Advantages of Concrete Parking Lots

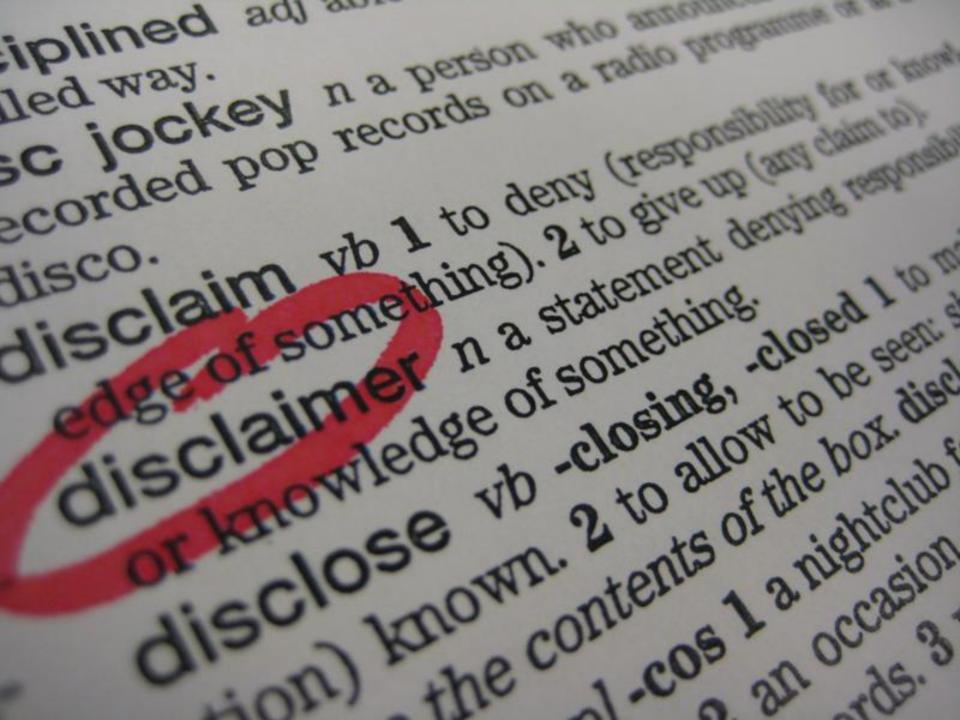
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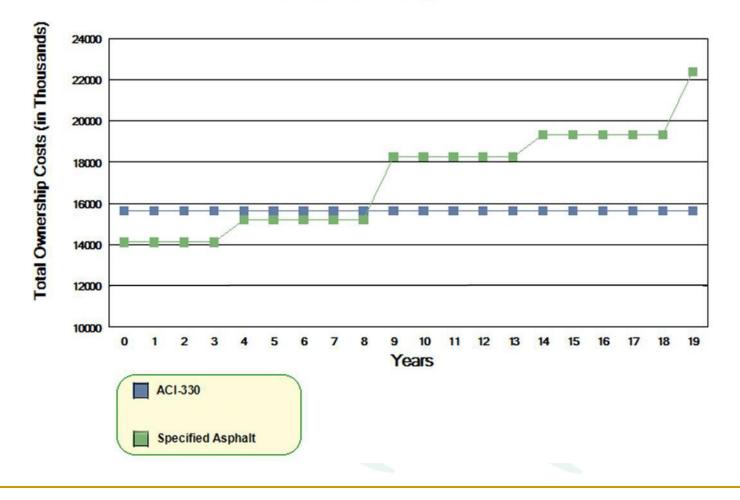


### Today's Outline

- Market Trends
- Benefits of Concrete Parking Lots
  - Economics
  - Concrete/Asphalt Comparisons
  - Sustainability
  - Our Goal: To give you correct information from the people who make concrete and the contractors who build with it, enabling you to make an informed decision regarding your parking lot project.

#### Historical Trend-The Market Has Changed

Break Even Analysis - Current Costs



#### Benefits of a Concrete Parking Lot

- Economical
- First Cost
  - Affordable and competitively priced
  - Minimum subbase preparation
  - One pass completion



### Benefits of a Concrete Parking Lot

- Economical
- Long Term Cost
  - Lower annual maintenance
  - No scheduled re-paving
  - Lower life-cycle
    cost
  - No business interruption



#### Benefits of a Concrete Parking Lot

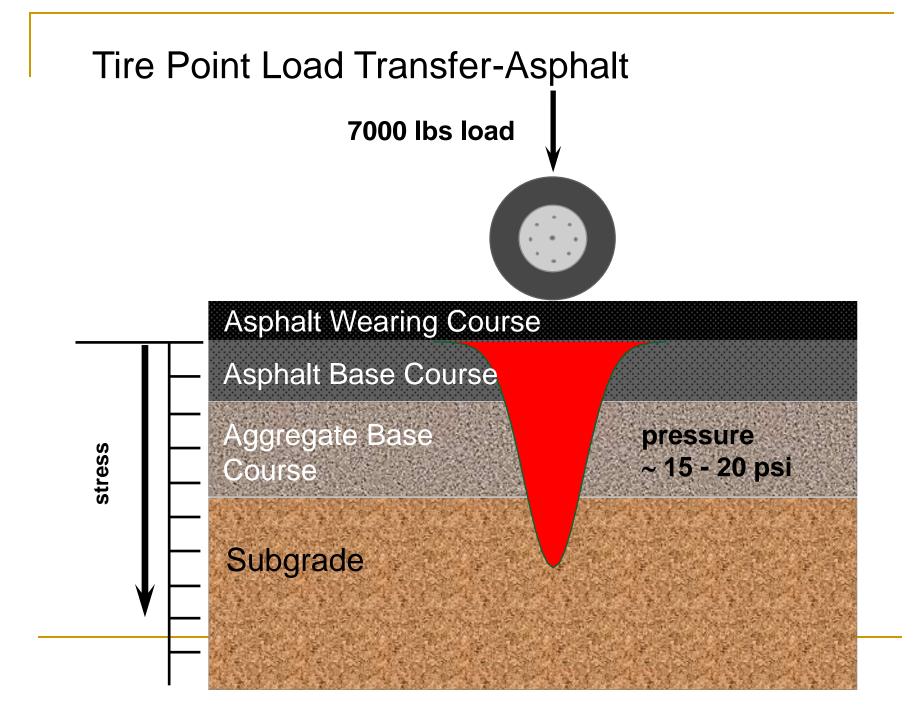
- Performance
  - Proven long life
  - Strength increases
    with age
  - No potholes, bumps, or wrinkles
  - Evenly carries heavy loads
  - Resistance to freeze/thaw



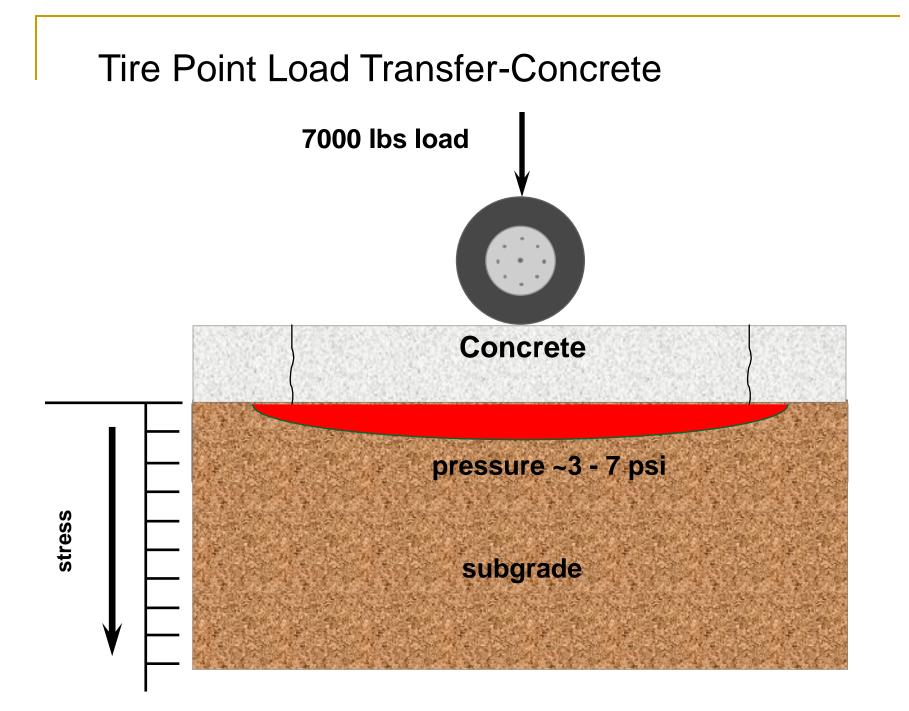
#### Why Do Pavements Failure?

Not due to # of years/age

- Due to stress of carrying loads
- Vehicle traffic-Improper Design
- Heat / Cold-Weather Conditions







## **Design Thickness**

- Design for purpose (adjust thickness)
  - Passenger vehicle parking
  - Truck lanes
  - Loading areas
  - Truck parking (sand shoes/dollies)
    - Increase thickness
    - Thickened beam

### Established National Design

- ACI 330R-08
  - Guide for the Design and Construction of Concrete Parking Lots
- ACI 330.1-03
  - Specification for Unreinforced Concrete Parking Lots
- NOT AASHTO



Reported by ACI Committee 330

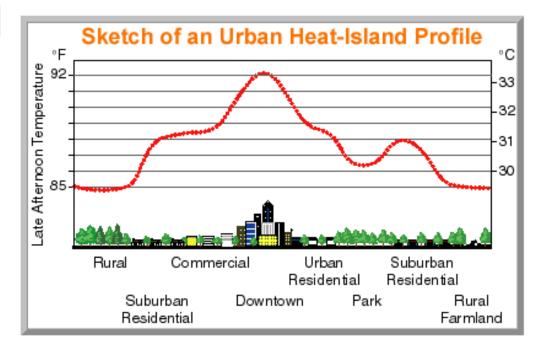
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#### Heat Island Mitigation

- Concrete's lighter color means less heat absorption
- Lowers ambient air temperature by 7 to 10 degrees
- 1 degree equals
  1.5% change in energy consumption



## Solar Reflectance (Albedo) and Solar Reflective Index (SRI)

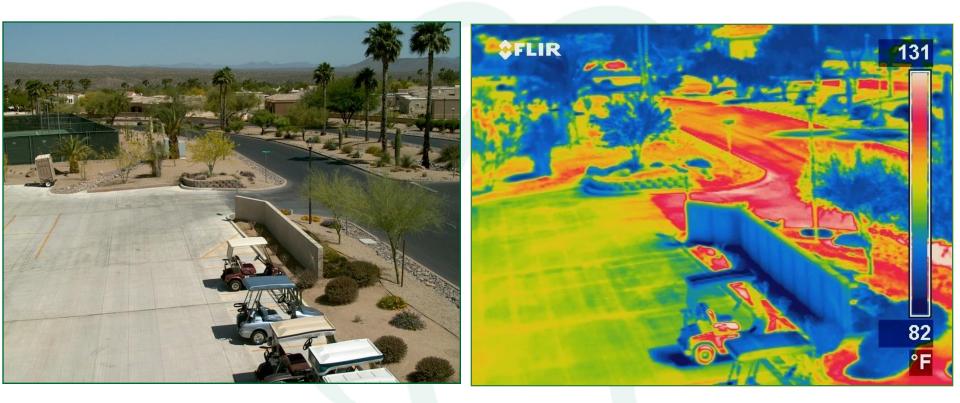
Material surface	Solar Reflectance*	Emittance	SRI*
Black acrylic paint	0.05	0.9	0
New asphalt	0.05	0.9	
Aged asphalt	0.1	0.9	6
"White" asphalt shingle	0.21	0.91	21
Aged concrete	0.2 to 0.3	0.9	19 to 32
New concrete (ordinary)	0.35 to 0.45	0.9	38 to 52
New white portland cement concrete	0.7 to 0.8	0.9	86 to 100
White acrylic paint	0.8	0.9	100

#### **EPA Heat Island Reduction Initiative**

- Trees and Vegetation
- Green Roofs
- Cool Roofs
- Cool Pavements



#### Concrete Pavements can Reduce Global Warming Potential by 50%



Photos courtesy of the American Concrete Pavement Association

#### LED Lighting – The New Normal

Concrete's reflectivity optimizes performance of LED lighting Reduce wattage from 400W to 125W

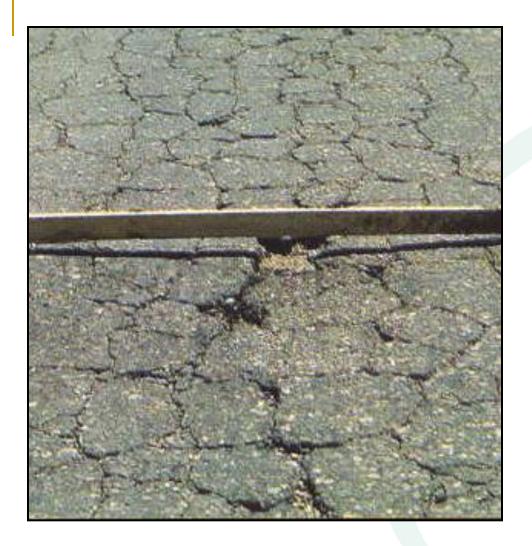
Copyright ©2009 – NRMCA WWW.NRMCA.ORG "The higher reflectance values from concrete play as much of a role in the visibility and apparent brightness of the site as the lighting."



www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/solid\_state\_lighting.html

## A Concrete Alternative for Existing Asphalt Parking Lot

#### **Concrete Overlay**



What can be done with an existing asphalt parking lot?

# Concrete Overlays: New life for existing parking lots without reconstruction



### What is an "overlay"?

- Formally known as:
  - Whitetopping
  - Thin Whitetopping
  - Thin Overlay

### What is an "overlay"?



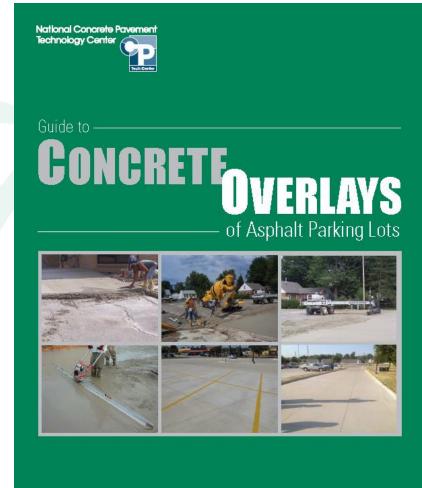
- 3" 5" concrete on existing asphalt surface
- Provides rigid pavement able to withstand heavy traffic
  - Existing asphalt serves as compacted base for concrete pavement

#### Why Concrete Overlays?

- Can be placed on both concrete and asphalt pavements.
- Offer an economically sound solution that will out last any asphalt.
- All the benefits of concrete pavement
  - Long-term skid resistance
  - Greater visibility.
  - Reduced Heat Island effect
  - Reduced lighting requirements
  - Increased safety
- Concrete overlays have a proven track record with millions of Yds<sup>2</sup> across the U.S.

Like ACI 330, there is an industry standard guide

- Pavement Evaluation
- Required Thickness
  - Car parking area
  - Access roads
  - Heavy duty truck Lanes
- Surface preparation
- Placement procedures
- Joint layout guidelines



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