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## THE IMPACT OF EMULSIONS IN PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

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### IBEF International Bitumen Emulsion Federation ibef.net

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## IBEF

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International Bitumer Emulsion Federation

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#### Introduction and Vision

Introduction: The International Bitumen Emulsion Federation is member driven federation of association membership represented by thirteen regular members associations.

AEMA – USA	AfPA – Australia	AMAAC – Mexico	ABEDA – Brazil
ATEB – Spain	FBS – Germany	HAPA – Hungary	JEAA – Japan
PAPA – Poland	REA – United Kingdom	Sabita – South Africa	SFERB – France

SITEB – Italy , along with twenty-one associate members.

Vision: The International Bitumen Emulsion Federation is the recognized and acknowledged international reference for bitumen emulsion technology enhancement and information exchange.



## **IBEF**

#### Mission

International Bitumer Emulsion Federation

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Promote the efficient, effective, and safe use of bitumen emulsions as viable solution for road maintenance throughout the World.

Collect market information and promotional material used in various emulsionproducing countries and disseminating it for the benefit of all.

Exchange technical information and best practices on standardization, safety standards, production and use of bitumen emulsions.

Actively seek opportunities with existing platforms at international and local levels to provide representation and be the voice for the Bitumen Emulsion Industry.

Conduct periodic worldwide technical symposiums dedicated to bitumen emulsions.

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## **PAVEMENT 101**

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### **PAVEMENT 101 – PAVEMENT DESIGN**



Modern pavements design relies on the premise that the underlying subgrade can support design traffic load if the subgrade is kept dry.

Perpetual pavements are designed to carry expected traffic loads, ensuring the subgrade is preserved and that distresses such as cracking and rutting occur only in the surface. Pavement preservation is a functional element to performance and longevity of well-designed pavements.



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## **PAVEMENT 101 – PAVEMENT DETERIORATION**

### Asphalt pavements deteriorate in two ways:



Oxidizing effects of sun and water



Fatigue from heavy wheel loads



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## **PAVEMENT 101 – PAVEMENT DETERIORATION**

### Impact of Sun and Water



Thermal degradation from continuous exposure to direct sunlight degrades the pavement surface allowing ingress of water into the pavement structure.

Water weakens the soil beneath the pavement while traffic applies the loads that stress the pavement past the breaking point.

Eventually the pavement begins to express fatigue in the form of cracking followed by lose of pavement between cracks leading to pavement failure.



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### **PAVEMENT 101 – PAVEMENT DETERIORATION**

### **Impact of Heavy Loads**



Traffic is also a major contributor to pavement deterioration. Combined with degradation from the sun and water effects, traffic accelerates pavement deterioration.

Insufficient pavement structure to support traffic demand is always a concern, normal deterioration due to traffic is to be expected.



### **PAVEMENT DETERIORATION CYCLE**





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## **EVALUATION OF PAVEMENTS: PCI**



Developed by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers during World War II and standardized by ASTM, the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is an objective and rational basis for determining pavement condition and establishing maintenance priorities.

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### **EVALUATION OF PAVEMENTS: PCI**





## **PAVEMENT PRESERVATION**

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## **PAVEMENT PRESERVATION / PRESERVATIÓN DEL PAVIMENTO**

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### **PAVEMENT PRESERVATION TIMING**

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### **PAVEMENT PRESERVATION CONCEPT**



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## PAVEMENT PRESERVATION MATERIALS

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## **BITUMEN/ASPHALT BINDERS**

Two common forms of bitumen/asphalt binder used in pavements construction. Hot-Asphalt and Liquid-Asphalt

#### Liquid Bitumen: Cutback and Emulsified Bitumen

Cutback and emulsified bitumen are called liquid bitumen because they are liquid at ambient temperatures.

**Cutback bitumen** is made by adding a diluent (typically a petroleum distillate) to refined bitumen.

Cutback bitumen has been reported to be used in road construction since the 1800s. The 1930s saw major expansion of cutback bitumen use.

**Emulsified bitumen** a mixture of two normally immiscible components (bitumen and water) and an emulsifying agent (soap is an example) was placed in 1903, the first bitumen emulsion patent was filed in 1906.

Use of bitumen emulsions has grown considerably over the past century.

#### **Liquid Bitumen Products**

Gasoline or Naphtha	Kerosene	Slowly Volatile & Non-Volatile Oils	Water And Emulsifier	Water And Emulsifier
Bitumen	Bitumen	Bitumen	Bitumen	RC, MC, or SC Liquid Bitumen
Rapid Curing (RC)	Medium Curing (MC)	Slow Curing (SC) Road Oils	Bitumen Emulsion	Inverted Emulsified Bitumen







## THE COMMON TREND IS REDUCTION OF CUTBACK USAGE

- Engineers and environmentalists are concerned with the use of cutback bitumen for three primary reasons: environmental issues, fire hazards and potential health risks posed to construction workers.
- Since 2016, jurisdictions in CN and the US have adopted practices to reduce VOC emissions from the road construction sector. This involves restrictions on use of cutback bitumen or prohibition of use.
- Canada: In 2017 CN issued a Code of practice for reduction of VOC emissions from cutback and emulsified bitumen. Reduction of VOC emissions by at least 40% over a six-year period.
- Mexico: In MX use of cutback is allowed, and is included in the Mexican specifications, however, there is limited to no current use. PEMEX ceased production; private concerns produced with several safety issues. Emulsified bitumen filled the void with a switch to emulsified bitumen in the early 1990s.
- Nordic Region: "In the Nordic region the use of cutbacks has been reduced from about 10 kt in 2010 to virtually nothing in 2021." Source Nynas.
- France: Surface dressing is now around 140 million sq.m per annum, out of which not more than 10 to 15% using cutback (fluxed) bitumen (high flash point cutter; no kerosene). The main reason for using cutback bitumen is resistance to change by road agencies and contractors.
- New Zealand: Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency changing procurement of hot cutback bitumen to use of bitumen emulsion in highway sealing operations Technical advice note #21-07 <sup>(11 June 21)</sup>.



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## **EMULSION ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANTAGES**

Less energy consumption which is a major part of the cost borne by the road industry.

Saving energy therefore means costs savings that will be transferred to the owner's and to the global community.

• Fuel or gas savings will result in a reduction in  $CO_2$  emissions.

✤ No negative influence on HSE compared to standard bitumen.

- Extending the service life of the end product in which emulsion is used is a critical tool for reducing the environmental impact of bitumen.
- To maximize emulsion's service life, the correct design, use and planned maintenance is necessary especially for roads.



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## PAVEMENT PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES

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## **CRACK SEALING**

- Routine Maintenance
- Cleaning and Sealing
- Prevents intrusion of water and incompressible materials.
  - Retards deterioration
  - Retards cupping deformantion
  - May extend life by 3 to 4 years



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## **EMULSION PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ALTERNATIVES**

The six most common bitumen emulsion techniques include:

Prime Coats/Tack Coats Seal Coats (Fog Seal, Rejuvenating Fog Seals, etc.) Surface Treatments (Chip Seal, Double Chip Seal, Scrub Seal etc.) Cold-Mix Slurry Surfacing/Cape Seal Micro Surfacing

Agencies may use different versions of these techniques and combinations of different techniques in multiple layers.

Innovations in Bitumen Emulsion applications.



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Prime Coats: priming with modified rejuvenation emulsion (scrub)

**Tack Coats**: Mohammad, L. N. (2012). *Optimization of tack coat for HMA placement* (Vol. 712). Transportation Research Board. (NCHRP 9-64)

Trackless Tack – "Hard Bitumen Emulsion" – dual spray bars (COLAS)







#### **Surface Treatments:**

- Fog Seal
- Rejuvenating Fog Seal
- Chip Seal Standard
- Chip Seal Modified
- Chip Seal High Float
- Multi-layer Chip Seal
- Chip and Fog





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### **FOG SEAL**

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### Light application of diluted, slow-setting asphalt emulsion without aggregate cover

- Seals pavement
- ✤ Inhibits raveling
- Enriches hardened/oxidized asphalt
- Provides delineation with shoulder









#### Seal Coats: Chemical and Pickering (particle stabilized) Emulsions







## **BITUMEN EMULSION ALTERNATIVES – SURFACE TREATMENT**

## Surface treatments are typically used to:

- Seal cracks
- Waterproof surface
- Improve friction
- Improve rideability
- Rejuvenate surface







## Scrub-Seal

#### Polymer Modified Rejuvenator Provides:

- Surface Seal
- Crack Fill
- Corrects severe pavement distress
- Rejuvenation
- Renews surface friction
- Extends pavement life by 5-7 years
- Can be used as an interlayer





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## **Chip Seal**

#### Application of asphalt and aggregate chips rolled onto the pavement

- Seals pavement
- Enriches hardened/oxidized asphalt
- Retards reflective cracking on HMA overlays
- Improves surface friction





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## **Slurry Seal**

#### *Mixture of well-graded aggregate & slow setting asphalt emulsion*

- Type I: Seals surface cracks
- Type II: Corrects raveling/oxidation
- Type III: Fills minor surface irregularities and restores friction





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## Microsurfacing

*Mixture of high-quality aggregates and polymermodified emulsion binder* 

- Inhibits raveling and surface oxidation
- Improves surface friction
- Fills ruts/minor surface irregularities
- Seals pavement surface





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### Highly Modified Asphalt (HiMA) Microsurfacing

Innovative technique using asphalt binder modified with > 6% SBS polymer

- Conventional Microsurfacing equipment
- High temperature tolerant
- More damage resistant
- Residential and commercial preferred





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**Cold Mix**: in remote areas and to continue paving during nonattainment periods.





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## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

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## SUMMARY

- Increased traffic loads demands longer lasting pavements, proper design and preservation are key. Triple Bottomline!
- Environmental demands are setting the stage for future materials and paving concepts.
- Pavement maintenance and preservation are key to success of pavement longevity.
- Asphalt emulsions offer the widest variety of materials and techniques to meet current and future demands.





## **BITUMEN EMULSION USE WORLDWIDE**

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## Resources

- https://savemyroad.com/
- https://www.ibef.net/es
- <u>https://roadresource.org/</u>
- https://www.aema.org/
- https://www.slurry.org/

## THANK YOU

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