



The Road Surface Treatments Association Ltd

Road Surface Treatments – residential roads

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RSTA INTRODUCTION



- Formed in 2008
- Members treat c.100 million m² per annum
- 5 sectors and 7 sub-sectors represented
- 86 members – 13 local authority members
- Represents the supply chain
- Activities include; stakeholder engagement, developing guidance, specs and training

84 members covering the supply chain



39 Contractors

32 Manufacturers



...including 13 local authority members



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Stakeholder engagement



Training and qualifications



Approx 400 highway engineers, asset managers and contractors attend an RSTA CPD course each year

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SURFACE TREATMENTS

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Advantages



- Preventative maintenance
- Extends the service life of existing road assets
- Rapid treatments reduce traffic congestion during works
- Improves network resilience to combat climate change
- Improves skid resistance protecting public safety e.g. skid policy
- Improved customer satisfaction – fewer potholes!

It is important for asset managers to know what treatments are available



New asset management guidance



- RSTA, ADEPT and MSIG recognised in 2014 the need for new tools/guidance to help highway authorities to make better informed decisions at the pavement level
- This resulted in a panel being set up involving industry stakeholders to collaborate and produce a new tool
- The tool was launched at the 2016 RSTA Conference and is now available through www.rsta-uk.org and www.trl.co.uk



SURFACE DRESSING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

What is Surface Dressing?



Surface dressing has been used for over a century!

- The process involves spraying an emulsion binder onto a prepared road surface then dressing the binder with chippings
- Sounds simple, but it is a designed process with lots of parameters that need to be controlled to achieve a successful outcome

What does it do?



- Surface Dressing performs 2 functions;
- **Improves safety by restoring texture depth and skid resistance**
- **Seals the road surface**



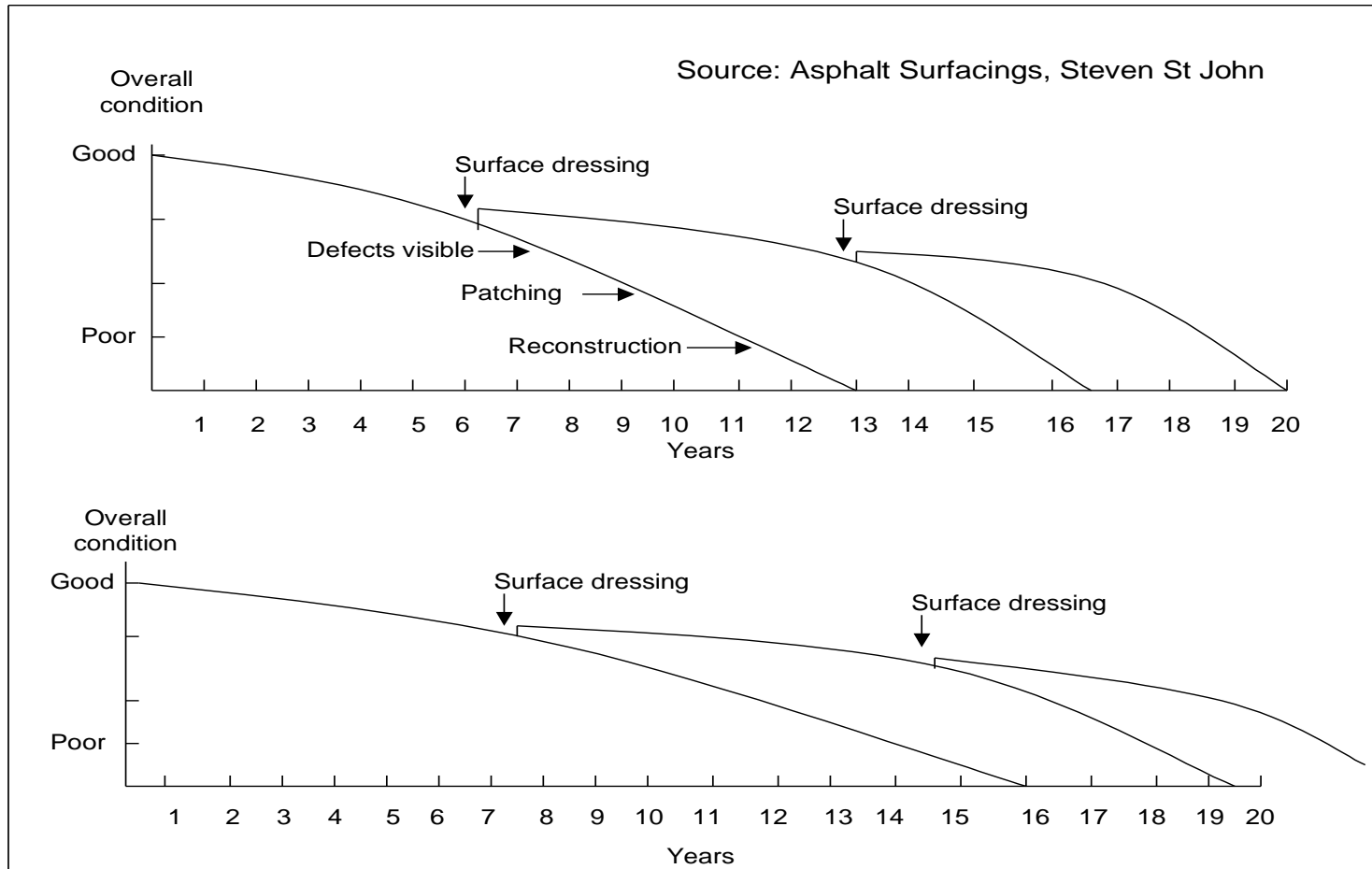
Asset management



- Surface dressing is a preventative maintenance technique, extending the service life of the road asset and delaying the cost of asset replacement
- It helps to prevent potholing and pavement deterioration
- It is an economic option, stretching budgets
- Cost Life Index typically 25p/ m² per annum (e.g. £2.50 m² over 10 years service life)
- Fast installation, high productivity 20-40,000 m² per day
- Low carbon footprint



Preventative Maintenance



Applications



- Carriageways
- Footways
- Cycle ways
- Car parks



Site Selection



- **When to surface dress?**
- When skid resistance falls below acceptable levels
- When existing surface shows first signs of distress, for example:
 - Crazing
 - Fretting
 - Loss of Chippings
- Before major patching is required

Surface dressing limitations

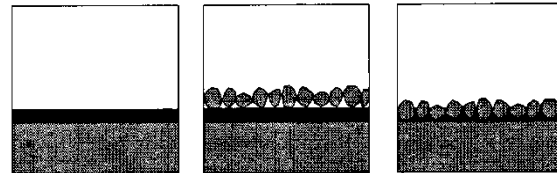


- Will not re-profile a misshapen road surface
- Will not directly strengthen the road structure, but maintains road strength
- High texture increases noise
- Quiet dressing with good texture can be designed
- Potential for loose chippings

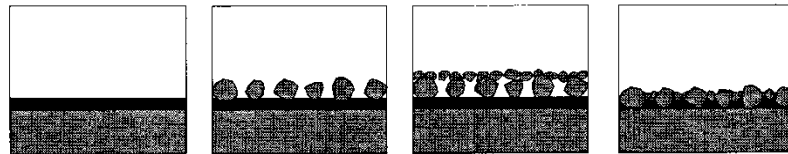
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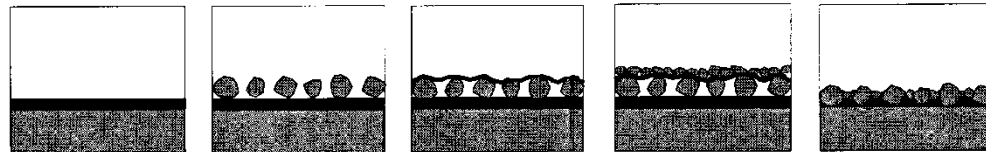
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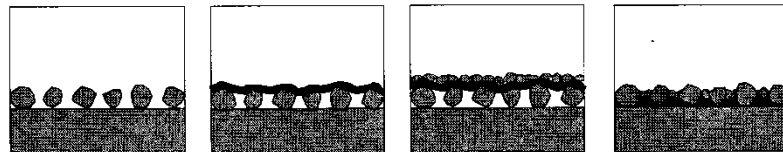
Racked-In



Double Dressing



Sandwich Dressing



10 & 6 raked-in dressing





PREVENTION AND A BETTER CURE

POTHOLES REVIEW



APRIL 2012

- NHSS23 **Small Scale Pavement Repairs** evolved from this.

New Surface Dressing Design Guide



DESIGN GUIDE FOR ROAD SURFACE DRESSING

by D Bateman

With the advice of a panel representing the Industry and the Clients under the Chairmanship of Dr H
L Robinson, The Road Surface Treatments Association

Road Note 39 (Seventh Edition)

Sealed Surface Dressing



- Spray applied binder locks in 'loose aggregate' reducing excess loose chippings (flyers)
- Reduces scuffing and fretting on stress areas
- Blackens road surface ; transforms appearance from a dressing to look more like asphalt



SLURRY SURFACING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Slurry surfacing: footways



Microsurfacing: carriageways



Finished Job



Why use slurry surfacing?



- Extends asset life
- Suitable for urban roads
- Long history of successful use
- Restores skid resistance
- 10-15 year service life if done properly
- Cold mix – low environmental impact
- Fast and efficient

Slurry surfacing: other benefits



- Can be laid in tight areas
- Low traffic management, minimal disruption
- Regulates undulating surfaces giving a smooth textured finish
- No waste generated, cold applied
- Can be pigmented

Thin Film Slurry Surfacing



Typical thin film site (3mm)



Thick Film Slurry Surfacing



Typical thick film site (6mm)



Slurry surfacing: applications



- Carriageways – traffic restrictions
- Footways
- Cycle ways
- Car parks
- Playgrounds
- Airfield runways
- Reservations and Islands



Slurry surfacing: Preparation



- **Preparation:**
- Removal of vegetation
- Verge & edge trimming
- Scrape & high pressure air
- High pressure water
- Ironwork adjustment & protection
- Kerb & driveway protection



Masking Trenching Works



Improved Aesthetics



Estate Roads



Urban roads and footpaths



Urban road – no loose chippings



Fine textured finish





HIGH FRICTION SURFACING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

High Friction Surfacing or Antiskid



How does HFS work?



Durable Micro-texture (**Calcined Bauxite aggregate**), reduced contact points, high contact pressure points and improved hydraulic conductivity are critical for high skid resistance and reduced braking distances (Parry, TRL 1996)



HRA



HFS



GLC Trials



In 1967 the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan Police recognised the need for a durable skid resistant surface tough enough to withstand the harshest traffic environment.

Trials of high friction surfacing started in 1968 – cold applied bitumen extended epoxy resin + calcined bauxite





- Accidents and casualties reduced by **50% in year 1**
- **Cost of treatment recovered within 1 year**
- 10 year programme was instigated
- Programme cost to be covered 8 fold in reduced accident costs
- Effective life of HFS found to exceed **10 years**

Saving lives and money



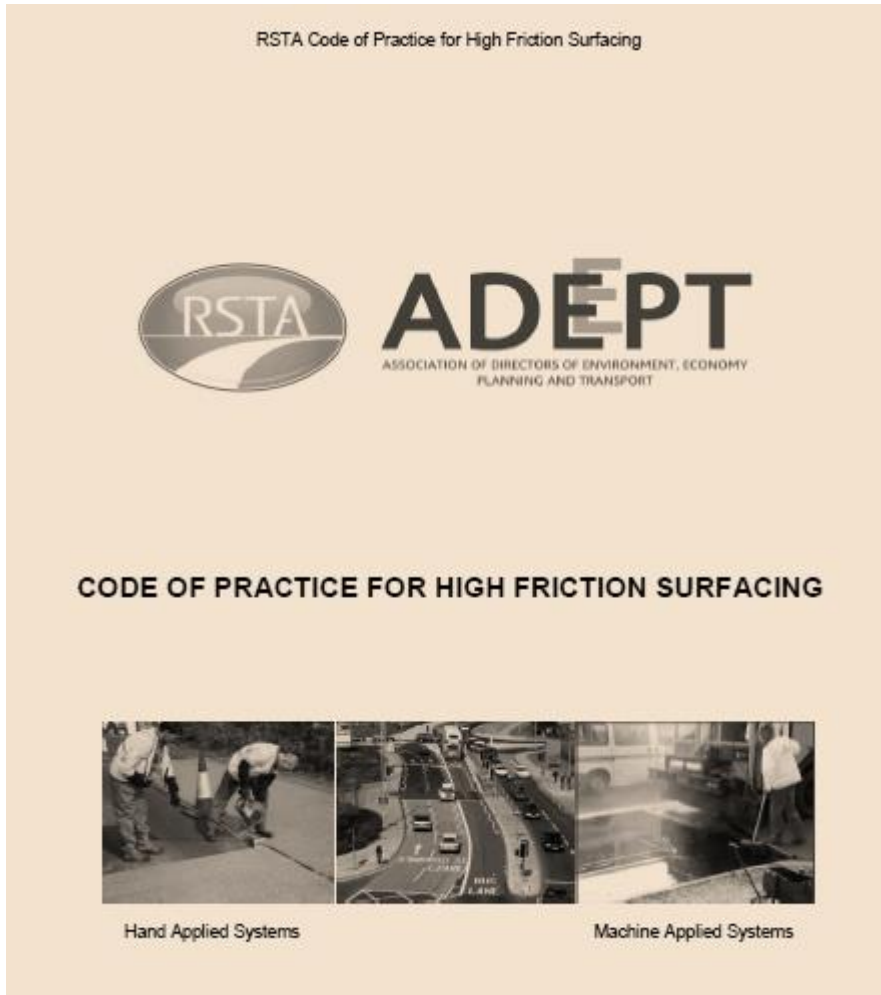
- HFS has been found to reduce wet weather accidents by 57% and could reduce the overall number of accidents on our roads by 5.5%

TRL Research – BRF Road fact 1997

- 1,700 sites treated in one year with HFS at a cost of £3 million saved us £24 million through accident prevention.

The London Accident Analysis Unit

RSTA ADEPT Code of Practice



- Re-issued 2017
- ADEPT peer review
- SG1 endorsed

The end result should be this





PUBLISHED PROJECT REPORT PPR789

Use of high PSV asphalt surfacings to replace high friction surfacings (HFS) - performance review

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Prepared for: Highways England, PTS

Project Ref: T-TEAR Task 355

Quality approved:

Helen Viner

(Project Manager)

Martin Greene

(Technical Referee)

HFS outperforms high PSV
asphalt

Independent study on HFS durability



Site information and data gathering – 2013 to 2014

- ▶ 304 inspections recorded on 272 different sites
- ▶ 12 months to 14 years of age
- ▶ Sites are located throughout the UK
- ▶ All sites are traceable to BBA HAPAS High Friction from:
 - ▶ Five year reviews
 - ▶ Routine surveillance



INNOVATIVE PATCHING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Thermal Patch Repairs



- Stage 1:- Applying 180°C heat over 8 minute heat cycle



Thermal Patch Repairs



- Checking and recording the temperature of repair



- Checking surface is +90c prior to compacting
- If below 90c then area reheated

Thermal Patch Repairs



- Compaction of repair



- HRA – use Bomag 75 – largest pedestrian roller – towed behind van
- DBM and SMA's – Bomag 55 as in photo is used - winched into van
- All equipment is winched into the van – there is no manual handling

Spray Injection Patching



- Varies from a 1 man to a 3 man operation
- Classed as mobile works – just uses stop and go – no cones, no signs
- 3-6mm chippings open graded
- Fast & economic
- Quality relies on workforce skill

Spray Injection Patching



- Compaction may be required to ensure the correct finish and a durable product
- A vibrating plate is often used for heavier trafficked applications and on sites with turning traffic.



Spray Injection Patching

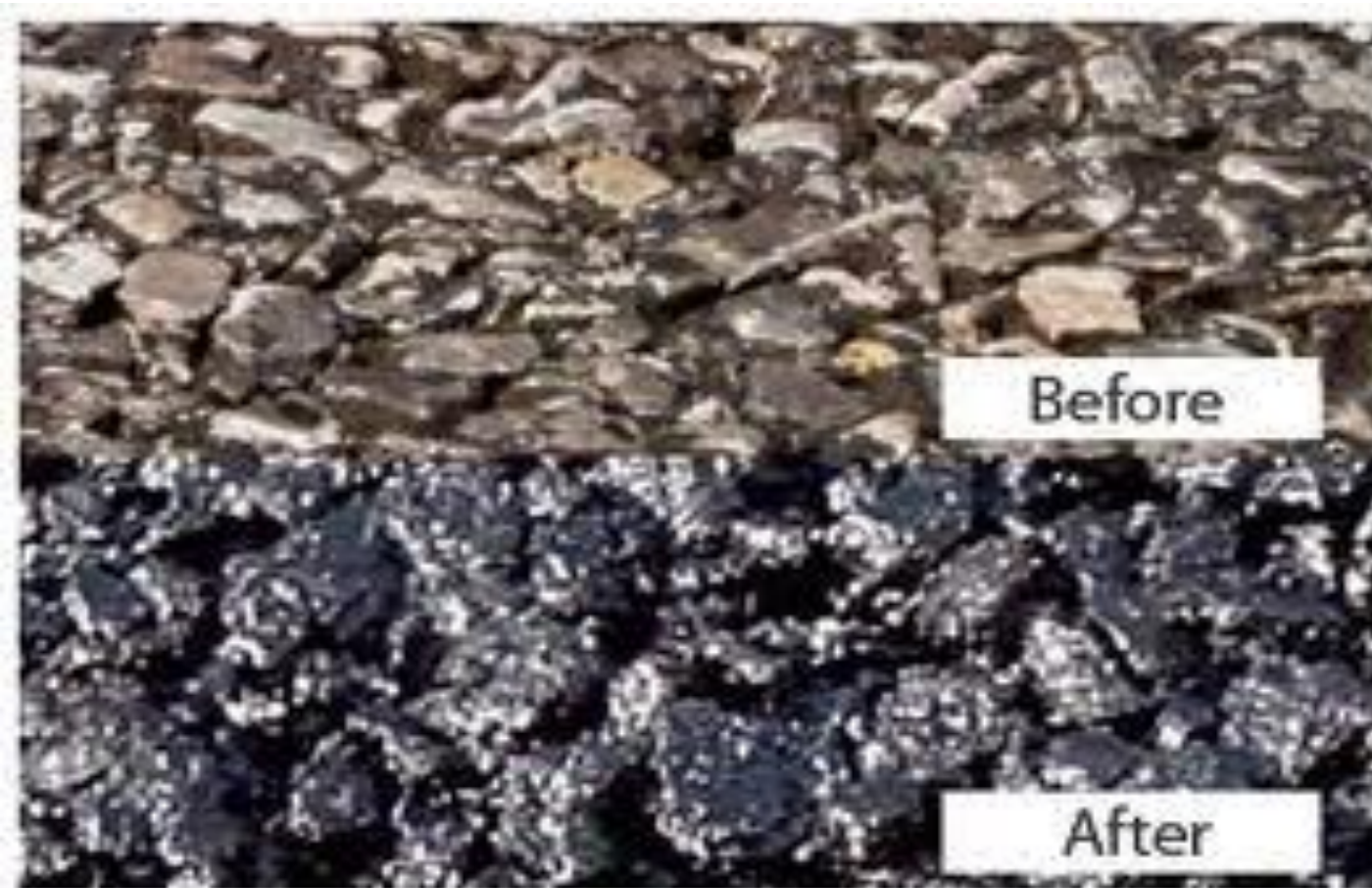




ASPHALT PRESERVATION

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Road Preservation/Sealants



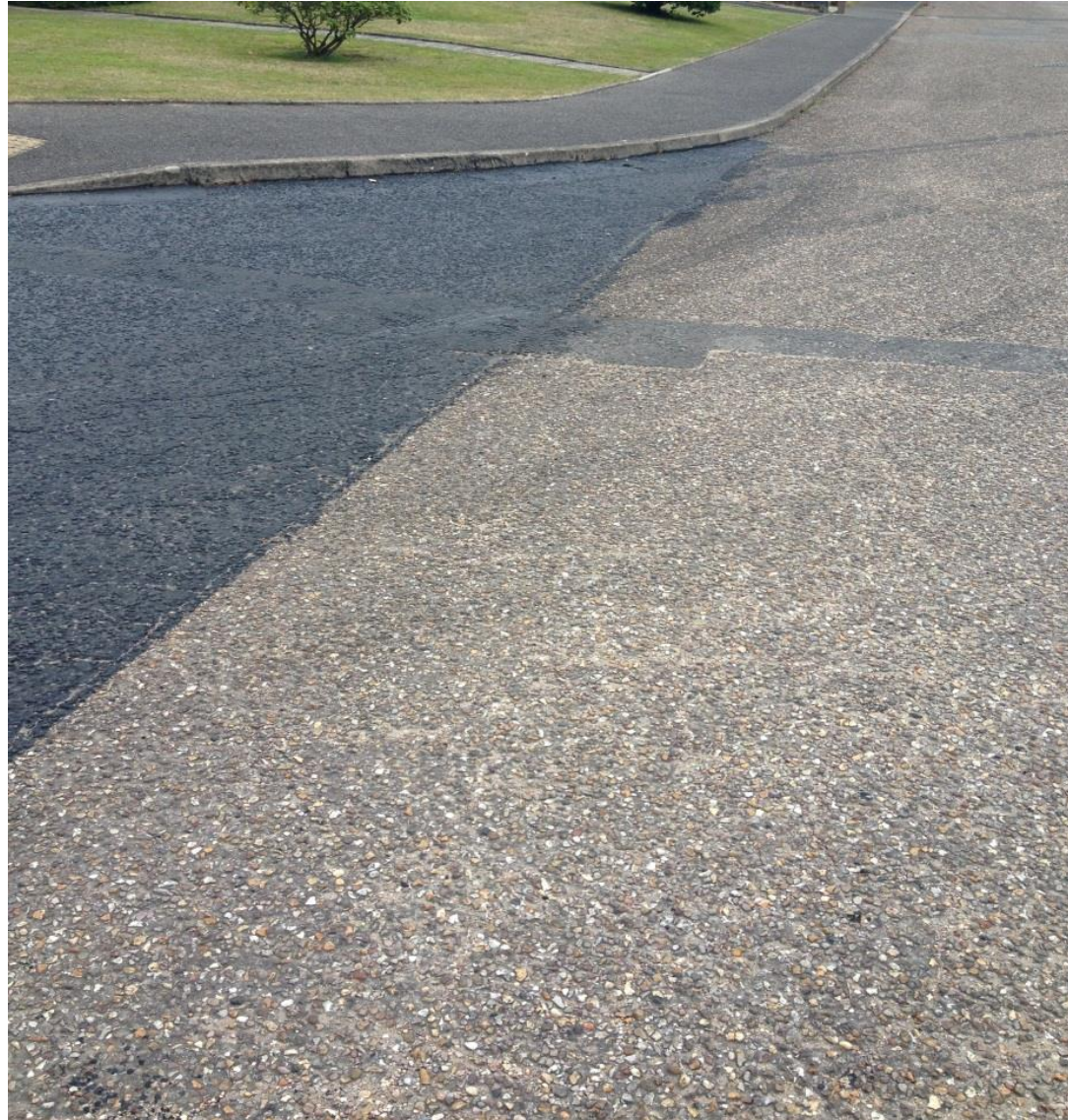
Road Preservation/Sealants



Finished job



The difference



Asphalt Preservation Systems



- A new HD is being developed by RSTA and Highways England
- Clause 950 is also being updated

RETEXTURING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Typical HRA Site – After Shotblasting



Captive Shotblasting unit



**Computer
Controlled**

**Consistent Full
Width**

**Improves both
Macro and Micro
Texture**

Treats any Surface

Markings Cats Eyes

Pedestrianised Area



The Effect

Hydro-retexturing



IN-SITU RECYCLING

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

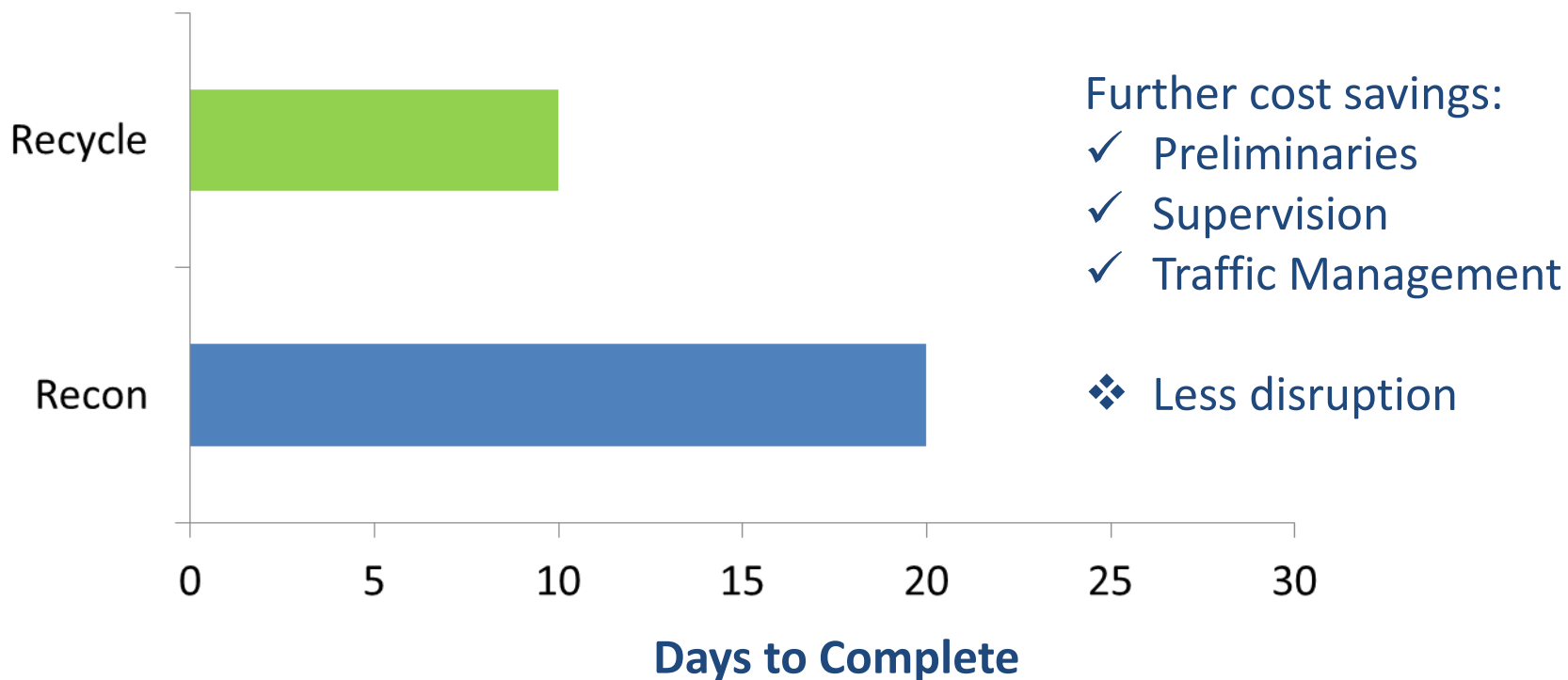
Grading and re-profiling the recycled material



Faster build times



Rural project example: Outputs 2,000 m² per day



Reduction in emissions, noise and disruption

✓ Reduction in lorry movements to recycle 1km of road

- In-situ  17
- Ex-situ  33
- Recon  65

Other considerations?



Tar bound roads – lock it in

Encapsulates the contaminated material within the Pulverising Process

Environment Agency confirmed outside scope of Waste Management Regulations

Majority of Tar is found in the top 100mm

Memorandum of Understanding:

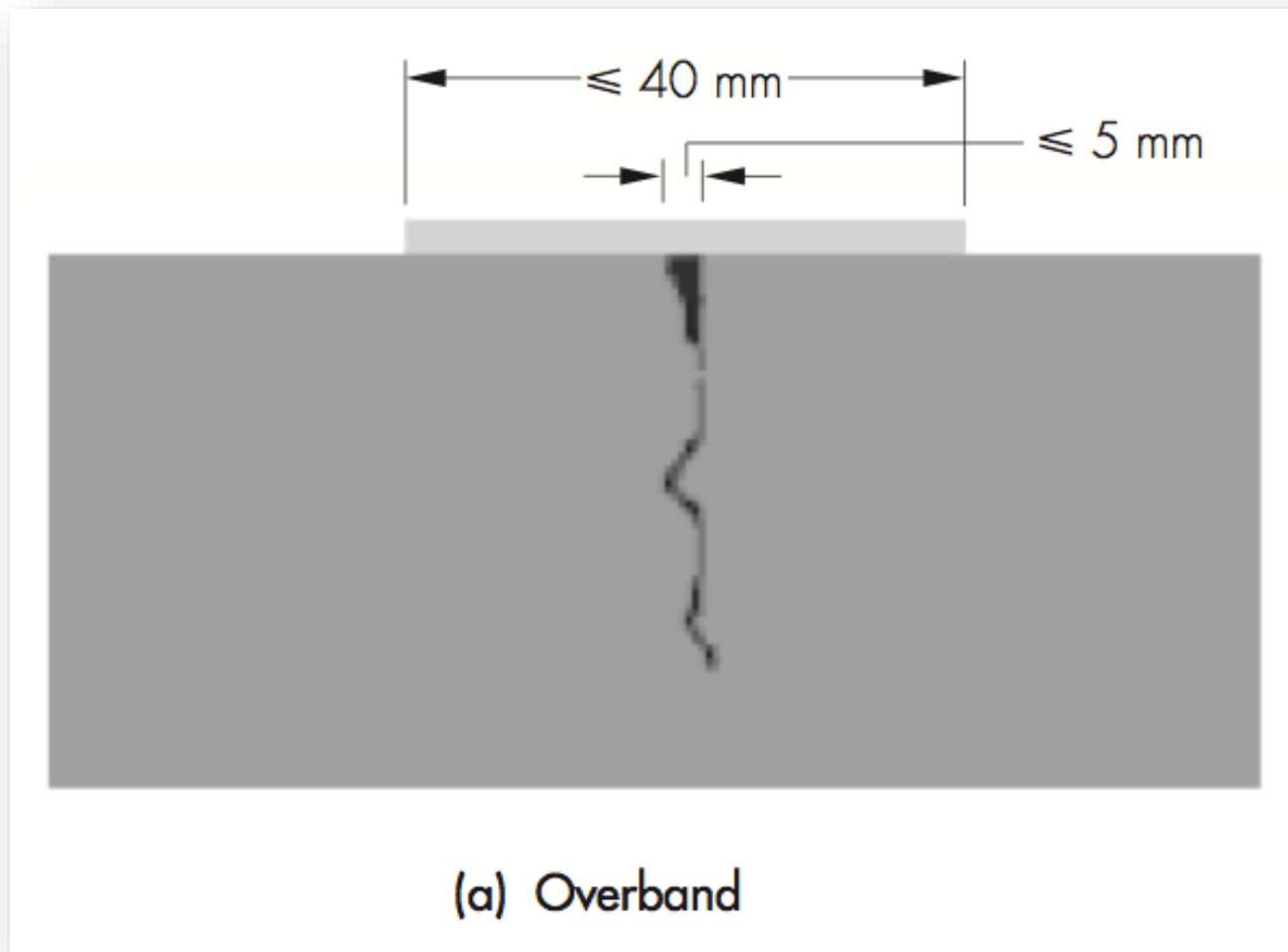
- Environment Agency
- SPL
- Oxfordshire CC
- Bardon Contracting



CRACK & JOINT REPAIRS

Cost effectiveness, advantages and disadvantages

Types of crack & joint repair systems



Overband



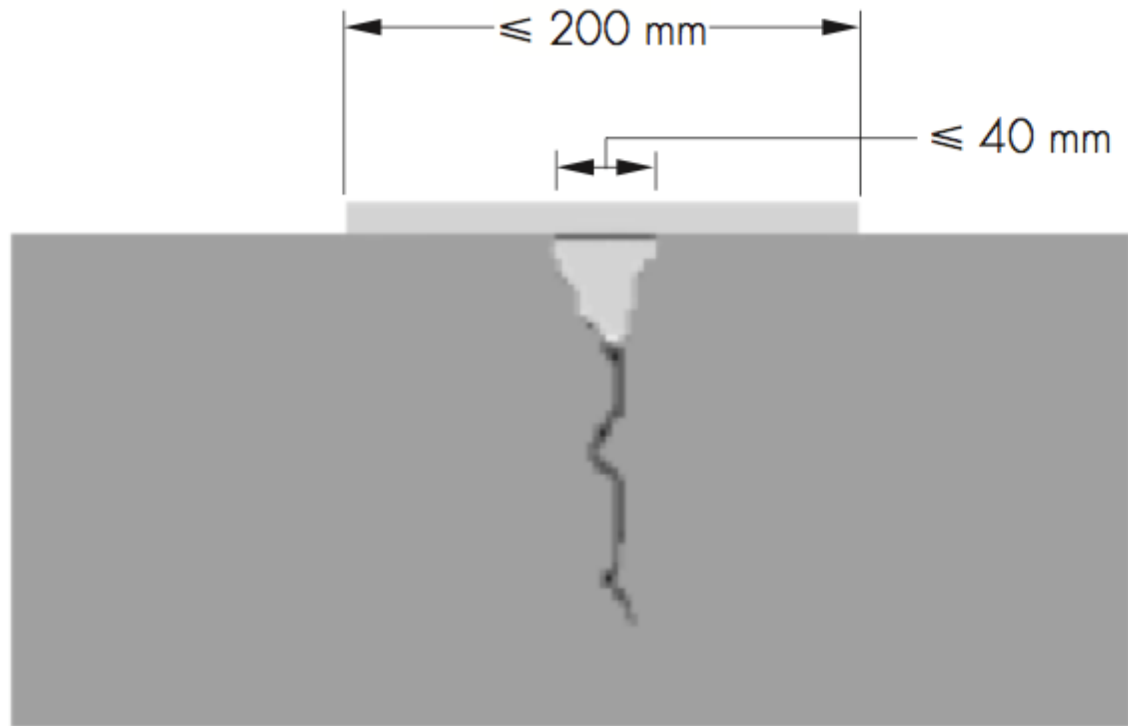
New Overbanding Products



- Skid resistant / retained long term
- No spread (thermoset)
- Hard wearing
- Safe to use
- Low cost / minimal disruption
- HAPAS certification



Fill & Overband systems



(b) Fill and overband

Fill and overband



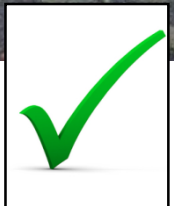
Inlaid – Single or Multiple Cracks



Suitable for both Concrete & Asphalt Repairs



Can also use an over-band system to seal edges



Flexible (Grade F) and High Modulus (Grade H) systems available



CODES OF PRACTICE

Produced jointly by RSTA and ADEPT

Codes of practice



- We now have 10 Codes of Practice, we had 1 in 2009
- **How can we work together to raise industry awareness?**

RSTA Code of Practice for Surface Dressing 2014



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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SURFACE DRESSING



RSTA Code of Practice for Slurry surfacing incorporating Microsurfacing



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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SLURRY SURFACING
INCORPORATING MICROSURFACING



Machine applied Microsurfacing

Hand applied Slurry surfacing

RSTA Code of Practice for High Friction Surfacing



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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HIGH FRICTION SURFACING



Hand Applied Systems

Machine Applied Systems

RSTA Code of Practice for Innovative Patching Systems



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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INNOVATIVE PATCHING
SYSTEMS



New Code of Practice



RSTA ADEPT Code of Practice for Ironwork Systems Installation and Refurbishment



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FOR IRONWORK SYSTEMS INSTALLATION AND
REFURBISHMENT



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During 2015 the RSTA will be running a series of six, free lunchtime seminars around the UK introducing High Friction Surfacing and Crack & Joint Repair systems.



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High Friction Surfacing and Crack & Joint Repair Systems

The 2 hour sessions will be held between June and September and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

The seminars will be held at your premises on a date to suit between 12 - 2pm with a buffet lunch provided for up to 20 delegates.

The courses are designed to give engineers and technicians a detailed insight into the principles and practice of high friction surfacing and crack and joint repair systems including applications (site selection), types of systems, benefits and service life.

There will be ample time during the session to ask questions and discuss any practical issues or experiences gained from using these products.

Seminar hosts:

Howard Robinson
Chief Executive, RSTA

Mike Harper
Stirling Lloyd and RSTA Chairman

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30th July 2015



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University Diploma in Road Surface Technology



- Launched in 2014, standard is Foundation Level Degree
- Entirely by web based distance learning
- Three modules: Contracts Management, Surface Treatments and Pavement Solutions – counts as 60 credits (25% of a degree)
- Sept – May – assignments and three exams
- **35** graduates in 2015, **6** last year and **11** now - majority from local authorities



Thankyou for your attention



Any Questions?