North Dakota Asphalt Conference

Smoothride & Road Resurfacing Scanner

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• Established in 1968.
• Family owned business, based in Fargo, ND.
• 73 stores in 9 states.
• Largest John Deere dealer in North America.
• Vermeer environmental dealer in CA, OR, ND, and MN.
• International John Deere dealer: (110 stores total)
  • Russia, Ukraine & Australia
Division of RDO Equipment Co.

- Established in 2009 with 3 employees in Billings, Montana
- Carlson dealer for Mining (United States & Canada)
- Carlson dealer for Landfills in 19 states and 4 provinces.
- Sensefly UAV distributor since 2013.
- Topcon Construction & Survey Master Dealer in 8 states.
- Sokkia Survey Master Dealer in 8 states.
- Topcon/Sokkia Monitoring Dealer in 13 states.
- 2013: Established Technology Support Center; world-class customer support
- Today: Over 450 years of Machine Control/ Survey experience amongst 97 employees
Most Complete Product Portfolio in the Industry

GPS Products
- Robotic, Auto-Targeting, Motorized, Reflectorless Total Stations
- Wireless, Reflectorless, WindowsCE, Construction & Surveying Grade Total Stations

Laser Products
- Machine Control & Automation
- Data Collection & Software
- Precision Agriculture Solutions

Digital Levels
- Automatic Levels
- GIS

Digital Theodolites

Fieldwork Products
- GIS
- Surveying & Construction
- Laser Levels
- Total Stations
- GIS
- Real-Time Kinematic (RTK)

Manufacturers: Topcon, Sokkia, Trimble

Applications: Surveying, Construction, GIS, Machine Control, Automation, Precision Agriculture.
Paving Products Topcon P32 System 2D Paving
Paving Products Topcon P32+ System 2D Paving
The Sonic Averaging System

Topcon SAS averages all of the Sonic Trackers
Paving Products Topcon Sonic Averaging System (SAS)
mmGPS 3D Paving
Multiple Applications Millimeter GPS
SMOOTHRIIDE

The Concept

A new way to resurface…
Topcon Paving Technology

Sonic Averaging System

2D Sonic Paving
Topcon Paving Technology

- mmGPS
- Sonic Averaging System
- 2D Sonic Paving
Topcon Paving Technology

- mmGPS
- SmoothRide
- Sonic Averaging System
- 2D Sonic Paving
What does this solution provide?

For Collection:
- Eliminates the need for tedious point collection
- Eliminates lane closures, crash trucks, etc.
- Identifies possible problem areas ahead of milling / paving
- Creates a very dense model of the surface

For Milling / Paving:
- Eliminates the need for averaging systems
- Hits tight ride specs without the need for mmGPS
- Variable depth milling and paving
NDDOT Demo Project, Fall 2016
Highway 83 South of Sterling, ND near Moffit, ND
NDDOT Demo Project, Fall 2016
The concept

RD-M1 Collection

RD-MC

Magnet Office Resurface Design

RD-M1 Process
RD-M1 Point Density

Lane width of 12ft

Point spacing (.04ft) - (.08ft) (center to edge)

Per scan ~340 points (per cross section)

Scan Spacing (cross section interval)
@40mph-60mph (.78ft) – (1.17ft)

Single pass points per mile ~1.5M
Three passes points per mile ~4.5M
Five passes points per mile ~7.5M
RDMC versus thickness based paving

- GNSS for position only
- Sonic trackers tracking the surface for elevation
- 3DMC compares the elevation difference between the two surfaces
RD-M1 Description

RD-M1 is a portable vehicle mounted road surface scanning system. Scans of the road surface are captured from a downward facing LIDAR scanner with typical scanning width of 6 meters to ensure adequate lane overlap. Precise timestamped data from all sensors is collected and stored on the laptop computer for post-processing. The resulting data is used to create a detailed 3D point cloud of the road surface.

System Components
- GNSS Receiver
- IMU Sensor
- LIDAR scanner
- Wheel Sensor
- High-end Laptop
Topcon “Disruptive” Technologies
Intelligent Compaction

- 1/1,000,000 (point measurements)
- 100% Coverage (surface measurements)

If we continue to build roads as we have done in the past, why should we expect any different results?
Why Intelligent Compaction?

- Limited on-the-fly feedback
- Over-compaction leads to distresses
- Under-compaction
- Limited number of locations
- After compaction is complete
Thank You!