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Priority One – Crack Sealing

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Why you need to crack seal!



Incompressible Intrusion



“Working” vs. “Non-working” cracks

- Working
 - $3 > \text{mm}$
 - Thermal
- Non-working
 - $< 3 \text{ mm}$
 - Longitudinal
 - Fatigue
 - Block



Two different treatments

- Crack sealing
 - Rout and Seal
 - Goal sealed year round
- Crack filling
 - Blow & Go, Clean & Seal
 - Cracks will open in winter
 - Reseal in warm weather



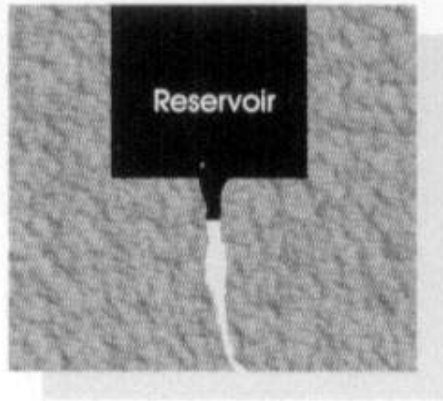
Crack Sealing

- In thermal cracks
- Routed reservoirs
- Pavements in good condition
 - > 20' transverse crack spacing, minor severity of other cracking
- Sealants that are flexible and extensible at lowest temperature encountered

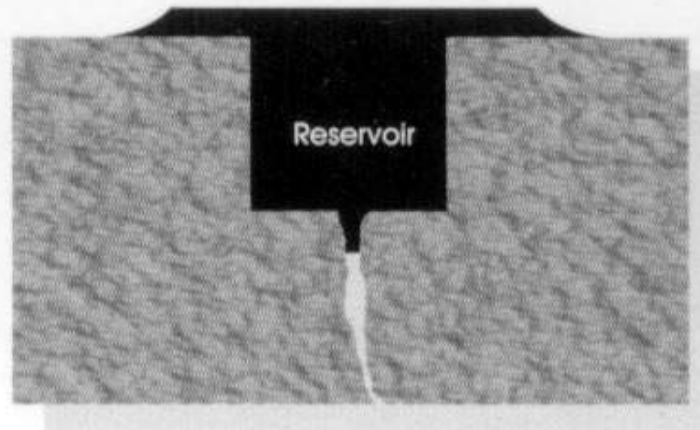
Thermal Crack



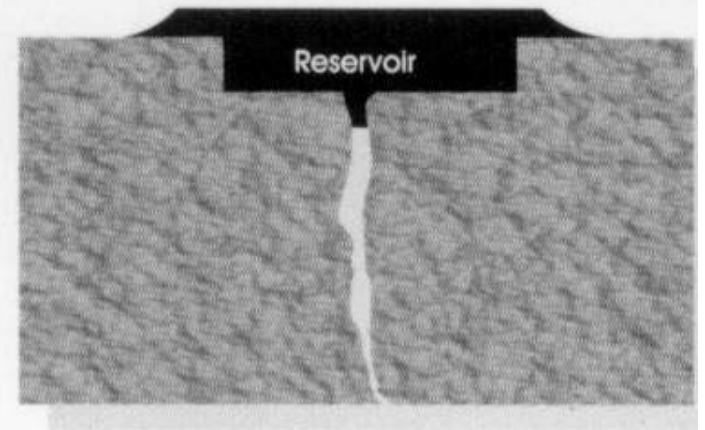
Rout Size Recommendation



Configuration A
Standard Reservoir-and-Flush



Configuration B
Standard Recessed Band-Aid

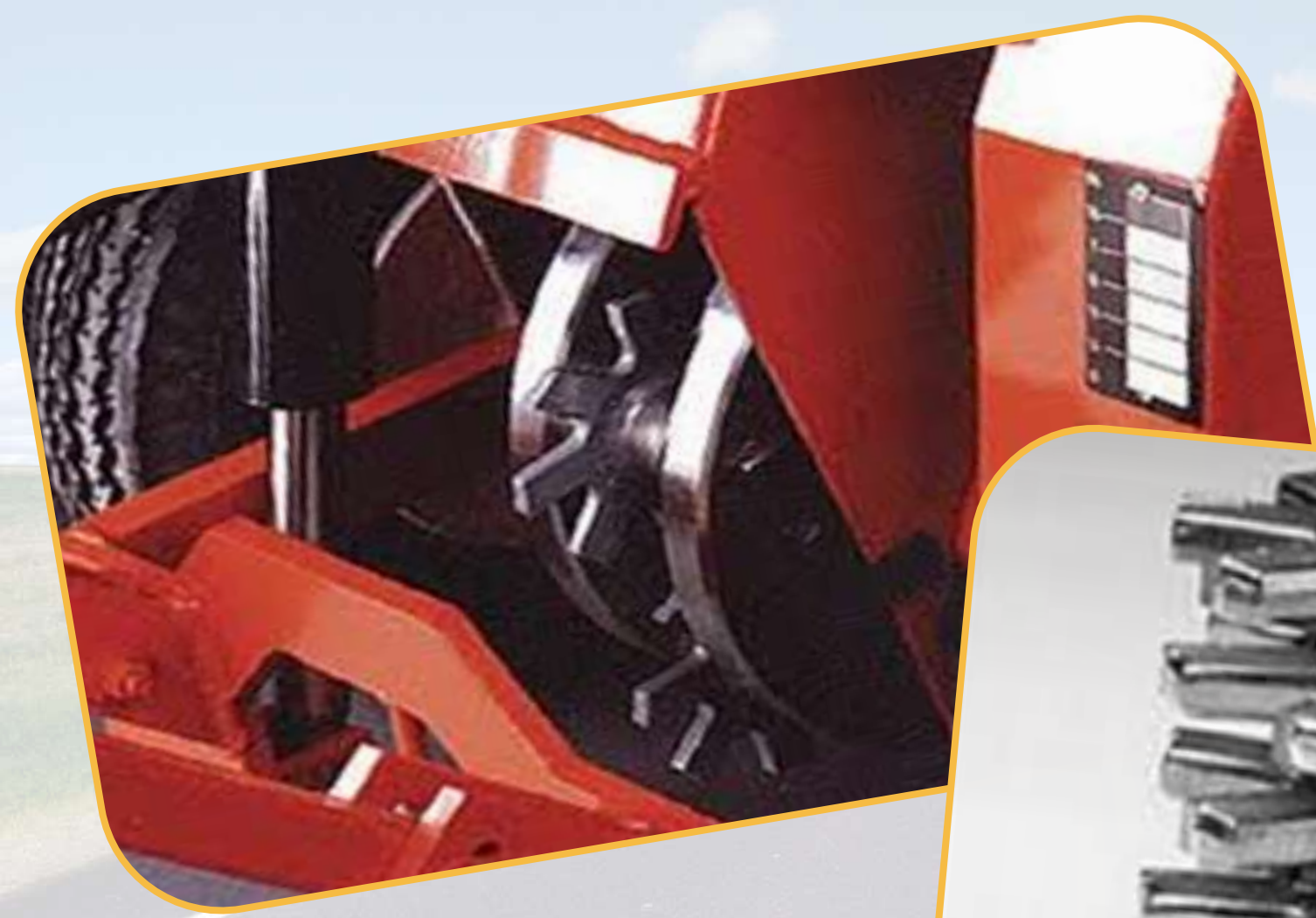


Configuration C
Shallow Recessed Band-Aid

Routing

- Rout at least 1/8" from each crack face
- Keep centered over crack
- Reduce spalling by using as many cutters as possible





Check Width & Depth



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Clean Debris



Clean reservoir









Melting Sealant

- Follow Manufacturer's recommendations
 - Recommended pouring temperature
 - Maximum temperature
 - # of heating cycles
 - How long
- Temperature at the end of wand
- Recommend sampling out of wand



MAXIMUM AIR PRESSURE -100 PSI

MAXIMUM AIR FLOW -180 CFM

MATERIAL
THERMOMETER



TANK OUTLET
VALVE

-TURN AIR OFF AT COMPRESSOR
BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO
CONNECT OR DISCONNECT AIR
HOSE TO AIR CLEANOUT PORT

-WEAR APPROVED FACE SHIELD

-NOTE

OPEN VALVE TO FULL
ON POSITION DURING
OPERATION

CLOSE



Single Fill Method Flush

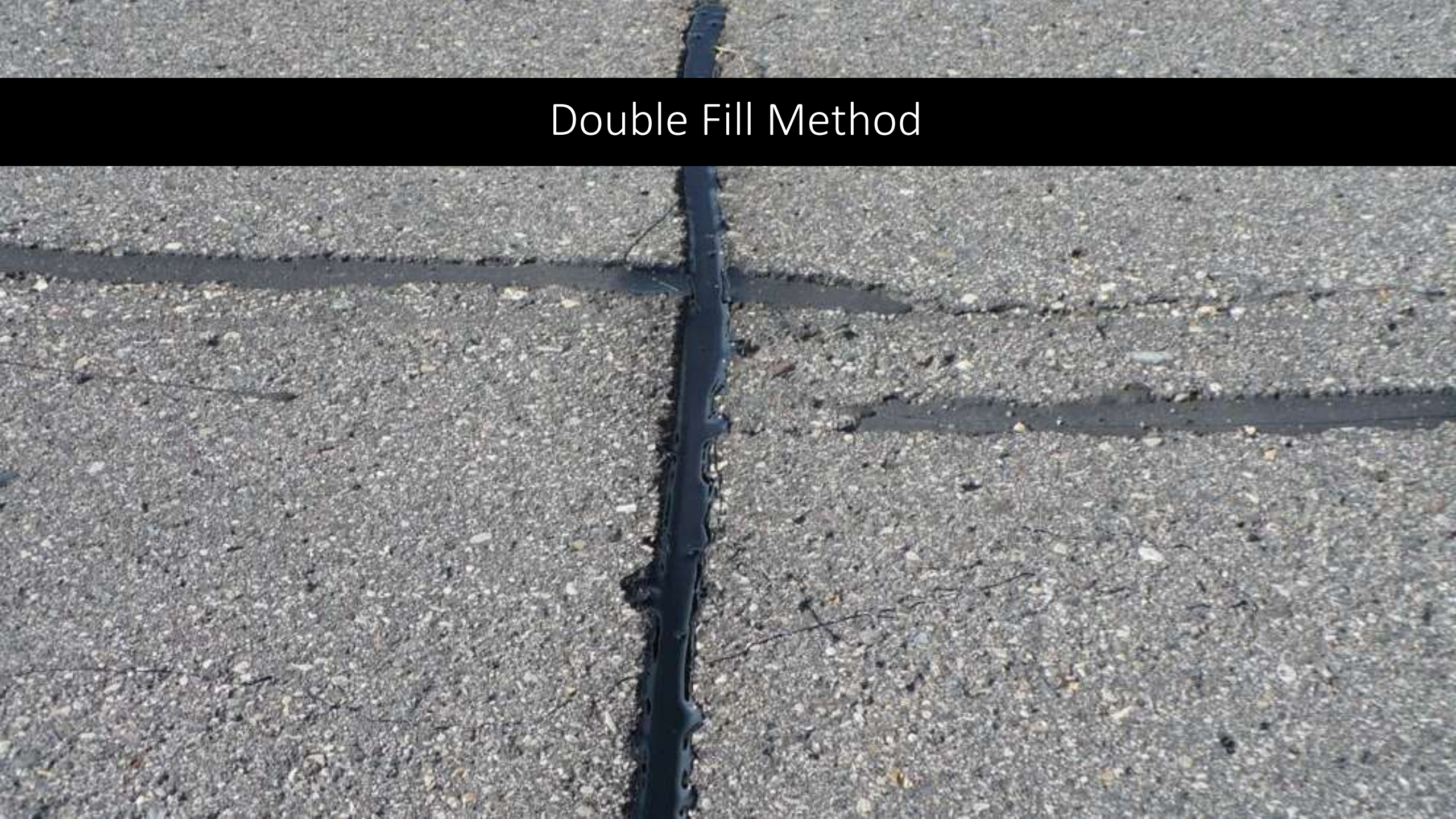




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Double Fill Method



Double Fill Method

- Flush filled with thin narrow OB
- 2 Kettles needed
- 1st fill reservoir $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ full
 - Allow couple minutes for sealant to cool and set
- 2nd finish filling reservoir and create OB



Crack Filling Treatment

- In longitudinal, block, fatigue and closely spaced transverse cracks (< 20' spacing)
- In wheel paths and high traffic areas
- Stiffer using more “traffic resistant” product
- Routed or non-routed reservoirs, over-band application

Crack Type – Longitudinal



Fatigue Crack



Not a Candidate for Crack Sealing



Pick Best Sealant for Climate

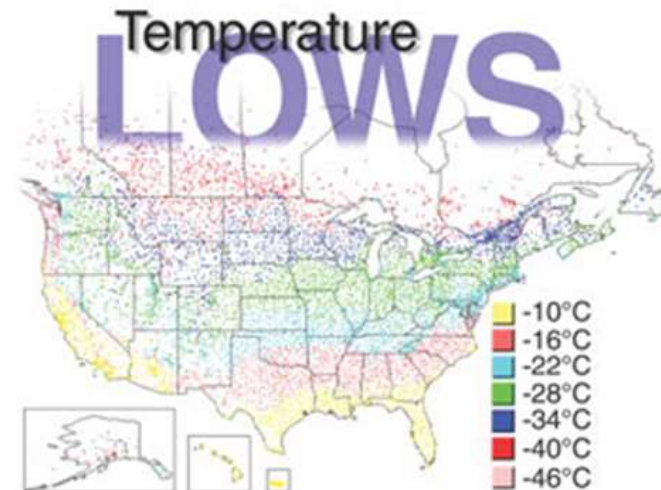
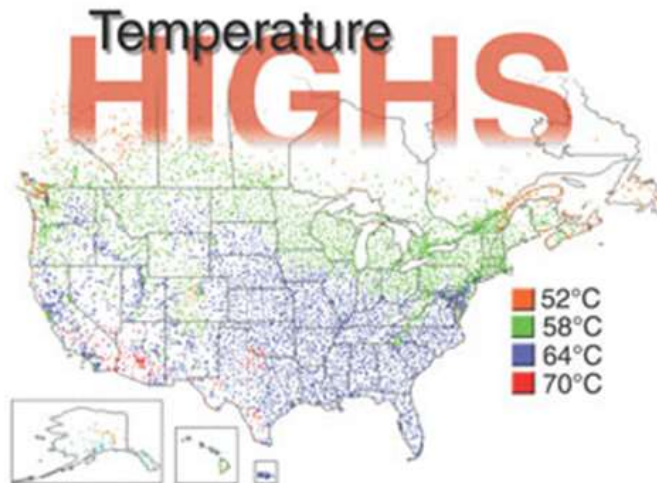
Three Step Sealant Selection

1 - Determine whether to **Crack Seal**, **Crack Fill** or **Joint Seal** by using the [Pavement Evaluation Guide](#) link below.

[PAVEMENT EVALUATION GUIDE](#)

2 - Select your **Temperature Model** by selecting the "**High**" and "**Low**" temperatures in your region using the temperature guide maps below.

3 - Cross reference the **high and low temperature** on the charts below to determine the proper sealant for your application. (Click on your selection)



Sealants

- Crumb rubber
 - Clean and seal
- Low modulus
 - Clean and seal
 - Rout and seal
- Extra low modulus
 - Rout and seal
 - Transverse cracks only!!!

Cohesive Failure



Adhesive Failure



Basic Needs for All Installations

- Clean - most important
- Dry
- Intact pavement
- Proper temperature (pavement 40°F and application of sealant at manufacturer's recommended temperature)

Cleaning Methods

- Routing - cuts new bonding surface
- Compressed air - sufficient pressure and velocity
- Vacuum - in combination with compressed air
- Heat lance - used to condition pavement

Clean Cracks

Dirty



Clean



Sealant Application – Over-band

- Maximum 1/8" thick
- Maximum 3/4" over-band on each side of crack
- Over-band – best performance (SHRP/FHWA)

Neat Application



Recommended Over-band Appearance (Non-Rout/Clean & Fill)



Not Recommended



Asking Water to Jump the Crack



Don't forget edge joints



Summary – Why Crack Treatment?

- Prevents water intrusion into subbase
- Prevents incompressible intrusion
- Improves ride quality smoothness
- Slows down pavement deterioration
- COST-EFFECTIVE

Questions?





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Thank You!



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