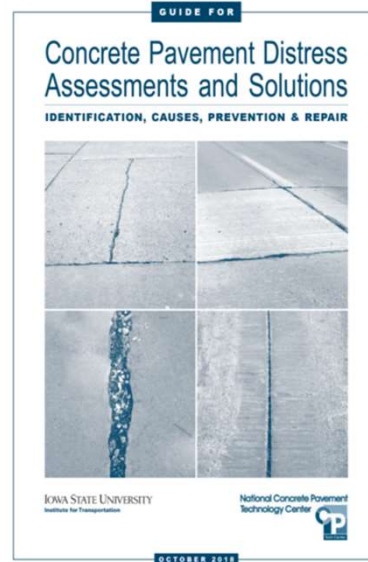


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## Why Was This Guide Developed?

Help the agency staff with:

- Identifying the Distress
- Understanding the Causes
- Preventing Future Distress
- Rehabilitation Methodologies

## **Who is this Guide For?**

- Pavement Inspectors/Design Engineers
- Project Concept Engineers
- Construction and Maintenance Staff
- Asset & Pavement Management Engineers
- Consulting Engineers

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- Surface Delamination
- Materials Related cracks
- Transverse and Diagonal Cracks
- Longitudinal Cracks
- Corners Cracks
- Spalling
- Faulting
- Joint Warping and Curling
- Blowups
- Settlement and Heaves
- Subgrades and base Support
- CRCP
- Overlays
- Laboratory and Field Testing

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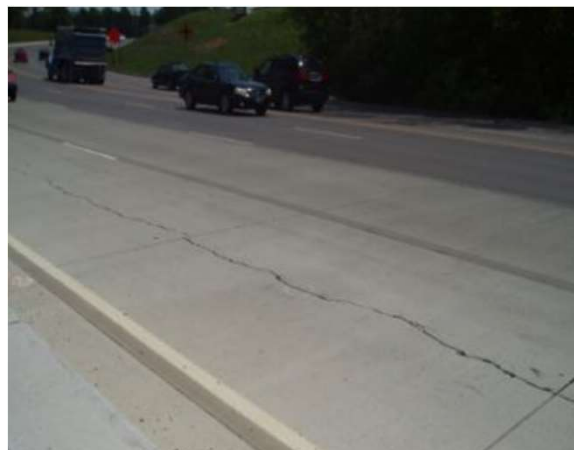
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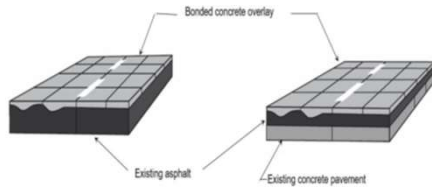
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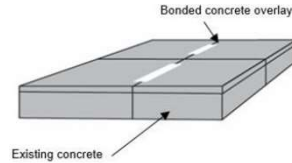
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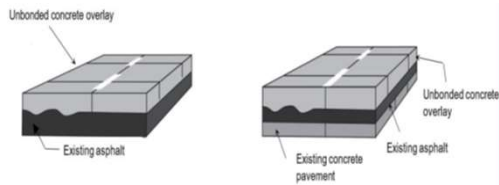
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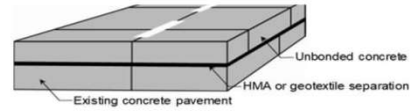
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### Chapter 17. Unbonded Concrete Overlay on Asphalt (UBCOA)



### Chapter 18. Unbonded Concrete Overlay on Concrete



## Division 2: Concrete Overlays

### Chapter 15. Concrete Overlay on Asphalt (BCOA)

Interior Structure/  
Unbonded Cracks



Longitudinal lane-  
shoulder joint spall due to  
shoulder heave



Compression-transverse  
joints



Transverse joint faulting



Panel migration/slippage



Longitudinal cracking in  
wheel path



## Division 2: Concrete Overlays

### Ch 16. Bonded Concrete Overlay on Concrete (BCOC)

Reflective crack over transverse crack



Multiple panel cracks near panel end due to debonding



Longitudinal crack-overlay fatigue after debonding



Late sawing/or not sawing over existing joint/crack



Wheel path cracking-debond & fatigue cracking of overlay



Reflective crack-not cutting a joint over existing crack



## Division 2: Concrete Overlays

### Ch 17. Unbonded Concrete Overlay on Asphalt (UBCOA)

Longitudinal cracking in wheel path with tied & widened shoulders



Faulting & panel movement due to deformation of underlying HMA



Diagonal longitudinal crack over widened section



Cracking- misaligned dowels



Mid-panel cracking



Blowups



## **Division 2: Concrete Overlays**

### **Ch 18. Unbonded Concrete Overlay on Concrete (UBCOC)**

Longitudinal cracking in wheel path with tied shoulders



Transverse joint faulting



Longitudinal cracking in wheel path



Transverse reflective cracking



Mid-panel cracking



Cracking due to misaligned dowels



## **Division 3:**

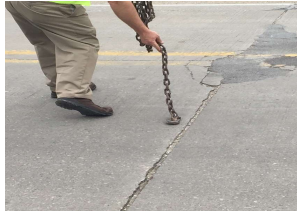
### **Chapter 19. Field Evaluation and Laboratory Testing Procedures**

- Common Field and Laboratory Tests Associated With Identification of Pavement Distresses are Highlighted
- ASTM & AASHTO Tests are Referenced
- Each Individual Distress Chapter Discusses Appropriate Field and Laboratory Tests to Identify the Nature and Severity of the Specific Distress and Refers Back to Related Information in Ch 19.



## Chapter 19. Common Field Tests for Concrete Pavements

Chain Drag or Hammer Sounding



Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD)



Automated Plate Load Test



Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)



Coring and Material Sampling



High Speed Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)



## Chapter 19. Common Laboratory Tests for Subgrade and/or Base Materials

Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates



Materials Finer Than No. 200 Sieve Aggregates by Washing



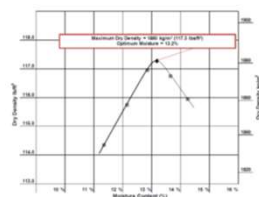
Particle Size Analysis of Soils – Hydrometer Test



Plastic Limit and Plasticity Index of Soils



Moisture-Density Relations of Soils



Resilient Modulus of Soils and Aggregate Minerals



## Chapter 19. Common Laboratory Tests for Hardened Concrete Materials

Compressive Strength



Flexural Strength of Concrete



Hardened Air Petrographic Analysis



Petrographic Examination of Aggregates for Concrete



Permeability "rapid chloride" Surface Resistivity Test



Resistance of Concrete to Rapid Freezing and Thawing



## **Full-Depth Concrete Pavements**

### **Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking** (pp. 105-142)





## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking



## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 2. Severity

Table 6.1 Severity levels of longitudinal cracking

Distress	Description and Severity Levels	Measurement
Longitudinal Cracking – Jointed Concrete Pavement (JCP)	<p>Cracks that are predominantly parallel to the pavement centerline</p> <p><b>Low:</b> Crack widths less than 0.125 in. (3 mm), no spalling, and no measurable faulting or well-sealed and with a width that cannot be determined</p> <p><b>Medium:</b> Crack widths greater than 0.125 in. (3 mm) but less than 0.50 in. (13 mm); or with spalling less than 3 in. (75 mm); or faulting up to 0.50 in. (13 mm)</p> <p><b>High:</b> Crack widths greater than 0.50 in. (13 mm) or with spalling greater than 3 in. (75 mm) or faulting greater than 0.50 in. (13 mm)</p>	<p>Record the length of longitudinal cracking at each severity level. Also record the length of longitudinal cracking with sealant in good condition at each severity level. Sealant is not considered to be in good condition unless at least 3 ft (1 m) of continuous sealant in good condition is present. In cases where a crack is less than 3 ft (1 m) long, the sealant must be present and in good condition over the entire length of the crack.</p>

## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 3. Testing

#### Field Tests

- Coring
- Straightedge or String Line Test
- FWD Testing
- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

#### Laboratory Tests (temperature and shrinkage characteristics)

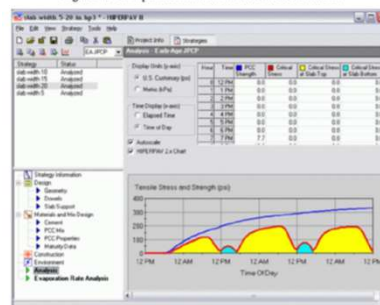
- Evaluation of Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
- Petrographic Analysis

## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 4. Identification of Causes

Table 6.2 Summary of physical and material/chemical causes of longitudinal cracking

Distress	Category	Causes
Longitudinal Cracking	Physical	<p>Nonuniform slab support (variable stiffness, swelling soils, frost heave, erosion, instability, etc.)</p> <p>Variations in slab-based friction or bond</p> <p>Slab restraint</p> <p>Excessive panel size relative to slab thickness, foundation stiffness, slab-based friction, and applied traffic loads, and/or environmental conditions</p> <p>As-designed panel width (e.g., wide ramps)</p> <p>Inadequate saw cut depth (effective width)</p> <p>Too much joint reinforcement (effective width)</p> <p>Late sawing of joints</p> <p>Designs that produce excessive lateral restraint</p> <p>Environmental conditions (e.g., ambient temperature and moisture conditions relative to those present during placement and curing) that influence curling, warping, and drying shrinkage</p> <p>Stress concentrations due to embedded features (e.g., utility access blockouts) and ties to adjacent structures (e.g., transitions to different longitudinal joint patterns, adjacent structures)</p> <p>Construction-related aspects (e.g., timing/depth of joint sawing, timing and effectiveness of curing)</p> <p>Construction and service traffic loadings (load magnitude, configuration, location, number of repetitions, and strength at time of loading, etc.)</p>
	Material/ Chemical	<p>Thermal characteristics of the concrete (mainly a function of aggregate type and content)</p> <p>Shrinkage characteristics of the concrete (mainly a function of paste content and w/cm ratio)</p> <p>Concrete mixture components and proportions that affect strength development</p>



## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 5. Evaluation (pp 111-136)

#### Cause/Prevention Examples:

- Non-uniform Support

Figure 6.7 Longitudinal cracking due to longitudinally bounded variation in pavement support



## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 5. Evaluation (pp 111-136)

#### Cause/Prevention Examples:

- Non-uniform Support **Table 6.4**
  - ✓ Element
  - ✓ Aspect
  - ✓ Issue
  - ✓ Considerations

Table 6.4 Considerations for addressing longitudinal cracking caused by nonuniform slab support.

Foundation Element	Aspect	Issue	Considerations
Base and Subgrade	Compaction/Density	Poor or inadequate compaction can lead to post construction settlement of the base, reducing the support provided to the slab.	Ensure that all unbound foundation layers are compacted to the specified target densities.
Base and Subgrade	Uniformity of Support	Areas of nonuniformity in the foundation layers can lead to cracking.	Ensure base course is homogeneous and not segregated when placed. Cross-haul and mix, undercut and replace or stabilize soft spots in subgrade. Consider subgrade stabilization for plastic soils.
Base	Base Erosibility	Pumping and erosion of base beneath slabs leads to unsupported conditions.	Use widened lanes (if slab thickness and support conditions permit) and/or tied concrete shoulders to reduce slab deflections that induce pumping. Use bound (stabilized or treated) base materials, especially for facilities that carry heavy truck traffic. If aggregate base layers are used, limit the fines passing the No. 200 (0.075mm) sieve to 10% or less (but consider fines requirements to achieve stability during construction operations). Seal longitudinal joints (especially the lane-shoulder joint) and/or provide edge drains or daylighted aggregate base to quickly remove water from the base.
Subgrade*	Swelling Soils*	Subgrade volumetric changes due to variations in subgrade moisture contents.	Remove and replace small areas of swelling soils. Compact at 1-3% above optimum moisture content (AASHTO T 99). Consider use of soils stabilization and membranes.
Subgrade*	Frost Heave*	Subgrade volumetric changes due to frost penetration and growing ice lenses in subgrade.	Compact slightly wet of optimum moisture content (AASHTO T 99). Use non-frost-susceptible materials within the depth of frost penetration. Protect (cover) frost-susceptible soil with sufficient thickness of non-frost-susceptible material.

## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 5. Evaluation/Summary of Causes and Prevention

Table 6.5 Overall summary of causes and prevention of longitudinal cracking

Distress in Concrete Pavement	Contributing Causes	Prevention: Design	Prevention: Materials	Prevention: Construction
Excessive Panel Width Cracking	Greater slab widths increase critical curling, warping, and shrinkage stresses in the slab that can lead to cracking  Exacerbated by increased base stiffness and friction or bond	Employ suitable panel width for climate conditions, foundation support and friction, and slab thickness  Avoid over-tying longitudinal joints to create a wider effective panel width	Avoid high-shrinkage mixtures (high water and paste contents, high CTE aggregates). Minimize mixture paste content  Avoid using exceedingly stiff base  Use interlayer between slab and stabilized base	Saw joints deeply enough to ensure joint activation
Late Sawing or inadequate Saw cut depth	Inadequate saw cut depth  Late sawing		Maximize sawing window through good materials selection and mixture proportioning, good curing materials	Maximize sawing window with proper coverage and timely application of curing techniques and site control techniques (e.g., fogging, shading and wind breaks where needed and feasible)  Saw joints within the "window of opportunity"  Saw joints to the specified depth  Monitor early-age strength development  Employ HIPERPAV or other software to determine cracking risk for potential paving scenarios

## Chapter 6. Longitudinal Cracking

### 6. Treatment and Repairs (pp 137-140)

#### Repairs:

Full-Depth Repair  
Cross-titching and Slot Stitching  
Crack Sealing or Filling  
Diamond Grinding  
Do Nothing



b. Cross-stitched longitudinal crack



b. Slot-stitched longitudinal crack

## **Distress Manual CP Tech Center Link!**

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