

GCP CRACK SEALING SYSTEMS FOR HIGHWAYS

SAFETRACK CRACK INFILL SYSTEM (FLEXIBLE)

This HAPAS Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ is issued by the British Board of Agrément (BBA), supported by Highways England (HE) (acting on behalf of the Overseeing Organisations of the Department for Transport; Transport Scotland; the Welsh Government and the Department for Infrastructure, Northern Ireland), the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT), the Local Government Technical Advisers Group and industry bodies. HAPAS Certificates are normally each subject to a review every three years.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate relates to the Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible), a bitumen-free, cold liquid-applied, fast-curing, thermosetting resin system, used to seal and repair cracks, fretted joints, reinstatement joints and slots between 5 and 40 mm wide in non-porous bituminous and concrete highway surfaces.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with HAPAS requirements
- factors relating to compliance with Regulations where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Performance — the system meets the relevant requirements for fill and overband crack-sealing systems of the BBA HAPAS *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of Crack Sealing Systems for Highways* (see section 6).

Durability — the system can be used to repair cracks, fretted joints, reinstatement joints and slots between 5 and 40 mm wide in both longitudinal and transverse directions of the carriageway and has a minimum life expectancy of five years (see section 8).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Requirements

In the opinion of the BBA, the Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible), when assessed in accordance with the BBA HAPAS *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of Crack Sealing Systems for Highways*, and used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will satisfy or contribute to satisfying the requirements of the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)*⁽¹⁾, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works*, Series 700, clause 711, and Volume 2 *Notes for Guidance on the Specification for Highway Works*, Series NG700, clause NG711.

(1) The MCHW is operated by the Overseeing Organisations: Highways England (HE), Transport Scotland, the Welsh Government and the Department for Infrastructure (Northern Ireland).

Regulations

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 and 3.3 to 3.5) of this Certificate.

Additional information

The system was originally Certificated under HAPAS Certificate 10/H160 on 16 March 2017. Certificate 10/H160 has been replaced by this Certificate to incorporate a change to the Certificate holder's details.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 The Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible) comprises a bitumen-free, cold liquid-applied, fast-curing thermosetting resin containing fillers and other additives. When applied to the road surface, the resin component is broadcasted with a nominal 3 mm graded skid resistant aggregate in addition to the aggregate throughout the product, to ensure that skid resistance is retained throughout its life.

1.2 Approved aggregates include granite, basalt and calcined bauxite.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The resin component of the system is manufactured using a typical batch-blending process.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the Certificate holder has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by Alcumus (Certificate 15174-QMS-001).

3 Delivery and site handling

- 3.1 The resin component is supplied as ready mixed slurry with filler incorporated. The components are available in 8 kg packs, 25 kg metal containers and 290 Kg metal drums. Additional pack sizes are available upon request.
- 3.2 Each container is marked with the Certificate holder's name, product name, product code, batch number and date of manufacture.
- 3.3 The broadcast aggregate is delivered to site in 25 kg bags or bulk bags of 1 tonne.
- 3.4 The system components must be stored in tightly sealed containers under cool and dry conditions protected from sources of ignition. Packs must be protected from direct sunlight and storage temperature must not exceed 25°C.
- 3.5 If stored correctly in unopened containers, in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, the components will have a storage life of at least 12 months from the date of manufacture.
- 3.6 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the system components under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible).

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 The Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible) is satisfactory for use as a fill and overband sealing system for the repair of cracks, fretted joints, reinstatement joints or slots⁽¹⁾ between 5 and 40 mm wide in non-porous bituminous⁽²⁾ highway surfaces with texture depths not exceeding 2 mm, or on concrete highway surfaces.

- (1) For the purpose of this Certificate, a 'slot' is defined as a prepared routed section in the highway to take cables etc. Where the system is likely to come into contact with cables, the compatibility must be confirmed with the Certificate holder.
- (2) For the purpose of this Certificate, non-porous bituminous highway surfaces are impermeable and include hot-rolled asphalt, asphalt concrete, mastic asphalt and thin surfacing systems.

4.2 The system is applied to fill the crack and produce a band up to 200 mm wide directly over the crack before being blinded with a nominal 3 mm aggregate.

5 Practicability of installation

The system must be installed by a competent highways contractor experienced with this type of system.

6 Performance

The results of laboratory performance tests carried out on the system complied with the requirements of the Guidelines Document for a fill and overband system (see section 13, Table 1 of this Certificate).

7 Maintenance

Installations must be periodically inspected as part of a planned maintenance programme and, if necessary, repaired as described in section 12.

8 Durability

8.1 The system can be used to seal and repair cracks, fretted joints, reinstatement joints or slots in both longitudinal and transverse directions of the carriageway, and has a minimum life expectancy of five years.

8.2 Where cracks have penetrated substantially through the pavement depth owing to structural failure, resulting in significant movement under traffic, an expectation of life cannot be predicted. Where pavements are structurally sound with cracking confined to the surfacing layer or layers, and these remain bonded to the road-base, the five-year minimum life should be achieved.

8.3 The most severe wear from trafficking (primarily by heavy goods vehicles) occurs within the wheel track zones, approximately between 0.5 and 1.1 m and between 2.55 and 3.15 m from the centre of the nearside lane markings for each traffic lane. In the wheel track zones, the expected minimum life is unlikely to be exceeded. Conversely, for cracks outside the wheel track zones, provided the pavement surface is otherwise sound the expected minimum life in terms of skid and deformation resistance is likely to be exceeded.

8.4 The most onerous conditions occur typically during the summer months on heavily trafficked, exposed carriageways with significant gradients in cuttings and on the surface of the pavements carried by elevated structures. In these situations, surface temperatures can approach or even exceed 50°C. Should surface temperatures exceed this figure for prolonged periods (such as in an exceptionally hot summer), the expected minimum life of the system in the wheel track zone may not be attained.

Installation

9 General

9.1 Installation of the Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible) must be conducted in accordance with the Certificate holder's Installation Method Statement and this Certificate.

9.2 Traffic Management must be in accordance with the latest issue of the Department for Transport *Traffic Signs Manual*, Chapter 8, or as agreed between the purchaser and installer.

9.3 The ambient and road surface temperatures are recorded at the start and, if the weather is variable, during the installation process. Installation must only be carried out if the road surface temperature is above 0°C. The system must not be installed during periods of continuous or heavy rain (see section 10.3).

9.4 The areas to which the system is to be applied must be clearly defined by the client prior to commencement of work on site.

10 Preparation of the road surface

10.1 The existing surface must be prepared using a stiff brush to remove all dirt, standing water and loose material.

10.2 Alternatively, oil-free compressed air may be used to dry and remove debris from the defect to be repaired.

10.3 The area must be dry before application which can be achieved with suitable drying equipment, with low heat but high air flow being preferred.

11 Application

Material for hand applied

11.1 A draw box or similar is required to apply the systems. Application is carried out to suit the width of the defect being sealed, between 5 and 40 mm, and to produce a band up to 200 mm wide in one pass.

11.2 The material must be thoroughly stirred prior to use or splitting. The catalyst is then added and mixed thoroughly until homogeneous.

11.3 The mixed material is immediately poured into the draw box and pulled over the surface to fill the crack and produce an even band of material.

11.4 The material must be finished with dry aggregate (typically 2 kg·m²) which must be broadcast within the time specified in the technical data sheet of the product.

11.5 Once the material is cured⁽¹⁾, the area is swept clean of any loose aggregate before the site is re-opened to traffic.

(1) According to the technical specification of the product.

11.6 The coverage rate will vary, depending on the crack size and surface texture, but is typically 4.5 linear metres per kg using a 40 mm draw box with a surface texture depth of 0.5 mm. Aggregate overscatter is typically 2 kg·m⁻².

Material for machine application

11.7 The product can be formulated to be applied by machine, using appropriate proportioning and mixing devices, to give continuous delivery to a draw box fitted to a vehicle to suit the width of the defect being sealed, between 5 and 40 mm, and to produce a band up to 200 mm wide in one pass.

11.8 Mixing equipment must be approved by the Certificate holder and subject to a defined calibration schedule to ensure that the components are mixed in the correct proportions defined by the Certificate holder.

11.9 The application instructions given in sections 11.4 to 11.6 must then be followed.

12 Repair

12.1 Should the system become worn over time, the surface can be reinstated by re-application of new material over the existing. Removal of the existing system is not required if it remains well adhered to the substrate as the material will bond to itself after any period of time so can be over-coated (see sections 11.3 to 11.6).

12.2 The existing material and adjacent road surface must be clean, dry and free from any contamination that may affect the adhesion of the fresh material. If uncertain, bond tests must be carried out to ensure that adequate adhesion can be achieved.

12.3 Contaminated or debonded from the substrate material needs removing or cleaning prior to application of fresh material. Debonded material must be trimmed back to sound material and the fresh material lapped over the old rather than butted up against it.

12.4 The finished repair must be checked to ensure that it does not stand too proud of the adjacent road surface.

Technical Investigations

13 Tests

13.1 Characterisation tests were carried out, including infra-red analysis and tensile strength/elongation of the binder component.

13.2 Laboratory performance tests were carried out on the Safetrack Crack Infill System (Flexible) in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines Document, the results of which were satisfactory. The tests and requirements are given in Table 1.

Table 1 Laboratory performance tests on the system

Test	Requirement ⁽¹⁾	Method ⁽²⁾
Skid resistance value (SRV)		
initial	≥60	Appendix A, Method 1
retention ⁽³⁾	≥50	Appendix A, Method 1
Texture depth		
initial	≥1.5	Appendix A, Method 5
retention ⁽³⁾	≥0.75	Appendix A, Method 5
Tensile bond (N·mm ⁻²) ⁽⁴⁾		
control	≥0.5	TRL Report 176, Appendix J
heat aged ⁽⁵⁾	≥60% of control value	TRL Report 176, Appendix J
Elongation(%)	≥30	Appendix A, Method 7
Wheel tracking		
spread (mm)	Record value	Appendix A, Method 3
deformation (mm)	Record value	Appendix A, Method 3

(1) Requirements as defined in the BBA HAPAS *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of Crack Sealing Systems for Highways*.

(2) Test methods are defined in Appendix A of the Guidelines Document.

(3) Conducted after the wheel tracking at 60°C.

(4) Conducted on both asphalt and concrete substrates.

(5) Heat aged for 28 days at 70 ±2°C.

14 Investigations

14.1 An installation trial was carried out to assess the practicability of the installation in accordance with the Certificate holder's procedures. An assessment of the results of SRV and texture depth tests carried out on the installation was satisfactory.

14.2 A user/specifier survey and visits to existing sites were carried out to assess the system's performance and durability.

14.3 The intercoat adhesion between new and aged systems was assessed for the purpose of repairs and found to be acceptable.

14.4 The installation of machine mixed and applied material was assessed and found to be suitable.

14.5 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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15 Conditions

15.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
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- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

15.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

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