#### **GOOD AFTERNOON!!!**

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## TO TACK OR NOT TO TACK



That ain't the question.....

#### **Proof Positive**



#### **TACK**

• Is it real fun....?

• Is it real exciting....?

 It doesn't cost much stored, handled and applied "right"

 It can cost a bunch of both headaches and dollars if not......

## What's Required?

- 3000804
- All Jobs
- 300 APPLICATION OF TACK COAT RATE OF APPLICATION.
- (REV 6-1 09) (FA 8-11-09) (1-10)
- SUBARTICLE 300-8.4 (Page 240) is deleted and the following substituted:
- 300-8.4 Rate of Application: Use a rate of application as defined in Table 300-1. Control
- the rate of application to be within  $\pm$  0.01 gal/yd2 of the target application rate. The target
- application rate may be adjusted by the Engineer to meet specific field conditions. Determine the
- rate of application at the beginning of each day's production and as needed to control the
- operation, with a minimum of twice per day. When using RA-500, multiply the target rate of
- application by 0.6.
- Table 300-1
- Tack Coat Application Rates
- Asphalt Mixture Type Underlying Pavement Surface Target Tack Rate
- (gal/yd2)
- Base Course, Structural Course,
- Dense Graded Friction Course
- Newly Constructed Asphalt Layers 0.02 minimum
- 0.08 maximum
- Milled Surface or Oxidized and
- Cracked Pavement 0.06
- Concrete Pavement 0.08
- Open Graded Friction Course Newly Constructed Asphalt Layers 0.05
- Milled Surface 0.07

## Doctor Dave's Top Ten Tack List

- Things we all know......
- And you may wish to remind folks of
- After all, we haven't all been doing this since dirt was "new"

(Not necessarily in order of anxiety or glee)

### Common TACK Types

- RS-1 h
- CRS-1h
- NTSS-1hm
- SS-1
- SP MS
- SS-1h
- RC 70

AC-5...hot

AND OBVIOUSLY OTHERS

# #10 So "Pick your poison"

- Commonly thought of "prime" products will work fine as tack coats (in non-DOT settings)
- Not necessarily vice versa

 Do your folks really know what's expected of them ...and will they ask......

Give them the tools

#### #9

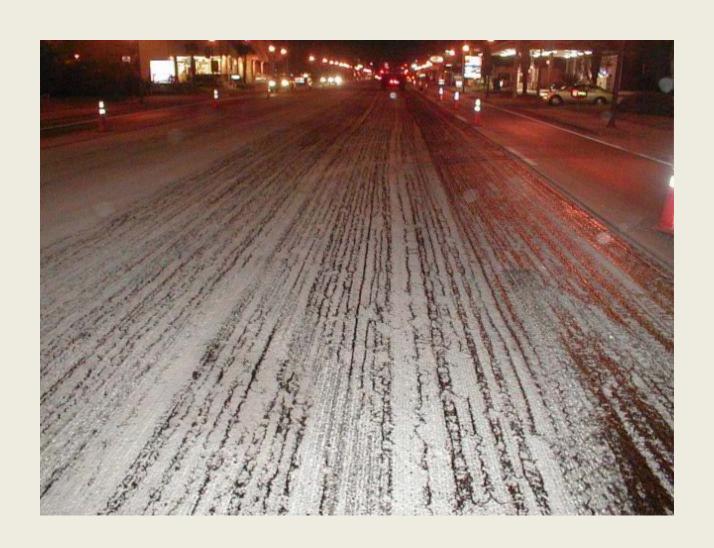
Cleanliness is next to.....

• CLEAN, CLEAN

A broom core less \$ than a sliding pavement and a "little" dust hurts us more than a little moisture

 Funny thing about good tack. It'll stick to asphalt layers, but also dirt, straw and dust

#### Clean not Covered



# OUCH!!



# Not a good day.....



### #8 Storage

- My dream tank is vertical, with a very slow moving controllable agitator paddle
- In North Florida with ability to heat to maintain 90 – 100 F (Not 150) for most tacks

 Large enough to ensure buffer for next delivery but you don't need a 15,000 gallon tank full if you're using 2,000 gallons a month

#### #7 Dilution of some is fine.....BUT

 IF you're using products that can be diluted (SS-1h, SP MS, etc) they're fine and shoot well diluted at proper rate....for a while

- Don't get in "habit", like don't, put your diluted product back in storage with undiluted
- You'll lose your place in the book and shorten the shelf life of the works

## #6 Temps / Weather

- Except for extremes this won't be drastic but the effective of performance affected by this
- It's important to keep the pavement in place,
- Affects your density obtained, etal so
- Challenge your guys / gals to recognize and react to what are best temps to shoot at at varied ambient temperatures, break times to expect, etc

#### Different Florida Weather





- Factors Affecting Break
- Ambient air temperature
- Relative humidity
- Wind speed
- Temperature of the pavement surface
- Temperature of the tack coat material
- Application rate of the tack coat material
- Dilution rate of an asphalt emulsion (if diluted)
- Type of emulsifying agent (controls break > set)

#### • Example of Emulsion Break

Unbroken Emulsion

After Breaking

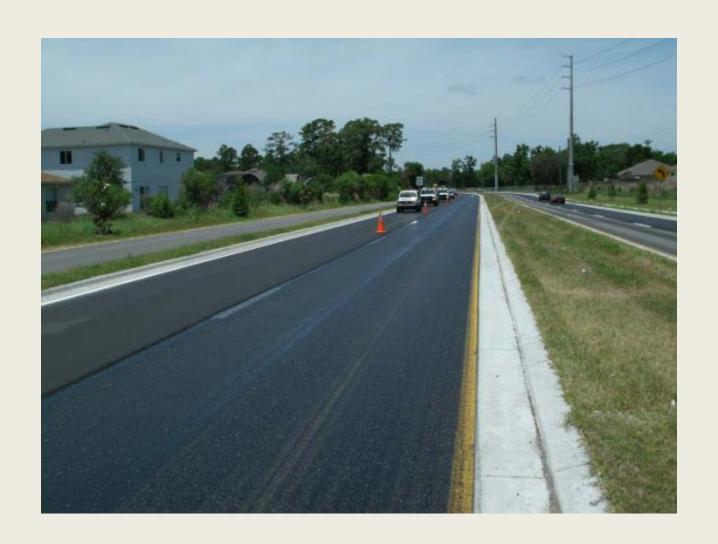




## #5 That's a good shot man

- Your folks will respond to those simple words from da boss or the technician for sure
- Your tack person sometimes feels like he or she is on an island and can anybody see him
- You folks know how to show it and a well placed complement comes back to you threefold in attention needed to perform this important task

## Tell them so!



## #4 Solution to pollution maybe

But not to tack in the truck

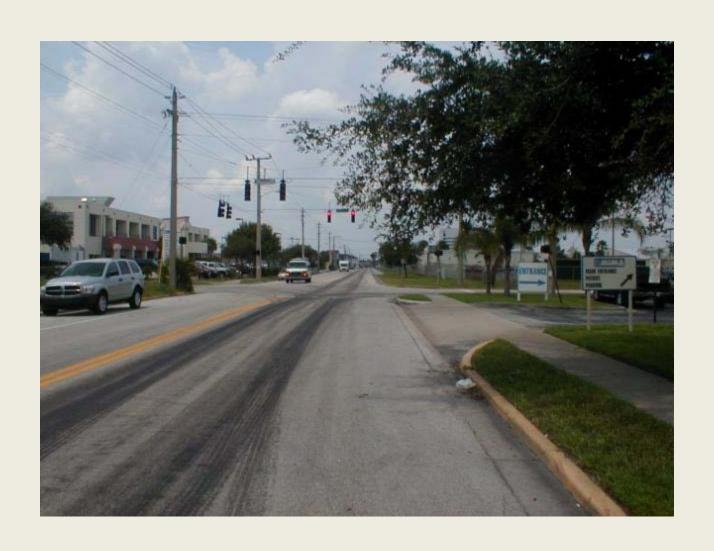
That is dilution....not proper water, the other

- Pump free in the winter, bars as well but...
- A "little bit" of flushback goes a long way
- A little more goes a long way down the road!

# SAME Day



# Same??? 4 Days later



# #3 The Doctor says don't mix your prescriptions!!

- With different products being more widely used these days for tack recognize that
- If anionic is the chocolate and cationic is the peanut butter, both taste good alone but..

- You don't get a Reese cup when you mix....
   you get a slobular MESS!
- Some require a little different treatment

# #2 It's not how much you got it's how you use it!

- When is .04 / sy more than .06 / sy?
- When it's even, full coverage shot that's when

- .06 strings and puddles don't give you the best bond, best density throughout, etc but can give you pick up on MTV tires and track off etal
- Not saying to shoot the Interstate with the hand wand, but best temps, pressures, nozzles etal will pay you dividends and savings

#### Uniformity of Tack Coat Application

- Tack coat must be applied uniformly to ensure that a consistent bond is achieved
  - Poor uniformity can be due to several factors:
     Nozzles too large for low tack coat application rate
  - One or more spray nozzles may be set at an improper angle to the axis of the spray bar
  - One or more nozzles can be of a different size compared to the other nozzles

#### Uniformity of Tack Coat Application

- When properly applying tack coat, all nozzles on the spray bar are open and functioning correctly
- All nozzles are the proper size for tack coat
- All nozzles are set at same angle to axis of spray bar
- Height of the spray bar is adjusted to provide a triple-overlap of spray from adjacent nozzles

## More....but better?



# We're getting' closer



# OOOOOH.....



# YEAHHH!!



## #1 Did I say Clean, Clean, Clean?

- Guess I already did so let's say COMMUNICATE
- With your people involved closest to this part of your paving effort. They appreciate your insight and knowledge and being able to "bump stuff off you"
- With your supplier and distributor manufacturer

   AS SUPPLIERS WE WANT TO BE PART OF YOUR
   SUCCESS, not a necessary evil. Need to know,
   have answers, can get others, want to hear you.

- Remember... It costs nothing extra to properly apply a tack coat.
- Attention to the few basic issues mentioned in the past few minutes will result in an asphaltic concrete overlay that performs as expected under traffic.

- IT COSTS NOTHING TO DO IT RIGHT
  - AND
- DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!

#### INFORMATION

- I would offer that every facility should have a copy of
- A Basic Emulsion Manualavailable for reference – Published jointly by the Asphalt Institute and the Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association

www.aema.org

www.asphaltinstitute.org emulsion manual in "search"

#### Paving Paradise- One Piece at a Time



The View from 5,000 feet.....

# Grant me this if you will

Accept my thanks for your attention !!

-then

Stand up and look around the room

You've been sitting long enough