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# 2024 Nebraska Asphalt Paving Workshop

Best Practices of Inspection and Construction for Asphalt Paving, Compaction, and Plant Operations

# Learning Objectives

- Evaluate pavement distress and select repair treatment for given scenarios
- Describe best practices for patching
- Name reasons for leveling applications
- Name reasons for performing milling
- Discuss the benefits of milling
- Review milling equipment
- Understand the different milling drums and their uses



"The performance of asphalt pavements under traffic is directly related to the condition of the surface on which the pavement layers are placed."

HMA Handbook 2000





















# Surface Preparation to Overlay an Existing Asphalt Pavement

### **Good Condition**

## **Poor Condition**







# **Asphalt Surface Preparation**



National Center for Asphalt Technology NCAT

# **Pavement Surface Repairs Must**



Address the distress mechanism (as well as symptoms)

 Employ proper materials and construction procedures



# Is this old patch, okay?





# Patch Construction

- 1. Mark patch boundaries
- 2. Cut boundaries
- 3. Remove Asphalt and weak materials
- 4. Repair foundation
- 5. Apply tack coat
- 6. Place Asphalt patch material
- 7. Compact the patch



# Clearly mark patch boundaries





# Remove weak material



## Back Hoe



## Milling Machine



# Remove weak material



## A demo saw may be used



# **Repair Foundation**



Compact base material

Replace if weak or yielding



# Address Drainage Problems





# Tack Vertical Faces





# What's wrong with these?







# Asphalt Patch Examples





## Poor



Good



# Crack Sealing

- 1. Purposes
- 2. Sealant materials
- 3. Stepwise process
  - Remove old sealant
  - Rout crack?
  - Clean (air blast or hot-air lance)
  - Apply sealant
- 4. Sealing vs. filling
- 5. Pros and cons



# Good Candidate for Crack Sealing?



# Poor Candidates for Crack Sealing



## **Cracks Too Narrow**

## Crack Severity Too High





# **Typical Sealant Application**



# Potential Problem with Crack Sealing











# **Applications for Leveling Course**

- Restore cross-slope
- Correct rutting
- Improve smoothness









# ROUGH

# Asphalt Milling is...



The controlled surface removal of existing pavement to a desired depth





# Asphalt Milling Applications

- Conventional Milling
- Fine Milling
- Micro Milling



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# **Types of Asphalt Milling**



## Conventional

**Fine Milling** 

## Micro Milling



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# Conventional Mill vs. Micro-Mill

## **Conventional Drum**



## Micro-Mill Drum





# **Reasons for Surface Milling**

- Remove surface distress
- Restore cross-slope
- Shift grade control point
- Maintain curb reveal
- Improve bond
- Improve smoothness
- Conserve natural resources





# Effect of Milling Speed on Texture





# **Evaluation of Micro-Milled Surface**



408.03(c) and (d)





# Scabbing



### How would you handle this?

Mill deeper?

Slow down forward speed of milling machine?

Faster drum speed?



# Shift Grade Control Point





# QUALITY CONTROL..... What should we test for?



**Pavement Smoothness** 













# What happened here...?





# 5 Benefits of Milling

- 1. Restoration of Pavement Geometry
- 2. Material Recycling
- 3. Removal of Deteriorated Material
- 4. Surface Preparation
- 5. Maintaining Grade with Existing Infrastructure



Milling is a fundamental practice in the maintenance and rehabilitation of asphalt pavements. This paper explores the multifaceted benefits of milling, highlighting its role in restoring pavement geometry, facilitating material recycling, removing deteriorated materials, aiding in surface preparation, and preserving existing infrastructure. By exploring each benefit, this paper illustrates the significance of milling as an essential component of modern pavement management strategies.





# Section 516: Patching

#### Table 516.01

Applicable Materials	Section
Asphaltic Concrete	1028
Asphalt Cement	1029
Liquid Asphalt	1030
Emulsified Asphalt	1031, 1032
Aggregate	1033



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# Are We Good?







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# Questions

