

BEST PRACTICES OF HMA COMPACTION

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COMPACTION PRINCIPLES

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- ## QUIZ???
1. NAME & JOB FUNCTION
 2. WHAT IS COMPACTION??
 3. WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF COMPACTION??
 4. WHAT ARE THE FOUR FORCES OF COMPACTION??
 5. WHAT FACTORS AFFECT COMPACTION OF HMA

- ## COMMUNICATION COMPACTION GOALS
- **DENSITY**
 - **SMOOTHNESS**
 - **BALANCED PRODUCTION**

- ## COMPACTION
- Is a mechanical process:
 - _____ compresses HMA into a smaller denser volume after placement by applying one or more of the 4 forces of compaction
 - Increases mixture stability:
 - _____ forces asphalt coated aggregate particles closer together
 - _____ achieves particle to particle contact

- ## IMPORTANCE OF COMPACTION
- **IMPROVE MECHANICAL STABILITY**
 - **IMPROVE RESISTANCE TO PERMANENT DEFORMATION**
 - **REDUCE MOISTURE PENETRATION**
 - **IMPROVE FATIGUE RESISTANCE**

4 FORCES OF COMPACTION

PRESSURE: A DOWNWARD FORCE

IMPACT: A HAMMER BLOW

**VIBRATION: A RAPID SERIES OF
IMPACT BLOWS**

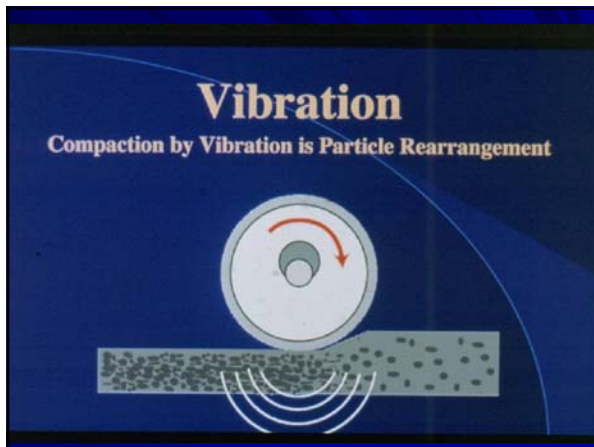
**MANIPULATION: KNEADING IN A
CONFINED MANNER**

PRESSURE



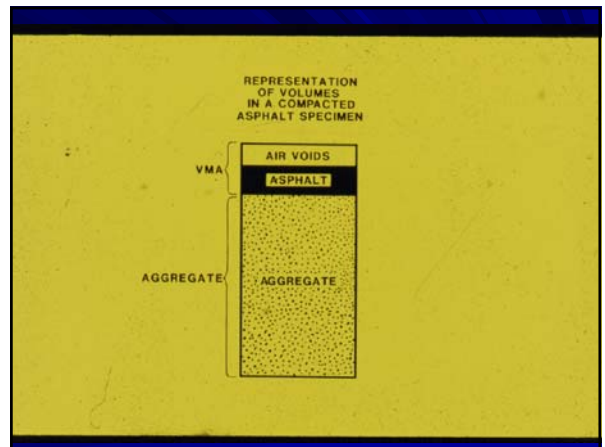
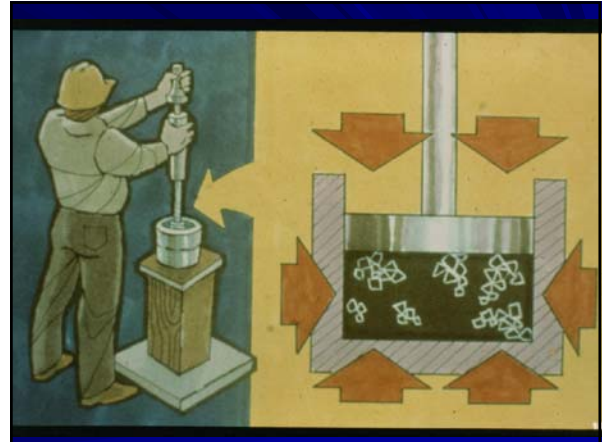
MANIPULATION





FACTORS AFFECTING COMPACTION

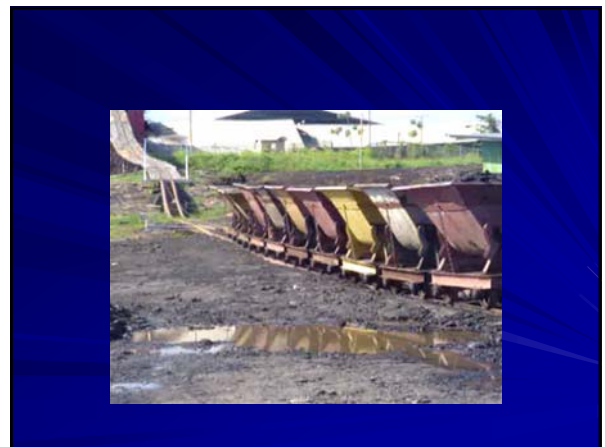
- MIX DESIGN
- AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT CEMENT
- LAB DENSITY & FIELD DENSITY
- CLIMATIC CONDITIONS
- PAVER TYPE AND PAVING METHOD
- TEMPERATURE: MAT, BASE AMBIENT, DIRECTION OF SUN; WIND

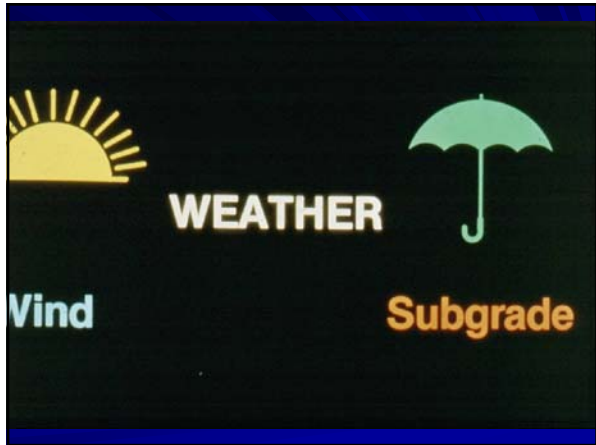
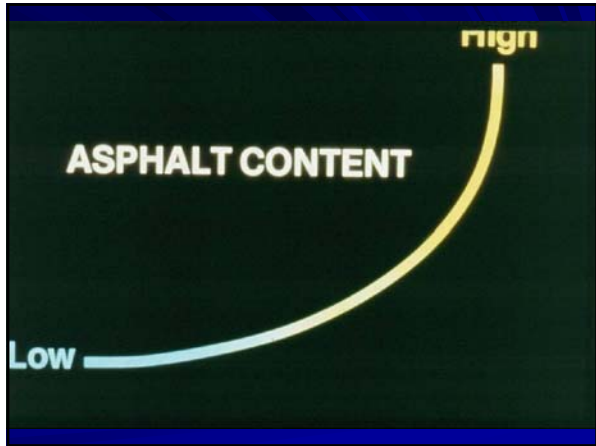




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HOW DO WE BALANCE PRODUCTION

- DETERMINE PAVER SPEED
- NUMBER AND TYPE OF ROLLERS
- NUMBER OF PASSES WITH ROLLERS TO COVER THE MAT AND OBTAIN DENSITY

PAVER PRODUCTION FORMULA

- S= Paver Speed (ft./min.)
- W= Lane Width (ft.)
- L= Lift Thickness (ft.)
- D= Density (lbs./ft.3)

■ Tons/Hour= $S \times 60 \text{ min. in 1 hr.} \times 1 \text{ ton in } 2000 \text{ lbs.} \times W \times L \times D$

FORMULA EXAMPLE

- Paver Speed= 40 ft./min.
- Lane Width= 12 ft.
- Density= 135 lbs./ft.3
- Lift Thickness= .166 ft. = 2 inches

■ Tons/Hour = $40 \times 60 \times 12 \times .166 \times 135$ divided by 2000= 322 Tons/ Hour

BALANCING ROLLERS WITH PAVER SPEED

- Breakdown Roller: 84" Double Drum Vibratory 4000 vpm
- Roller maintains a min. of 10 impacts per foot (IPF) = 400 fpm
- 400 fpm has to be reduced by # of passes to cover paving width=2; # of passes to obtain density=2; $2 \times 2 = 4$ plus 1 return pass total passes
- 400 fpm divided by 5 passes = 80 fpm
- 80% efficiency factor $\times 80 \text{ fpm} = 64 \text{ fpm}$
- This 84" double drum vibratory roller will match 40fpm paving speed



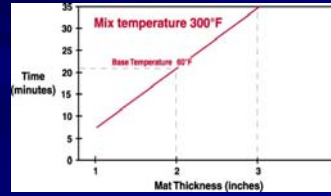
needed for
COMPACTION

- mix confinement
- correct mix temperature



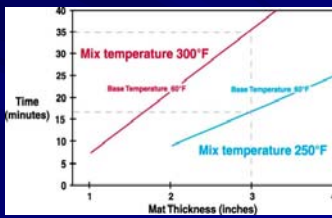


Time Available for Compaction



- Thin mat loses heat quickly
- Thicker mat remains workable much longer
- On thin mats, add more rollers; don't use more

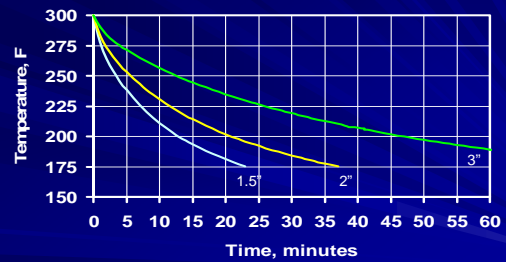
Time Available for Compaction



- Temperature of mat passing under screed affects mat workability
- Work close to paver when mat is cool
- Add rollers when mat is

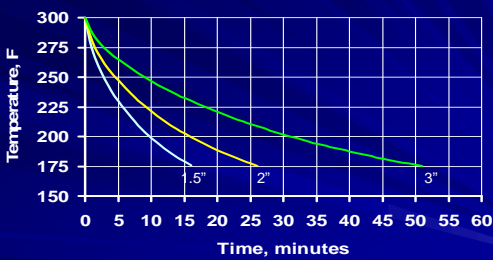
Temperature

80°F Surface & Air Temperature, 5 mph wind



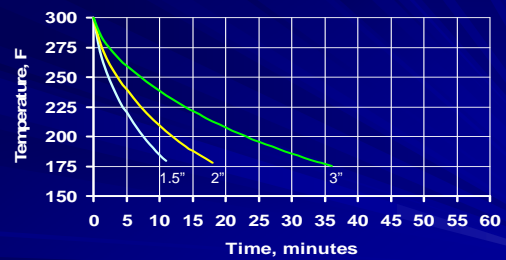
Temperature

50°F Surface & Air Temperature, 5 mph wind



Temperature

30°F Surface, 40°F Air Temperature, 15 mph wind




Major Factors Affecting Rolling Time

	allows MORE time	allows LESS time
Mat Thickness	THICK	THIN
Mix Temperature	HIGH	LOW
Base Temperature	HIGH	LOW



TransTech's Temperature Sensors



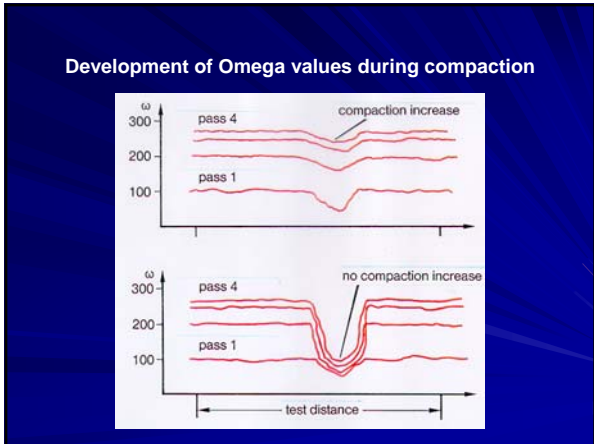
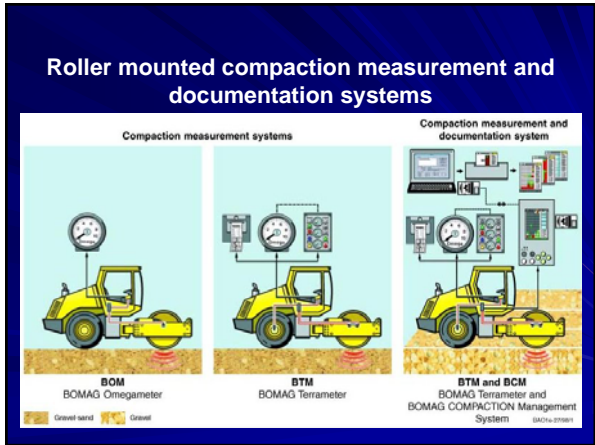
- Remote, Non-contact, Accurate
- Identify Paving, Rolling Problems
- Continuous, Instantaneous Display
- Data Logging Capability





PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

- 1. NO COMPACTION IN EMBANKMENTS AND BASES
- 2. SEGREGATION
- 3. POOR COMPACTION TECHNIQUE





Causes of Segregation

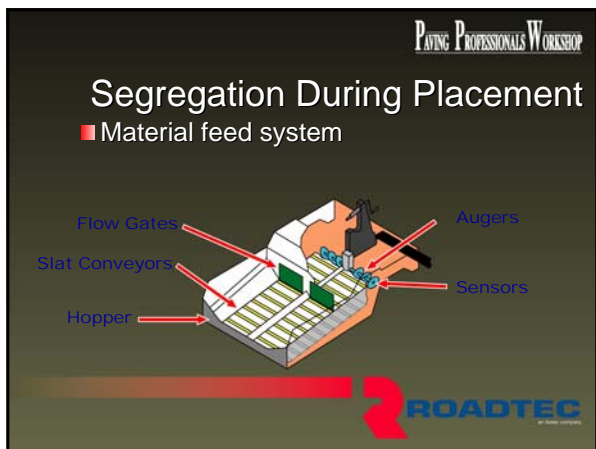
- Physical segregation of coarse and fine materials
- Mat temperature differentials immediately behind the paver
- Localized cooling of the mix in haul trucks and formation of crust

Key Points in Prevention of Segregation:

- Prevent Dribbling of Materials
- Keep Material Contained
- Move Material in a Smooth Uniform Uninterrupted Manner.

Segregation Prior to Placement:

- Material Production
- HMA Plant





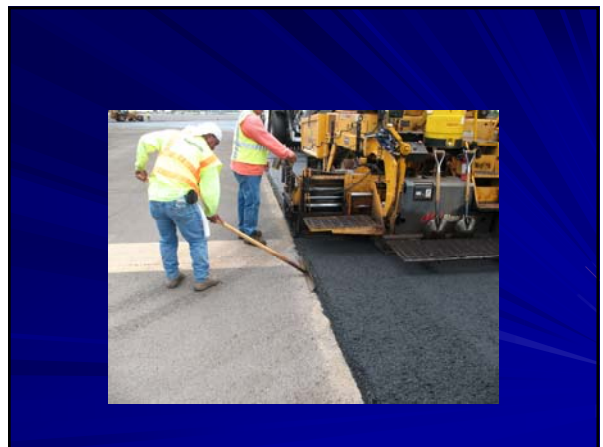
Cause:

- Material Segregated in Truck
- Running Conveyor Deck Dry
- Cycling Hopper Wings Too Soon

Nonstop Paving Use of loading or transfer machine

Goals:

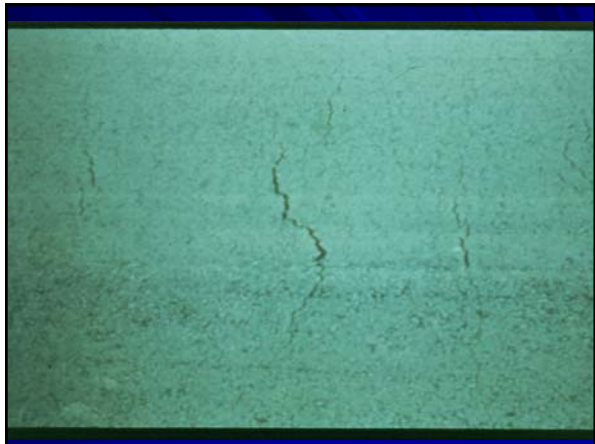
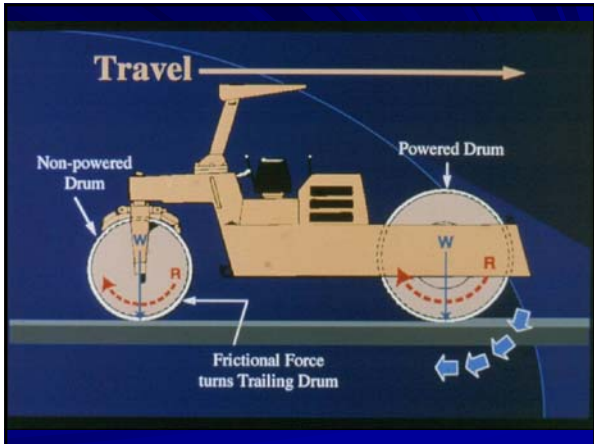
To stabilize a paving operation so the paver can maintain a constant unchanging paving speed, eliminating the stops and starts traditionally associated with trucks dumping directly into the paver.

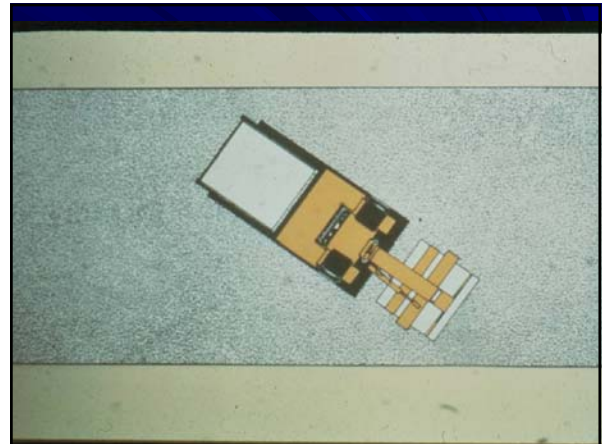
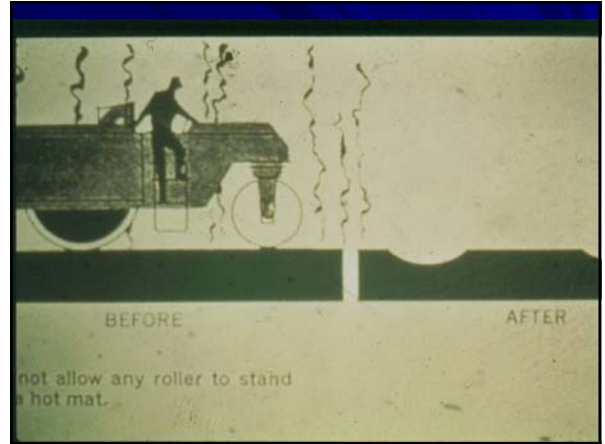


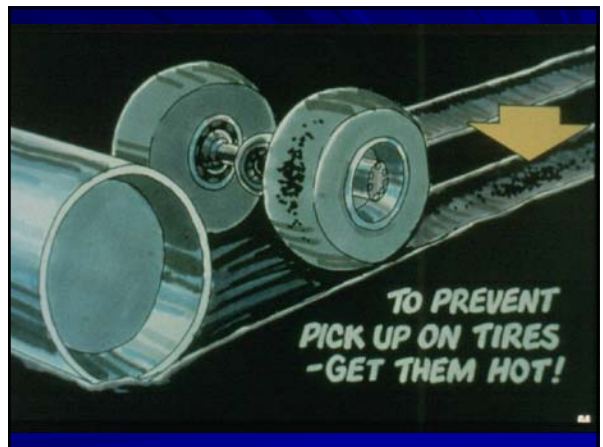
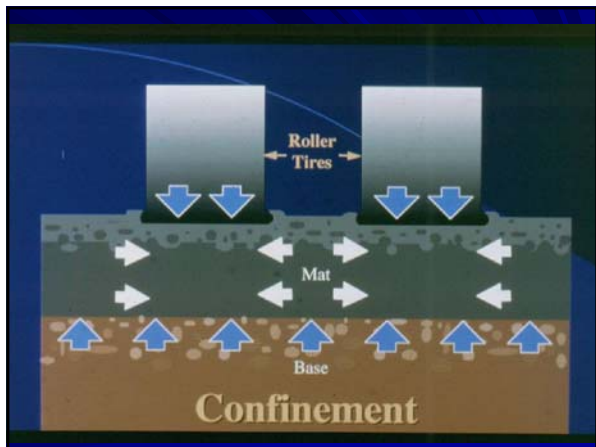
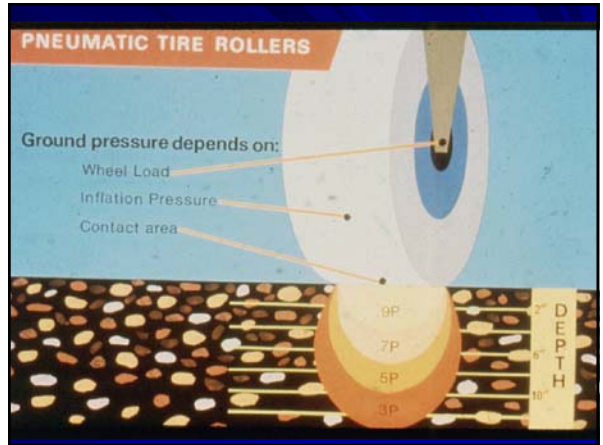
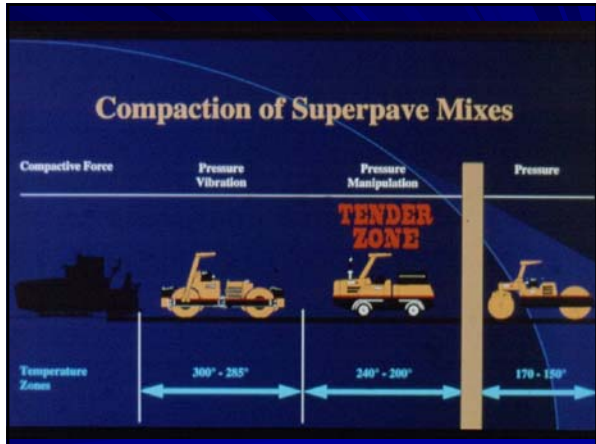


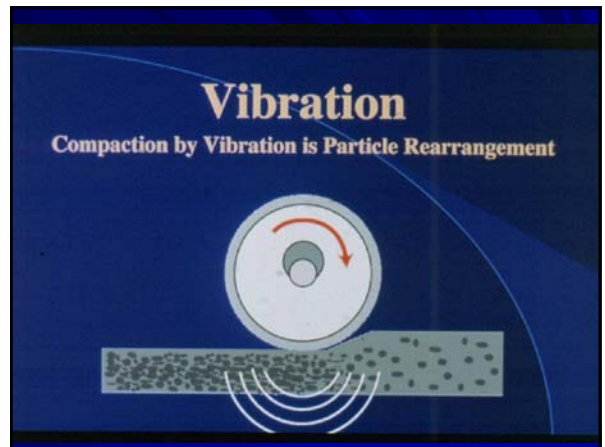
3 PHASES OF ROLLING

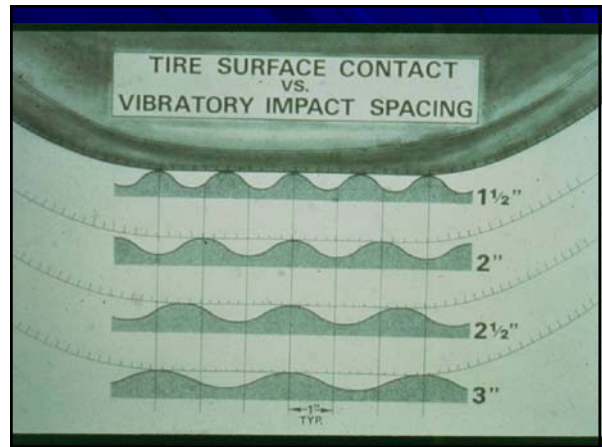
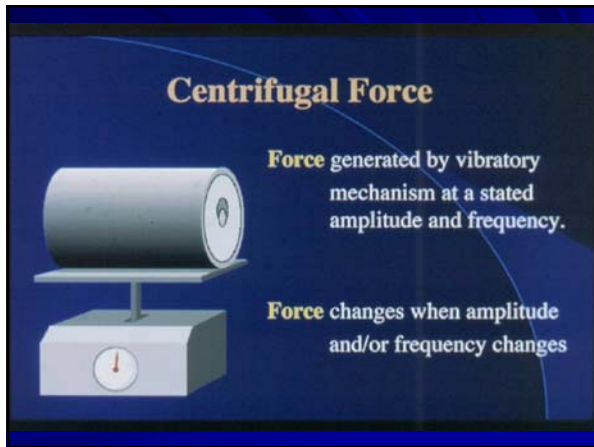
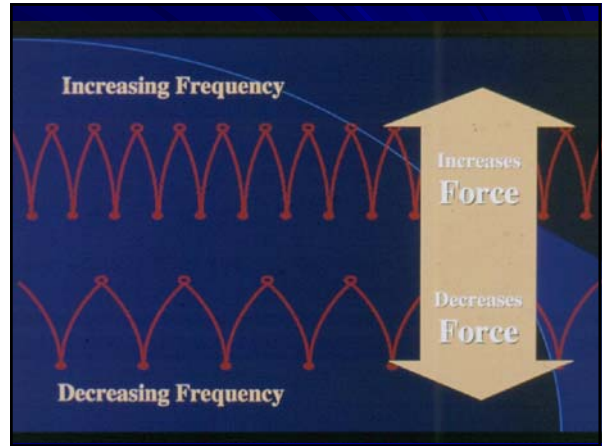
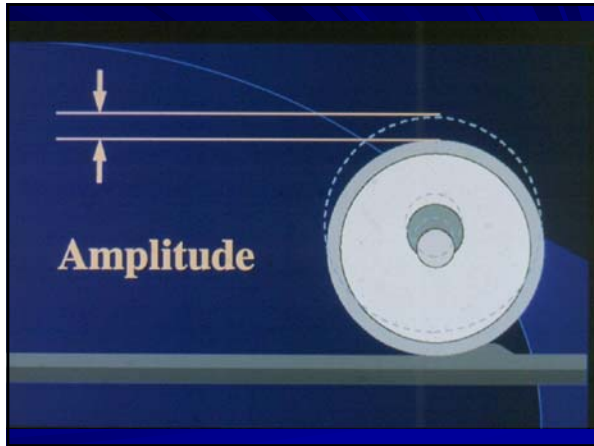
- **BREAKDOWN**
- **INTERMEDIATE**
- **FINISH**











HYPAC Quick-reference asphalt compaction charts

Maximum Rolling Speed (rpm)
Speed in feet per minute required to achieve desired impacts per foot

Impacts per Linear Foot (PT)	10	11	12	13	14
1810	185	168.2	154.2	143.3	132.1
2020	200	181.8	166.7	155.8	144.9
2250	220	202.3	188.1	175.3	163.4
2700	270	245.5	225	207.7	192.9
3000	300	272.7	250	238.8	214.5
3180	310	281.8	258.2	246.5	221.4
3700	370	326.9	296.7	284.2	263.8
4000	400	355.1	323.3	301.5	281.9
3400	340	327.3	300	274.9	257.1
3800	380	345.5	316.7	292.3	271.4
4000	400	363.6	333.3	307.7	285.7

Maximum Rolling Speed (Length)
Speed in miles per hour required to achieve desired impacts per foot

Impacts per Linear Foot (PT)	10	11	12	13	14
1850	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
2000	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6
2200	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.8
2700	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2
3000	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.4
3180	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.5
3700	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.8
4000	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.1
4000	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2

Passes Needed for One Coverage
Equals the spacing width divided by the width of the drum minus the inch overlap

Passes	12"	14"	16"	18"	20"
12"	1	1	1	1	1
14"	1	1	1	1	1
16"	1	1	1	1	1
18"	1	1	1	1	1
20"	1	1	1	1	1
22"	1	1	1	1	1
24"	1	1	1	1	1
26"	1	1	1	1	1
28"	1	1	1	1	1
30"	1	1	1	1	1
32"	1	1	1	1	1
34"	1	1	1	1	1
36"	1	1	1	1	1
38"	1	1	1	1	1
40"	1	1	1	1	1
42"	1	1	1	1	1
44"	1	1	1	1	1
46"	1	1	1	1	1
48"	1	1	1	1	1
50"	1	1	1	1	1
52"	1	1	1	1	1
54"	1	1	1	1	1
56"	1	1	1	1	1
58"	1	1	1	1	1
60"	1	1	1	1	1
62"	1	1	1	1	1
64"	1	1	1	1	1
66"	1	1	1	1	1
68"	1	1	1	1	1
70"	1	1	1	1	1
72"	1	1	1	1	1
74"	1	1	1	1	1
76"	1	1	1	1	1
78"	1	1	1	1	1
80"	1	1	1	1	1
82"	1	1	1	1	1
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86"	1	1	1	1	1
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90"	1	1	1	1	1
92"	1	1	1	1	1
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96"	1	1	1	1	1
98"	1	1	1	1	1
100"	1	1	1	1	1

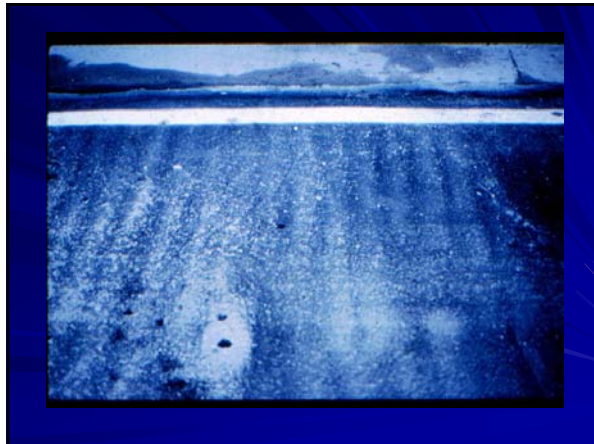
English/Metric Conversions

C	F	Approximate Size
76	169	3/4
74	165	3/8
72	162	7/8
68	154	64
64	147	50
60	140	37.5
56	133	30
52	126	22.5
48	117	19
44	111	17.5
40	104	16.5
36	97	15
32	90	12.5
28	82	11
24	75	9.5
20	68	8.5
16	61	7
12	54	6.5

Always start compaction at the highest temperature at which the asphalt will allow rolling.

Impact Spacing

Frequency	2 MPH	3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
2000 vpm	1.06	1.58	2.14	2.64
2200 vpm	0.96	1.44	1.92	2.40
2400 vpm	0.88	1.32	1.76	2.20
2600 vpm	0.81	1.22	1.63	2.03
2800 vpm	0.75	1.13	1.51	1.89
3000 vpm	0.70	1.06	1.41	1.76
3200 vpm	0.66	0.99	1.33	1.65
3400 vpm	0.62	0.93	1.24	1.55
3600 vpm	0.59	0.88	1.17	1.47
3800 vpm	0.56	0.83	1.11	1.39



TRAVEL SPEED OF ROLLERS

DOUBLE DRUM VIBRATORY 2-4 MPH
 PNEUMATIC ROLLER 2-3 MPH
 STATIC STEEL WHEEL ROLLER 3-5 MPH

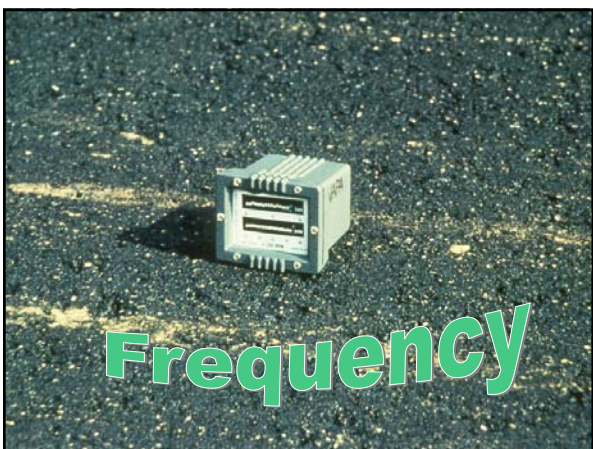
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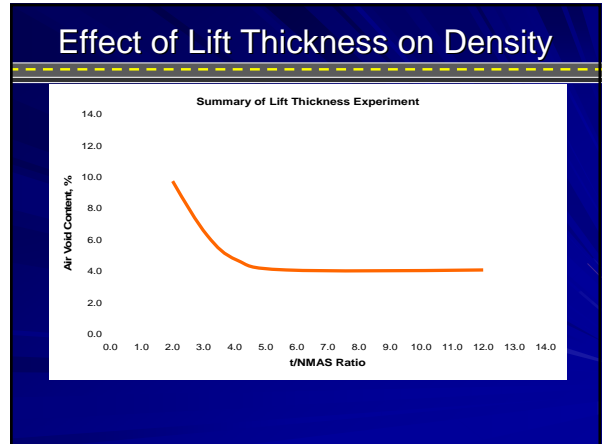
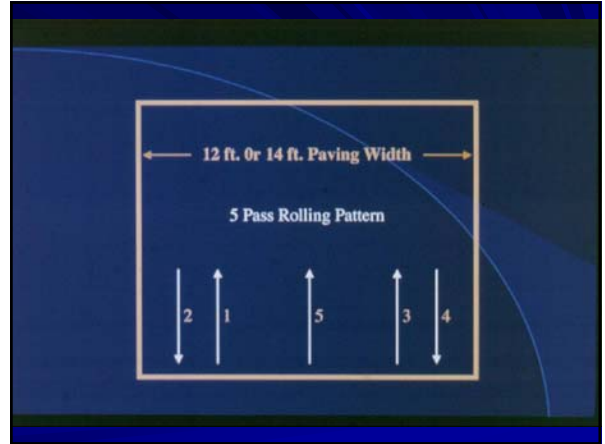
Drum Impacts per foot (10/ft minimum)

Frequency	2 MPH	3 MPH	4 MPH	5 MPH
2000 vpm	11.36	7.58	5.68	4.55
2200 vpm	12.50	8.33	6.25	5.00
2400 vpm	13.64	9.09	6.82	5.45
2600 vpm	14.77	9.84	7.39	5.91
2800 vpm	15.91	10.61	7.95	6.36
3000 vpm	17.05	11.36	8.52	6.82
3200 vpm	18.18	12.12	9.09	7.27
3400 vpm	19.32	12.88	9.66	7.72
3600 vpm	20.45	13.64	10.22	8.18
3800 vpm	21.59	14.39	10.80	8.63



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 ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEM





Lift Thickness

- Recommended 3:1 to 6:1
Thickness: NMAAS
- Thin lifts cool faster
 - less time available for compaction

DRUM RINGING



Too many vibratory passes

Reduce passes

Lower vibratory force

ROLLER CRAWLING OR HOPPING



Applying too much force

Mat becoming hard



BUILDING QUALITY HOT MIX ASPHALT JOINTS

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Steps in Making Good Longitudinal Joints

- 1- Control Segregation at the Outside Edges of the Mat
- 2- Steer a Straight Line
- 3- Compact Unconfined Edge
- 4- Maintain Correct Overlap
- 5- Place the Proper Depth for Roll Down
- 6- Do Not Lute the Joint
- 7- Compact the Joint for Density

1 Control Segregation at the Outside Edges of the Mat



Minimize Segregation at the Outside Edges of the Mat

Properly Adjust the Material Sensors

Use Correct Length of Auger Tunnels

2 Steer a Straight Line



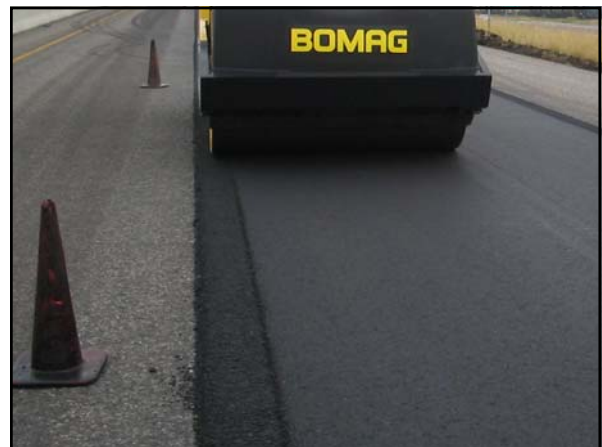
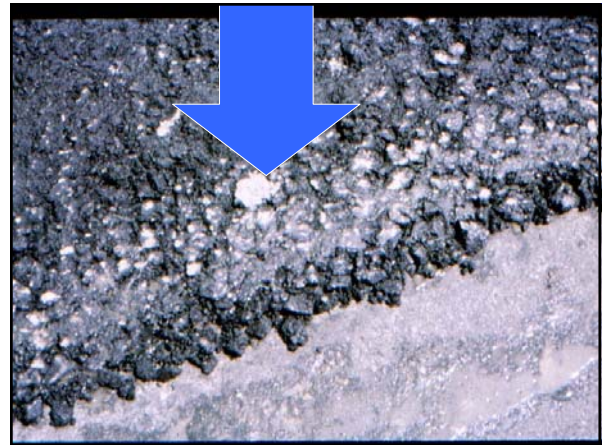
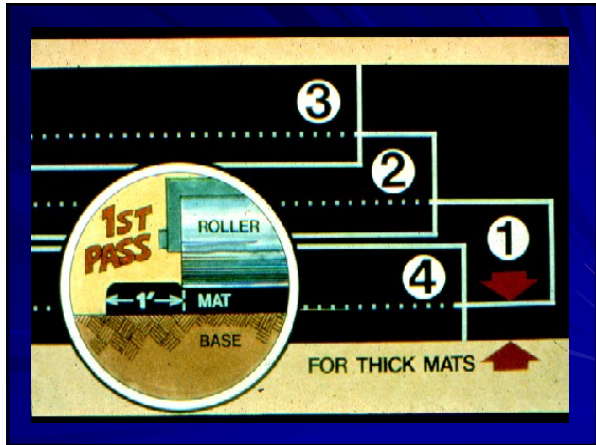
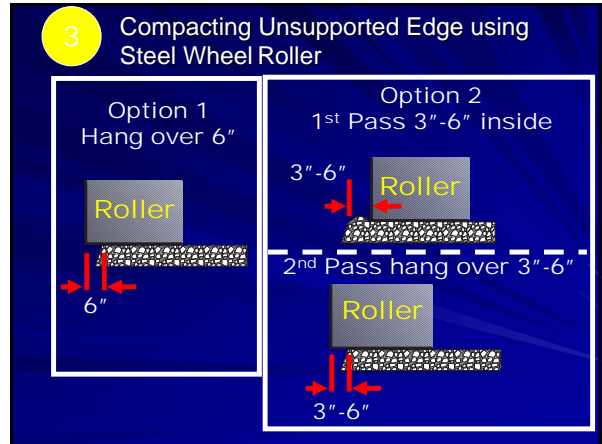
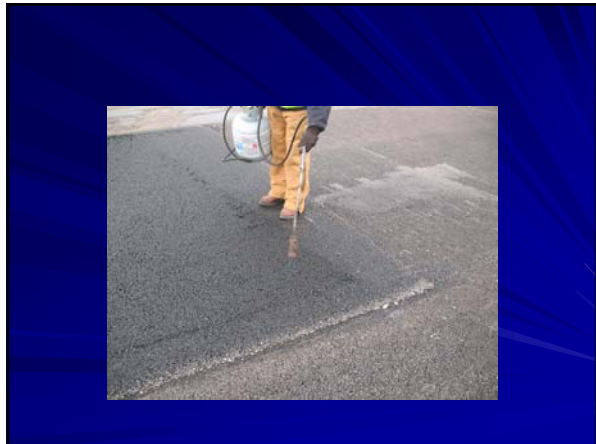
Maintain Proper Overlap
A Must for Proper Joint Construction











3 Compaction of Unsupported Edge using Pneumatic Tire Roller

Recommended Not Recommended

Pushes out



4&5 Maintain Proper Overlap and Matching Depth

Proper Roll Down – Start With 25% of the Depth

1/2 - 1 1/2" (13-35mm) Overlap

1st Pass (Cold) 2nd Pass (Hot)

Minimum Overlap for Compaction is 1/2 Inch (13mm)

Always Check Joint Roll Down Behind the First Roller



4&5

Maintain Proper Overlap and Matching Depth



If Your Joint is Set Up Correctly, Little or No Handwork Should be Required



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Frank & John Shively, 2008, showing appearance of the mat with the correct overlap



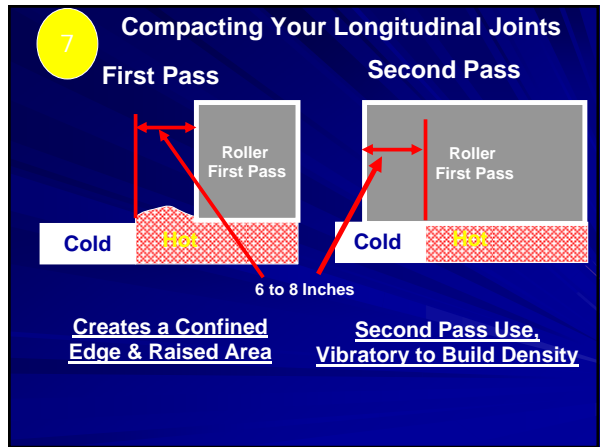
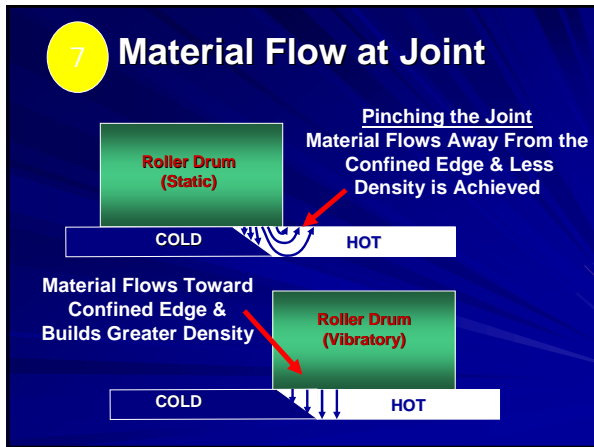


6 Do Not Lute Joint

- Moves material away from joint
- Results in low-density zone at joint

Bump the joint

7 Compacting Longitudinal Joints



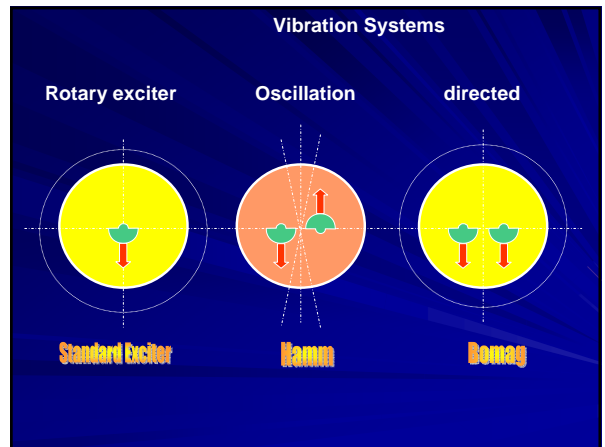


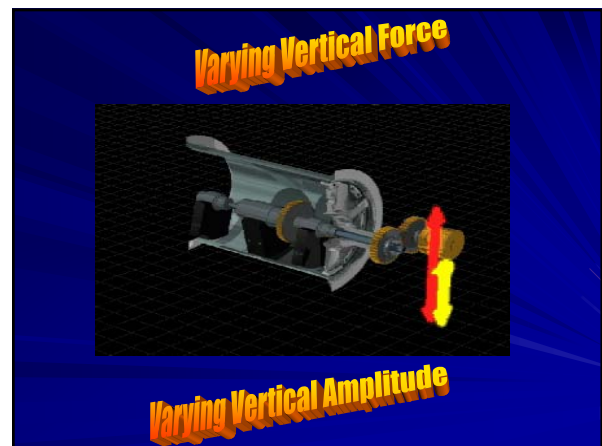
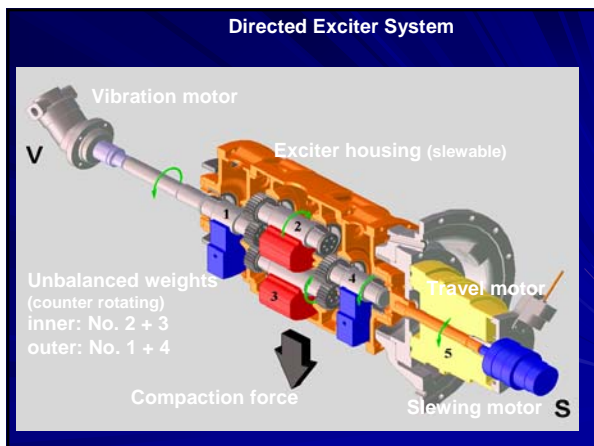
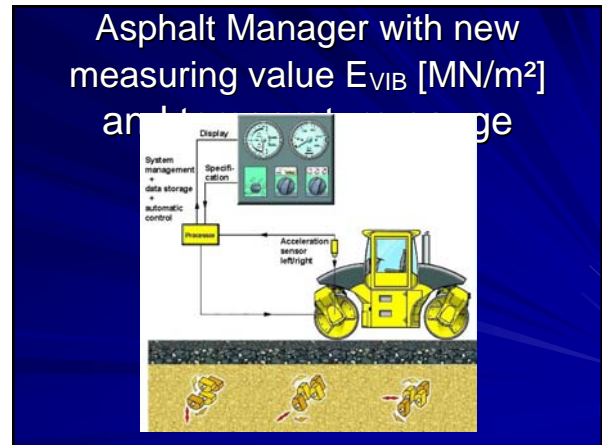
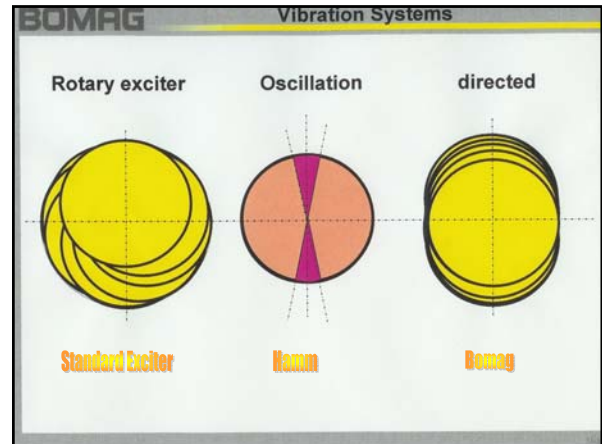
BASIC PRINCIPLES OF GOOD COMPACTION

- KNOW THE VARIABLES
- KNOW THE SPECS KNOW THE LAYOUT
- ESTABLISH A PATTERN TO ACHIEVE:
COVERAGE, DENSITY, SMOOTHNESS, AND
BALANCED PRODUCTION
- KNOW THE BASIC OPERATION OF EACH
TYPE OF ROLLER

INTELLIGENT COMPACTION

- A SYSTEM FOR MEASURING THE STIFFNESS OF HMA ON THE ROLLER
- A RECORDING OF THAT STIFFNESS MEASUREMENT
- PROOF OF THE STIFFNESS OF THE HMA AS RELATED TO DENSITY
- PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR THE ROLLER TO MAKE DECISIONS





The Operator

Asphalt Manager: Easy to understand



Changing From Metric To U.S. Units



6 Settings From Horizontal To Vertical



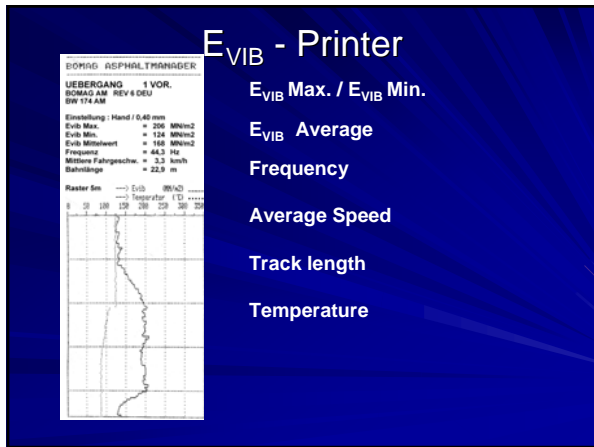
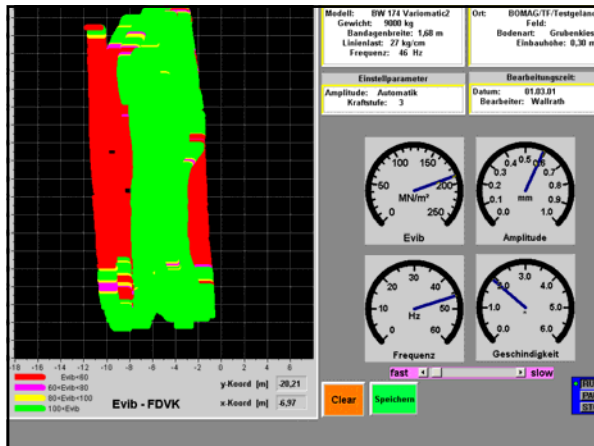
Bomag Operational Panel



- PRINTER
- Start
- Stop
- Print out
- Delete

Test procedure:

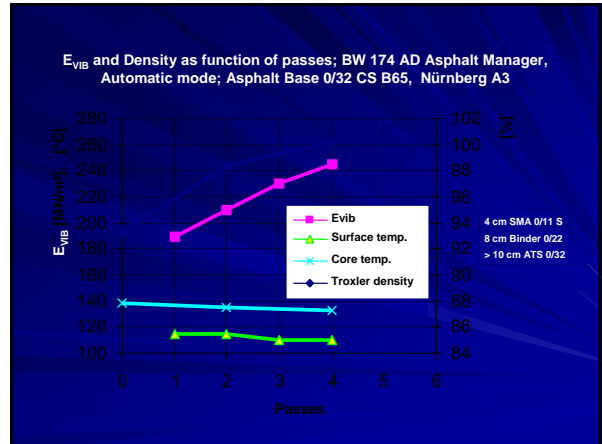
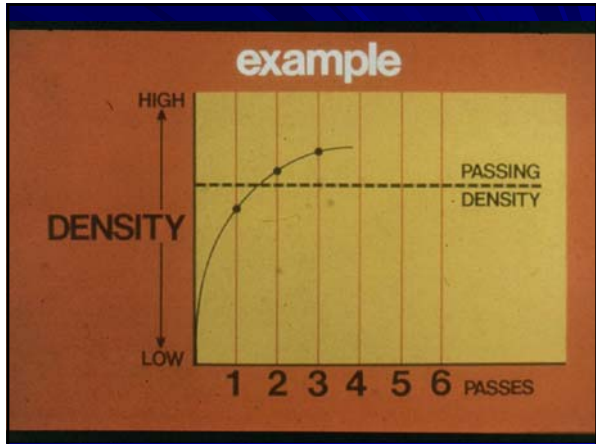
- Mark the track to be compacted
- „Manual operation mode“ with
- Fixed amplitude
- Fixed working speed



8.8.2 Test Strip Construction

- Simulating Actual Conditions
- Establishing Roller Pattern
- Effective Roller Speed







Investment for Profit
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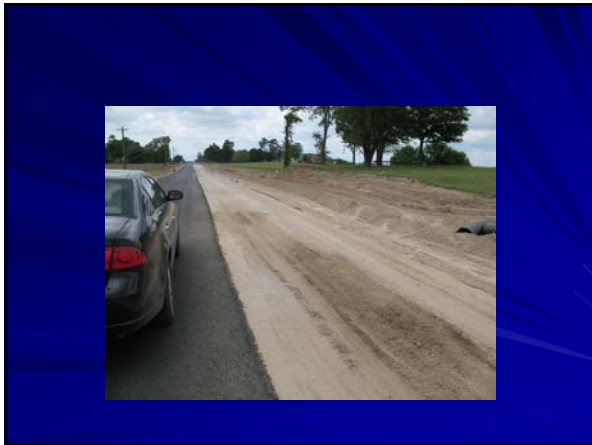
Benefits for Contractors:

Compaction

- Uniform and predictable results whilst rolling
- Avoids under / overcompaction
- Better evenness and roughness
- Eliminates drum bouncing

Economical and quality aspects

- More efficient roller utilisation with fewer passes
- Reduced shock loads in sensitive environment
e.g. buildings, bridges
- Area coverage method







\$ VALUE

- I/C MEASURES THE STIFFNESS OF A LIFT OF HMA
- DENSOMETERS MEASURE DENSITY OF HMA
- THIS GIVES US TWO MEASUREMENTS OF THE STABILITY OF THE HMA
- WHY CUT SO MANY CORES THAT COST \$800.00-\$1000.00 A CORE



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QUESTIONS ?
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