Asphalt Rubber Applications in the Northeast

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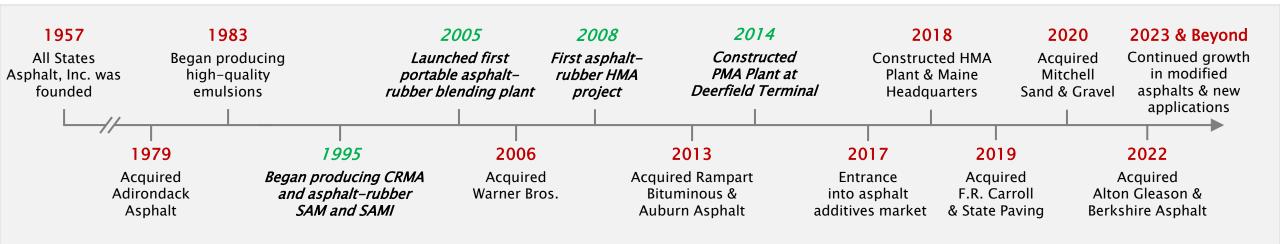








ASMG History with Asphalt Rubber

















Liquid Asphalt Distribution Terminals







Total storage capacity of over 40 million gallons

Deerfield, MA

Oswego, NY

Albany, NY

Bangor, ME

New Haven, CT

Providence, RI

QA / QC Program and Capabilities

- ▶ Complete *in-house* liquid asphalt and bituminous concrete laboratories
- AASHTO re:source Certified PG Binder Laboratory
- NETTCP Certified Bituminous Concrete Laboratories
- ▶ Full staff of NETTCP Certified Production and Field Quality technicians
- Latest technology and testing equipment in the industry







Crumb Rubber Recycling Process

- Recycled tires are shredded into smaller pieces
- Metal and fabric are separated through mechanical, cryogenic and ambient processes
- Crumb rubber of varying sizes are created for a range of applications







Why Use Asphalt Rubber?

- Rubber contains polymers and anti-oxidants
- ▶ Raises softening point of binder to above 140° F
 - Resistance to rutting and shoving
 - Higher binder contents without having drain down or flushing
- Increases low temperature flexibility of residue
 - Better fatigue resistance to reflective and thermal cracking
- Longer service life of treatments
- Lower equivalent annual costs
- Recycles scrap tires in a sustainable and economic process

Asphalt Rubber Specification (Wet Process)

- PG58-28 (or PG64-28 if needed) base binder with minimum 15% crumb rubber
- Asphalt Rubber binder must conform to ASTM D6114 Type II
- Mixing and reaction requirements:
 - Asphalt heating tank or heat exchanger
 - Mechanical blender capable of measuring and recording total quantity of AC in tons and total weight in tons and percentage of ground rubber
 - Dedicated asphalt rubber reaction/storage tank with heating and agitation
 - Additional heating and agitation specifications after blending

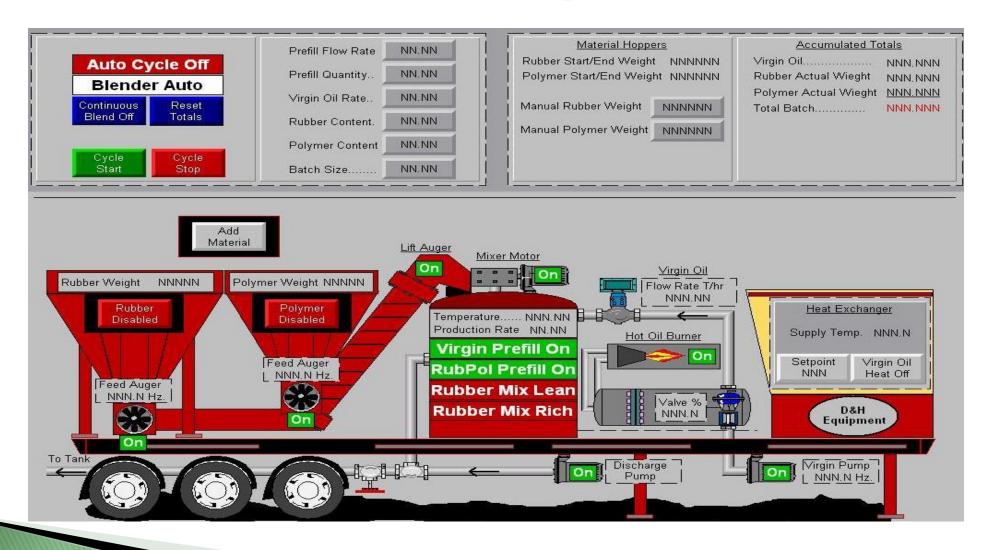
Asphalt Rubber Blending Operations

- Manufactured at the terminal or on-site using a portable blending unit
- Strict quality control standards for consistency and performance





Asphalt Rubber Blending Schematic



Asphalt Rubber Binder Certification

- Sampling and testing per lot at point of manufacture
- All testing and certification completed by an AASHTO re:source accredited lab
- Must report test results confirming ASTM D6114 Type II compliance

ASPHALT RUBBER CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

| Terminal Location: | Date: |
|--------------------|--------|
| Grade: AR-20 | Lot: |
| Tank: | Notes: |

| TEST | TEMP °F / (°C) | METHOD | TEST RESUL | Г | SPECIFICATION |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----|-------------------|
| Apparent Viscosity | 347 / (175) | ASTM D2196 | | сР | 1500-5000 cP |
| Softening Point | - | ASTM D36 | | °F | Min 130°F (54°C) |
| Resilience | 77 / (25) | ASTM D5329 | | % | Min 20% |
| Penetration | 77 / (25) | ASTM D5 | | Dmm | 25-75 dmm |
| 2mm OB DSR | 76°C | ASTM D7175 | | kPa | G*/sin∆ >1.00 kPa |

This material conforms to ASTM D6114 Type II specifications

| Authorized Signature: | Date: | | |
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Northeast Asphalt Rubber Usage

- Crack Seal
- Chip Seal Applications
 - Stress Absorbing Membrane (SAM)
 - Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer (SAMI)
- Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Applications
 - Open Graded Friction Courses
 - Gap Graded Mixtures including Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course

Crack Sealing

- Variety of types of asphalt materials
- Widely used in stand-alone applications and in preparation before other preservation treatments
- Quick and cost-effective application
- Significantly improves treatment performance







Asphalt Rubber Stress Absorbing Membrane

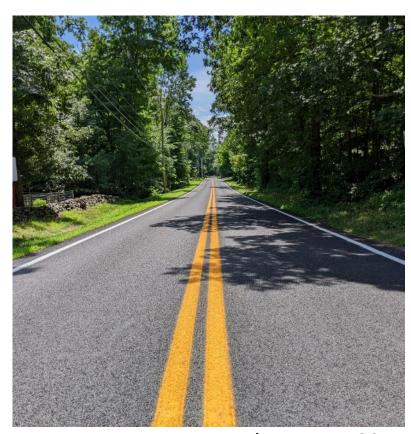
- Surface prep work and cleaning as needed
- ▶ Hot spray application (325°+ F) of crumb-rubber modified asphalt
- ▶ Placement of 3/8" 7/16" heated, treated cover aggregate
- Immediate rolling and sweeping
- Return to normal traffic within 1 hour

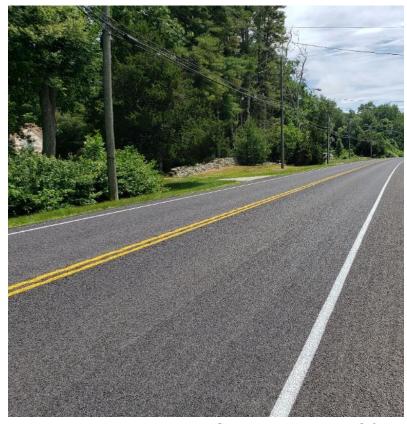






Example Northeast DOT ARSAM Projects







Massachusetts Rt. 32A

Connecticut Rt. 201

Vermont Rt. 12A

Case Study - VT Rt. 100 ARSAM





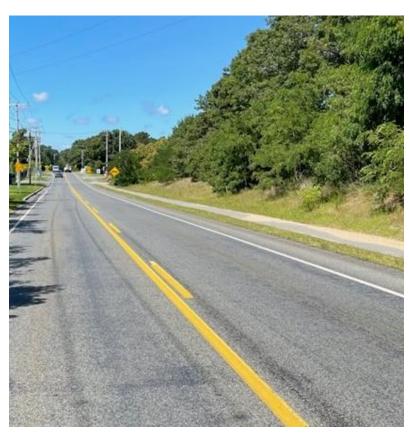
Placed 2013

3 Years Old (2016)

Case Study - Yarmouth, MA ARSAM Program



11 Years Old (Placed 2012)



10 Years Old (Placed 2013)



4 Years Old (Placed 2019)

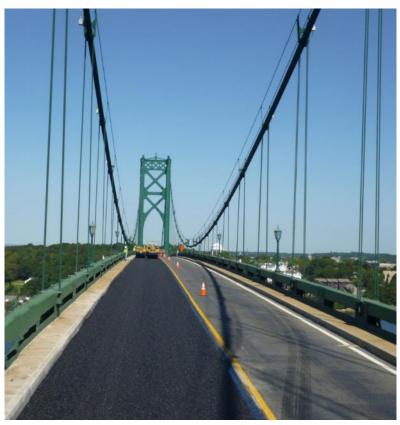
Unique Applications of ARSAM



Wooden Draw Bridge, Beverly, MA



SAMI Over Concrete, Newton, MA (Boston Marathon Route)



15,000+ AADT Suspension Bridge, RI

Asphalt Rubber SAM at NCAT



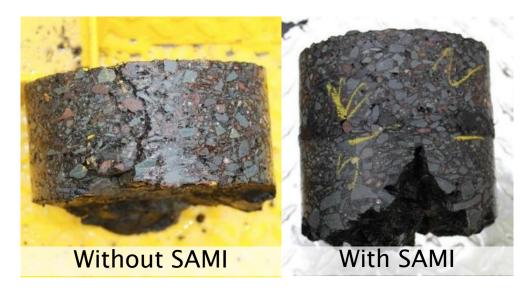


Asphalt Rubber Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer

- Same process and materials as ARSAM but as interlayer
- Placement of HMA or other paved overlay
- Seals and waterproofs existing surface
- Provides flexibility and cracking resistance

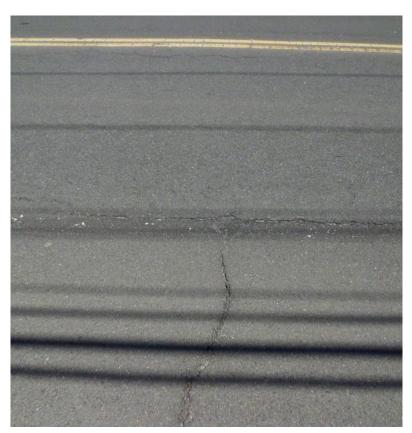






Case Study - MA Rt. 8 ARSAMI - 2008





ARSAMI Placement on Travel Lanes

1.5" HMA Overlay

5 Years Old (2013)

Asphalt Rubber HMA Paving

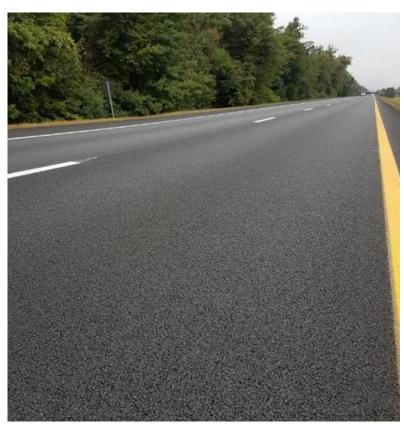
- Variety of applications using conventional paving equipment
- Extends pavement performance and life
- Significantly improved resistance to cracking and rutting
- Reduced traffic noise
- Higher resistance to oxidation







Example Northeast DOT AR HMA Projects



Massachusetts I-91 AR OGFC



New Hampshire Rt. 101 ARGG

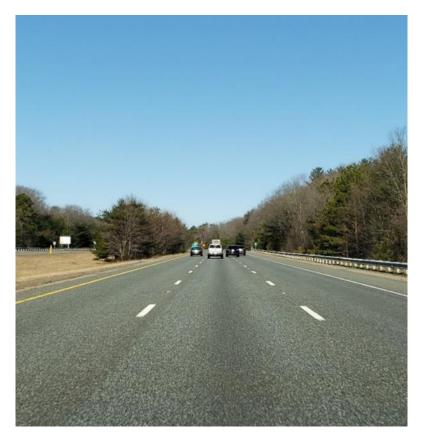


Massachusetts Rt. 3 AR BWC 8 Years Old

Case Study - MA Rt. 295 AR BWC





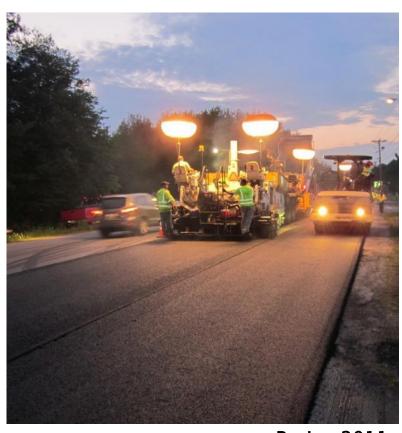


Paving 2008

2 Years Old (2010)

11 Years Old (2019)

Case Study - NH Rt. 38 ARGG





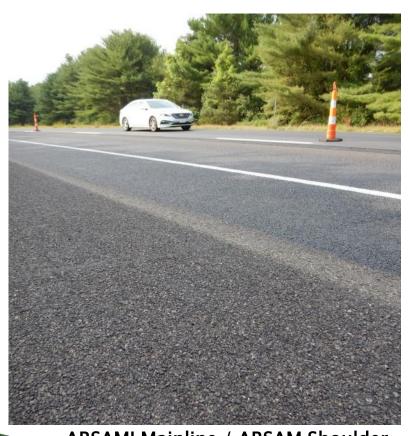


Paving 2011

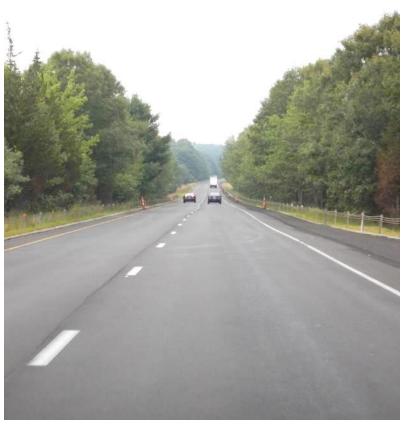
4 Years Old (2015)

12 Years Old (2023)

Case Study - CT Rt. 11 ARSAMI / ARGG



ARSAMI Mainline / ARSAM Shoulder



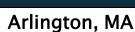
Finished Roadway



ARGG Surface

Asphalt Rubber SAM Projects in Publication



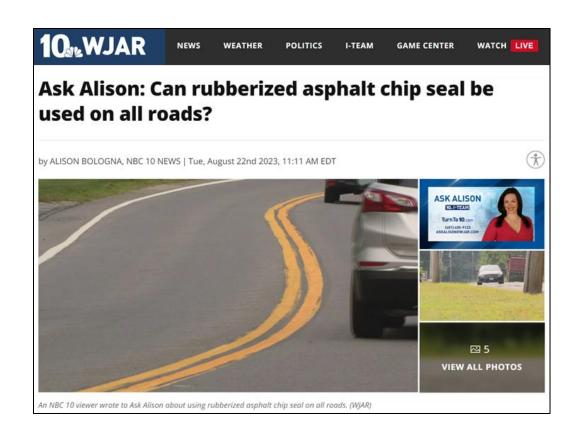


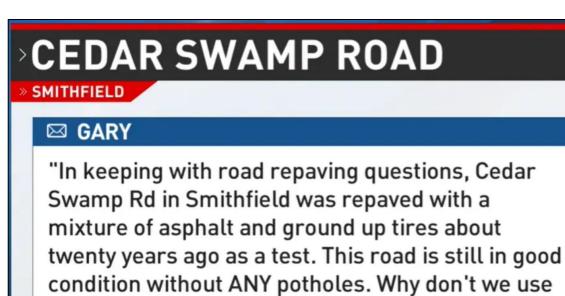




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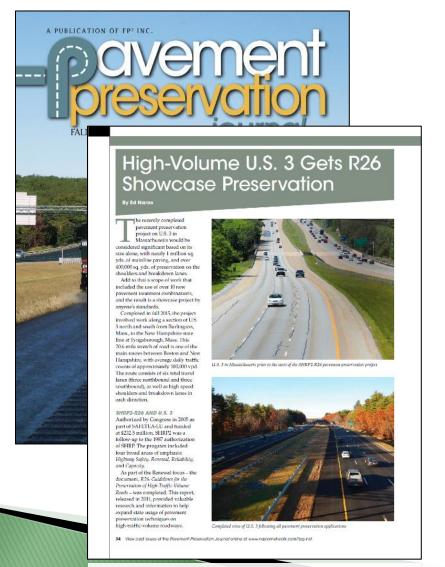
Asphalt Rubber SAM in the News - RI DOT

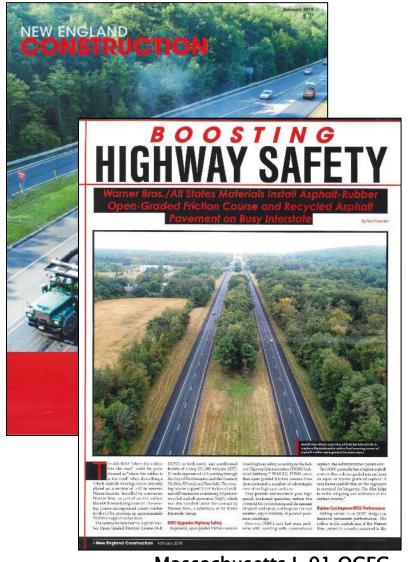




this material on other roads?"

Asphalt Rubber HMA Projects in Publication





Asphalt Rubber Applications Take-Aways

- Variety of applications and uses throughout the region
- Significantly improved performance compared to conventional treatments
- Quality control and material certification is critical to success
- Continued development and advancements to applications
- More opportunities with emphasis on recycling and sustainability



Thank You!

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