## Hot Applied Crack & Joint Sealant

## **Sealant Selection**



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Many years of research have confirmed that crack treatments are the most cost-effective method of pavement preservation. Other methods of preservation are effective, but only one is the most cost-effective, "crack sealing". Many agencies recommend the Crafco system as a cost-effective way to prolong the life of asphalt pavement. Study after study has proven that when cracks are sealed at the proper time, two to four years of added pavement life can be expected before other treatments are required. Other methods used for pavement preservation are effective and needed in many situations, but are more costly than crack sealing.

Many studies have shown that for every \$1.00 spent on crack sealing, \$4.00 or more is saved in rehabilitation cost. With other treatments, costs are several times more per square yard. Therefore, "when budgets are tight, the time to seal is right".

Cracking in asphalt and concrete pavement will occur. Pavement design and maintenance engineers have had to contend with this,

leaving maintenance departments bearing most of the burden of dealing with cracks. Pavement cracks are inevitable, and without proper maintenance and repair, will lead to accelerated cracking or potholes, further impairing the life and serviceability of the pavement.

The problem of pavement cracking is handled in many ways, ranging from pavement maintenance surface treatments such as seal coating, road slurry, and chip seal, to hot rubberized crack sealing, and ultimately complete pavement rehabilitation such as resurfacing. A common option utilized by city or state maintenance departments is the Crafco System. For many years crack sealing has been done, usually on a routine basis. However, only in the last two decades has it been recognized as a preventive maintenance tool. Crack filling the Crafco way, with proper high performance fillers, will effectively "glue" the pavement together and stop potholes.



**Crafco Crack Sealing** - This process should be performed on pavements that are in good condition. That is defined as a pavement with a sound base and exhibits distress in the form of thermal or working cracks spaced at over 20 feet. The procedure consists of routing and sealing transverse cracks in order to prevent moisture from entering and deteriorating the sub-base, and incompressible material from interfering with thermal movement. See the Crafco Installation Instructions for your chosen sealant to get specific directions on preparation and application. If properly designed and installed, the expected life of this procedure is typically 5 to 7 years, in most cases.

**Crafco Performance Crack Fillers** - This procedure consists of filling closely spaced or non-working cracks to reduce moisture penetration into the sub-base of the pavement. If moisture is not checked, catastrophic pavement failure such as potholes will form. Another reason for crack filling is to stop crack raveling. Crack filling is a very cost-effective method of pavement repair that will add years to its life. Crack fill pavements, that are in fair to poor condition, on a regular basis to maintain their condition. If properly designed and installed, the expected life of this procedure, in most cases, is 3 to 5 years.

**Crafco Joint Sealing** - Sealing concrete pavement joints is required to stop moisture from entering and deteriorating the sub-base of the pavement and decrease spalling. The most cost-effective method of ensuring optimum performance of a PCC pavement is by constructing a sound joint seal system that will last. If properly designed and installed, the expected life of this procedure is typically 5 to 7 years.

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