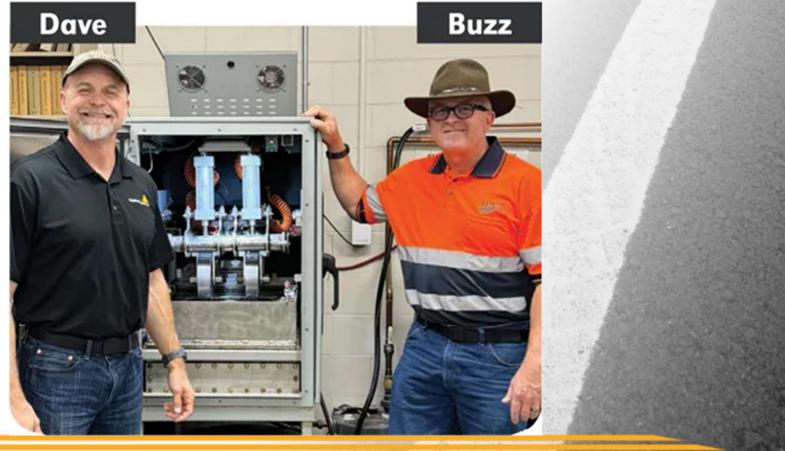
Asphalt Pavement Design, Construction, and Management

Dan Lewis (APANM), Dave Johnson (AI), and Buzz Powell (APA) 5/21-22/25

MixBusters





Coarse Introduction by Dan Lewis

- 9:00-9:15 Introduction (Dan, Dave, and Buzz)
- 9:15-10:30 Materials (Dave) then Mixes (Buzz)
- 10:30-10:45 AM Break
- 10:45-Noon Preparation (Dave) then Production (Buzz)
- Noon-1:00 Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00-2:15 Placement (Dave) then Compaction (Buzz)
- 2:15-2:30 PM Break
- 2:30-3:30 Structures (Buzz) then Management (Dave)
- 3:30 Adjourn (Dan)

Materials by Dave Johnson

Mixes by Buzz Powell

Background







MS-22 Reference

- Introduction 1
- Inspection 2
- Materials 3
- Mix design₄

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• Preparation 7

- Production 5
- Transportation 6
- Placement₈
- Compaction 9
- Testing ₁₀.



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Mix Design

- Introduction quality from materials, mix design_{MS-2}, effort, inspection
- Characteristics rutting, cracking, permeability, workability, <u>safety</u>
- Legacy volumetrics recipe proportions for asphalt, aggregates, air
- Recycling and additives impact on gradation, asphalt, mix quality
- Balanced mix design (BMD) tests for rutting, cracking, durability (H_2O)
- Production what matters most is what's placed on the roadway.

Mix Type Selection IS-128

- Roadways: range of structural and functional needs
- Airfields: P-401/403, specialty loads, fuel resistant
- Parking Lots: workability, low permeability, scuffing
- Heavy-Duty Pavements: QIP-123 NAPA resource
- Sports and Recreational Facilities: racing, running...

ASPHALT PAVEMENT MIX TYPE Selection Guide



Conceptual Pavement Structure

(3) SMA, OGFC or SUPERPAVE

(2) High Modulus Rut Resistant Asphalt

(1) Flexible Fatigue Resistant Asphalt

Pavement Foundation



Mix Selection Factors

- Traffic (volume and load spectra)
- Environment (temperature and moisture)
- Supporting pavement structure
- Existing pavement condition/preparation
- Economics/budgetary constraints.



Decision Process

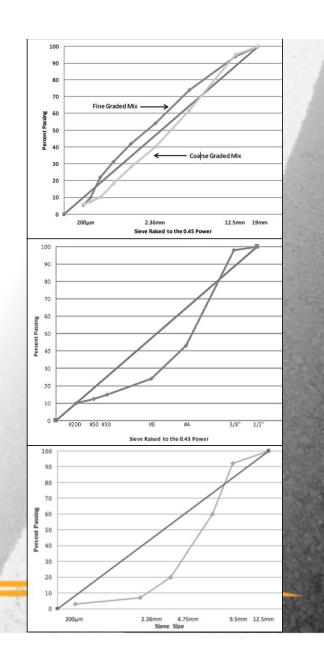
- Identify the application for the mixture
- Estimate the anticipated design traffic
- Calculate the total required asphalt thickness
- Select the appropriate mixture type(s)
- Determine the appropriate layer thickness(es)
- Select mix materials, design method for each layer
- Aggregate blend, asphalt content for compaction and performance.



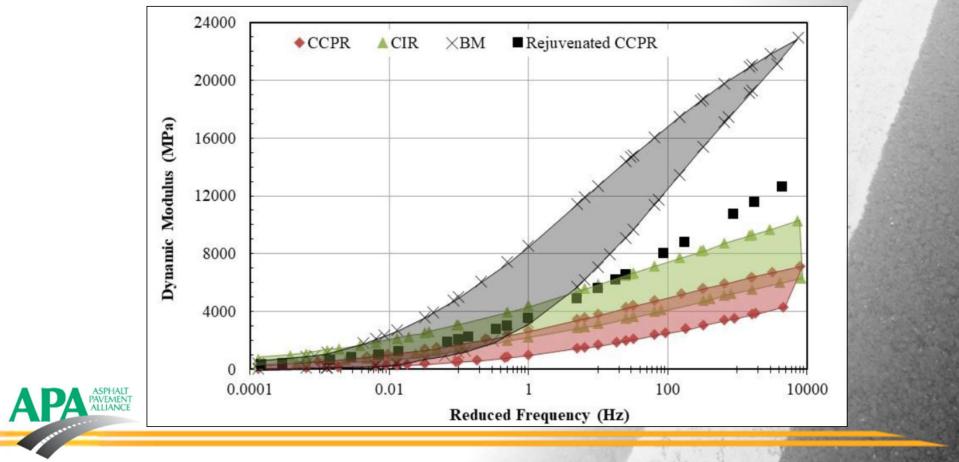
Mix Type Examples

- High performance thin overlay (HPTO)
- Highly polymerized asphalt (HiMA)
- Crack attenuating mixture (CAM)
- Stone matrix asphalt (SMA)
- Asphalt rubber gap graded (ARGG)
- Open graded interlayer (OGI)
- Permeable asphalt treated base (PATB)
- Cold recycle (CR)...

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Cold Recycle Mix (Central Plant, In-Place)



Conceptual Pavement Structure

Safety, Durability, Sustainability (3) SMA, OGFC or SUPERPAVE

(2) High Modulus Rut Resistant Asphalt ¹/₂ to 2 inches

2 to 10 inches

(1) Flexible Fatigue Resistant Asphalt 11/2 to 5 inches

Pavement Foundation



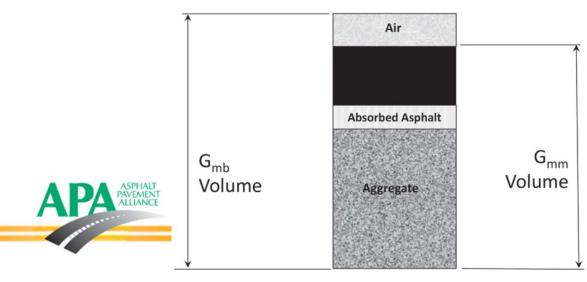
Conventional Wisdom

- Larger stone, lower binder content mixes on bottom
- Smaller stone, higher binder content mixes on top
- Lift thicknesses 3_{fine} to -4_{coarse} x NMAS of mix placed
- Rules developed for virgin blends, neat binder
- 5 x NMAS or more considered "thicklay" paving
- UP to 16 x NMAS at the NCAT Pavement Test Track!



Legacy Volumetrics

- Lab compaction with recipe proportions for asphalt, aggregates, & air
- Developed using virgin aggregates & asphalt binders without polymers
- Estimates the quantity of effective binder content (but not quality)
- Air space for thermal expansion, not too much for traffic densification.



• $V_a = 100 \times ((G_{mm} - G_{mb}) \div G_{mm})$ • $VMA = 100 - ((G_{mb} \times P_s) \div G_{sb})$ • $V_{be} = VMA - V_a$ • $VFA = 100 \times (V_{be} \div (V_{be} + V_a))$ • $65 \le VFA \le 75_{DGA}, VFA \ge 80_{GGA}$







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What are the basic principles of asphalt mix design?

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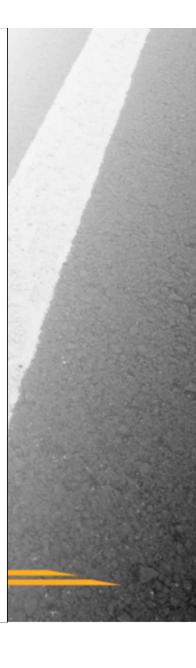
1. Selection of Materials

- Aggregates: The selection of aggregates is based on their size, shape, and gradation. Aggregates provide structural strength and stability to the mix. They should be clean, durable, and have a gradation that allows for proper compaction and interlocking.
- Asphalt Binder: The asphalt binder acts as a glue to hold the aggregate particles together. The selection of the binder is based on climate conditions, expected traffic loads, and desired performance characteristics. The Performance Grade (PG) system is commonly used to select the appropriate binder.

2. Volumetric Properties

- Voids in Mineral Aggregate (VMA): Ensures there is enough space to accommodate the asphalt binder and air voids. Adequate VMA is essential for durability and flexibility.
- Air Voids (Va): Provides space for binder expansion and prevents bleeding. Proper air void content is crucial for pavement longevity and resistance to deformation.
- Voids Filled with Asphalt (VFA): Indicates the percentage of VMA filled with asphalt binder. This is important for ensuring adequate coating of the aggregates and preventing moisture damage.





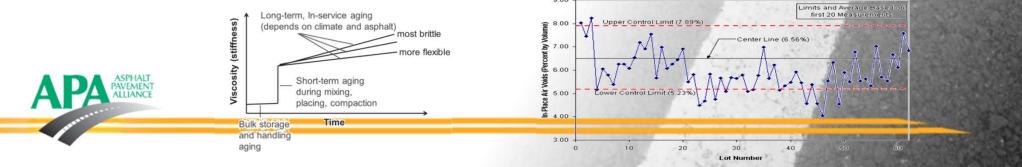
Some Mix Design Best Practices

- Economy of locally available materials will drive the mix design
- Use at least 4 stockpiles for DGA and 3 stockpiles for GG/OG
- Understand stockpile tendencies to predict mix production
- Will segregation make it hard to satisfy gradation requirement?
- How much production "collapse" will occur from breakdown?
- Respect recycle stockpiles more than you respect virgin stockpiles
- Use as much RAP as you have access to and can run well, but...
- Consider using BMD to meet mix quality expectations!

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Balanced Mix Design (BMD)

- Develop mix designs using principles from legacy volumetrics (SGC)
- Higher percentages of reclaimed and recycled materials (RAP, RAS)
- Increase V_{be} (via V_a and VMA) and/or softer binder/additive (quality)
- Optimize to satisfy cracking test (e.g., IDEAL-CT) requirement
- Deformation test (e.g., Hot-IDT) to check rutting performance
- Short-term aging to simulate mix that comes out of the plant
- Long-term aging to simulate mix on road after approximately 5 years.



Balanced Mix Design (BMD)





Simple BMD for Alabama Counties

- Mix desigr
- ALDOT-24
- Up to 35 p
- From truc
- Mass to p
- IDEAL-CT
- CT-Index a
- Repeat tes

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Hot asphalt plant mix {3/8"(9.5MM), 1/2"(12.5MM), and 3/4"(19MM) maximum aggregate sizes} in guantities as requested through August 31, 2020. Materials to be in compliance with Section 424 of the State of Alabama Highway Department Standard specifications for Highways and Bridges, 2018 Edition, with the exception that production mix volumetric testing/frequencies using Ndes samples are to be replaced with mix performance testing/frequencies using height compacted samples. ASTM D8225 (replacing the word "deformation" with "displacement" in Section 6.1.1) will be run at 77F to ensure average CT_{Index} values equal or exceed 50 at intermediate temperature to prevent cracking. Testing will be repeated at 122F on identically prepared samples to ensure average indirect tensile strength at high temperature equals or exceeds 17 psi to prevent rutting. Mix proportions necessary to satisfy performance results will be established via test strip. Mix performance testing will be run within the first 100 tons of shipped mix each day, and testing will be repeated if mix is still being shipped after 5 hours and the total shipped tonnage for the day exceeds 500. Failing results will necessitate retesting. A second set of failing results will necessitate a new test strip to reestablish mix proportions. All mixes (regardless of maximum aggregate size and placement layer) can contain up to 35 percent reclaimed and recycled material and specified virgin aggregate properties (with the exception of minimum bulk specific gravity, absorption, deleterious materials, LA abrasion, and carbonate stone limitations for coarse aggregates and minimum bulk specific gravity and sand equivalency for fine aggregates) may be waived provided all stockpiles meet the requirements of ALDOT-249 and mix performance testing results exceed minimum values. In no case can recycled asphalt shingles be used in the mix. Price per ton (less than 75 tons, from 75 to 249 tons, from 250 to 499 tons, from 500 to 999 tons, and 1000 tons or more) in place, including tack coat, on an existing roadway surface and leveling. Price to include all materials, labor, and equipment required to haul, spread, clean roadway and compact the asphalt material in place in compliance with applicable sections of the specifications.

Preparation by Dave Johnson

Production by Buzz Powell

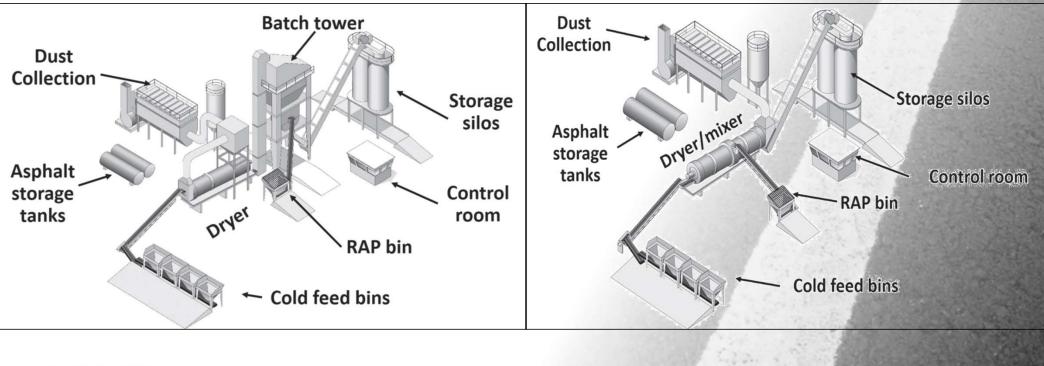
Production

- Safety
- Introduction
- Operations
- Materials storage/handling
- Aggregate cold feed
- Drying and heating

- Batch plants
- Continuous plants
- Emissions
- Mix storage
- Weighing and loading
- Troubleshooting.

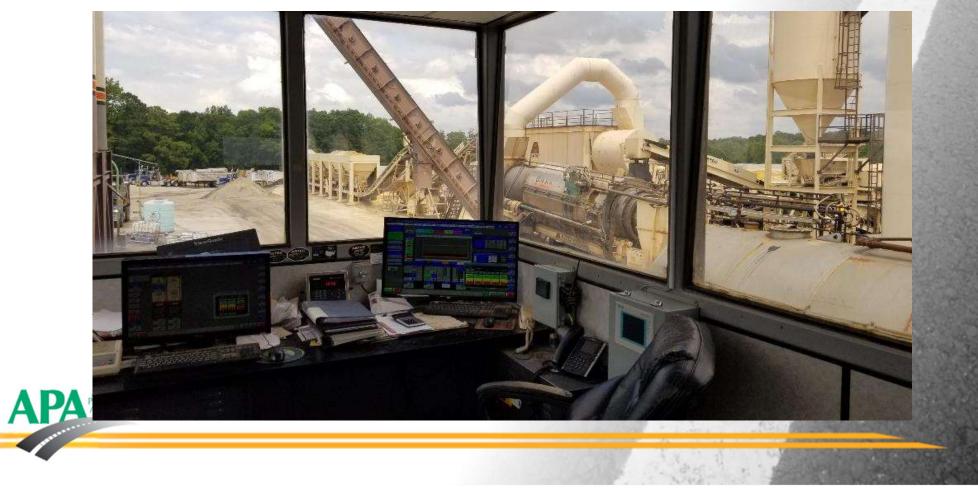


Batch Plants vs Drum Plants





Astec Double Barrel Green Plant



Astec Double Barrel Green Plant

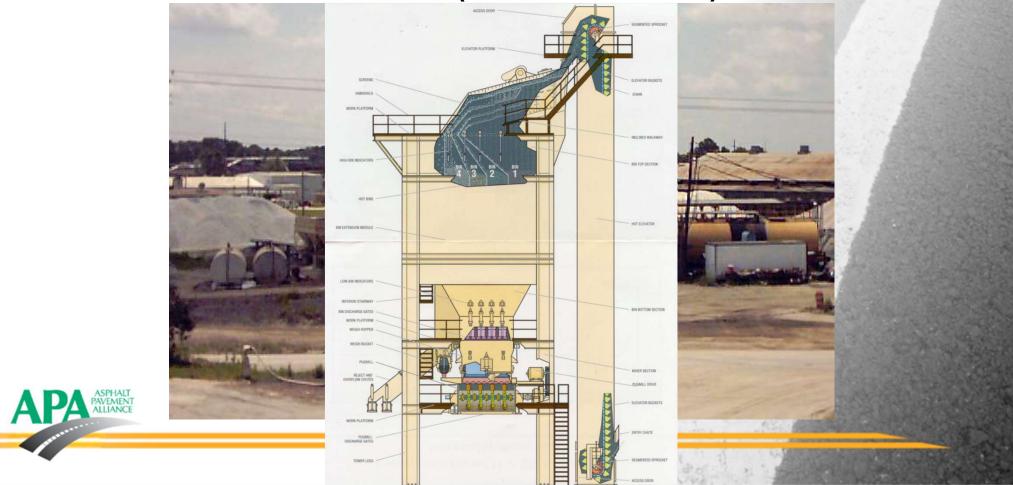


Dillman Counterflow Plant





Masden Batch Plant (Now Retired)



Liquid Asphalt Pump

- Calibration tank, QC
- Gravimetric ≠ volumetric
- Unload pump speed only
- Annually, binder change
- Slave pump must = drive
- Flush pump for change

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• Special pumps (RTR, etc.)?



Micro motion sensors specified in some states.

Weigh Bridge

- Scales and trucks, yield
- Annually with trucks_{1%}
- Daily with yield $_{5\%}$
- Empty silo zero reset.



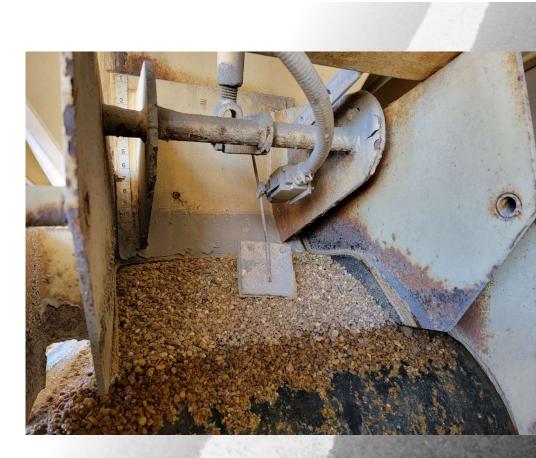


Feed Bins

- Size selected bins not enough!
- Aggregate, big mix change
- Note precise gate setting
- Calibrated weigh bridge, or
- Scales and trucks

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- Approximate tonnage rate_{2%}
- Actual virgin moistures
- Recycle moisture(s), residual(s), uniqueness.



Liquid Additive Pumping System

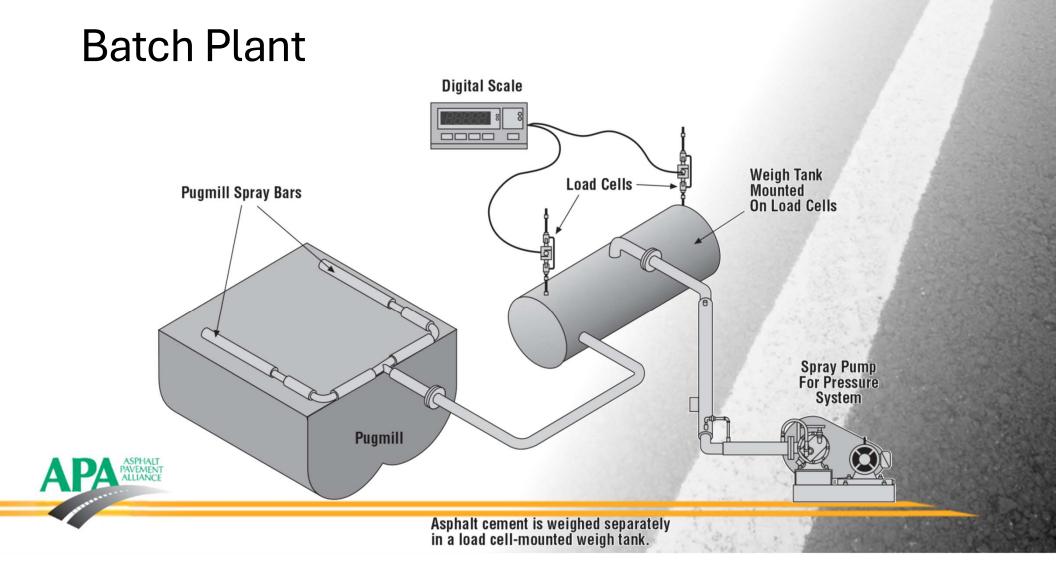
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Solid Additive Feed System







Reactive Mix Startup Quality

- Startup with ballpark JMF settings
- Pull sample from 2nd or 3rd truck
- Measure quality (AC, gradation, etc.)
- Change settings to "fix" AC, gradation
- Repeat for every 1000 tons...
- Fast quality = profit <u>and</u> performance!



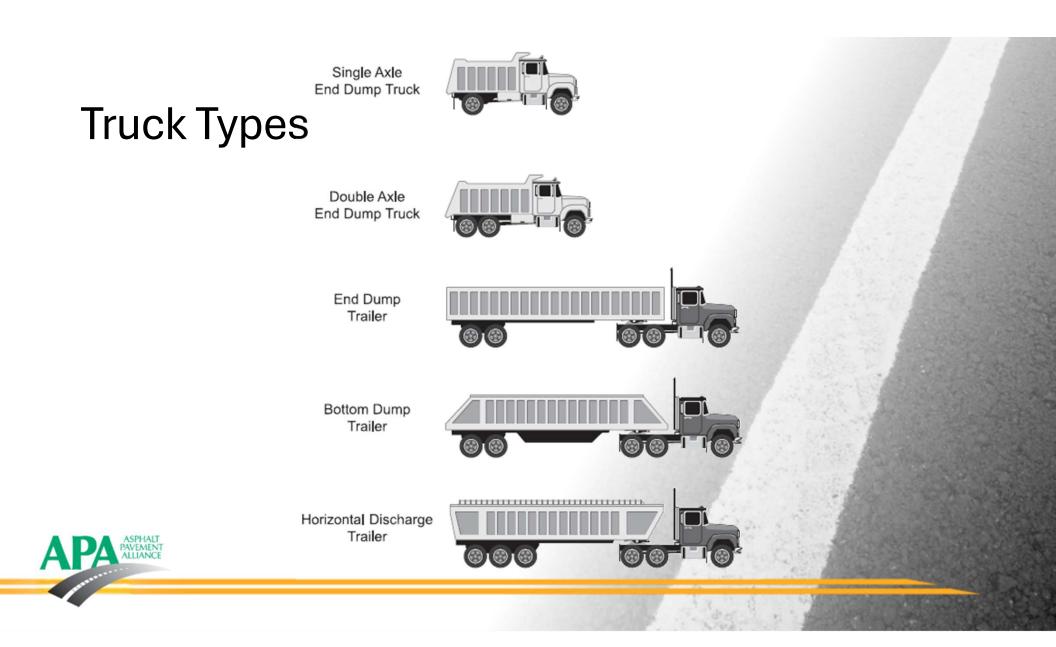


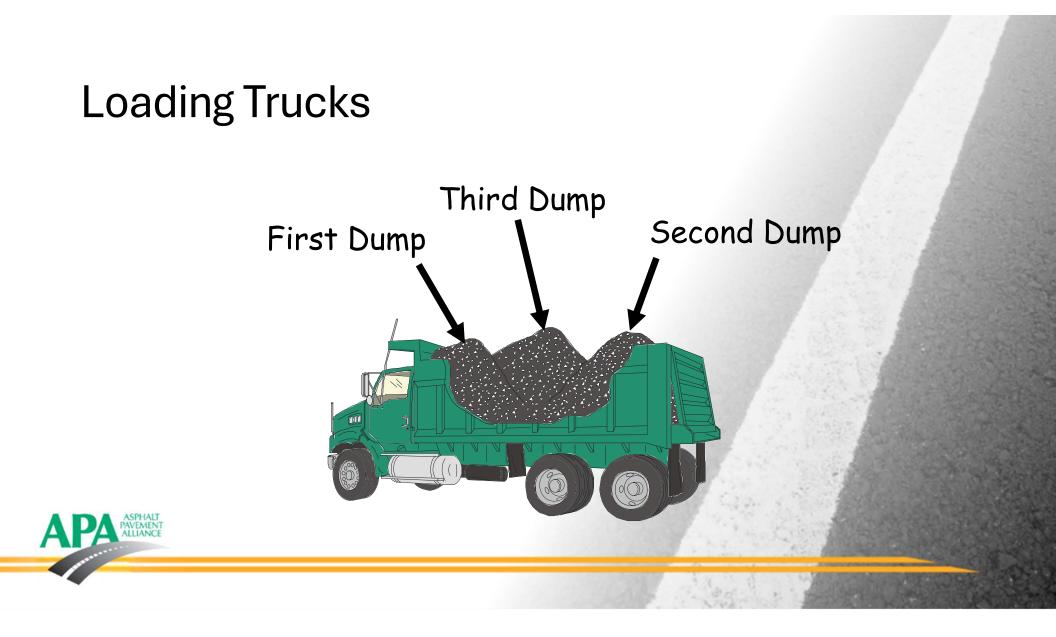


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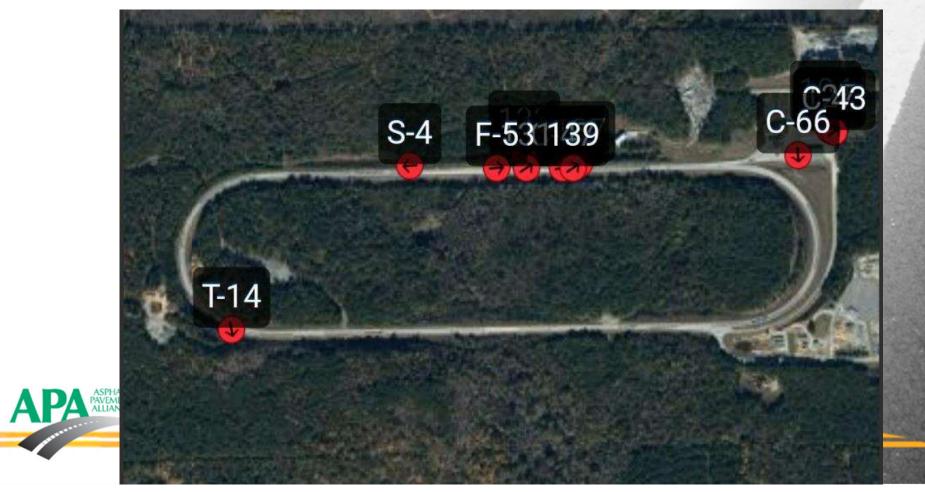
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- Introduction Loading mix at the plant, hauling, unloading on roadway
- Truck types single/double axle dumps, end/bottom/horizontal trailers
- Release agents prevent mix buildup on truck beds, equipment
- Segregation physical (stream) versus thermal (invisible) segregation
- Tracking quantities certified scales, printed vs electronic tickets
- Transporting Cellular monitoring of fleet location, speed, etc.
- Unloading caution to prevent bumping/stopping paver
- Troubleshooting smoke, appearance, segregation, stiffness.





Smart Phone Truck Locations



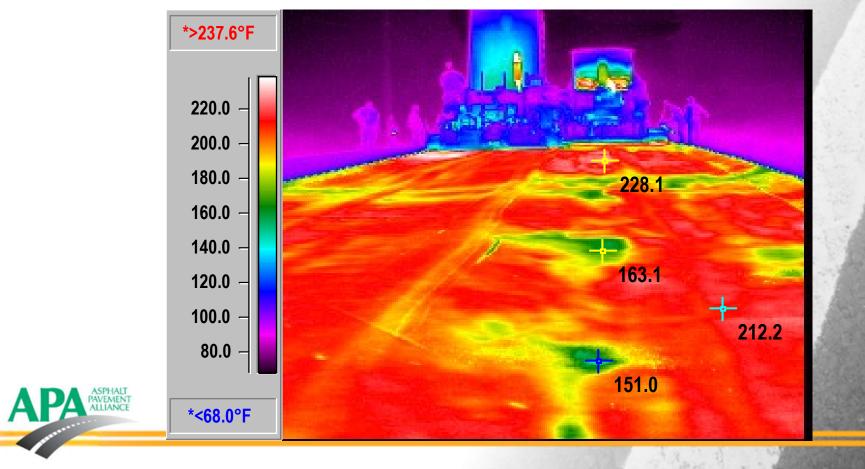
Tarping Trucks



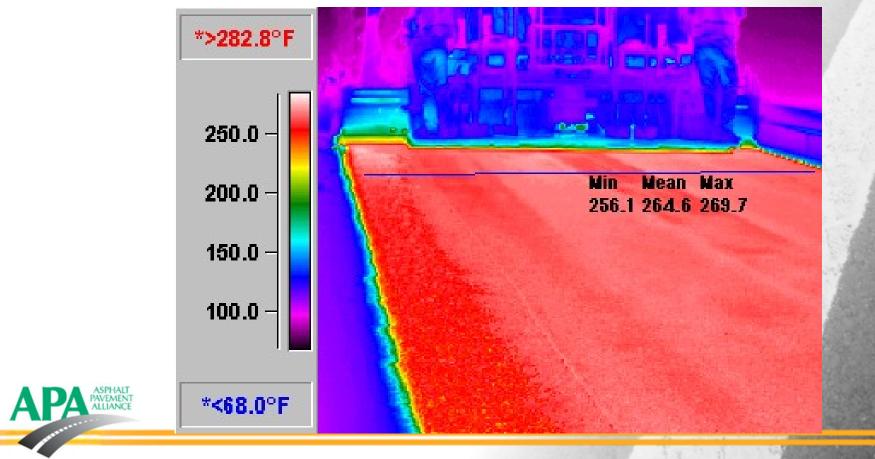




Without Shuttle Buggy (Echelon)



With Shuttle Buggy



Placement by Dave Johnson

Compaction by Buzz Powell

Compaction

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- Introduction final step in the construction of asphalt pavement
- Mechanics compressive roller force, mix resistance, base support
- Factors materials, mix design, mix temp, mat thickness, environment
- Cold weather mat cools faster, function of base, thickness, wind
- Rollers breakdown $_{90\%}$, intermediate $_{93\%}$, finish $_{94\%}$ (no rubber tire)
- Innovation intelligent compaction, thermal imaging, autonomy
- Practices best practices are well established, supported by industry
- Troubleshooting tender mixes, low density, erratic density.

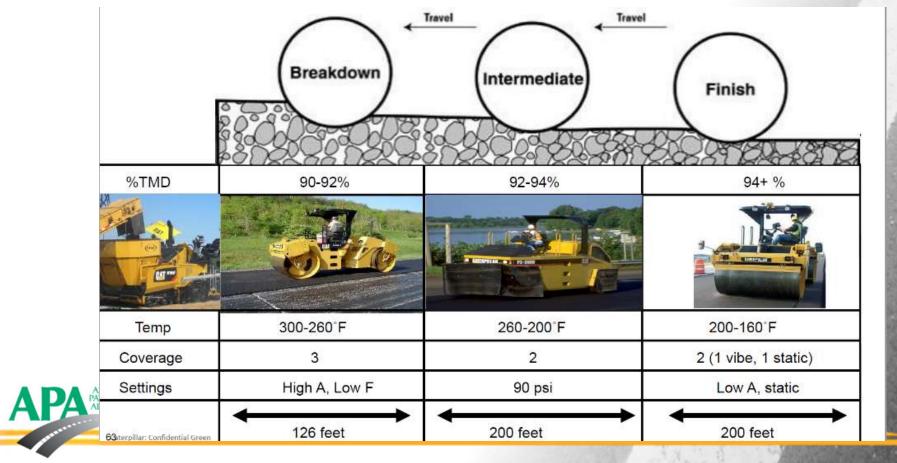
Roller Coverage



Roller Options



Target Compaction



Echelon Breakdown Rolling





Amplitude, Frequency, and Speed



Tender Mixes

- High temperature when asphalt binder is too hot (viscosity)
- Intermediate temperature when cooling/stiffness occurs with a gradient
- Excess mix moisture or higher than necessary binder content
- Rounded aggregates, excess midsize, or insufficient fines
- Poor bonding to the existing asphalt or surface treatment
- Poor roller operation like quick starts and stops.

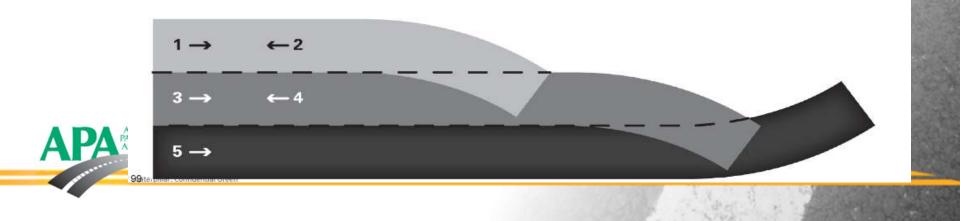


Roller Stops

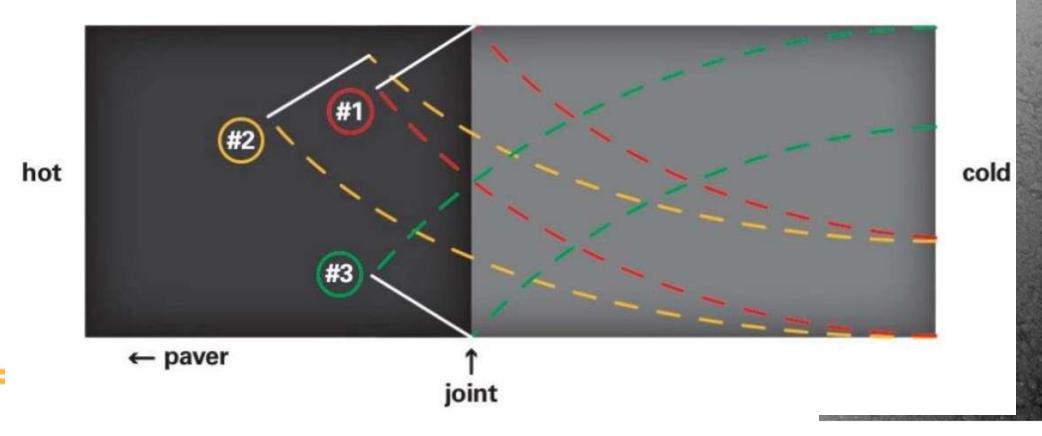
Stop at an angle to the mat

- Roller stops at an angle
- Turn off vibration just before roller starts turning
- Next pass rolls through stop mark
- Stop marks are staggered

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Transverse Joint Rolling



Transverse Joint Rolling





Longitudinal Joint Rolling



Void Reducing Asphalt Membrane (VRAM)





Pave/Multi Cool Software

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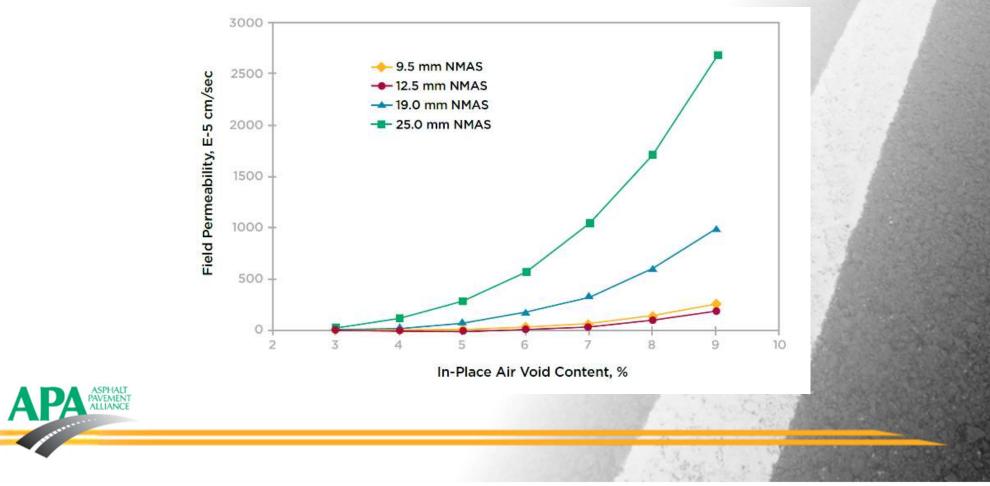
Inspection



Intelligent Compaction



Benefit of Higher Density



Smoothness Measurement



Practices to Improve Smoothness

- Ensure surface being paved is a uniform as possible
- Prevent temperature segregation by tarping, MTD, etc.
- Produce and place consistently healthy asphalt mix
- Keep paver moving and avoid stops more than 5 minutes
- Only adjust screws when it's necessary to control rate
- Ensure stringlines are taunt and right product for the job
- Use good practices in stopping, reversing, parking rollers
- Finish roll out all marks that may influence roughness.

Diamond Grinding

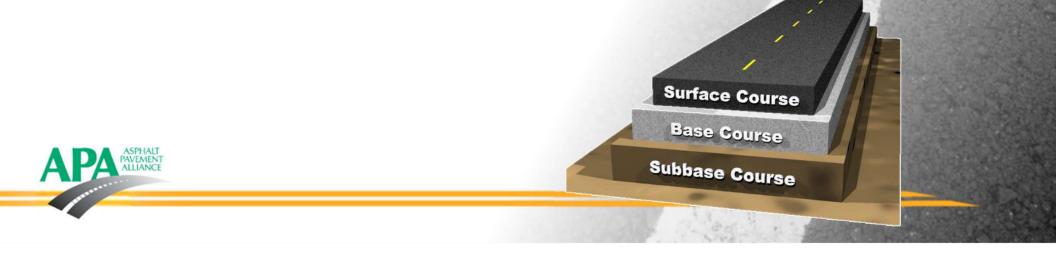




Structures by Buzz Powell

Designing Pavement Structures

- Equations derived from the AASHO Road Test experiment (Empirical)
 - Layer coefficients used to quantify structural contribution of various layers



AASHO Road Test Empirical Design

 $\log_{10}(W_{18}) = Z_R \times S_0 + 9.36 \times \log_{10}(SN+1) - 0.20 + \frac{\log_{10}\left[\frac{\Delta PSI}{4.2 - 1.5}\right]}{0.4 + \frac{1094}{(SN+1)^{5.19}}} + 2.32 \times \log_{10}(M_R) - 8.07$

Where:

- W_{18} = the predicted number of 18-kip equivalent single axle load (ESAL) applications
- Z_R = standard normal deviate
- S_0 = combined standard error of the traffic prediction and performance prediction
- ΔPSI = difference between the initial design serviceability index (p_i) and the design terminal serviceability index (p_t)
- M_R = resilient modulus of the subgrade (psi)

The designer inputs data for all of the variables except for the structural number (SN), which is indicative of the total pavement thickness required.

Once the total pavement SN is calculated, the thickness of each layer within the pavement structure is calculated

$$SN = a_1 D_1 + a_2 D_2 m_2 + a_3 D_3 m_3 + \dots + a_i D_i m_i$$

Where:

- $a_i = i^{\text{th}}$ layer coefficient
- $D_i = i^{\text{th}}$ layer thickness (inches)
- $m_i = i^{\text{th}}$ layer drainage coefficient

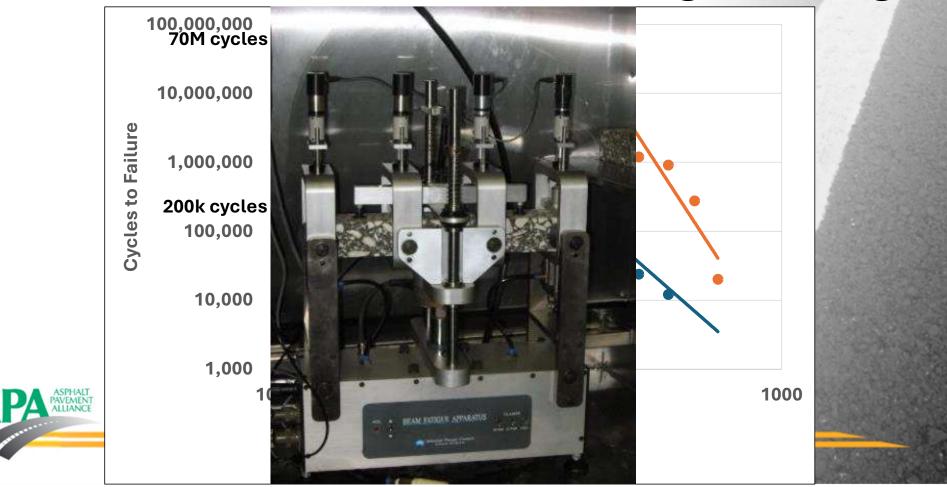


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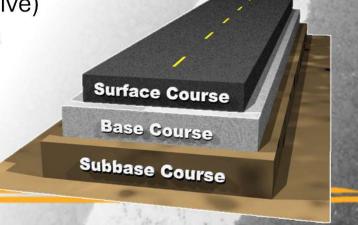
Transfer Functions from Beam Fatigue Testing



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- Strains/bending calibrated to experiments (Mechanistic-Empirical)
 - Pavement ME (computationally intensive)
 - PerRoad (simplified perpetual designs
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with LCCA Module

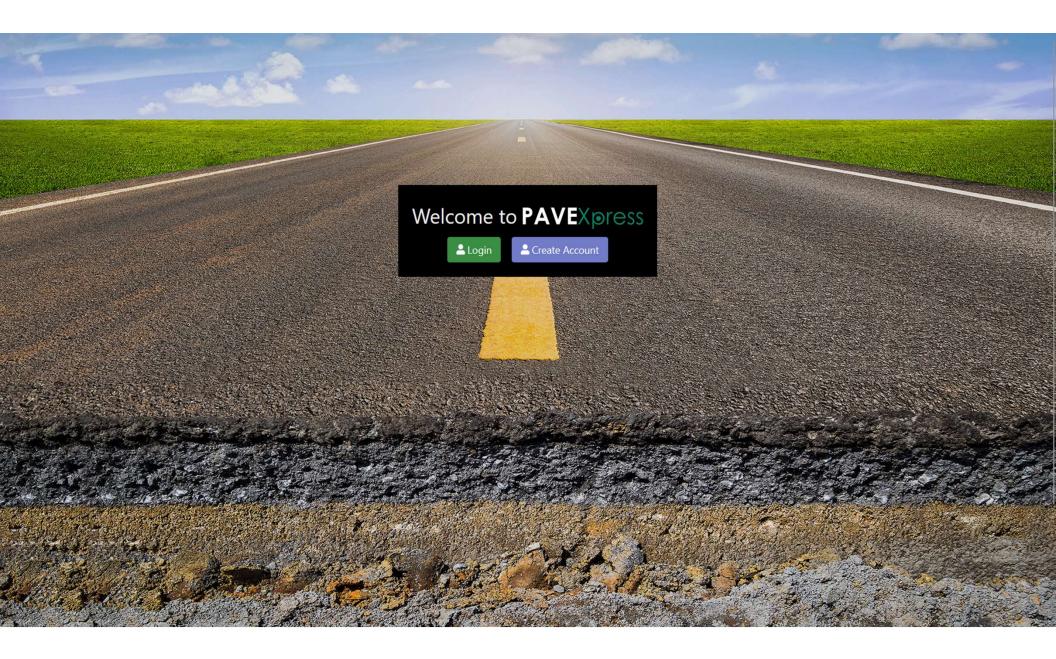
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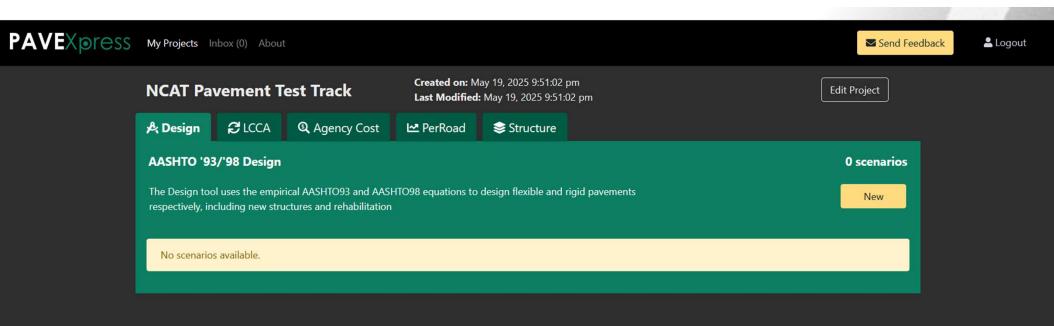
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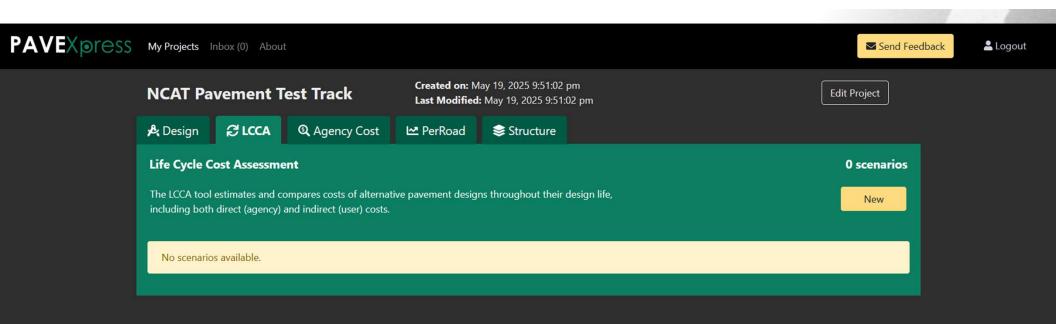
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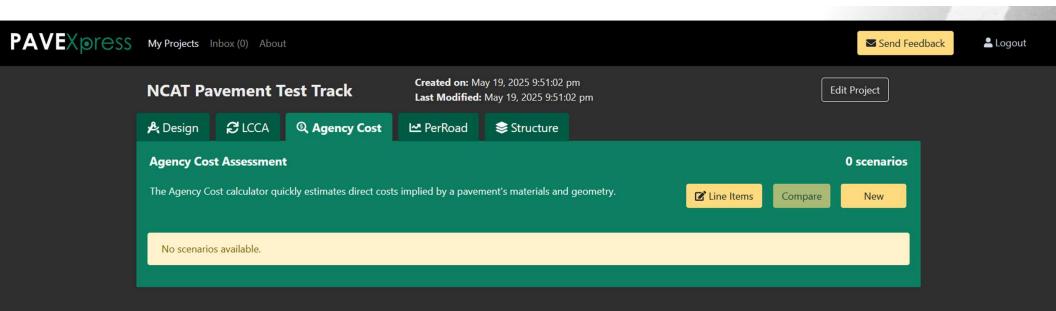


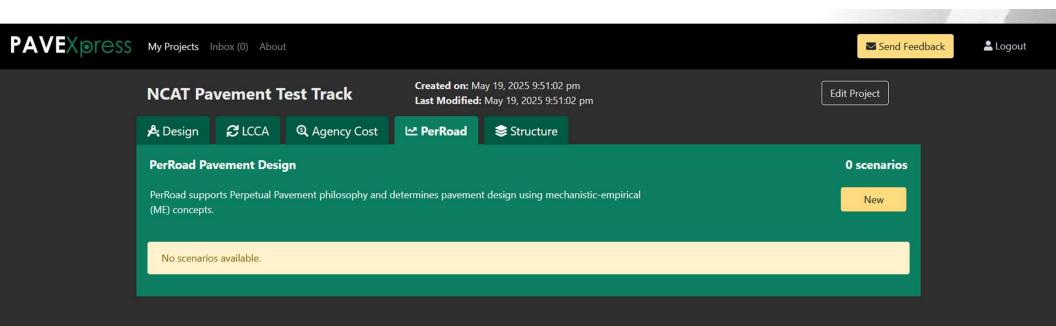
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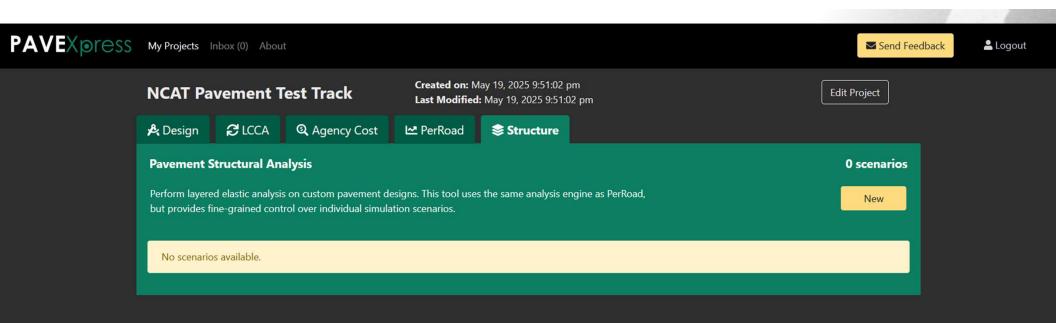
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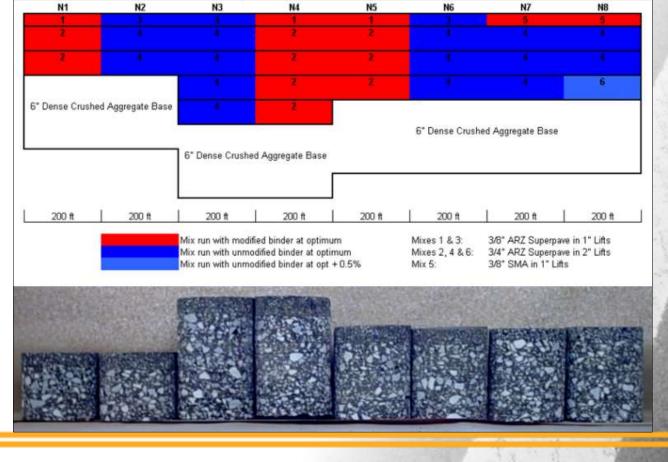




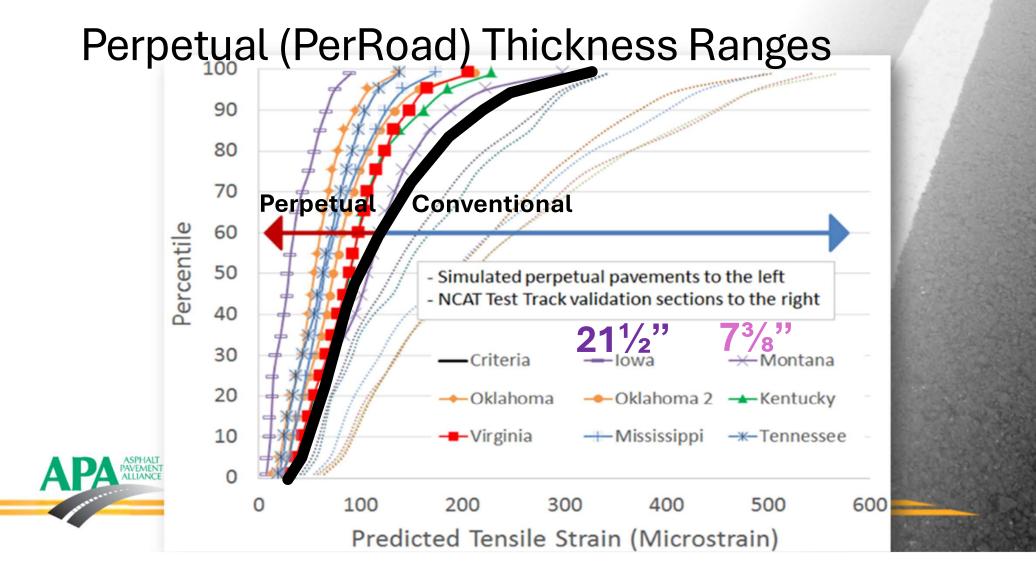




2003 NCAT Pavement Test Track





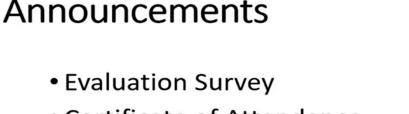


Perpetual (PerRoad) Thickness Ranges

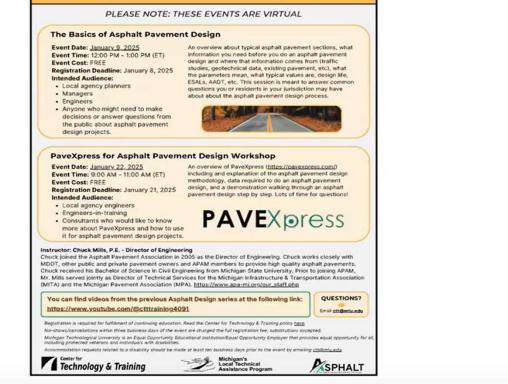
Subgrade	Base Mr (ksi)	Calculated AC Thickness (in.)				Range of
Mr (ksi)		Minneapolis (PG 64-34)	Phoenix (PG 70-22)	Baltimore (PG 64-22)	Average	Maximum Thicknesses (in.)
5	30	12.5	15.5	14	14.0	12.5-15.5
5	50	12	15	14	13.7	12-15
5	100	12	14	13.5	13.2	12-14
10	30	10.5	14	12	12.2	10.5-14
10	50	10.5	13	12	11.8	10.5-13
10	100	10	12	11	11.0	10-12
20	30	9	12.5	10	10.5	9-12.5
20	50	8.5	12.5	9.5	10.2	8.5-12.5
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2025 PaveXpress for Asphalt Pavement Design Workshop

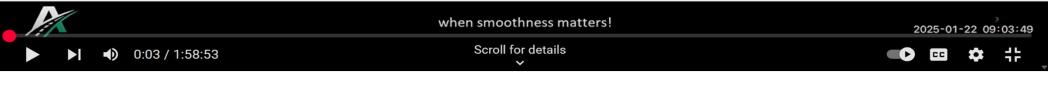
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Asphalt Pavement Design Series



Technical Resources

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- www.AsphaltPavement.org National Asphalt Pavement Association
- www.NCAT.us National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT)
- www.AsphaltInstitute.org Asphalt Institute (MS-22 Reference)
- www.RoadResource.org Pavement Preservation & Recycling Alliance
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What are the keys to quality asphalt pavement?

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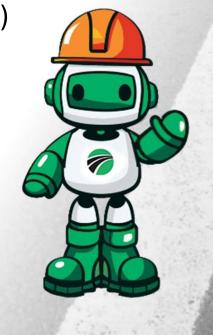
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HeyNAPA Response

- Balanced mix design (BMD)
- Performance testing (IDEAL-CT & Hot-IDT)
- Materials and mix design specifications
- Proper compaction
- Pavement preservation
- Collaborative efforts

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- Proper subgrade preparation
- Testing and quality control
- Adherence to best practices.



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