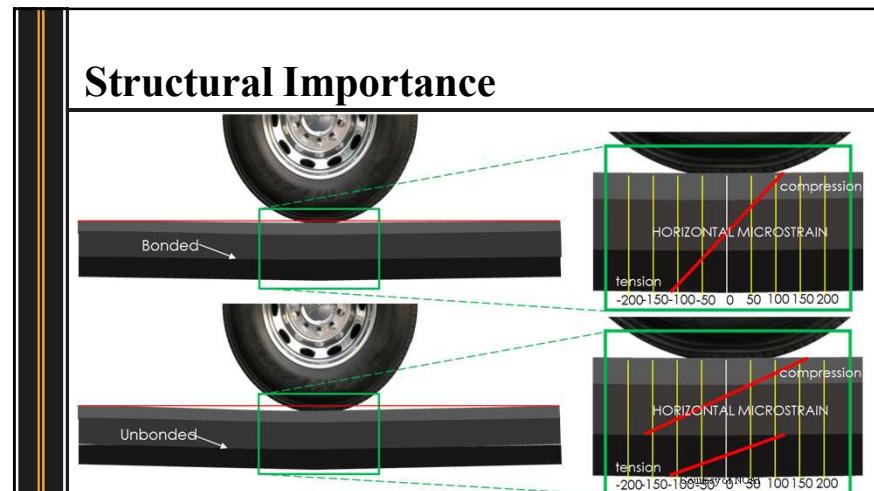
- To bond paving layers in order to create a monolithic pavement structure
- Failure to achieve a Monolithic Layer??
  - Flexural strength is reduced
  - Structural design is invalid
  - Premature failure



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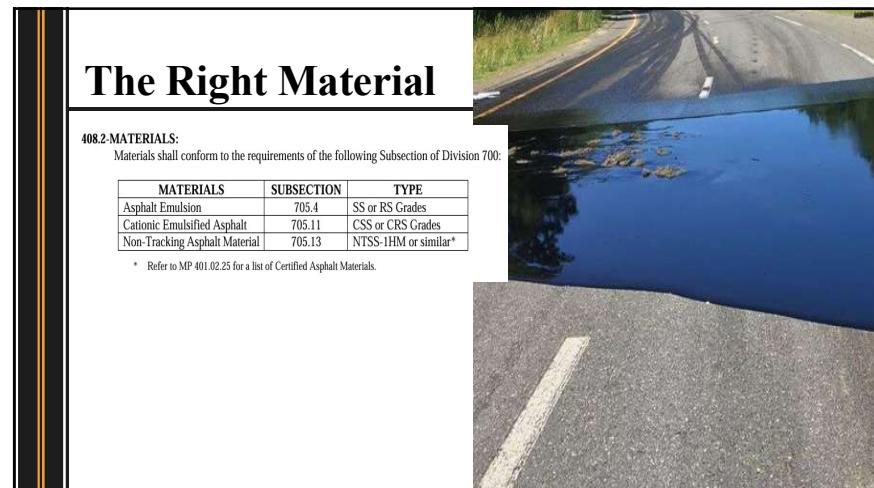
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## Non-Tracking Tack Coat

- Shorter break and set time vs standard tack
  - 10-15 minutes vs 20-30 minutes
- Typically harder base binder
  - Does harder mean Stronger??
- Quick curing keeps tack on roadway where it is needed
  - accelerates paving operations
  - Improves aesthetics by avoiding tracking onto local roadways
- Night paving
- Any project where conditions do not allow for adequate cure time for standard tack coat
  - Urban & suburban areas with numerous driveways, intersections and high traffic volume
  - Any project where tracking onto local roads is unacceptable



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## APPLICATION OF ASPHALT MATERIAL

- Determining your Application Rate Table 407.06-1
  - Existing surface (asphalt vs concrete)
  - Aged of the existing surface? (oxidized, fresh,...)
  - Pavement texture (milled, fine-milled, rough, smooth,...)
  - On concrete (or brick)

TABLE 408.11

Condition of Existing Pavement	Application Rate (gal/sy) <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	
	Undiluted	Diluted (1:1) <sup>(Note 3)</sup>
New HMA <sup>(Note 4)</sup>	0.04 – 0.05	0.08 – 0.10
Oxidized HMA	0.07 – 0.10	0.13 – 0.20
Milled Surface	0.10 – 0.13	0.20 – 0.27
PC Concrete	0.07 – 0.10	0.13 – 0.20

Note 2: Application rates are for slow setting emulsions grades (SS and CSS) that contain approximately 60% asphalt material. Rapid setting emulsion grades may contain slightly higher or lower asphalt content, but can usually be applied within the same application range.

Note 3: Dilution with water applies to SS and CSS grades.

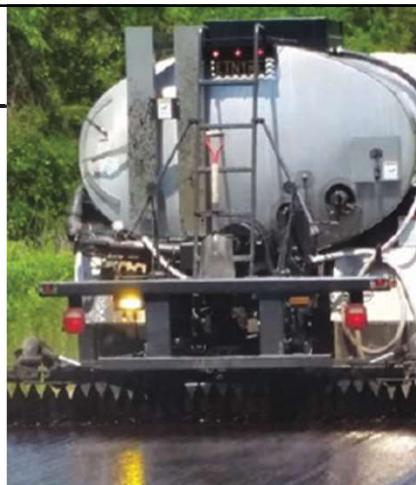
Note 4: Tack coat is normally not needed over a layer of new HMA that has been placed within the last few days, as long as the underlying new layer has not become dirty under traffic or from windblown dust.



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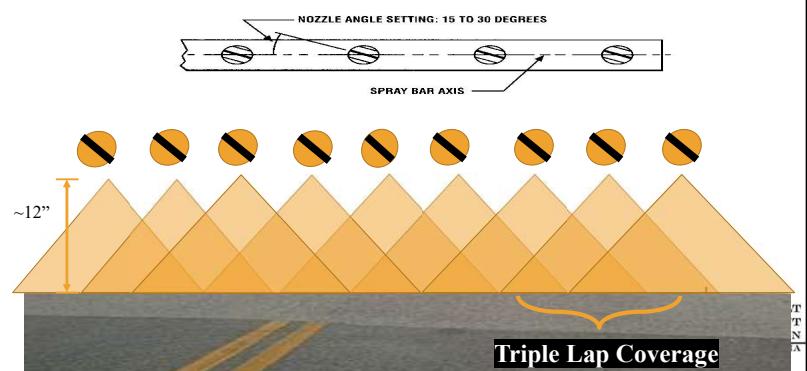
## The Tack Coat Distributor

- End goal...Apply Tack Coat material to obtain a **uniform, complete coverage\*\***
- Spray bar set-up level with the paving surface
- ~12" off the surface
- Double or Triple Coverage
- Correct nozzles



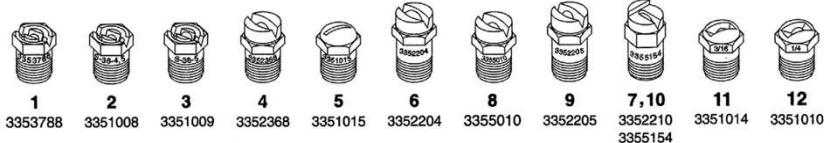
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## Effect of Nozzle Orientation



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## Nozzle Application Charts



ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Nozzles are clogged, but triple overlap covering the gap.



Note: not a tack coat, but principle applies.

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## Emulsion Breaking vs Setting

- Emulsions are asphalt droplets suspended in water
- Breaking
  - Contact with surface changes pH; reducing charge
  - Color change... brown to black
- Setting
  - Evaporation leads to coalescence
  - Original asphalt characteristics return



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## Tracking and Pickup



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## Non-Tracking Tacks fix the problem, Right?

- If you don't let it break material choice doesn't matter



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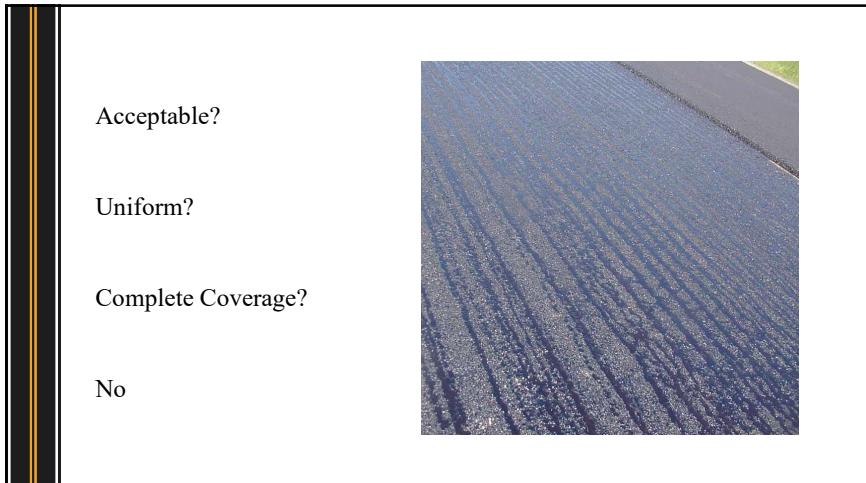
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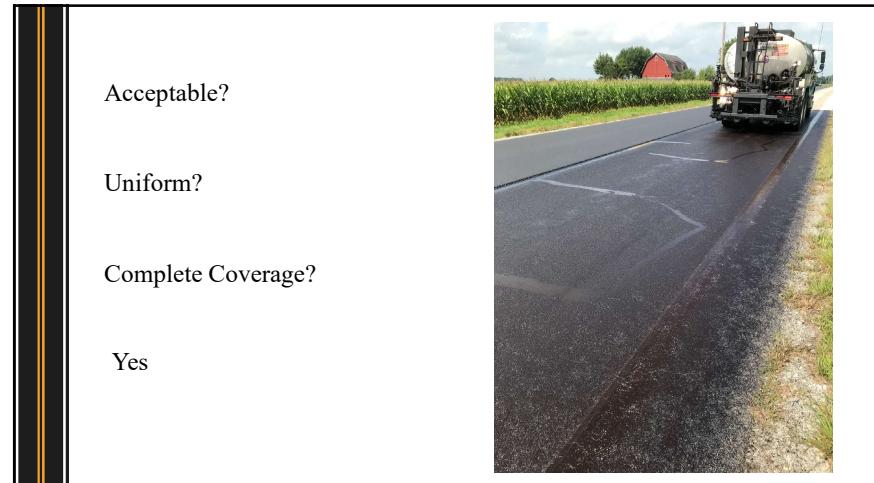
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## Tack Application Rate

- Verifying the final tack coat application rate is important to ensure it meets the specified requirements
  - Too little or too much – both are bad.
- The applied rate should be compared to the specified rates from Section 408
- Application rates are commonly expressed as a volume per area, e.g., gallons per square yard



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## Tack Application Rate Calculation

- Step 1:** Determine the distance traveled.
- Step 2:** Calculate the area covered = distance traveled X width sprayed. (convert from square feet to square yard if needed).
- Step 3:** Calculate the gallons of material applied = beginning volume—ending volume.
  - The volumes may be determined by using a dipstick calibrated to the truck's tank (much preferred), or onboard meters.
- Step 4:** Correct for temperature back to 60 °F by applying correction factor.
  - Page 130-131 from Handbook
- Step 5:** Account for any dilution.
- Step 6:** Calculate application rate which is the gallons of material applied divided by the area of application



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## Insurance VS Performance

- Insurance**
  - Calibration of the Distributor
  - Application Rate verification
- Performance**
  - Destructive testing (Shear/Torsion/Tension/etc)



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## Why surface preparation matters?

- The performance of an HMA pavement under traffic is directly related to the condition of the surface on which it was placed.
- By addressing issues and creating a smooth template to pave upon, greater ride quality and greater density can be achieved extending the life of the pavement





## Module 4 – Material Delivery



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### Learning Objectives

- State the objective of HMA delivery
- Discuss key issues related to haul trucks
- Describe proper truck operation (loading and unloading) techniques
- Describe the two types of segregation
- Identify the 4 production rates needing coordination



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### HMA Delivery

- What is the objective?
  - Do we care how long it takes to deliver the material?
  - Do we care what condition the material is in when we deliver it?



- Ultimately, the objective is one that involves picking up and delivering the HMA material in a timely fashion without seriously affecting its desirable properties (i.e., temperature uniformity and aggregate gradation).
- Truck drivers are a key component,... Make them a part of the team!



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### Key Issues Related to Haul Trucks

- Types and characteristics of haul trucks
- Methods of heat insulation
- Cleaning
- Truck maintenance



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## West Virginia Best Management Practices

- WVDOT/ Public Service Requirements
  - Oil drip
  - Dirt
  - Tires
  - Back-up alarm
  - Release agent (no diesel)



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## Three Basic Types of Haul Trucks

- End dump
- Belly dump
- Horizontal discharge



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## Truck Comparison

- Standard End Dump Truck
  - Capacity: 12-20 tons
  - Advantage: Short wheelbase - Maneuverability (good for tight spaces)
  - Disadvantage: Limited capacity, Overhead obstructions
- Semi-trailer, high dump
  - Capacity: 20-22 tons
  - Advantage: Larger capacity
  - Disadvantage: Higher chance of material segregation, Overhead Obstructions
- Belly Dump
  - Capacity: 22-24 tons
  - Advantage: Larger capacity, No raised bed so no overhead obstruction issues
  - Disadvantage: Need for additional equipment(windrow elevator), Long wheelbase
- Live Bottom
  - Capacity: 12-20+ tons
  - Advantage: No raised bed so no overhead obstruction issues
  - Disadvantage: Extra attention towards cleaning to ensure drag slat is functioning



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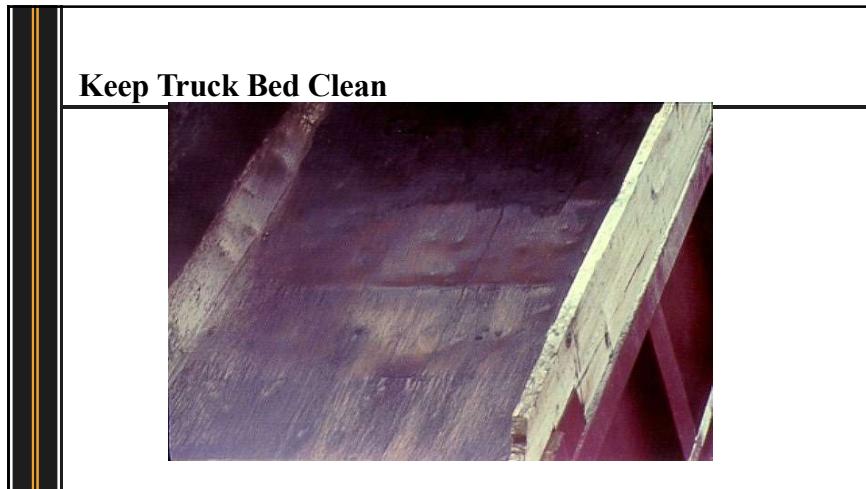
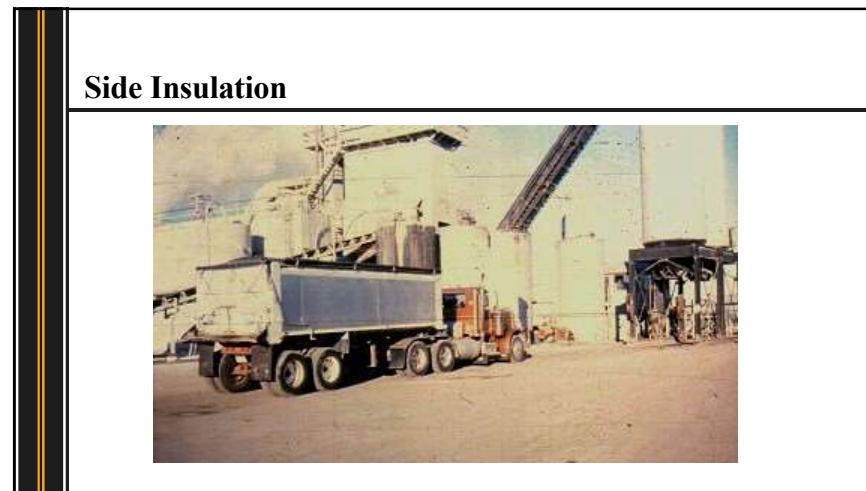
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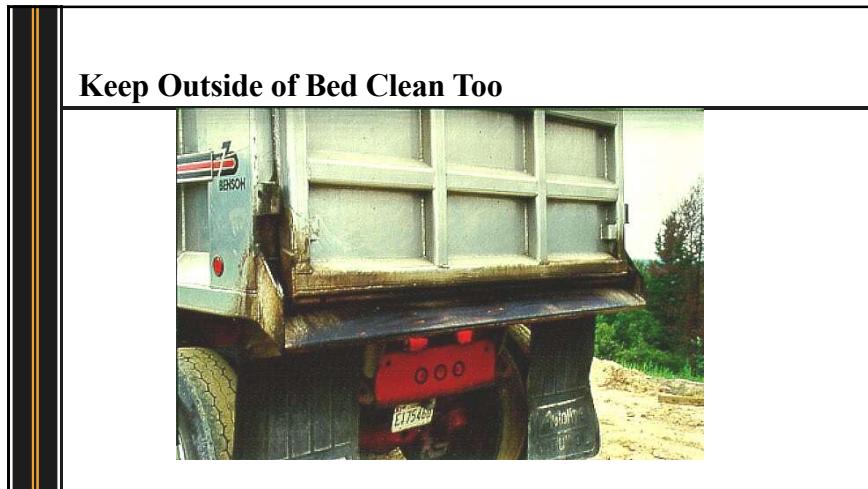
- Truck
  - Good repair –
    - No delays in transporting
    - No “large” oil leaks
  - Insulated
  - Covered
    - Limit air infiltration
    - Water tight
    - Above mix
    - Over sides
  - Hole for measuring temperature
- Release agent
  - Any commercial produce, subject to DOH approval
- Thin coat
  - Soapy water
  - Mixture <10% lubricating oil
  - Polymer modified binder
    - Agent recommended by supplier
- Remove excess prior to loading
- NO DIESEL, KEORSENE OR SIMILAR SOLVENT

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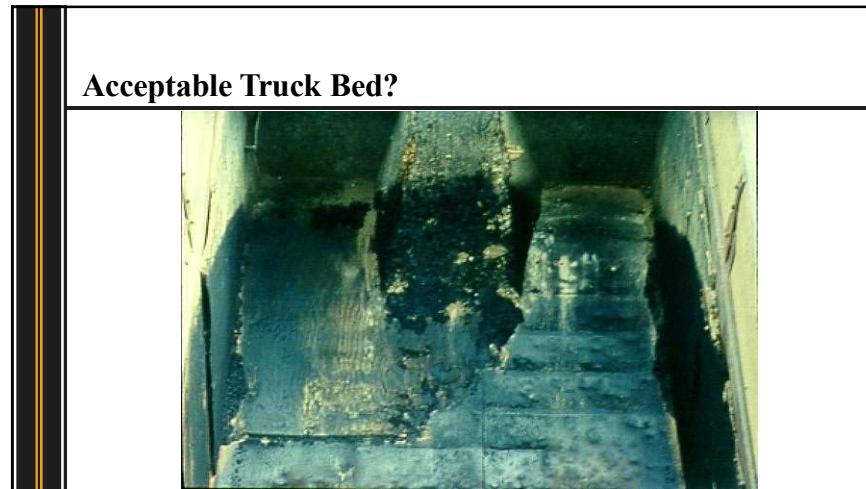


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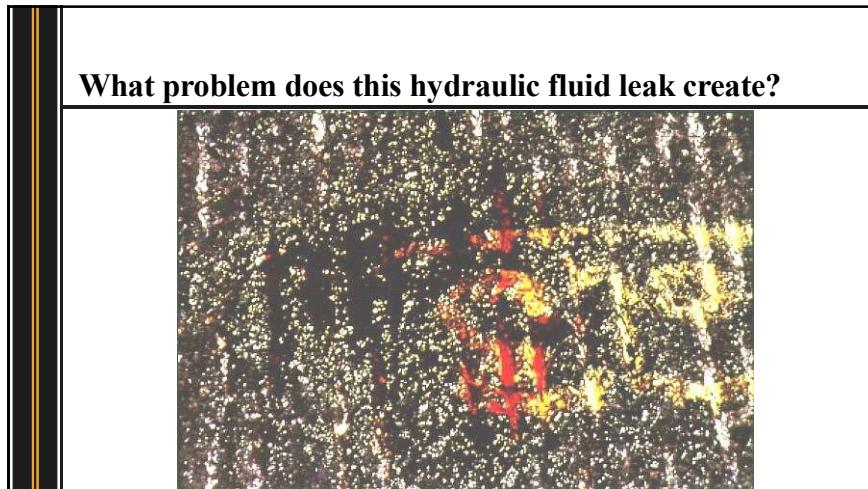




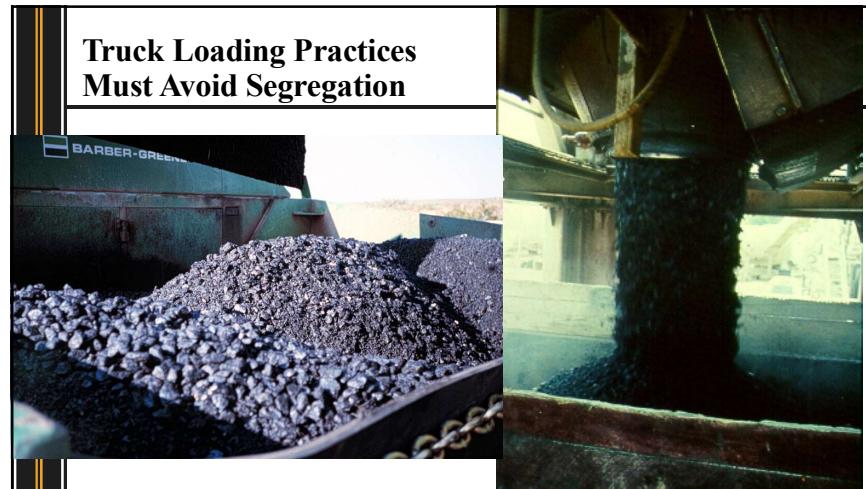
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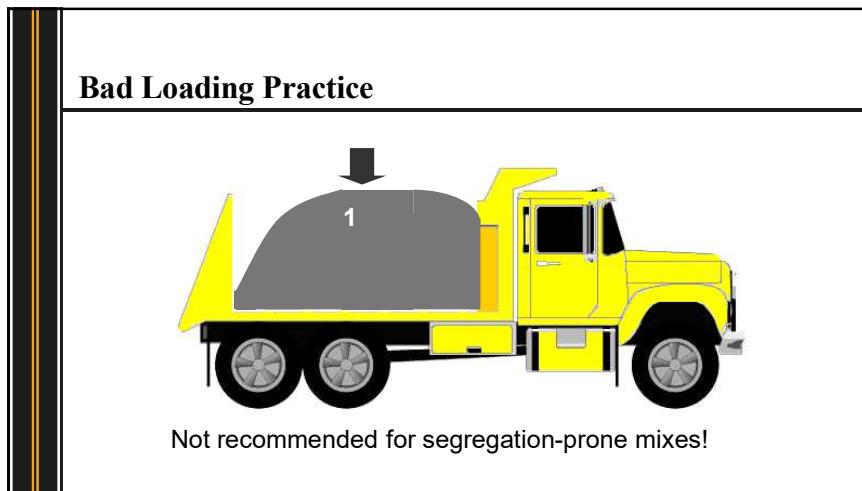
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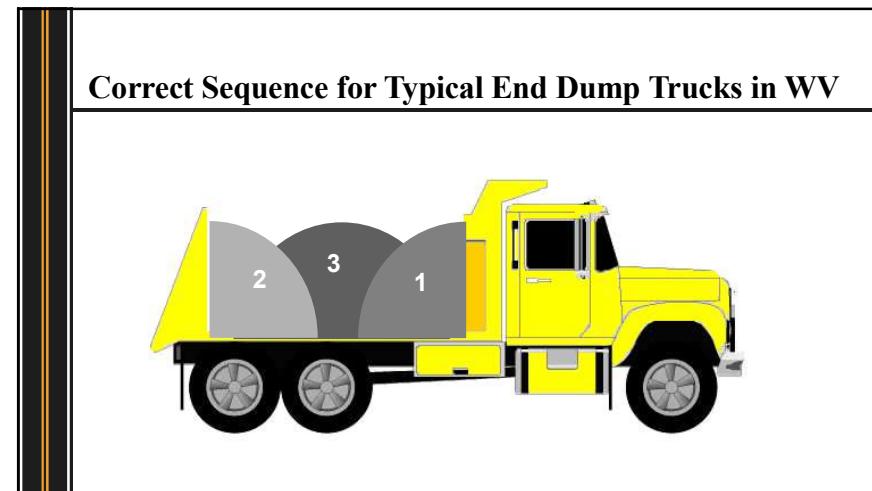
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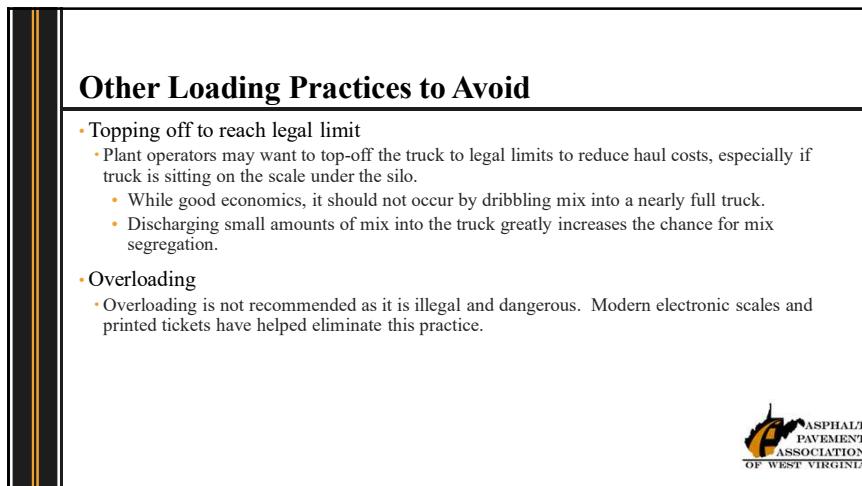
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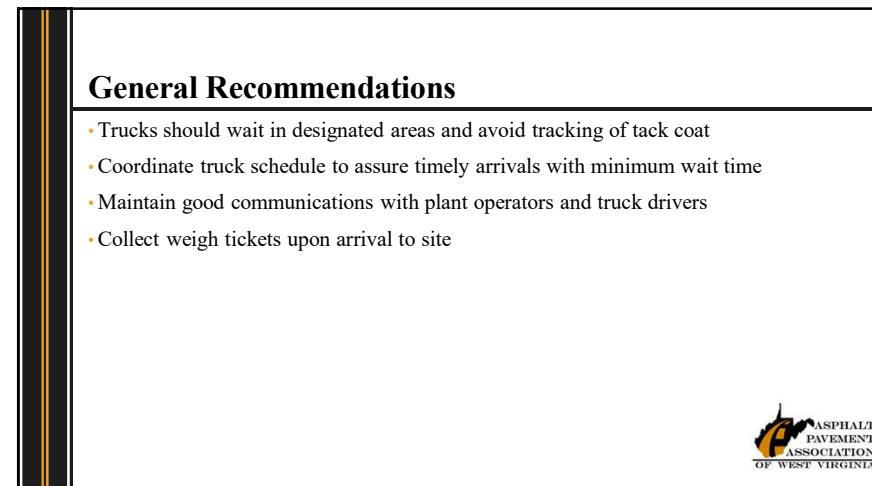
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### End Dump Truck Operation

*Pay Attention  
DO NOT  
Walk between  
paver and truck*



Positioning in front of paver

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### End Dump Truck Operation

- Allow the paver to "pick up" the truck
  - Truck should stop short of the paver
- First contact with paver,... avoid bump!
  - Bumping the paver can leave a screed mark and roughen the mat
- Truck should apply light braking force to remain in contact with the paver

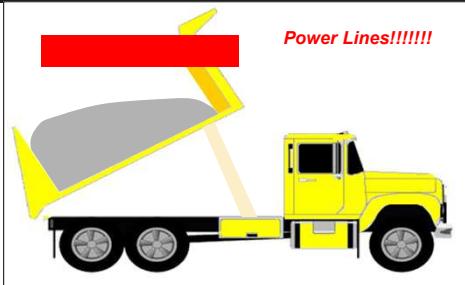


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### End Dump Truck Operation

*Power Lines!!!!!!*



Raise bed, but keep tailgate closed until mix slides against it

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### End Dump Truck Operation



Open gate and continue to raise bed

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### End Dump Truck Operation

Empty mix in one smooth, continuous discharge

**WV Practice??**



What are baffles for?

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### End Dump Truck Operation



Lower bed before pulling away

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### End Dump Truck Operation



Move out and make room

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### End Dump Truck Operation

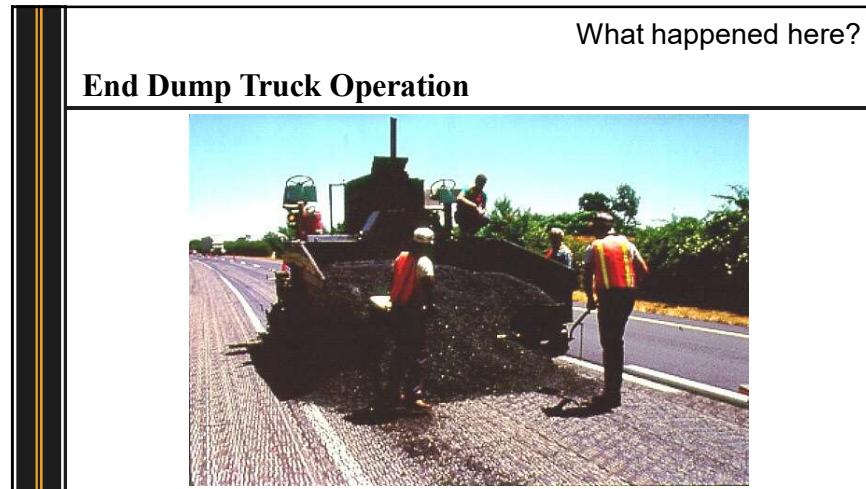


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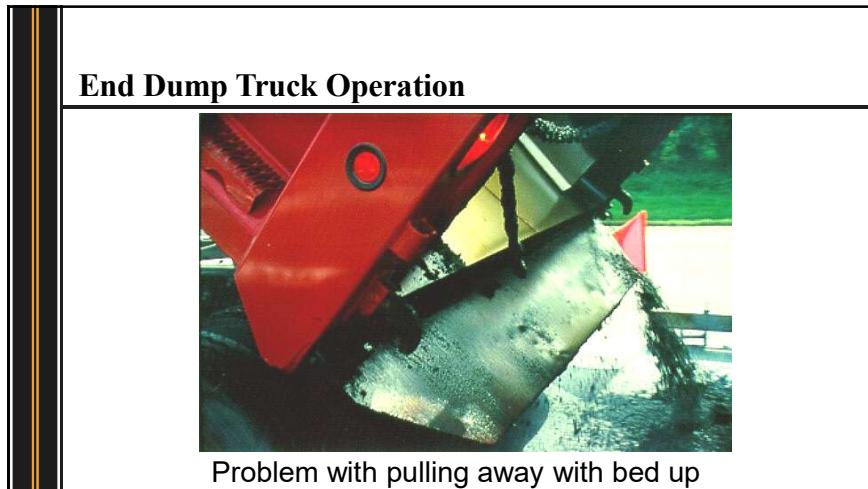
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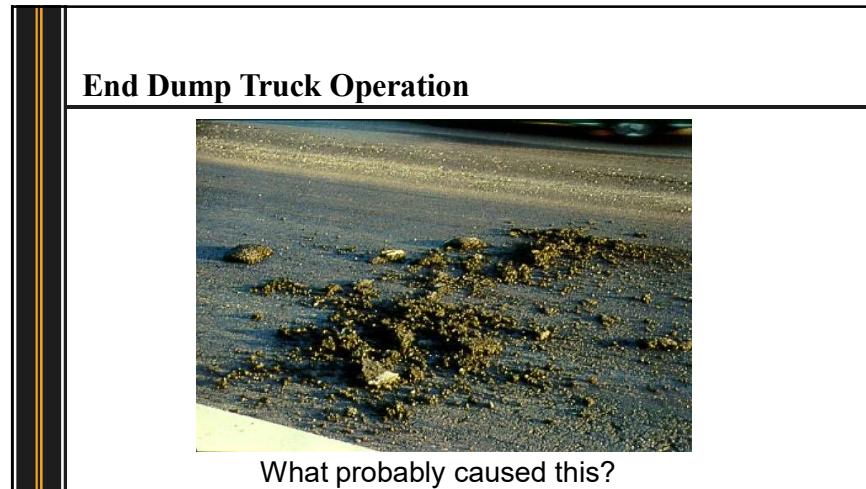
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## End Dump Truck Operation



Why can't this be paved over?

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## Types of Segregation

- Coarse/Fine Aggregate
- Thermal



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## Aggregate Segregation

- Problem – Mix segregation results in non-uniform gradation and density, interconnected air voids, and poor mix performance
- Typical sources:
  - Mix loading
  - Mix unloading
  - Paver operation



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## Minimize Aggregate Segregation by:

- Better mix gradations
- Improved loading, unloading and paving practices
- Material Transfer Vehicle (MTV)



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**Material Transfer Vehicle**

**WV Contractor option unless required in the plan notes**



Truck dumps into MTV (rather than paver)

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**Material Transfer Vehicle**

MTV conveys mix into surge bin inserted into paver hopper



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**Thermal Segregation**

- Problem – Non-uniform temperature distribution makes it difficult to achieve uniform compaction and maximum HMA performance
- Typical sources:
  - Time duration between loading and paving
  - Processes that increase mix exposure to non-uniform cooling



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**Thermal Segregation Can Be Reduced by:**

- Minimizing time between truck loading and placement
- Use of truck insulation
- Proper paving techniques
- Special equipment – Material Transfer Vehicle (MTV)



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## Thermal Segregation As Depicted by Infrared Photos

- End dump truck directly into paver
- Blaw-Knox MC-30 MTV
  - a) With mixing
  - b) Without mixing
- Cedarapids MS-3 MTV
- Roadtec Shuttle Buggy
- Belly dump truck with windrow elevator

Photos Courtesy of Washington State DOT



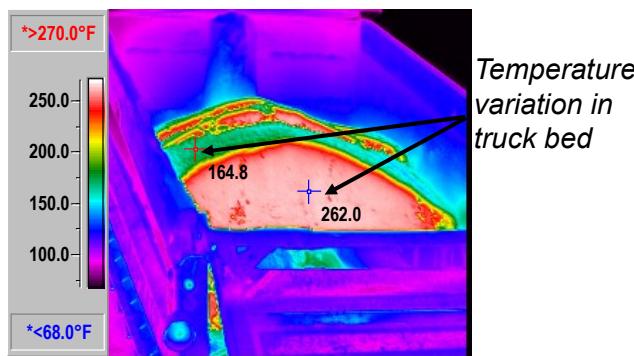
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## 1. End Dump Directly Into Paver



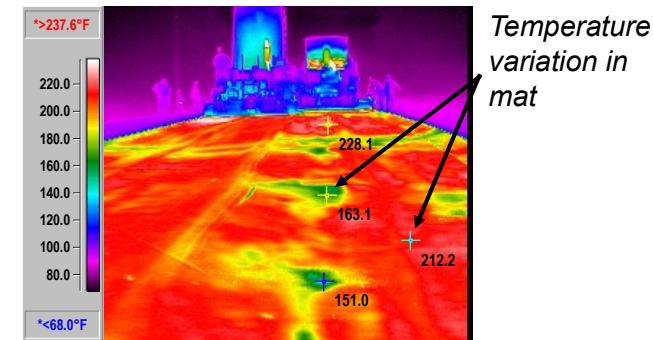
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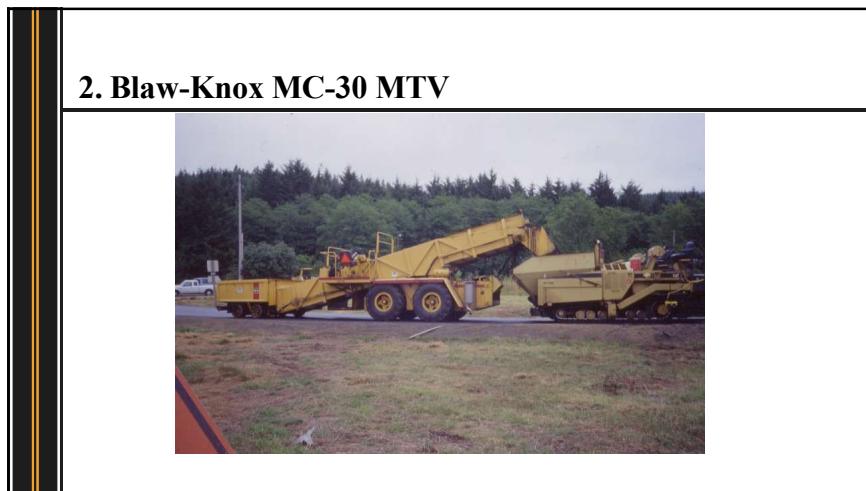


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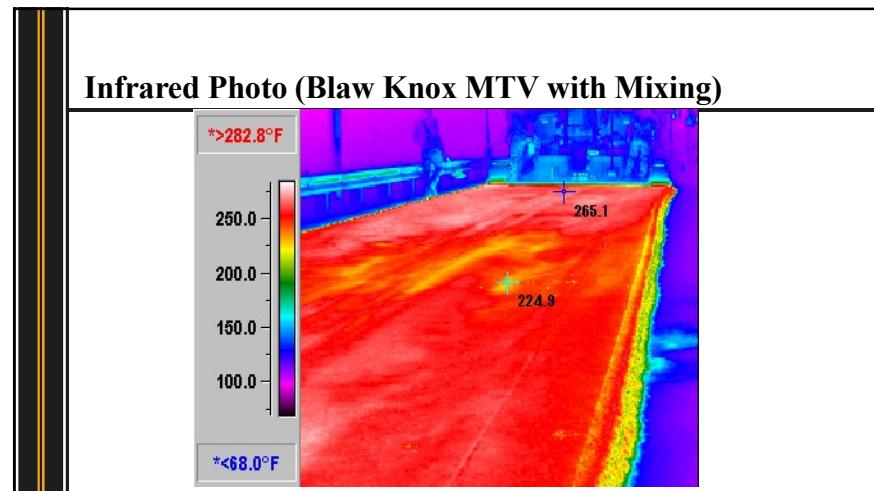
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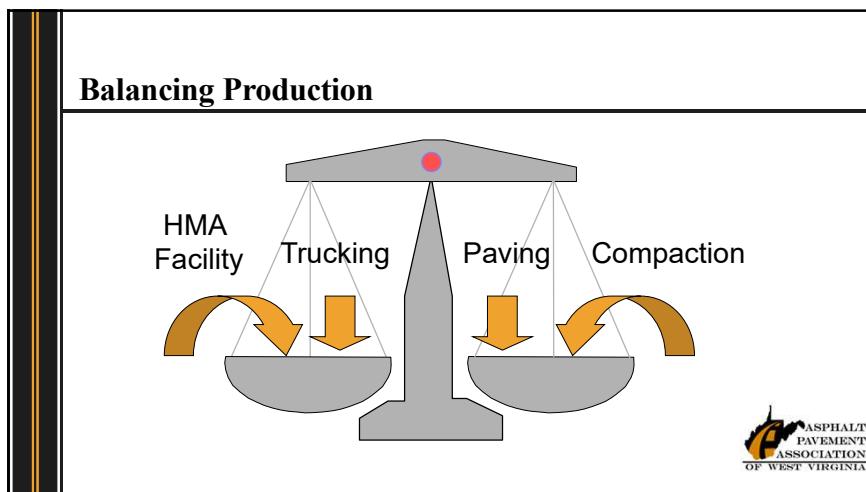
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## Module 5 – HMA Placement

Chapter 7 – Asphalt Paving Handbook



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## Learning Objectives

- State the Objectives of HMA Placement
- Identify Components and Function – Tractor and Screed Unit
- Describe Operational Principles of Screed
- Describe Grade and Slope Control Systems
  - Types
  - Functions
  - Capabilities



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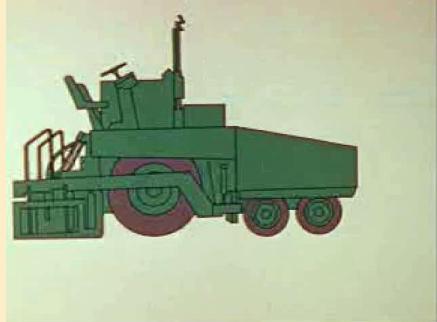
## Learning Objectives

- Recognize Yield-Thickness-Smoothness Relationship
- Describe Proper Operating Techniques
- WVDOH Documents
  - MP 401.03.50 – requirement for QC Plan
  - Specification 401.10 – Paving Operations

  
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## Proper Auger Loading



  
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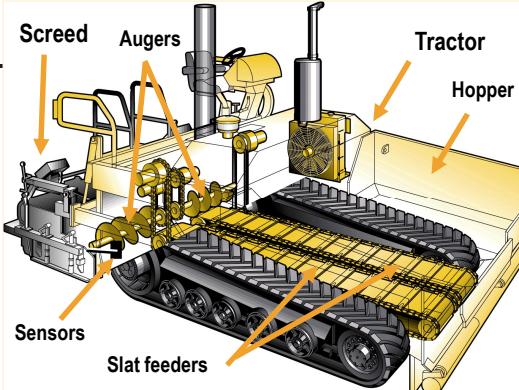
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## Tractor Unit

- Drive Systems
- Push Rollers and Truck Hitches
- Hopper
- Slat Conveyer
- Conveyer Flow Gates
- Augers
- Materials Feed System
- Tow Points



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## Tractor Unit



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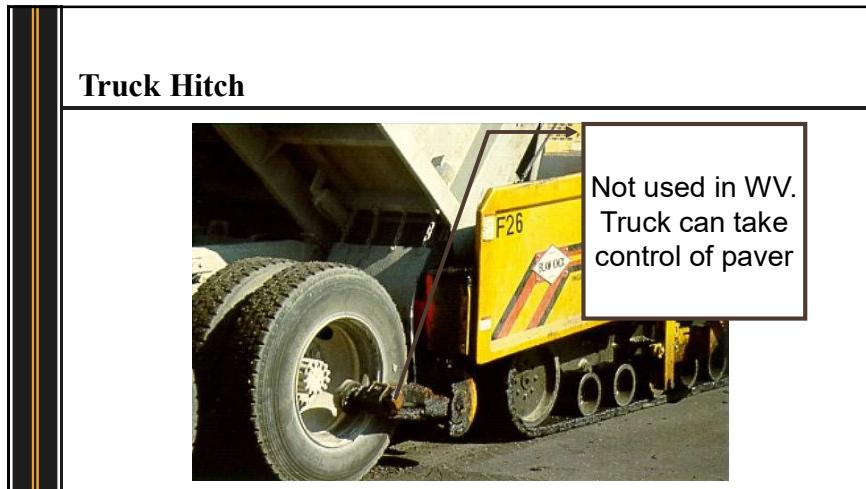
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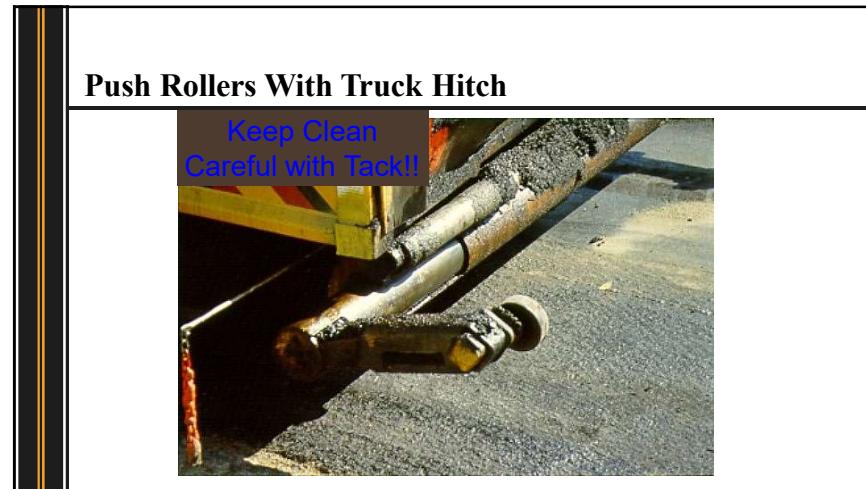


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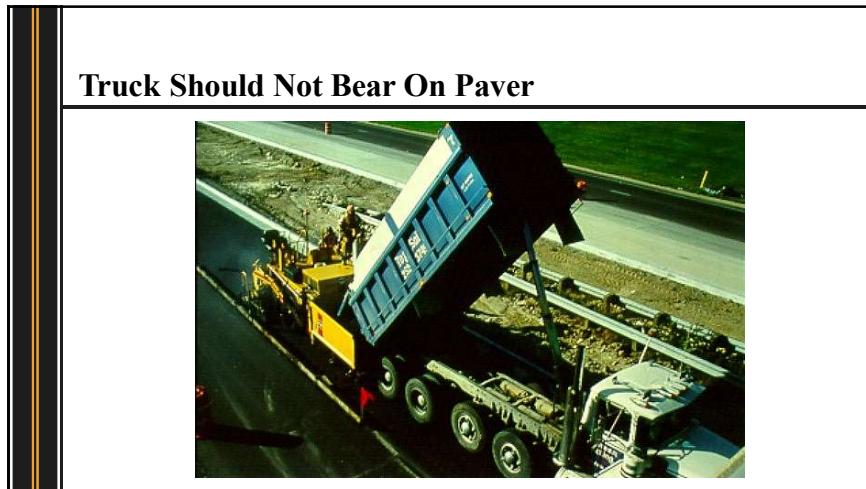
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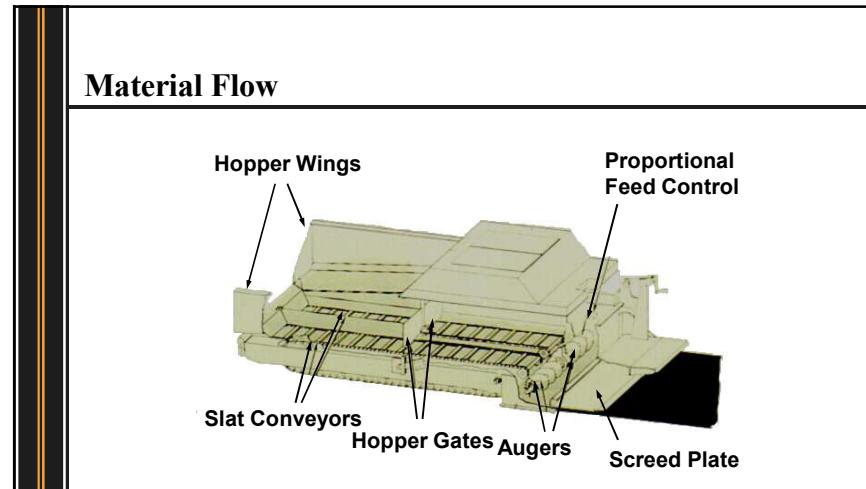
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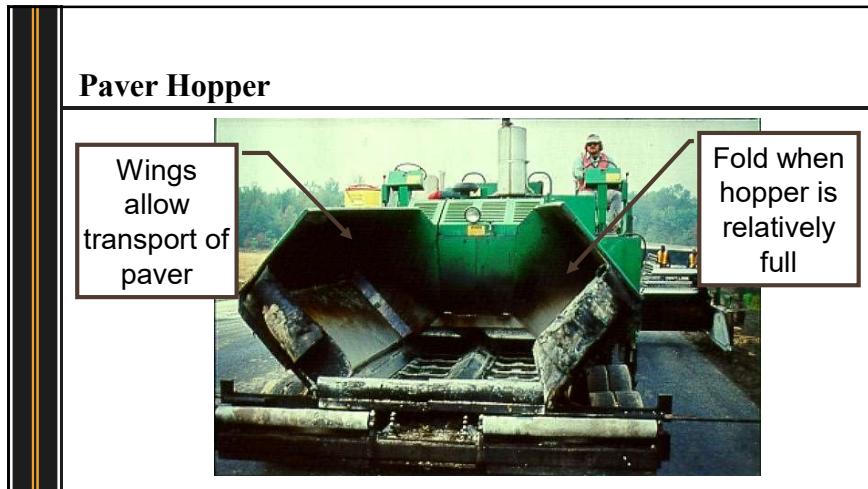
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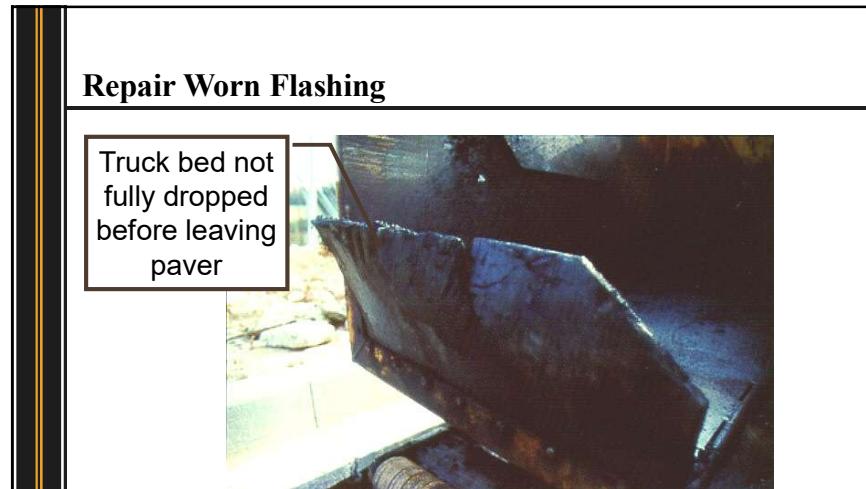
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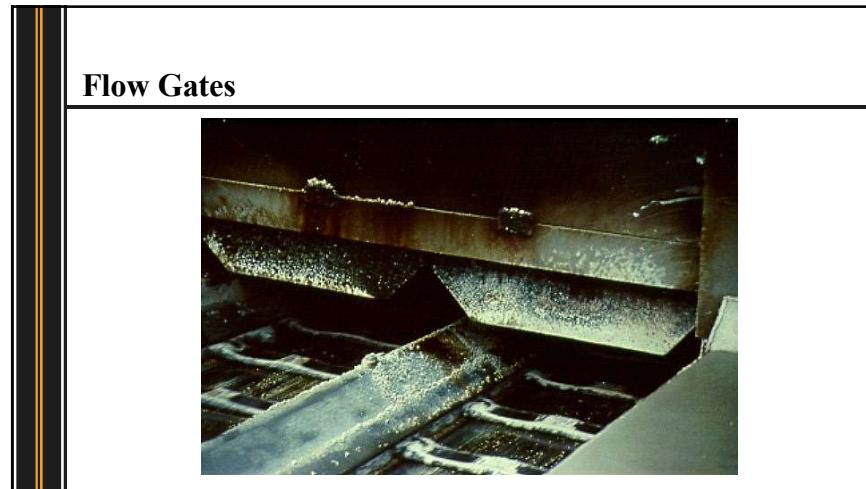
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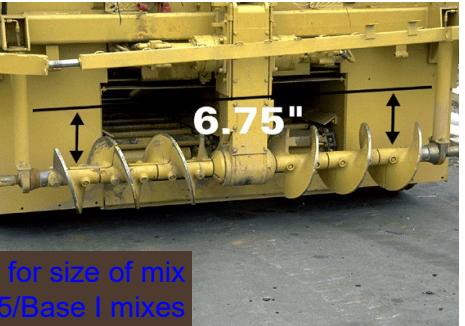


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**Adjustable Screw Augers**



Adjust height for size of mix  
Raise for 37.5/Base I mixes

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**Adjustable Screw Augers**



- Auger height affects mat texture
- Auger height 2" above mat is right for most mixes
- Fine tune according to mix

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**Proper Head of Material**

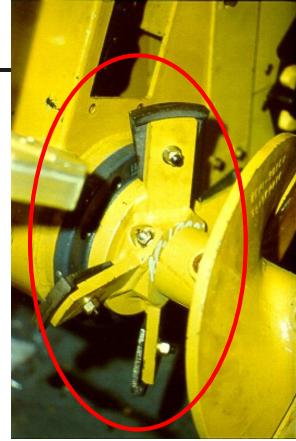


Mix at middle of auger shaft  
Too much mix causes segregation

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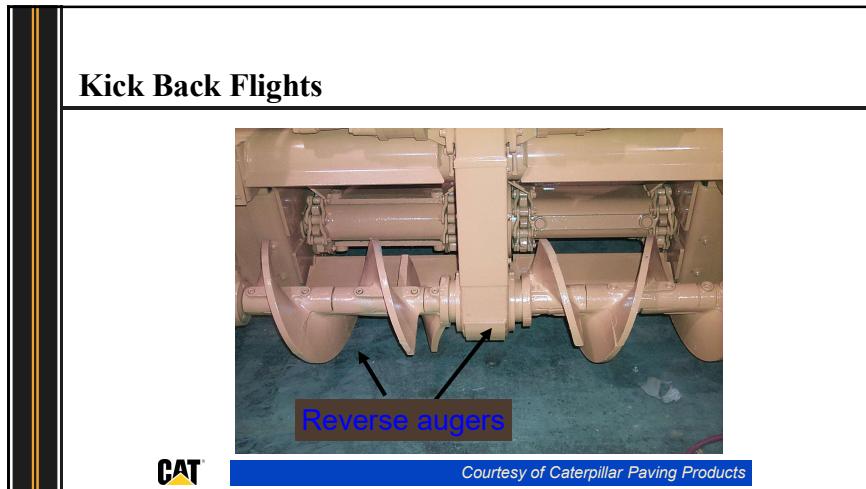
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**Kick Back Paddles**

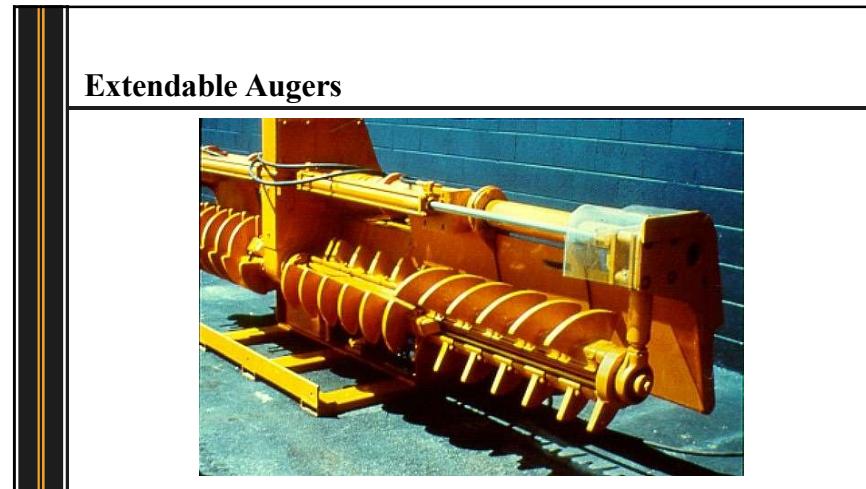


"Tuck" mix under gear box  
Prevents segregation at center of paver

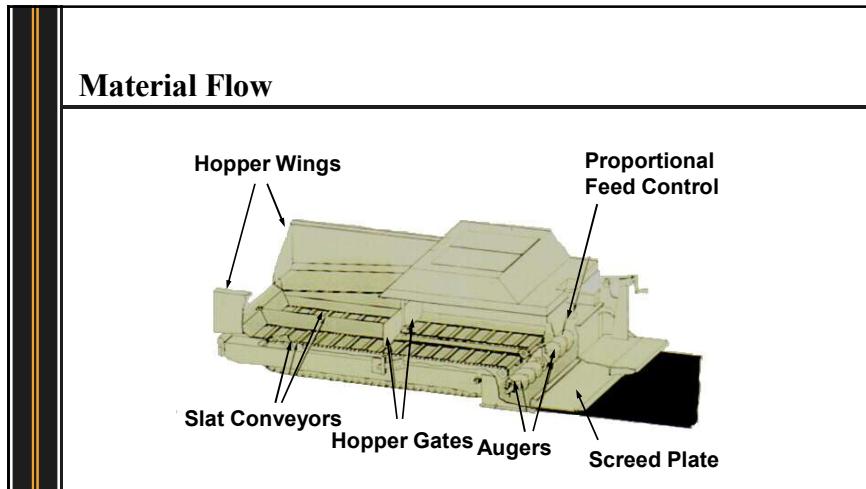
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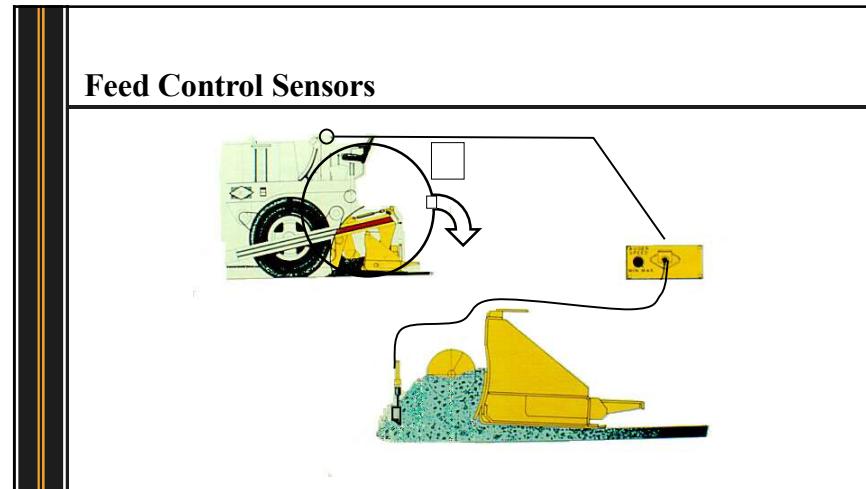
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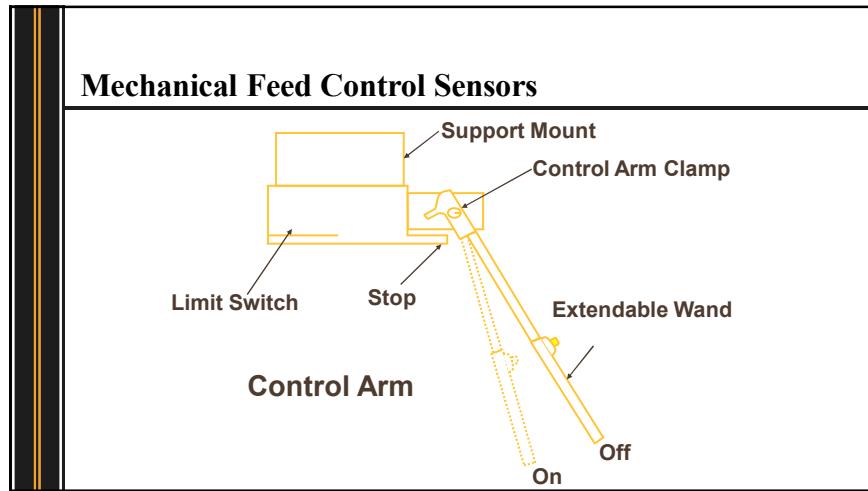
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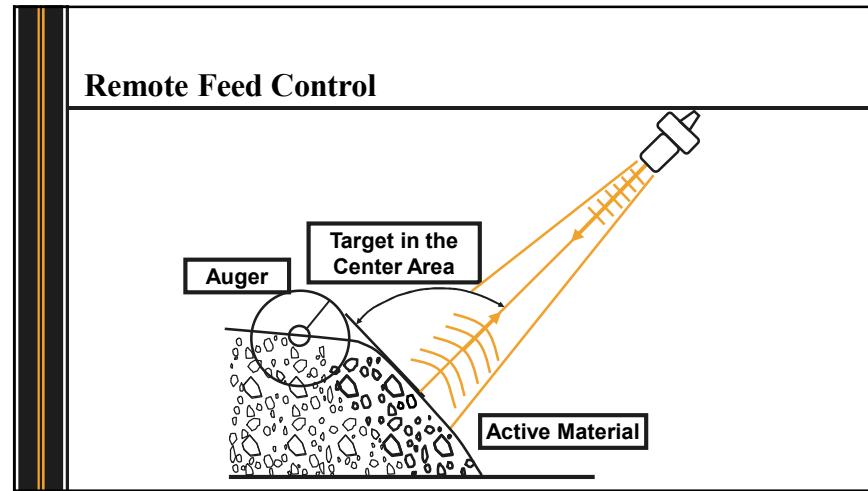
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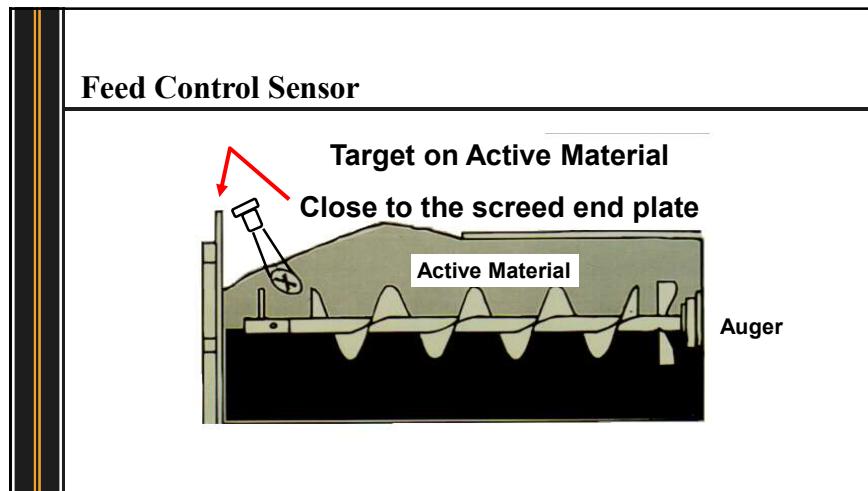
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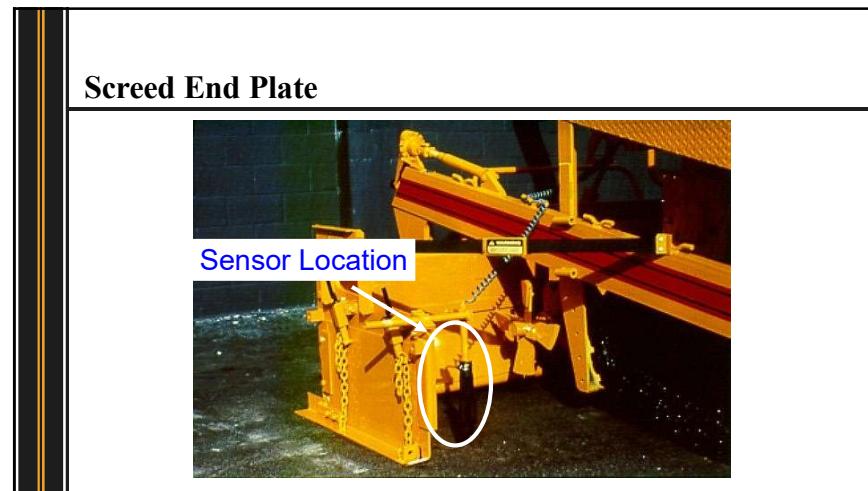
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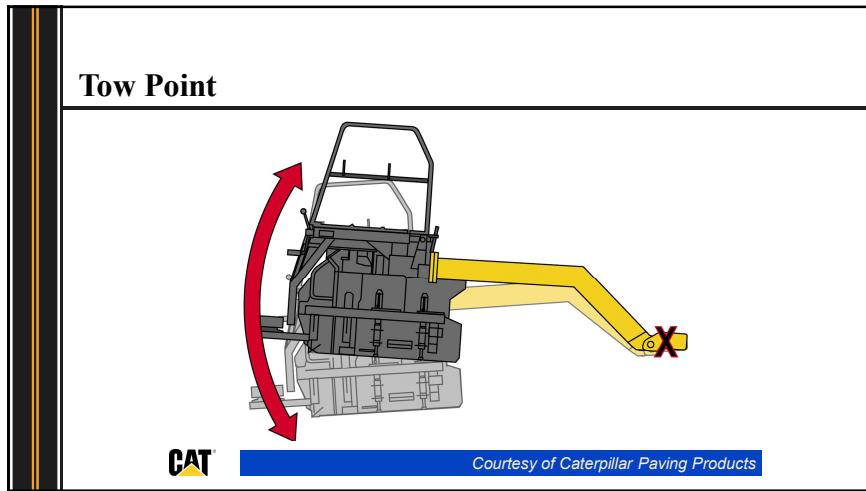
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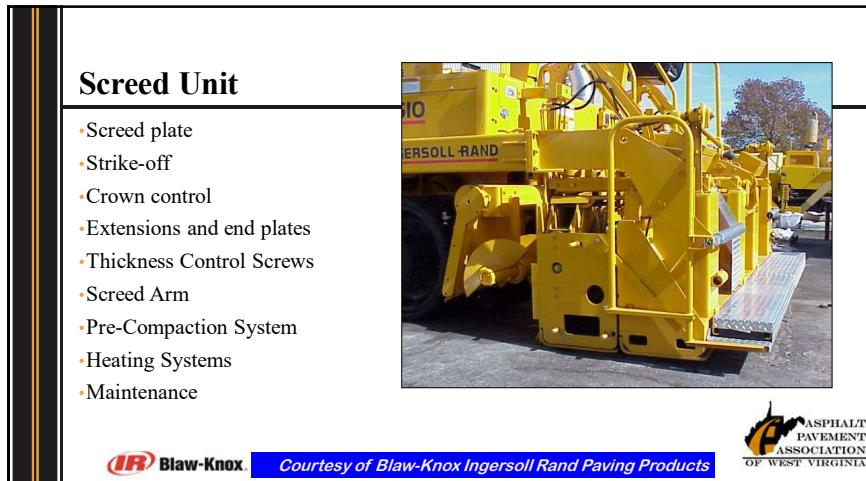
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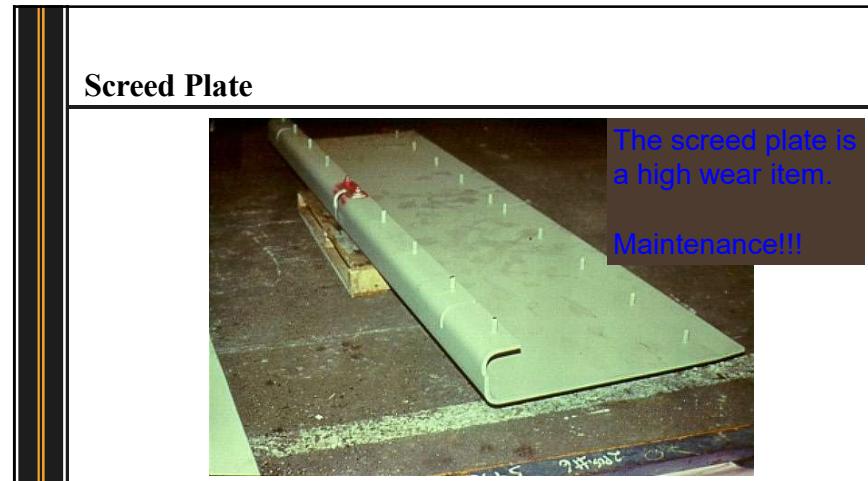
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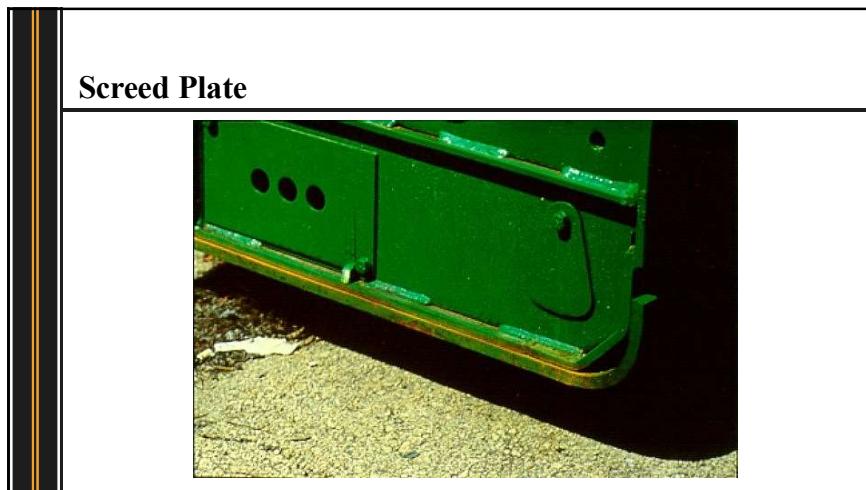
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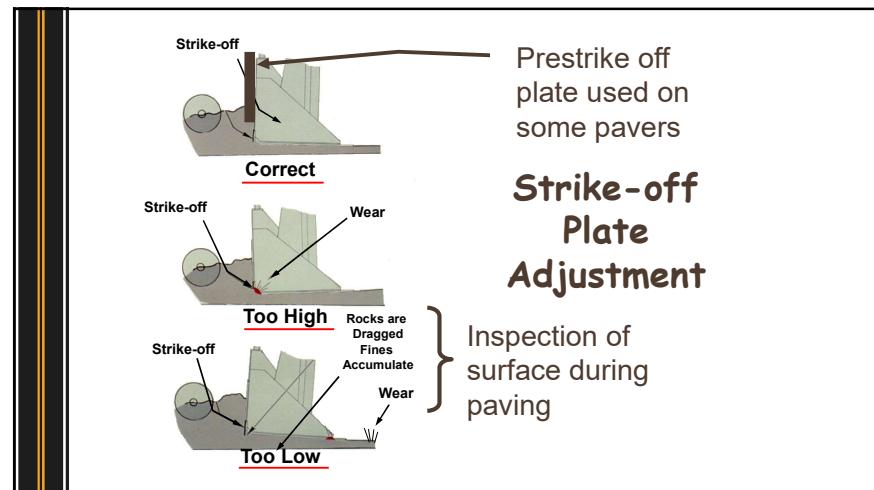
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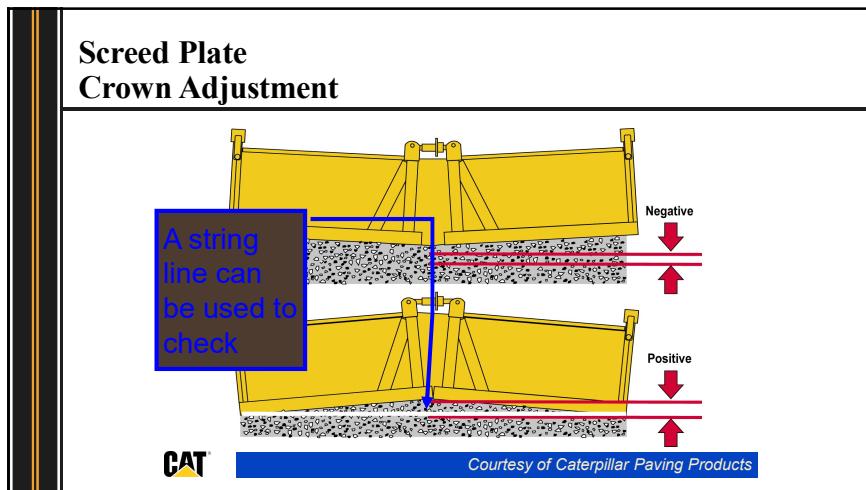
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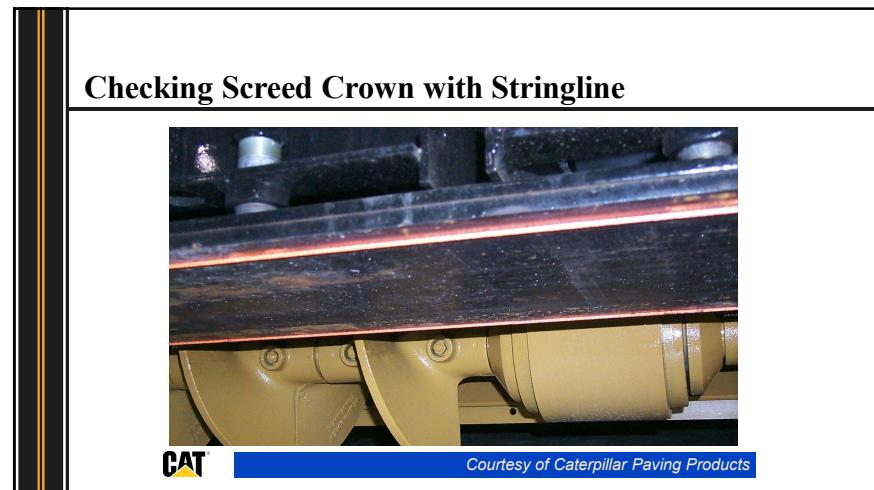
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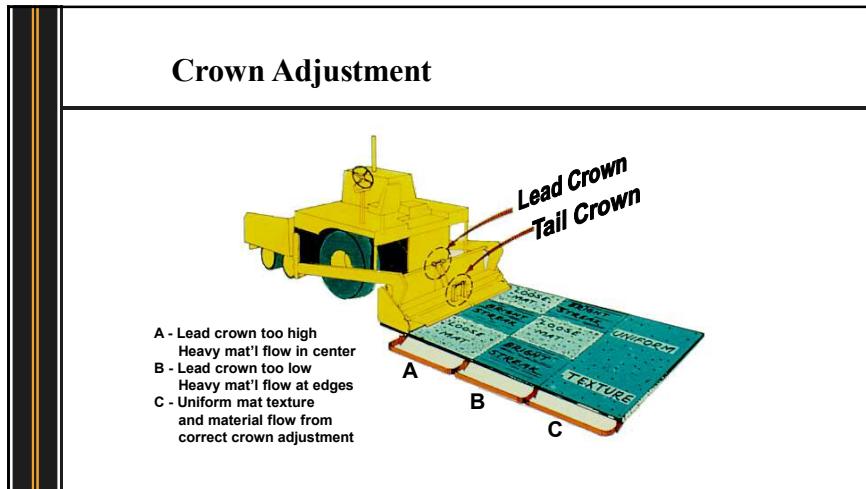
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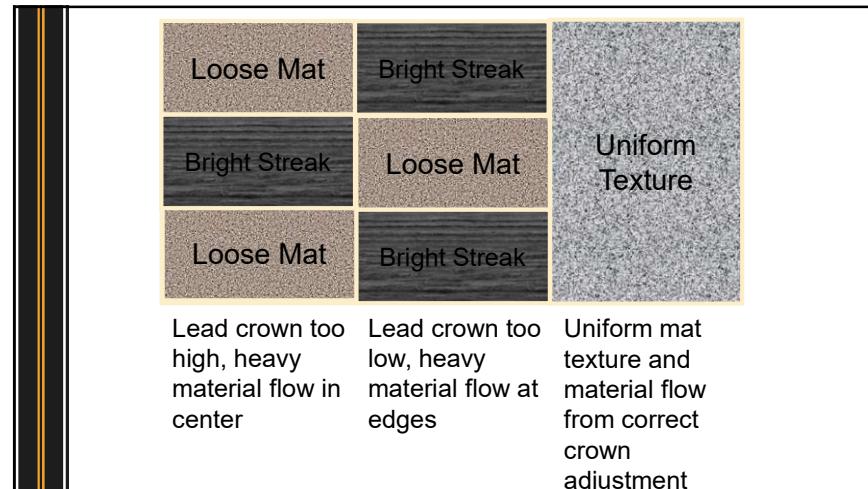
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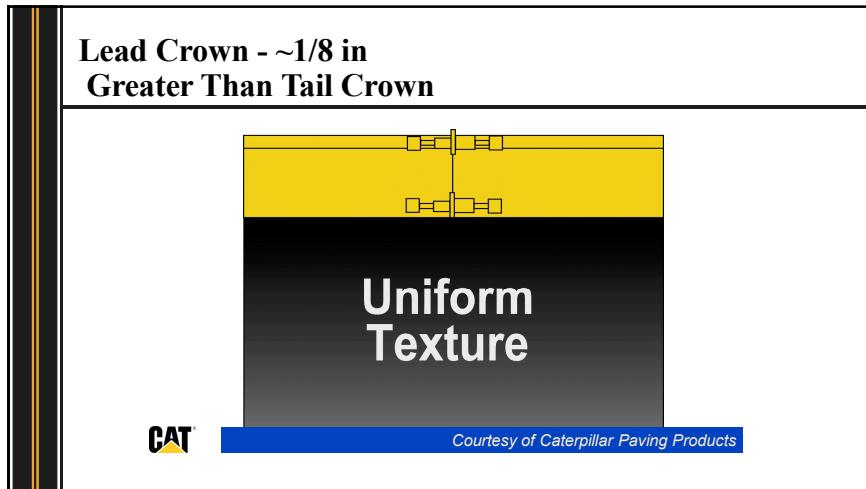
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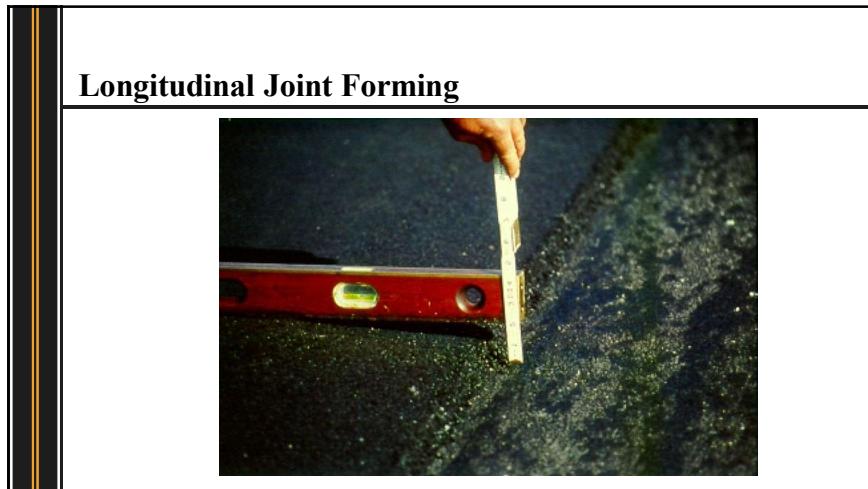
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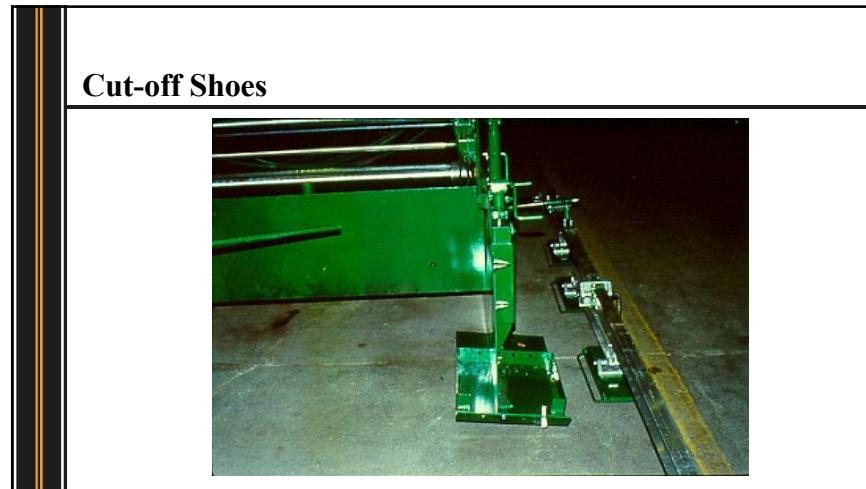
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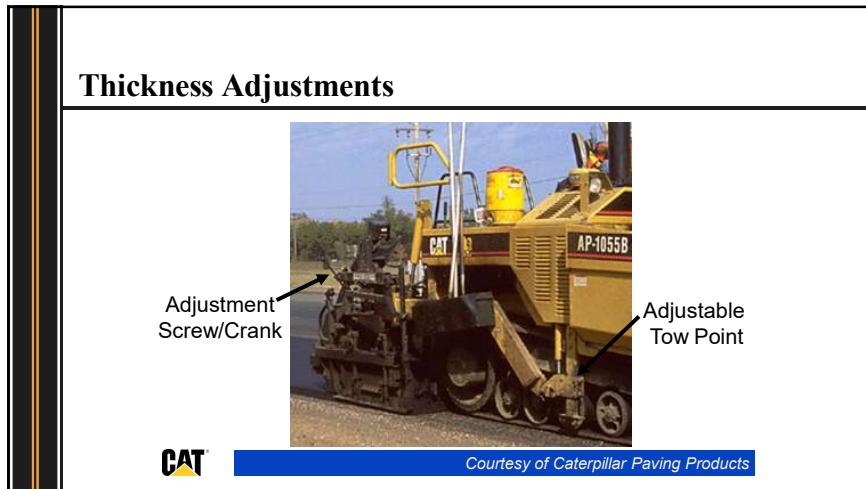
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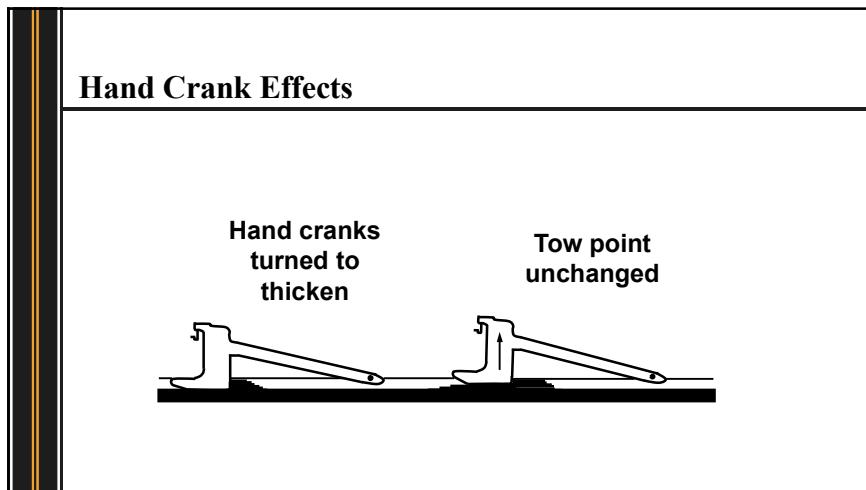
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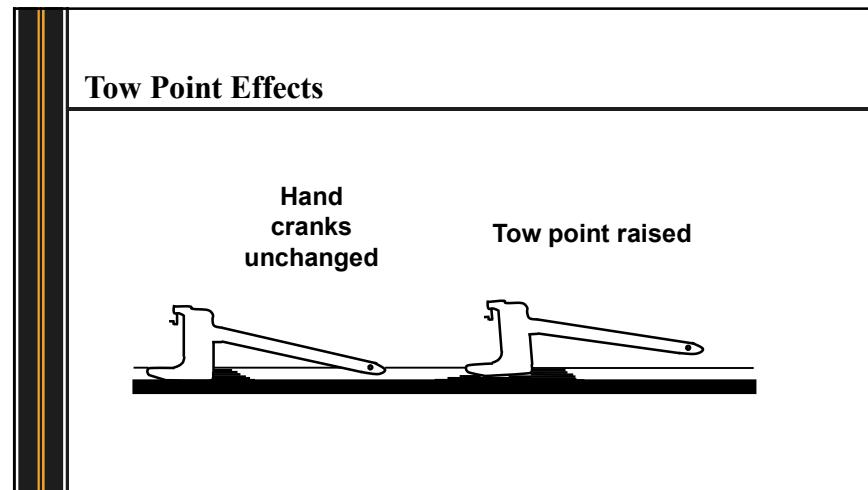
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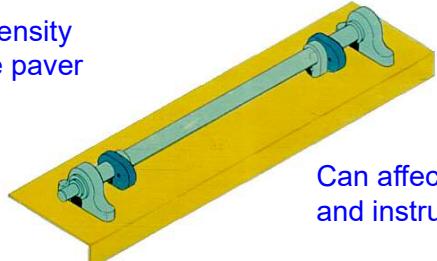
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## Screed Vibrators

Improve density behind the paver



Can affect controls and instruments

**Vibratory Shaft With Weights**

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## Screed Heaters

Screed heaters cannot be used to raise the heat of the mix. Heat a cold screed to about 300°F prior to the start of paving.



Diesel System



Electric System

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## Warming Up

- Screed heater. Heaters used to preheat the screed to HMA temperature. HMA may stick to a cold screed and cause mat tearing. After the screed has been in contact with the HMA for a short while (usually about 10 minutes) its temperature can be maintained by the HMA passing beneath it and the heater can be turned off. If the screed is removed from contact with HMA for an extended period of time, it may need to be pre-heated again before resuming paving.



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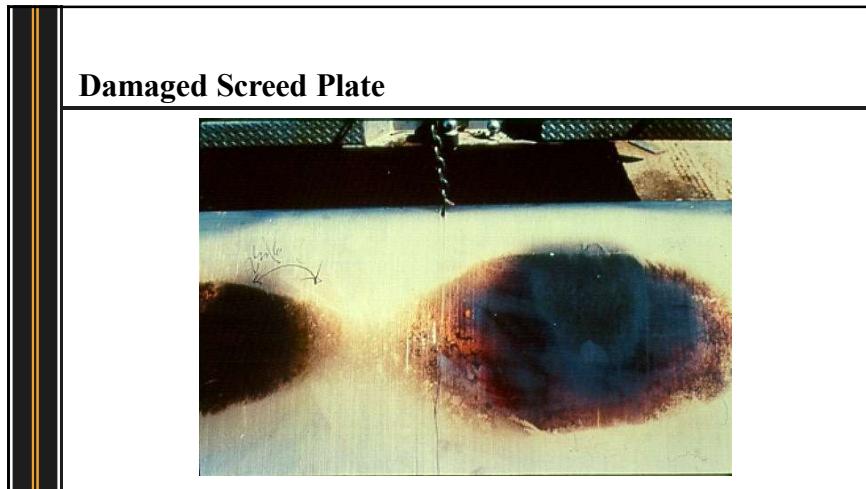
## Warming Up

- The screed heaters cannot be used to increase the temperature of the mix being placed because the amount of time that the mix is actually under the screed is much too short to accomplish any temperature rise in the mix.
- Screed heaters can over heat the mix if the paver is stopped with the screed in contact with the mix, e.g. wait for the next truck.

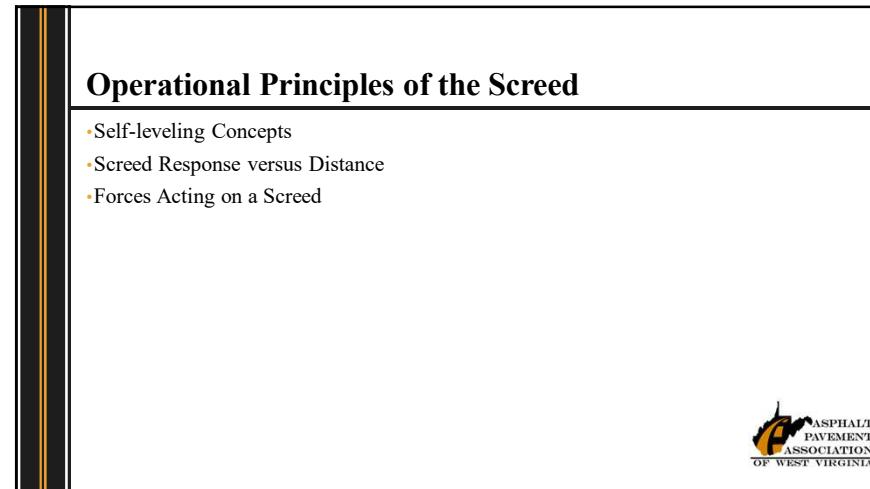


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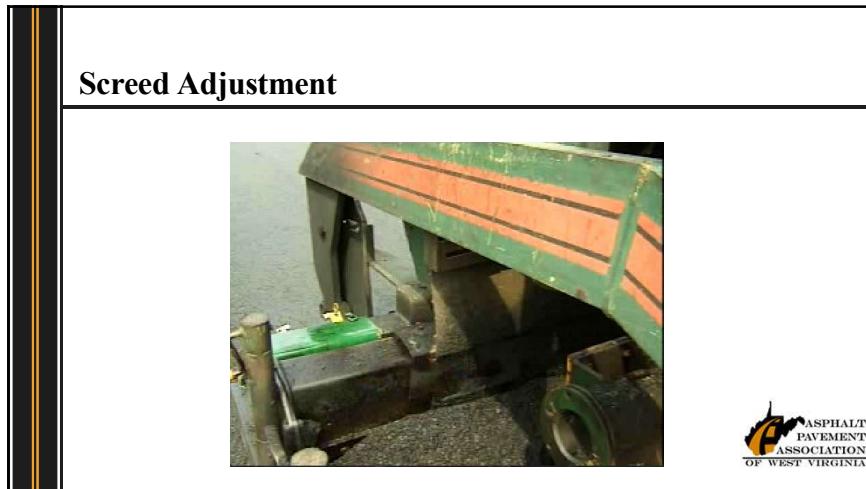
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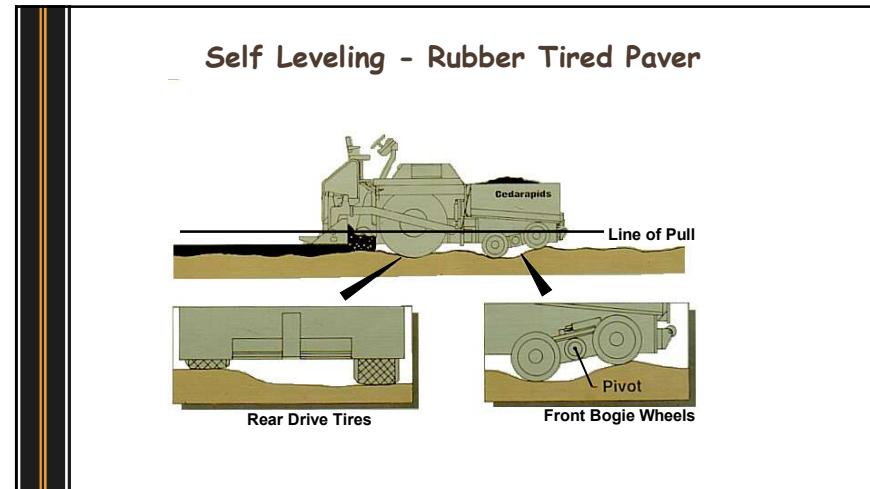
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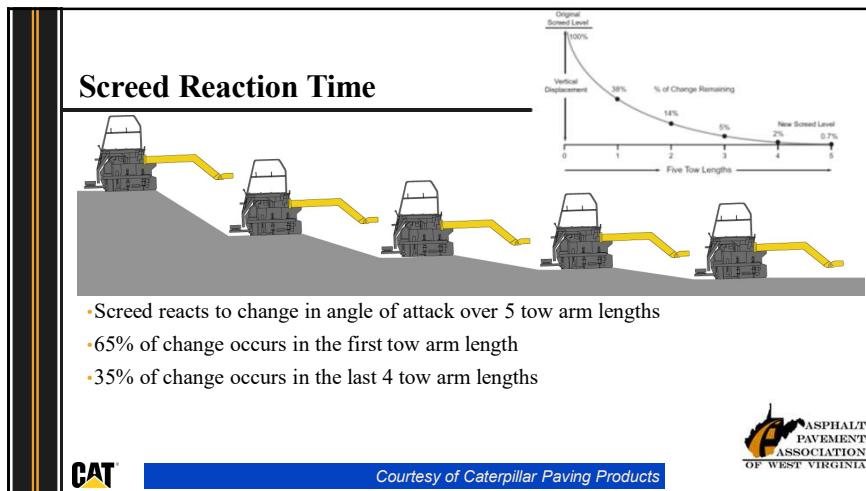
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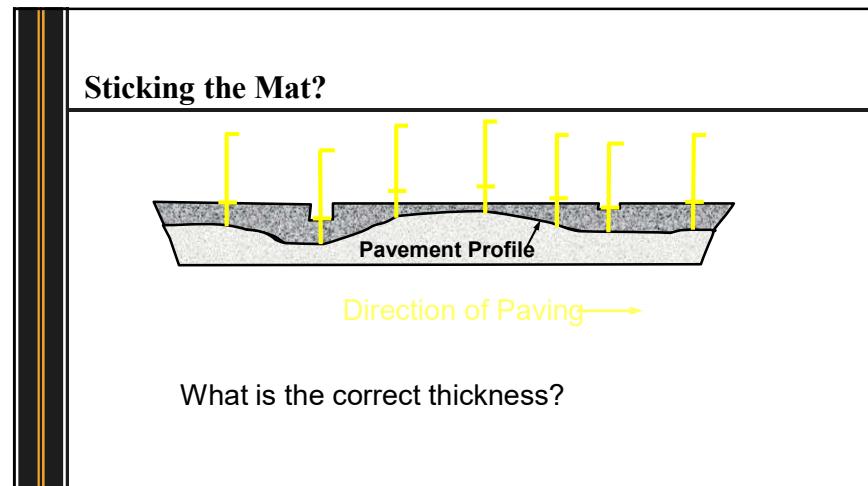
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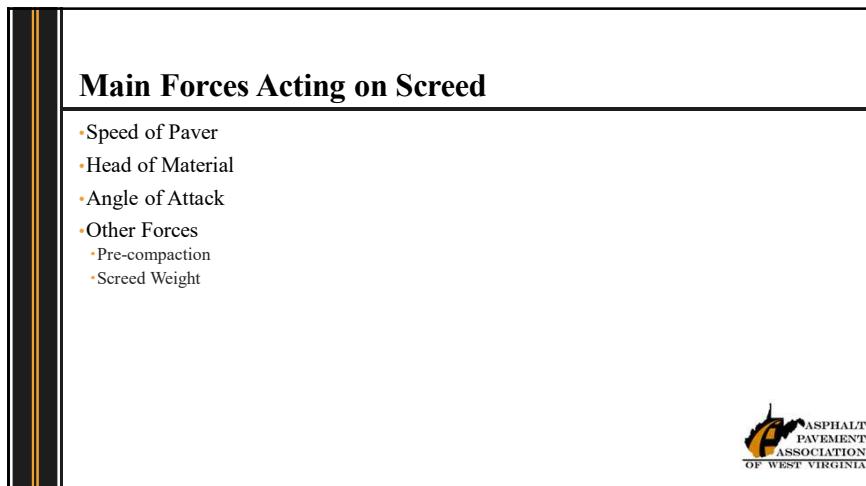
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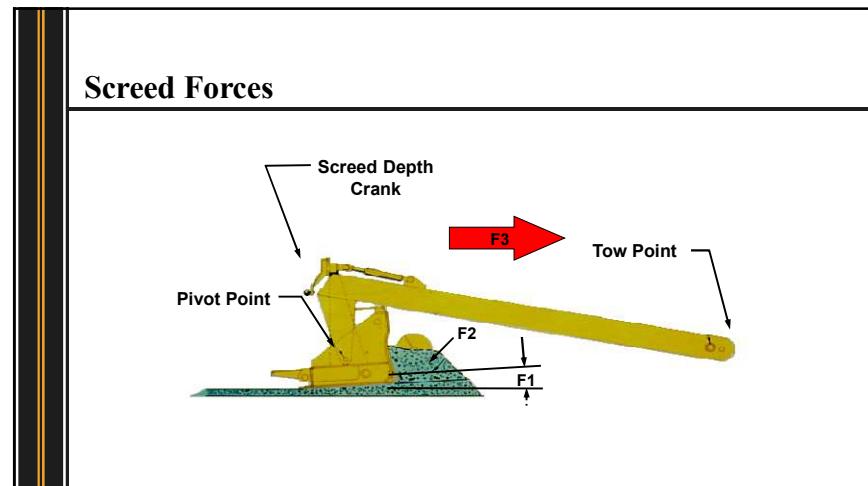
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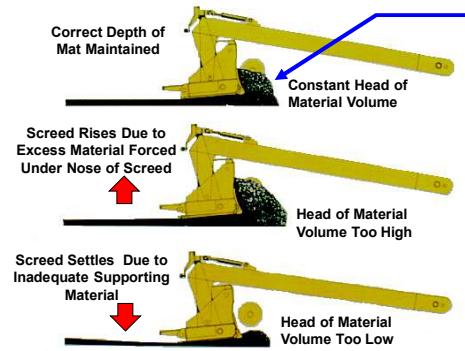
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- Coarser mixtures
- Modified asphalts



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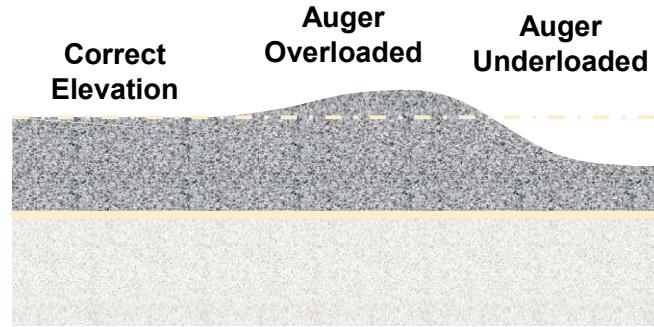
## Head of Material



Key issue for Smoothness. The "system" must work together Trucks Hoppers Slats Constant head of material!!!

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## Head of Material Effects



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## Stopping the Paver?




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## Screed Control Systems

- Who's Responsible for Changes?
- Sticking the Mat
- Manual Controls
- Automatic Controls



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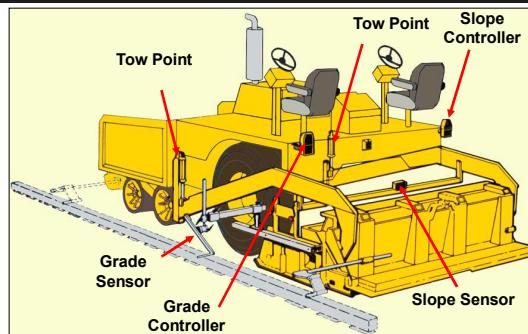
## Manual vs. Automatic Adjustments

- The more the operator tries to assist the self-leveling action of the screed, the rougher the new surface will be.



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## Grade and Slope Control



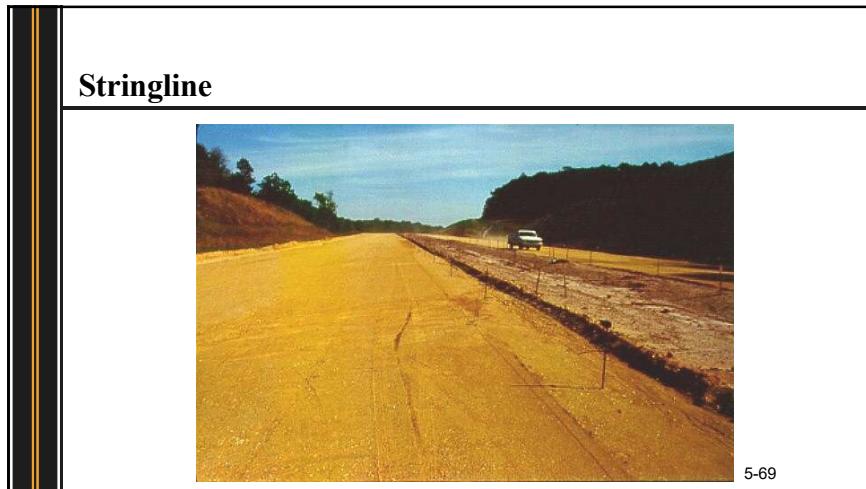
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## Types of Grade Reference

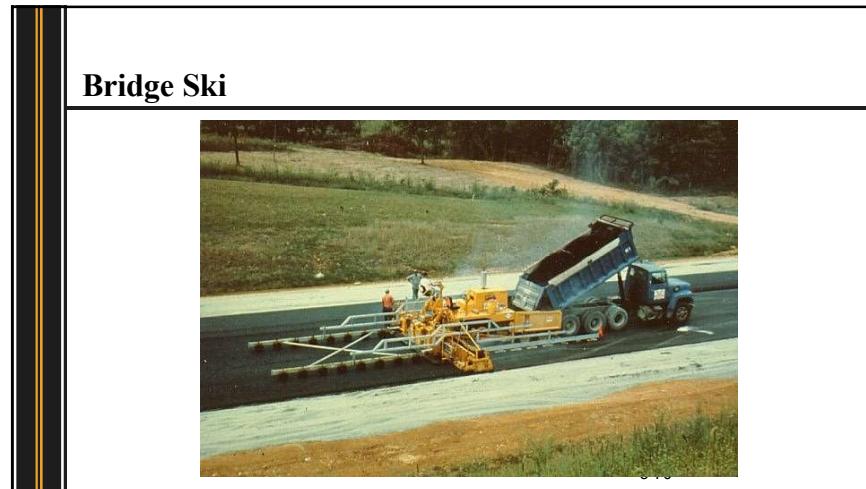
- Stringline
- Mobile reference
- Joint matching shoe
- Sonic sensor
- Laser



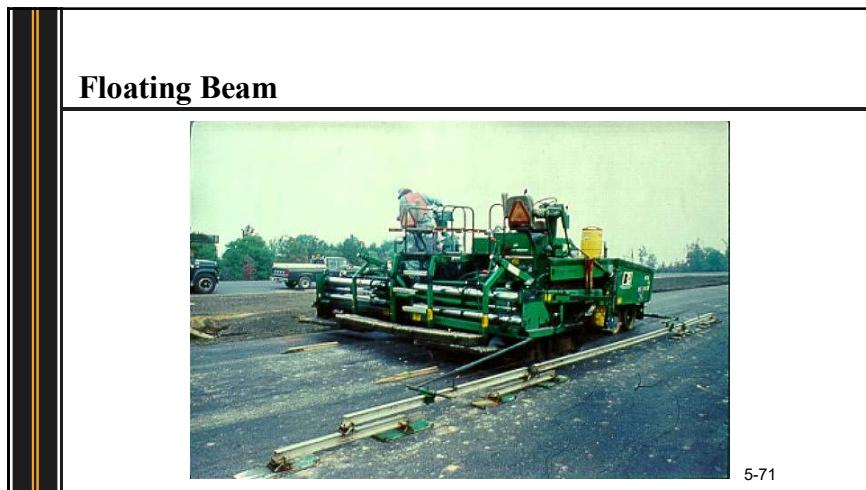
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**Joint Matching  
Shoe**

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### Joint Matching with a Non-contact Grade Sensor



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### Automatic Grade Sensor

Operation of the  
sensor should be  
checked regularly.



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### Yield-Thickness-Smoothness

- Base Condition
- Minimum Thickness
- Yield
- Smoothness
- Controlling Yield versus Thickness or Smoothness

You can't control yield and thickness or smoothness. Establish beforehand which will be the controlling factor!!!!



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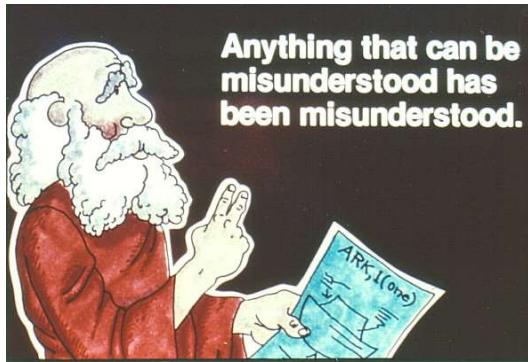
## Types of Paving

- Planning Pulls
- Mainline Paving
- Shoulder Paving
- Variable Width Paving
- Transitions
- Temporary Paving
- Echelon Paving
- Night Paving



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## Paving Widths



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Good Joint Location?

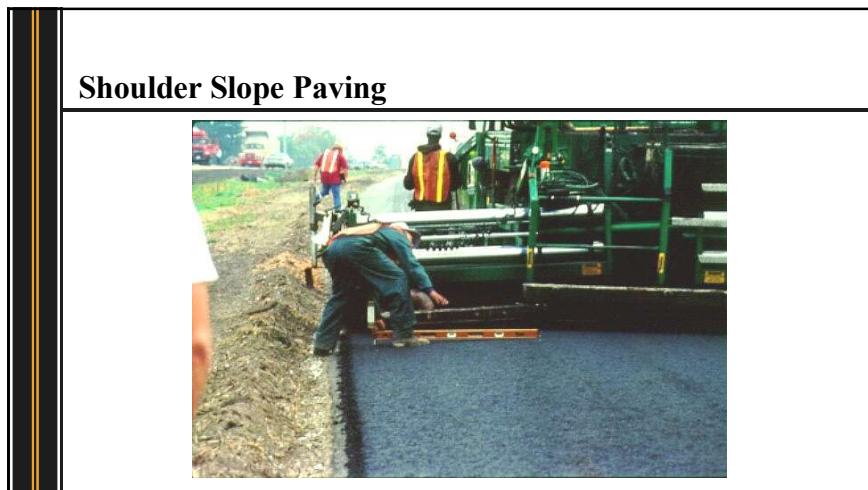


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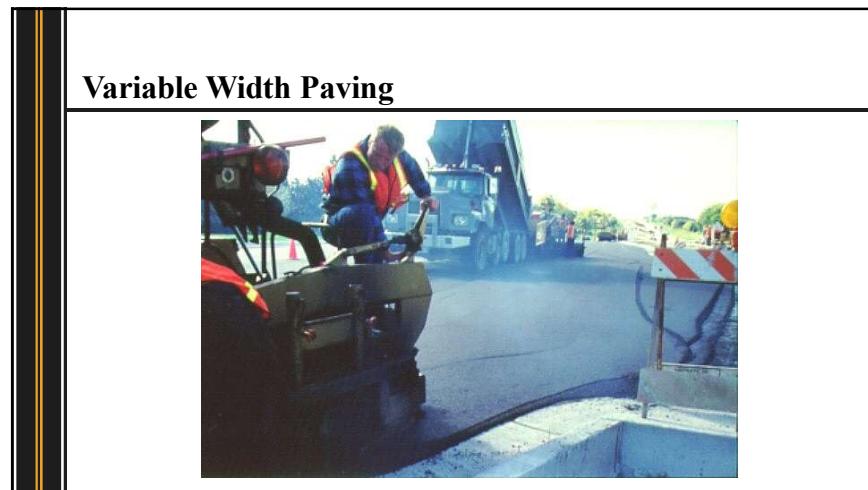
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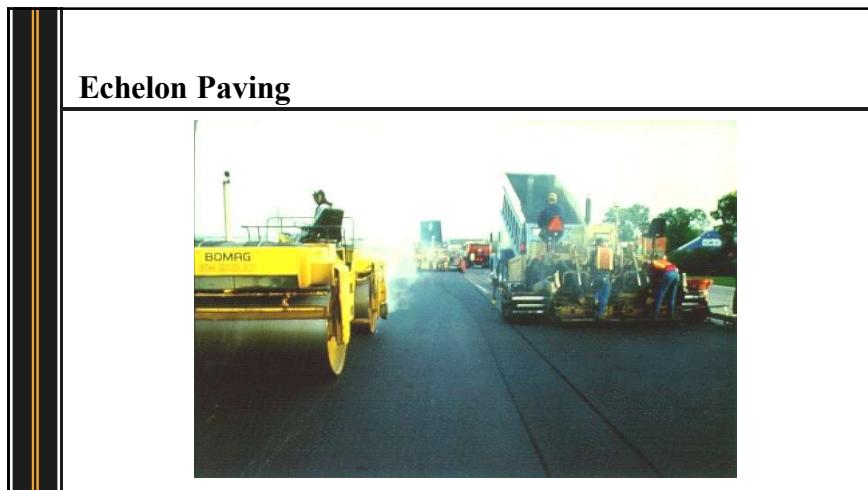
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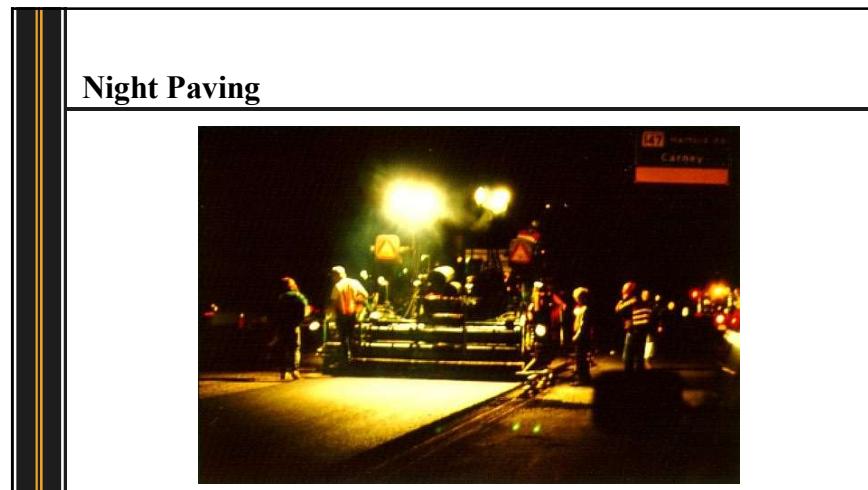
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## Night Paving

- Becoming more common
- Requires more attention
- Issues:
  - Visibility
  - Cooler Temperatures
  - New Crews
  - Lighting
  - Safety!!!



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## Night Paving-Safety Issues



- Changes in Driving Habits

- Drunk drivers



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## Night Paving-Construction Issues



- Operator Awareness
- Equipment Maintenance
- Additional care during testing
- Impacts of limited lighting

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## Night Paving-Other Issues?



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## Operating Techniques

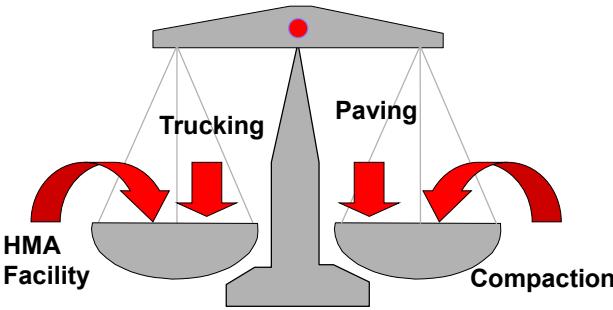
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**Traffic Control**



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## Balancing Production



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**PAVING PRODUCTION CALCULATION FORM:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonnes scheduled to be placed today (T-MIX): \_\_\_\_\_ tonnes

Hours of Paving Scheduled (P-TIME): \_\_\_\_\_ hours

Mix Delivery Rate (H-RATE):  

$$= \frac{T-MIX}{P-TIME}$$
  

$$= \frac{\text{tonnes}}{\text{hours}} = \text{tph}$$

Paving Width (WIDTH): \_\_\_\_\_ m

Paving Thickness (THICK): \_\_\_\_\_ millimeters

Compacted Mix Density (DENSITY): \_\_\_\_\_

Specification limits for density: Minimum = \_\_\_\_\_; Maximum = \_\_\_\_\_  
 The in-place target density should be above the Minimum: Target = \_\_\_\_\_

DENSITY = Reference Density x % Target Density  

$$= \frac{\text{kg/cu m}}{\text{kg/cu m}} \times \frac{\text{target}}{\text{min}}$$

Actual Paver Production Rate (P-RATE):  

$$= \frac{\text{MIX RATE (tph)} \times 1,000 \text{ kg}}{1 \text{ tonne}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} + \text{WIDTH (m)} + \text{THICK(m)} + \text{DENSITY(kg/m<sup>3</sup>)}$$
  

$$= \frac{\text{_____}}{60} + \frac{\text{_____}}{60} + \frac{\text{_____}}{60} + \frac{\text{_____}}{60}$$

P-RATE = \_\_\_\_\_ meters/min

Paving Efficiency Factor (EFF1): \_\_\_\_\_ (recommended: 0.75 - 0.85)

Actual Paver Speed (PAVER):  

$$\text{PAVER} = \frac{\text{P-RATE}}{\text{EFF1}} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{_____}} = \text{_____ meters/min}$$

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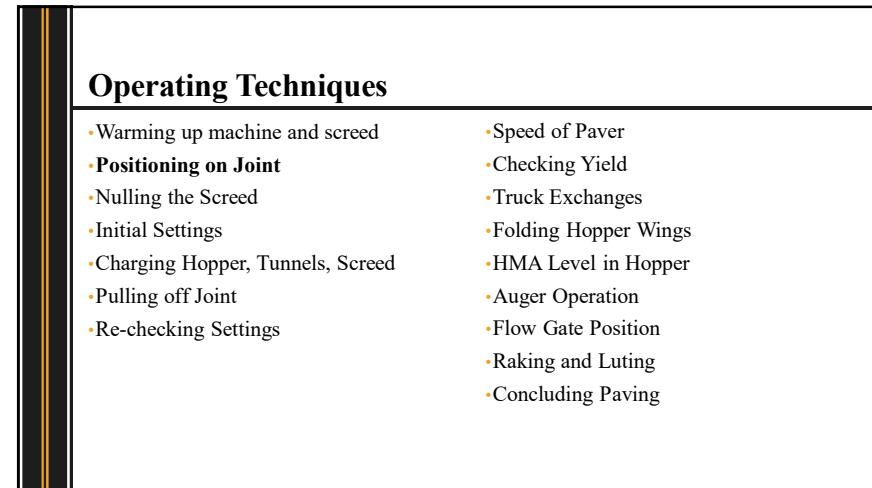
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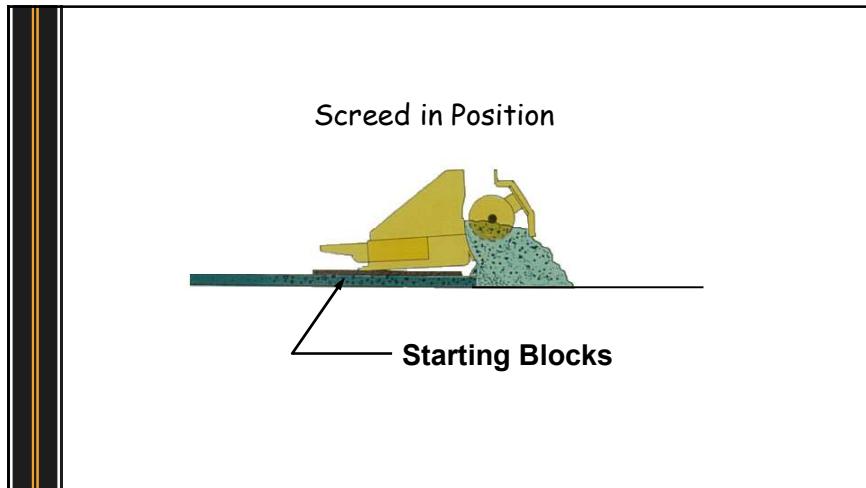
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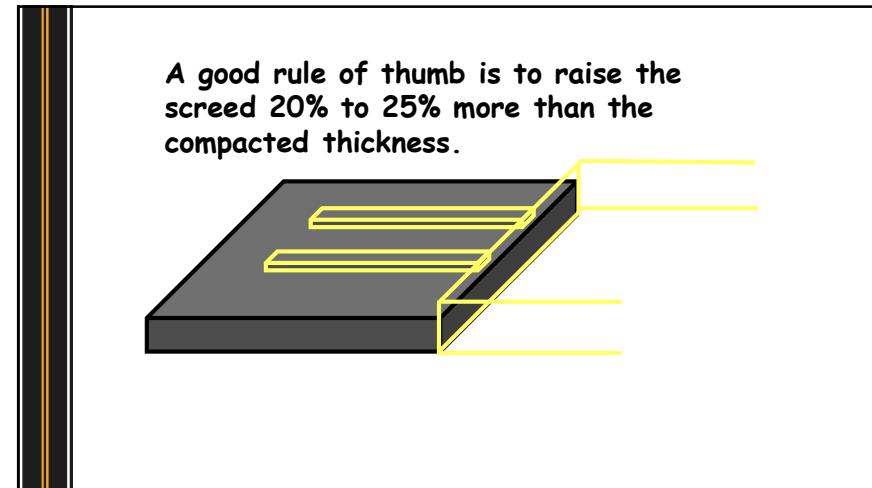
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### Steering Guide



### Varies by operator SKILL!!!!



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### Null Screed



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### Setting Angle of Attack



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## Misaligned Screed Extension

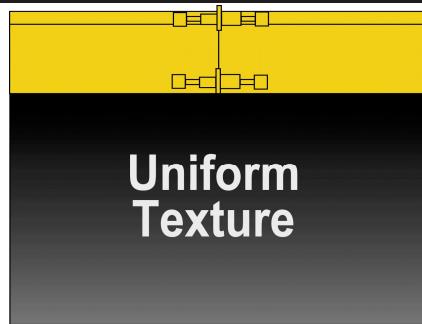


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## Lead Crown - ~1/8 in Greater Than Tail Crown

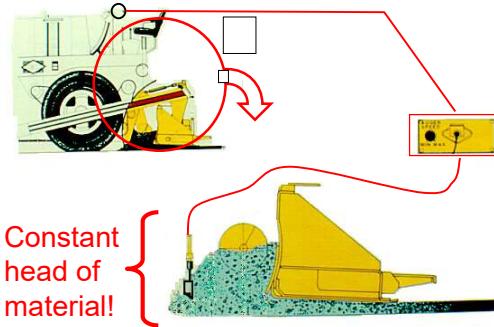




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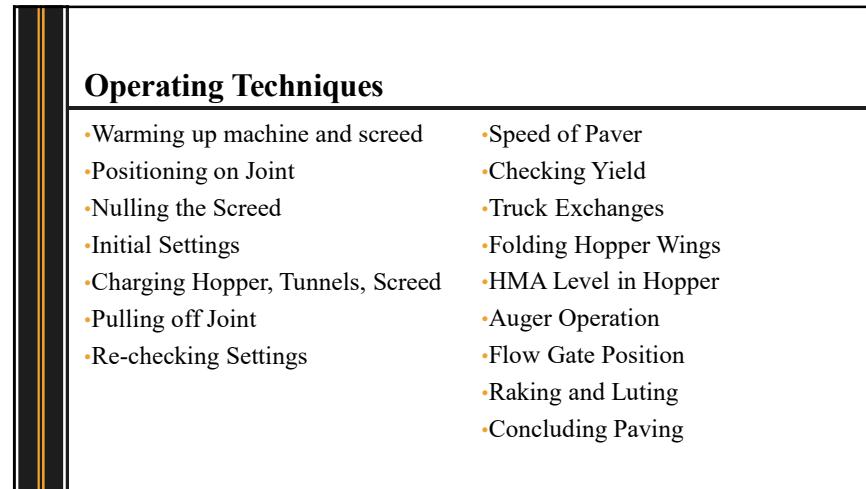
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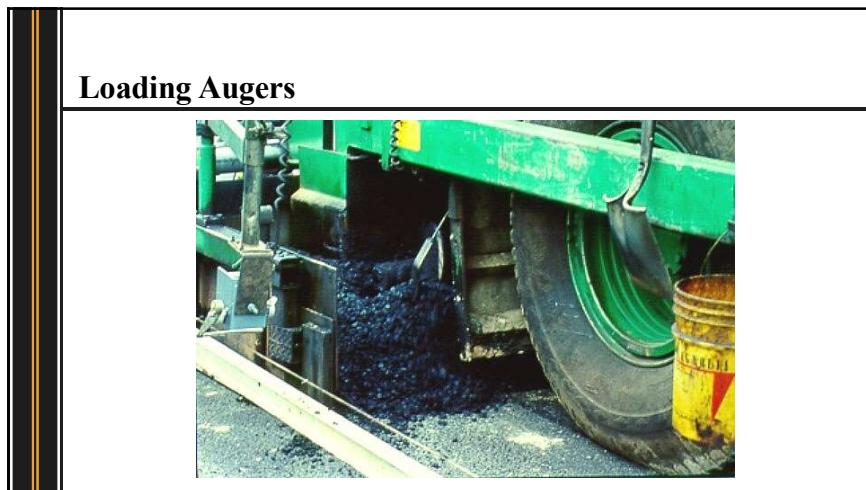
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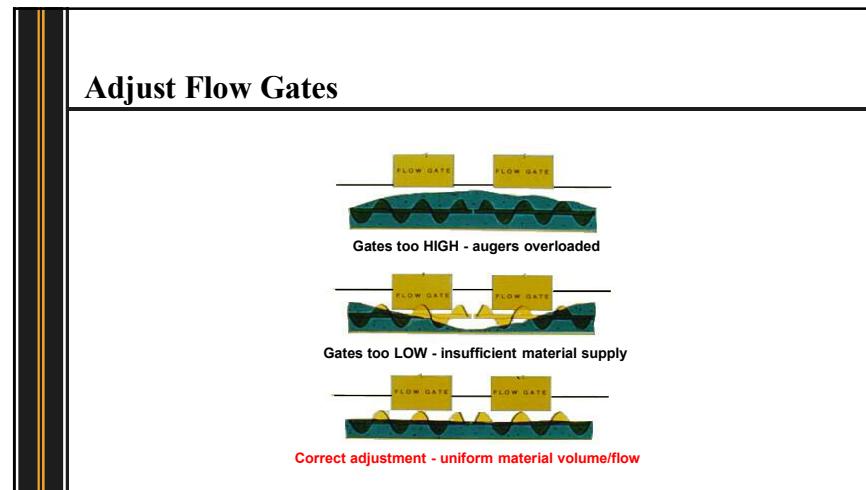
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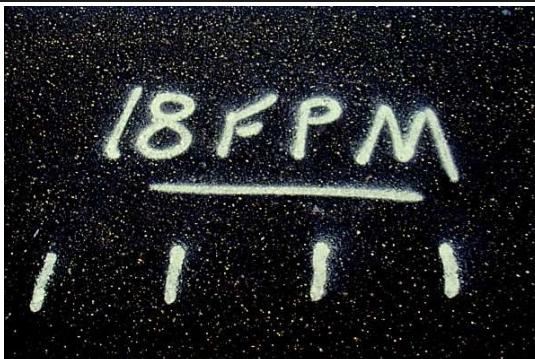
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<b>Start Up</b>	
	

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<b>Check Paver Speed</b>	
	

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## Re-Check Settings

- Is thickness okay?
- Is cross slope okay?
- Is mat texture okay?

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## Check Settings



Cross Slope

Texture?

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## Check Head of Material



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## Check Yield Periodically

You can't control yield and thickness or smoothness.

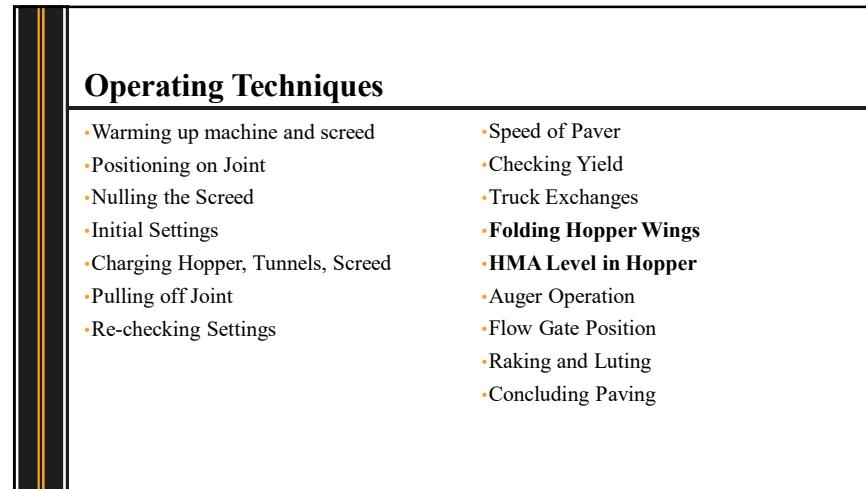
Adjusting for yield or thickness will reduce smoothness!!!!



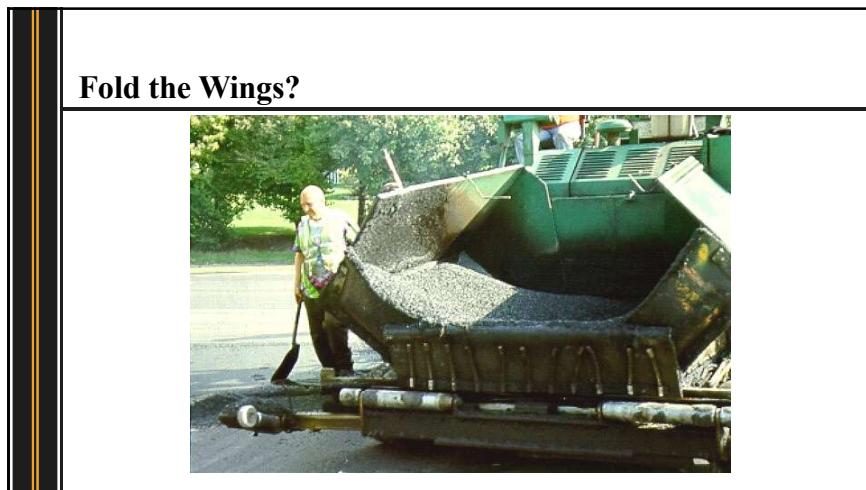
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## Next Truck Not Ready?



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## Operating Techniques

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- **Flow Gate Position**
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## Constant Head of Material

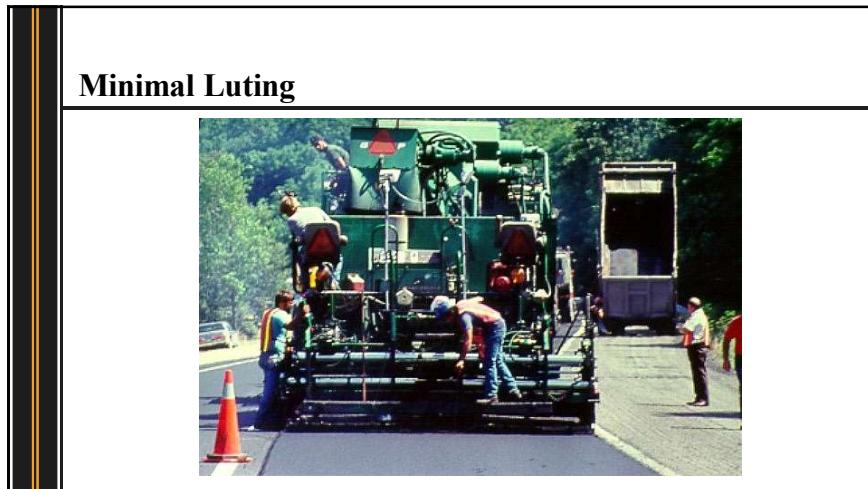


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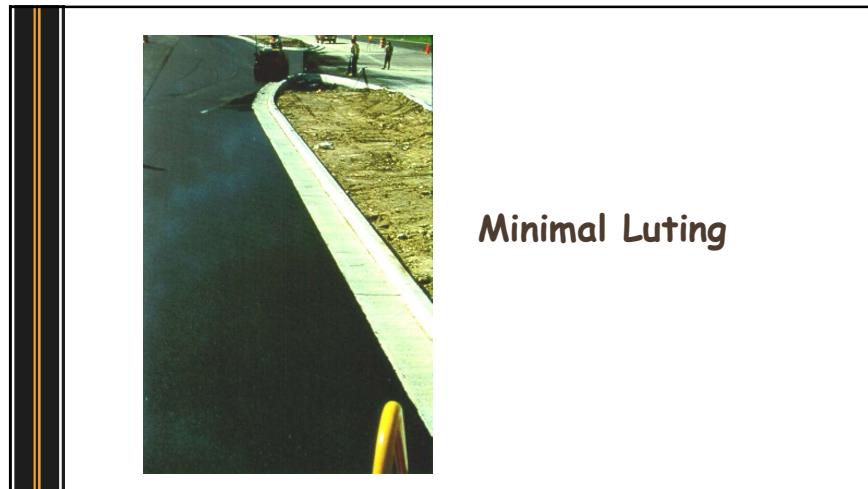
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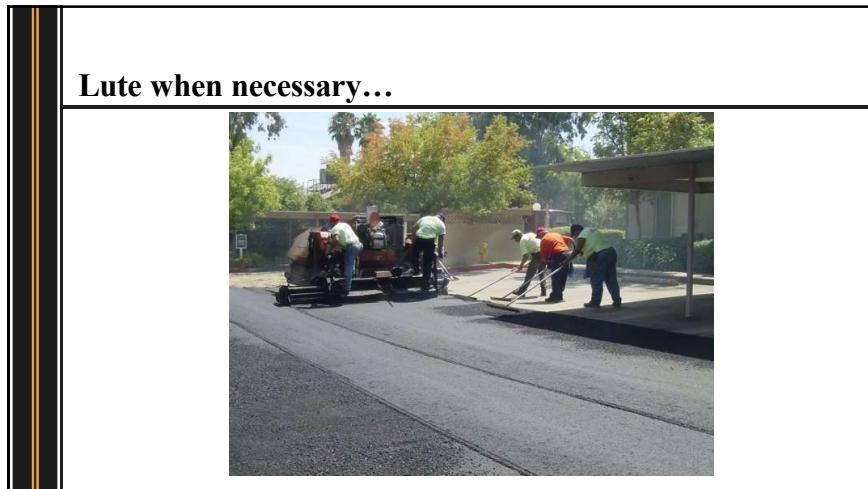
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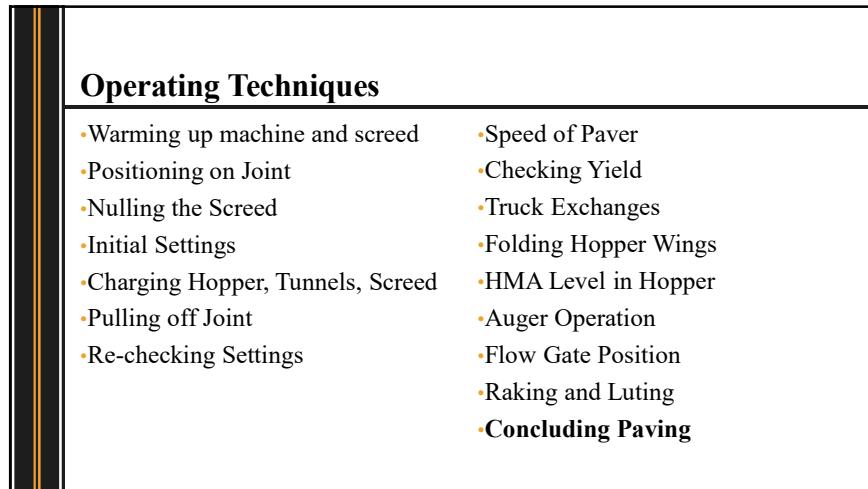
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## Cleanup



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## Paver Maintenance

- Washing down
- Wear check
- Storage of electrical equipment
- Checklists



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## Maintenance Checklist

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Paver ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK DAILY

- (1) **COOLING SYSTEM** - (a) Check coolant level; (b) Check radiator core for plugging with dirt or oil; (c) Check hoses for cracking and leaking; (d) Check fan belt for proper tension; (e) Check fan for loose bearings. If any are found, replace as required.
- (2) **ENGINE LUBE SYSTEM** - (a) Check engine oil level; (b) Check for any leakage on or around engine; (c) Report any discolorations (milky, brown, purple, black, etc.) in oil; (d) Check for oil sludge.
- (3) **FUEL SYSTEM** - (a) Check sediment bowl for dirt or water and clean as needed; (b) Check for any leaks around lines and fittings. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
- (4) **HYDRAULIC SYSTEM** - (a) Check oil level; (b) Check and look for any leakage on or around pump, lines, fittings, and flares. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
- (5) **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM** - (a) Look at the wiring and connections for any fraying or damage; (b) Check battery voltage; (c) Check for battery cable connections; and clean if starting to corrode.
- (6) **TIRES** - (a) Check tires and maintain 1b air pressure. Note: Tires are also 75% to 100%, filled with Calcium chloride solution.
- (7) **INSPECTION** - (a) Look for loose bolts and tighten right away; (b) Check for any oil leaks and repair as required; (c) Check for any oil leaks after each days run and spray with cleaner; (d) Keep top deck and screed clean; (e) Check wheel drive chains, conveyor drive chains, and conveyor flight chains for any damage or wear. If any damage is found, Don't run machine with loose chains; (e) Check for oil or grease leak to transmission, differential, axle housing, transmission, differential, axle tube and to the rear axle housing, differential, axle tube and report to service immediately.

### CHECK WEEKLY

- (1) **Brake System** - (a) Check both LH and RH master cylinders for hydraulic brake fluid level. Keep filled to proper level.

- (1) Vibrator shaft bearings and U-joints on vibrator shafts. DO NOT FLUSH GREASE.
- (2) Cut-off blade bearing. (twice daily)
- (3) Rear conveyor flight shaft bearings.
- (4) Vibrator shaft bearings and U-joints. SEE OPERATORS MANUAL.
- (5) Jack shafts and idler sprockets.
- (6) Solved and idler sprockets.

### WEEKLY LUBRICATION

- (1) Cut-off blade bearing
- (2) Vibrator shaft bearing
- (3) Brake Pedals
- (4) Vibrator shaft bearings and U-joints
- (5) Boyce Wheel Bearings
- (6) Vibrator shaft bearings and U-joints
- (7) Main Drive Pinion

### Q3 & Q4 GREASE & FILTER CHANGES

- (1) ENGINE - Change oil and filter every 150 hrs. For oil, see engine manual.
- (2) HYDRAULIC SYSTEM - Change oil and filter every 150 hrs. For oil, see engine manual.
- (3) HYDRAULIC - Oil bath every 150 hrs. Dry the chassis 3 times a year.
- (4) CHAIN HOIST, GEAR TRANSMISSION, DIFFERENTIAL, LH & RH CONVEYOR BELTS - Change gear lube yearly; use 85W140 gear oil.

- (1) Drive chains. Adjust 19 mm slack one side
- (2) Conveyor belt. Larger units: 125-175mm from ground. Smaller units: 75-125mm from frame.

### OTHER THINGS THAT NEED SPECIFIC ATTENTION AND HANDLING

- (1) Grade and Slope Boxes and Cables
- (2) Grade Extensions
- (3) Skis
- (4) Don't tamper with the governors or speed adjusting screws.

(Courtesy of Bear-Knose)

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Operating Techniques

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## Traffic Control

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## Traffic Control



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## MUTCD?



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## Review:

- What is the objective of HMA placement?
- List 3 tractor components and their function
- List 3 screed components and their function



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**Review :**

- Describe the operational principles of the screed
- List and describe 2 types of grade and slope control systems
- How are yield-thickness-smoothness related?



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**Review:**

- Name 2 important paver maintenance items
- List 2 good paver operating techniques



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## Module 6 – Joint Construction

Chapter 9 – Asphalt Paving Handbook



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### Learning Objectives

- State the objective of joint construction
- Describe the two types of joints
  - Describe transverse joint construction methods
  - Describe longitudinal joint construction methods
- Identify proper joint raking/luting techniques



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### Goal

- Construct well compacted, sealed joints which will resist infiltration of air, water, and other contaminants, which would lead to early deterioration.



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### Types of Joints

- A **transverse joint** is a joint in a pavement that runs **perpendicular to the direction of traffic**. Typically occurs:
  - Where paving operations stop and restart (extended material delay, end of day)
  - Project limits
  - Bridge tie-in
- A **longitudinal joint** is a joint in a pavement that runs **parallel to the direction of traffic**.
  - Typically, along the centerline or between paving lanes



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## Transverse Joint

- There will almost always be some handwork necessary to complete the joint. Do not get carried away with overworking the mix.
- When handworking mix, “leave the mix high” to allow compaction. Handworked mix is looser than paver-laid mix. Leave about 10 mm (0.4 in) per 25 mm (1 in) of mix laid.
- Compact this immediately. Handworking (and the time to do it) results in a cooler mix.



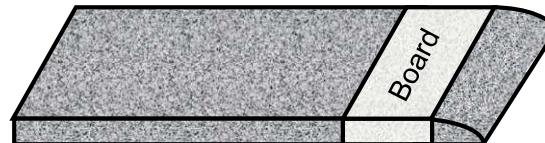
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## Transverse Construction Joints – Butt Joint

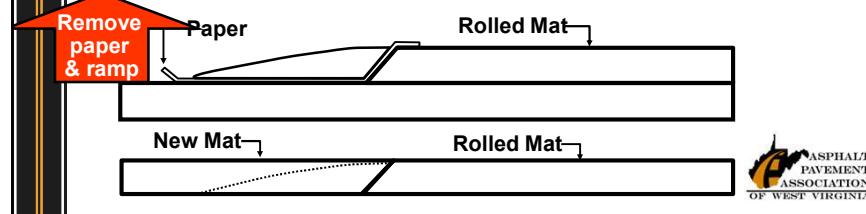
- A butt joint can be used when traffic will not be passing over the joint.
- Selected joint location. Do not touch upstream material. Rake the downstream side away, and place boards lengthwise to allow the roller to compact the edge without rolling the material over.
- A small ramp of material is added on the downstream side of the board to aid in getting equipment off the mat.



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## Transverse Construction Joint – Papered Butt Joint

- Mix is shoveled away from the joint location, and treated paper is placed downstream of the joint.
- Mix is shoveled back onto the paper, formed into a ramp, and then the mat and the transition are compacted.
- Paper and ramp are then removed to continue paving



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## Transverse Construction Joints – Feathered Joint Without Paper

- Another option is to run out the paver and feather the joint into the existing mat.
- Note the location when the paver begins to taper
- Use a straightedge to determine where the pavement thickness began decreasing...



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## Transverse Construction Joints Feathered Joint Without Paper

- Mark the location and remove material downstream of the transition
- Unlike a papered joint, material will have bonded to the existing mat and a larger amount of effort will be needed for removal



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## Remove Downstream Material



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## Small Milling Machine



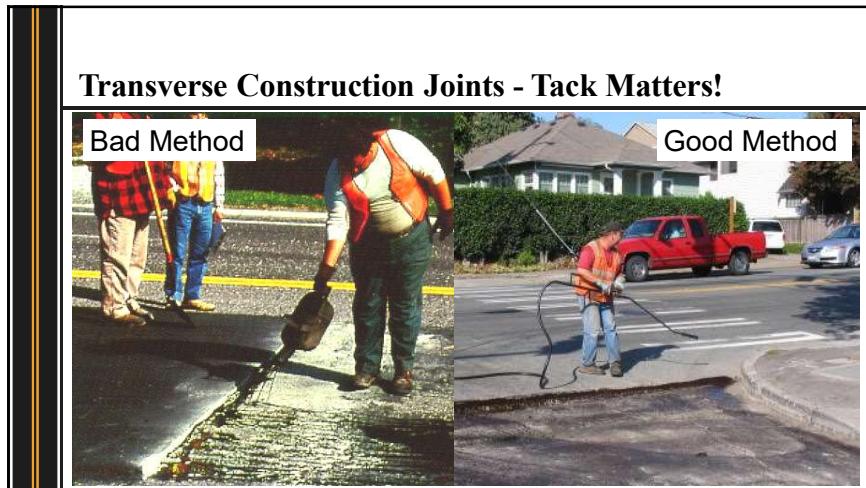
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## Transverse Construction Joints

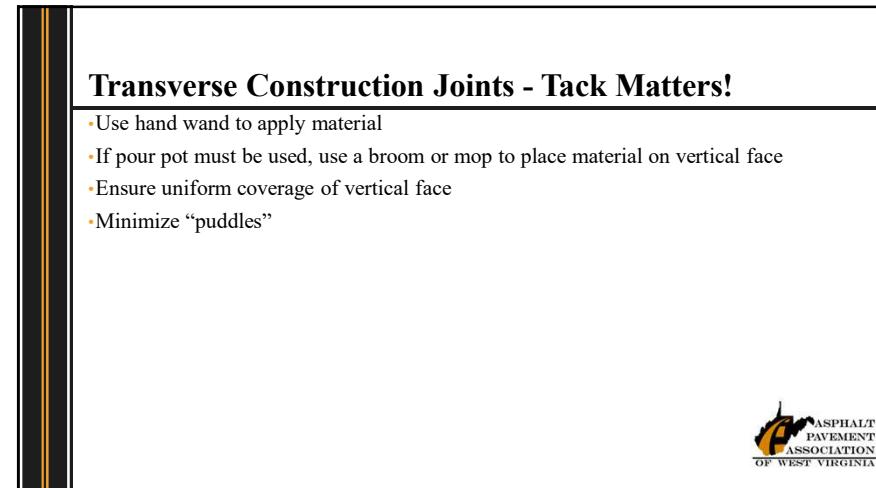
- Ensure all transition materials are moved and the joint location thoroughly cleaned.
- Is a push broom a good method to remove debris and dust?



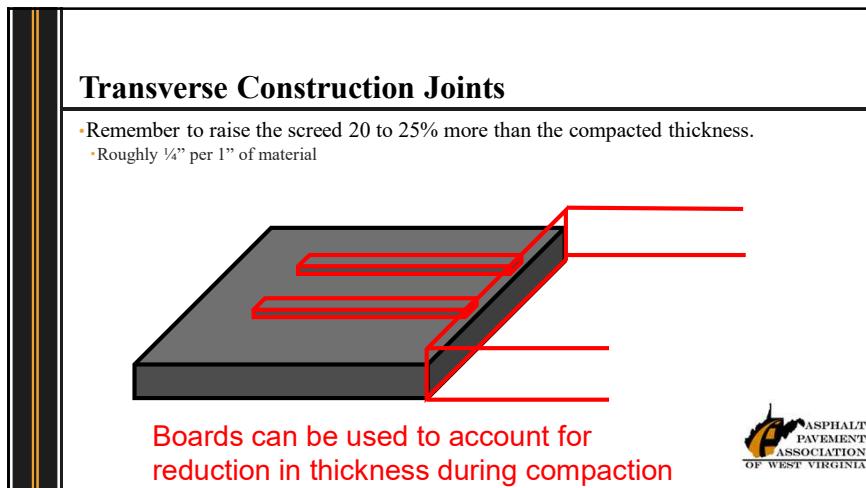
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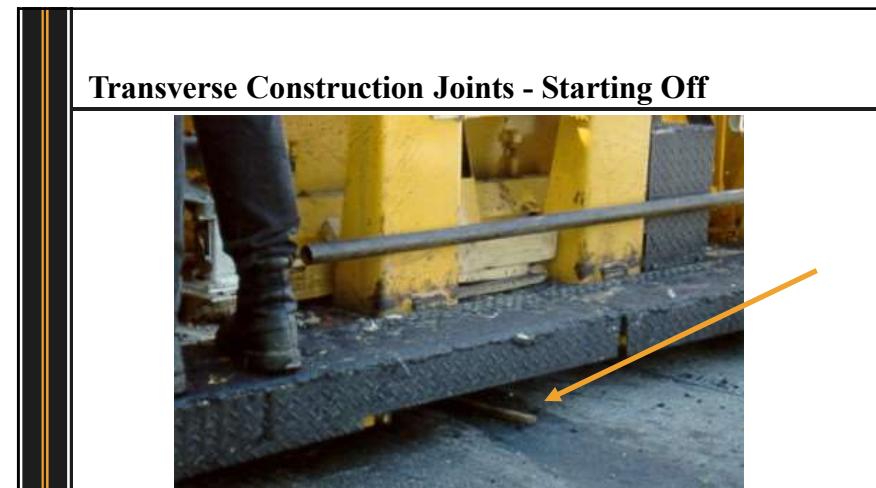
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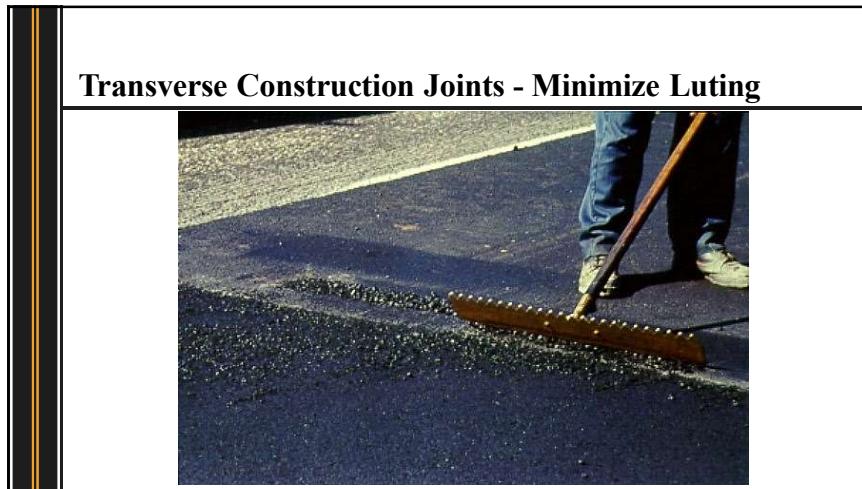
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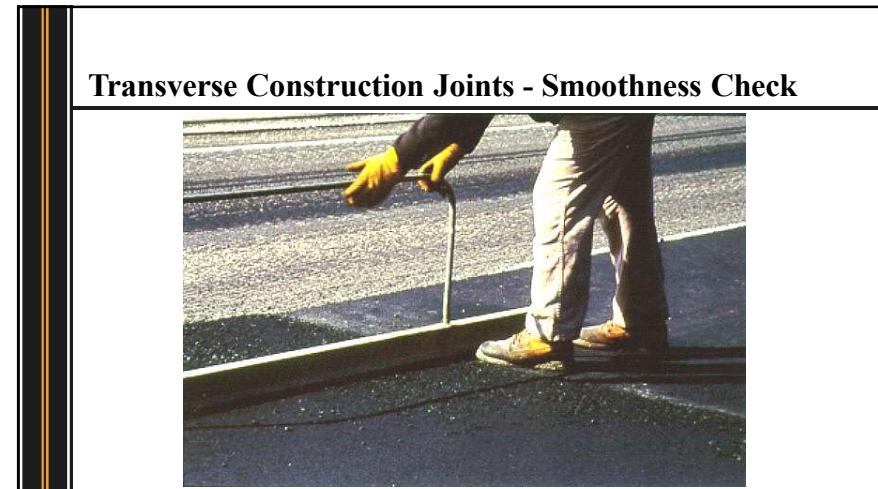
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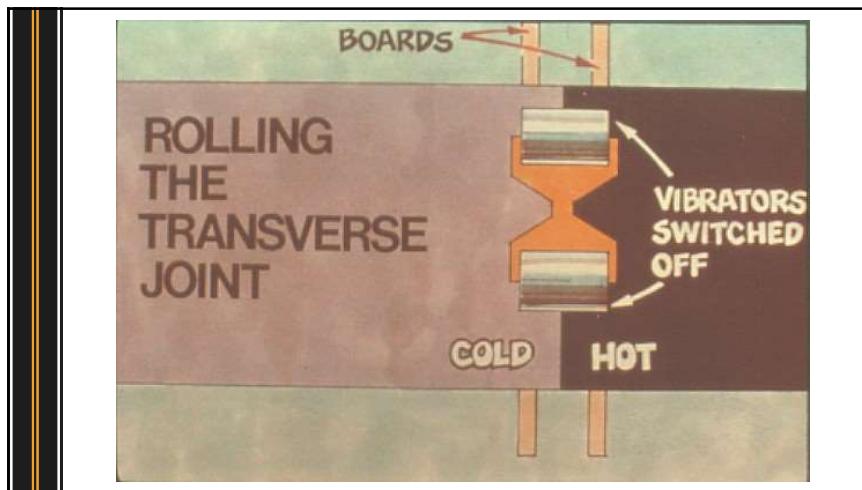
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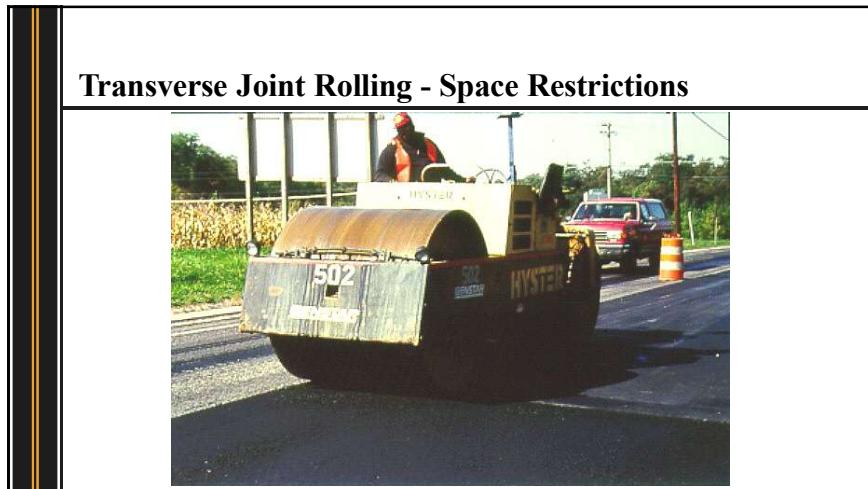
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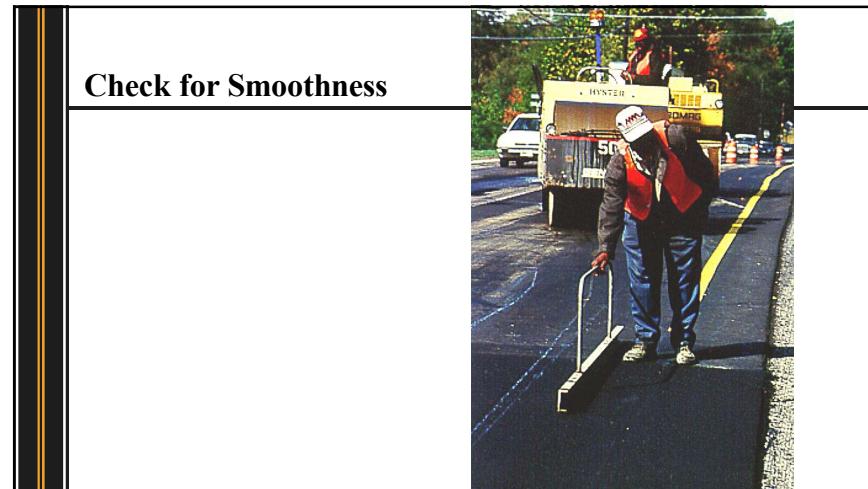
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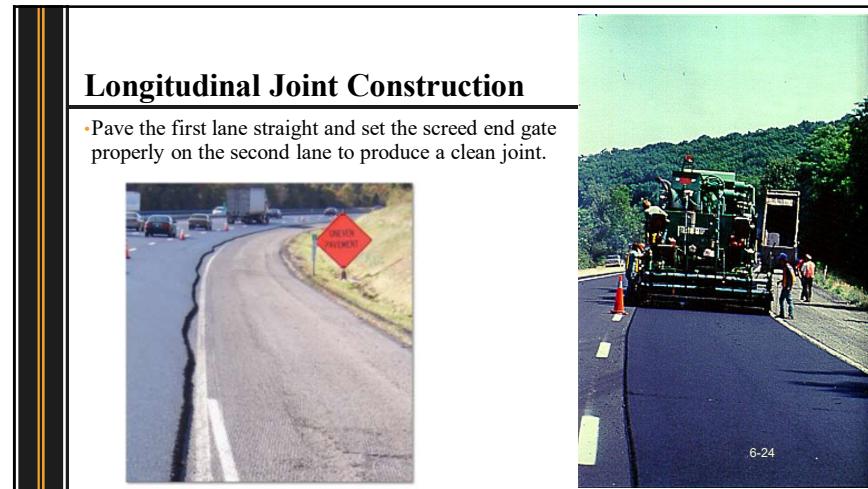
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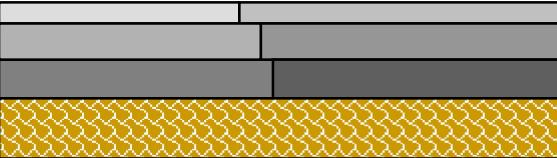
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## Longitudinal Joint Construction - Start with a plan

- Staggered Paving Joints from multiple lifts a minimum of 6"
- Surface joints should not be located in the wheel paths
- Avoid joints located under painted lines



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## Longitudinal Joint Construction - Start with a plan

- Pave shoulders with travel lanes to avoid joint construction
- With the extendable screed there is no cold joint at the lane/shoulder line.

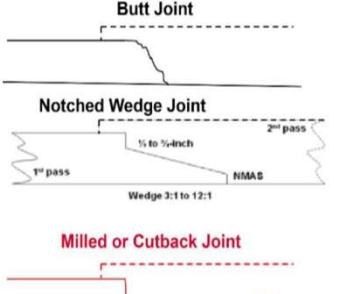


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## Longitudinal Joint Construction - Types

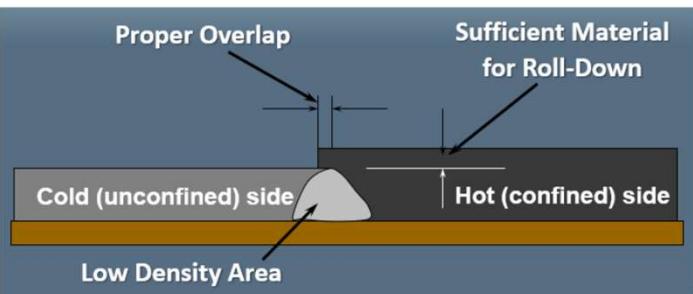
- Butt Joint
  - Most Common
  - Inherently Low density materials in unsupported edge
- Notched Wedge Joint
  - More complex, need for compaction on wedge
  - Higher joint density
- Milled/Cutback Joint
  - Removed unsupported edge material
  - Wasteful



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## Longitudinal Joint Construction



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**Longitudinal Joint Construction**  
Start with a good edge to pave against



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**Longitudinal Joint Construction**

- Keep the end gate DOWN seated flat on the Existing Surface



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**Longitudinal Joint Construction – Compacting the Unsupported “Cold” Side**

- The drum should be extended over the unsupported edge of the lane by approximately 6”



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**Longitudinal Joint Construction – Compacting the Unsupported “Cold” Side**

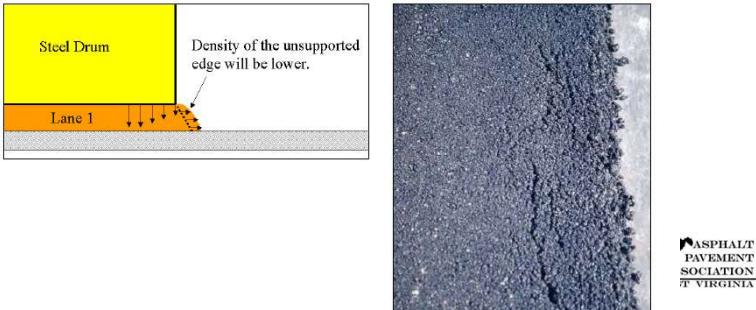
- Do not run a steel drum roller inside the unsupported edge
- High chance of stress cracks



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**Longitudinal Joint Construction – Compacting the Unsupported “Cold” Side**

- Do not run a steel drum roller directly over the unsupported edge
  - High chance of stress cracks



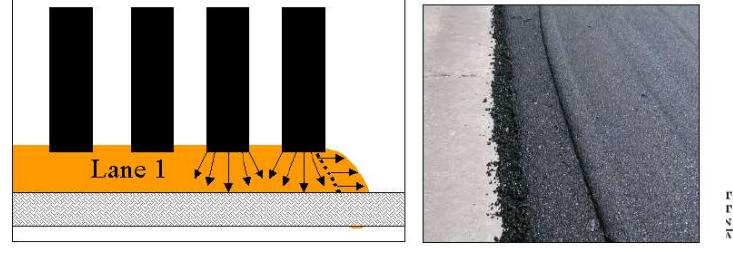
Steel Drum  
Lane 1  
Density of the unsupported edge will be lower.

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**Longitudinal Joint Construction – Compacting the Unsupported “Cold” Side**

- Pneumatic Tired Rollers should not be used directly on the unsupported edge
  - Will shove material laterally degrading the joint



Lane 1  
Will shove material laterally degrading the joint

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**Longitudinal Joint Construction - Butt Joint Alternative Notched Wedge Joint**



Notice the pneumatic roller with hydraulic pressure.  
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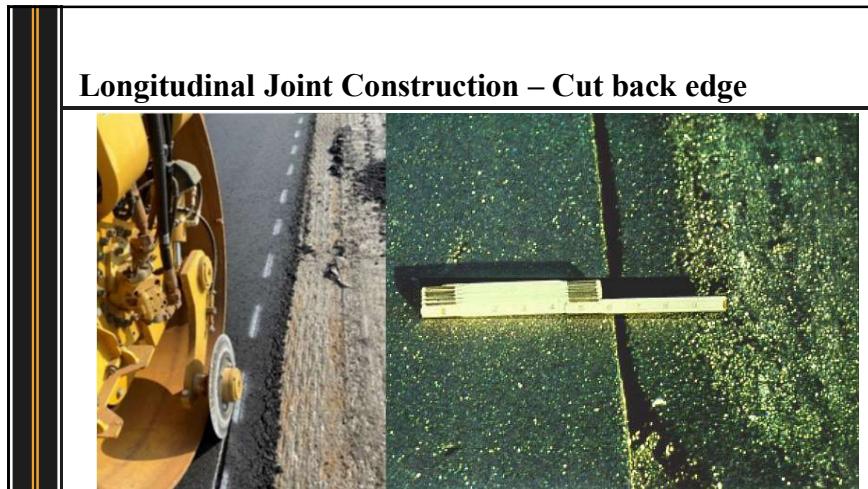
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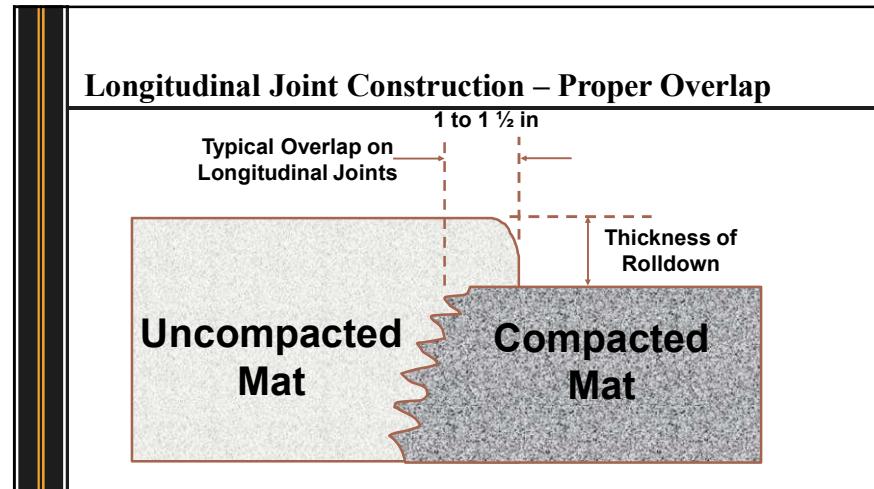


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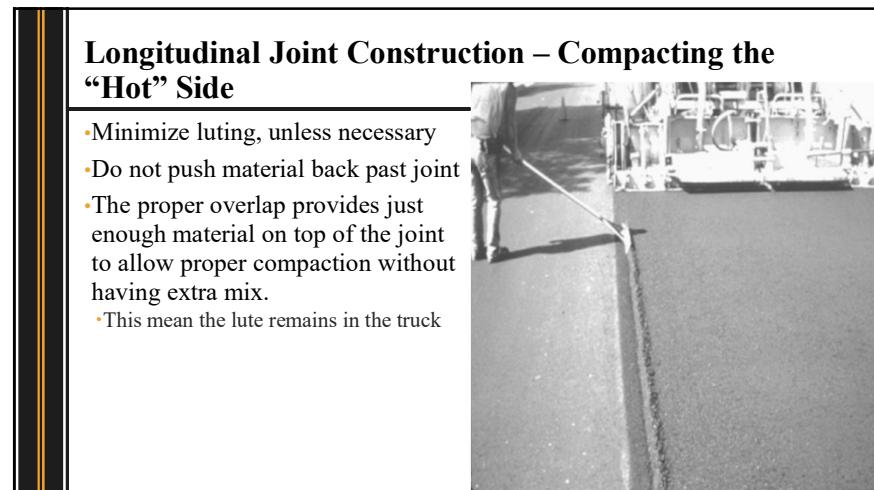
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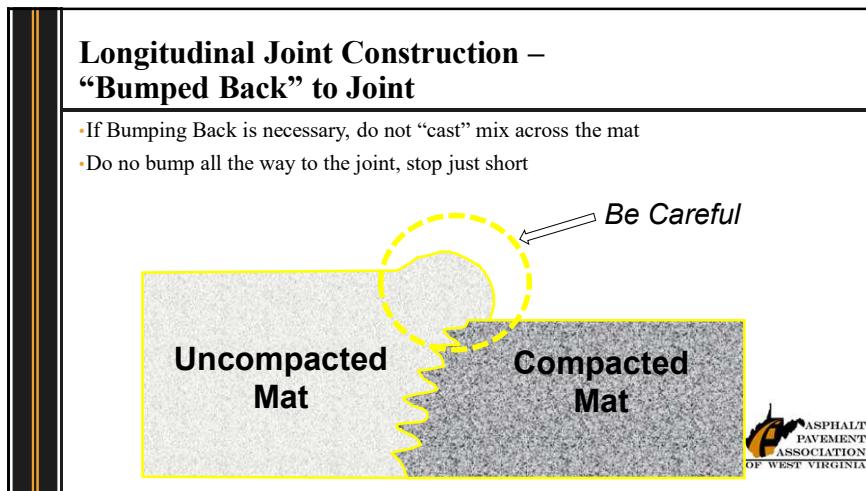
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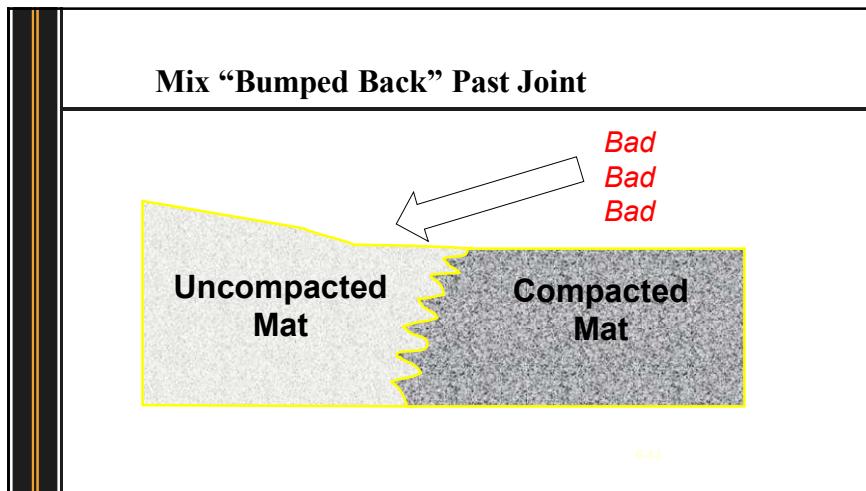
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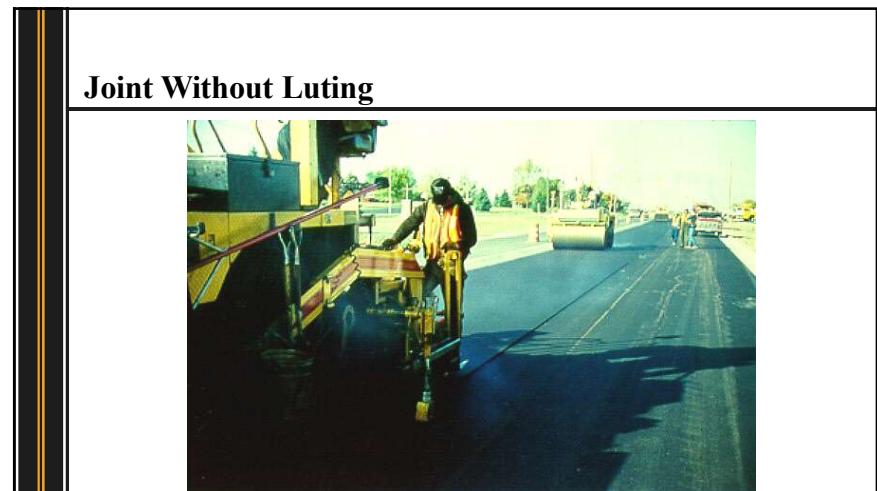
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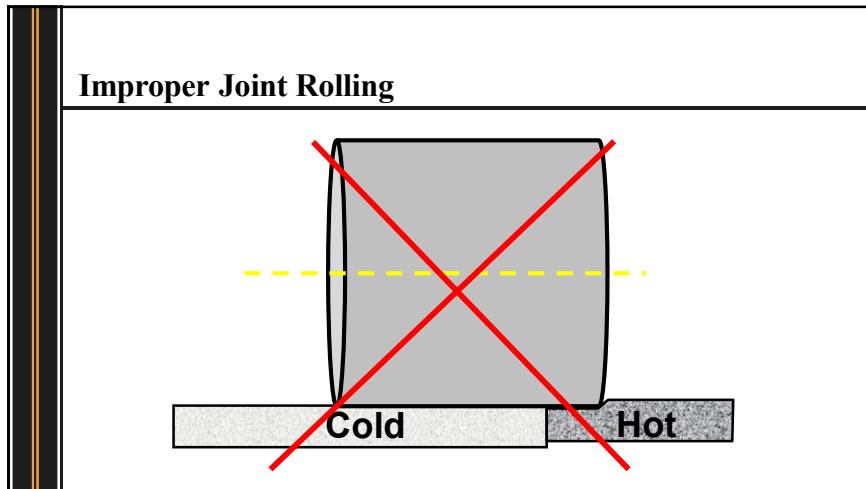
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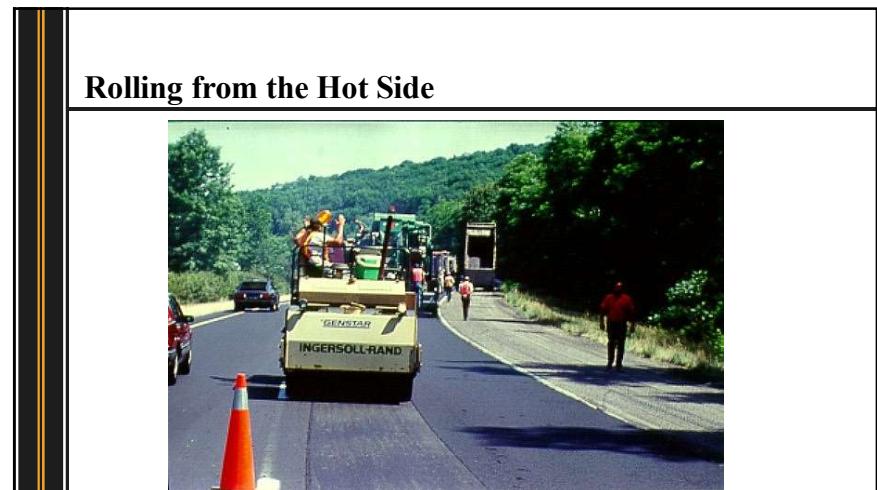
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### Longitudinal Joint Construction – Starving the Joint

- If the level of the second lane is at or below the first lane, proper compaction along the joint cannot be achieved.
- When the roller is properly placed with some of the roller on the cold mat, the roller will bridge the joint and not fully compact the hot side.

Not enough material for consolidation

Uncompacted Mat      Compacted Mat

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### Best Joint is one you don't have to make – Echelon paving

ONE CONTINUOUS JOINTLESS PAVEMENT

UP TO 65' (20 M) WIDE

4 PAVERS IN ECHELON ILLUSTRATION

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### Summary of Best Practices

First lane	Second Lane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use string line or skip lines to guide paver</li> <li>Keep side gates down</li> <li>Overhang roller 6" past mat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tack joint</li> <li>Hang paver 1" to 1.5" past joint</li> <li>Carefully lute and only if needed</li> <li>First pass hold roller 6-8" from joint, second pass "pinch" the joint by over hanging to cold mat 3-6"</li> <li>Watch for the formation of stress cracks</li> </ul>

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### Questions?

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## Module 7 – HMA Compaction



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### Learning Objectives

- Objective of compaction
- Asphalt concrete properties related to compaction
- Material and mix properties that affect compaction
- Types of compaction equipment
- Selection of compaction equipment
- Identify compaction variables
- Main components of compaction equipment maintenance
- Calculate roller productivity
- Describe proper compaction operating procedures



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### Definitions

- Density
  - The weight of the material that occupies a certain volume
- Compaction
  - The process through which the asphalt mix is compressed and reduced in volume
    - Cannot compress the aggregate or the binder
    - Volume reduction of the mix is the result of squeezing out the air!



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### Definitions

- Pass
  - The entire roller traverses (moves) over one point in the mat one time
- Coverage
  - The roller moving over the entire width of the mat one time



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## Importance of Compaction

- Improve Mechanical Stability
- Improve Resistance to Permanent Deformation
- Reduce Moisture/Air Penetration
- Improve Fatigue Resistance
- Reduce Low-Temperature Cracking Potential



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## Importance Of Compaction

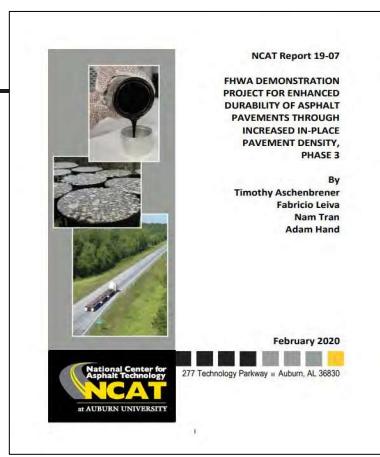
- During the construction of HMA, compaction is considered to be the most important factor that contributes to the performance of the pavement.
- “Density is not only a top quality indicator, in terms of how long the pavement will last, but it is also a top pay item in most state specifications,”
- Rollers are the last piece of equipment to touch the mat after it is placed and are the last opportunity to “undo” the smooth mat that the paver has placed



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## Importance of Density

- 1% decrease in air voids:
  - Estimated to improve the fatigue performance between 8 and 44%
  - Estimated to improve rutting resistance by 7 to 66%.
- 1% decrease in air voids would extend the service life by 10%, conservatively.



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## Topics

- Factors affecting compaction
- Time available for compaction
- Roller types
- Roller operations
- Roller pattern
- Production rate
- Roller maintenance



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## Factors Affecting Compaction

- Properties of the Materials
- Laydown Site Conditions
- Environmental Variables



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## Properties of the Materials

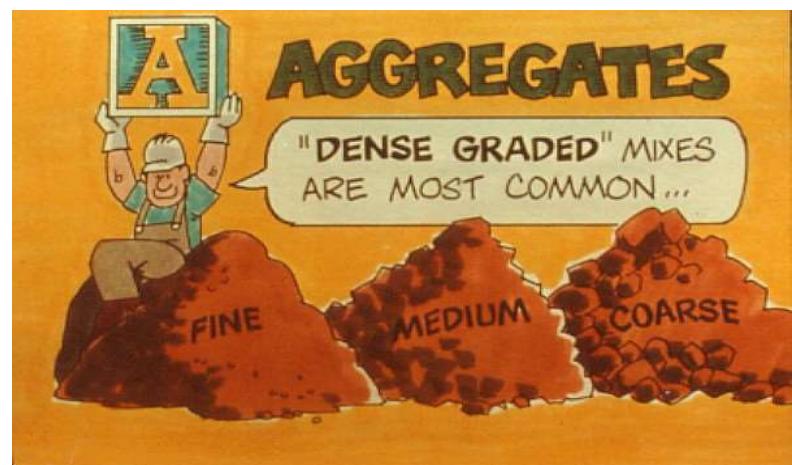
- Aggregate
- Asphalt Binder
- Mix Properties



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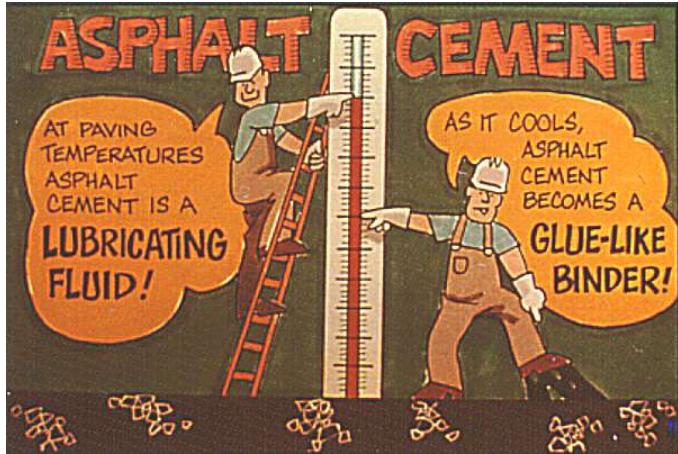


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## Aggregate Carries the Load



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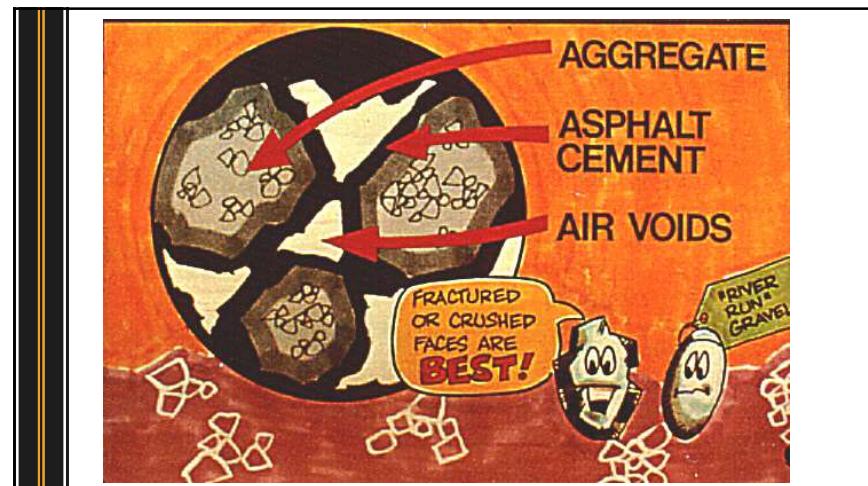
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## Binder and Compaction

- Asphalt binder holds particles together
  - Provides lubrication at high temperatures
  - Provides cohesion at in-service temperatures
- Prevents air and water intrusion into mat

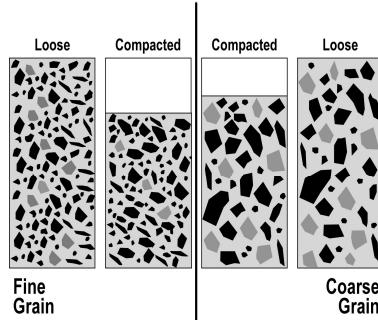


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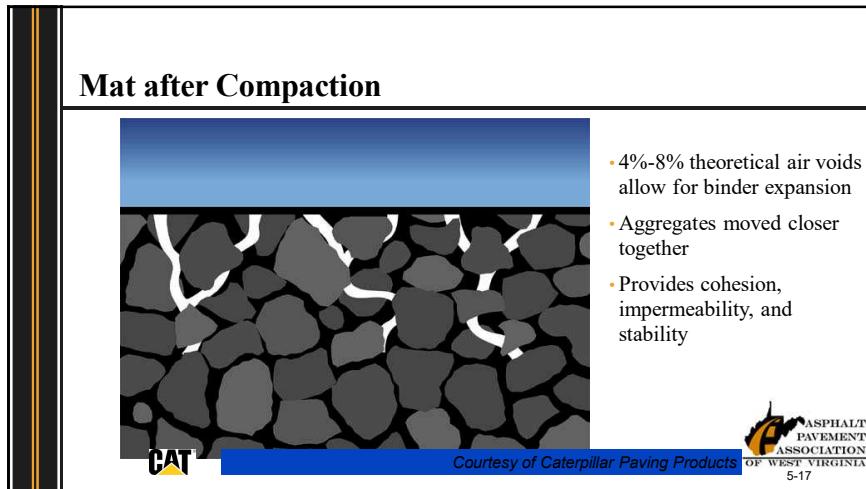
## Mix Properties



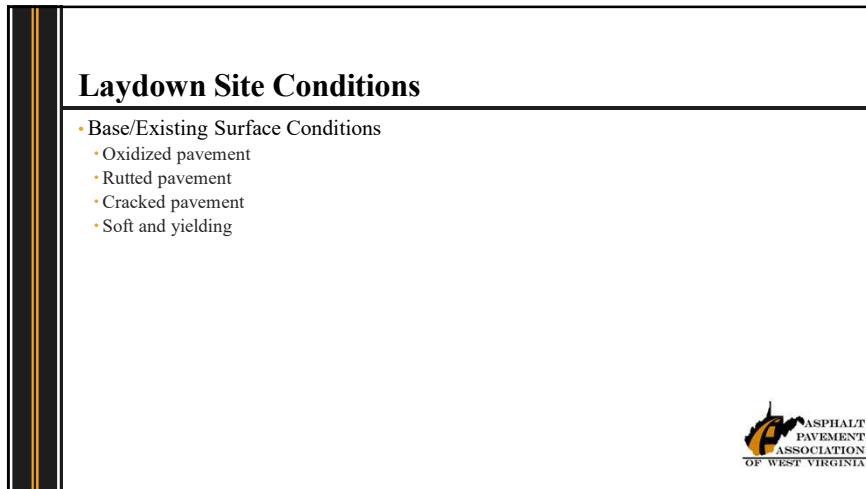
- Compaction rates vary by mix design
- Adjust placement thickness to match desired compacted mat thickness

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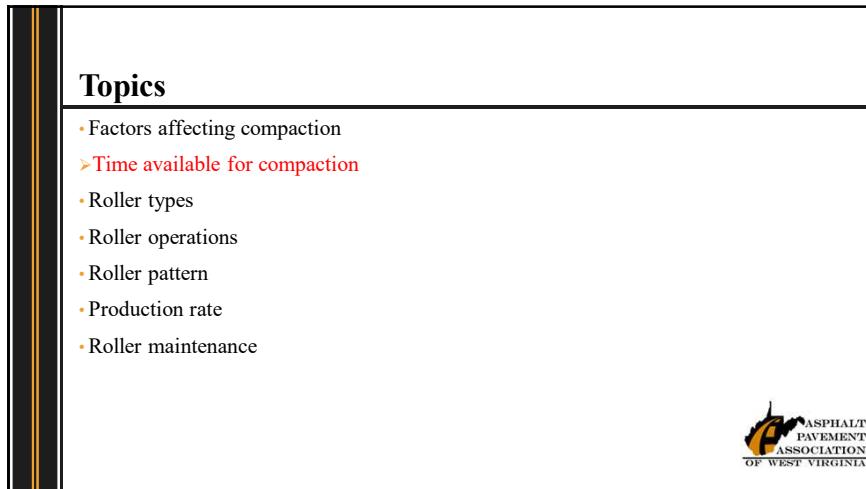
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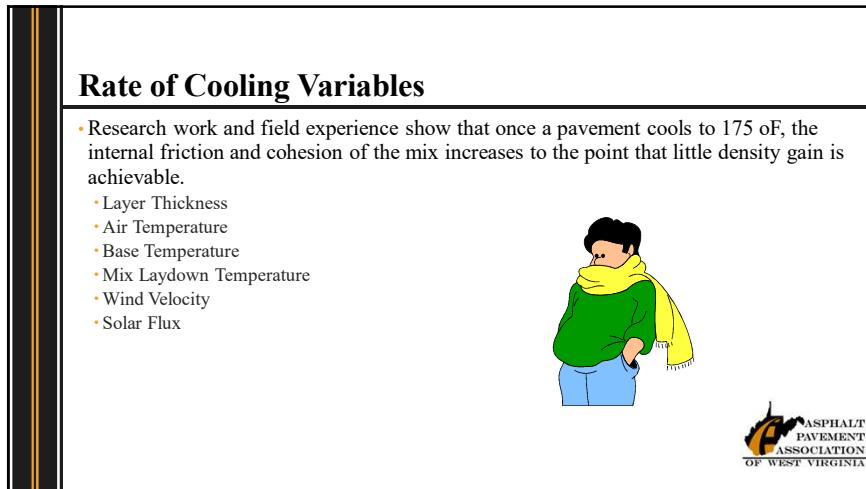
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## DOH SPEC 401.10.4

- The required density shall be obtained prior to the mat reaching a temperature of 175F.
- The contractor shall be allowed to lower this temperature to 165F if they can demonstrate during the first day of placement of each lift on each project that additional densification can be achieved without causing any pavement distress.

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## Thickness = Time

- Minimum temperature to achieve final density is 175 F (165 F sometimes)
- In general, an increase of mat thickness by 50% will result in almost twice as much time for compaction
- HMA delivered at 300 F, Air Temp = 40 F, and Surface Temp = 50 F, Clear and Dry, Wind = 5 mph
  - 1.0" cools to 175F in about 8 minutes
  - 1.5" cools to 175F in about 15 minutes

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## PaveCool

- Actual calculation of pavement cooling times based on job site conditions
- Available FREE (google Pavecool)
  - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/app/pavecool/>

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PaveCool.exe (save this file to your desktop to run PaveCool 3.1 without installing it)

PaveCool Final Report (PDF 1 MB, 146 pp)  
 Consideration of Hot-Mix Asphalt Thermal Properties During Compaction (ASTM). 1996 (PDF 500 KB, 15 pp)

PaveCool Help

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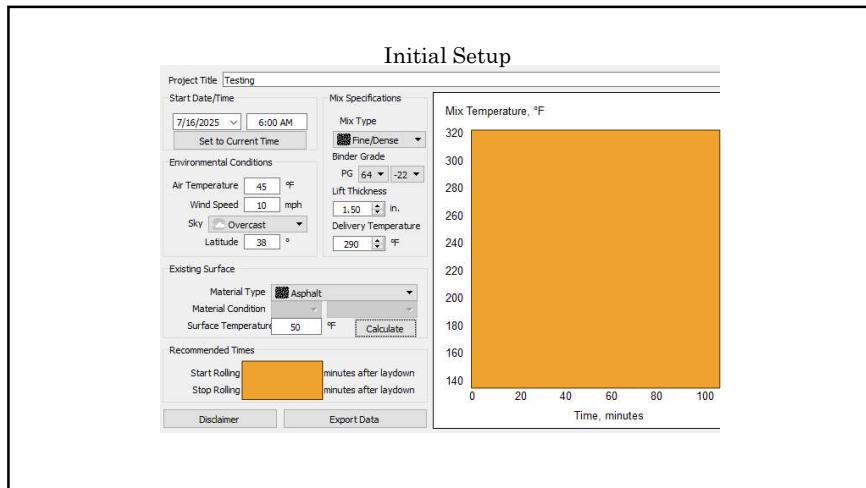
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## Major Factors Affecting Rolling Time

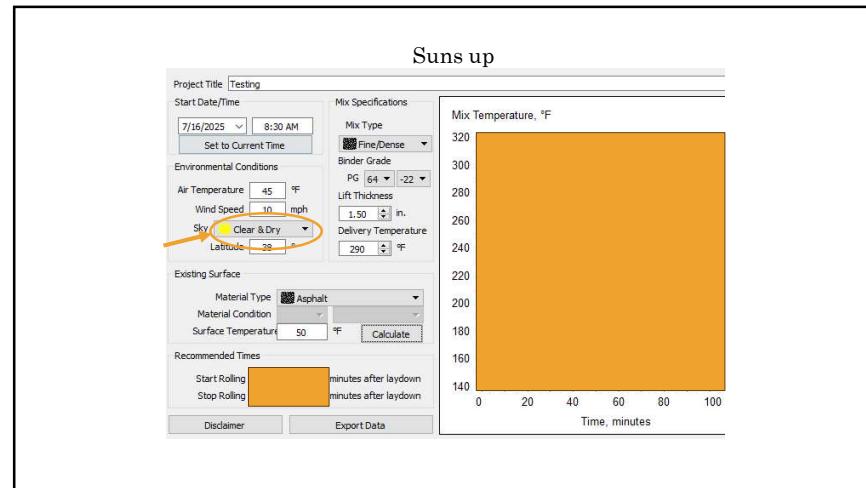
- Initial Conditions
  - 1.5" Dense Graded Asphalt Overlay Placed on a milled asphalt surface in Charleston, WV
  - Material Delivery Temp – 290F
  - Compaction Threshold – 175F
  - Air Temp – 45F
  - Surface Temp – 50F
  - Wind – 10mph
  - Conditions – Overcast/Sunrise

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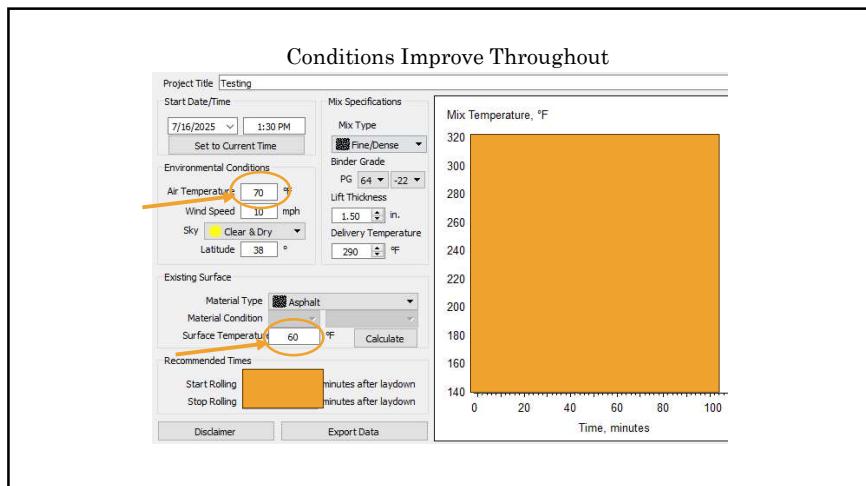
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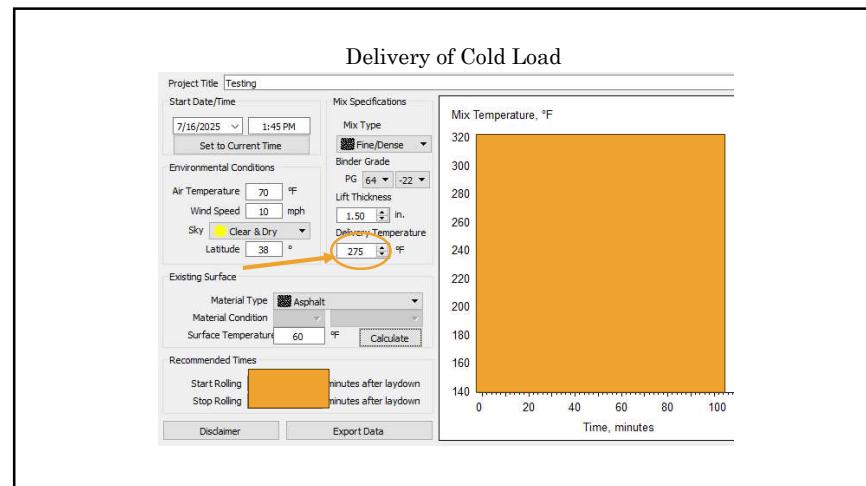
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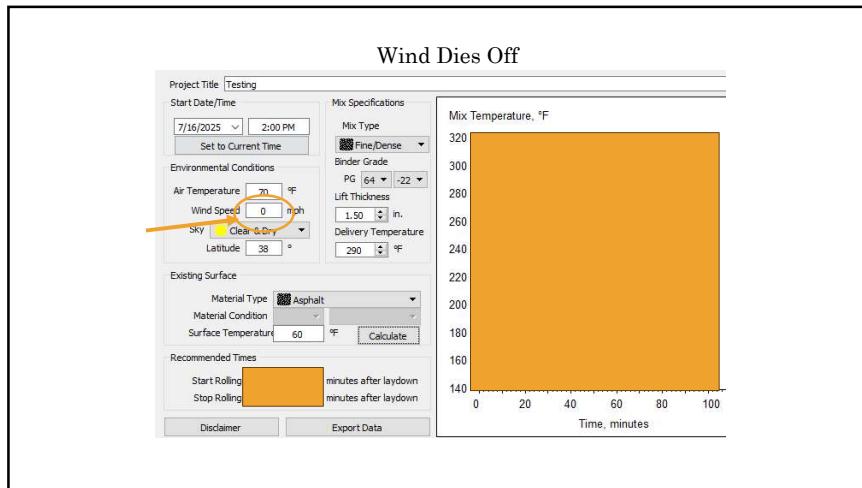
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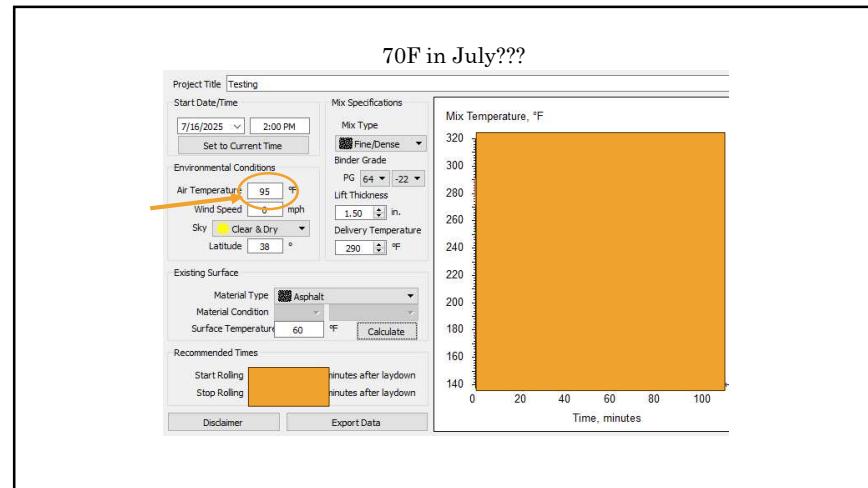
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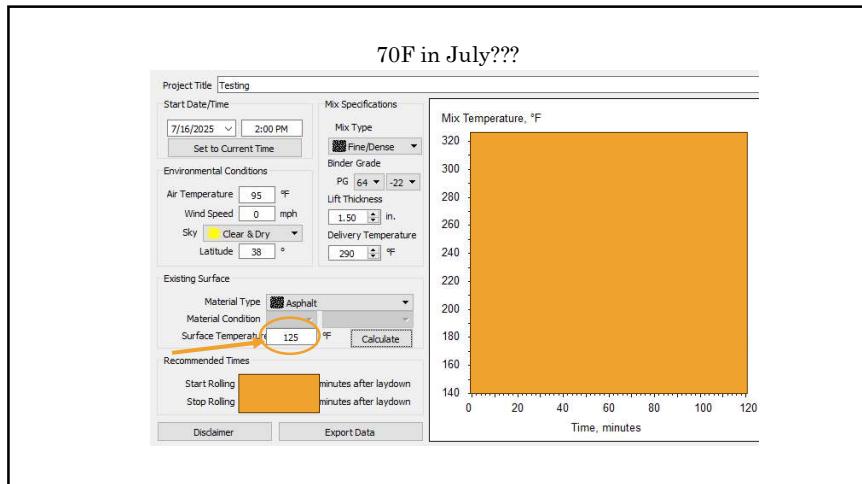
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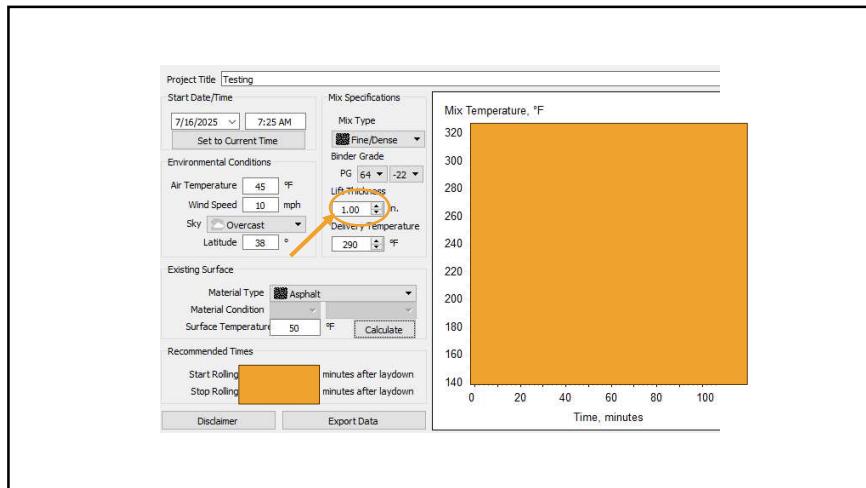
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	Start Rolling Time (min)	Stop Rolling (min)
Initial Setup (6:00a)	2	12
Suns up (8:30a)	2	14
Enviro Temps Increase (1:30p)	2	17
Delivery of Cold Load(s) (1:45p)	1	14
Wind Dies Off (2p)	2	20
Air Temp (95F)	2	22
Surface Temp (125F)	4	118

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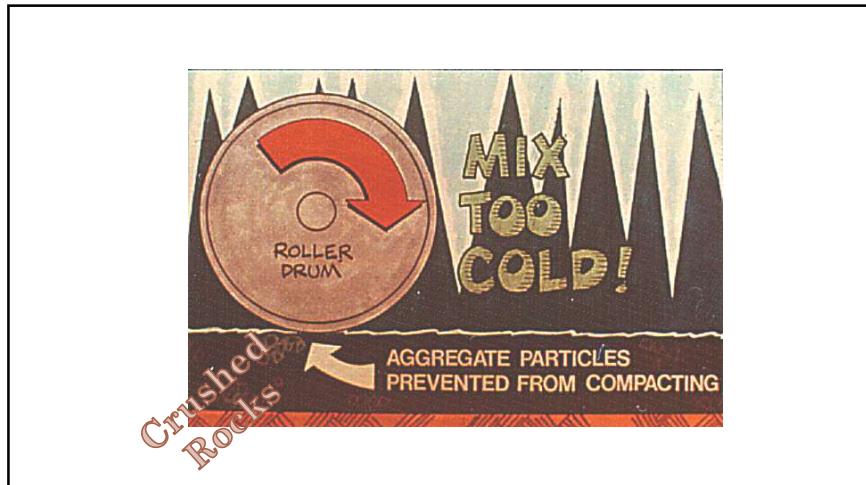
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## Temperature

- Take Regular Mat Temperature Readings
- Temperature control is critical



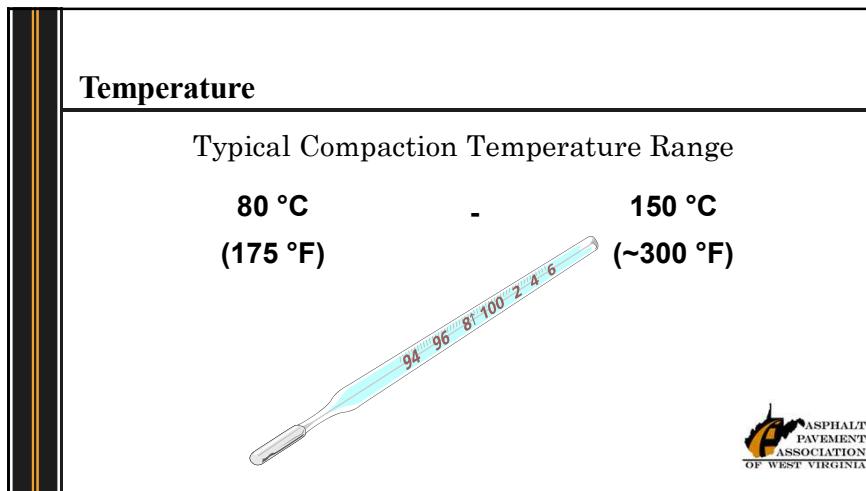
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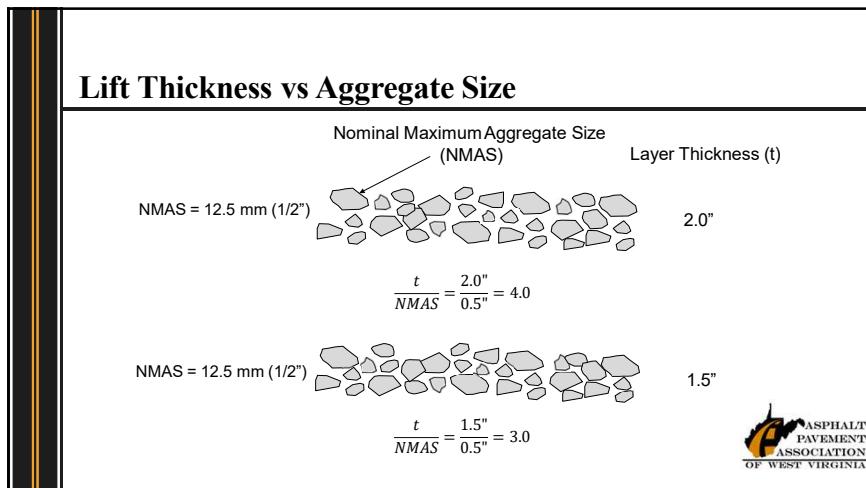
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## Lift Thickness vs Aggregate Size

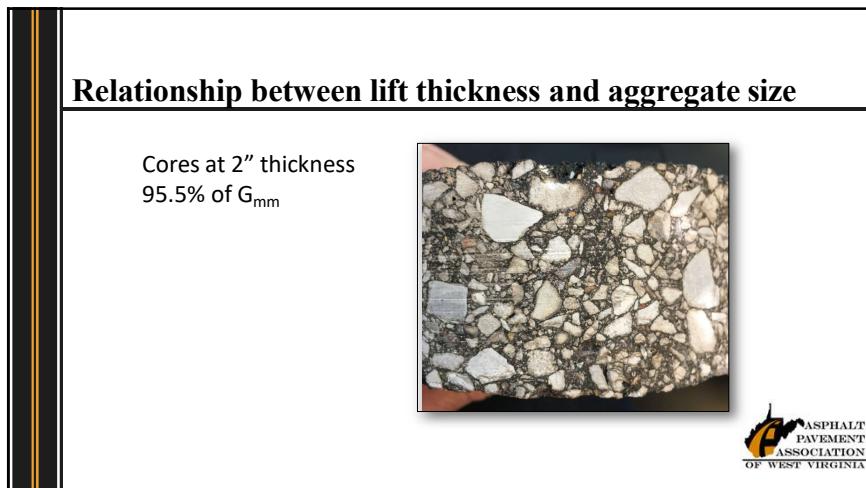
- Lift thickness is determined by aggregate size
  - Marshall ~2-3x maximum aggregate size
  - Superpave ~3-4x nominal maximum agg. size\*
  - Check with design directive 644 for specifics
- Lifts with variable thickness
  - Patch and Leveling
  - Scratch
  - Wedges and other unique conditions

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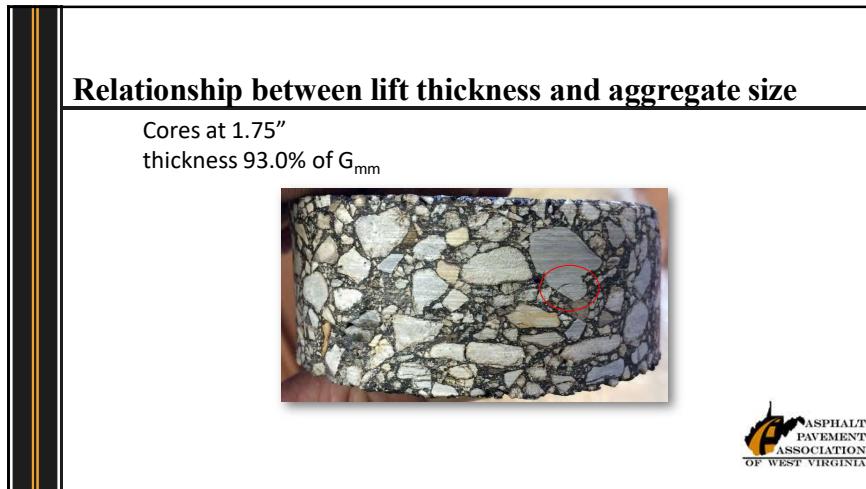
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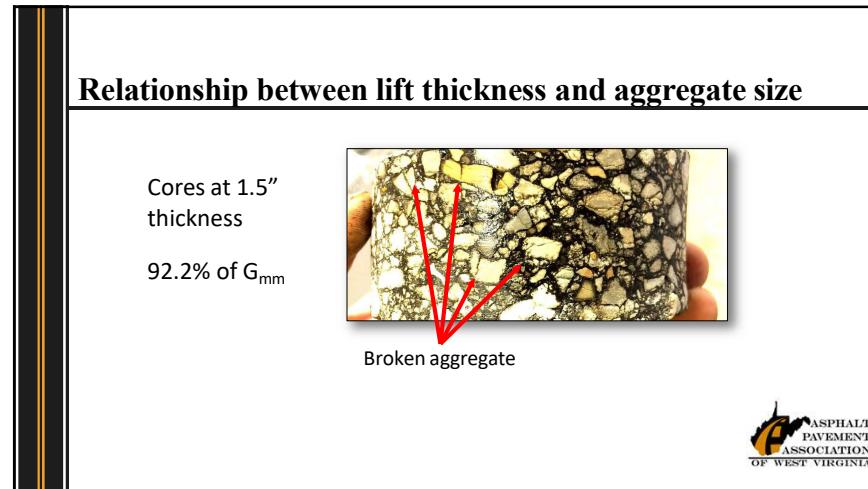
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<b>MARSHALL VS SUPERPAVE</b>	
Surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MARSHALL - Wearing I</li> <li>NMAS 3/8", MAS 1/2"</li> <li><math>2 \times (1/2) = 1"</math></li> <li>DOH Recommended min = 1"</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUPERPAVE - 9.5 mm</li> <li>NMAS 3/8"</li> <li><math>3 \times (3/8) = 1 \frac{1}{8} \text{ in.} / 4"</math></li> <li>DOH Recommended min = 1.5"</li> </ul>
Base	<p>MARSHALL - Wearing IV      SUPERPAVE - 19 mm</p> <p>NMAS 3/4", MAS 1"      NMAS 3/4"</p> <p><math>2 \times (1) = 2"</math>      <math>3 \times (3/4) = 2 \frac{1}{4}"</math></p> <p>DOH Recommended min = 2.0"      DOH Recommended min = 2.5"</p>

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<b>Topics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factors affecting compaction</li> <li>Time available for compaction</li> <li><b>Roller types and stages</b></li> <li>Roller operations</li> <li>Roller pattern</li> <li>Production rate</li> <li>Roller maintenance</li> </ul>

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## Types of Rollers

- Static Steel Wheel
- Pneumatic – Rubber Tired
- Vibratory Steel Wheel
- Oscillating Steel Wheel



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## How Do Rollers Compact?

By applying their load over a given area!

(Contact Pressure)



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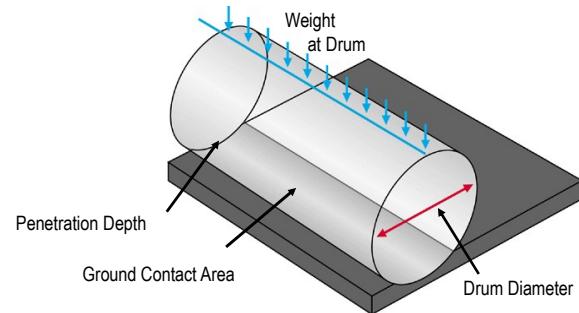
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## Static Steel Wheel Roller



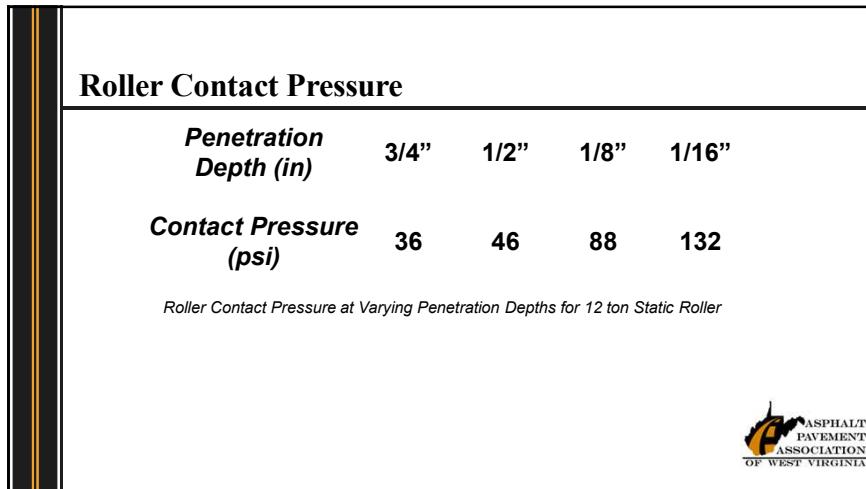
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## Contact Pressure

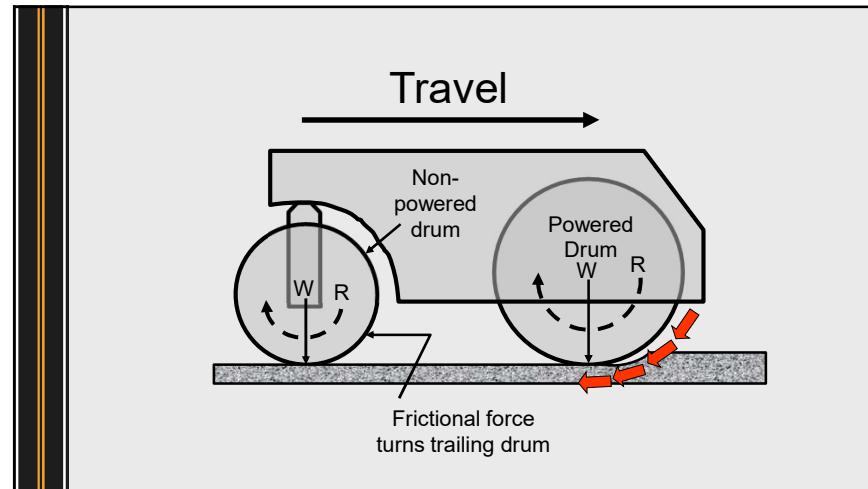


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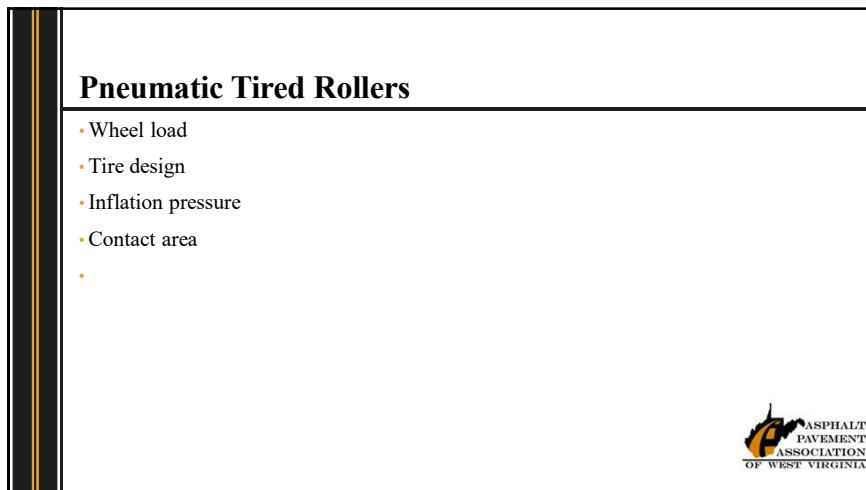
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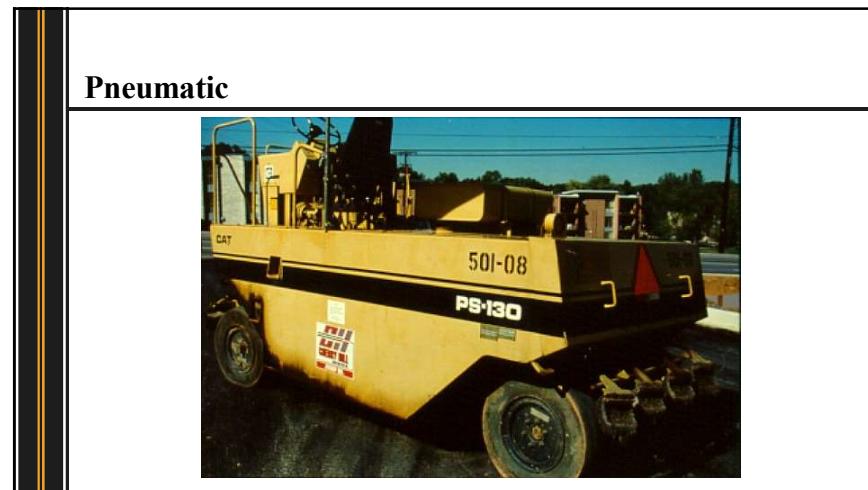
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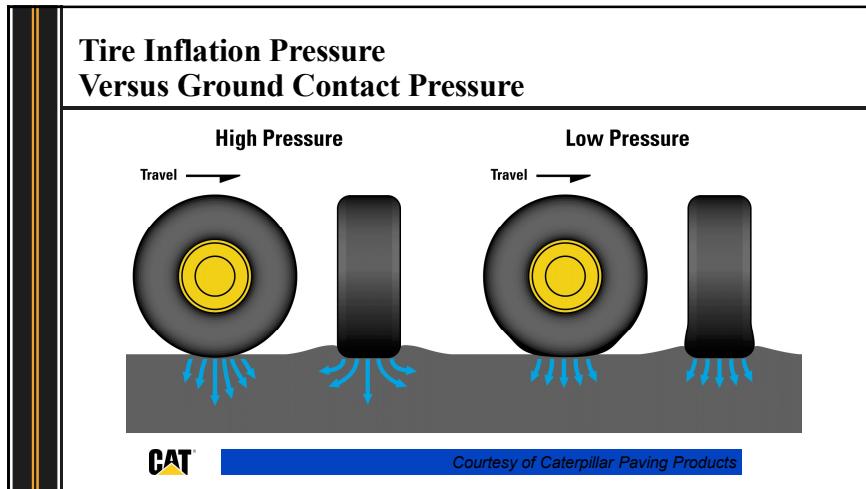
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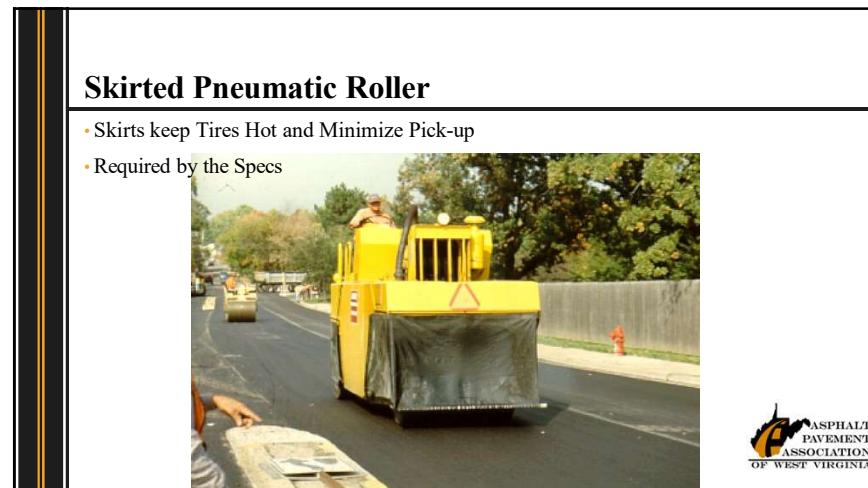
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### Pneumatic Roller Operation



Ideal for uneven courses – and specifically called out in the specification for Scratch and PnL for this reason

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### Vibratory Roller



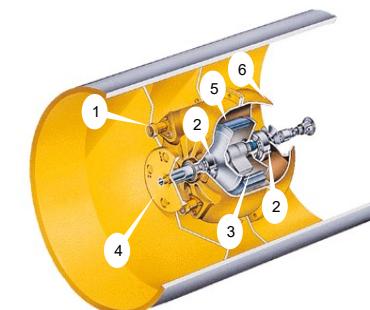
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### Single Articulated Frame



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### Eccentric Weight System

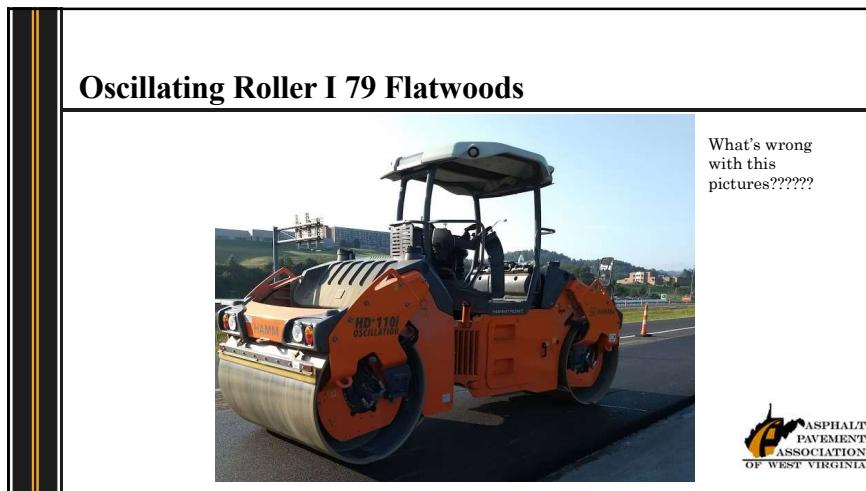


- 1. Oil level sight gauge
- 2. Eccentric weight shaft bearings
- 3. Three-position counterweight
- 4. Amplitude selection wheel
- 5. Fixed eccentric weight
- 6. Pod-style housing

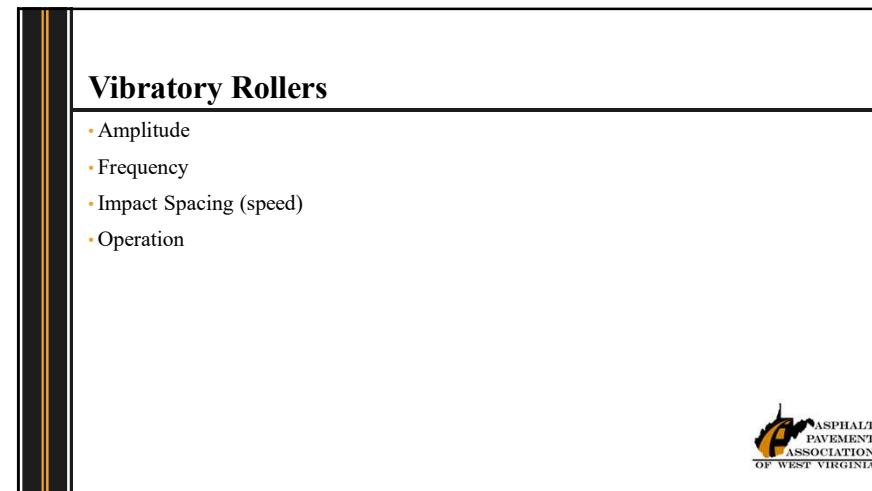
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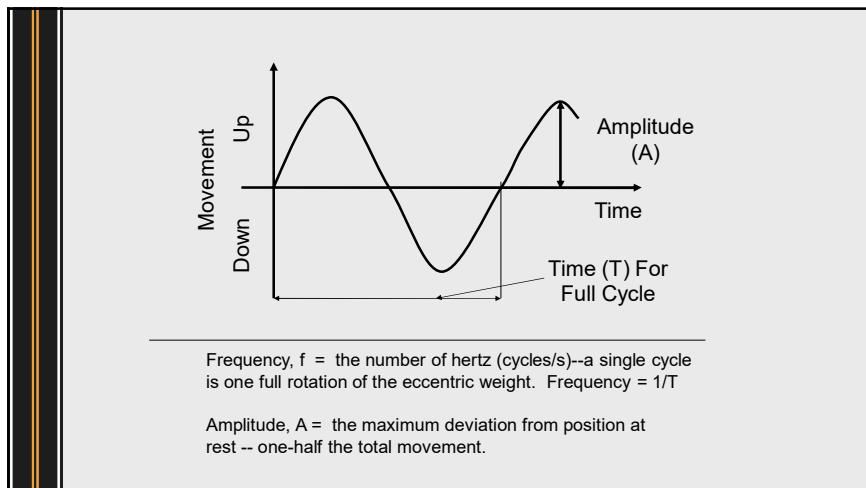
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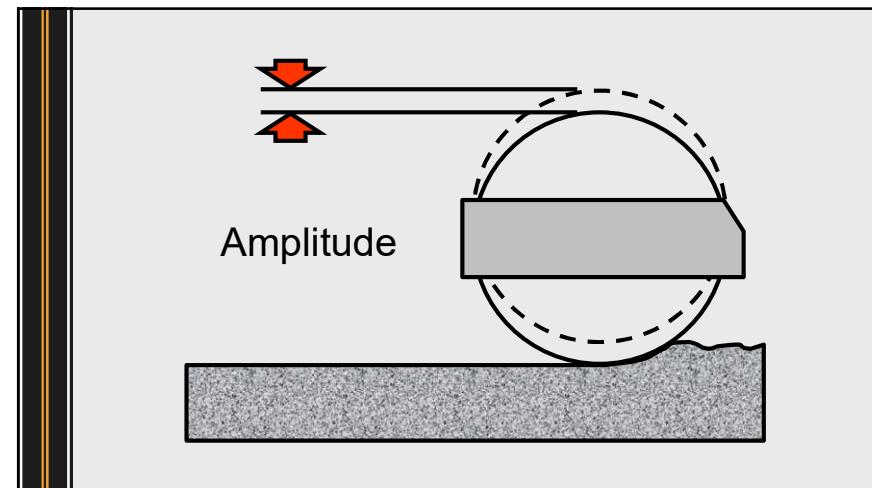
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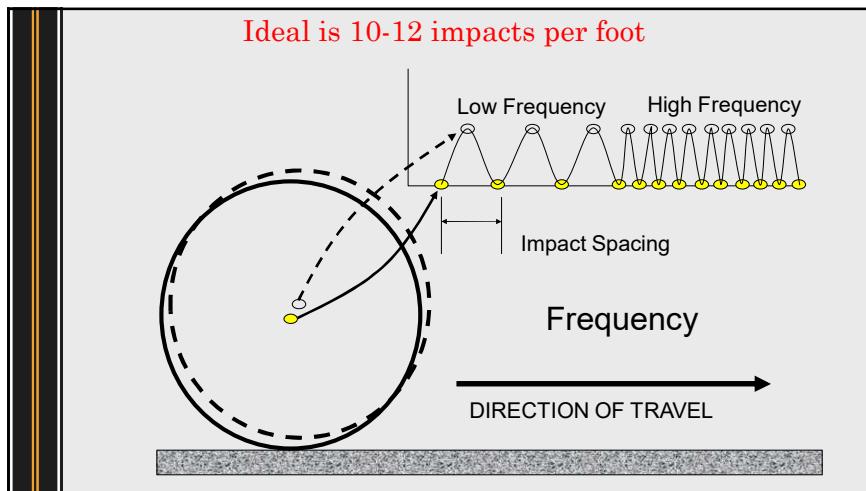
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Typical Data for Vibratory Tandem Rollers								
Vibratory Steel Tandem ton	Oper. Wt. lb	Drum Diam. ft	Drum Width ft	Static Drum lb/in	Dynamic Drum lb/in	VPM	Nom. Amp. in	
6.0-8.0	14,700	3.6	4.6	130	260	2,900	0.025	
9.5-11.0	20,500	3.9	5.6	158	384	2,600	0.03	
> 13.0	30,000	4.9	6.9	186	423	2,400	0.03	

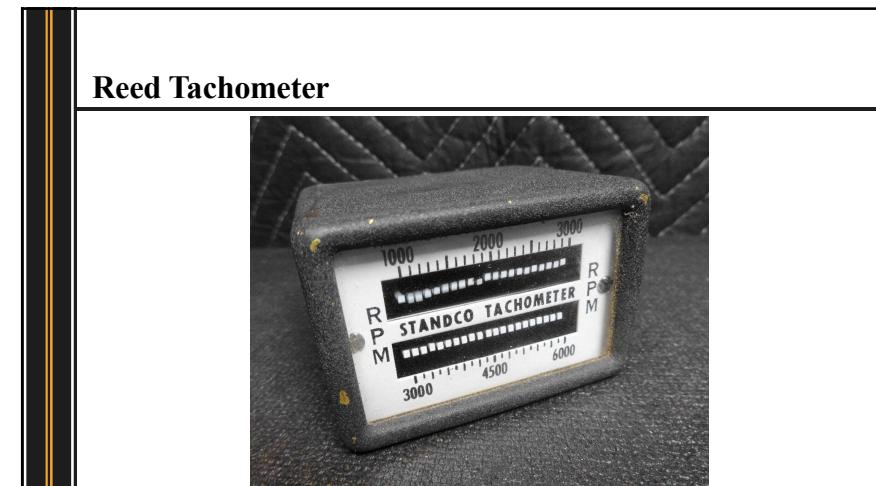
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### Example

- Given:
  - Vibrations (impacts) per minute = 2900
  - Desired impacts/ft = 11
- Determine speed of roller can operate at.

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## Improper Impact Spacing



Improper impact spacing can be obvious; but there can be differential compaction that is not initially seen at the surface that decreases long term pavement performance.

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## Topics

- Factors affecting compaction
- Time available for compaction
- Roller types
- **Roller operations**
- Roller pattern
- Production rate
- Roller maintenance



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## Roller Operator Controls

- Speed
- Starts & Stops
- Pattern
- Amplitude
- Frequency
- Distance from paver



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## Roller Controls



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## Compaction Variables

- Roller Speed
- Number of Coverages
  - Pass - the entire roller moving over one point in the mat one time
  - Coverage - the roller moving over the entire width of the mat one time
- Rolling Zone
- Rolling Pattern



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## Stages Of Rolling

- Breakdown Rolling - Where most of the actual densification is achieved
- Intermediate Rolling - Where a small amount of additional density is achieved (needed when breakdown rolling does not provide sufficient density)
- Finish Rolling - Used to remove roller marks and finish the surface (Very little additional densification is achieved)



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## Breakdown Rolling

- Breakdown rolling is the first interaction between the roller and the mat and is where the majority of the compaction is obtained
- Should be completed before the surface temperature of the mix falls below 240o F.
- Operated at the highest possible frequency
- Amplitude setting will be dependent on the thickness of the asphalt concrete
- Due to the large initial consolidation, rollers should stop and start slowly on uncompacted mix.
- Always angle the drum when stopping to reverse.

<https://www.forconstructionpros.com/asphalt/article/12188306/how-to-compact-asphalt-pavements>



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## Keep Breakdown Roller Close To Paver



Make sure to always wear the required PPE and follow all safety requirements!



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## Intermediate Rolling

- Temperature between 240°F to 190°F
- Completion of density gain
  - Not always required
- Watch out for tender mixes
  - May need to let mix cool a bit in order to avoid shoving
- Vibratory or pneumatic rollers



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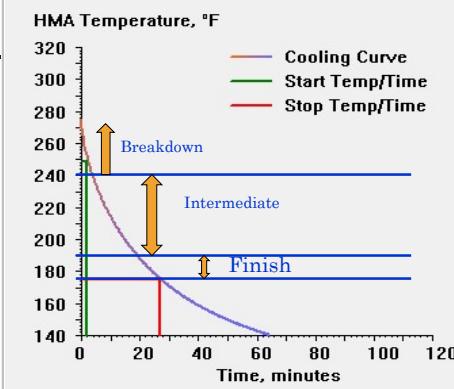
## Finish Rolling

- Finish rolling normally takes place within a temperature range of 185°F down to 175°F (165°F\*).
- Static steel-wheel finish roller
  - (vib in Static)
- Marks from other rollers can be removed from the surface of the layer without adding new marks by the finish roller itself.
- Finish rolling for a stable mix is accomplished at higher temperatures than finish rolling for a tender mix.



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Cooling Curve



Approximate temperatures for stages of rolling

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## Speed – Slow and Stead

- Ensure enough "Dwell" time
  - Increasing speed - decreases density
- Speed is based on: productivity, layer thickness, and the position of the equipment in the roller "train."



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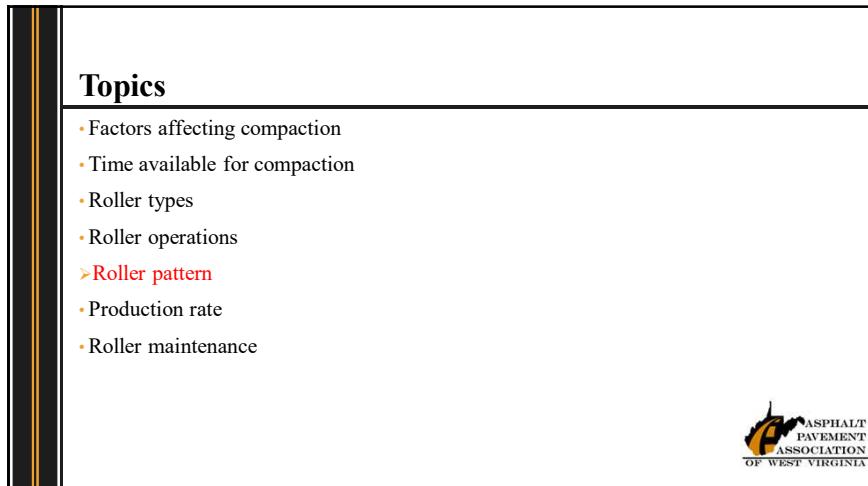
## Typical Range of Roller Speeds (mi/hour)

Type of Roller	Breakdown	Intermediate	Finish
Static Steel Wheel	2.0 to 3.5	2.5 to 4	3.0 to 5.0
Pneumatic	2.0 to 3.5	2.5 to 6.4	4.0 to 7.0
Vibratory	2.0 to 3.0	2.5 to 3.5	-----

Remember slow and steady!



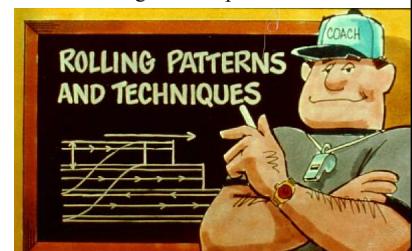
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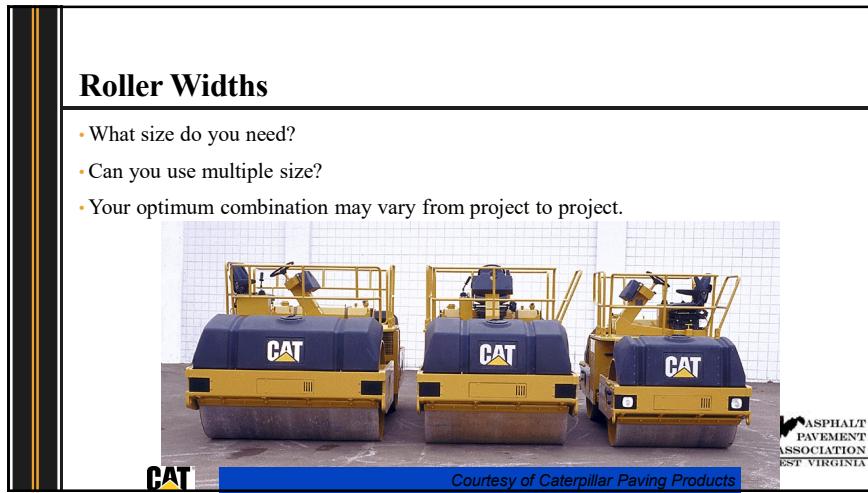
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## Roller Patterns

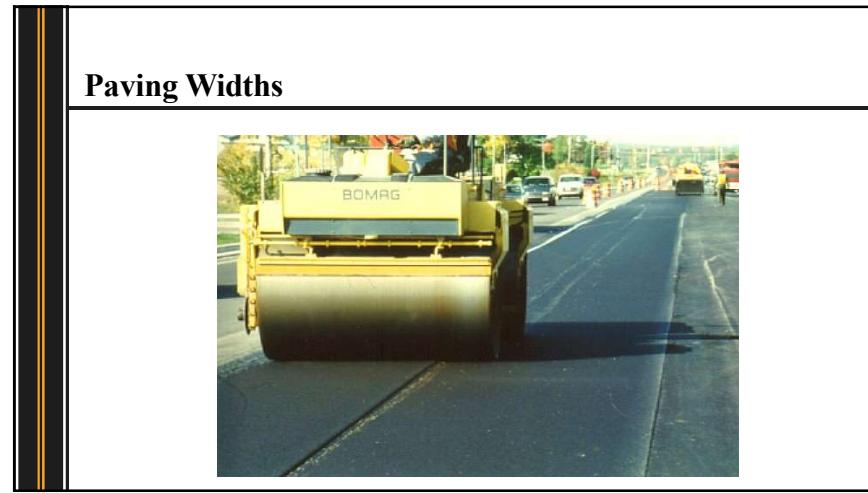
- Rollers are “busy” most of the time on a paving project.
- Are your rollers operating correctly and effectively? In the right places?
- Numerous compaction studies have shown that the middle of the width of the paver pass typically receives more compactive effort than the edges of the pavement.
  - Edges and wheel paths?



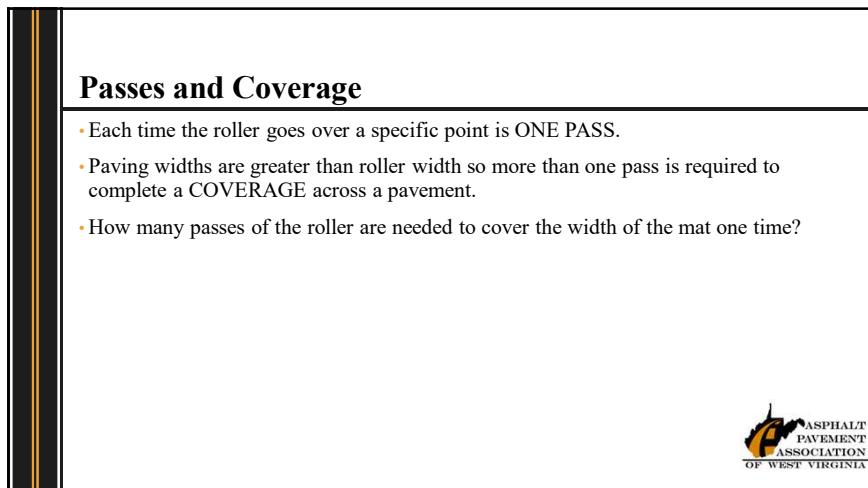
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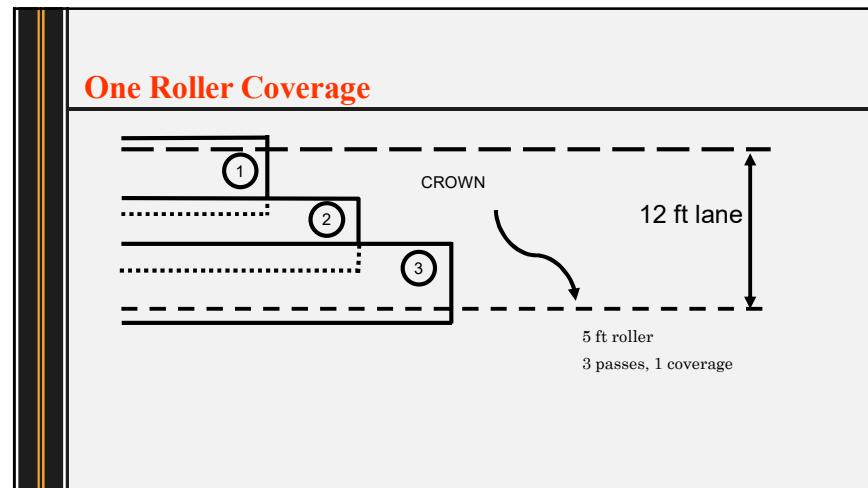
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- Cover mat in no more than 3 overlapping passes
- Applies to highways, roads, streets where production is a concern

Required Number of Overlapping Passes per Drum Width

Paving Width (Meters / Feet)	Drum Widths				
	140 cm (55in)	150 cm (59in)	170 cm (67in)	200 cm (79in)	213 cm (84in)
2.5 / 8	2	2	2		
2.75 / 9	3	3	2		
3.00 / 10	3	3	3	2	2
3.35 / 11	3	3	3	2	2
3.70 / 12	(4)	3	3	2	2
4.00 / 13			3	3	2
4.25 / 14			3	3	3
4.50 / 15				3	3
4.80 / 16				3	3
5.20 / 17				3	3
5.50 / 18					3

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## Operating Techniques

- Test Strip Construction
- Establishing Roller Patterns
- Breakdown Rolling
- Intermediate Rolling
- Finish Rolling
- Re-watering
- Concluding Operations

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## Test Strip Construction

- Simulating Actual Conditions
- Establishing Roller Patterns
- Calculating Effective Roller Speed
- Adjust production/paving rates to not outrun Rollers



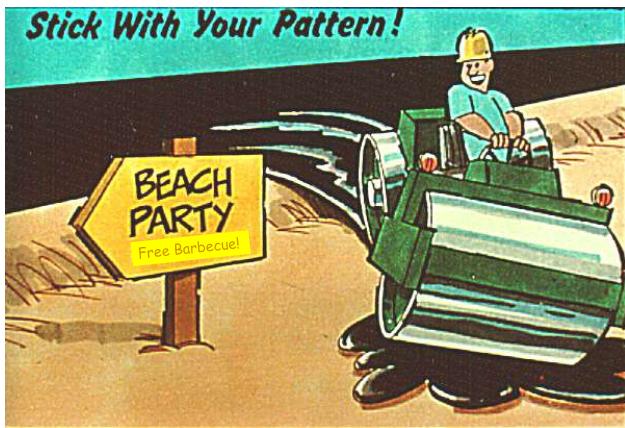
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## Establishing Roller Pattern

- Selecting Compaction Equipment
- Width of Paving
- Width of Roller
- Number of Coverages Needed
- Nuclear Gauge



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*Stick With Your Pattern!*

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**How Many Repeat Passes  
to Assure Density?**

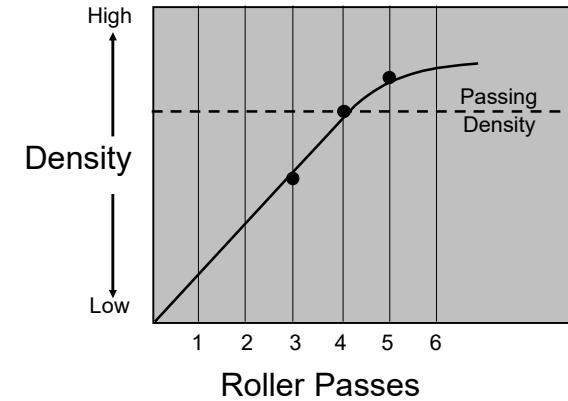


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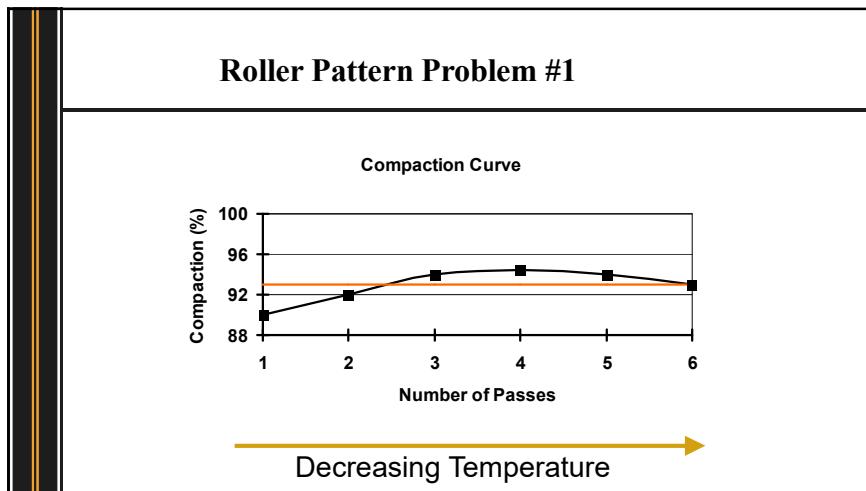
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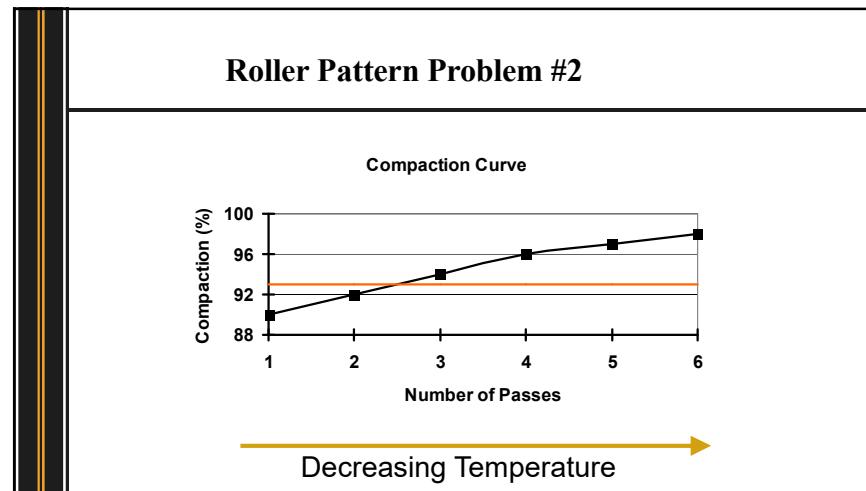
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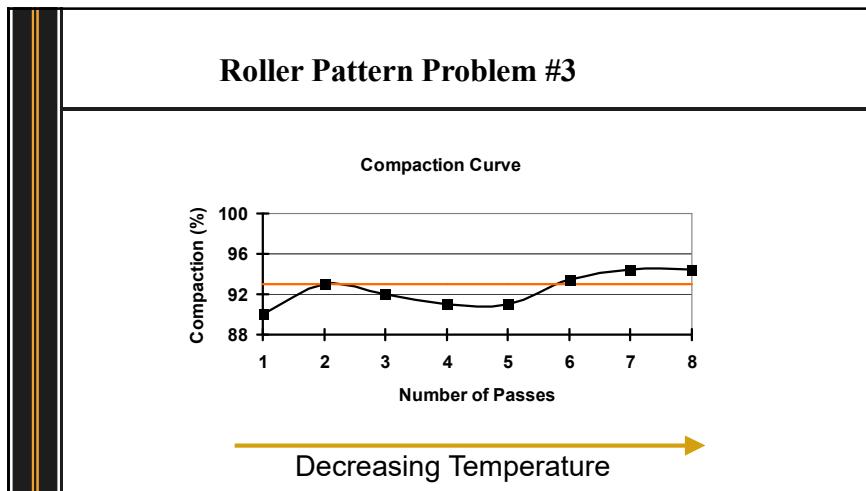
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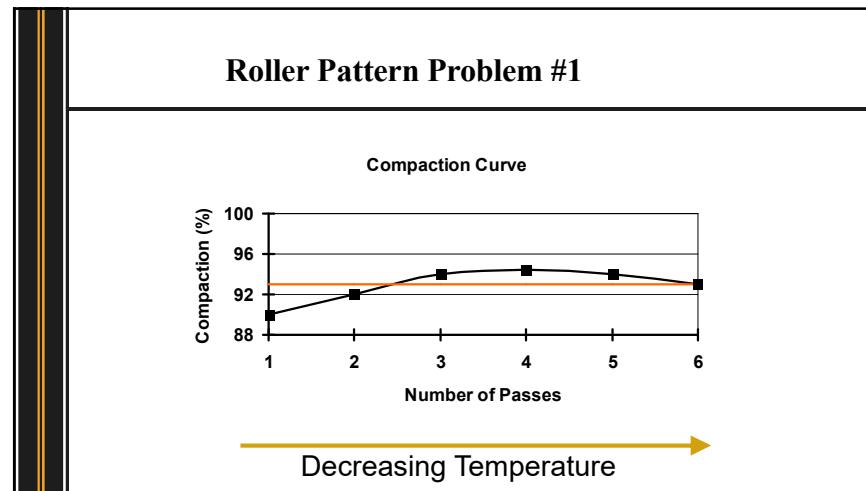
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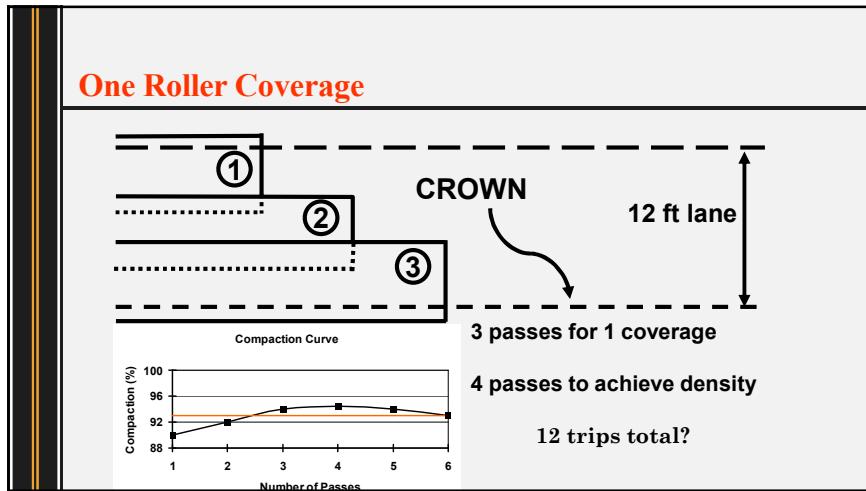
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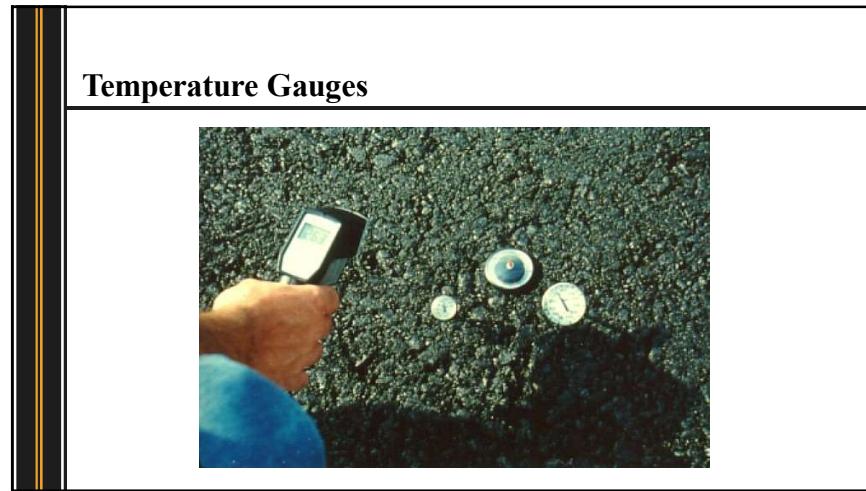
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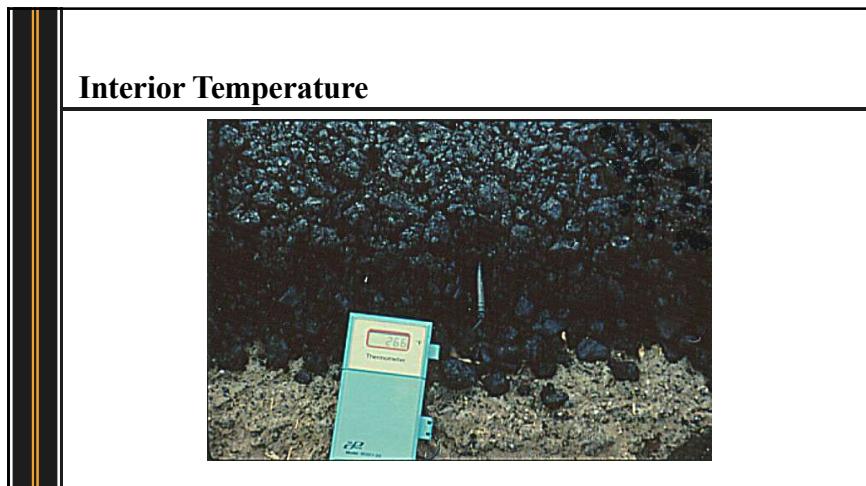
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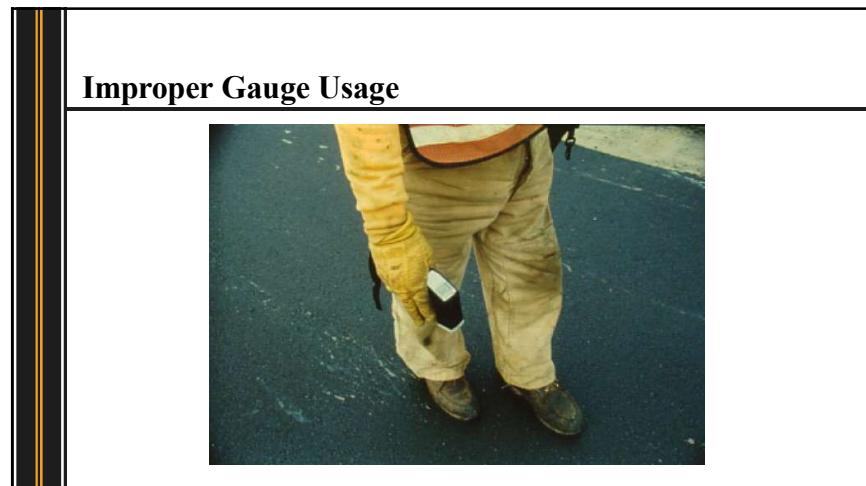
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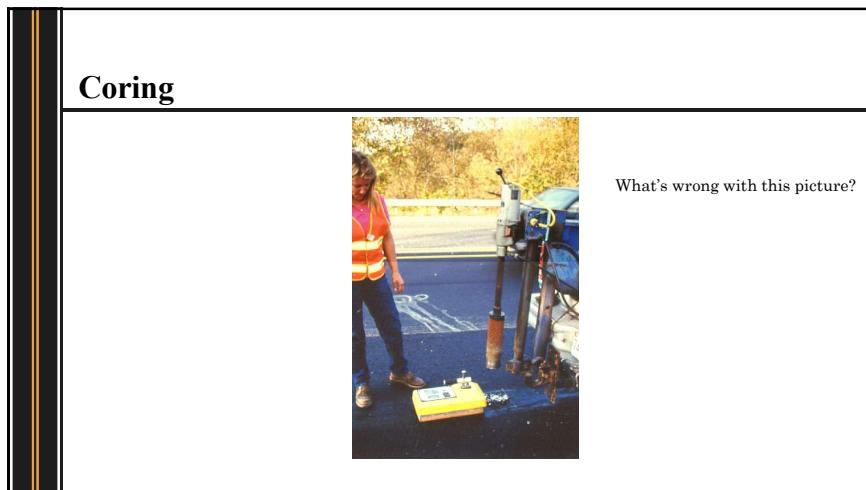
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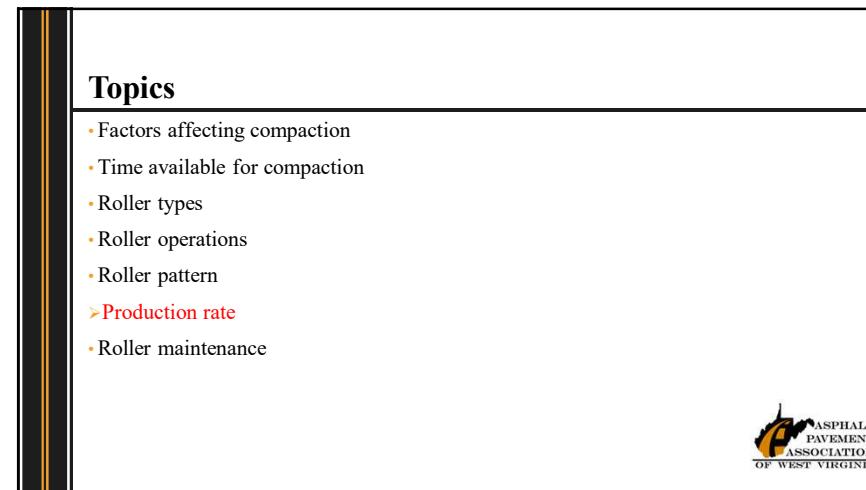
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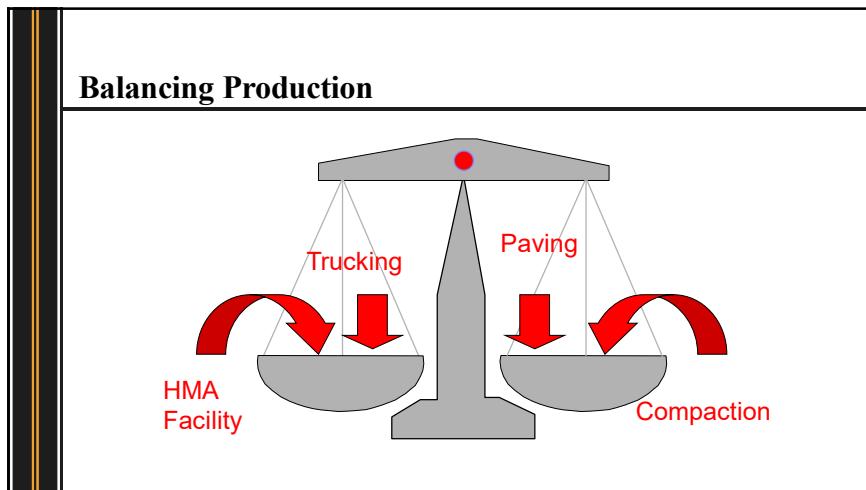
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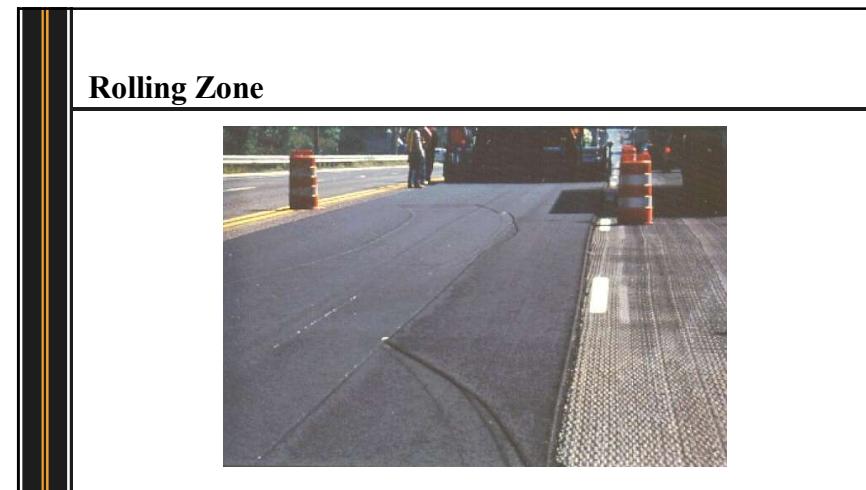
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## Calculating Your Rolling Zone (Vibratory roller)

- Estimate roller speed using frequency and impacts per foot:
  - Frequency = 2800 vpm
  - 12 impacts per foot
  - Actual Roller speed =  $2800/12 = 233.3$  fpm (2.7 mph)
- Adjust for Roller Efficiency
  - Roller speed\*(Efficiency Factor/100)
  - 80% Efficiency factor
    - This accounts for water refill stops and roller stops for reversing
    - Varies depending on roller type, brand, ext.
- Effective roller speed =  $233.3 * (80/100) = 186.7$  fpm



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## Calculating Your Rolling Zone

- Effective roller speed = 186.7 fpm
- Effective Compaction Rate
  - = Effective roller speed/(number of passes per coverage)
- Number of passes for coverage
  - 3 passes to cover
  - 3 coverages for density
  - 9 total passes
- Effective compaction rate =  $186.7/9 = 20.7$  fpm



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## Calculating Your Rolling Zone

- Roller rate = 20.7 fpm
- Time available for compaction (TAC)
  - From Environmental Variables chart
  - Or PaveCool
  - Example: 10 minutes
    - 2 in thick mat
    - mix temperature of 250 F
    - base temperature of 50 F.
- Rolling zone
- Roller rate x TAC =  $20.7 \text{ fpm} \times 10 \text{ minutes} = 207 \text{ ft}$



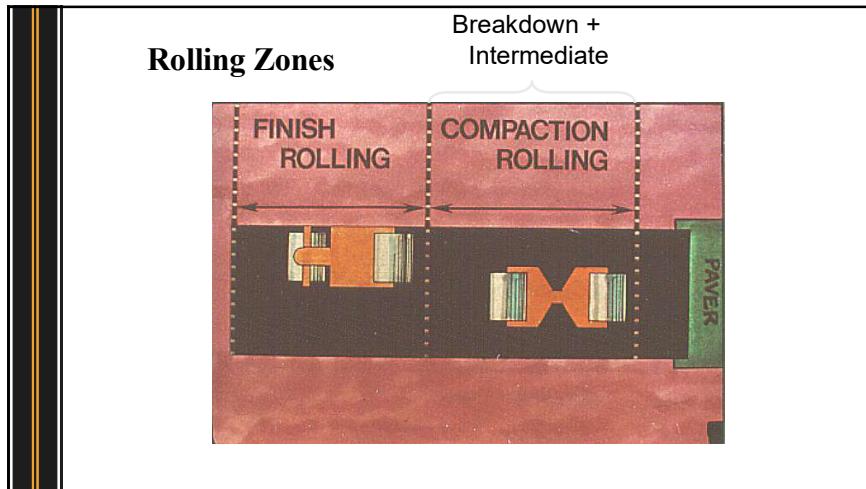
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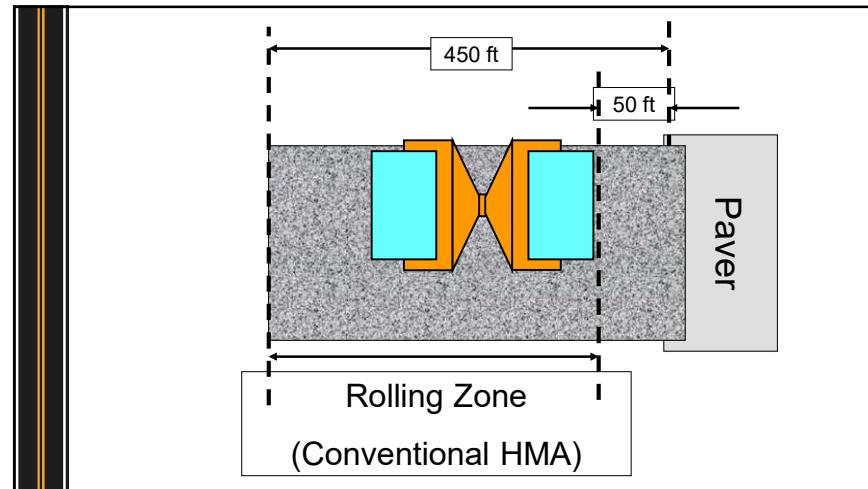
- A roller rate of 20.7 fpm could control the productivity of the paving operation
- What can be done???
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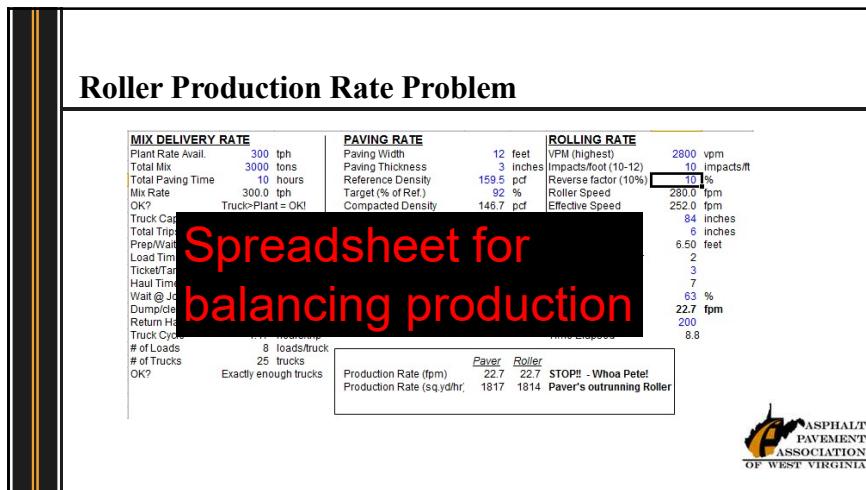
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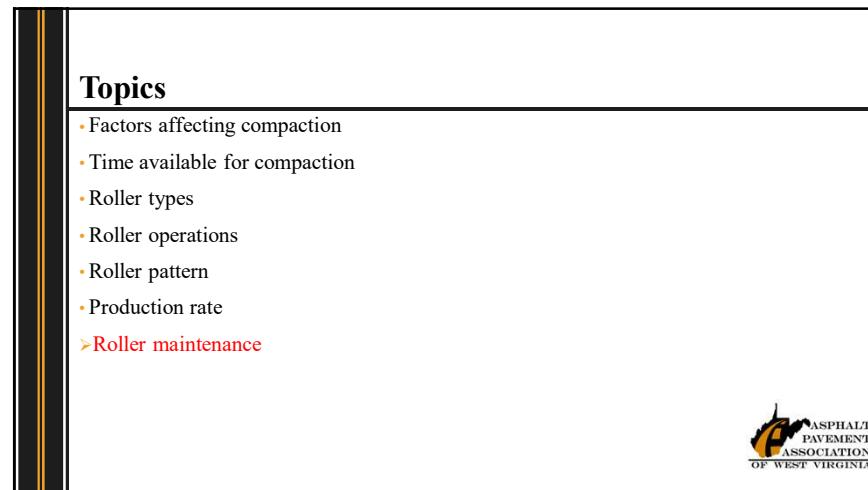
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## Roller Maintenance

- Water Systems
- Hydraulic Systems
- Mechanical Systems
- Vibratory Systems
- Rolls, Tires, Pads, Scrapers



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## Water Spray Bar



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## Pads

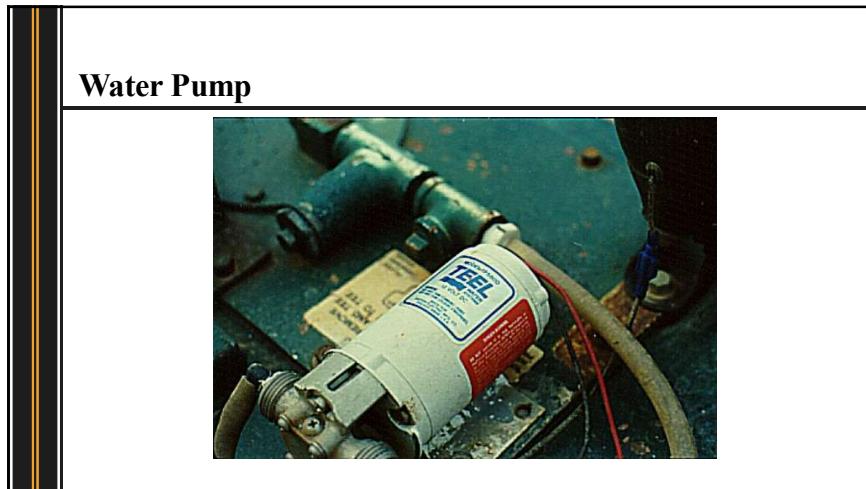


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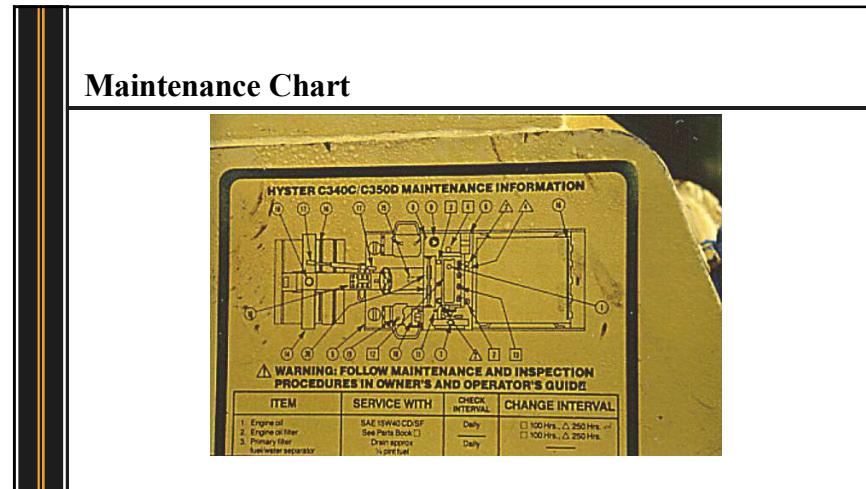
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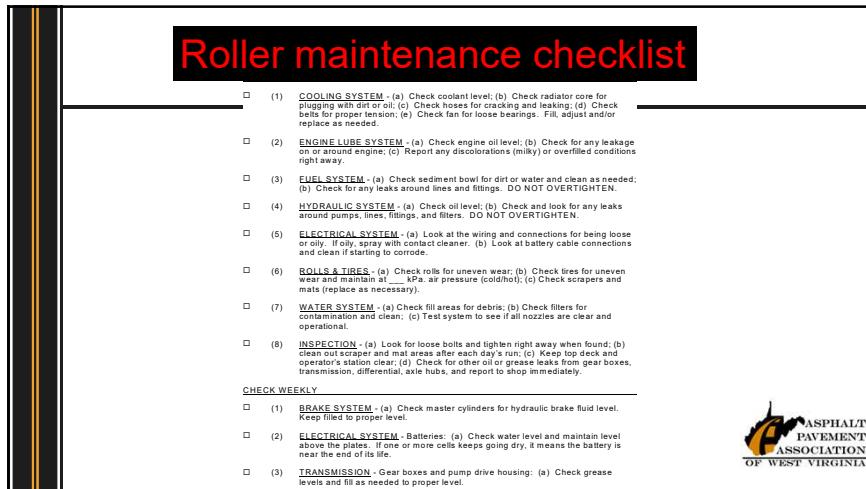
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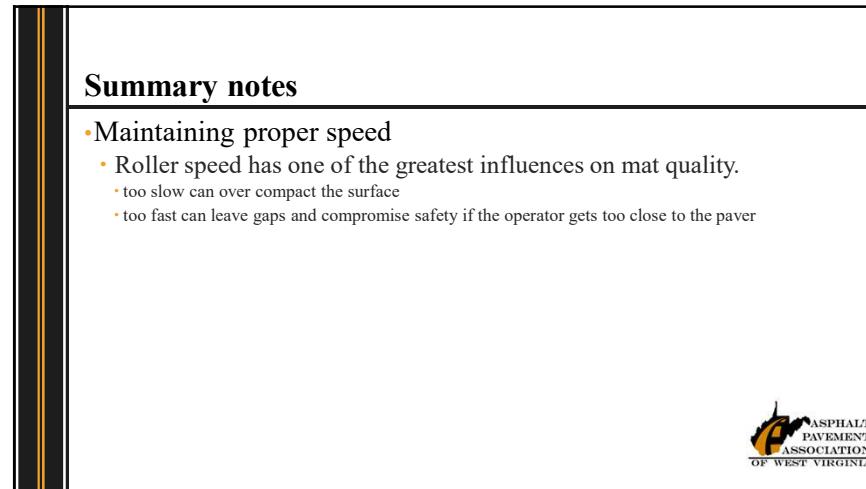
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## Summary notes cont'd

### Maintaining proper speed

- Roller speed has one of the greatest influences on mat quality.
- Using the correct speed will also help to maintain the appropriate impact spacing to prevent wash boarding. For most jobs, correct spacing is between **10 and 12 impacts per foot**.
- Even if the wash boarding isn't readily seen at the time the road is paved, over time, it increases its affect because of the way the asphalt continues to compact



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## Summary notes cont'd

### Temperature

- Cannot improve the density of cold mats!!!
- Breakdown >240F
- Intermediate 240 – 190
- Finish 190 – **175** (165)



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## Summary notes cont'd

- Good vibrations
- Vibratory compaction creates shock waves that compact from the bottom up
- Static compaction works from the top down.
- Most jobs use a combination of compaction modes,
  - start with vibratory compaction
  - finishing with static
- Select the right amplitude
  - amplitude settings are determined by the depth of the lift
    - Lower amplitude settings are recommended for lifts of 2 in. or less;
    - higher amplitude settings should be used for deeper lifts.



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## Do Not Park The Roller On A Hot Mat!!



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**Summary notes cont'd**

- Follow the rolling pattern
  - Gradual turns
  - Gradual acceleration and breaking
- Always stop at an angle to the direction of paving



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**What are the 3 most important aspects of pavement construction?**




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**Finally**

**“The single most important thing you can do to a pavement is compact it.”**



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**Questions**



## **INSPECTOR'S DUTIES - ASPHALT PAVING**

*Modified by WVDOH,  
APAWV, and WVU ATP*

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## **Work Includes...**

### **■ Resurfacing Projects**

- State Funded
- Federal Funded
- Purchase Order Paving
- Bond Projects (Roadway Reconstruction)

### **■ New Projects**

- New Roads
- Bridge Approaches
- Road Widening
- Intersection Improvements
- Bond Projects (Construction)

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## **Funding Programs**

### **■ Federal Aid Funding (National Highway System)**

- Interstate
- APD (Appalachian Development System)
- Federal Aid Other
  - US routes
  - State NHS routes

**Inspector duties vary depending on the funding program, route, compaction method**

### **■ State Funding**

- SLS – State and Local service Routes (County Routes)
- Non-NHS State Routes

## **Basic HMA Applications**

**■ Base Course** – stone or HMA course placed above the subgrade or subbase of a road and helps to further distribute the load and improve the overall structure of the pavement section.

- Marshall Base 1 and 2
- Superpave Base 37.5 mm, 25 mm and 19 mm

**■ HMA Wearing Course** – a single lift of constant thickness that is to be placed over the entire pavement surface and serves as the riding surface, receives the highest concentration of stress.

- Marshall Wearing 1, 3, and 4
- Superpave 4.75 mm, 9 mm and 12.5 mm

**■ SEE SECTION 401**

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## Basic HMA Applications

- **Patch & Level (P&L)** – placed at various locations throughout the project to remove irregularities in the existing pavement, such as dips, or to raise the outside edge of pavement to improve the template prior to placing a base or wearing course.
- **Scratch Course** – a leveling course used for deviations less than an inch and can be placed over the entire length of the project.

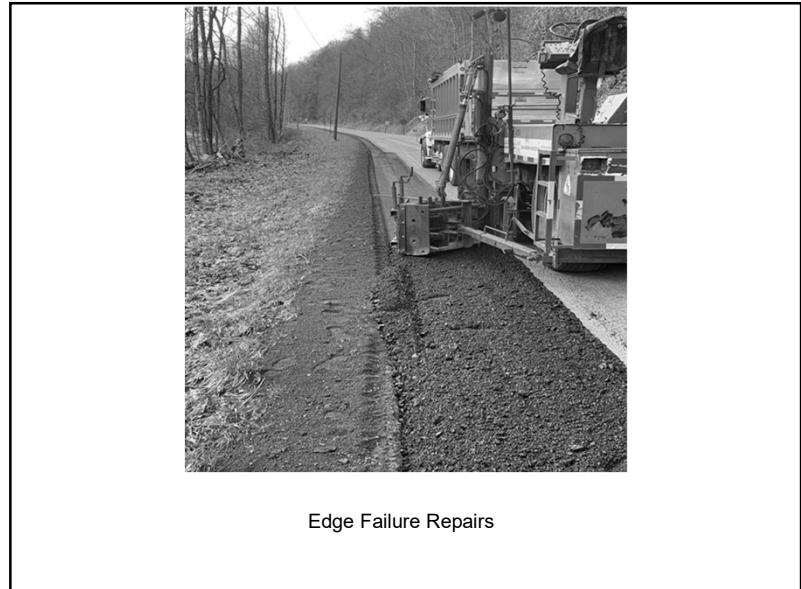
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1" thin overlay

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1.5" Overlay with paved shoulders

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### Activities Prior to and during Construction...

- Bond and Insurance Checked – Issue NTP
- All Requested Pertinent Paperwork
  - Key Personnel
  - EEO
  - DBE Plan for Participation
  - Waste and/or Borrow Pit Agreements (SHPO)
  - Pollution and Erosion Control Plan
  - QC Plan - Available? Approved?

Resurfacing Inspector may be requested to verify these items on the project.

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### Activities Prior to Construction...

- Construction Layout
  - Staking the project
  - Mark Heel-ins
  - On larger projects this is usually included in contract
- Maintenance Finished?
  - Have all pipes been placed, ditches pulled, mowed, etc
- Verify Quantities In plans with Actual Field Measurements.

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## Activities Prior to Construction...



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## Activities Throughout the Project...



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## Activities Throughout the Project...



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## Activities Throughout the Project...



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Activities Throughout the Project...



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## Activities Throughout the Project...



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## HMA Inspector's Requirements

- Generally needs to be trained in all aspects of materials and construction
  - Hot-mix Asphalt
  - PCC
  - Soils and Compaction
  - Environmental
  - Traffic Control
- **However, it is not a good idea to serve as the Project inspector and the Compaction Technician**

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## HMA Inspector's Requirements

- Must have an understanding of the entire paving operation
  - Plant Operations
  - Hauling Limitations
    - Bridge Postings
    - Truck weights
  - Paving Equipment
    - Paver (Screed)
    - Rollers

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## HMA Inspector's Requirements

- HMA Inspector has the same general duties regarding execution of the contract, but they do not have a field office. All forms, typicals, specs, etc. are kept in the “mobile field office.”
- Good Inspector can visualize the entire job from beginning to end
  - Foresee contract issues ahead of time so that a plan of attack can be implemented right away

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## HMA Inspector's Requirements

- Materials and the JMF – Job Mix Formula (Approved Mix Design)
  - Temperature Range established for the mix
  - Maintain communication with the plant inspector regarding other properties as well
    - Max Density
    - Lab Number
  - All mix designs are “Verified” at the beginning of each season

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## Good Workmanship



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## Proper Edge



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## What you don't want to see



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What you don't want to see



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What you don't want to see



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What you don't want to see



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## Night Work

- More work is being done during night hours than in the past
  - Especially in congested areas on major routes
  - Everything is more difficult to inspect at night
- Challenge the inspector faces is much greater
- Cooler temperatures can affect compaction
- Cooler temperatures can also affect the workability of the HMA mix

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## Night Work



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## Contractor's Requirements

- Contractor should have an overall paving plan including...
  - Production Rate
  - Haul Distance
  - Number of Trucks
- Properly staffed paving crew
  - Paving operator
  - Screeed person
  - Broom
  - Compaction
  - Laborers

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## Contractor's Requirements

- On-site QC technician
  - Fully understands the process of density compliance and the operation of a nuclear gauge
    - Do they know the difference between "Lot-by-lot" and "Rollerpass" testing?
    - Are they capable of implementing the thin lift correction factors properly?
  - *Field Sampling Requirements for PWL*
  - Good technician understands the limitations of the JMF and has a general understanding of the nature of the specific mix

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## Activities Prior to Construction (the day of paving)...

- Traffic Control Check – need to maintain a good flow of traffic but maintain a **SAFE WORKZONE**.
  - Check all arrow boards and message boards, Type B lights
  - Make sure flaggers understand the scope of traffic
  - Remember *Night-time* Limitations
- Check Heel-ins
- Check surface conditions
- Tack Distributor – good condition
- Other Equipment?

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## Activities Prior To and During Construction

- Check traffic control
- Check ground and air temperatures
- Check delivery tickets for correct Mix Design, Materials, and Project Number
- Check HMA temperature in the truck
- Check the depth of HMA as being placed

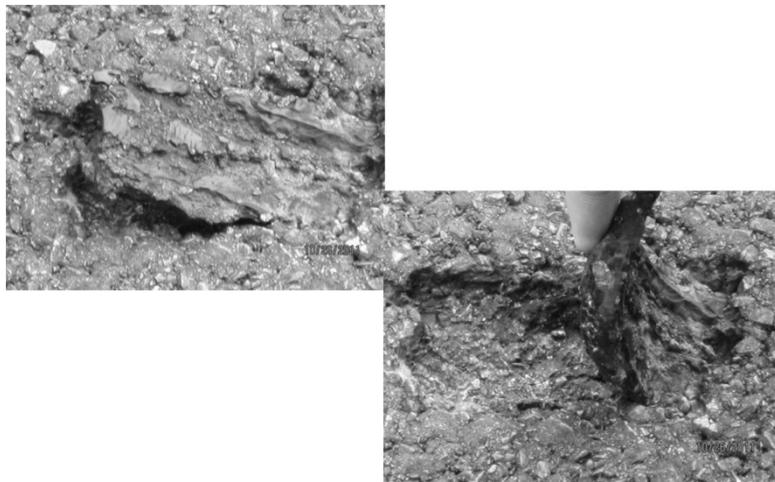
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## Inspector's Daily Duties...

- Collect tickets (now typically digital)
  - JMF# and target density, truck weights
- Verify Rollerpass or Lot-by-lot
- Observe mix characteristics – mat texture, segregation, flushing, contamination (*Night-time!*)
- Mat - screed setting and mat thickness
- Paver must maintain a constant head of flow
  - Best to stop and start quickly

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## Contamination!!!



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## Contamination!!!



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## Issues Caught During Construction Can Be Corrected



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## Inspector Daily Duties...

- Be on the project from before work begins to after everything is off the road for the day.
- Get with the contractor's foreman at the end of the day to agree on quantities and hours.
- Document any changes made on project in your DWR whether big or small and note if someone authorized the changes.

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## Inspector Daily Duties...

- Throughout day check flagger placement and pilot truck return times to keep traffic flowing as smooth as possible.
- Document any issues that come up during the day on your DWR. Issues might not seem important at the time but could be something major down the road.

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## Inspector's Daily Duties...

- Is compaction being done properly and are density readings acceptable
- Application rates at minimum 2500' intervals
- Placement of temporary tape and temporary markings as needed/required
- Throughout day check your Traffic Control to make sure signs are kept up in proper work zone specifications

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## Inspector Daily Duties

- Most flagging subcontractors have sheets to sign daily for their time, if not make sure you talk to the one in charge of the crew to let them know their hours for the day.
- Keep a notebook for yourself of quantities placed daily to easily reference back to on project.
- Get DWR submitted daily!

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## Inspectors Office Duties

- Check payrolls for contracts to verify correct pay.
- Initiate change orders for projects
- Make sure all samples taken and approved sources are entered in Site Manager
- Correct mistakes on DWR in a timely manner so estimates can be run.

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## Verifying Quantities

- Tack Application Rate
- Proper HMA Application Rate

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## Proper Tack Application



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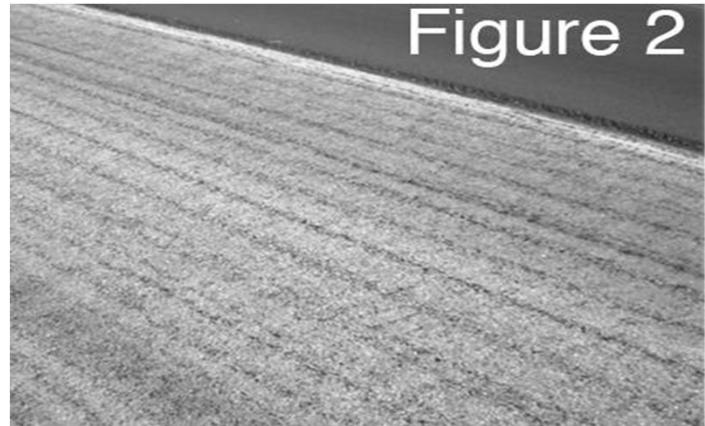
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## Proper Tack Application



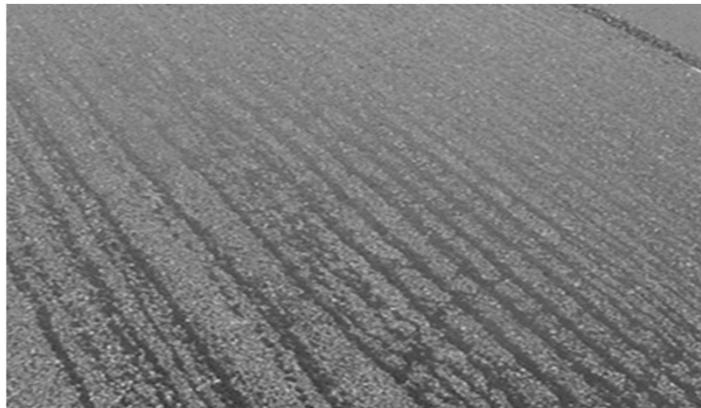
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## Poor Tack Application



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## Poor Tack Application



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## Verifying Quantities

- What is the Proper Rate for Tack?

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## What is the Proper Rate for Tack?

- Tack Coat Specification (408)
  - Gives guidance regarding “break” and “set”
  - Discusses rate of dilution
  - Shows a table with application rates based on paving surface
- We want to achieve a *desirable* “residual” asphalt content
- How do you calculate tack application rate?

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Table 408.11. See page 197 of the spec. book

TABLE 408.11

Condition of Existing Pavement	Application Rate (gal/sy) <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	
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Note 3: Dilution rate only applies to SS and CSS grades.

Note 4: Tack coat is normally not needed over a layer of new HMA that has been placed within the last few days, as long as the underlying new layer has not become dirty under traffic or from windblown dust.

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## Example Tack Calculation 1

- CALCULATE THE APPLICATION RATE FOR TACK
  - ❑ Existing roadway has a milled surface.
  - ❑ Road width is an average of 12'.
  - ❑ The initial dial reading is 750 gallons. Tack is undiluted.
  - ❑ Tack is placed from Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 15+00.
  - ❑ Final gauge reading is 525 gallons after tack placement.



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When items for maintaining traffic are included in the Contract, they will be measured and paid as provided in Section 636.

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## Example Tack Calculation 1

- Calculate the tack used:

$$\text{PAY QTY.} = 750 \text{ gal} - 525 \text{ gal} = \underline{225 \text{ GALLONS}}$$

- LETS CHECK THE APPLICATION RATE:

- $12 \text{ ft} \times 1500 \text{ ft} = 18,000 \text{ ft}^2$   
➤ To convert sq. ft to sq. yd.:  $9 \text{ ft}^2 = 1 \text{ SY}$
- $18,000 \text{ ft}^2 \div 9 \text{ ft}^2/\text{SY} = 2,000 \text{ SY}$

- Calculate Rate of Application

$$\bullet 225 \text{ gal} \div 2,000 \text{ SY} = \underline{0.1125} = \underline{0.11 \text{ gal/sy}}$$

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## Example Tack Calculation 2

- Existing roadway is very old, dried, and cracked.  
"Oxidized" from Table 408.11.
- Road width is an average of 12'.
- Prior to tack placement, dial gauge reads 450 gallons.  
Tack is diluted.
- Tack is placed from Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 10+00.
- Dial gauge reads 300 gallons after tack placement.

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## Example Tack Calculation 2

- Calculate the tack used  
PAY QTY. = 450 gal – 300 gal = 150 GALLONS
- LETS CHECK THE APPLICATION RATE:
  - $12 \text{ ft} \times 1000 \text{ ft} = 12,000 \text{ sq. ft}$   
➤ To convert sq. ft to sq. yd:  $9 \text{ ft}^2 = 1 \text{ SY}$
  - $12,000 \text{ ft}^2 \div 9 \text{ ft}^2/\text{SY} = 1,333.33 \text{ SY}$
- Calculate Rate of Application
  - $150 \text{ gal} \div 1,333.33 \text{ SY} = 0.1125 = \underline{0.11 \text{ gal/sy}}$   
*(This does NOT meet Specs.)*

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## CALCULATING HMA APPLICATION RATE

### HMA Approximate Rate and Lift Thickness

- 1.0" Compacted = 110 PSY
- 1.5" Compacted = 165 PSY
- 2.0" Compacted = 220 PSY

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## Verifying Quantities

- Given: A Two Lane Road is 1 mile long, has an average width of 28', and a 1.5" Overlay is being placed. How many Tons per lane of HMA?
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= 16,426.67 SY X 165 LB/SY  
2000 LB/TN  
= 1,355.2 TN

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**ANSWER = 1,355.2 TN / 2 lanes = 677.6 TN per lane**

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## After Project Completion

- Verify all payrolls are received and checked for compliance.
- Get final paperwork done in a timely manner.
- Get Over/under change order ready to be processed.
- Make sure any outstanding change orders are paid when they complete the process.

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Contract: Inspector: DWR Date: 06/17/19  
 Project Nbr: Line Item Nbr: 0015 Loc Seq No: 1  
 Item Code & Desc: 408002-001 ASPHALT MATERIAL

West Virginia Department of Transportation  
 Division of Highways  
 Inspector's Bituminous Emulsion Tack Worksheet  
 Producer / Supplier: MPC1.01.705 - Marathon Petroleum F-1 @ Catlettsburg Total Quantity Placed: 175. Ver 1.1 March 2 2015

Row 1 of 1	Ticket Number	Original Invoice No	Material Type	Source of Material					
OBSERVATIONS - Comment below if any of the following are not met:									
Traffic Control and Flaggers in place <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface temp above 40 degrees F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface clean prior to placement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform application of tack coat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Existing Pavement Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Undiluted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diluted (1:1) <input type="checkbox"/> New HMA <input type="checkbox"/> 0.04 - 0.05 0.08 - 0.10 Oxidized HMA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.07 - 0.10 0.13 - 0.20 Milled Surface <input type="checkbox"/> 0.10 - 0.13 0.20 - 0.27 PCC <input type="checkbox"/> 0.07 - 0.10 0.13 - 0.20									
*Undiluted = 60% Residual Asphalt, Diluted = 50% Residual Asphalt									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Time	Start Station	End Station	Length (ft) C-B	Width (ft)	Area (yd <sup>2</sup> ) (D x E) / 9	Initial Reading (gal)	Final Reading (gal)	Amount Applied (gal) G-H	Rate (gal/yd <sup>2</sup> ) I-J
00:00	0 +00	10 +00	1000.	12	1333.33	450.	274	175.00	.13
Remarks					Running Amount Applied 175.				

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## EXAMPLE DWR ENTRY

Division of Highways 01/02/2024 11:00:19 Report v1

Daily Work Report

Contract: 2023080002, BIG OTTER-FRAMETOWN RD	Prime Contractor: WEST VIRGINIA PAVING, INC.		
DWR Date: 9/6/2023	Day of Week: Wednesday	Inspector: James Putnam	Agency Project Engineer: Steven Ruppert
Seq Num: 1	DWR Status: Approved	Entered By: James Putnam	Agency Delivery Engineer: Steven Ruppert
Last Updated Date: 9/14/2023	Last Updated By: Savannah Summers	Managing Office:	
Weather: 9	Low Temp: 66	High Temp: 91	Rainfall Amount: SECIR Indicator:
Fed. Proj. Num: NHPP-0079(091)	State Proj. Num: S306-79-43.37 00	Daily Staff: No	Attachment(s): Yes
Work Items: Yes	Contractors: Yes	Remarks	
00	PRIME CONTRACTOR TIME WV PAVING NO LUNCH 6:00AM TO 7:00PM = 13 HRS		
01	WVDOT PERSONNEL TIME JAMES PUTNAM 6:30AM TO 7:30PM = 12.5 HRS 1 HR TRAVEL 11.5 HRS PROJECT INSPECTION, ETC		
02	2023 09 06 DWR 0025 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT TICKETS TY19 2023 09 06 DWR 0025 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT DELIVERY REPORT TY19		
03	LINE # 0025, ITEM 41001-030 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT BASE TY 19		
Contract: 2023080002		DWR Date: 9/6/2023, Seq. No.: 1	Page: 1 of 8

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Division of Highways

**Daily Work Report** Report v1

**Item Postings**

Item Description	Item ID	Seq. Num	Cont Ln	Project	Category	Proj Ln	Quantity Posted	Unit	From Station - To Station Location
SUPERPAVE ASPHALT BASE	410001-030	1	0025	2023080002	0001	0025	SY		BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT
CRSE. TY 19									

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
19 mm Asphalt Mix, Superpave	TN			

Contractor: WEST VIRGINIA PAVING, INC.

Comments: PAY FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE ON COMPLETION OF PWL SAMPLE TESTING.

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR USES A TRANSFER MACHINE AND A RUBBER TIRE PAVER TO PLACE ASPHALT BASE FOLLOWED BY 3 STEEL DRUM ROLLERS FOR COMPACTION. TERRADON TECHNICIAN, JUSTIN WHITTINGTON, ON SITE FOR DENSITY. WV PAVING, JAMEY PROPPS ON SITE FOR PWL CORE DRILLING. WYODA TECHNICIAN DAVID SCHOOLCRAFT ON SITE.

(PAYMENT WILL BE REQUESTED FOR A 12FT LANE)

SB SLOW LANE  
2611.75 TO 2596.70 = 1505  
EQUAL  
2595.78 TO 2516.35 = 7943  
 $1505 + 7943 = 9448$   
 $((9448 \times 12 = 113,376) / 9 = 12,597.333)$

NB SLOW LANE  
2516.35 TO 2522.80 = 645  
 $((645 \times 12 = 7,740) / 9 = 860)$   
 $12,597.333 + 860 = 13,457.333$  SY

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PAY QUANTITY = 0 SY  
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE 636011-001 1 0140 2023080002 0001 0140 0 UN BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
Traffic Control Devices	0	EA		

Contractor: HIGHWAY SAFETY, INC.

Comments: ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE PROPERLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT. THE SIGNS ARE CLEAN, LEGIBLE, AND CLEARLY VISIBLE. SPEED TRAILERS AND ARROW BOARDS ARE ALSO UTILIZED IN EACH LANE AS PART OF THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SET UP AS LISTED PER THE PLAN SHEET. REFER TO THE DAILY CHECK LIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

PAY QUANTITY = 0 UN  
TRAFFIC DIRECTOR 636014-002 1 0155 2023080002 0001 0155 11.5 HR BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
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Contractor: WEST VIRGINIA PAVING, INC.

Comments: CONTRACTOR USES A TRAFFIC DIRECTOR ON THIS DATE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. PATROL VEHICLE FOLLOWED THE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT AS PER THE CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST. THE OFFICER ON DUTY THIS DATE IS BRIAN YOUNG.

HOURS ON SITE 7:00AM TO 6:30PM = 11.5 HRS

PAY QUANTITY = 11.5 HR  
ELECTRIC ARROW 636021-001 1 0160 2023080002 0001 0160 2 DA BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
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Comments: CONTRACTOR UTILIZES 32 TYPE B WARNING LIGHTS. ALL TYPE B WARNING LIGHTS ARE PLACED PROPERLY. ALL TYPE B LIGHTS ARE ON AND WORKING PROPERLY AS PER THE PLANS. B LIGHT PAYMENT WILL BE REQUESTED FOR PLACEMENT ON ROAD WORK 2 MILES SIGNS, ROAD WORK 1 MILE SIGNS, AND 55 MPH SIGNS.

ALL B-LIGHTS ARE WORKING THIS DATE

PAY QUANTITY = 32 DA  
SHADOW VEHICLE 636028-002 1 0175 2023080002 0001 0175 MO BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
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Contractor: WEST VIRGINIA PAVING, INC.

Comments: CONTRACTOR UTILIZES A SHADOW VEHICLE WHILE PERFORMING WORK. PREVIOUSLY ADVISED WV PAVING TO HAVE THE SHADOW VEHICLE SET UP TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THE STANDARD DETAILS. THE SHADOW VEHICLE HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH FLASHING BEACONS AND A TRUCK MOUNT ATTENUATOR. SPOKE WITH VERN WALKER, WV PAVING, ABOUT HAVING 2 SHADOW VEHICLES ON THE PROJECT WHEN PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR 1 AS PER THE PLANS. WV PAVING AGREED HAVING PAYMENT FOR THE USE OF 1 UNLESS 2 BECOMES NEEDED. ONLY 1 IS BEING UTILIZED AT THIS TIME.

PUT IN SERVICE ON 07/25/2023. NEXT PAYMENT REQUEST 9/25/2023

PAY QUANTITY = 0 MO  
SPEED MONITORING TRAILER 636030-001 1 0180 2023080002 0001 0180 2 DA BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

Materials: 

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
Traffic Control Devices	0	EA		

Contractor: HIGHWAY SAFETY, INC.

Comments: THERE ARE 2 SPEED MONITORING TRAILERS PLACE ON THIS PROJECT. ONE PLACED ON THE SB SIDE OF THE PROJECT AND ONE ON THE NB SIDE OF

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
INSPECTOR'S ASPHALT PAYMENT WORKSHEET

AUTH NO:	PROJECT NO:	IDR NO:
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REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TOTAL Tons (Mg) THIS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INSPECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

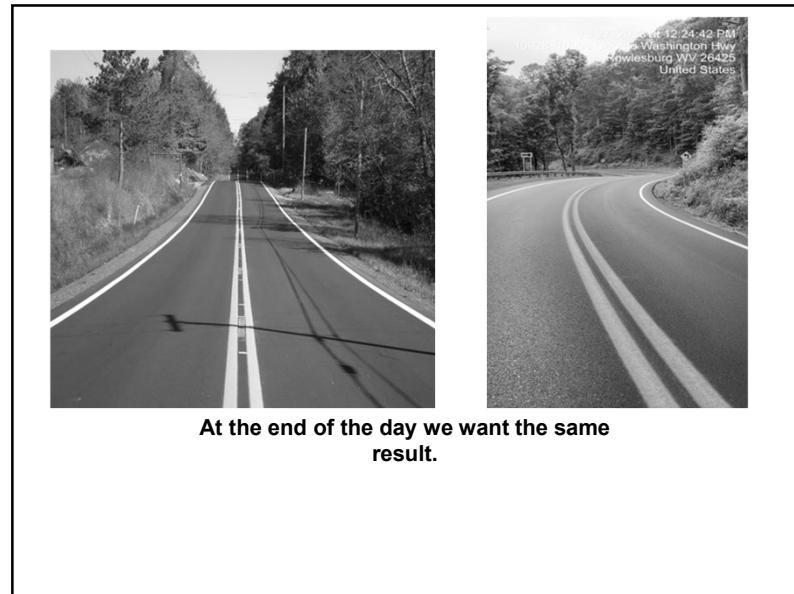
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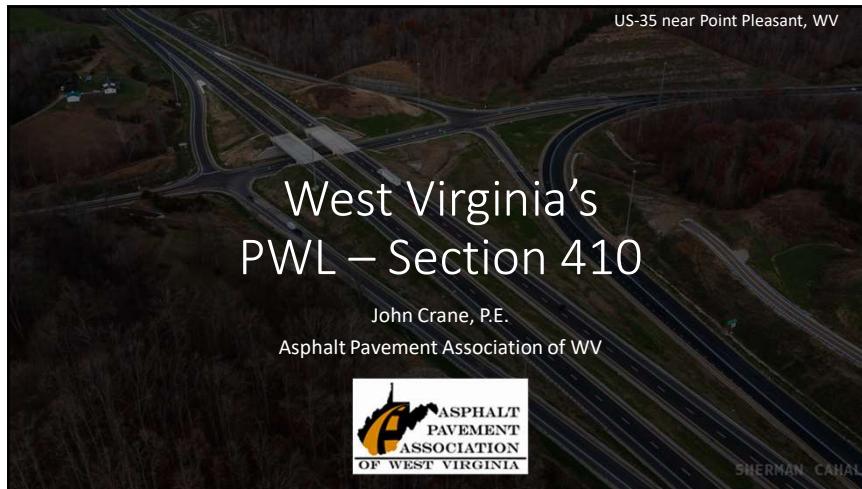
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ROLLER PASS DATA	PCF	SPEED OF ROLLER	MPH	TYPE OF ROLLER		
ROLLER PASS DATA	PCF	SPEED OF ROLLER	MPH	TYPE OF ROLLER	PLATE THICKNESS	
CALCULATION OF APPLICATION RATE (ONE CALCULATION PER EACH 152 m (500 LF))						
BEGIN STATION		END STATION				
INCHES		INCHES				
lb (ft)		lb (ft)				
lb/TONNE		lb/TONNE				
OBSERVED SIMILARITY TESTS (ONE OBSERVATION PER EACH 305 m (1000 LF))						
LOT NUMBER		TEST NUMBER		MONTH (E.G.)		
STATION		STATION		YEAR		
MAT THICKNESS (PRIOR TO COMPACTION) & MAT TEMPERATURE AT TIME OF FINAL COMPACTION PASS CHECKS (ONE CHECK PER 305 m (1000 LF))						
TIME		MAT TEMPERATURE				
TIME		MAT THICKNESS				
STATION		STATION				
ROLLER SPEED CHECKS (FOUR CHECKS, TWO AM AND TWO PM)						
TIME		ROLLER SPEED				
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<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSURE OF OPERATION VERIFIED	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROLLERS COUNTED AND INSPECTED WITH NO DE-LEADS OR SWARMS SEEN			
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRAFFIC CONTROL BRAKES AND PLATES IN PLACE	<input type="checkbox"/>	OPERATION CONTINUOUS AND PAVER SPEED COMPATIBLE TO PLANT PRODUCTION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEEL IN JOINTS CUT AND POTHOLE CORRECTED	<input type="checkbox"/>	GRAVEL SODDED OR AND TEXTURE OF MAT CORRECT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SURE ICE CLEAN AND STRIKER PLACED	<input type="checkbox"/>	CORRECT ROLLING INSTRUCTIONS BEING USED			
<input type="checkbox"/>	ROLLER(S) AND PAVING VERIFIED FOR COMPLIANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRAIGHT EDGE CHECKS BEING MADE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTRACTOR DENSITY TECHNIQUE ON SITE	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMPLIANCE WITH QUALITY CONTROL PLAN MAINTAINED			
<input type="checkbox"/>	LONGITUDINAL JOINTS PINCHED AND SEALER APPLIED	<input type="checkbox"/>	TEMPERATURE OF MATERIAL RECORDED ON TICKETS DAILY PER HOUR MINIMUM			
AIR TEMP	°C (°F)	AT (TIME)	BASE TEMP	°C (°F)	AT TIME	
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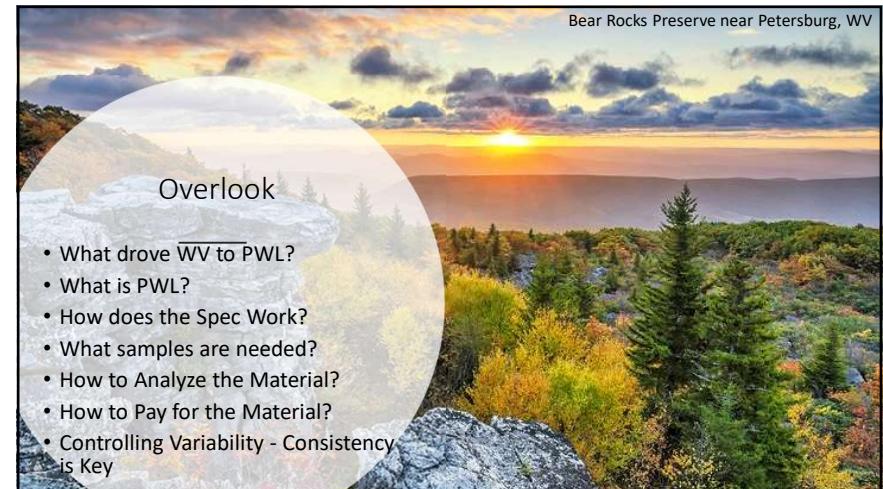
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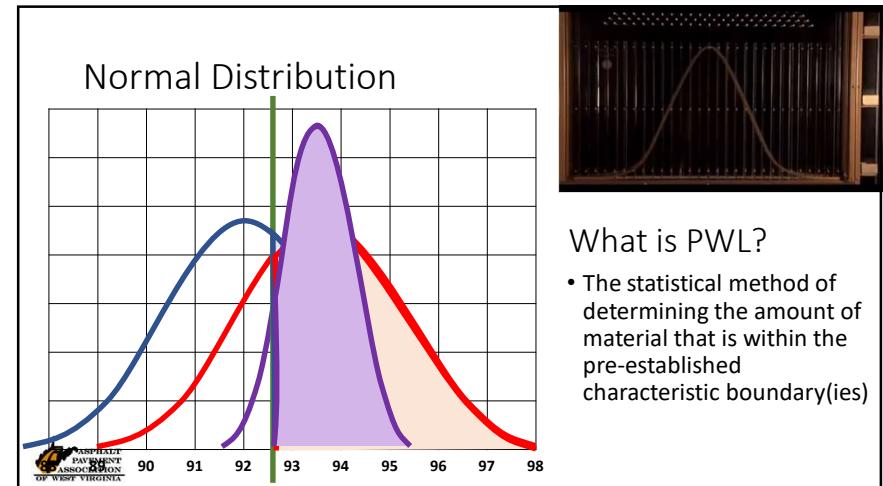
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Lets have some fun with statistics!



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## PWL Paving – WV Overview

- This is the Method of QA for NHS routes and above
- Material samples are taken from the roadway
  - Asphalt Content / Gradation / Mat Density / Joint Density / Bond Strength / Thickness
- PWL statistical analysis
  - Based on average, standard deviation, and specified limits
  - Theoretical percentage of all data that is statistically within the overall specification limits
  - Not just an average or a moving average
- Pay Factors are established
- Payment is by the SY, not by the Ton



Eliminates the need for change orders and over runs

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## Why did WV go with PWL?

- Desired a more robust methods to Evaluate Overall Quality
- WVDOH's standard Asphalt QC/QA was based on moving average
  - Straight Average and Moving Average is not the best measure of quality
  - Lacks enforcement to stay on Target
- WVDOH wanted to focus on end results Specification drawing data from the field
  - Materials properties along with Mat and Joint Density
- Promote consistency throughout the project



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## What's required and What's not Quality Control (QC)

- Plant
  - Volumetric Mixture Control – Air Void, VMA, Asphalt Content, Gradation
    - Per tonnage basis – 1000-ton subplot (750 tons during mixture verification)
  - Samples must satisfy single sample tolerance and moving average tolerance
- Field
  - None\*



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## What's required and What's not? Quality Assurance (QA)

- The WVDOH does all the Acceptance testing
- Field Sampled – 2500-ton Lots w/ 5 sublots
  - Thickness – Cores
  - Density Mat – Cores
  - Bond Strength – Cores
  - Asphalt Content – Loose Mix
  - Gradation(Dust Content) – Loose Mix
- Density Joint – Cores 10,000 FT Lot w/ 5 sublots
- Inspection @ Plant
  - Minimal involvement

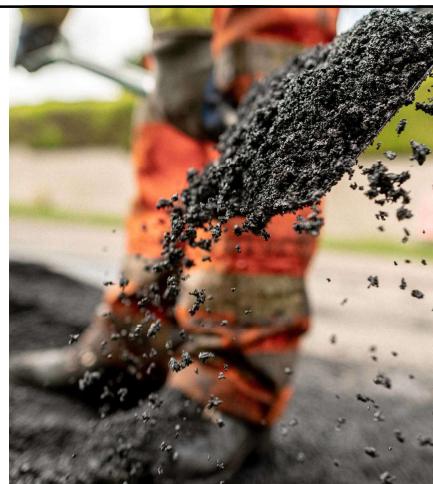


Test	Limits
Asphalt Content	JMF $\pm$ 0.4%
Gradation (-%200)	JMF $\pm$ 2.0%
Density	91.5 – 97.0% G <sub>mm</sub>
Joint Density	> 89.0% G <sub>mm</sub>
Bond Strength	> 100 psi
Thickness	Design – 0.04"

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## PWL – Asphalt & Dust Content

- All materials arriving on the project are expected to be **quality** and stay **consistent**.
- Importance of Asphalt and Dust
- Asphalt and Gradations tests are performed in the lab
- Statistical Evaluation



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## PWL Paving – Loose Mix Samples

- Sampling Location
  - “Loose Mix” sample behind the paver for Pay
  - Still truck samples for plant QC/QA
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTZeDmYojuM>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to8C\\_iesXkY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to8C_iesXkY)



## PWL Paving – Core Samples

- Must use a 6-inch Core bit – **Inside Diameter**
- Cores are used to determine
  - In-place Density
  - Bond Strength
  - In-place Thickness
- Care should be taken to ensure the viability of the core
  - Drill as deep as reasonable possible
  - Do not pry or push on the layer to be tested.



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## PWL Paving – Density Analysis

- Mat and Longitudinal Joint Evaluations
- Coring the finished pavement
- No field density testing is required
  - Still a good Practice for QC
  - Can use non-nuclear
- Density tests in the lab
- Statistical Evaluation



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## PWL Paving – Bond Strength

- Poor tack coats and surface prep can lead to premature failures
  - Layer slip / Delamination / Cracking
- Cores are tested in a Shear device
  - Lower limit of 100psi
- Statistical Evaluation



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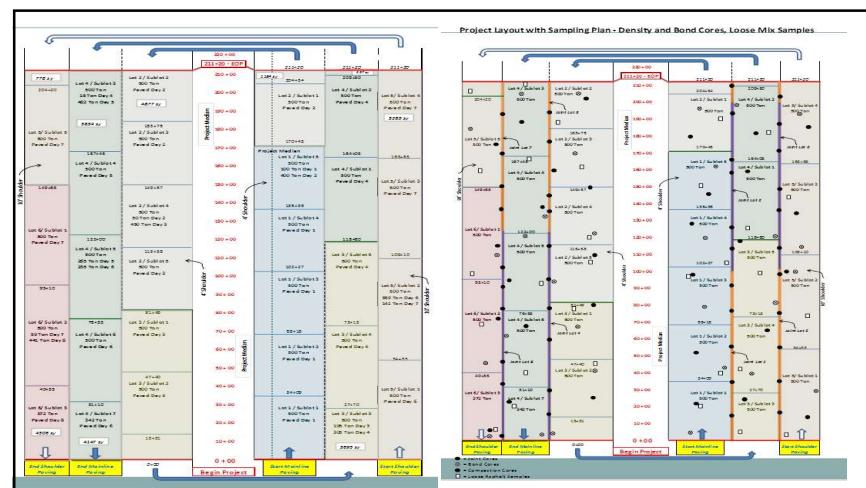
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## How Do We Know Where to Get These Samples

- Prior to Construction
- Lot Layout
  - Production lots are 2500 tons
  - Constructed joints have 10,000' lots
- Pre-paving Meeting
  - Agree on paving sequence – Layout Lots in field for sampling
  - Loose mix locations at beginning of day
  - Cores marked after finish roller...notify contractor!

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## PWL Paving – Example Setup

- Two lane, 3.0 mile road, 1.5 inch design thickness, 12 ft lanes. Example mix is 156.7 lb/CF max. How many tons?

Determine	Method	Answer
Thickness (ft)	Thickness / 12	
Length (ft)	Length(mi) x 5280	
Area (SF)	Length x Width x Lanes	
Volume (CF)	Area x Thickness	
Field Density	Max Density x 94%	
Pounds required	Field Density x Volume	
Tons required	Pounds / 2000	



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## PWL Paving – Example Setup

- 3500 ton project, single “extended” lot

Sublot = 500 ton.... Therefore  $3500/500 = 7$

Determine	Method	Answer
Loose Samples	One per mat subplot	
Mat Density Samples	One per mat subplot	
Bond Strength Samples	One per mat subplot	
Length (ft)	Length(mi) x 5280	
Joint Density Samples	One per JOINT subplot	
Thickness Samples	Use Bond Strength & Mat Density Cores	



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4 Miles of 2 lane Interstate  
Yields ~133 Samples per lift



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Questions to ask before  
we start paving...

- What type of road is this?
- What will affect the PWL on my project?
- How can I help get the best PWL?

...on your “MARK”...get set...

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## Significant Changes Field Evaluations – Pavement Distresses

MP 401 07 25  
February, 2013

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION  
MATERIALS CONTROL, SOILS AND TESTING DIVISION  
MATERIALS PROCEDURE

GUIDE FOR EVALUATION OF ASPHALT PAVEMENTS WITH SUBSTANDARD PROPERTIES

1. PURPOSE

1.1 Provide a consistent approach and checklist for use by construction project personnel when evaluating asphalt pavement with substandard properties and aid in any decision making process.

1.2 Identify pavement factors and characteristics most critical to satisfactory performance.

1.3 Validate, if it is appropriate, the removal of the pavement in question.

2. SCOPE

2.1 This procedure shall be applicable to all newly placed Marshall and Superpave mix base layers and wearing courses.

2.2 This procedure shall include quality control, quality assurance, and independent assurance sampling and testing along with construction practices and methods, and observable distresses and defects in the finished mat should be considered when evaluating asphalt pavements with substandard properties and characteristics. It is generally necessary to consider all facets when trying to determine the cause of observed distresses and then decide on remedial action that needs to be executed.

3. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

3.1 Standard Practice D71-A: Asphaltic Base, Wearing, and Patching and Leveling  
Contract original issuance February 2013



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## The Fork in the Road (New in 2023)

### Interstates and Divided NHS Routes

#### • PWL Calculations on:

- Mat Density
- Joint Density
- Bond Strength
- Asphalt Content
- #200(Dust) Content

#### • Lot Average

- Thickness of cores

#### Commonalities:

- Main Lot Payment is always based on Mat Density, Asphalt Content, and Dust Content. With the Total Lot payment calculated the same regardless of how the Payment Factors are generated
  - 50% Mat Density, 25% each Asphalt content and Dust content

Thickness, Bond Strength and Joint Density are each stand alone adjustments based on their individual equations

### Two-Lane and Non-divided NHS Route Exceptions

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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment

### • Lot Payment

$$CP(2PD + PB + PA)/400$$

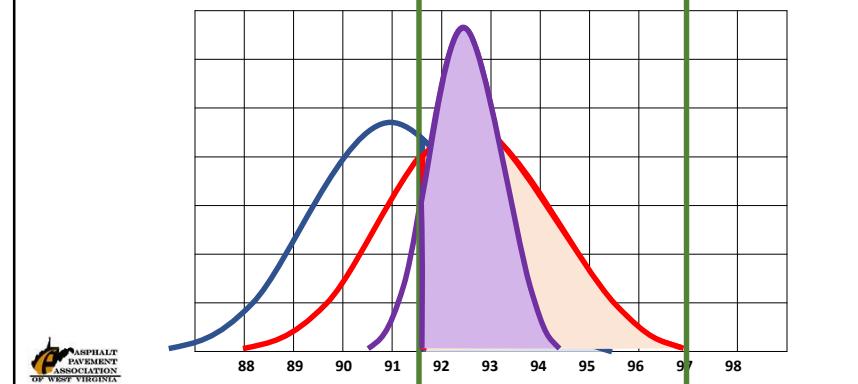
- Contract Price, Pay Density, Pay Binder, Pay Aggregate
- Payment for each component can reach 102%, but the average density must be greater than 93.0%



Incentives have been removed from the specification on projects let on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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## Recap... what does PWL mean?



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## PWL Paving – Example

### • Mat Density (91.5 – 97.0)

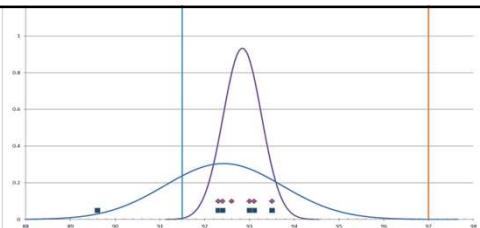
#### • Example 1:

- 7 Cores - 93.00, 93.10, 92.30, 93.00, 93.50, 92.40, 92.60
  - Avg = 92.84 Stdev = .43
- PWL = 100

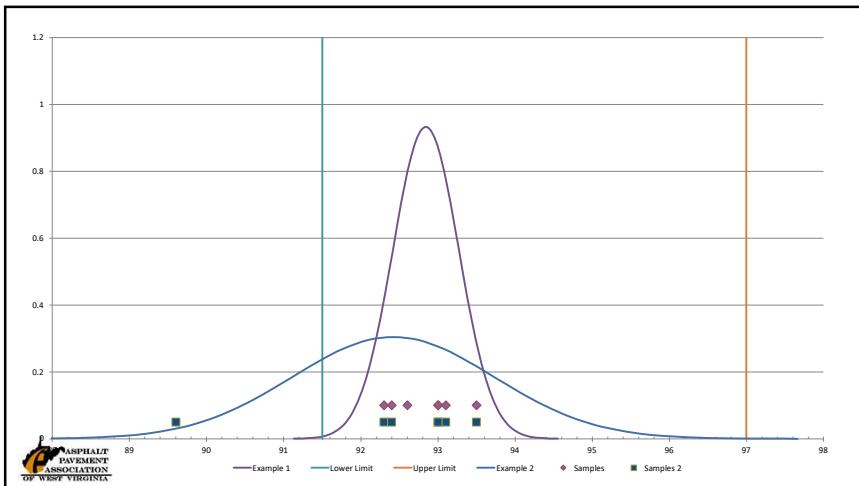
#### • Example 2:

- 7 Cores - 93.00, 93.10, 92.30, 93.00, 93.50, 92.40, 89.60
  - Avg = 92.42 Stdev = 1.31

• PWL = 75



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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment

Interstates and Divided NHS Routes

TABLE 410.13.3.1

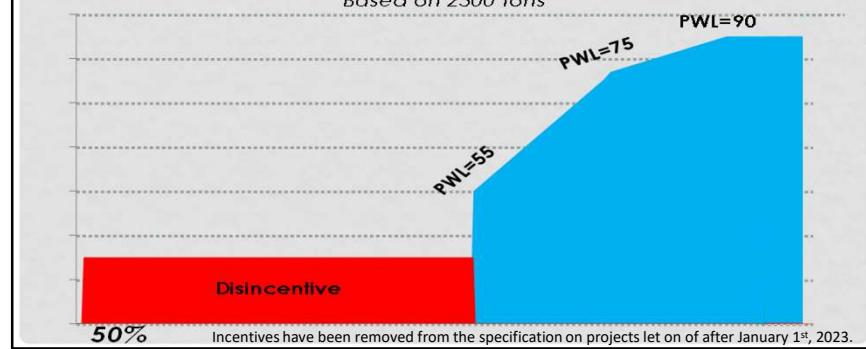
Percentage of Material Within Specification Limits (PWL)	Lot Pay Factor (Percent of Contract Unit Price)
90-100	100
75-89	$[(0.5)\text{PWL}]+55$
55-74 <sup>Note 1</sup>	$[(1.4)\text{PWL}]-12$



Jobs let prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are still eligible for an incentives up to 2% for a PWL between 96-100

## PWL PAY CRITERIA

Based on 2500 tons



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Interstates and Divided NHS Routes

## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment Example

- Determine the pay factors for this example lot

Property	PWL	Pay Factor
Density	87	
Asphalt Content	90	
Gradation	86	

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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment

- Thickness Payment

$$\% \text{ Adjustment} = \frac{t}{T} \times 100$$

- T = Total Plan Thickness
- t = average lot thickness + 0.04



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Interstates and Divided NHS Routes

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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment

- Joint Payment

- When PWL > 60 there is no adjustment

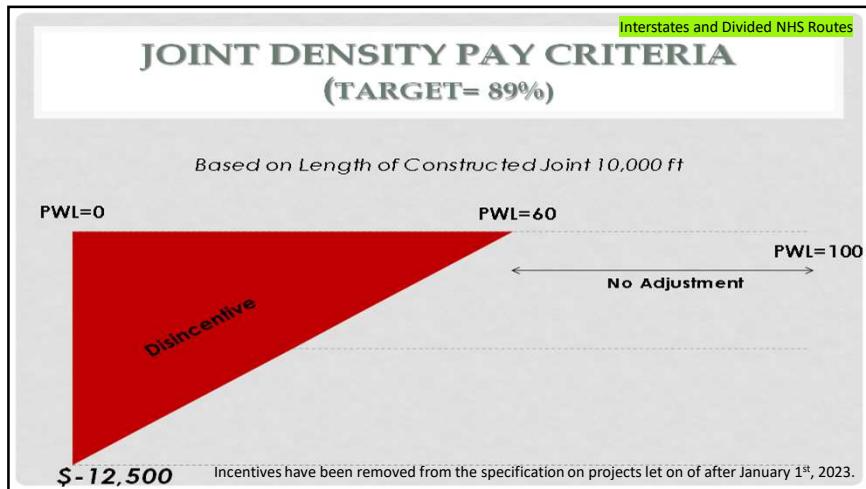
$$\text{Disincentive}(\$) = \frac{60 - PWL}{60} \times 12,500 \quad (\text{When } \leq 60)$$

Jobs let prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are still eligible for up to a \$4000 incentives for PWL  $\geq 80$



$$\text{Incentive}(\$) = \frac{PWL - 80}{20} \times 4000 \quad (\text{When } \geq 80)$$

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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment Example

- Joint Density PWL is 57. What is the Adjustment?



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## PWL Paving – Pay Adjustment Example

- Thickness target is 2 inches, and average is 1.92 inches. What is the pay adjustment?

$$\% \text{ Adjustment} = \frac{t}{T} \times 100$$

$$\% \text{ Adjustment Of Unit Price} = \quad \times 100$$

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- Unit price = \$10/sqyd
- Therefore an Additional Standalone Adjustment for inadequate thickness



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- Lot Average on:

- Mat Density
- Joint Density
- Bond Strength
- Thickness of Cores



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## Two Lane Exceptions

- AC, Gradation, and Thickness are still calculated the same as Interstate PWL
- Mat Density, Joint Density, and Bond Strength are calculated based on the lot average



## Joint Density Adjustment

TABLE 410.13.7.3

Pay Adjustment for Pavement Joint Density per Linear Foot	
Average Lot Percent Density	Price Adjustment (\$ / LF)
Greater than 97 %	Note 3
89.00 % to 97.00%	0
88.00% to 88.99%	-0.20
Less than 88%	$=[\{0.50*(Percent Density - 88.00)\} - 0.20]$



## Mat Density PD

TABLE 410.13.7.2

Payment Factors for Pavement Mat Density	
Average Lot Percent Density	Payment Factor (PD)
Greater than 98 %	Note 1
91.50% to 98.00%	100
88.00% to 91.49%	$= 100 - 4*(91.50\% - Percent density)$
Less than 88%	$= 84 - 10*(88\% - Percent density)$ Note 2

## Example 1:

7 Cores - 93.00, 93.10, 92.30, 93.00, 93.50, 92.40, 92.60  
 Avg = 92.84 Stdev = .43  
 PWL=100 -> PD = 100

## Example 2:

7 Cores - 93.00, 93.10, 92.30, 93.00, 93.50, 92.40, 89.60  
 Avg = 92.42 Stdev = 1.31  
 PD = 100

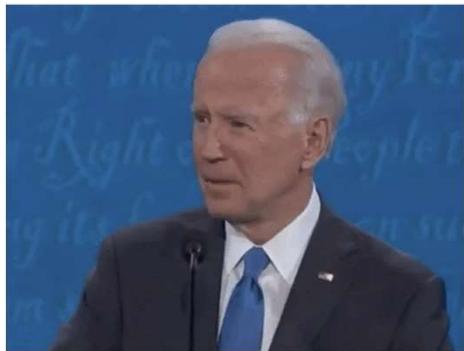
## Bond Strength Adjustment

TABLE 410.13.7.4

Pay Adjustment for Bond Strength per 2500 Ton Lot	
Average Lot Bond Strength (PSI)	Price Adjustment (\$ / Lot)
100.00 and Greater	0
75.00 to 99.99	$= [\{1,000*(PSI - 75.00)\} - 25,000]$
Less than 75.00	$- 25,000$



Confused??



PWL boils down to controlling variability

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Let's tie this back to yesterday...  
Understanding the Variability

- Material Variations
- Testing Variations
- Plant Operations
- Environmental Conditions
- Delivery of Material
- Field Prep
- Paving Operations
- Rolling Operations



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### Materials and Testing Variations

- Aggregates
  - Stockpiles Gradation
  - Aggregate Texture
  - Daily if not multiple daily moisture checks
  - Stockpile size
- RAP
  - Project Stockpile Creation
  - Fractionation



### Plant Operations

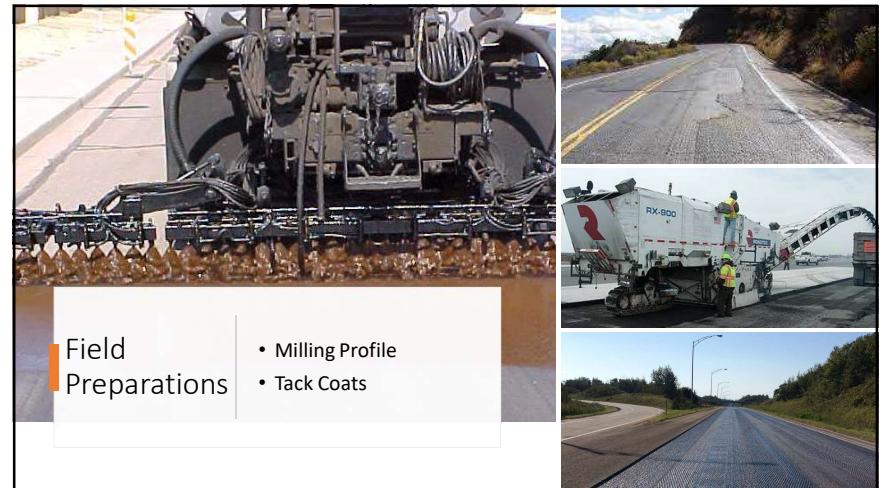
- Material Feed
- Bag house Control
  - Dust Creation
- Liquid and belt Calibration
- Moisture Control
- Temperature Control
- Starts and Stops/Job Switching
  - Material waste
- Inspection – Plant wear

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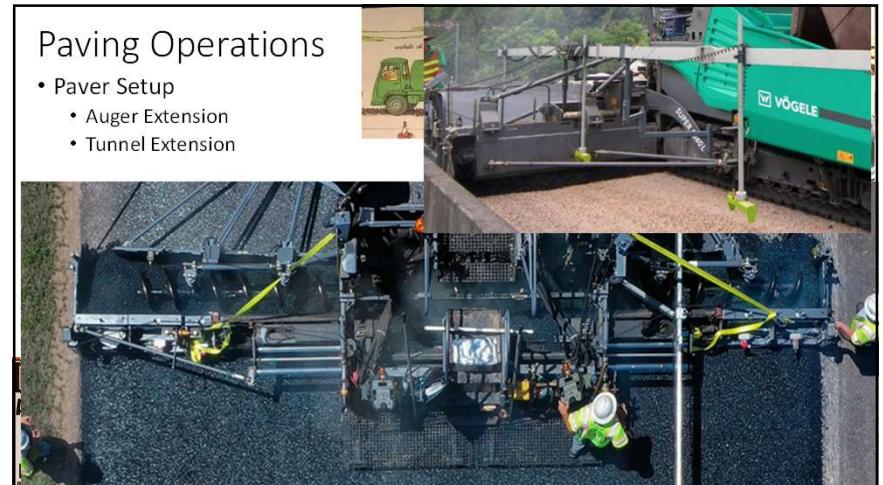
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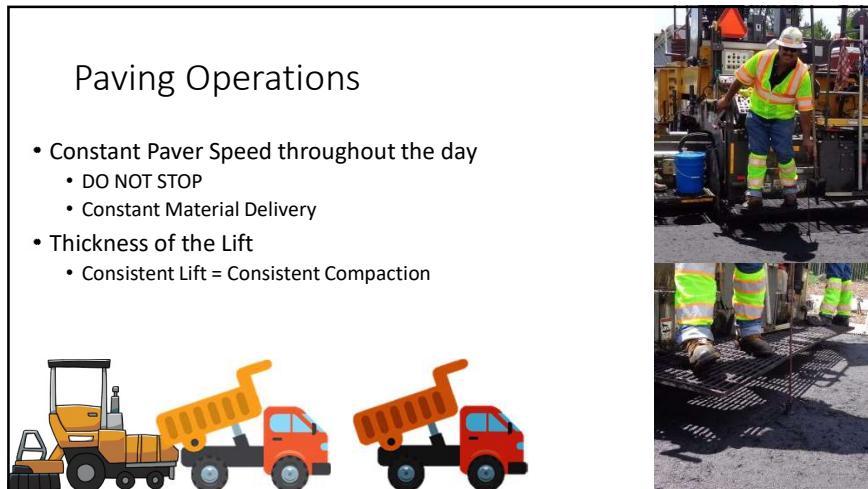


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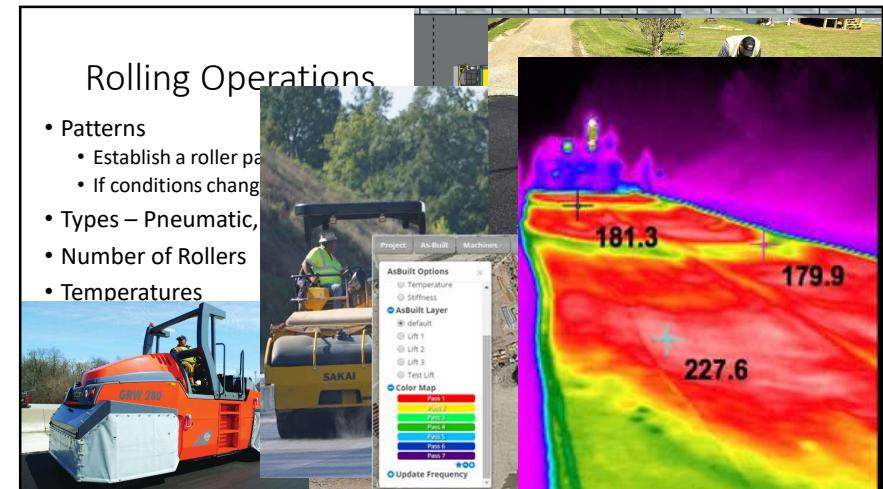


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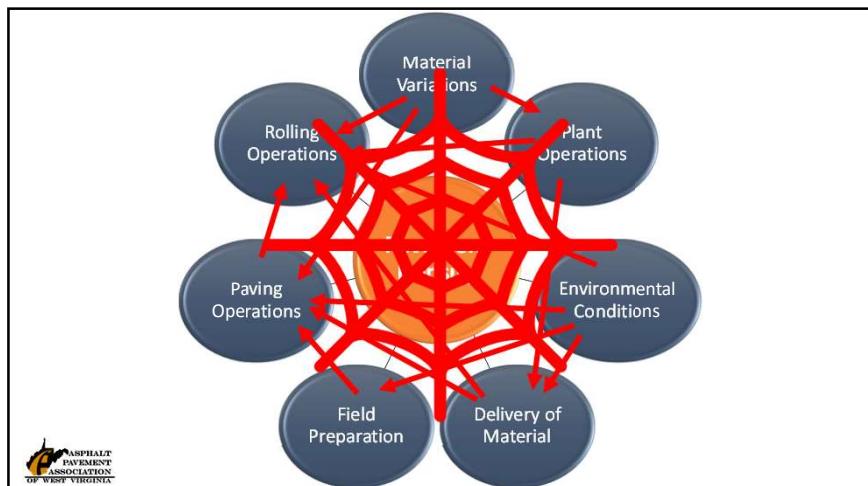




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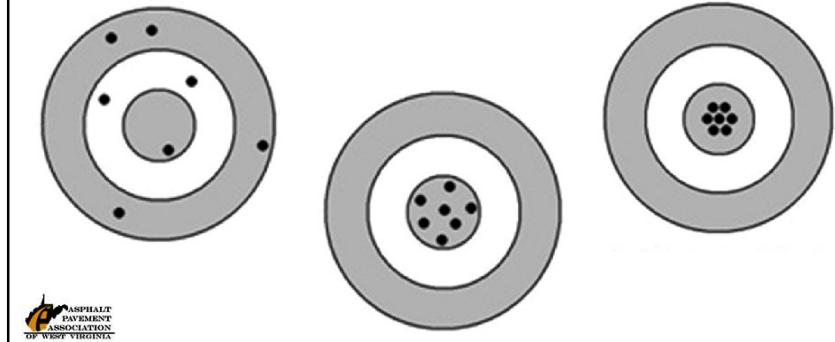


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## Troubleshooting

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### Learning Objectives

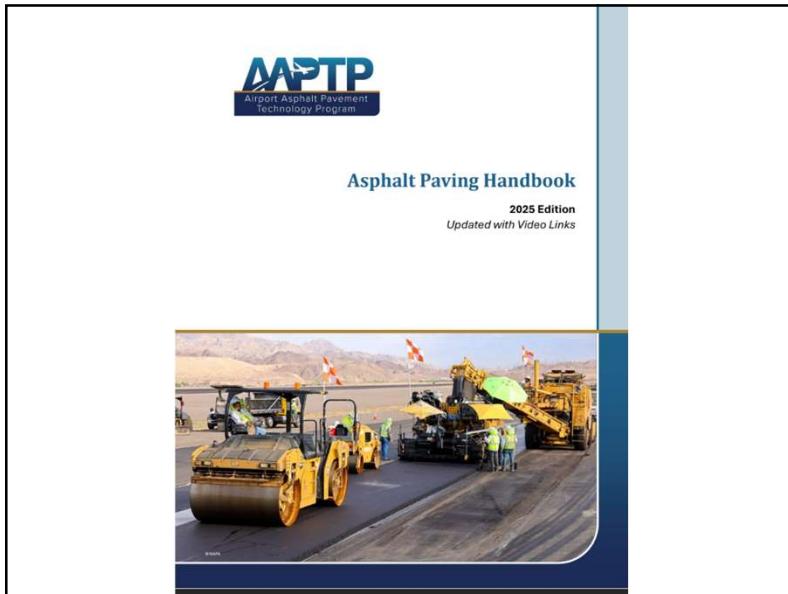
1. State the objective of effective troubleshooting
2. List the steps needed to effectively troubleshoot
3. Analyze situations and recommend action to be taken

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### Objective of Effective Troubleshooting?

- Isolating the problem so that an appropriate solution can be arrived at quickly and efficiently.

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Problem	Causes									
	Common Temperature					Variation of Temperatures of Mat				
	Mat		Mixture		Mixture		Mixture		Mixture	
	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Wavy Surface – Short Waves (Ripples)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
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Tearing of Mat – Full Width	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Tearing of Mat – Center Streaks	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Tearing of Mat – Outside Streaks	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Mat Texture Nonuniform	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Screed Marks	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Screed Not Responding to correction	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Auger Shadows	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Poor Pre-compaction	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Poor Longitudinal Joint	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Poor Transverse Joint	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Transverse Cracking (Checking)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Mat Shoving Under the Roller	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Bleeding or Fat Spots in the Mat	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Roller Marks	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Poor Mix Compaction	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗

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PROBLEM	PAVER-RELATED CAUSES										OTHER RELATED CAUSES													
	Fluctuating Head of Material	Feeders/Screws Overloaded	Flasher Speed Too Fast	Too Much and Crown in the Screed	Too Little and Crown in the Screed	Overextension of Thickness Control	Excessive Lay in Screed Mechanism	Screed Rollers on Left/Cylinders	Screed Plate/Wan Out or Warped	Screed Plate/Wan Out or Tilted	Gold Sheet	Holdboard On Strike or off to Low	Running Hopper Empty or Even Loads	Feeder Gates Set Incorrectly	Incorrect Nature of Screed	Reversing Lay to Supply Turning Rollers	Improper Roll Line Operation	Improper Role on Hold Mat	Improper Mix Design (Aggregate)	Improper Mix Design ( Asphalt)	Me. Segregation	Me. Segregation	Mat Failure	Variation in Mat Temperature
PG 288	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Wavy Surface: Short Waves (Ripples)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Wavy Surface: Long Waves	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Tearing of Mat: Full Width	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Tearing of Mat: Center Streak	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Tearing of Mat: Outside Streaks	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Mat Texture Non-Uniform	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
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Bleeding or Fat Spots in Mat	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
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Poor Mix Compaction	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗

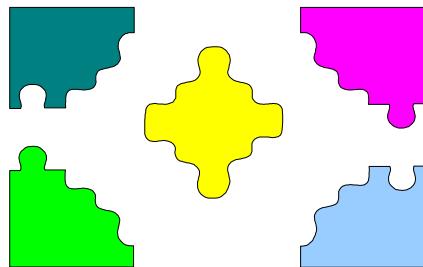
Table 13. Mat Problems and Their Causes

## How to Troubleshoot

- Step One:  
Stop, step back, look at the big picture

## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Two:  
Break the problem down into pieces



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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Three:  
Eliminate the obvious factors first

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Four:  
Analyze each remaining element in full detail

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Five:  
Re-combine the pieces of puzzle

Stop,  
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Look at big picture

Analyze each  
element in  
full detail

Break the  
problem down  
in pieces

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factors first

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Six:  
Make recommendations based on facts

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Seven:  
Make changes “one at a time;” then analyze results

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Step Eight:  
Take notes every step of the way



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## How to Troubleshoot



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Problem												
Causes												
	Cold Mat Temperature			Variation of Temperature of Mat			Mat on Mat			Mat Separation		
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wavy Surface – Short Waves (Ripples)	✓											
Wavy Surface – Long Waves												
Tearing of Mat – Full Width	✓											
Tearing of Mat – Center Streaks												
Tearing of Mat – Outside Streaks												
Mat Texture Nonuniform	✓	✓	✓									
Screed Marks												
Screed Not Responding to correction	✓											
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Poor Percompaction	✓											
Poor Longitudinal Joint	✓	✓										
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Roller Marks												
Poor Mix Compaction												

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## Segregation Troubleshooting

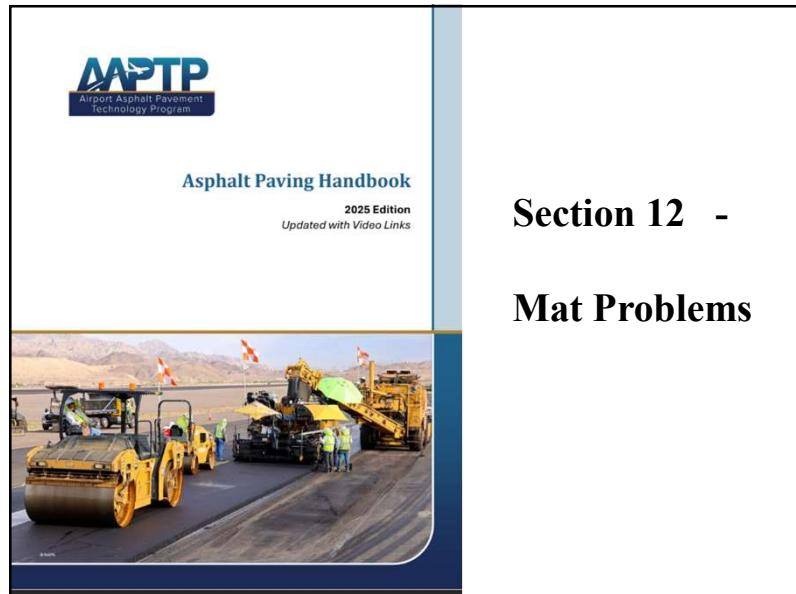
That's 18 possible causes for non-uniform mat texture!

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## How to Troubleshoot

- Stop, step back, look at big picture
  - Break the problem down in pieces
  - Eliminate the obvious factors first
    - Analyze each element in full detail
    - Re-combine the pieces of puzzle
  - Recommendation based on facts
- Changes “one at a time;” analyze
- Take notes every step of the way

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**Asphalt Paving Handbook**  
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**Section 12 -**  
**Mat Problems**

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Problem	Causes																	
	Grade Mats temperature	Mat in Mat	Mat Separation															
Wavy Surface - Short Waves (Ripples)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Wavy Surface - Long Waves	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Tearing of Matt - Full Width	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
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Poor Longitudinal Joint	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
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Mat Shoving Under Roller	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
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Poor Mix Compaction	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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## Example 1

Your paving team has been using a double drum steel wheel roller as the breakdown roller on an  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " of Wearing 1 overlay.

You are experiencing some checking in the mat after the second or third pass.

The mix has been tested at the lab and isn't suspect  
– Asphalt & Dust contents are good.

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## Example 1



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## Example 1



photo courtesy of NCAT

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## Example 1

- What would cause this?

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- What can you do right now to correct this?

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## Example 2

You show up on the Project and see random fat spots and bleeding in the wheel paths on a 1" Wearing 1 overlay placed yesterday .

This is slightly more noticeable at the transverse joints.

The test results from the day before meets the specifications.

You are ready to start paving the same mix on the same stretch of road today.

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## Example 2



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## Example 2



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## Example 2

- What would cause this?

- Should you Pave today?

- What can you do right now to correct this?

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## Example 2



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## Example 3

A test strip of 19 mm Asphalt has been completed on a \$2 Million paving Project and you have been comparing roller passes to in-place density – measured with cores.

Even with a double drum vibratory and a 10 ton pneumatic roller, you are barely able to achieve the minimum density on the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mat.

The Contractor and Agency are not in agreement of how to proceed.

Yes, the test strip did pass, but do you start paving?

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## Example 3

- As a consultant, what do you recommend?
- What all should you check before proceeding?
- What are your options?

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## Example 3



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Example 3



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Example 4

You are paving with a 9.5mm Skid mix on a 2 lane road. As a compaction technician, you are struggling with compaction and notice that the surface is “spongy” at 130° F. You can twist your heel into the surface and make a sizable scar.

What could cause this, and what can you do?

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Example 4



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Questions??



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# WVDOH

## DENSITY EVALUATION

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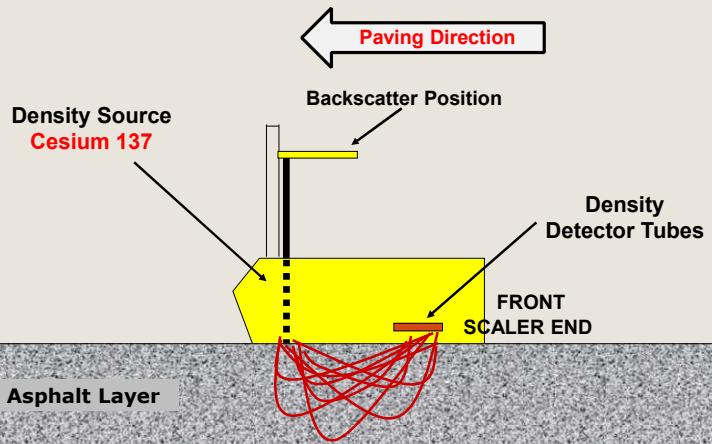
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## Objectives :

- 401 Compaction Overview
- Gauge Comparisons
- Lot by Lot - Random Locations
- Roller Pass Method
- **MP 401.05.20 - Deactivated in 2023**
- **Section 401 – 2023 Spec Book**

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### Troxler 3400 Series Nuclear Gauges



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## Standard Practices

### Pre-Operation:

- Has Gauge been Calibrated within the last 24 Months
- Proper Bill Of Lading for Transport
- Is Gauge Properly Charged
- Proper Standard Block in Case
- Gauge and Standard Block Cleaned

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## Standard Practices

### Operation – Standardizing the Gauge:

- Verify that the Standard Block and the bottom of the Gauge are clean.
- Place the Gauge on the Standard Block in the correct direction.
- Make sure Standard Block is sitting on a solid surface away from large metal objects such as equipment and trucks.

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## Standard Practices

### Operation – Standardizing the Gauge:

- Make sure you don't standardize within 30 feet of another gauge.
- Check to make sure Gauge Standard counts are within limits of the Calibrated Manufacturer's Standard Counts.
- **Density = +/- 2%**
- **Moisture = +/- 4%**
- Standardizing is to be done every 4 hours (Example: 6 am / 10 am / 2 pm)

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## Standard Practices

Gauge Model: 3430	Serial Number: 35998	Calib. Date: 03/18/2020	Expires: 03/18/2021	Density Std. Cnt: 2066	Moisture Std. Cnt: 622	Bay Number: 1
<b>Density Standard</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Moisture Standard</b>		
2066 x 98% =	Mar 20	2045	2087	622 x 96% =		
2024.68 → 2025	Apr 20	2041	2083	597.12 → 597		
2066 x 102% =	May 20	2037	2079			
2107.32 → 2107	Jun 20	2034	2075			
Range = 2025 → 2107	Jul 20	2030	2071			
	Aug 20	2026	2067			
	Sep 20	2022	2063			
	Oct 20	2018	2059			
	Nov 20	2014	2055			
	Dec 20	2010	2051			
	Jan 21	2006	2047			
	Feb 21	2002	2043			
	Mar 21	1999	2039	622 x 104% =		
	Apr 21	1995	2035	646.88 → 649		
	May 21	1991	2031			
	Jun 21	1987	2027			
	Jul 21	1983	2023			
	Aug 21	1979	2019			
	Sep 21	1976	2016			
	Oct 21	1972	2012	Range = 597 → 649		

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## Standard Practices

### Operation – Standardizing the Gauge:

- Check to make sure Gauge Standard counts are within limits of the Calibrated Manufacturer's Standard Counts.
- **Density = +/- 2%**
- **Moisture = +/- 4%**
- **Remember - this Range comes from the Calibration Sheets for the Gauge. The numbers from the Gauge when you Standardize must fall into this Range.**

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## Standard Practices

### Operation – Testing:

- Verify the settings in the Gauge.
- Proper Units – Kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Asphalt is always a Wet Density Reading
- Asphalt is always tested in the Backscatter Position
- Proper target density set in the gauge
- Tests for DOH must be 1 Minute tests
- Find test location by using Random Numbers.
- Make sure you don't test within 30 feet of another gauge.
- Make sure Gauge is sitting on a solid area away from large metal objects such as equipment and trucks.

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## Gauge Operation

- Good contact between Gauge and Surface



Fill Voids  
- Dry Mortar Sand  
- Silica Sand

Remove  
Excess

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## Gauge in Position



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## **Too Much Exposure To The Gauge**



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## Gauge Common Sense

### DO NOT OPERATE NEAR :

- Large metal objects
  - Equipment
  - Culverts
- Power lines
- Other gauges (minimum of 30 feet)

### KEEP GAUGE DRY :

- Cover control panel if possible

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### • Specifications Section 401

Provides the requirements for determining how acceptance will be made.

1. Lot by Lot Testing
2. Roller Pass Method

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## Quality Control Testing

- Quality control tests are performed to allow the Contractor to control the material. These tests are not used for acceptance.
- The Contractor is responsible for quality control even when acceptance tests are not required, for example, a Roller Pass.

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## Acceptance Testing

- Lot By Lot Testing - 2023 Spec Book
  - Measured Roadway Width > 16'
  - Total New Thickness >/= 1.5"
  - Total Continuous Paving Length >/= ½ Mile

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## Acceptance Testing

- **Lot By Lot Projects -**
  - All Projects Bid in 2023 – 2023 Spec Book - DOH does the Acceptance Testing.
  - Projects Let in 2022 or Prior – 2022 Supplemental Specs - Contractor does the Acceptance Testing.
  - Laydown POs – 2023 Spec Book - DOH does the Acceptance Testing

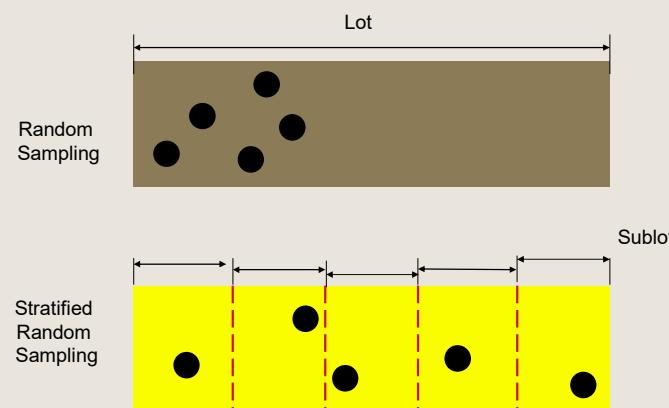
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## Acceptance Testing

- **Roller Pass Projects -** The Contractor is responsible for the testing while being observed by the District.
- **Roller Pass Method –**
  - 2022 & Prior Projects – 2022 Supplemental
  - 2023 Projects & Laydown POs – 2023 Spec Book

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## Lots and Sublots



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## Station Numbers

- Common way of tracking longitudinal distance on Projects
- The “+“ Sign is simply a place holder – just like the comma in 10,000
- Beginning of Project (BOP) = 0+00
- End of Project (EOP) = 144+25 (Example)
- $144+25 = 14,425$  Feet

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## Offsets

- Common way of tracking left & right distance on Projects
- On Paving Projects, typically measured from the centerline or the center joint
- Never test on the edge of the pavement – pull the gauge 1' in away from the edge
- Offsets for Joint Testing with the gauge are always 4 inches

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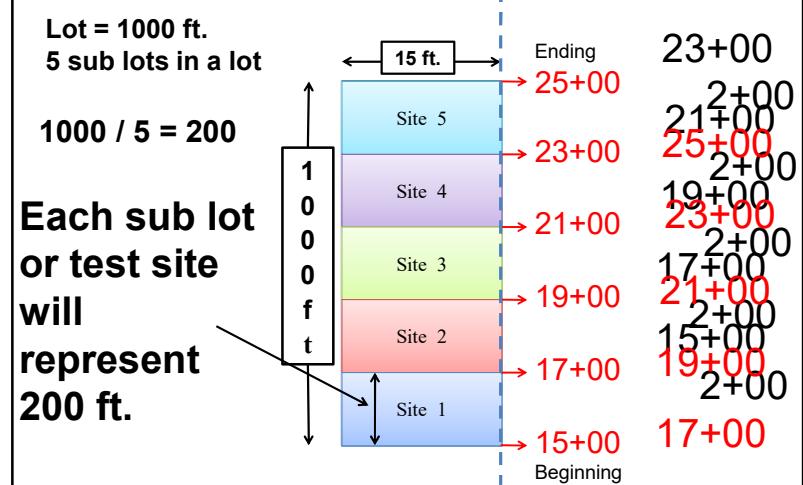
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## Sublot Exercise

Handbook – 5 Pages from end

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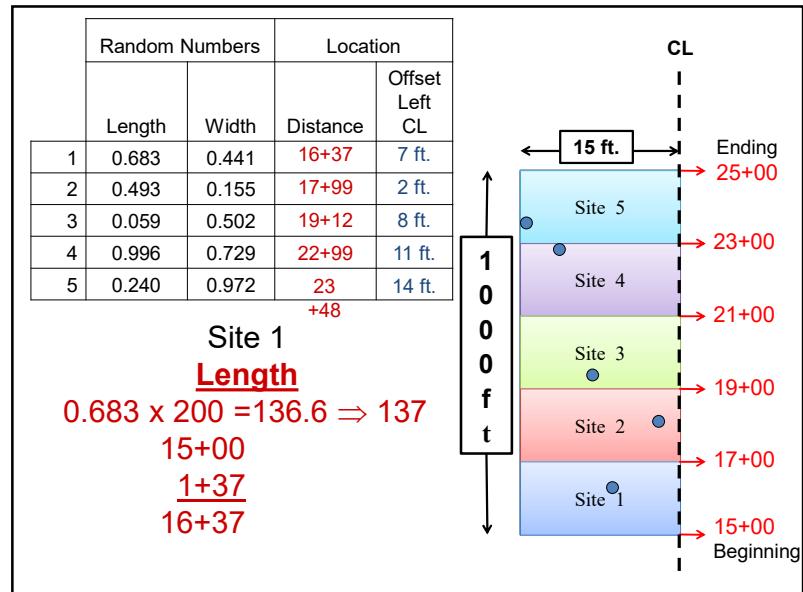


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## Sublot Exercise

Random Numbers		Location	
Length	Width	Distance	Offset Left CL
1 0.683	0.441		
2 0.493	0.155		
3 0.059	0.502		
4 0.996	0.729		
5 0.240	0.972		

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## Testing Process

### Testing Forms

- Lot x Lot -- T401
- Gauge Comparison -- T401b
- Roller Pass -- T407
- All three are located on DOH “Toolbox” Web Page

<http://transportation.wv.gov/highways/mcst/Pages/tbox.aspx>

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## Gauge Comparison

Comparison of Nuclear Density Gauges In Accordance with Guidelines Contained in **Section 401.6.4.1.1**

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## 2023 Gauge Verification

1. Randomly locate **3** test sites within the first **500 ft** of paving – starting **100 ft** from the take-off Joint & a minimum of **1 ft** from either edge.
2. Take 5 One-Minute readings in the same spot.
3. For each gauge used – the Range of the 5 readings cannot exceed 25 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
4. Once all 3 locations are done average the 15 readings for each gauge to compare differences between gauges.
5. This will be used so the Contractor can determine the Density to achieve on their gauge.

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**T-401b Gauge Comparison Form**

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## T-401b Gauge Comparison Form

### Part 1 - Identification and Verification

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Authorization No:	AB 2575 G	T400 Number:	2018448	QC Gauge No:	45678
Contract ID No:	1122334	Division Gauge No:	52889	Man. Standard:	2000
Plant Source Code:	XYZ.01.400	Man. Standard:	2500	Density Standard:	1991

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## T-401b Gauge Comparison Form

### Part 2 - Repeatability & Similarity

**T-401b Gauge Comparison Form**

Station/Offset:	QA Tests			QC Tests													
	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3											
1+33 / 4' R	Test 1: <b>2250</b>			Test 1: <b>2290</b>													
2+59 / 8' R	Test 2: <b>2255</b>			Test 2: <b>2310</b>													
4+62 / 7' R	Test 3: <b>2272</b>			Test 3: <b>2299</b>													
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## Testing Process

**Density Testing – Lot By Lot**

**DOH Laydown POs**

**Lot = 1,000 Ft long** by the Paving Width

**Sublot = 200 Ft long** by the Paving Width

**Acceptance Range = 93% - 97%**

**Joint Density Testing = 90% - 97%**

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## Testing Process

**Density Testing – Lot By Lot**

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**Sublot = 200 Ft long** by the Paving Width

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**Joint Density Testing** on the “Hot” side

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## Testing Process

**Density Testing – Joint Testing**

Done on the “Hot” side when a second travel lane is constructed.

- 5 Random 1 Minute Wet Density Tests per Lot - 4 Inches off of the Joint.
- Done at the same Station as the Mainline Density Test

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## Testing Process

**Density Testing – Joint Testing**

- Calculate the **Average Density** the same as the Mainline Densities.
- Evaluate the Lot – Pass / Fail -  
**Spec Range = 90% - 97%**

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Relative Density(C):%		(Wet Density (B) / Target Density (A)) * 100%		(Wet Density (B) / Target Density (A)) * 100%		(Wet Density (B) / Target Density (A)) * 100%		(Wet Density (B) / Target Density (A)) * 100%		(Wet Density (B) / Target Density (A)) * 100%																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										

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Rev 2023-04-10	401/402 Lot-By-Lot Asphalt Compaction Form		
Project Number:	Item Number:	Gauge Number:	
Contract ID:	T400 Number:	Man Std Count:	
Contract Line Item:	Target Density (A):	<b>2465</b>	Density Std Count:
Plant Source Code:	Lift Thick (in):	District & County:	

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	Acceptance Tests									
Date:										
Begin/End Station:										
Lab Number:										
Lot Number:	A1	J1	A2	J2	A3	J3	A4	J4	A5	J5
Wet Density (B):	2277		2288		2305		2291	2251	2295	2187
% Relative Density (C):	92		93		94		93	91	93	89
Lot Evaluation: Pass/Fail	????		Pass		Pass		Pass	Pass	Pass	????

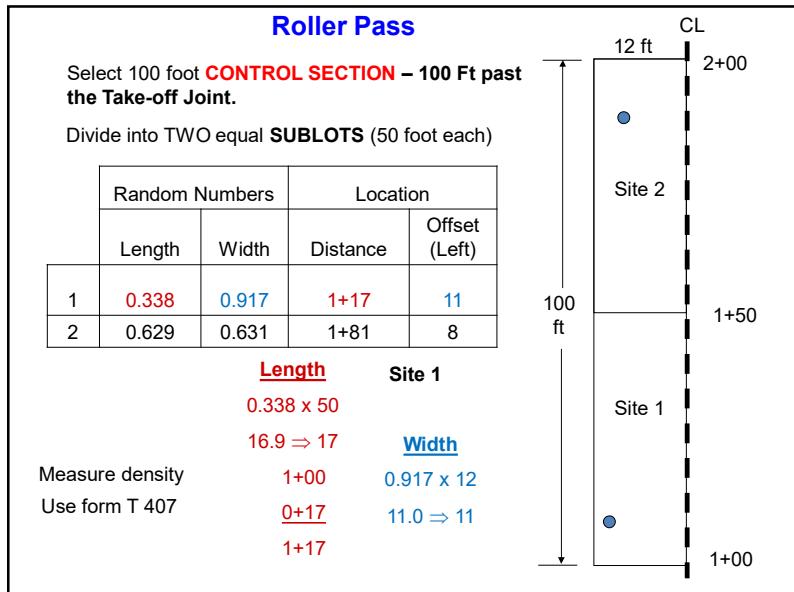
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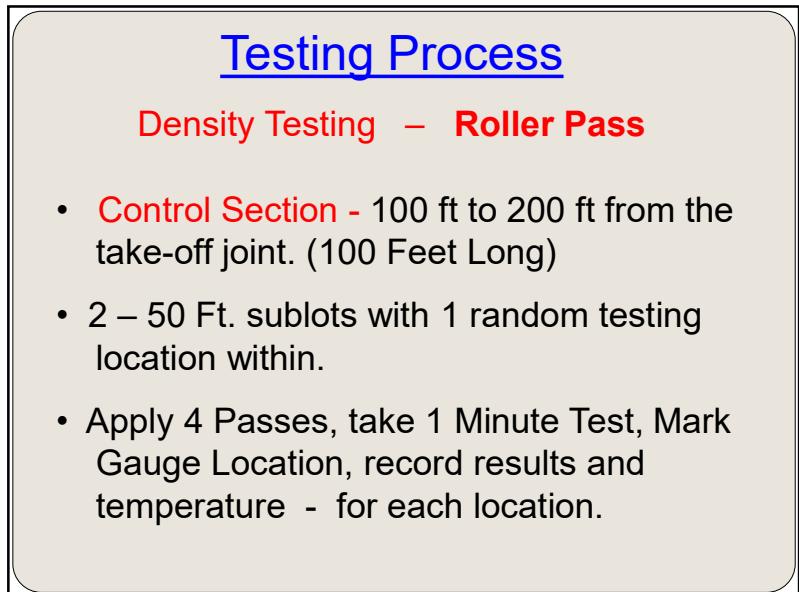
Quality Control of Additional Acceptance Tests										
Date:										
Beginning Station:										
Ending Station:										
Paving Width (Feet):										
Lab Number:										
Lot Number:	A1	J1	A2	J2	A3	J3	A4	J4	A5	J5
Offset (Rt or Lt of CL):	4 inches		4 inches		4 inches		4 inches		4 inches	
Wet Density: 1	<b>2266</b>									<b>2129</b>
Wet Density: 2	<b>2307</b>									<b>2134</b>
Wet Density: 3	<b>2286</b>									<b>2201</b>
Wet Density: 4	<b>2276</b>									<b>2176</b>
Wet Density: 5	<b>2288</b>									<b>2144</b>
Average Wet Density: (B) = Avg (1 thru 5)	<b>2285</b>									<b>2157</b>
Relative Density (%): (C)	<b>93</b>									<b>88</b>
Lot Evaluation: Pass/Fail	<b>Pass</b>									<b>Pass</b>
Lot % Pay ( % )	<b>100</b>									<b>97</b>
% Relative Density	> 97%	93-97%	92%	91%	90%	89%	88%	87%	86%	85%
Mat Density % Pay	Note 1	100%	99%	95%	91%	87%	83%	75%	63%	53%
Joint Pay Adjustment	Note 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-9%	-15%	-21%

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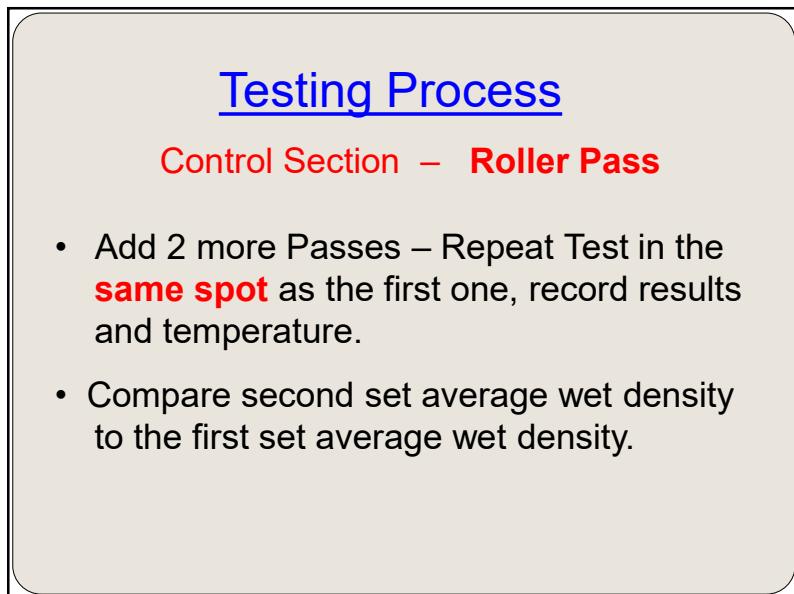
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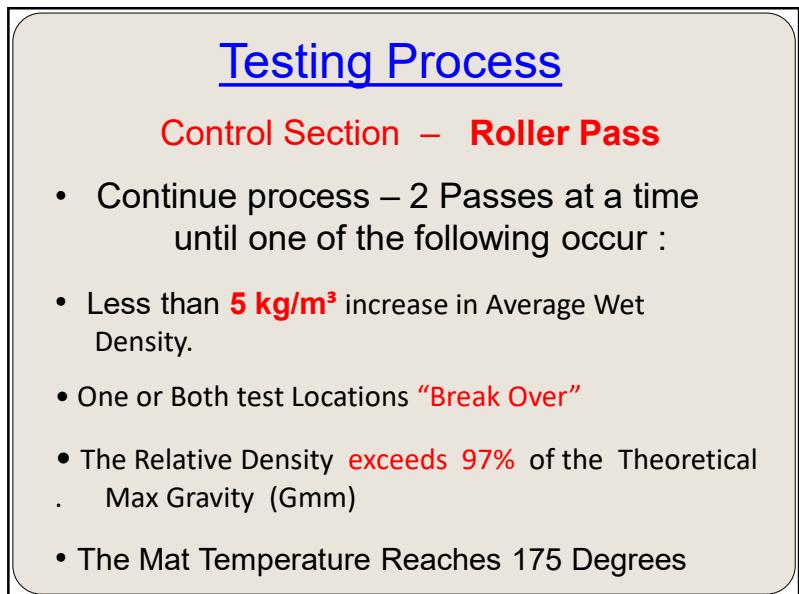
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## Testing Process

### Density Testing – Roller Pass

**Proving Section** – Area after Roller Passes are established to validate it is the correct number.

**Daily Roller Passes** to be established per Project

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West Virginia Division of Highways  
401/402 Roller Pass Asphalt Compaction Form

Project Number:	Item Number:	Gauge Number:
Contract ID:	T400 Number:	Mfr Std Count:
Contract Line Item:	Target Density:	Density Std Count:
Plant Source Code:	Lift Thick (in):	District & County:
Lab Number:	Mix type:	Date:

Control Section	Begin Station	End Station	Site #	Station	Offset
Section Number:	1	1+00	2+00	A	3' R
Readings after:	4 Passes	6 Passes	8 Passes	10 Passes	12 Passes
Site #	A	B	A	B	A
Mat Temperature (F)					
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Avg Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Difference <sup>Note 1</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Relative Density					

Proving Section	Begin Station	End Station			
Section Number:	1	2	3	4	5
Station number					
Offset					
Mat Temperature (F)					
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Average Wet Density <sup>Note 2</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Avg Relative Density					

Technician's Name:	DATE
Reviewer's Name:	DATE

Note 1: Calculate 100% Pass/Fail  
Note 2: Minimum 95% (Pass) or above 10% higher of  
Control. DO NOT read numbers until this passes.

Relative Density(%) =  $\frac{\text{Overlay density}^{\text{Note 2}}}{\text{Avg Wet Density}} \times 100\%$

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Project Number:	Item Number:	Gauge Number:
Contract ID:	T400 Number:	Mfr Std Count:
Contract Line Item:	Target Density:	Density Std Count:
Plant Source Code:	Lift Thick (in):	District & County:
Lab Number:	Mix type:	Date:

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Control Section	Begin Station	End Station	Site #	Station	Offset
Section Number:	1	1+00	2+00	A	1+33 3' R
			B	1+89 9' R	
Readings after:	4 Passes	6 Passes	8 Passes	10 Passes	12 Passes
Site #	A	B	A	B	A
Mat Temperature (F)	220	218	211	208	211
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2209	2233	2226	2255	2258
Avg Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2221	2241	2264	2288	2291
Difference <sup>Note 1</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	----	20	23	24	3
Relative Density	90	90	91	92	92

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## Testing Process

### Control Section – Roller Pass

- Continue process – 2 Passes at a time until one of the following occur :
- Less than **5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>** increase in Average Wet Density.
- One or Both test Locations “Break Over”
- The Relative Density **exceeds 97%** of the Theoretical Max Gravity (Gmm)
- The Mat Temperature Reaches 175 Degrees

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Control Section		Begin Station		End Station				Site #	Station	Offset	
Section Number:	1	1+00	2+00					A	1+33	3' R	
		Readings after:		4 Passes		6 Passes		8 Passes		10 Passes	
Site #		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Mat Temperature (F)		220	218	211	208	211	201	192	190	180	182
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		2209	2233	2226	2255	2258	2269	2278	2298	2298	2290
Avg Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		2221		2241		2264		2288		2294	
Difference <sup>Note 1</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		----		20		23		24		6	
Relative Density		90		90		91		92		93	

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## Testing Process

### Control Section – Roller Pass

- Continue process – 2 Passes at a time until one of the following occur :
- Less than **5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>** increase in Average Wet Density.
- One or Both test Locations “Break Over”
- The Relative Density **exceeds 97%** of the Theoretical Max Gravity (Gmm)
- The Mat Temperature Reaches 175 Degrees

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Control Section		Begin Station		End Station				Site #	Station	Offset	
Section Number:	1	1+00	2+00					A	1+33	3' R	
		Readings after:		4 Passes		6 Passes		8 Passes		10 Passes	
Site #		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Mat Temperature (F)		220	218	211	208	211	201	192	190	172	168
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		2209	2233	2226	2255	2258	2269	2278	2298	2298	2299
Avg Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		2221		2241		2264		2288		2299	
Difference <sup>Note 1</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		----		20		23		24		11	
Relative Density		90		90		91		92		93	

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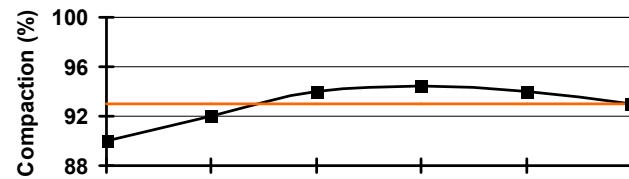
### Control Section – Roller Pass

- Continue process – 2 Passes at a time until one of the following occur :
- Less than **5 kg/m<sup>3</sup>** increase in Average Wet Density.
- One or Both test Locations “Break Over”
- The Relative Density **exceeds 97%** of the Theoretical Max Gravity (Gmm)
- The Mat Temperature Reaches 175 Degrees

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## **Roller Pattern Problem #1**

Compaction Curve

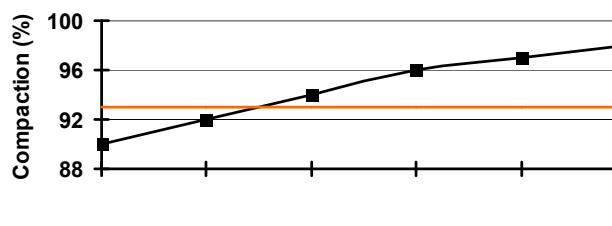


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## **Roller Pattern Problem #2**

Compaction Curve

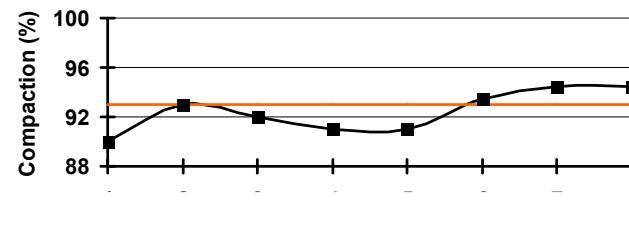


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## **Roller Pattern Problem #3**

Compaction Curve



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## Testing Process

### Proving Section – Roller Pass

- **1000** Feet long beginning at the end of the Control Section.
- **5** Random Wet Density Tests
- Average Density must be 92% or greater
- Average must be within **50** Kg/m<sup>3</sup> of the Control Section Density.

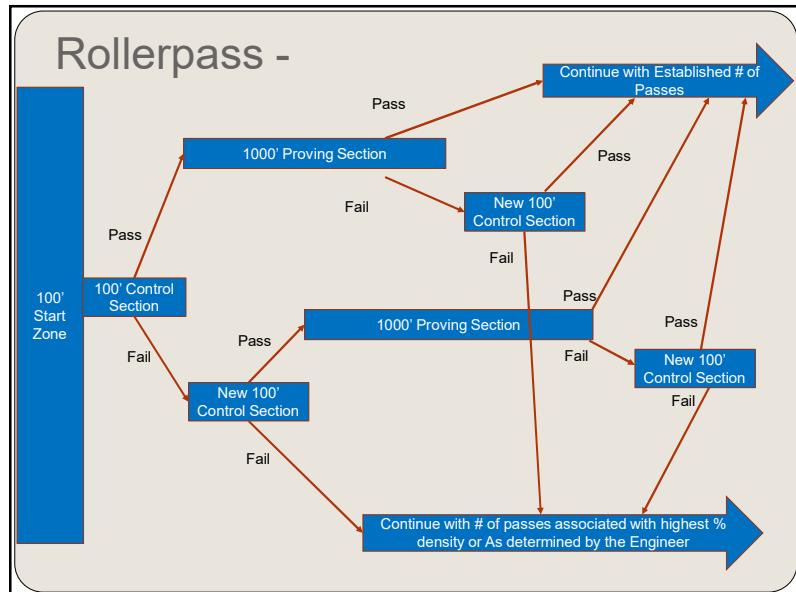
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Proving Section		Begin Station	End Station	
Section Number:	1	2+00	12+00	
Site #	1	2	3	4
Station number	2+43	5+08	6+59	9+92
Offset	2'	5'	7'	4'
Mat Temperature (°F)	182	179	188	185
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2296	2244	2279	2266
Average Wet Density <small>Note 1</small>	2275			
Avg Relative Density	92	Pass/Fail		Pass

2299 - Control Section

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## Nuclear Gauge Testing Summary

1. Use random numbers to locate test sites according to MP 712.21.26.
2. Must have a void free surface, fill voids with dry silica sand or mortar sand. Surface must be smooth and flat.
3. Take a **ONE** minute **WET DENSITY** Reading in **BACKSCATTER** Position.
4. Be careful that your gauge doesn't get damaged by construction equipment etc.
5. Check with District prior to Project to make sure of which testing Specs to use.

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# Example Tack Calculation

**Problem:** The existing roadway is very old, dried, cracked, etc. (Oxidized). Prior to tack placement, the dial gauge reads 450 gallons. The tack is diluted (1:1). Tack is placed from Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 10+00. The dial gauge reads 275 gallons after tack placement. Average road width is 12ft.

**Is the tack application rate within specification limits?**

**Step 1: Determine Length of Section**

$$\text{Sta. 0+00} \rightarrow \text{Sta. 10+00} = 1000 \text{ ft}$$

**Step 2: Determine Amount (gallons) of Tack Used**

$$450 \text{ gallons} - 275 \text{ gallons} = 175 \text{ gallons}$$

**Step 3: Determine Area of Section**

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\text{width} \times \text{length}}{9 \text{ ft.}^2/\text{yd.}^2} \rightarrow \frac{12 \text{ ft.} \times 1000 \text{ ft.}}{9 \text{ ft.}^2/\text{yd.}^2} = 1333.3 \text{ yd.}^2$$

**Step 4: Calculate Application Rate**

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{gallons}}{\text{yd.}^2} \rightarrow \frac{175 \text{ gal}}{1333.3 \text{ yd.}^2} = 0.13 \text{ gal/yd.}^2$$

**Step 5: Verify with Standard Specifications**

TABLE 408.11

Condition of Existing Pavement	Application Rate (gal/sy) <small>(Note 2)</small>	
	Undiluted	Diluted (1:1) <small>(Note 3)</small>
New HMA <small>(Note 4)</small>	0.04 – 0.05	0.08 – 0.10
Oxidized HMA	0.07 – 0.10	0.13 – 0.20
Milled Surface	0.10 – 0.13	0.20 – 0.27
PC Concrete	0.07 – 0.10	0.13 – 0.20

Within Limits

Contract:

Inspector:

DWR Date: 06/17/19

Project Nbr:

Line Itm Nbr: 0015

Loc Seq No: 1

Item Code &amp; Desc: 408002-001 ASPHALT MATERIAL

West Virginia Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways  
Inspector's Bituminous Emulsion Tack Worksheet

Ver 1.1 March 2 2016

Producer / Supplier: MPC1.01.705 - Marathon Petroleum F-1 @ Catlettsburg Total Quantity Placed: 175.

Row 1 of 1 Ticket Number Original Invoice No Material Type Source of Material

OBSERVATIONS - *Comment below if any of the following are not met:*

- Traffic Control and Flaggers in place
- Surface temp above 40 degrees F
- Surface clean prior to placement
- Uniform application of tack coat

Existing Pavement Condition	Target Application Rate (gal/yd <sup>2</sup> )*	
	Undiluted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diluted (1:1) <input type="checkbox"/>
New HMA <input type="checkbox"/>	0.04 - 0.05	0.08 - 0.10
Oxidized HMA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.07 - 0.10	0.13 - 0.20
Milled Surface <input type="checkbox"/>	0.10 - 0.13	0.20 - 0.27
PCC <input type="checkbox"/>	0.07 - 0.10	0.13 - 0.20

\*Undiluted = 60% Residual Asphalt, Diluted = 30% Residual Asphalt

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Time	Start Station	End Station	Length (ft) C-B	Width (ft)	Area (yd <sup>2</sup> ) (D x E) / 3	Initial Reading (gal)	Final Reading (gal)	Amount Applied (gal) G-H	Rate (gal/yd <sup>2</sup> ) I/F
00:00	0 + 00	10 + 00	1000.	12.	1333.33	450.	275	175.00	.13

Remarks

Running Amount Applied

175.

# EXAMPLE DWR ENTRY



Division of Highways

01/02/2024 11:00:19

### Daily Work Report

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Contract:	2023080002, BIG OTTER-FRAMETOWN RD			Prime Contractor:	[REDACTED]	
DWR Date:	9/6/2023	Day of Week:	Wednesday	Inspector:	[REDACTED]	
Seq Num:	1	DWR Status:	Approved	Entered By:	[REDACTED]	
Last Updated Date:	9/14/2023			Last Updated By:	[REDACTED]	
Weather:	9	Low Temp:	66	High Temp:	91	Rainfall Amount:
Fed. Proj. Num:	NHPP-0079(091)			State Proj. Num:	S308-79-43.37 00	
Work Items:	Yes	Contractors:	Yes	Daily Staff:	No	Attachment(s): Yes

#### Remarks

Type	Remarks
00	PRIME CONTRACTOR TIME [REDACTED] NO LUNCH 6:00AM TO 7:00PM = 13 HRS
	WVDOH PERSONNEL TIME [REDACTED] 5:30AM TO 7:30PM = 13.5 HRS 1 HR TRAVEL 12.5 HRS PROJECT INSPECTION, DOCUMENTATION, ETC
	WVDOH PERSONNEL TIME [REDACTED] 6:30AM TO 7:30PM = 12.5 HRS 1 HR TRAVEL 11.5 HRS PROJECT INSPECTION, ETC
02	2023 09 06 DWR 0025 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT TICKETS TY19
	2023 09 06 DWR 0025 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT DELIVERY REPORT TY19
03	LINE # 0025, ITEM 410001-030 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT BASE TY 19

Contract : 2023080002

DWR Date: 9/6/2023 , Seq. No.: 1

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### Daily Work Report

Report v1

#### Item Postings

Item Description	Item ID	Seq. Num	Cont Ln	Project	Category	Proj Ln	Quantity Posted	Unit	From Station - To Station Location
SUPERPAVE ASPHALT BASE CRSE, TY 19	410001-030	1	0025	2023080002	0001	0025	SY		BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT

**Materials:** Material Name: 19 mm Asphalt Mix, Superpave  
Installed Quantity: Unit: Source: Work Location: TN

**Contractor:** WEST VIRGINIA PAVING, INC.

**Comments:** PAY FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE ON COMPLETION OF PWL SAMPLE TESTING.

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR USES A TRANSFER MACHINE AND A RUBBER TIRE PAVER TO PLACE ASPHALT BASE FOLLOWED BY 3 STEEL DRUM ROLLERS FOR COMPACTION. [REDACTED] TECHNICIAN, [REDACTED] ON SITE FOR DENSITY. [REDACTED] ON SITE FOR PWL CORE DRILLING. WVDOH TECHNICIAN [REDACTED] ON SITE.

(PAYMENT WILL BE REQUESTED FOR A 12FT LANE)

SB SLOW LANE  
2611+75 TO 2596+70 = 1505  
EQUALITY  
2595+78 TO 2516+35 = 7943

1505 + 7943 = 9448

((9,448 X 12 = 113,376) / 9 = 12,597.333)

NB SLOW LANE  
2516+35 TO 2522+80 = 645

((645 X 12 = 7,740) / 9 = 860)

12,597.333 + 860 = 13,457.333 SY



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01/02/2024 11:00:19

### Daily Work Report

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PAY QUANTITY = 0 SY

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE 636011-001 1 0140 2023080002 0001 0140 0 UN BIG OTTER  
FRAMETOWN RD  
PROJECT

**Materials:**

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
Traffic Control Devices	0	EA		

**Contractor:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE PROPERLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT. THE SIGNS ARE CLEAN, LEGIBLE, AND CLEARLY VISIBLE. SPEED TRAILERS AND ARROW BOARDS ARE ALSO UTILIZED IN EACH LANE AS PART OF THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SET UP AS LISTED PER THE PLAN SHEET. REFER TO THE DAILY CHECK LIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

PAY QUANTITY = 0 UN

TRAFFIC DIRECTOR 636014-002 1 0155 2023080002 0001 0155 11.5 HR BIG OTTER  
FRAMETOWN RD  
PROJECT

**Materials:**

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location

**Contractor:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** CONTRACTOR USES A TRAFFIC DIRECTOR ON THIS DATE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. PATROL VEHICLE FOLLOWED THE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT AS PER THE CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST. THE OFFICER ON DUTY THIS DATE IS [REDACTED]

HOURS ON SITE 7:00AM TO 6:30PM = 11.5 HRS

PAY QUANTITY = 11.5 HR

ELECTRIC ARROW 636021-001 1 0160 2023080002 0001 0160 2 DA BIG OTTER  
FRAMETOWN RD  
PROJECT

**Materials:**

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location

Contract : 2023080002 DWR Date: 9/6/2023 , Seq. No.: 1

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## Daily Work Report

Report v1

**Comments:** CONTRACTOR UTILIZES 32 TYPE B WARNING LIGHTS. ALL TYPE B WARNING LIGHTS ARE PLACED PROPERLY. ALL TYPE B LIGHTS ARE ON AND WORKING PROPERLY. AS PER THE PLANS, B LIGHT PAYMENT WILL BE REQUESTED FOR PLACEMENT ON ROAD WORK 2 MILES SIGNS, ROAD WORK 1 MILE SIGNS, AND 55 MPH SIGNS.

ALL B-LIGHTS ARE WORKING THIS DATE

PAY QUANTITY = 32 DA

SHADOW VEHICLE	636028-002	1	0175	2023080002 0001	0175	MO	BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT
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**Materials:**

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
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**Contractor:** REDACTED

**Comments:** CONTRACTOR UTILIZES A SHADOW VEHICLE WHILE PERFORMING WORK. I PREVIOUSLY ADVISED WV PAVING TO HAVE THE SHADOW VEHICLE SET UP TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THE STANDARD DETAILS. THE SHADOW VEHICLE HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH FLASHING BEACONS AND A TRUCK MOUNTED ATTENUATOR. SPOKE WITH REDACTED ABOUT HAVING 2 SHADOW VEHICLES ON THE PROJECT WHEN PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR 1 AS PER THE PLANS. REDACTED AGREED HAVING PAYMENT FOR THE USE OF 1 UNLESS 2 BECOMES NEEDED. ONLY 1 IS BEING UTILIZED AT THIS TIME.

PUT IN SERVICE ON 07/25/2023. NEXT PAYMENT REQUEST 9/25/2023

PAY QUANTITY = 0 MO

SPEED MONITORING TRAILER	636030-001	1	0180	2023080002 0001	0180	2 DA	BIG OTTER FRAMETOWN RD PROJECT
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**Materials:**

Material Name	Installed Quantity	Unit	Source	Work Location
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**Contractor:** REDACTED

**Comments:** THERE ARE 2 SPEED MONITORING TRAILERS PLACE ON THIS PROJECT. ONE PLACED ON THE SB SIDE OF THE PROJECT AND ONE ON THE NB SIDE OF

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
INSPECTOR'S ASPHALT PAVEMENT WORKSHEET

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AUTH NO: _____	PROJECT NO: _____	IDR NO: _____
LINE NO: _____	ITEM NO: _____	DATE: _____

LOAD	TICKET #	TONS / MG	CUM. TOTAL	LOAD	TICKET #	TONS / MG	CUM. TOTAL
1			25				
2			26				
3			27				
4			28				
5			29				
6			30				
7			31				
8			32				
9			33				
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16			40				
17			41				
18			42				
19			43				
20			44				
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22			46				
23			47				
24			48				

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Tons (Mg) THIS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INSPECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLLER PASS DATA \_\_\_\_\_ POF  
ROLLER PASS DATA \_\_\_\_\_ POF

SPEED OF ROLLER \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
SPEED OF ROLLER \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
TYPE OF ROLLER \_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OF ROLLER \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAN THICKNESS \_\_\_\_\_

CALCULATION OF APPLICATION RATE (ONE CALCULATION PER EACH 762 m (2500 LF))

BEGIN STATION						
END STATION						
WIDTH						
Sm (SY)						
Mg (TONS)						
Mg/Sm (LBS/Y)						

OBSERVED SIMILARITY TESTS (ONE OBSERVATION PER EACH 305 m (1000 LF))

LOT NUMBER						
TEST NUMBER						
Mg/Cm (LBS/CY)						
STATION						

MAT THICKNESS (PRIOR TO COMPACTION) & MAT TEMPERATURE (AT TIME OF FINAL COMPACTION PASS) CHECKS (ONE CHECK PER 305 m (1000 LF))

TIME						
MAT TEMPERATURE						
MAT THICKNESS						
STATION						

TIME						
MAT TEMPERATURE						
MAT THICKNESS						
STATION						

ROLLER SPEED CHECKS (FOUR CHECKS - TWO AM AND TWO PM)

TIME						
ROLLER SPEED						

CHECKS

VERIFIED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT

CHECKS

VERIFIED DURING PLACEMENT

- SOURCE OF OPERATION VERIFIED
- TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND FLAGGERS IN PLACE
- HEEL-IN JOINTS CUT AND POTHOLES CORRECTED
- SURFACE CLEAN AND STRINGLINE PLACED
- ROLLER(S) AND PWDER(S) VERIFIED FOR COMPLIANCE
- CONTRACTOR'S DENSITY TECHNICIAN ON SITE
- LONG/TUDAL JOINTS FINISHED / NO OVERLAPPED
- TRUCKS COVERED AND INSULATED WITH NO OIL LEAKS OR DAMAGED SKIDS
- OPERATION CONTINUOUS AND PAYER SPEED COMPATIBLE TO PLANT PRODUCTION
- VIBRATING SCREED ON AND TEXTURE OF MAT CORRECT
- CORRECT ROLLING SEQUENCE BEING USED
- STRAIGHT EDGE CHECKS BEING MADE
- COMPLIANCE WITH QUALITY CONTROL PLAN MAINTAINED
- TEMPERATURE OF MATERIAL RECORDED ON TICKETS DAILY PER HOUR MINIMUM

AIR TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ °C (°F) AT (TIME) \_\_\_\_\_  
AIR TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ °C (°F) AT (TIME) \_\_\_\_\_

BASE TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ °C (°F) AT (TIME) \_\_\_\_\_  
BASE TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ °C (°F) AT (TIME) \_\_\_\_\_



Project Number:			Item Number:			Gauge Number :				
Contract ID:			T400 Number:				Man Std Count :			
Contract Line Item:			Target Density (A):				Density Std Count :			
Plant Source Code:			Lift Thick (in) :				District & County:			
	Acceptance Tests									
Date:										
Begin/End Station:										
Lab Number:										
Lot Number:	A1	J1	A2	J2	A3	J3	A4	J4	A5	J5
Wet Density (B) :										
% Relative Density (C):										
Lot Evaluation: Pass/Fail										
	Quality Control or Additional Acceptance Tests									
Date:										
Beginning Station:										
Ending Station:										
Paving Width (Feet):										
Lab Number:										
Lot Number:	A1	J1	A2	J2	A3	J3	A4	J4	A5	J5
Offset (Rt or Lt of CL):		4 Inches		4 Inches		4 Inches		4 Inches		4 Inches
Wet Density: 1										
Wet Density: 2										
Wet Density: 3										
Wet Density: 4										
Wet Density: 5										
Average Wet Density: (B) = Avg (1 thru 5)										
Relative Density (%): (C)										
Lot Evaluation: Pass/Fail										
Lot % Pay ( % )	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	
% Relative Density	> 97%	93-97%	92%	91%	90%	89%	88%	87%	86%	85%
Mat Density % Pay	Note 1	100%	99%	95%	91%	87%	83%	73%	63%	53%
Joint Pay Adjustment	Note 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-3%	-9%	-15%	-21%
Technician's Name:	PRINT SIGN Cert #: DATE						REMARKS			
Reviewer's Name:	PRINT SIGN Cert #: DATE									

$$\text{Relative Density}(C)(\%) = \frac{\text{Average Density}(B)}{\text{Target Density}(A)} * 100\%$$

$$\text{Lot Pay}(\%) = \text{Mat Density \%} + \text{Joint Adjustment}$$

Note 1: See Notes in Table 401.13.3A  
Note 2: See Notes in Table 401.13.3B  
Note3: DO NOT round numbers until final answer.  
Note 4: Report all Densities in kg/m<sup>3</sup>



Project Number:		Item Number:		Gauge Number :	
Contract ID:		T400 Number:		Mfr Std Count :	
Contract Line Item:		Target Density:	2531	Density Std Count :	
Plant Source Code:		Lift Thick (in):		District & County:	
Lab Number:		Mix type:		Date:	

Control Section		Begin Station		End Station				Site #	Station		Offset
Section Number:		1+00		2+00				A			
								B			
Readings after:		4 Passes		6 Passes		8 Passes		10 Passes		12 Passes	
Site #		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Mat Temperature (F)											
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )											
Avg Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )											
Difference <sup>Note 1</sup> (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )											
Relative Density											

Proving Section		Begin Station		End Station					
Section Number:									
Site #	1	2	3	4	5				
Station number									
Offset									
Mat Temperature (°F)									
Wet Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2311	2317	2337	2294	2314				
Average Wet Density <sup>Note 2</sup>	2315								
Avg Relative Density	91%		Pass/Fail						

Technician's Name:	PRINT	REMARKS
	SIGN	
Reviewer's Name:	Cert #.: DATE	
	PRINT	
Reviewer's Name:	SIGN	Note 1: (Less than 5kg/m <sup>3</sup> increase) Note 2: Minimum 92%, Shall be within ± 50 kg/m <sup>3</sup> of Control Note 3: DO NOT round numbers until final answer.
	Cert #: DATE	

$$\text{Relative Density}(\%) = \frac{\text{Overlay Density}}{\text{Avg Wet Density}} * 100\%$$

## Problem

Problem	Causes									
	Cold Mix Temperature	Variation of Temperature of Mix	Moisture in Mix	Mix Segregation	Improper Mix Design (Asphalt)	Improper Mix Design (Aggregate)	Parking of Roller on Hot Mat	Reversing or Too Rapidly Turning Rollers	Improper Roller Operation	Improper Base Preparation
Wavy Surface – Short Waves (Ripples)	✓	✓	✓							
Wavy Surface – Long Waves	✓	✓			✓					
Tearing of Mat – Full Width			✓							
Tearing of Mat – Center Streaks				✓			✓	✓		
Tearing of Mat – Outside Streaks				✓			✓	✓		
Mat Texture Nonuniform	✓	✓	✓							
Scree Marks						✓				
Scree Not Responding to correction			✓			✓				
Auger Shadows		✓								
Poor Precompaction			✓			✓				
Poor Longitudinal Joint	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Poor Transverse Joint		✓			✓	✓	✓			
Transverse Cracking (Checking)										
Mat Shoving Under Roller										
Bleeding or Fat Spots in Mat										
Roller Marks										
Poor Mix Compaction										

✓ Indicates a paver problem; × indicates a problem to be investigated

There can be multiple causes of problems, investigate each one.

