

A circular and long-term approach for Austrian motorways

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- Concrete Pavement Recycling
- Technical Requirements: JPCP with Recycling Material
- Current situation
- Next steps



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ASFINAG – Pavement Types





Concrete Pavement – Age Distribution





Concrete Pavement Recycling – History

- Beginnings: first pilot project in 1990
- Economical objectives
 - Reduction of construction costs (not neglecting the LCC)
- Ecological objectives
 - Reduction of CO2 (\rightarrow fuel consumption)
 - Saving natural resources
 - ightarrow Reduction of virgin material
 - ightarrow Reduction of material to be brought to landfill site
- Technical objectives
 - Definition of a recycling process to obtain sustainable concrete pavements
 - Definition of standards and guidelines
- Renewal of more than 300 km concrete pavement motorway



Concrete Pavement Recycling – Process

Main steps

- 1. Preliminary analysis of old pavement
- 2. Demolishing of worn pavement
- 3. Removing and transport to recycling facilities
- 4. Crushing of old concrete and preparing for reuse in new concrete for bottom layer and in cement stabilisation
- 5. Production of new concrete with reused material
- 6. Construction of new concrete pavement



Concrete Pavement Recycling – Process



Recycling facility



Concrete Pavement Recycling – Process

DELIVERY



Source: Betonstraßen - Das Handbuch



Concrete Pavement Recycling – Requirements

According to Austrian standards and technical contract conditions:

- No recycled concrete in top layer \rightarrow exposed aggregate concrete surface has increased demands concerning aggregates
- Recycled concrete is only allowed to use in bottom layer ۲
- Min. aggregate size of the recycled concrete > 4 mm ۲ Fine material (granular gravel/sand) < 4 mm \rightarrow cement stabilisation
- Freeze-thaw resistance ۲
- No alkali-aggregate reactivity
- Sieving and dedusting before using in new concrete ۲
- Amount of bituminous parts < 20 % •
- Removal of joint sealant and steel
- Higher amount of cement in concrete production .





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subgrade



Current Situation – "Green Deal"

- EU DIRECTIVE 2008/98/EC on waste \rightarrow recovery target > 70 %
- Austrian Decree for Recycling of Building Material
 - Defines documentation, rights and obligations
 - Defines different quality classes of materials and application areas
- ASFINAG's strategic objectives
 - Reduction of CO₂ and improvement of energy efficiency in the entire business model → long-term objective: "climate neutrality"
 - Conservation of resources \rightarrow saving costs
 - Improvement of sustainability rating \rightarrow Prime Status ("C+")
- Industry's objectives
 - Reduction of CO₂ in cement production process
 - Conservation of resources \rightarrow saving costs in cement and construction industry



Current Situation – ASFINAG Strategy





Current Situation – Cement Industry

Ratio of alternative fuels in cement industry



EUPAVE – EU Event "Green Deal: the right choices for a climate resilient and sustainable TEN-T" – 9 December 2020

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Current Situation – Cement Industry



Source: VÖZ



Summary

Homework done by state, administration and industry

- Recycling process, standards and regulations
- National legal issues, processes, documentations
- EU DIRECTIVE 2008/98/EC on waste

→ recovery target > 70 % (2020)

Is it quite enough?



Next Steps

ASFINAG's contribution to CO₂ reduction in *concrete* topics

- New strategic objectives (incl. KPI to be defined)
- O Definition of environmental criteria for tender process
 - Rollout for asphalt projects in 2021
 - Next step: Definition for concrete projects
- R&D projects
 - "Green" concrete projects
 - Pavement R&D projects to increase robustness of assets for longer lifecycles
- Optimisation of life cycle management



Thank you for your attention!



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