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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

MILES MACADAM GROUTED MACADAMS

HARDICRETE HEAVY DUTY SURFACING

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing, for use as a heavy-duty industrial surfacing in locations such as warehouses, cargo handling areas, bus depots and airport hard standings and maintenance areas.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information 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

Flexibility — the system can accommodate minor movement of a base in a flexible construction (see section 6).

Chemical resistance — the chemical resistance of the system will be similar to that of concrete (see section 7).

Durability — when used in heavy-duty applications, the system will have a service life in excess of traditional asphalt surfacing (see section 10).



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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Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	B5(2)	Access and facilities for the fire service
Requirement:	H6(2)	Solid waste storage
Requirement:	M1	Access and use
Requirement:	M2	Access to extensions to buildings other than dwellings
Comment:	Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with these Requirements. See section 4.3 of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:	Use of the system satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 9 and 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	2.12	Fire and rescue service access
Comment:	Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.12.0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.12.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 2.12.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 4.3 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	3.25	Solid waste storage
Comment:	Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.25.1 ⁽¹⁾ and 3.25.3 ⁽¹⁾ . See section 4.3 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	4.1	Access to buildings
Comment:	Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with this Standard, with reference to clause 4.1.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 4.3 of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:	Comments made in relation to the system under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .	

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(b)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	37	Facilities and access for the Fire and Rescue Service
Regulation:	62	Solid waste storage
Regulation:	91	Access and use
Regulation:	92	Access to extensions
Comment:	Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with these Regulations. See section 4.3 of this Certificate.	

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 section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.2 and 3.3) of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing comprises an open-textured, bituminous receiving course with a controlled proportion of voids, fully grouted with a polymer-modified cement grout.

1.2 The system provides a jointless, flexible surfacing for heavy-duty pavements which is resistant to the fluids present in vehicle and aircraft maintenance areas and can accommodate limited movement of an unstable base.

1.3 The receiving course comprises a 0/14 mm open-graded surface course based on penetration-grade bitumen and suitable aggregates. The aggregate is graded to give a controlled proportion of air voids to accommodate the polymer-modified cement grout.

1.4 The grout comprises Portland cement, polymer, fine mineral aggregate and water. Optional plasticising and anti-foaming agents may also be included.

2 Manufacture

2.1 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 as part of a surveillance process to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.2 The management system of Miles Macadam Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by Alcumus ISOQAR (Certificate 1140-Q15-001).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The receiving course is delivered to site in accordance with BS 594987 : 2015.

3.2 The cementitious powder for the grout is delivered in 750 kg pre-mixed bulk bags.

3.3 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the system 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 Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing.

4 Use

4.1 Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing is satisfactory for use as a heavy-duty industrial surfacing (new or remedial).

4.2 Provided the existing surface is stable and able to accept the expected traffic loading without cracking or undue deflection, the system can be used:

- directly over new bitumen macadam, hot-rolled asphalt, lean or pavement-quality concrete in accordance with normal construction practice, for example CD 226 : 2020
- directly over existing sound, level concrete or asphalt
- with a regulating layer⁽¹⁾, over an existing irregular concrete or asphalt base.

(1) The regulating layer is outside the scope of this Certificate.



4.3 The system is able to sustain the abrasion and loading caused by industrial traffic (including steel-wheeled and tracked vehicles in consultation with the Certificate holder), heavy commercial vehicles, public service vehicles or aircraft in such locations as warehouses, cargo handling areas, bus depots and airfields (hard standings and maintenance areas).

5 Practicability of installation

Receiving course

5.1 The receiving course is installed by contractors approved by the Certificate holder, using conventional paving equipment.

Cementitious grout

5.2 The cementitious grout is applied by contractors trained and approved by the Certificate holder using proprietary grout mixing and application equipment.

6 Flexibility

6.1 The system does not require expansion joints and can accommodate the minor movement to be expected in a flexible construction.

6.2 Where it is laid over an existing concrete surface, any joints should be retained in the system to avoid reflective cracking. Alternatively, where the joints are not retained, the system can be laid over an asphaltic reinforcement geosynthetic and regulating course. The Certificate holder must be consulted for details.

7 Chemical resistance

7.1 The system's chemical resistance is similar to concrete.

7.2 The system is particularly suitable for vehicle (including aircraft) maintenance areas, where there is the possibility of spillage of fuel, oil and hydraulic fluids.

7.3 Where abnormal chemical spillage is expected, the advice of the Certificate holder must be sought.

8 Curing

8.1 The curing time of the grout varies with atmospheric conditions, but the following minimum periods before use by different types of traffic must be observed:

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| • pedestrians | 12 hours |
| • cars | 1 day |
| • lorries, standing loads, possibility of oil spillage | 7 days. |

8.2 Where exceptional loads (eg point loading from trailer jockey wheels or stands) or chemical spillage are expected, longer curing periods may be necessary. The Certificate holder's advice should be sought in these cases.

9 Maintenance



Where conditions are very severe (eg areas where steel-wheeled or tracked vehicles regularly turn or reverse) localised damage may take place. This must be repaired promptly by patching, under the guidance of the Certificate holder.

10 Durability



The system will have a service life in excess of conventional asphalt surfacing in areas where greater resistance to permanent deformation, mechanical damage, and attack by fuel and oils is required.

Installation

11 Base construction

11.1 Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing receiving course must be laid directly onto existing clean, sound, firm and acceptably level concrete or asphalt surfaces to ensure that the minimum specified thickness of the receiving course is achieved.

11.2 The design for construction should be in accordance with accepted techniques, for example: those stipulated in CD 226 : 2020.

11.3 Where the existing base is irregular, an intermediate regulating layer of asphalt will be required.

12 Mixing of grout

The grout is mixed on site using a mixer unit at the rear of the mobile grout production/laying unit. Care must be taken to prevent settlement of the fine aggregates.

13 Procedure

13.1 The areas to which the Grouted Macadam is to be applied must be clearly defined by the purchaser prior to commencement of work on-site.

13.2 An initial site survey to assess the suitability of the surface will be carried out. Where applicable a site survey will be carried out in accordance with BS 594987 : 2015.

13.3 The receiving course is applied and compacted by traditional surfacing techniques, in accordance with BS 594987 : 2015, and allowed to cool to below 40°C before grouting. Laying of the system must not be carried out when the air temperature reaches 0°C on a falling thermometer, except in ambient, dry conditions. Laying must cease if the air temperature reaches -3°C, if there is standing water, ice or snow present or during periods of heavy rain.

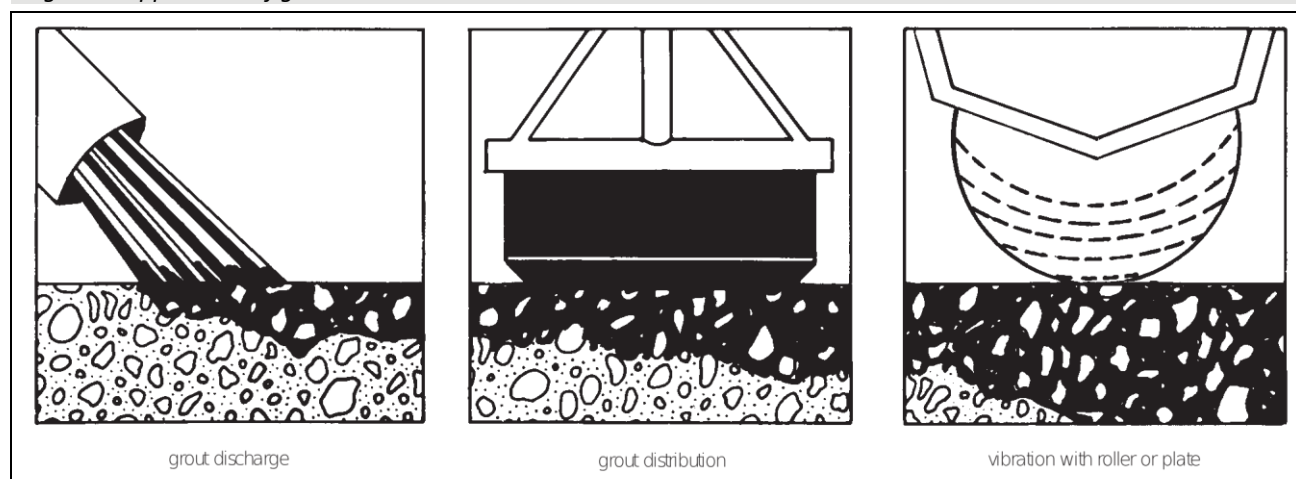
13.4 The receiving course must not be opened to traffic before the grout is applied and subsequently cured. Along with the curing times given in 8.1 the ambient conditions should be considered when deciding on the time to commence trafficking. Any areas accidentally damaged or contaminated must be removed and replaced.

13.5 Painting of vertical faces between and along receiving course laying joints is to be avoided. Doing so will inhibit the penetration of the grout.

13.6 Grout is applied to the surface of the support coat from the mixing and transport receptacle. The grout can be laid as soon as the receiving course has cooled to below 40°C.

13.7 Grout movement through the matrix is either by natural percolation or additional vibration using a vibrating plate or vibrating roller (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 Application of grout



13.8 Spread rates for the grout are controlled by monitoring the coverage versus the tonnage of grout being used.

13.9 Depending on the contract requirement the finish can be either brushed by hand or machine (tractor brush).

13.10 If grouting of the whole area cannot be completed within a working day, the area to be treated must be divided into suitably smaller areas and the edges masked.

13.11 A 0/2 mm granite can be applied to the surface of the system at a nominal spread rate of 0.5 kg per m².

14 Checks on the finished installation

14.1 A visual check is carried out to verify uniform surface texture and to identify any discernible faults.

14.2 Cores may also be taken after approximately one week to confirm the satisfactory penetration of the grout into the receiving course.

15 Repair

In the event that the surfacing is damaged during installation or service, it may be repaired by removing the damaged area and re-applying the surfacing in accordance with the procedure detailed in sections 13 and 14.

Technical Investigations

16 Tests

Tests were carried out on Hardicrete Heavy Duty Surfacing and the results assessed to determine:

- chemical resistance to acids, alkalis, solvents and oils
- freeze/thaw resistance.

17 Investigations

17.1 Data relating to the following characteristics were assessed:

- resistance to penetration
- compressive strength
- stiffness modulus

- Poisson's ratio
- fatigue characteristics
- permanent deformation
- deflection measurements
- resistance to wheel loading
- effect of high temperatures
- requirements of sub-grade
- pavement design.

17.2 Visits were made to established sites and a user survey was conducted to evaluate the surfacing's performance in use.

17.3 Visits were made to sites in progress to assess the practicability of application, and to compare application techniques.

17.4 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.

Bibliography

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Conditions

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