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Maximizing Pavement Life – Part 2 Considerations for Construction Practice

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Lift Thickness and Mix Type

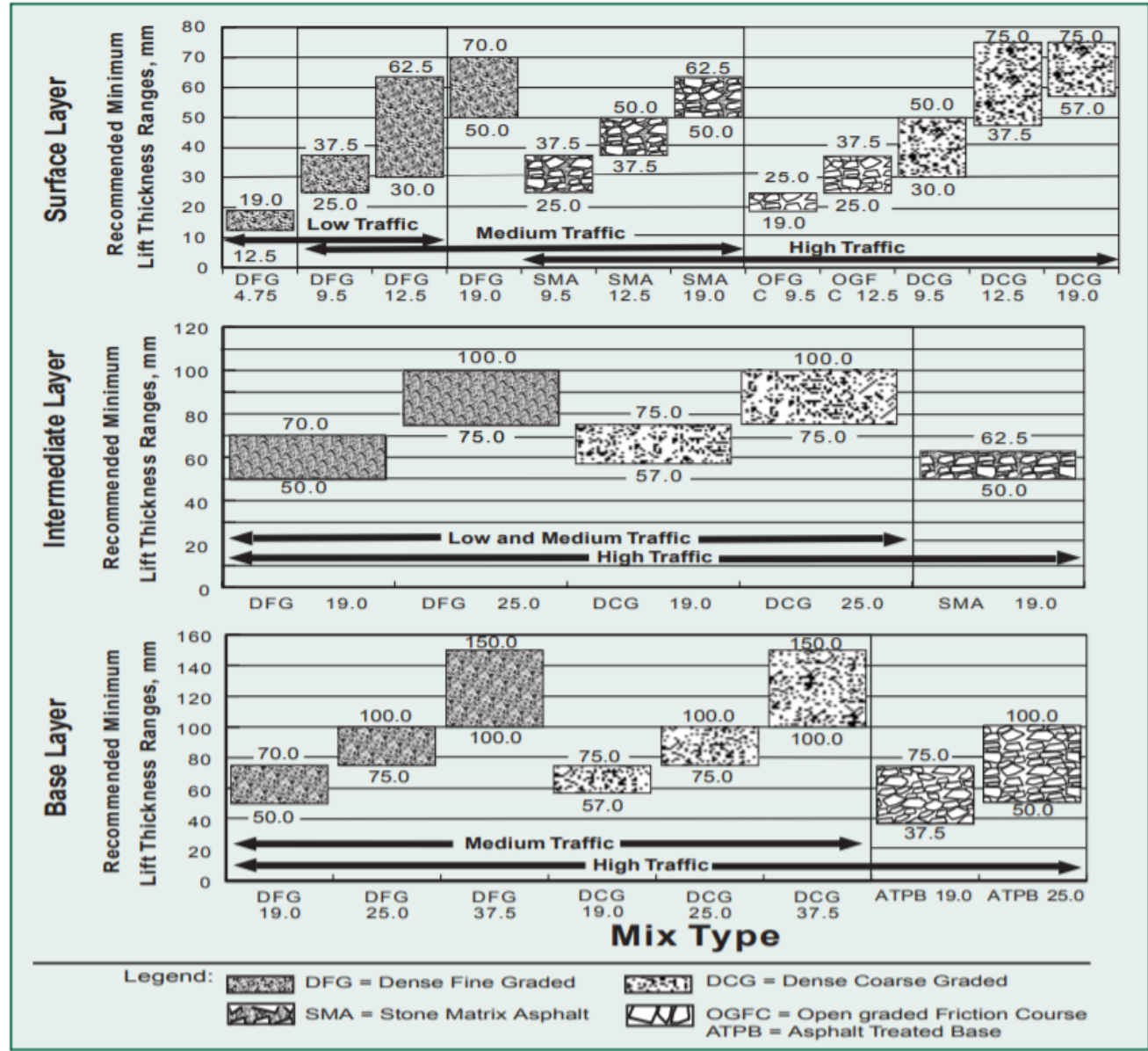
Design - Section 3



<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/infrastructure/pavements/asphalt/HMA.pdf>

Recommended Lift Thickness

FIGURE 3: Recommended Mix Types for Surface, Intermediate and Base Courses



NMAS grading is different than older “Topsize”
Grading

Old Rule of Thumb - Minimum lift thickness = 2x Topsize

NMAS - Minimum compacted thickness

- ✓ 4 times nominal aggregate size
- ✓ 3 times nominal aggregate size for fine graded mixtures

- Thicker lifts are easier to compact
- Cool slower providing longer compaction time

Minimum -----NOT MAXIMUM !

Mixtures can vary significantly

Table 1

Requirements	Class D		Class E		Class G	
	Type 1	Type 2	Type 1	Type 2	Type 1	Type 2
Sieve	Percent Passing					
1 inch	100		100		100	
3/4 inch	97-100	100	97-100	100	97-100	100
5/8 inch						
1/2 inch	75-95	97-100	75-95	97-100	75-95	97-100
3/8 inch						
#4	45-75	60-80	45-75	60-80	45-75	60-80
#8	30-55	40-60	30-55	40-60	30-55	40-60
#16	20-45	25-50	20-45	25-50	20-45	25-50
#40	10-30	15-35	10-30	15-35	10-30	15-35
#200	3.0-7.0	4.0-8.0	3.0-7.0	4.0-8.0	3.0-7.0	4.0-8.0

**Table F - Gyrotory Controlled QC/QA
Gradation*¹**

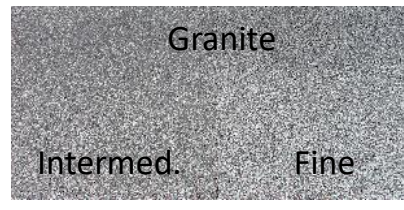
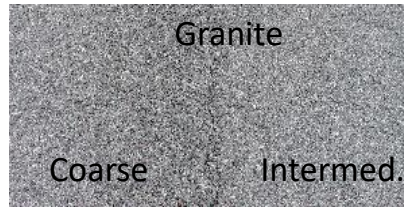
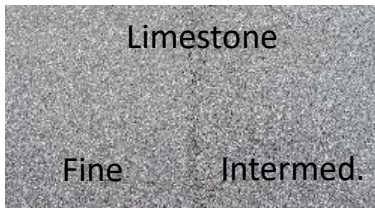
Sieve Size	Control Points (percent passing)	
	Min.	Max.
3/4 inch	100	
1/2 inch	90	100
3/8 inch		85
#8	30	55
#200	2.0	7.0

Lift Thickness



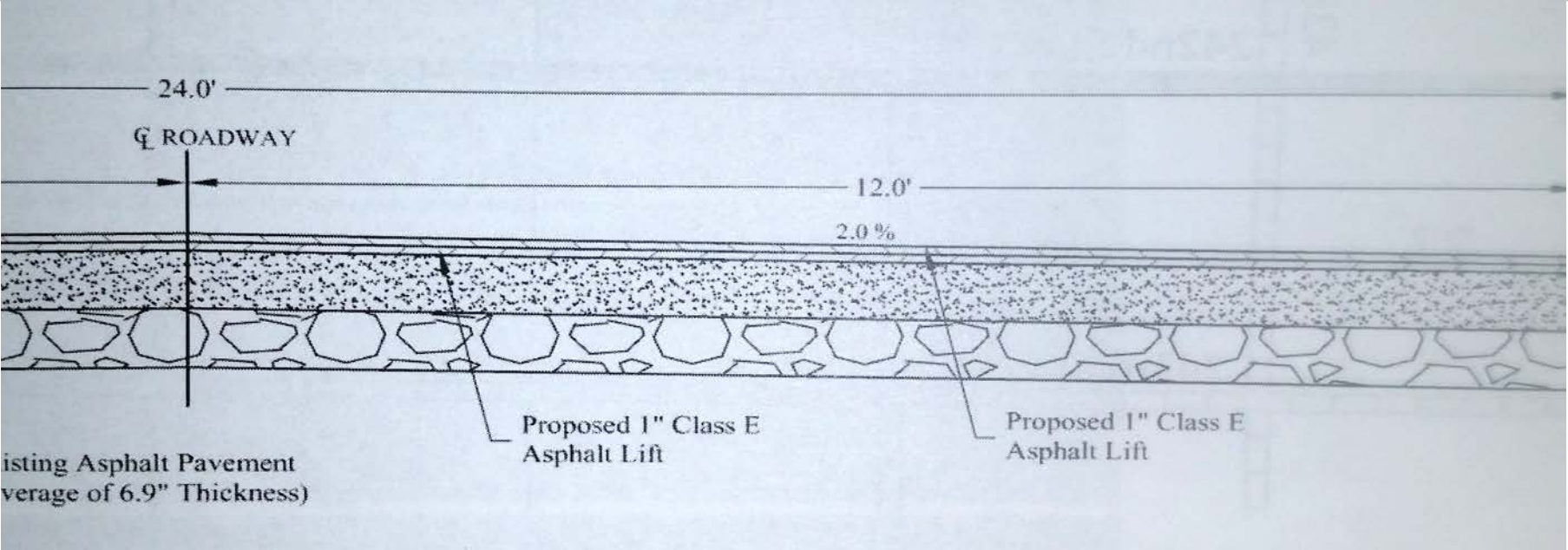


NCAT Test Track 1st Cycle



Coarse, intermediate, and fine gradations. **No differences in rutting performance!**

Lift Thickness



Construction

1. Tack Coat
2. Longitudinal Joints
3. Density



Tack Coat

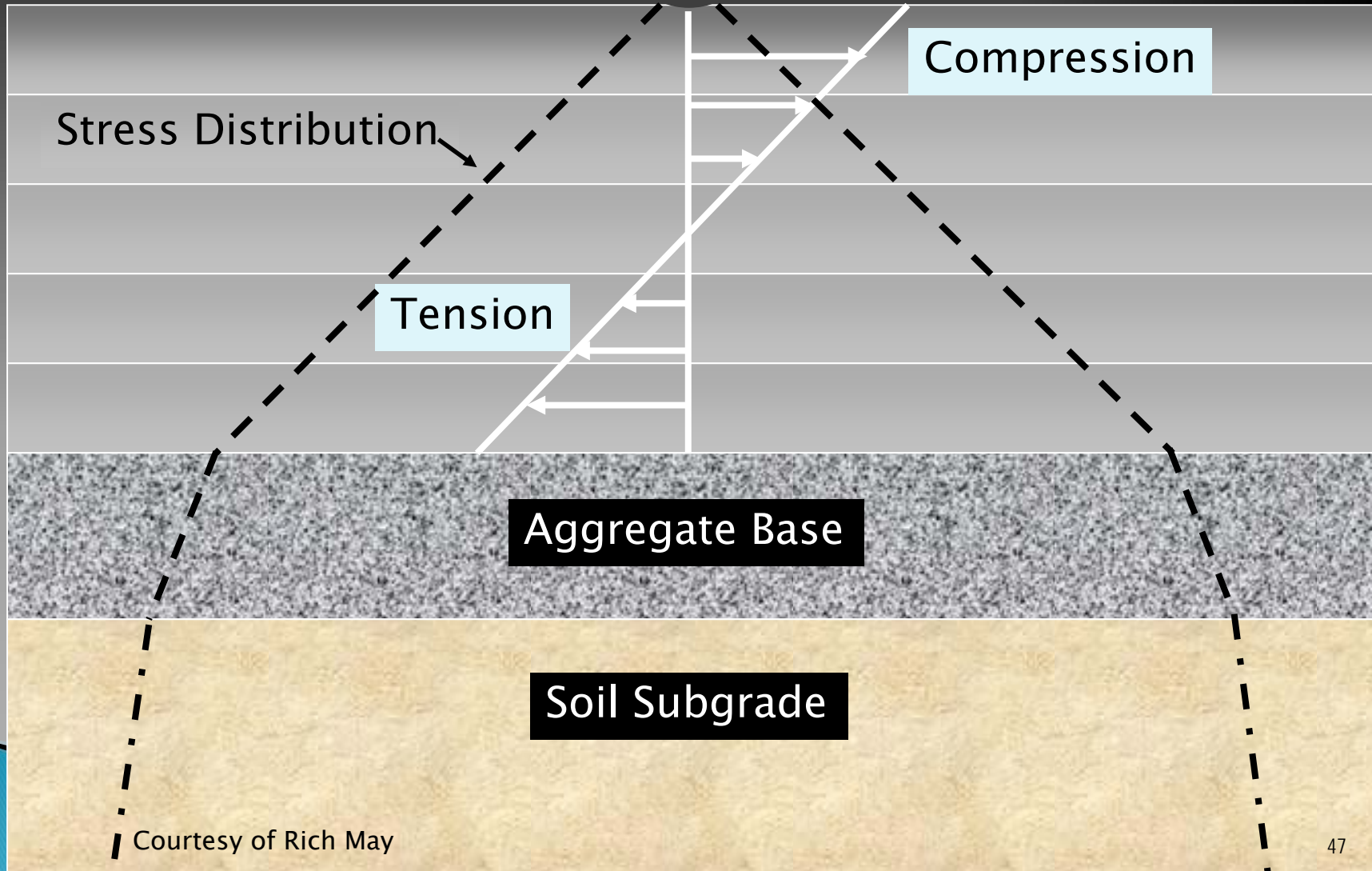
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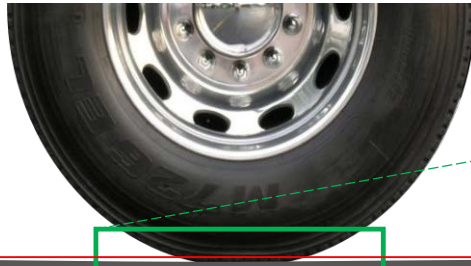
Pavement Behavior

Load Distributed by Tire

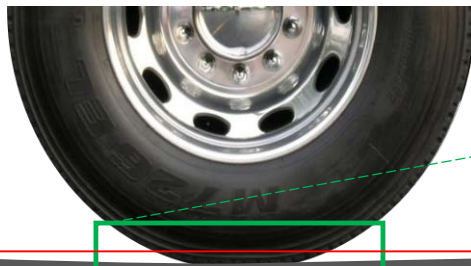
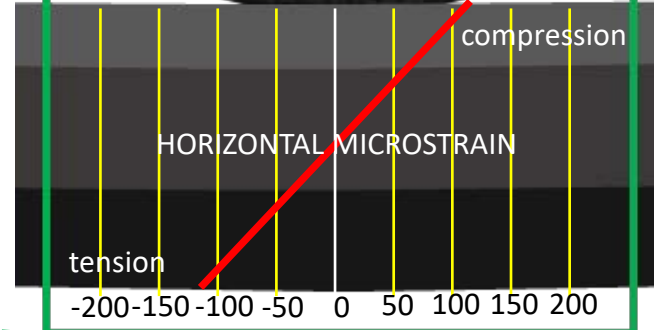
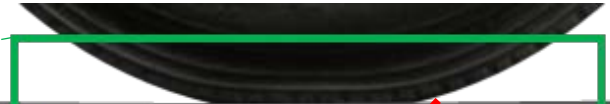
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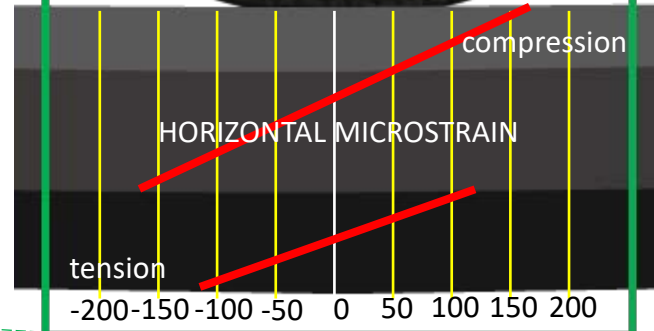
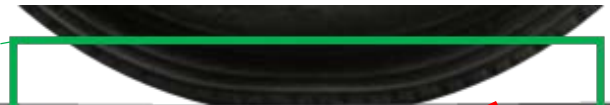
Consequences of Debonding



Bonded



Unbonded



Proper Tack Coat

Surface Type	Residual Rate (gsy)	Appx. Bar Rate Undiluted* (gsy)	Appx. Bar Rate Diluted 1:1* (gsy)
New Asphalt	0.020 – 0.045	0.030 – 0.065	0.060 – 0.130
Existing Asphalt	0.040 – 0.070	0.060 – 0.105	0.120 – 0.210
Milled Surface	0.040 – 0.080	0.060 – 0.120	0.120 – 0.240
Portland Cement Concrete	0.030 – 0.050	0.045 – 0.075	0.090 – 0.150



Longitudinal Joints

Construction - Section 2

Longitudinal Joints



Core #2 (No Overlap)



Core #7 (No Overlap)



Core #9 (Overlap 1 1/2")



Core #10 (Overlap 1 1/2")

Ski Best for Smoothness

(reference is average over length of ski)



Versus Joint Matcher,
which is best for joint
(reference is exact location
just in front of auger)

Note: If underlying
pavement already smooth,
some contractors feel they
can get good joint with ski,
but must finish 1/10" high



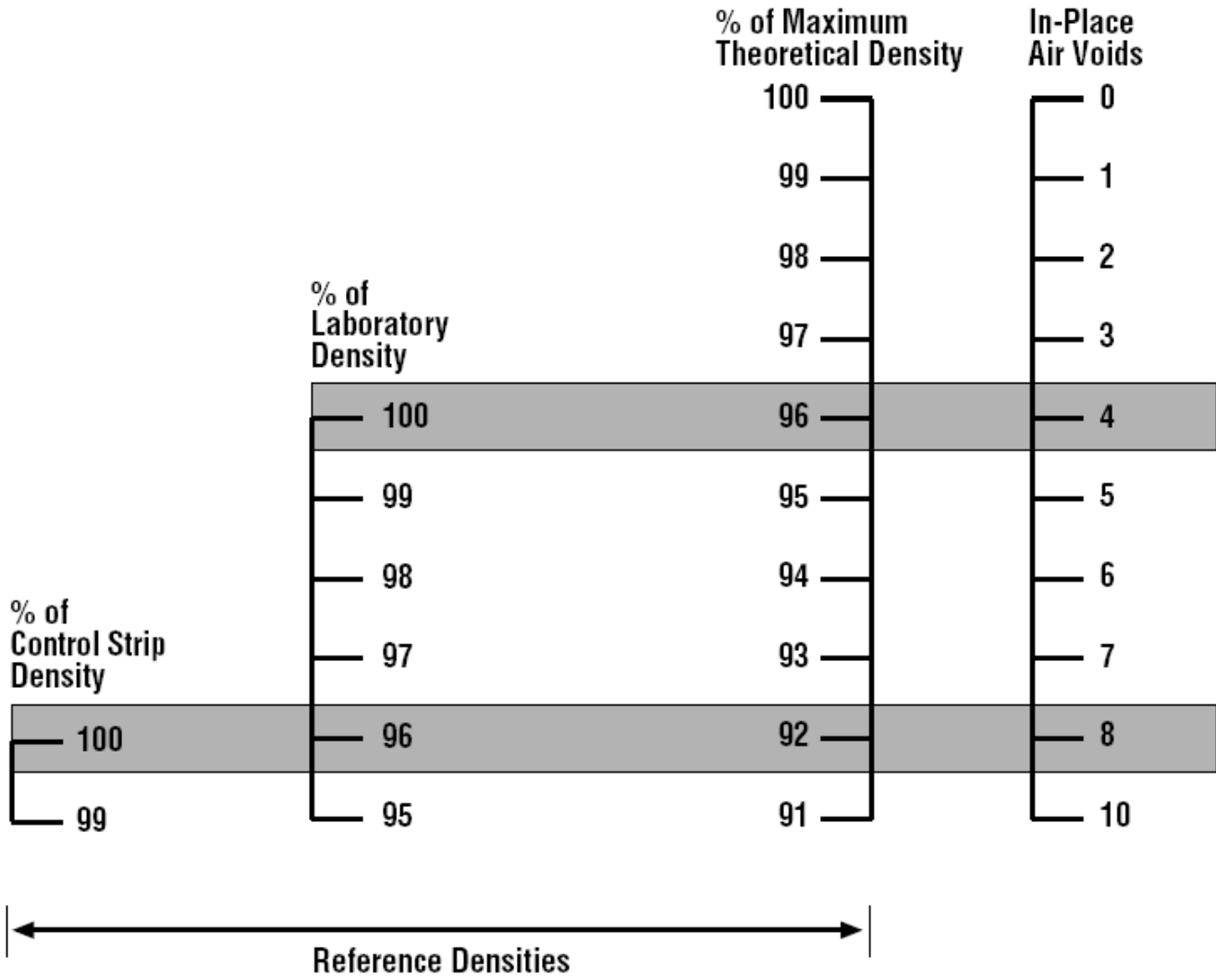
***Destined for
Failure***

Likely that the hot side of joint was starved of material at these locations and bridging occurred.

Density

Construction - Section 3

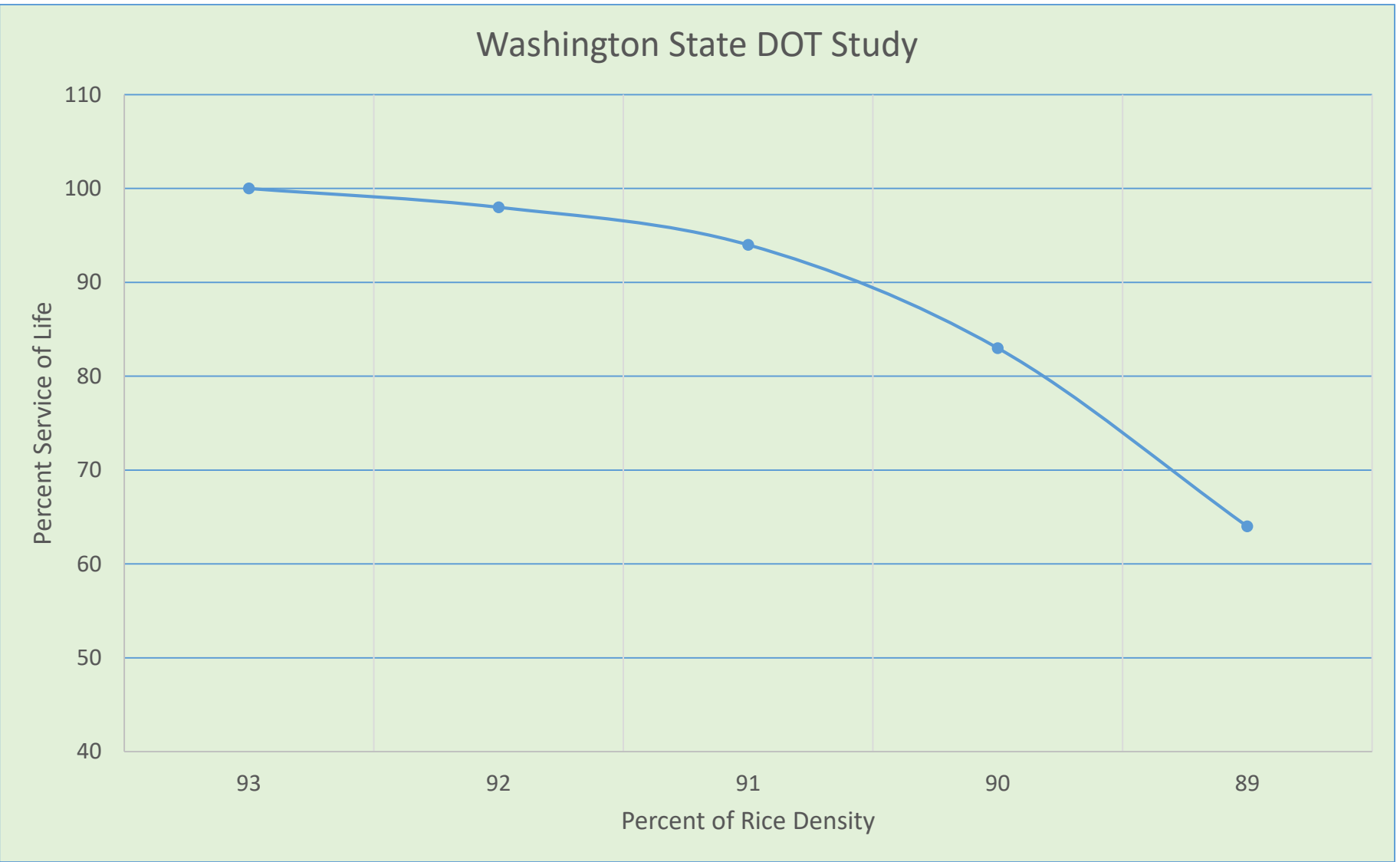
Reference Densities



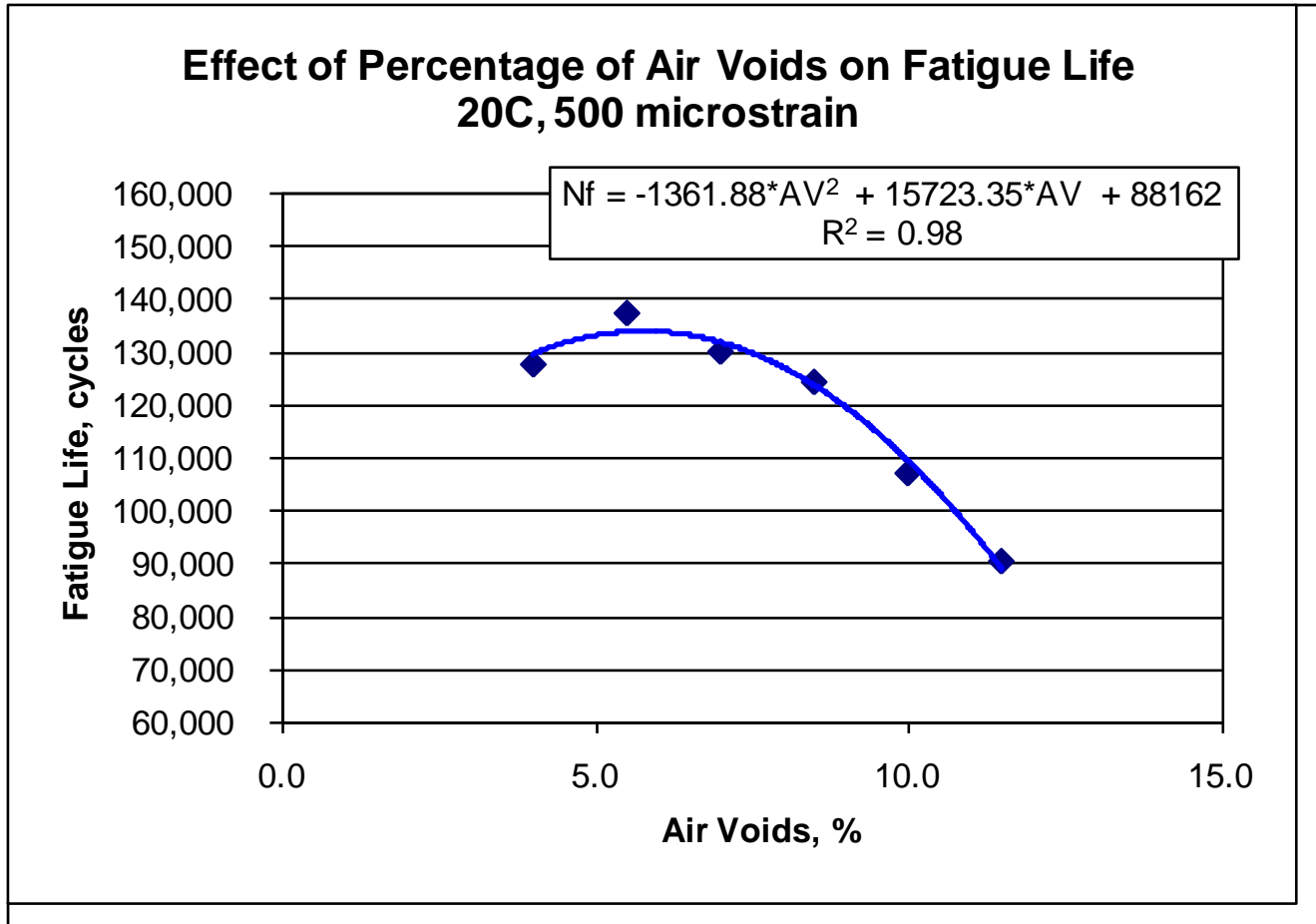
Density vs. Loss of Pavement Service Life



Washington State DOT Study



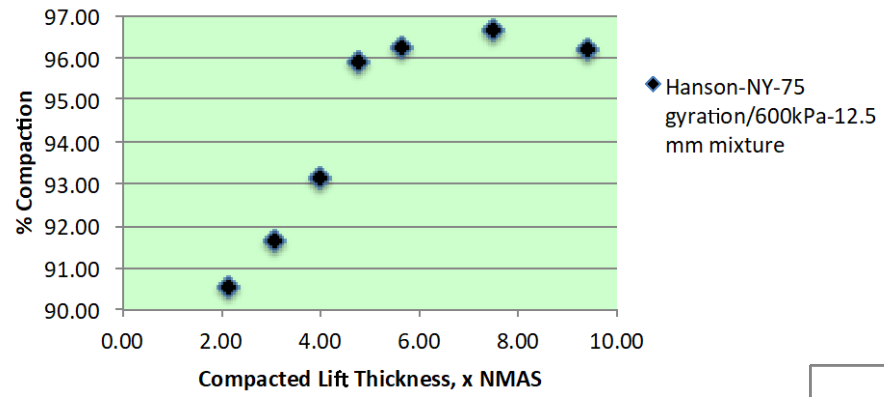
In-Place Voids vs Fatigue Life



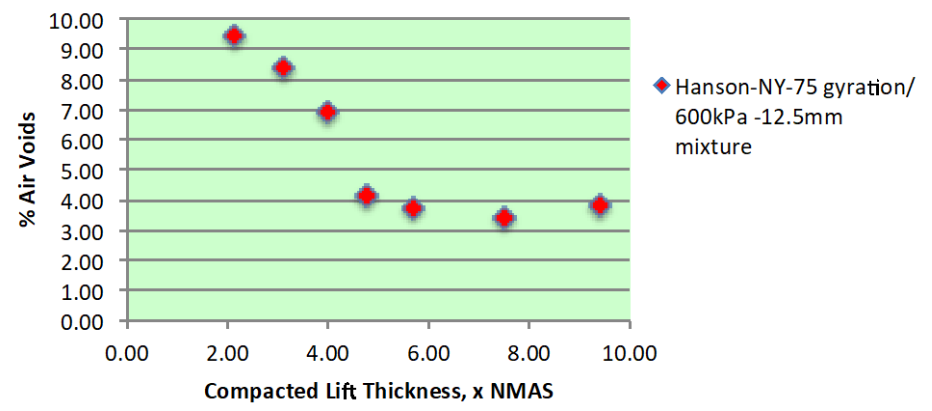
UK-AI Study
1.5% increase
in density
leads to 10%
increase in
fatigue life.

Density vs. Lift Thickness

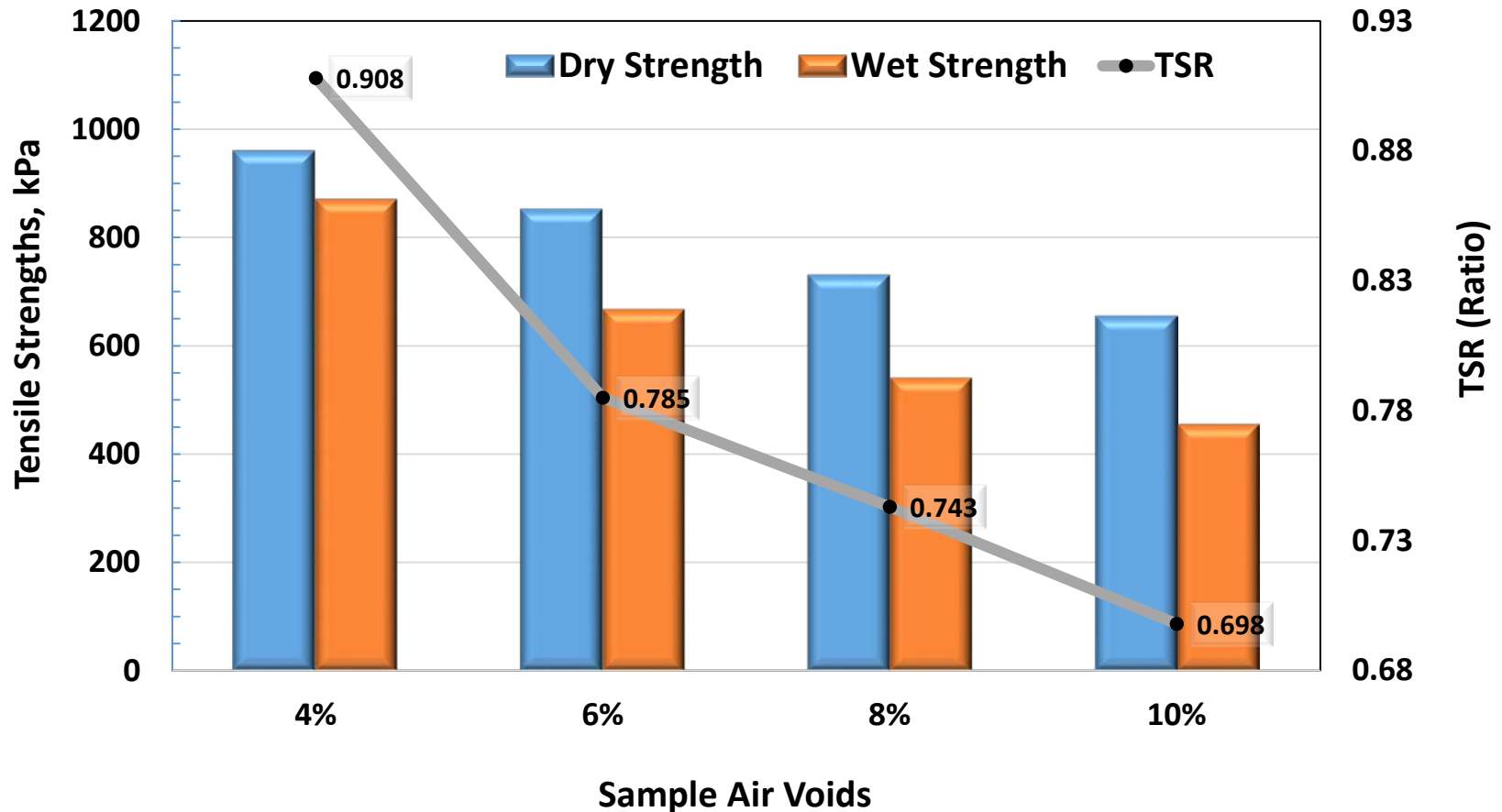
Effect of Lift Thickness On Achieving Density



Effect of Lift Thickness On Achieving Density



Tensile Strength & Moisture Susceptibility vs. Air Voids AASHTO T 283



FHWA Performance Based Mix Design

	Fatigue Cracking	Rutting
Design Air Voids For every 1% increase	40% increase	22% decrease
Design VMA For every 1% increase	73% decrease	32% increase
Compaction Density For every 1% lower in-place Air Voids (Increasing Density Improved Both!)	19% decrease	10% decrease

Maintenance

Crack Sealing & Surface Treatments

Think permeability

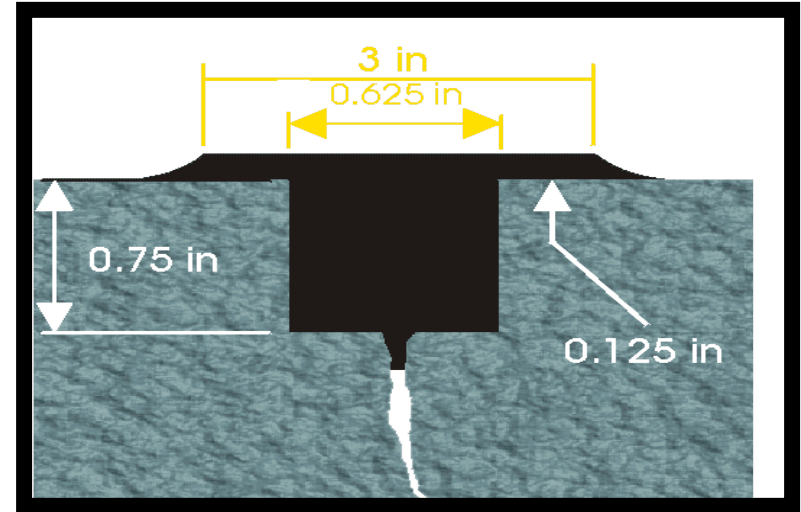
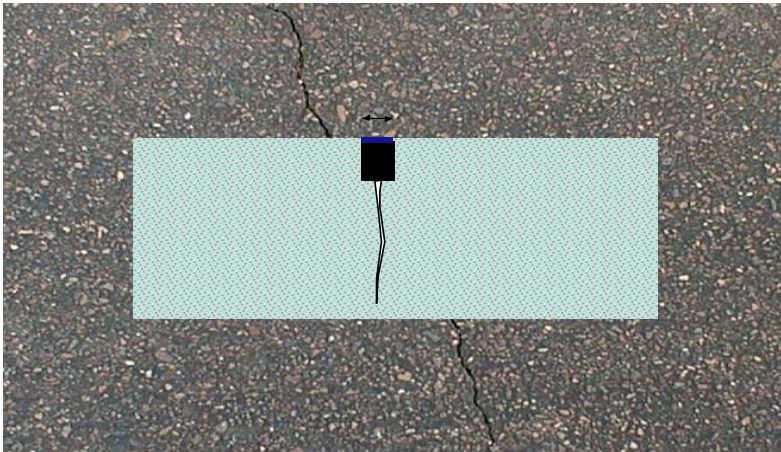


Photo: Wes McNett

Crack Sealing



Crack Sealing



Surface Treatments





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The TH 56 test section confirmed the hypothesis, with mixture testing indicating that the subsections with chip seals applied more than two years after construction had essentially the same fracture energy properties as the unsealed control subsection. **The findings from this test section imply that to mitigate damage from environmental aging, the initial treatment from a preservation standpoint should occur within the first two years of the pavement's life. After that, while some benefits may still be obtained from treatment, it appears that the damage from environmental aging may have already substantially occurred.**

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