

# 2021 NORTH DAKOTA ASPHALT PAVING VIRTUAL MEETING

APRIL 6-7, 2021

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An aerial photograph of a vast, flat, brown landscape, likely a prairie or steppe. A multi-lane road winds through the center of the image, curving from the bottom left towards the middle right. The terrain is mostly flat with some subtle undulations and shadows. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is desolate and open.

**93 Counties**

**Population 1.92 Million**

**Cattle 6.64 Million**

**Land Mass of 77,421 sq miles**

**Approximately 10,000 miles of NDOT Roadways**

**Approximately 85% Asphalt and 15% Concrete**

# TIMELINE

1998

2008



1988

2010

2020

# TIMELINE

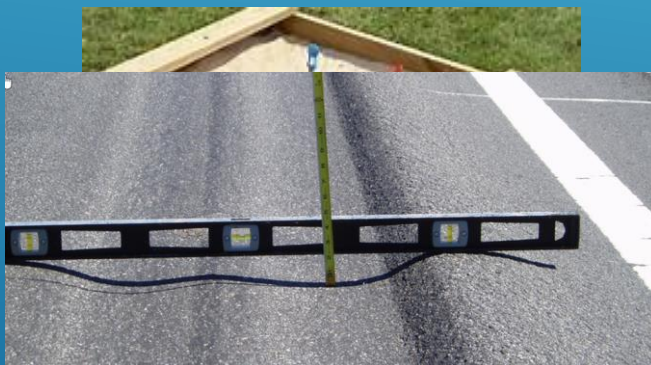
1988

Increasing  
Truck  
Volumes



1993

Higher Tire  
Pressures,  
Steel Wheels

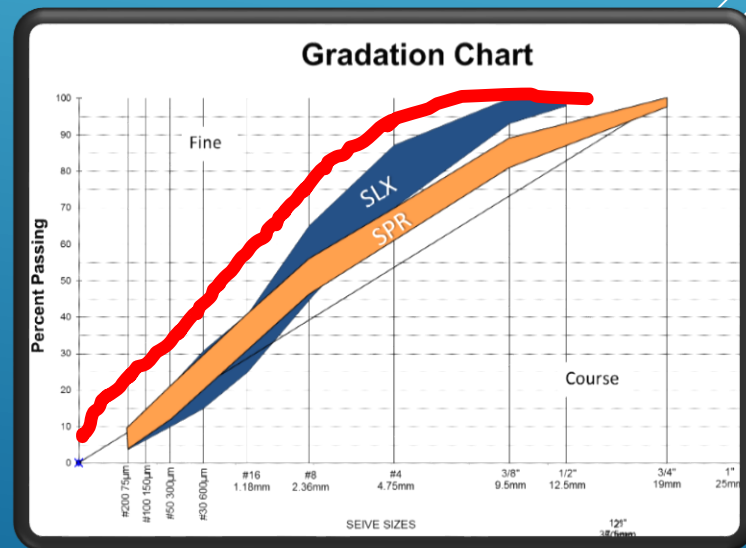


High  
Asphalt  
Mixes,  
Modified  
Binders Just  
Arriving on  
Market



1998

Low  
Angularity  
Low Dust  
Sandy,  
Marshall  
Mixes



# TIMELINE

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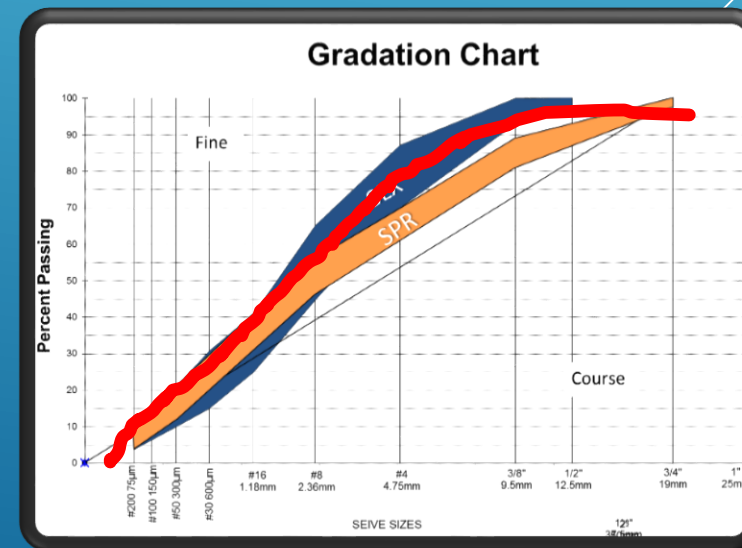
2008

Increased use of Polymer Modified Binders

High Angularity  
Highly Crushed  
Aggregates

Higher dust content and dust with angularity

Minimized Natural Sand Content and Coarser mixes



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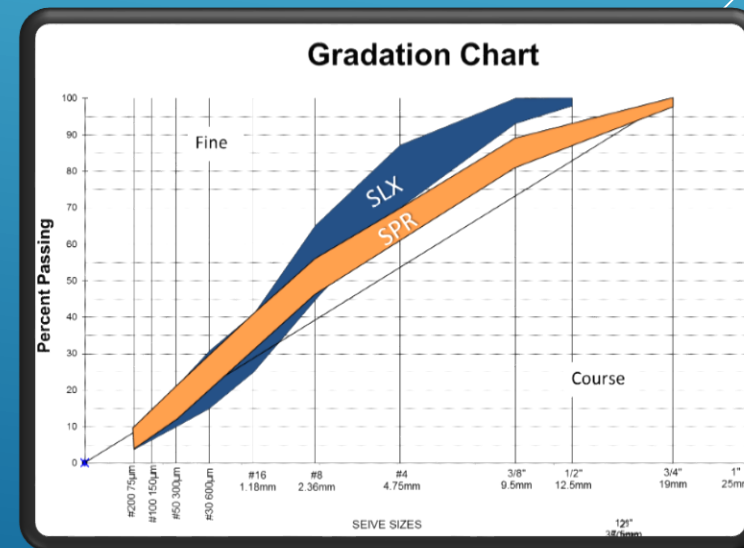
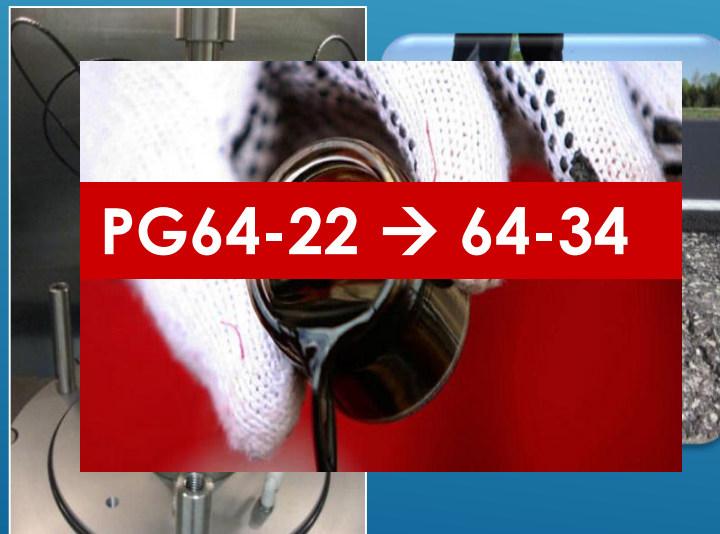
2020

Polymer and Binder Shortages Globally. Prices Tripled

Focus Design Ideology on RAP Optimization

While maintaining overall mix quality and much softer binder grades

Created SPR SPS SPH SRM SLX



# TIMELINE

2008

Millings  
Stockpiles  
scattered all  
around the  
state

As many as  
75 Large  
Stockpiles

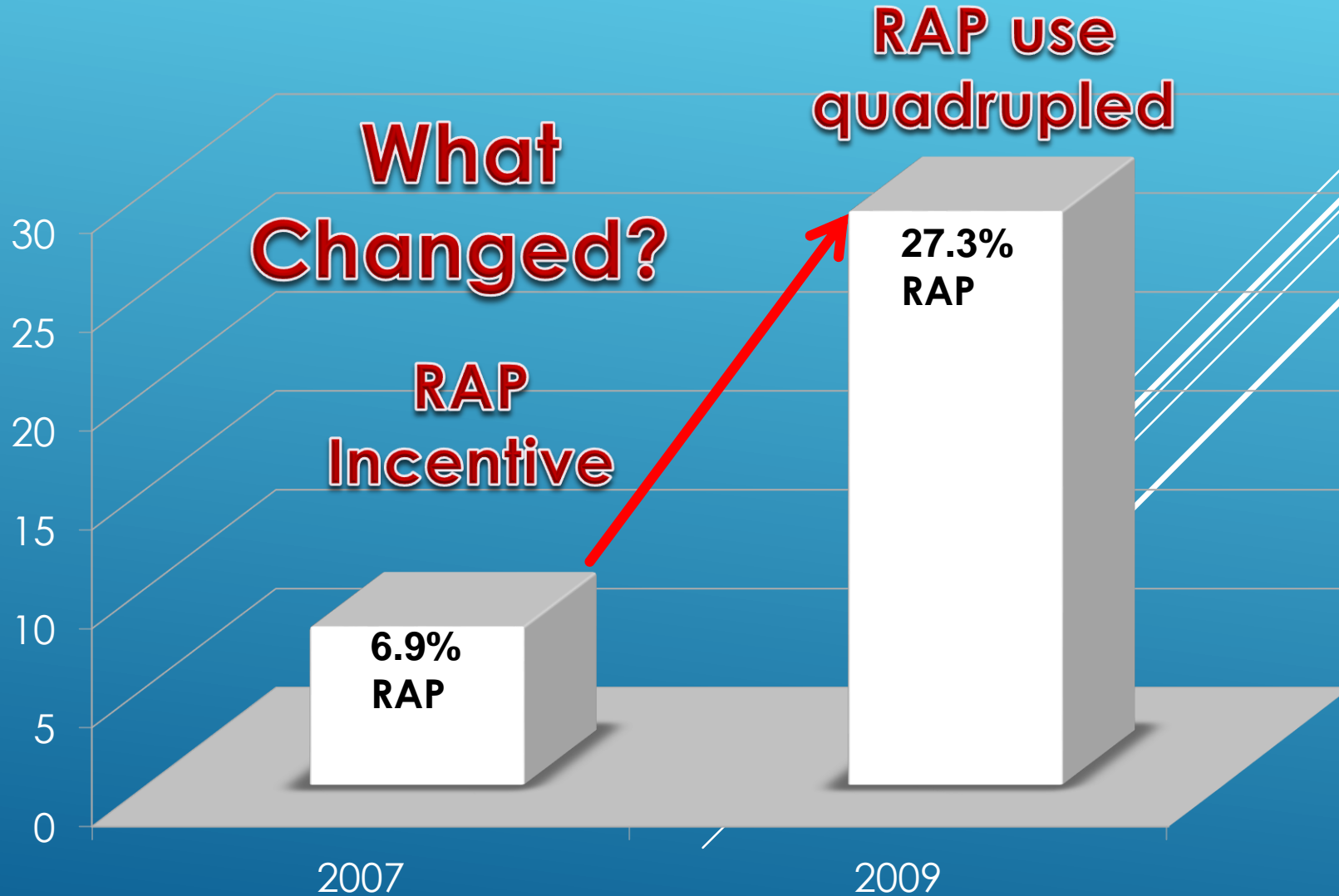
Referred to  
as  
'Mountains  
of Millings'

'Couldn't  
store any  
more, give it  
away.'

2020



# Average RAP Content

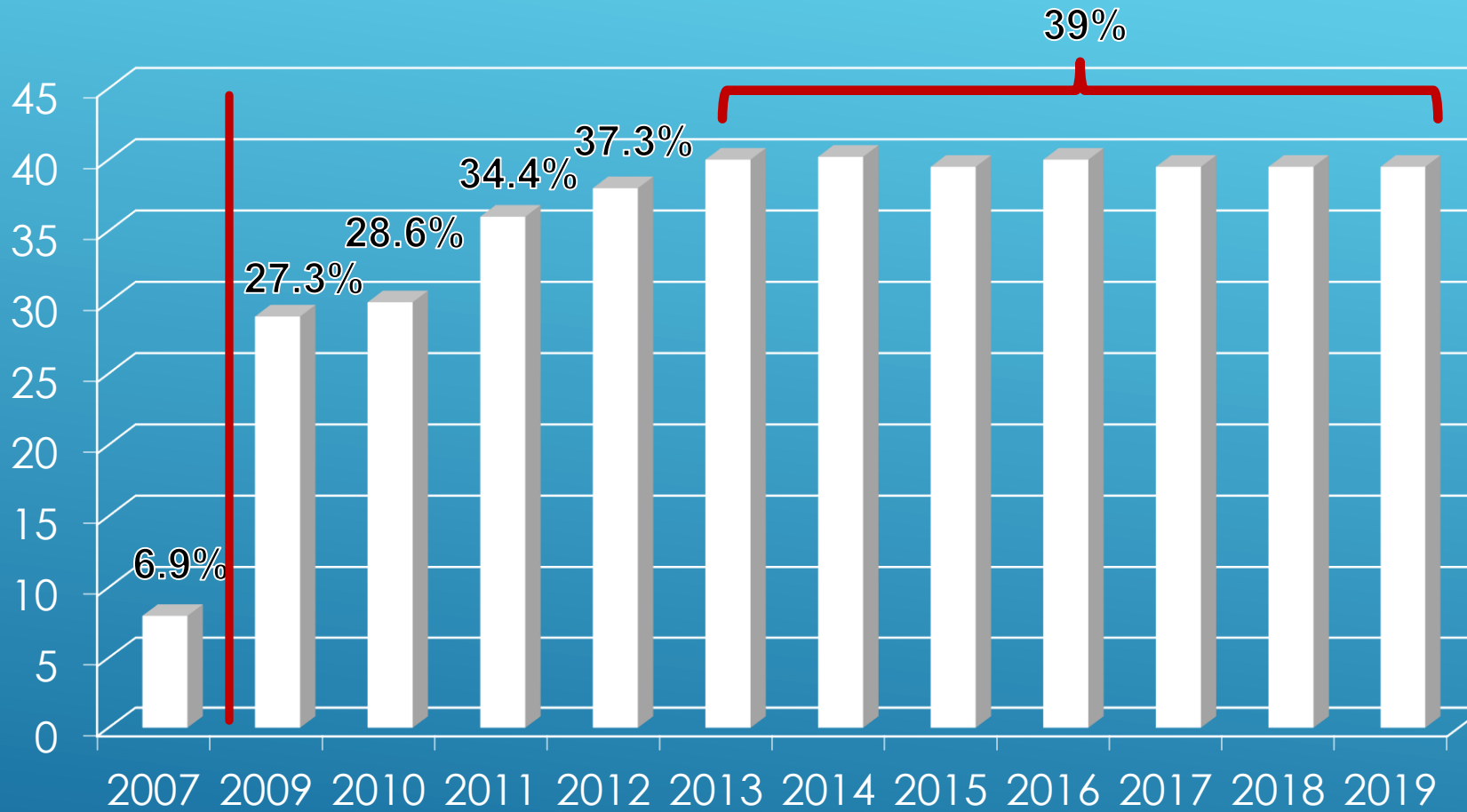


Share the binder cost savings

15% Contractor  
85% NDOT



# Average RAP Contents



# TIMELINE

2008

2020

37,279 feet = 7 Miles

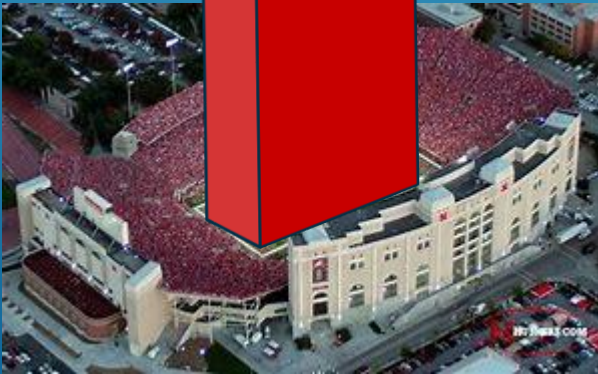
11 Million of aggregate

498,000 Tons of Asphalt binder equivalent to Refining 93 Million Barrels of Raw Crude

That is 124 loads of these Aframax Class Oil Freight Ships

Total Savings of \$458 M in binder and aggregate

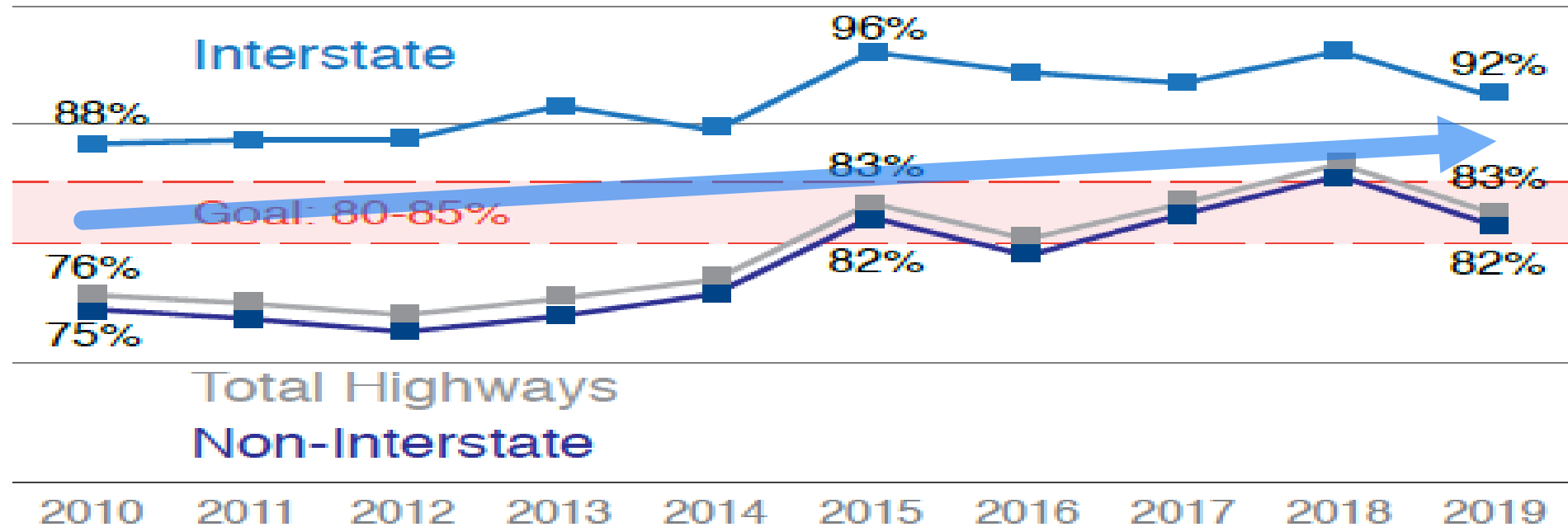
Averaging \$30 to 40 Million in savings every year



# SERVICEABILITY INDEX


Cracking  
Rutting  
IRI (smoothness)

## Percent of Miles at Least "Good" (NSI $\geq 70$ )



# POST CONSUMER CONTENT LABEL


- Began using in 2014
- In plan sets and Annual Report
- Show NDOT's and the Industry's commitment to recycling and environmental stewardship
- Based on quantities of Asphalt and Concrete and calculated recycled contents



|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| <u>Project Raw Materials (Tons)</u>                                  | 4,394,568    |
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| <u>Post Consumer Recycle Content</u>                                 | 35%          |
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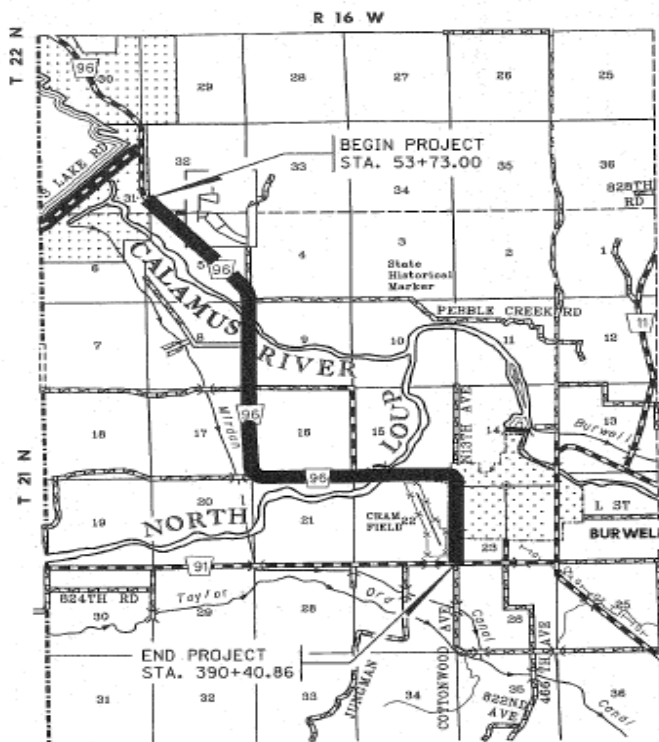


STATE OF NEBRASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
**BURWELL WEST**  
GARFIELD COUNTY

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| PROJECT NO.<br>RD-96-4(1001) | SHEET NO.<br>1 |
| ▲ CONTROL NO.<br>80709       |                |
| ▲ CONTROL NO.                |                |
| ■ CONTROL NO.                |                |

THE 2017 EDITION OF THE NEBRASKA STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLY TO THIS PROJECT.



STA. 117+72 TO STA. 156+91  
STA. 285+50 TO STA. 318+00

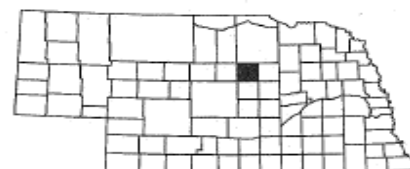
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|-----------------------|------|------|
| NEW OR RECONSTRUCTION |      |      |
| RURAL                 |      |      |
| TRAFFIC               |      |      |
| YEAR:                 | 2018 | 2038 |
| ADT:                  | 810  | 810  |
| DHW:                  | 220  | 220  |

STA. 334+68.29 TO STA. 378+73.44

| DESIGN DESIGNATION |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|
| 3R MUNICIPAL       |      |      |
| TRAFFIC            |      |      |
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| ADT:               | 810  | 810  |
| DHW:               | 220  | 220  |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| THE WORK ON THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF GROUPS 1-GRADING, 4-CULVERTS, 5-SEEDING, 6-BRIDGE, 6A-BRIDGE, 7-GUARDRAIL, 9-BITUMINOUS & 10-GENERAL |  |
| ▲ GROUPS 1, 4, 5, 6, 6A, 7, 9 & 10  | ARE INCLUDED IN THE LETTING OF February 28, 2019 |
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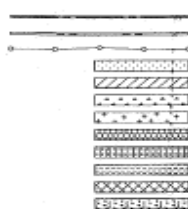
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|  | Project Raw Materials (Tons)<br>43,000                                  |
|  | Post Consumer Recycle Content in Project Raw Materials (Tons)<br>17,053 |
|  | Post Consumer Recycle Content<br>40%                                    |
|  | Estimated Value of Post Consumer Content Recycled<br>\$684,869          |

**CONVENTIONAL SIGNS**

- PERMANENT R.O.W. OR WIRE
- GUARDRAIL
- TRAVELED WAY
- DIKE
- CULVERT
- POWER POLE
- TELEPHONE POLE
- MAILBOX
- RAILROAD TRACKS
- MARSH
- TREE - CONIFEROUS
- TREE - DECIDUOUS

**R.O.W. LEGEND**

- NEW CONTROLLED ACCESS
- PREVIOUS CONTROLLED ACCESS
- RIGHTS OF CONSTRUCTION
- PREVIOUS R.O.W.
- NEW R.O.W.
- EXISTING PERMANENT EASEMENT
- TEMPORARY EASEMENT
- EXCESS TAKING
- PERMANENT EASEMENT
- EXISTING RAILROAD EASEMENT
- NEW RAILROAD PERMANENT EASEMENT
- NEW RAILROAD TEMPORARY EASEMENT



REFERENCE POST NO. 13+55 TO REFERENCE POST NO. 20+02

EXCEPTIONS: FROM STA. TO STA.

TOTAL NET LENGTH OF PROJECT: 33,667.86 FEET 6.317 MILES



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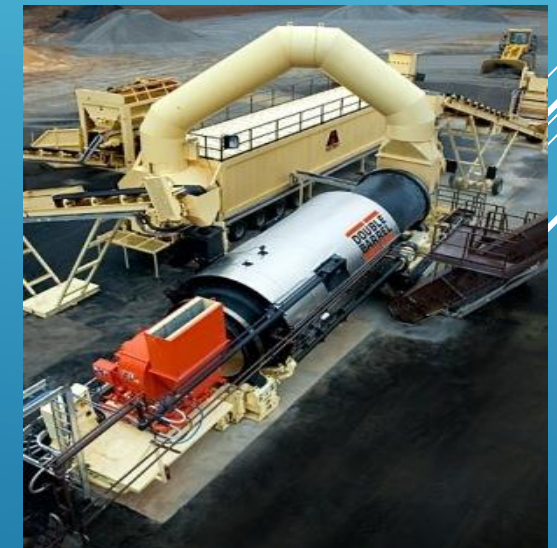


How do we get there ?

1. Mix Design Changes



2. Plant Modifications





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## Mix Design Changes



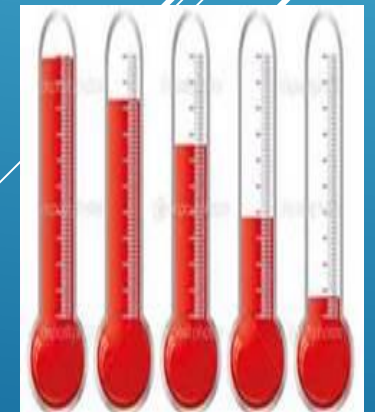
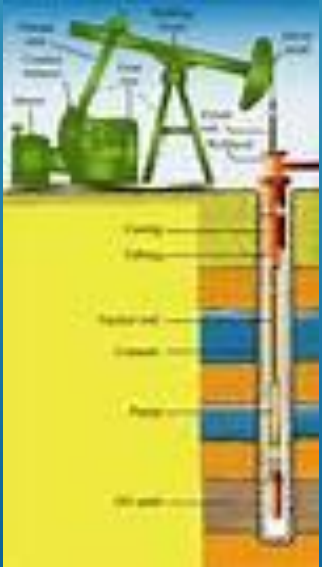
1. Softer binders PGXX-34
2. Lower Air Voids @ Ndes = 1.5 to 2.5 %
3. VMA Allowances
4. Dust to Asphalt Ratios
5. Minus #200 Material

# BINDERS

## Mix Design Changes



1. Stiff RAP Binder PG86-16
2. High Temp is already covered
3. Low Temp needs repair -34 grades
4. 58-34 and 64-34's (both contain polymer)
5. We use Warm Mix Additives at min. 0.7% in all mixes



# AIR VOIDS

## Mix Design Changes



1. Lower Air Voids @  $N_{des} = 1.5$  to 2.5
2. Higher Density & Less Permeable
3. Higher Strength
4. Typically more dust

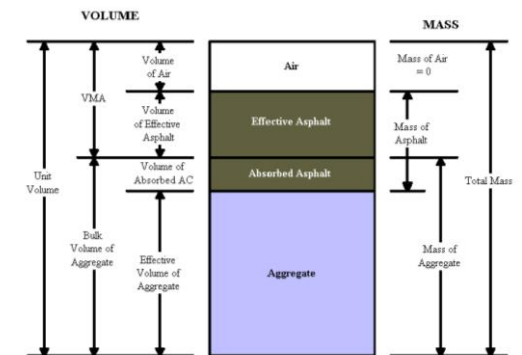


FIGURE 1 Component Diagram of Compacted Hot-Mix Asphalt Sample

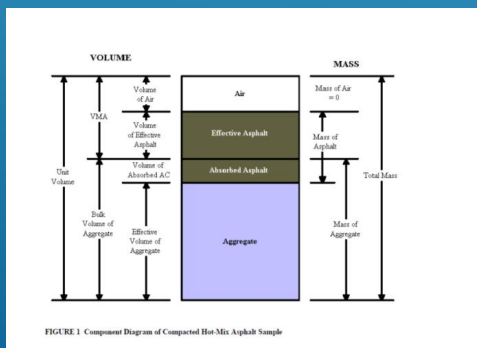
# VMA

## Mix Design Changes



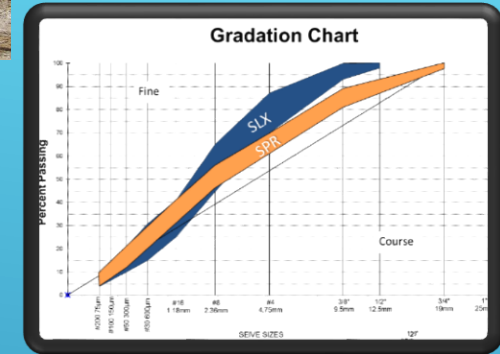
1. VMA Calc → Big Problem
2. With 50% RAP ignition oven
3. Gravity is largely affected → Lowered
4. Lowers calculated VMA by up to 3%

- Fixed Gravity Value for aggregate
- Backcalculate from Gse
- Go to minimum binder or film thickness

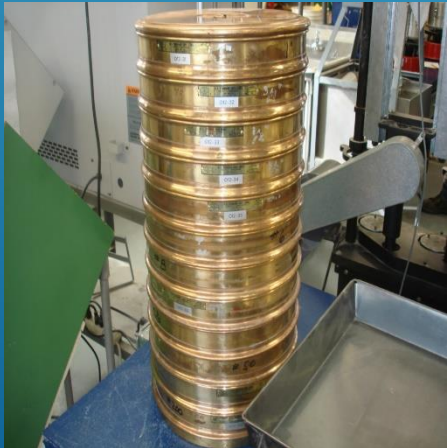


**DUST –  
Minus  
#200  
Material**

**Mix Design Changes**



1. RAP millings have more #200 sieve
2. Widened grading band to allow minus #200
3. VMA Allowances – Dust as binder extender
4. Dust to Asphalt Ratios spec at 0.6 to 1.6
5. Minus #200 material metered at plant



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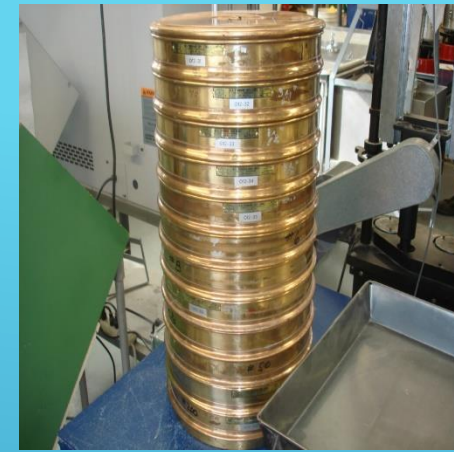
## Plant Modifications

1. Stockpile management
2. #200 Sieve Material Management
3. Variable Frequency Drive Motors
4. Dual RAP Bins
5. Screening Units/Grizzly
6. RAP Processing



**STOCKPILE  
MANAGEMENT**

## Plant Modifications



1. Stockpile care
2. Run Gradations and Binder Contents
3. Lot of immediate or 'hand to mouth' RAP use



**#200  
MATERIAL**

## Plant Modifications



1. Metered fines from baghouse with Silo
2. Drop Dust from Plant

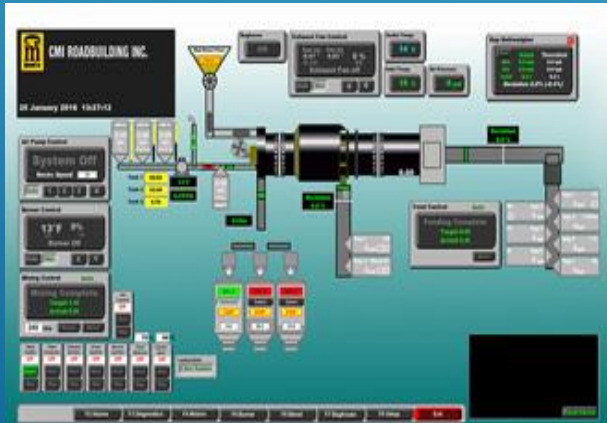
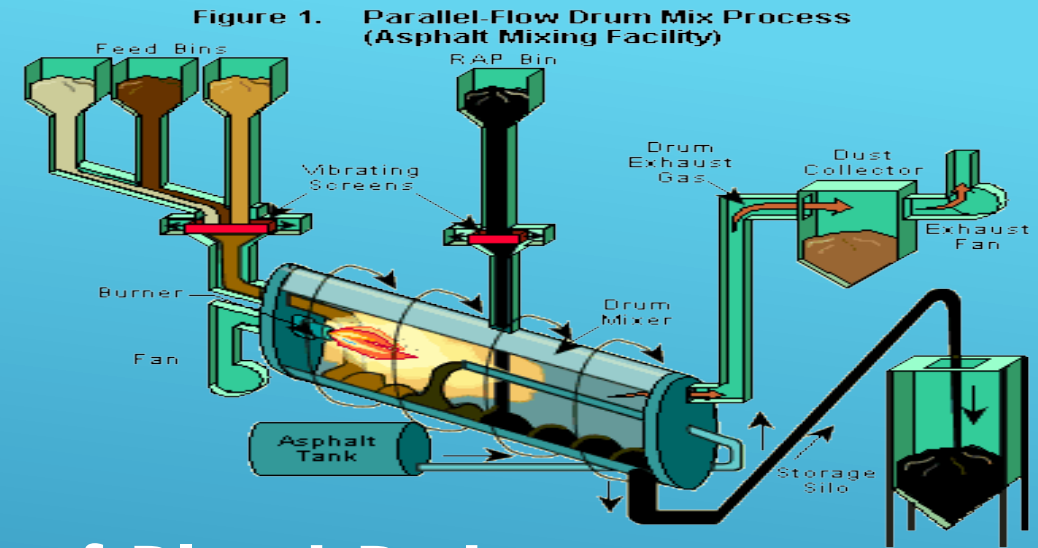




# VFD PLANT CONTROLS

## Plant Modifications

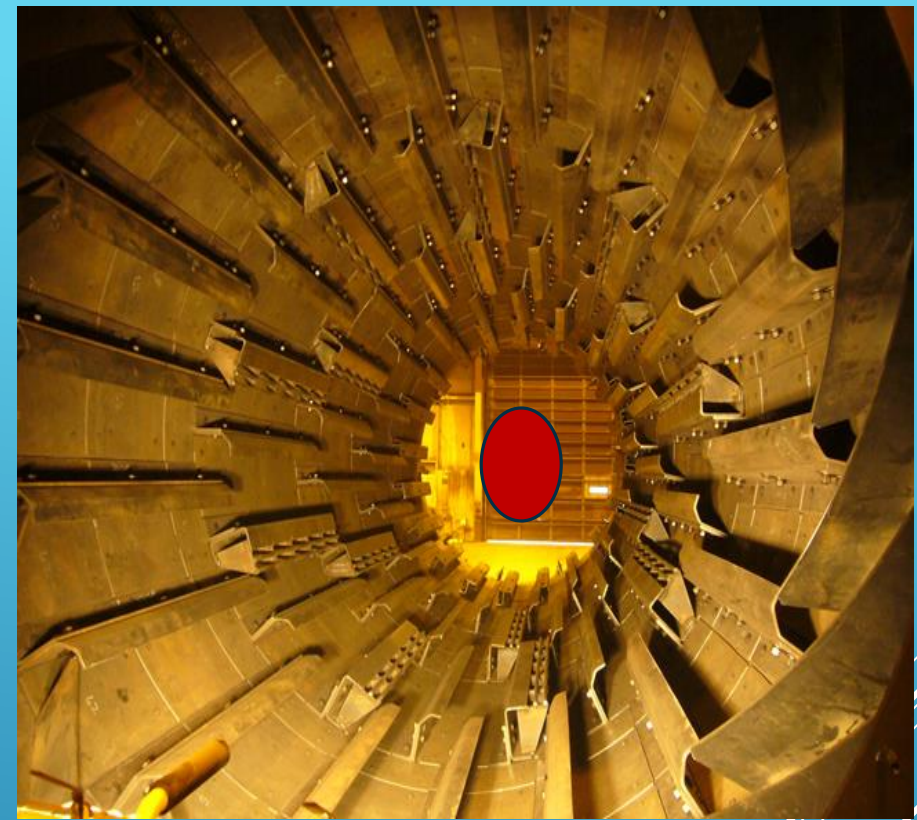
1. Precision Control of Plant Rate
2. Drum
3. Baghouse exhaust
4. Cold Feed Bins
5. RAP Bins



# VFD's FLIGHTS & VEILING

## Plant Modifications

1. Flight changes
2. To Superheat 50% Virgin
3. Drum Plants max 50-65% RAP
4. Batch Plants max 35% RAP





# DUAL RAP BINS

## Plant Modifications

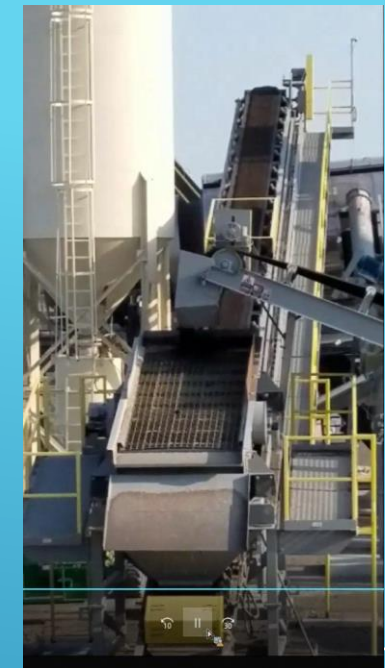


1. Dual RAP Bins – only the last couple years
2. Better handles large volume 50% RAP
3. Feed 2 Different RAP's – Gradation/Binder



# SCREENING UNITS

## Plant Modifications



1. Selection of Sizes and Types
2. Sometimes 2 screens in a series



# RAP PROCESSING


## Plant Modifications

1. Best Mill and straight to plant
2. Preprocess/Crush/Screen – Gator or Screen
3. Fractionate – We Don't yet



Tim Achenbach Meeting Room (RAP Site Visit) - Adobe Connect

**HONEY BADGER RAP CRUSHER**  
STANDARD FEATURES



**INTERNAL WEAR LINERS**


- Replaceable AR abrasion-resistant steel wear liners.
- Consistently sized.

**PULVERIZING HOPPER**

- 1/2" steel pulverizing hopper with structural steel sub-base.
- Heavy duty rotor assembly including:
  - Premium grade 3" cast tungsten carbide impregnated hammers.
  - Precision machined drive shaft.
  - 3/4" rotor disks.
  - Grease lubricated pillow block bearings.
- Heavy duty abrasion-resistant steel grate to properly size material.
  - Relieved anti-plugging design.
  - Variety of sizes available.

**2-WAY POWERPACK**

- Bi-directional rotational operation.
- Hydraulically actuated pulverizing hopper opens for easy interior access.
- 2-way valve hydraulic power pack.
  - Added safety "controlled close" of pulverizing hopper top.



How Long  
Does it Take ?

Together you could do some this year

Do some recycling  
& save some money



# Today's Typical Mix Design

- Over 1000 of these mixes produced
- Comprising approx. 20 million tons
- No Failures

Project Manager: James Johnson  
 Project No: STP-92-1(124)  
 Name of Road: N-92, Wyoming State Line East  
 Type of Asphalt Concrete: SPR  
 Design No: 2021-1

Date: 02/26/21 Approved

**ASPHALT BINDER**  
 Source: Suncor  
 Grade: PG 58H-34 w/0.7% AD-here  
 ArrMaz Ultra 1

| GRADATION OF MATERIALS PROPOSED |    |                          |     |     |     | SIEVE ANALYSIS (WASH) |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| MATERIAL                        | %  | PIT LOCATION             |     |     |     | 19.0                  | 12.5  | 9.50  | 4.75 | 2.36 | 1.18 | 600  | 300  | 75   |  |
|                                 |    | 1/4                      | SEC | T   | R   | 3/4"                  | 1/2"  | 3/8"  | #4   | #8   | #16  | #30  | #50  | #200 |  |
| 3/4" Rock                       | 10 | Martin Marietta Guernsey |     |     |     | 100.0                 | 72.0  | 41.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 1.0  |  |
| 3A Crushed Gravel               | 40 | SE                       | 12  | 21N | 54W | 100.0                 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.4 | 68.4 | 45.6 | 29.6 | 18.2 | 7.1  |  |
| 2A Gravel                       | 5  | SE                       | 12  | 21N | 54W | 100.0                 | 98.0  | 94.0  | 75.0 | 30.0 | 12.0 | 9.0  | 3.0  | 1.0  |  |
| RAP                             | 45 | On Project               |     |     |     | 100.0                 | 95.2  | 88.9  | 77.1 | 55.4 | 40.2 | 27.6 | 17.1 | 5.8  |  |
| <b>COMBINED GRADATION</b>       |    |                          |     |     |     | 100.0                 | 94.9  | 88.8  | 77.0 | 54.1 | 37.2 | 25.0 | 15.4 | 5.6  |  |
| <b>SPECIFICATION RANGE</b>      |    |                          |     |     |     | 98                    |       | 81    |      | 46   |      |      | 12   | 4    |  |
|                                 |    |                          |     |     |     | 100                   |       | 98    |      | 56   |      |      | 21   |      |  |

| JOB MIX IDENTIFICATION |       |  |  |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|
| JMF #                  | 8     |  |  |
| TOTAL BINDER           | 5.20% |  |  |

| CONSENSUS PROPERTIES |       | FAA SP.GR. |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| FAA Results          | 43.5  | 2.585      |
| CAA Results          | 95    |            |
| Dust to Asph. Ratio  | 1.08  |            |
| Design Gsb           | 2.585 |            |

Addition of 2.89% of type PG 58H-34 asphalt binder for a total of 5.20% (by wt.of mix) has been selected by the contractor to be the target asphalt binder content.

No Hydrated Lime will be necessary for this design due to the use of 0.7% AD-here Ultra 1.

This constitutes verification of the job-mix gradation and superpave criteria values proposed by the contractor. If it is necessary to change the job mix either before or after the job starts, including the asphalt binder %, the contractor shall notify the P.E. / P.M.

cc: Werner Construction, Inc.  
 Jerry Isom  
 Andy Dearmont  
 Robert Rea ✓

REMARKS: Please use a +0.1% correction for the asphalt binder content during construction. RR/jp

Validated by Robert C. Rea & Materials and Research Division  
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THANK YOU !

ANY QUESTIONS ?



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