

CONREN HIGH-FRICTION SURFACING SYSTEMS

CONREN TRUEGRIP TYPE 1 HIGH-FRICTION SURFACING SYSTEM

This HAPAS Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ is issued by the British Board of Agrément (BBA), supported by Highways England (HE) (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 Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System, for use on highways with bituminous and concrete 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 complies with the requirements for a Type 1 system in accordance with the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfaces for Highways* (see section 14, 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 Surfaces 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, the Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System, when assessed in accordance with the 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 satisfy or contribute to satisfying the requirements of the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)*⁽¹⁾, Volume 1 *Specification for Highways Works (SHW)*, Series 900, Clause 924.

(1) The MCHW is operated by the Overseeing Organisations: Highways England (HE), 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 3.3 and 3.5) and 9 *Precautions* of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 The Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System comprises a two-component modified epoxy binder and a graded (1 to 3 mm) calcined bauxite aggregate.

1.2 The system is available in two grades:

- Hot applied — suitable for machine application to bituminous surfaces
- Handlay BT — suitable for hand mixing and laying to bituminous surfaces.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The binder components are manufactured by batch-blending processes.

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 Conren Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificate FS 696854).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The hot-applied spray binder components are delivered to site in matched bulk containers of 1000 kg. The contents may be transferred into bulk storage vessels located on the application vehicle or used directly from the delivery container by use of suitable equipment.

3.2 Materials for hand application are delivered to site in matched composite packs or bulk containers which range in size between 20 and 1000 kg.

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).

3.4 When stored in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions the unopened components have a shelf-life of at least six months.

3.5 The calcined bauxite aggregate is delivered to site in bags and/or bulk, and stored on board a suitable vehicle or other suitably protected location prior to use.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System.

Design Considerations

4 Use

4.1 The Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System is satisfactory for use as a high-friction surfacing on bituminous and concrete 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.

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

4.3 The in-service colour retention has not been assessed and is 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 BBA 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 13).

7 Durability

7.1 The results of the performance tests and the performance of the system in use indicate that the Conren Truegrip Type 1 High-Friction Surfacing System, when used in an appropriate location as defined in the *Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfaces 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 ⁽²⁾	Site definition	Maximum traffic levels ⁽³⁾ (Type 1)
Q	Approaches to and across major junctions and approaches to roundabouts and traffic signals	3500
G1	Gradients from 5 to 10%, longer than 50 m	3500
S1	Bend radius <500 m – carriageway (one-way traffic)	3500
R	Roundabout	3500
G2	Gradient >10%, longer than 50 m	2500
S2	Bend radius <500 m – carriageway (two-way traffic)	2500
K	Approaches to pedestrian crossings and other high-risk situations	2500

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

(2) Site Category as defined in CS 288.

(3) 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 5 to 35°C.

8.2 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

9.1 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.

9.2 Suitable personal protective clothing (eg gloves and eye protection) must be worn.

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 Application

Continuous machine-mixed material (hot applied)

11.1 The two components are heated to a combined maximum temperature of 55°C and mixed by a metered machine that continuously batches and thoroughly mixes the components together.

11.2 A control mechanism maintains the mix ratio at 50 : 50 ± 5% by weight.

Hand-mixed material (standard and winter grades)

11.3 The pre-weighed components are decanted into a clean container of suitable size.

11.4 The components are mixed until homogeneous using a high-torque, slow-speed drill fitted with a helical spinner mixing blade.

Application of the binder and calcined bauxite aggregate

11.5 The mixed binder can be applied by spray, lance, brush or squeegee onto the prepared surface at a minimum coverage rate, which will vary according to the texture and porosity of the surface but must not be less than $1.35 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$.

11.6 After the binder is applied, an excess of calcined bauxite aggregate is broadcast over the binder and evenly spread out using a broom or squeegee.

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

11.8 Rolling of the aggregate is not permitted.

12 Aftercare

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

13 Repair

Should the system be damaged or become debonded from the substrate it must be repaired by cutting away damaged area back to firmly bonded material, cutting the area into a regular shape, cleaning the prepared area using hot compressed air or a propane torch, masking off the perimeter and reinstating the area with material to the original specification.

Technical Investigations

14 Tests

Samples of the system were prepared by the Certificate holder for testing. The tests carried out by, or on behalf of, the BBA are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. The results of the tests complied with the requirements for a type 1 system as defined in the Guideline Document.

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 ⁽¹⁾
after 500 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.2	
	Erosion index	≤3	
after heat ageing for 112 days at 70±3°C and 500 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.2	
	Erosion index	≤5	
Wear			
initial	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.4	Appendix H
	SRV	≥65	
after 100 000 wheel-passes	Texture depth (mm)	≥1.1	
	Erosion index	≤3	
	SRV	≥70	
Tensile adhesion			
at (-10±2)°C	Stress at failure (N·mm ⁻²)	≥1.0	Appendix J
at (20±2)°C	Stress at failure (N·mm ⁻²)	≥0.5	

(1) Including any agreed amendments detailed in the Guidelines Document, Appendix D.

Table 3 Additional tests

Test	Parameter measured	Result	Method in TRL Report 176 ⁽¹⁾
Resistance to freeze/thaw	Texture depth/erosion index	satisfactory	Appendix L
Resistance to diesel	Texture depth/erosion index	satisfactory	Appendix M
Thermal movement	Thermal expansion coefficient	satisfactory	Appendix N

(1) Including any agreed amendments detailed in the Guidelines Document, Appendix D.

15 Investigations

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

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

15.3 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

BS EN 598-105 : 2000 *Sampling and examination of bituminous mixtures for roads and other paved areas — Methods of test for the determination of texture depth*

BS EN 13036-1 : 2010 *Road and airfield surface characteristics — Test methods — Measurement of pavement surface macrotexture depth using a volumetric patch technique*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

Assessment and Surveillance Scheme for Installers of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways

CS 288 Design Manual for Roads and Bridges : Volume 7, *Pavement Design and Maintenance* : Section 3, *Pavement Maintenance Assessment* : Part 1, *Skidding Resistance*

Guidelines Document for the Assessment and Certification of High-Friction Surfacing for Highways

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works*, Series 900 *Road Pavements - bituminous bound materials*

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

16 Conditions

16.1 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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16.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- 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.

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

16.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

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