

TEXBAND CRACK SEALING SYSTEMS FOR HIGHWAYS

SWARCO ECO TEXBAND SOLO OVERBAND SYSTEM

This HAPAS Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ is issued by the British Board of Agrément (BBA), supported by National Highways (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 SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System, a hot-applied thermoplastic material, incorporating polymer-modified bitumen, fillers, aggregates and fibres for use as an overband system to seal and repair cracks 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 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 in both longitudinal and transverse directions of the carriageway and has a minimum life expectancy of three 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 SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System, 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 meet or contribute to meeting the requirements of the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)*⁽¹⁾, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works (SHW)*, 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: 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 section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 and 3.3) of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

The SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System is a hot-applied thermoplastic material, incorporating polymer-modified bitumen, fillers, aggregates and fibres, applied by hand to produce a textured finish with a skid resistance value of 60+.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The system material is manufactured by batch-blending the ingredients in a suitable mixer.

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 the manufacturer 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 The SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System material is supplied in 25 kg low melt polyethylene bags labelled with the product name, batch number and date of manufacture.

3.2 Bags must be stored under cool and dry conditions, and protected from contamination and sources of heat.

3.3 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 SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System.

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 The SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System is satisfactory for use as an overbanding and sealing system for the repair of cracks, reinstatement joints and fretted joints up to 5 mm wide in non-porous bituminous⁽¹⁾ highway surfaces with texture depths not exceeding 2 mm, or on concrete highway surfaces.

(1) 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 as a band up to 40 mm wide, directly over the crack or joint.

5 Practicability of installation

The system must only be installed by contractors trained and approved by the Certificate holder, in accordance with the Certificate holder's Installation Method Statement.

6 Performance

The results of laboratory performance tests carried out on the system complied with the requirements of the *Guidelines Document for an Overbanding System* (see section 13, Table 1). This includes the minimum initial and investigatory skid resistance values of 60 and 50 respectively.

7 Maintenance

Installations should be periodically inspected for damage, loss of texture and skid resistance 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 in both longitudinal and transverse directions of the carriageway, and has a minimum expected life of three 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 three-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.

9 General

9.1 Installation of the SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System 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 $>1^{\circ}\text{C}$. The system must not be used during periods of continuous or heavy rain.

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 Existing road markings, ironwork, road edges of the area to be treated and road studs must be suitably masked.

10.2 Taking care not to overheat and damage the existing road surface, the cracked surface must be cleaned and dried, removing any material that may impair adhesion of the system to the substrate.

11 Application

11.1 The required amount of SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband material is loaded into the pre-heater, the temperature of the material is raised to between 160 and 190°C , and it is mixed until fully homogeneous.

11.2 The melted material is poured along the prepared crack using a screed box to produce a band centrally over the defect with a maximum width of 40 mm.

11.3 A visual inspection must be carried out by the installer to check for any discernible faults. These should be repaired before the site is open to traffic or as agreed with the purchaser (see section 12).

12 Repair

The system can be repaired by reheating damaged areas using hot compressed air, removing the defective material from the road surface and reapplying in accordance with section 11.

Technical Investigations

13 Tests

13.1 A series of tests, the results of which were found to be satisfactory, was carried out on the bitumen binder to establish:

- cone penetration (initial and after heat ageing)
- resilience (initial and after heat ageing)
- flow resistance.

13.2 Laboratory performance tests were carried out on the SWARCO ECO TEXBAND Solo Overband System in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines Document, and the results were found to be 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 3
Tensile bond (N·mm ⁻²) ⁽⁴⁾		TRL Report 176, Appendix J
control	≥0.5	
heat aged ⁽⁵⁾	≥60% of control value	
Wheel tracking at 50°C		Appendix A, Method 2
spread after wheel tracking (mm)	Record	
deformation after wheel tracking (mm)	Record	

(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 50°C.

(4) Conducted on both asphalt and concrete substrates.

(5) Heat aged 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 Installation Method Statement. An assessment of the results of the SRV test carried out on the installation was satisfactory.

14.2 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

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 Quality management systems — Requirements

BBA HAPAS *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of Crack Sealing Systems for Highways, October 2010*

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Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 2 Notes for Guidance on the Specification for Highway Works, Series NG700, clause NG711 Overbanding and Inlaid Crack Sealing Systems, February 2016

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

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
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
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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.

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