

SWARCO HITEX HIGH-FRICTION SURFACING SYSTEM

SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1

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(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate relates to SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1, a high-friction surfacing system for use on bituminous highways.

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 complies with the requirements for a Type 1 system in accordance with the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways* (see Table 2).

Durability — the system, when used in an appropriate location as defined in the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways*, should have a service life of between 5 and 10 years (see section 7).

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, SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1, when assessed in accordance with BBA HAPAS *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways* and used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the following requirements of the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highways Works (MCHW)*⁽¹⁾, *Specification for Highways Works (SHW)*, Volume 1, Series 900, Clause 924.

(1) The MCHW is operated by the Overseeing Organisations: National Highways, 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 to 3.4) and 9 *Precautions during Installation* of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 comprises a two-component, modified epoxy binder and a graded nominal 1 to 3 mm calcined bauxite aggregate.

1.2 For new, porous or open textured bituminous substrates, SWARCO HITEX Pre-treatment, kiln-dried sharp sand with a particle size of 0.3 mm – 1.2 mm, may be used to reduce the system binder consumption.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 binder components are manufactured by a 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 being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of SWARCO HITEX LTD has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificate FM 631027).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 binder components are delivered to site in pre-weighed 20 kg packs. The binder components are also supplied in 180 kg drums or 1000 kg IBCs, the contents of which are transferred into dedicated heated storage tanks fitted with agitators, located on the installation vehicle.

3.2 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).

3.3 SWARCO HITEX Pre-treatment sand is supplied to site in 25 kg bags.

3.4 The calcined bauxite aggregate is supplied to site in 25 or 1250 kg bulk bags.

3.5 When stored in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions the unopened product has a shelf-life of at least six months.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1.

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 is satisfactory for use as a high-friction surfacing system on highways with surface texture depths of between 0.5 and 2.0 mm, measured using the sand patch test as defined in BS 598-105 : 2000 or BS EN 13036-1 : 2010. Negative textured bituminous surfacing with a texture depth greater than 2.0 mm must be pre-treated with SWARCO HITEX Pre-treatment.

4.2 The system is classified as Type 1, in accordance with the requirements defined in Table 1 of the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways* and detailed in section 7 of this Certificate.

4.3 The system is suitable for use on bituminous surfaces.

4.4 The suitability of the system for use on highways with concrete surfaces and the in-service colour retention of the system have not been assessed and are outside the scope of this Certificate.

5 Practicability of installation

The system must be installed by a BBA Approved Installer⁽¹⁾. Operatives must be trained and approved by the Certificate holder.

(1) See also the *Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for Installers of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways*.

6 Maintenance

The system is not subject to any routine maintenance requirements but any damage must be repaired (see section 14).

7 Durability

7.1 The results of the performance tests and the performance of the system in use indicate that the SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1, when used in an appropriate location as defined in the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways*, should have a service life of between 5 and 10 years (see Table 1).

Table 1 Area⁽¹⁾ of application by type classification

Site category (as defined in CS 228)	Site definition	Maximum traffic levels ⁽²⁾ Type 1
Q	Approaches to and across major junctions and approaches to roundabouts	3500
G1	Gradient from 5% to 10%, longer than 50 m	3500
S1	Bend radius <500 m – dual carriageway	3500
R	Roundabout	3500
G2	Gradient >10%, longer than 50 m	2500
S2	Bend radius <500 m – single carriageway	3500
K	Approach to pedestrian crossing and other high-risk situations	2500

(1) Suitable areas for use of systems classified in accordance with Table 1 of the Guidelines Document to give an expected service life of 5 to 10 years.

(2) Commercial vehicles per lane per day.

7.2 If the system is used in other locations or at different traffic levels, the expected life will be increased or decreased in relation to the severity of the site.

Installation

8 General

8.1 The ambient and road surface temperatures should be recorded. Installation should not be carried out if the road surface temperature is outside the range of 0 °C to 35 °C.

8.2 Installation of SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 is only carried out by BBA Approved Installers⁽¹⁾ with trained operatives under competent supervision.

(1) See also the Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for Installers of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways.

8.3 The Certificate holder is responsible for training and monitoring the BBA Approved Installers to ensure the system is installed in accordance with the BBA agreed Method Statement and this Certificate.

9 Precautions during installation

Health and Safety Data Sheets and the *Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH)* risk assessments for the works should be deposited with the purchaser and be maintained on site by the approved installer.

10 Preparation

10.1 All imperfections in the road surface not acceptable to the installer should be reinstated with a material approved by the purchaser in consultation with the installer.

10.2 The road surface must be clean, dry and free from ice, frost, loose aggregate, oil, grease, road salt and other loose matter likely to impair adhesion of the system to the road surfacing.

10.3 Surface contamination may be removed using any suitable method agreed between the installer and purchaser including grit blasting, high-pressure water jetting, scabbling and hot compressed air. Oil contamination is removed by washing with a suitable detergent followed by flushing with clean water and drying.

10.4 Existing road markings, iron works and studs must be masked.

11 Pre-treatment

11.1 If pre-treatment is required, SWARCO HITEX Pre-treatment is applied before the application of SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1.

11.2 The SWARCO HITEX Pre-treatment is applied in excess by brushing onto the open textured surfacing and any excess sand remaining on the surface of the substrate is removed by brushing.

12 Application

Material from dedicated heated tanks

12.1 The two components are batched from the tanks into calibrated containers ensuring a mix ratio of 50:50 ±2% by weight at a temperature between 25°C and 35°C.

12.2 The components (up to 20 kg of each) are mixed for at least two minutes, or until homogeneous, using a high-torque drill fitted with a helical mixing blade.

Material from pre-weighed combination packs

12.3 The pre-weighed components, Part A and Part B, are mixed individually for at least one minute. Part B is added to Part A and the two components are mixed for at least two minutes, or until homogeneous, using a high-torque drill fitted with a helical mixing blade. At temperatures between 5°C and 10°C, the components may need to be heated to around 30°C to enable easier material handling.

Application of the binder and calcined bauxite aggregate

12.4 The mixed binder is applied by squeegee onto the prepared surface at a minimum coverage rate, which will vary according to the texture depth and porosity of the surface but must not be less than 2.0 kg·m⁻². The spread rate may be lower for pre-treated high texture sites.

12.5 After the binder is applied, calcined bauxite aggregate is broadcast in excess over the binder.

12.6 After the binder is fully cured, the excess aggregate is removed by vacuum sweeper or other suitable means.

12.7 The aggregate must not be rolled.

13 After-care

The installer should conduct a visual check on the installation for uniform surface texture, surface blemishes and any discernible faults. Any remedial work should be conducted as necessary.

14 Repair

Should the system be damaged or become debonded from the substrate, it is repaired by cutting the damaged area back to firmly-bonded material, cleaning the prepared area, masking the perimeter and reinstating to the original specification.

Technical Investigations

15 Product characteristics

Samples of SWARCO EPOXYGRIP TYPE 1 were prepared by the Certificate holder for testing. The tests carried out by, or on behalf of, the BBA are summarised in Tables 2 and 3. The results of the tests complied with the requirements for a Type 1 system.

Table 2 Laboratory performance tests and requirements

Test	Parameter measured	Type 1 requirement	Method in TRL Report 176 ⁽¹⁾
Scuffing at 45°C			
initial	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.4	Appendix G
after 500 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.2	
	Erosion index	≤3	
after heat ageing ⁽²⁾ and 500 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.2	Appendix G
	Erosion index	≤5	
Wear		≥1.4	
initial	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.4	Appendix H
	SRV	≥65	
after 100 000 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.1	Appendix H
	Erosion index	≤3	
	SRV	≥70	
Tensile adhesion	Stress at -10±2°C (N·mm ⁻²)	≥1.0	Appendix J
	Stress at 20±2°C (N·mm ⁻²)	≥0.5	Appendix J

(1) Including any agreed amendments details in Appendix D of the Guidelines Document.

(2) Heat aged for 112 days at 70±3°C.

Table 3 Additional tests

Test	Parameter measured	Requirements met	Method in TRL Report 176 ⁽¹⁾
Resistance to freeze/thaw	Texture depth/erosion index	≥1.2 mm / ≤5	Appendix L
Resistance to diesel	Texture depth/erosion index	≥1.2 mm / ≤5	Appendix M
Thermal movement	Thermal expansion coefficient	Record	Appendix N

(1) Including any agreed amendments details in Appendix D of the Guidelines Document.

16 Investigations

16.1 An installation trial was carried out to assess the practicability of the installation and quality control/assurance procedures.

16.2 A user/specifier survey relating to existing sites at least two years old was carried out to assess the system's performance and durability.

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

Bibliography

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TRL Report 176 : 1997 *Laboratory tests on high-friction surfaces for highways*

17 Conditions

17.1 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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- 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.

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

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