MIXBUSTERS

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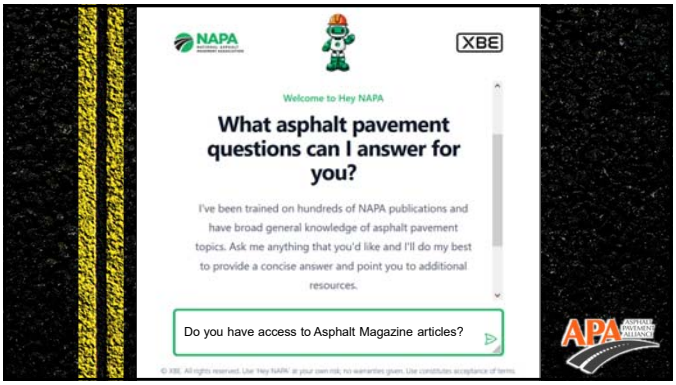

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- "I don't have direct access to external publications, including articles from Asphalt Magazine. However, I can provide information and answer questions related to asphalt paving, materials, and industry practices. If there's a specific topic or question you have in mind, please let me know, and I'll be happy to assist you with the information I have!"

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Winter 2024

- Paving thicker than 4 times NMAS hurts compaction
- Higher recycled asphalt mix (RAM) cools faster
- Tack coat can be skipped between multiple lifts.

Tack Coat

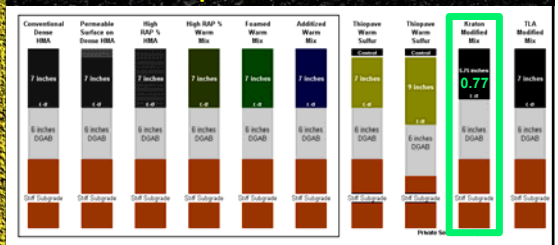
Purpose of Each Layer	N5 Control	S5 Higher RAP	S6 RAP+RAS	S13 Recyc Tires
Durable, Rut Resistant Surface	20% RAP_{20} 67-22/82-16 DG	25% RAP_{11} 67-22/76-22 SMA	5% RAS_{21} 67-22/88-16 SMA	VIRGIN 82-22_{12} SMA
Stiff, Strain Reducing Middle	35% RAP_{39} 67-22/88-10 DG	50% RAP_{41} 67-22/82-16 DG	50% $AGED_{26-24}$ 67-22/94-10 DG	35% RAP_{37} 82-22_{12} DG
Fatigue Resistant Base Layer	35% RAP_{39} 67-22/88-10 DG	35% RAP_{34} 94-28/94-10 DG	25% RAP_{24} +76-22/88-16 DG	VIRGIN 88-22_{20} AZ

Green = Evotherm Q1 Additive, Blue = Astec Green Foamer

Spring 2025

- Intermediate layer mixes can be leaner, stiffer
- Layer coefficients should be the same for all mixes
- Pavements must be very thick to be perpetual.

Thin Perpetual Pavements



Summer 2025

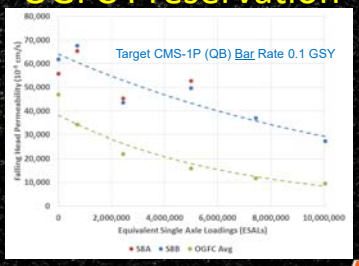
- Big rocks are necessary for strong (lower) asphalt
- Polishing sources should be banned from surface mix
- RBA implementation requires changing volumetrics
- Low Va & high VFA always risks rutting & bleeding.

Low Void Mixes

Fall 2025

- Pavements designed thinner than ’93 Guide will fail
- More complex specs are needed to improve quality
- Rubber-tired rollers (PTRs) are not worth the cost
- Fogging OGFC surfaces will reduce permeability.

OGFC Preservation



Mix Busters Big Takeaways

- Better tack or elimination via thicklay paving
- Higher layer coefficients from innovation
- Perpetual asphalt at concrete thickness
- BMD for Vb_{eff} quantity and quality
- Specify performance with less words
- 1) Protect taxpayers and 2) incentivize innovation
- Cracking, rutting, friction at lowest $/C $_{BMD+f, LCA}$
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