

## **PARKING GARAGE REPAIRS**

- **Evaluation**
- **Owner Requirements**
- **Surface Preparation**
- **Bonding Agents**
- **Material Selection & Repair**
- **Curing & Sealing**
- **Crack Repair**
- **Aesthetics**
- **Specifications**
- **Etc.**



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- ◆ **Civil Engineering Degree from RPI**
- ◆ **Over 35 years experience with concrete**
- ◆ **Years as a Field Engineer**
- ◆ **Years with a contractor**
- ◆ **Years with the Corps of Engineers  
doing research**
- ◆ **Published dozens of articles**
- ◆ **Specialized in concrete**
- ◆ **Earned CDT and CCPR from CSI**

# **THE CONCRETE REPAIR PROCESS**

# **EVALUATION**

# **What is the True Cause of the Problem?**

**It is imperative that the causes,  
not the symptoms be identified.**

**Then they can be dealt with.**















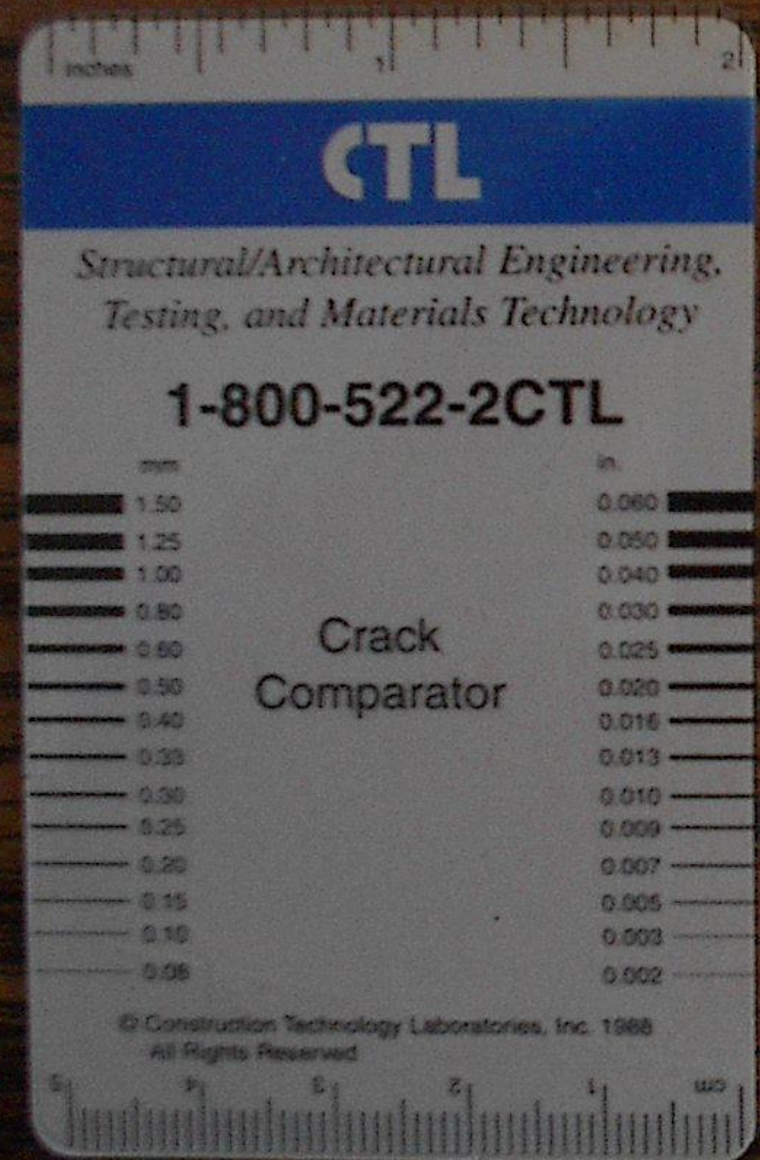




STOP

A red octagonal sign with the word "STOP" in white capital letters is positioned on a grey concrete floor. The floor has a prominent vertical crack and a horizontal expansion joint intersecting at the sign's location. To the right, a wooden pallet is visible, stacked with colorful packages, likely candy or small gifts. The scene is lit from above, creating some reflections on the polished concrete surface.

# Measure the Crack

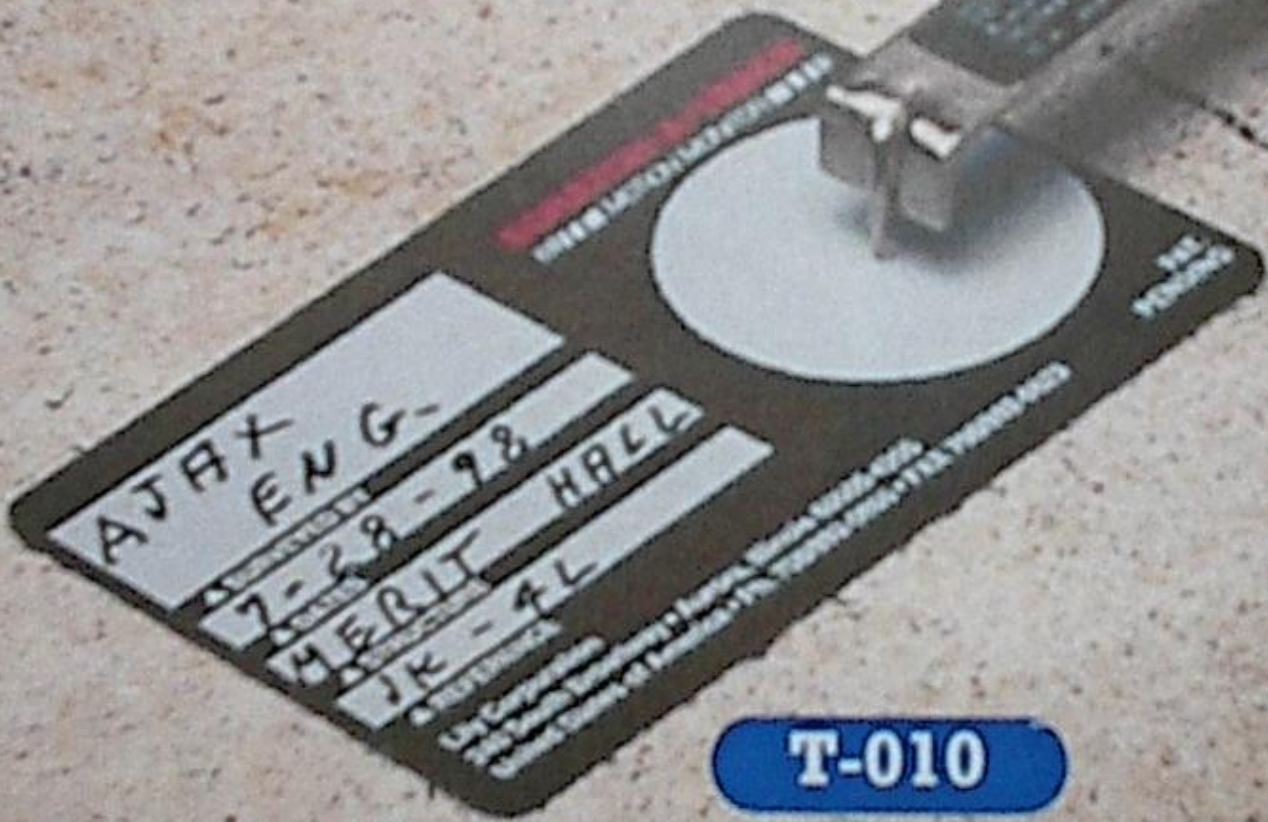




Determine if the crack is moving.

If it is, can you can stop it from moving.

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T-010

# **OWNER REQUIREMENTS**

# **Function**

- **Cosmetic**
- **Non-Structural**
- **Structural**

# **Appearance**

- **Color**
- **Texture**

# **Environment**

- **Freeze/Thaw**
- **Temperatures**
- **Chemical Attack**
- **Wear and Abrasion**

# **SURFACE PREPARATION**

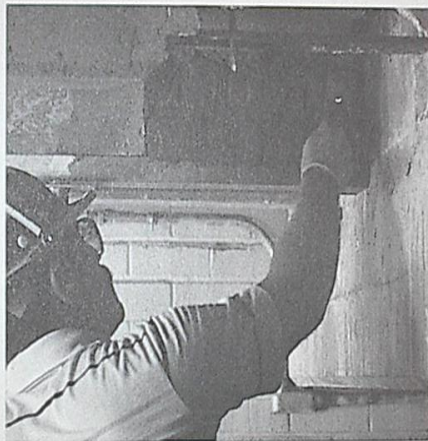


# Suggested Reading



## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

Prepared by the International Concrete Repair Institute January 1996



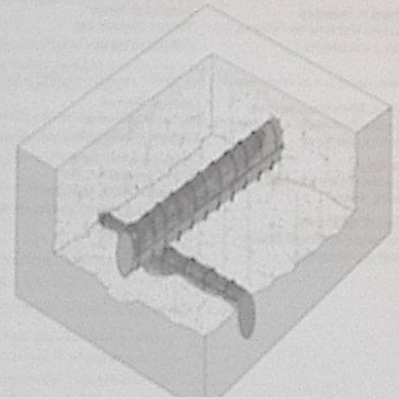
**Guide for Selecting and  
Specifying Materials for  
Repair of Concrete Surfaces**

**Guideline 320.2R**



## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

Prepared by the Technical Guidelines Committee of ICRI October 1989  
(re-issued March 1995)



**Guideline 310.1R**

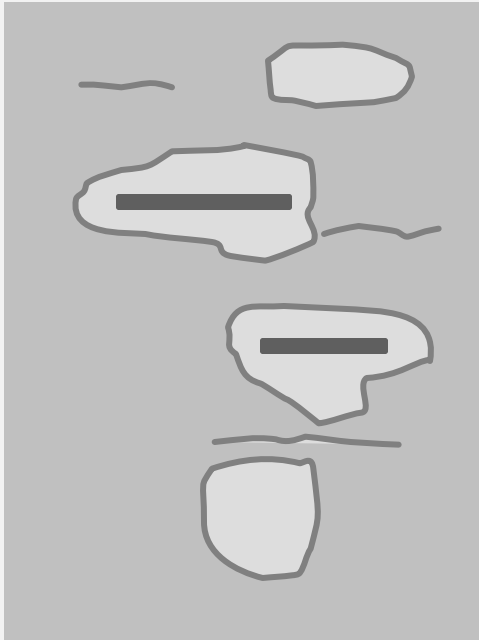
**Guide for Surface Preparation for the  
Repair of Deteriorated Concrete Resulting  
from Reinforcing Steel Corrosion**

- Removal Geometry
- Exposing and Undercutting of Reinforcing Steel
- Cleaning and Repair of Reinforcing Steel
- Edge and Surface Conditioning of Concrete

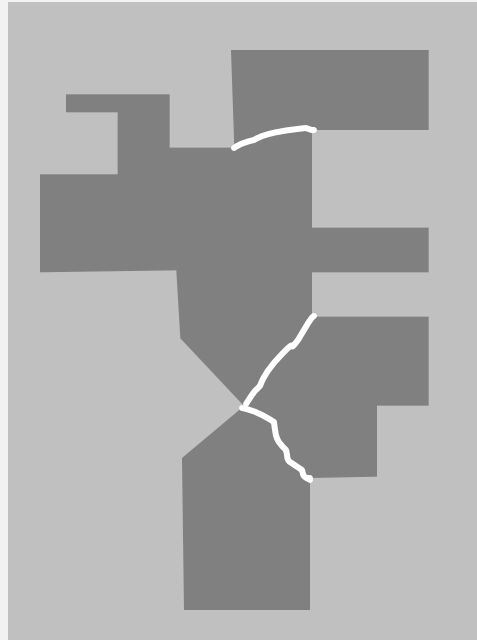
**International Concrete Repair Institute Guidelines**

# Repair Geometry

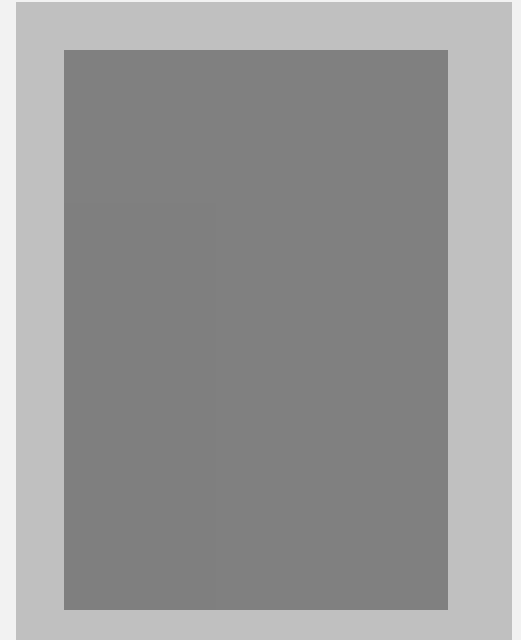
Delaminations



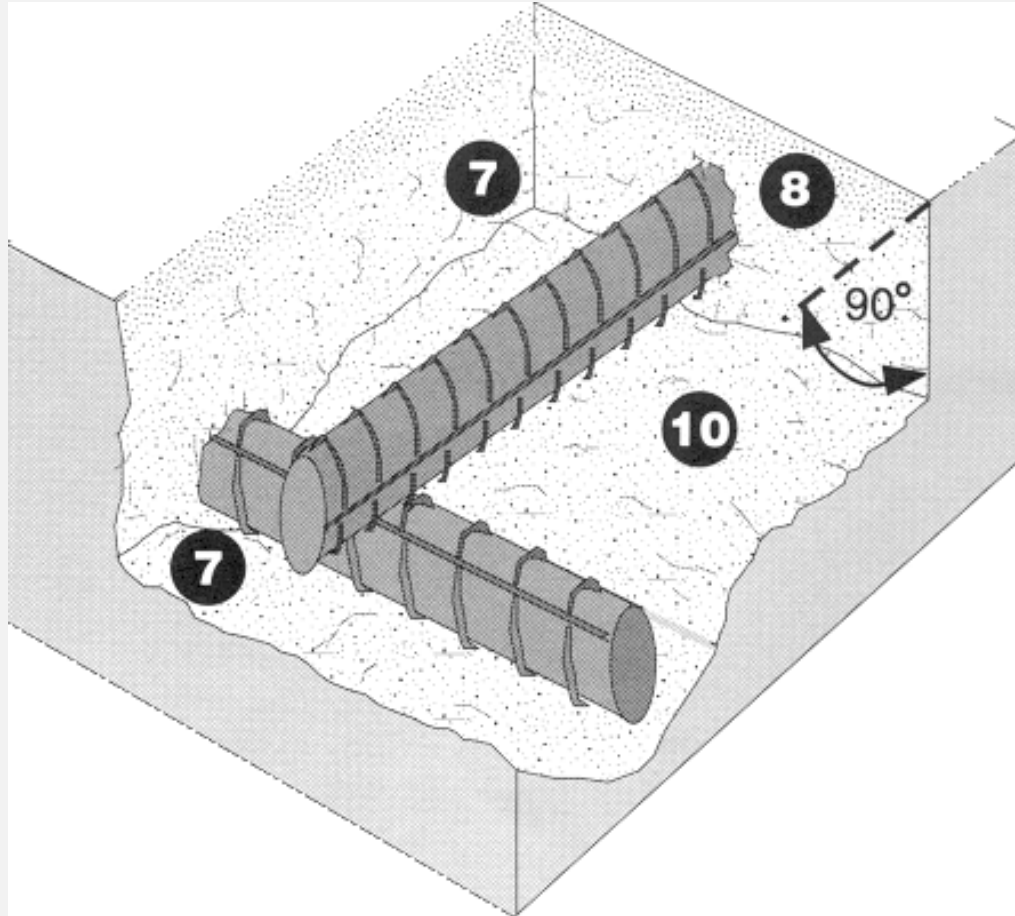
Incorrect



Recommended



# *Edge and Surface Conditioning of Concrete*



- **Remove bond inhibiting materials (dirt, dust, concrete slurry, loosely bonded aggregate, etc.)**
- **Remove corrosion**
- **90 degrees**
- **Space behind rebar**



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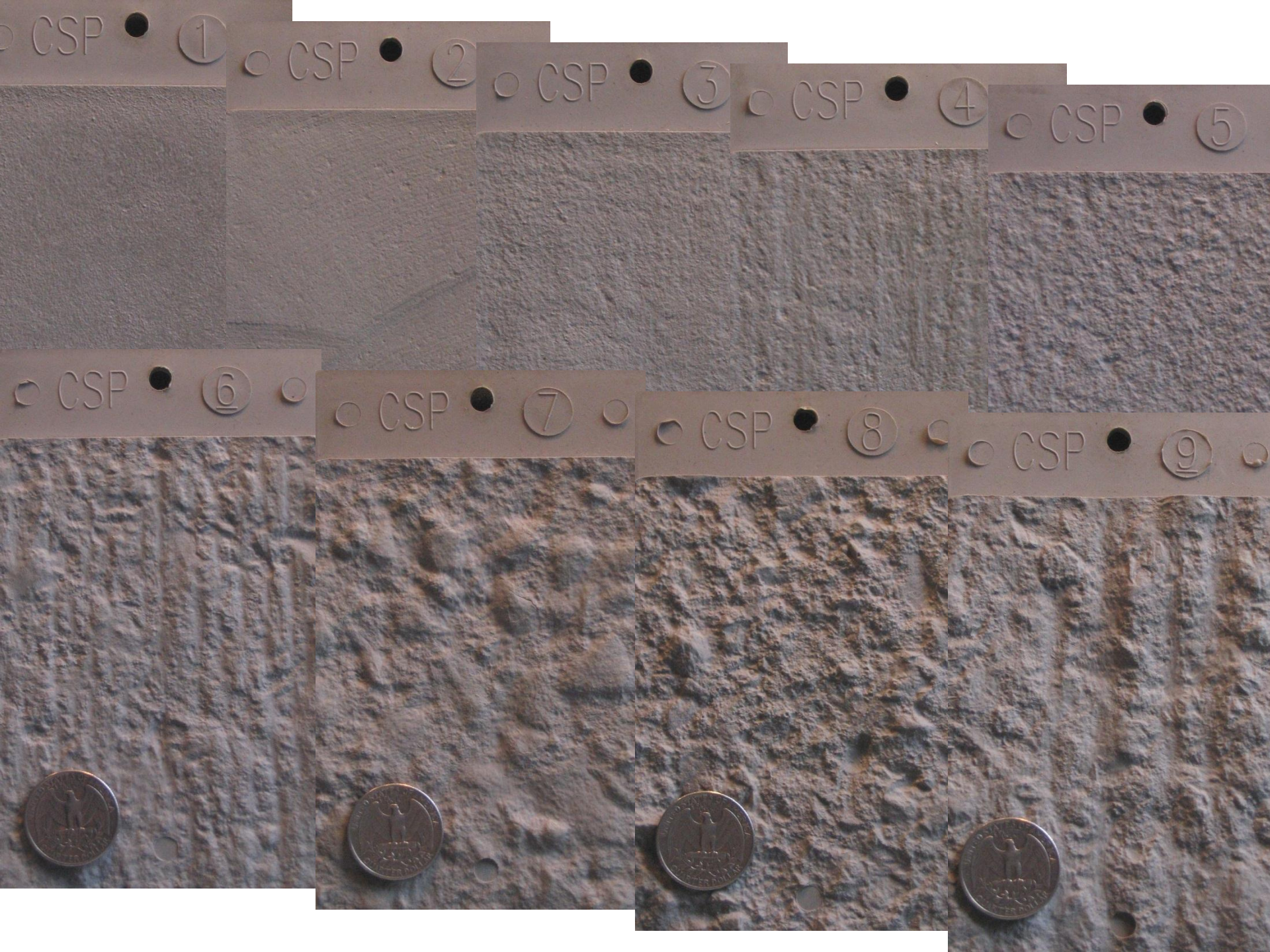
## Guideline 310.2R

**Selecting and Specifying Concrete  
Surface Preparation for Sealers,  
Coatings, and Polishing Overlays**



**Guideline No. 310.2R  
Concrete Surface  
Preparation Profile  
Guidelines  
Complete With Chips**





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**Grinding**



**High  
Pressure  
Water**



**Steel  
Bead  
Blasting**



**Scabbling**

# **BONDING AGENTS**





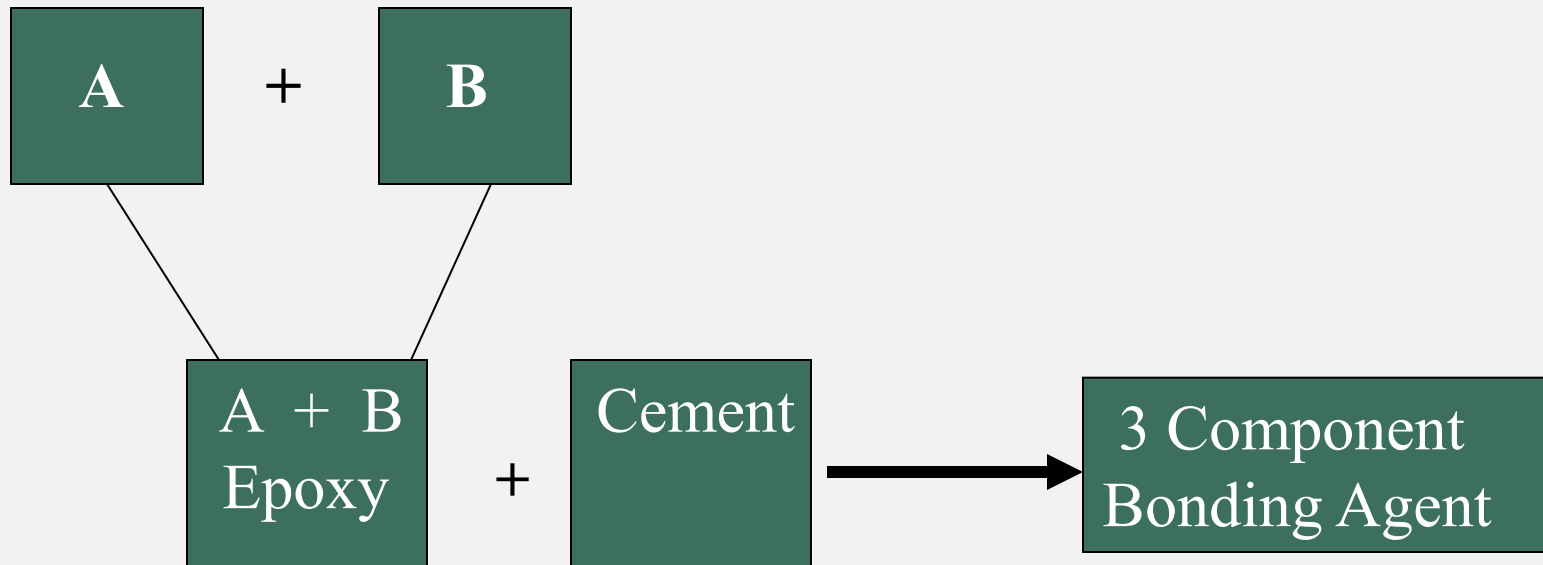


# **Many of the Choices have Drawbacks**

- **Scrub Coats**
- **Latex**
- **Epoxy Adhesives**

# Epoxy/Cement

- **Portland Cement dispersed in a water based epoxy to provide mechanical and chemical bond.**
- **Provides long open time, so it is the only choice for “form and pour”.**



# Bonding Agents

*All substrates should be SSD  
except when using  
100% solids epoxy primers*

# **MATERIAL SELECTION**

**Simply choose a material that is compatible with the concrete and the required application method.**

**Just a few of the things you will need to consider:**

**Modulus of Elasticity**

**Shrinkage**

**Bond Strength**

**Flexural Strength**

**Compressive Strength**

**Permeability**

**Sulfate Resistance**

**Impact & Abrasion Resistance**

**Coefficient of Thermal Expansion**

**Chemical Resistance**

**Freeze/Thaw Resistance**

**Etc.**

**Placability**

**Consistency**

**Repair Thickness**

**Pumping**

**Set time**

**Viscosity**

**Stickiness**

**Aggregate Extension**

**Etc.**

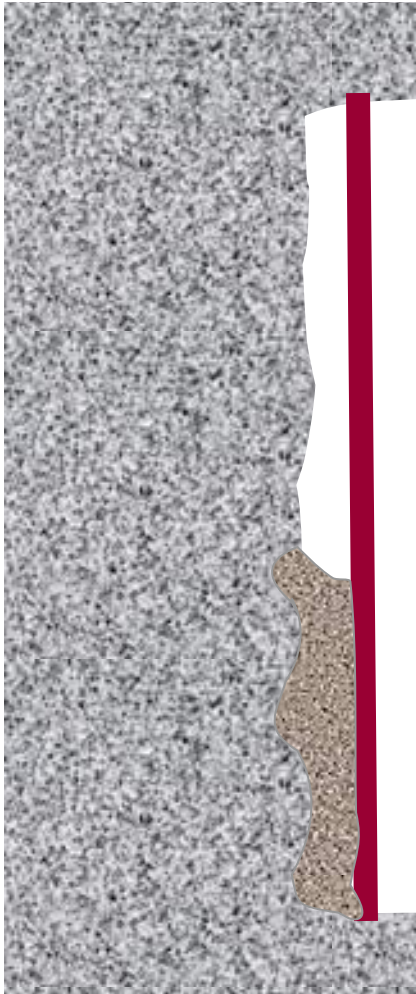
**Sounds complex.**

**But no problem.**

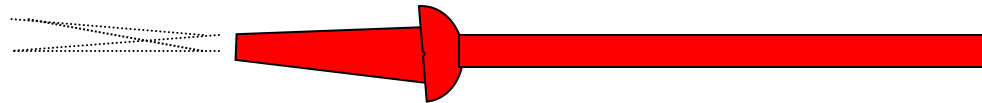
**Just call me.**



# Concrete Repair Mortar Shotcrete

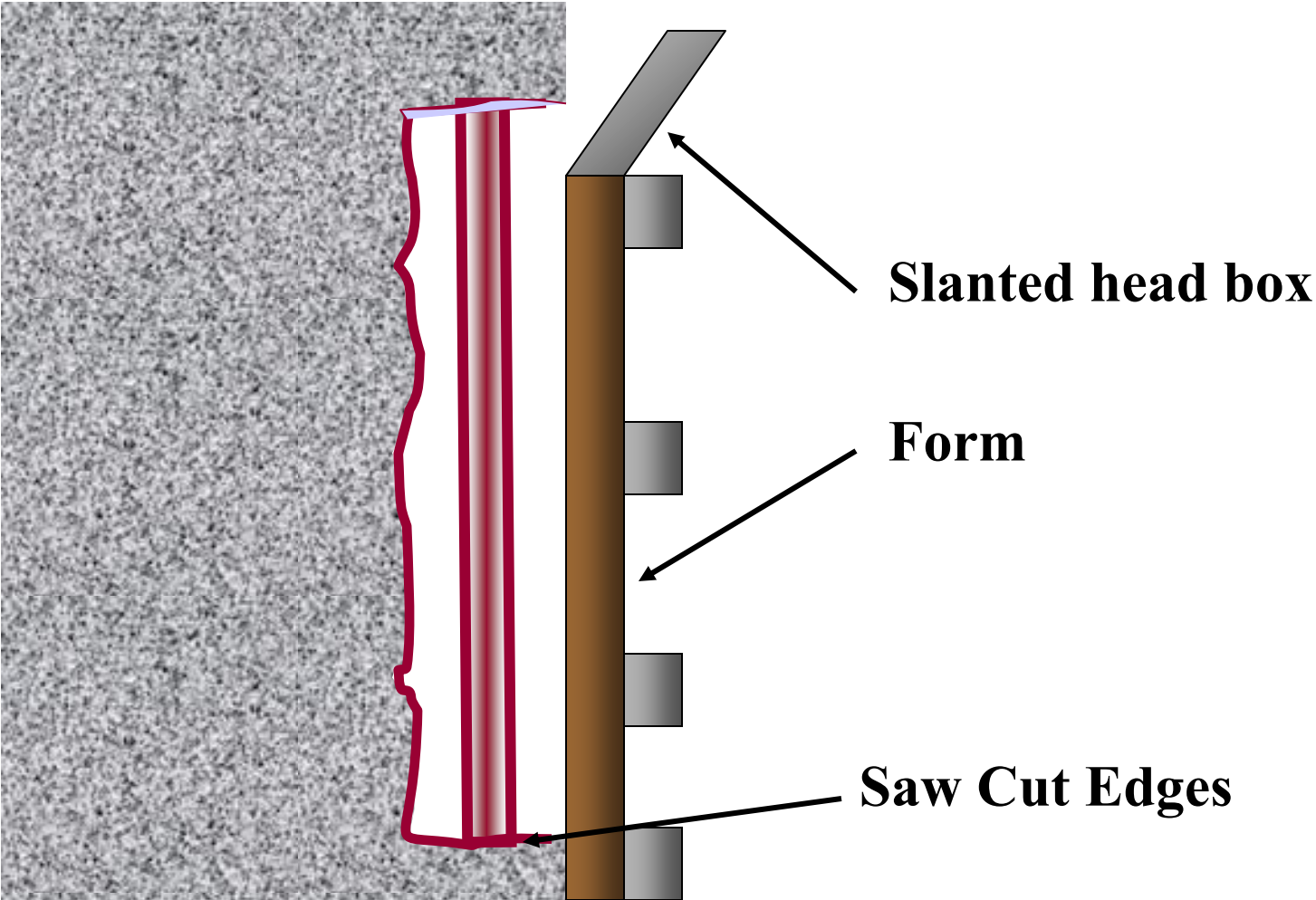


**Minimum 1/2" Thickness**



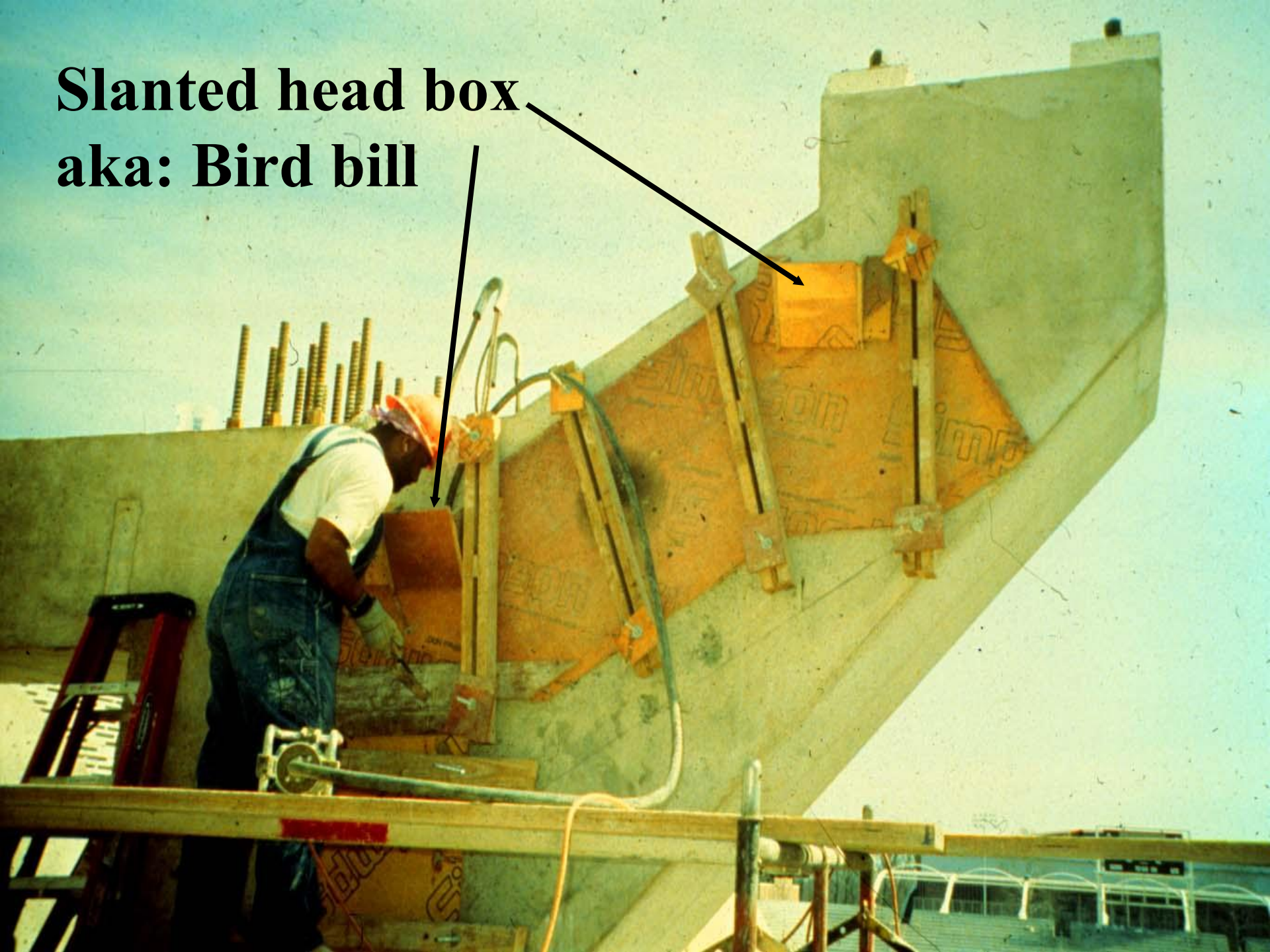
**Or could hand  
trowel into place**

# Concrete Repair Mortar Form and Pour





**Slanted head box  
aka: Bird bill**







**What Were the Most  
Important Engineering  
Properties?**

**Modulus of Elasticity**

**Shrinkage**

**Bond Strength**

**Flexural Strength**

**Compressive Strength**

**As ICRI Likes to Say:**

**“Repair Like With Like.”**

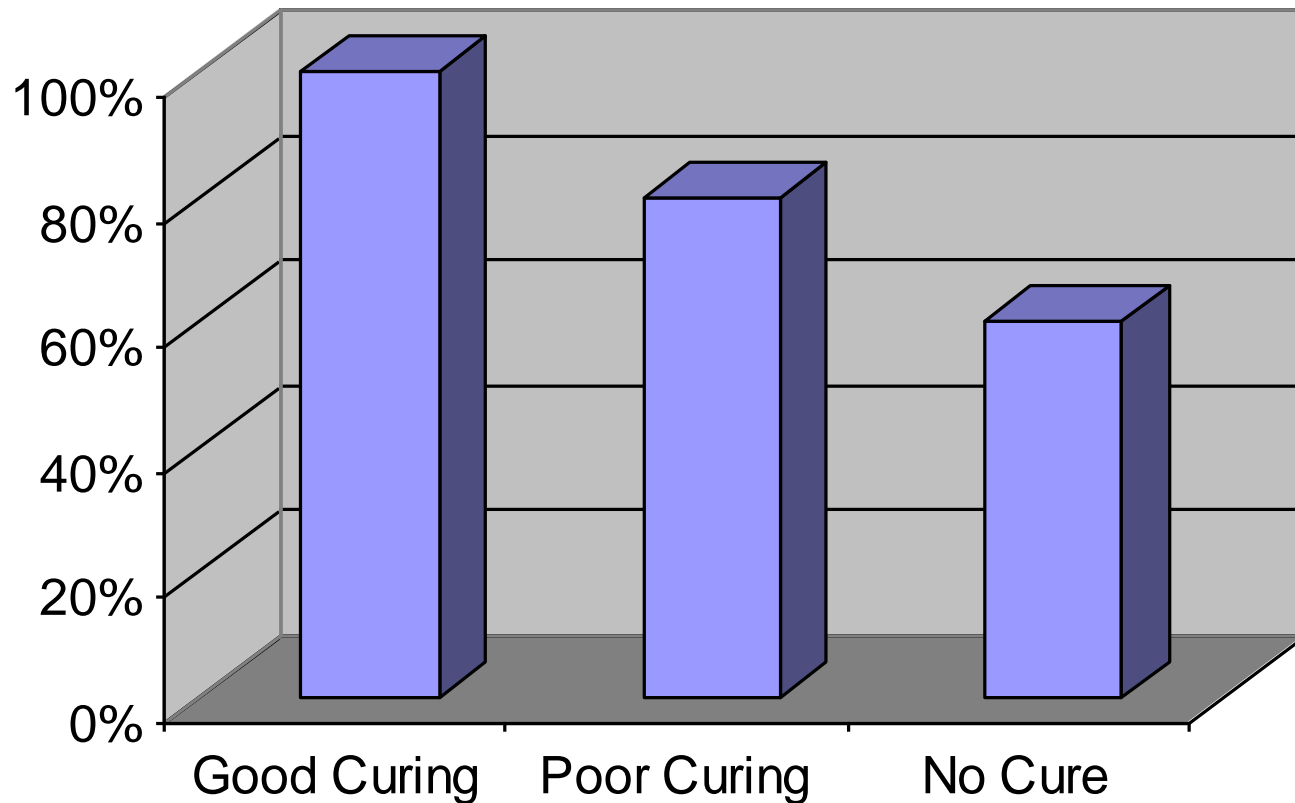
**CURING**

# Poor Curing = Dusting



# Effect Of Curing On Surface Strength Of Concrete

## Quality Curing Membrane







**SPEC NEEDS TO SAY:  
“Backroll with short nap roller.”**

**This will make the coverage uniform.**

# **SEALING**





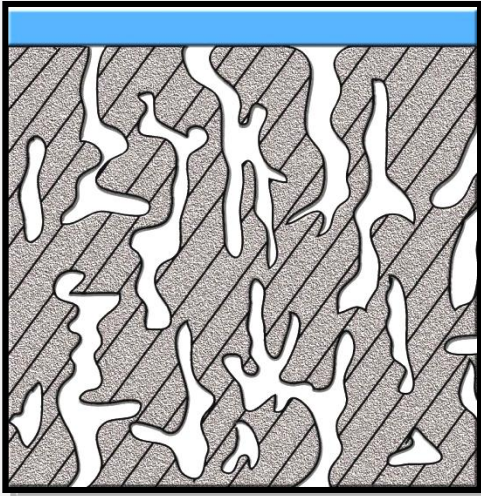
**Sealer can be applied as part of the Curing/Sealing Compound  
or as a separate Sealer after the concrete cures**

**HEALER/SEALER**



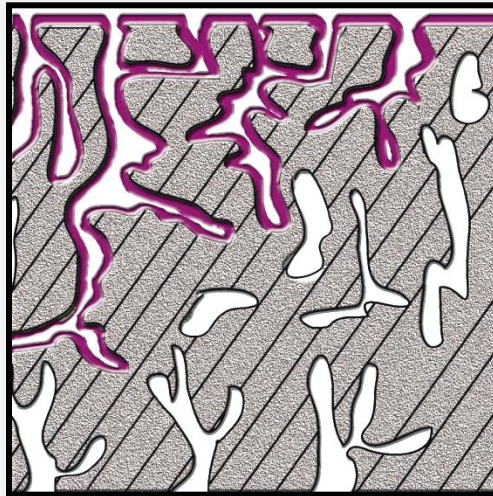
# Coating, Repellent & Healer/Sealer

Waterproofing Coating



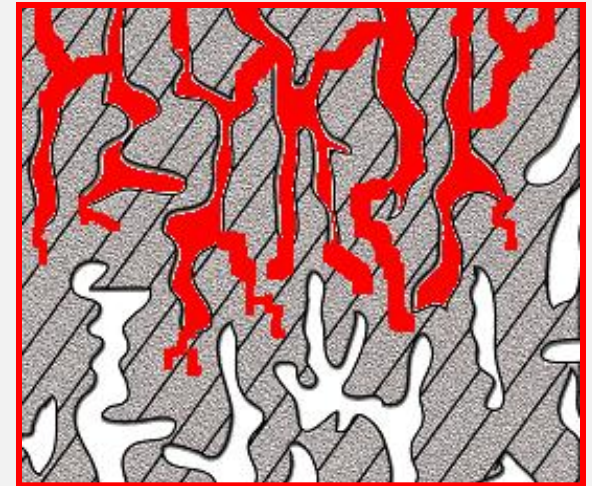
Acrylic Coatings

Impregnating Repellent



Silane or Siloxane

Healer/Sealer



Epoxy, MMA,  
LM Epoxy ...

# **CRACK SEALER FILL CHARACTERISTICS**

## **State Research**

**SRS 500-230**

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## 4.0 CONCLUSIONS

This laboratory investigation provided the following conclusions:

- Regardless of viscosity, crack sealing resins leaked through a nominal 0.010 in. wide crack when the resins were applied to the top of an 8 in. long concrete cylinder. Though higher viscosity resins showed less resin leakage than lower viscosity resins, resin leakage could be a concern in field applications.
- Thinner crack widths were more likely to be filled than wider crack widths.
- The extent of crack fill was independent of the distance below the resin reservoir at the top of the cylinder.
- A minimum of 70% crack fill was needed to prevent water leakage.
- Only one of the eleven crack sealers tested consistently met the 70% threshold.

**Table 3.1: Range of crack length filled for each product compiled from all cut surfaces.**

Product Name	Material Type	Range of Crack Length Filled (%)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>New</u></b>  <b><u>Generation</u></b> →  <b><u>Healer</u></b>  <b><u>Sealer</u></b></p>	Methyl Methacrylate	20-90
	Methyl Methacrylate	1-25
	Urethane	20-90
	Epoxy	70-98
	Epoxy	30-90
	Epoxy	5-80
	High Molecular Weight Methacrylate	5-40
	High Molecular Weight Methacrylate	5-50
	High Molecular Weight Methacrylate	5-30
	High Molecular Weight Methacrylate	5-70
	High Molecular Weight Methacrylate	0-80



# Typical Application at the Grand Ronde River Bridge in Oregon

Pre-treat larger  
cracks if necessary



Flood surface with  
properly mixed epoxy



Use rollers or  
squeegees to distribute



Remove excess epoxy and  
immediately apply fine sand  
into the wet epoxy



When cured, remove excess  
sand and open to traffic

**EPOXY POLYMER CONCRETE  
FOR DECK OVERLAYS**



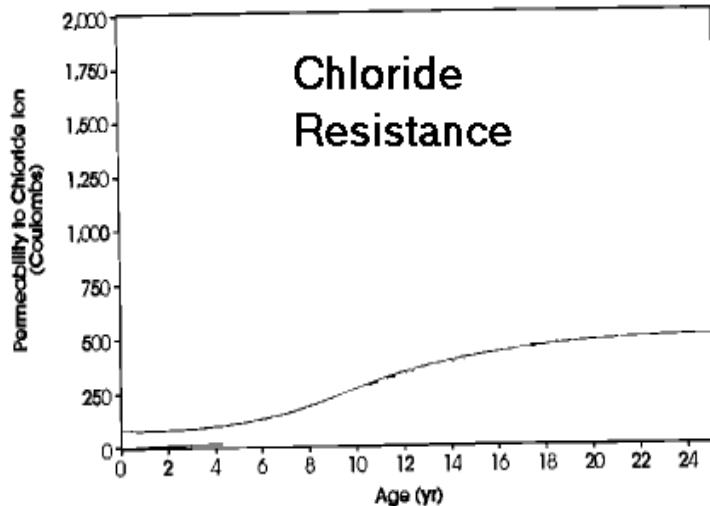
# Bridge Deck, Iowa – Broadcast Method – typical 1/4" & 3.25 lb/sf



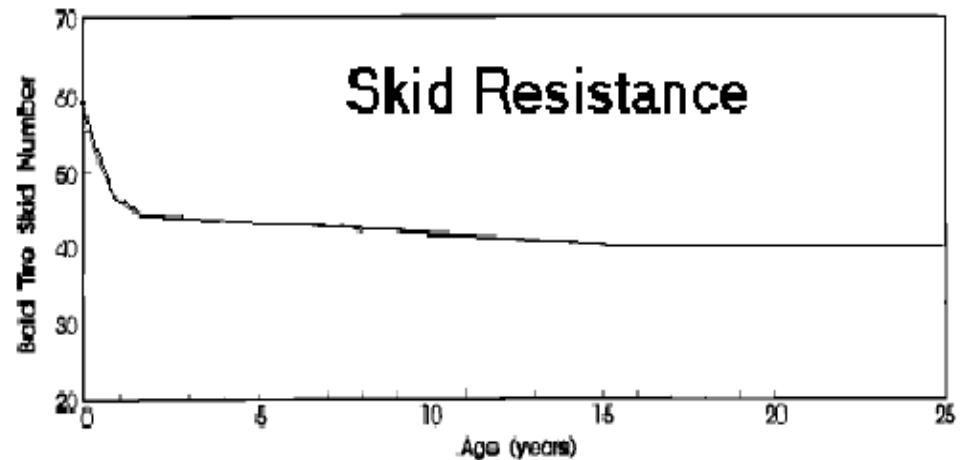
# ***Epoxy Polymer Concrete Overlay***

“Polymer concrete overlays can provide skid resistance and protection against chloride intrusion for 25 years”

- Michael Sprinkel (Virginia Transportation Research Council)



**139 bridges**



**416 bridges**





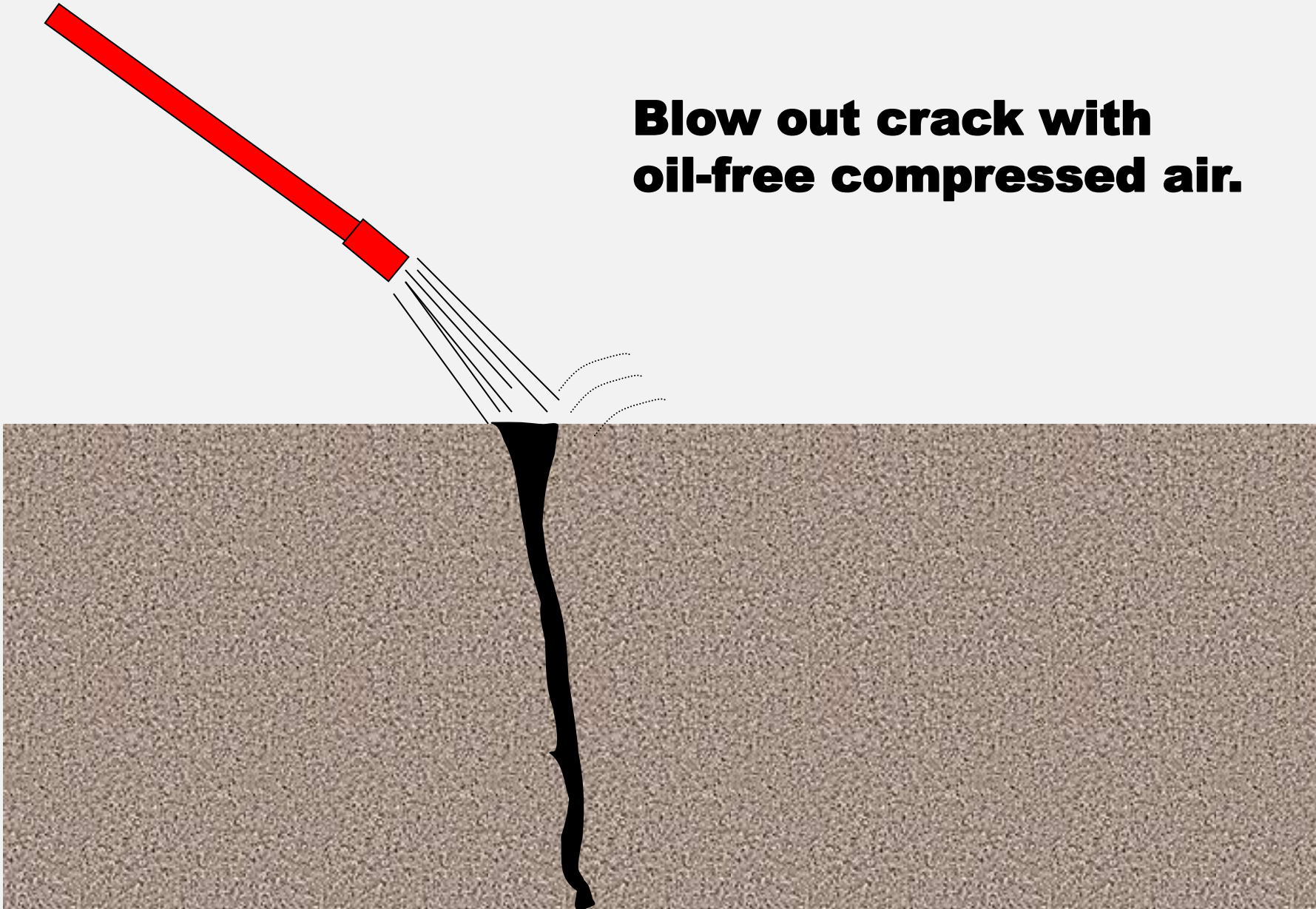
# ***PARKING DECK SPRINGFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA***





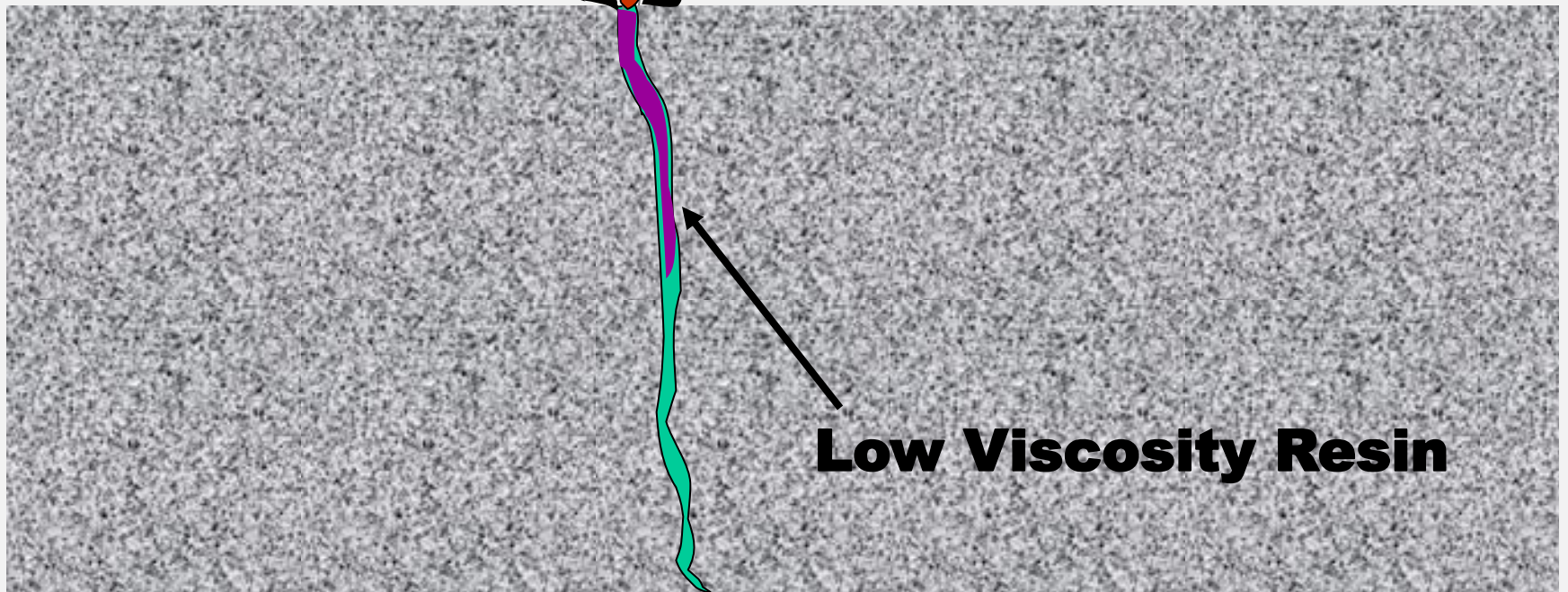
# **CRACK REPAIR**

**Blow out crack with  
oil-free compressed air.**



# GRAVITY FEED METHOD

**Temporary Sealant**

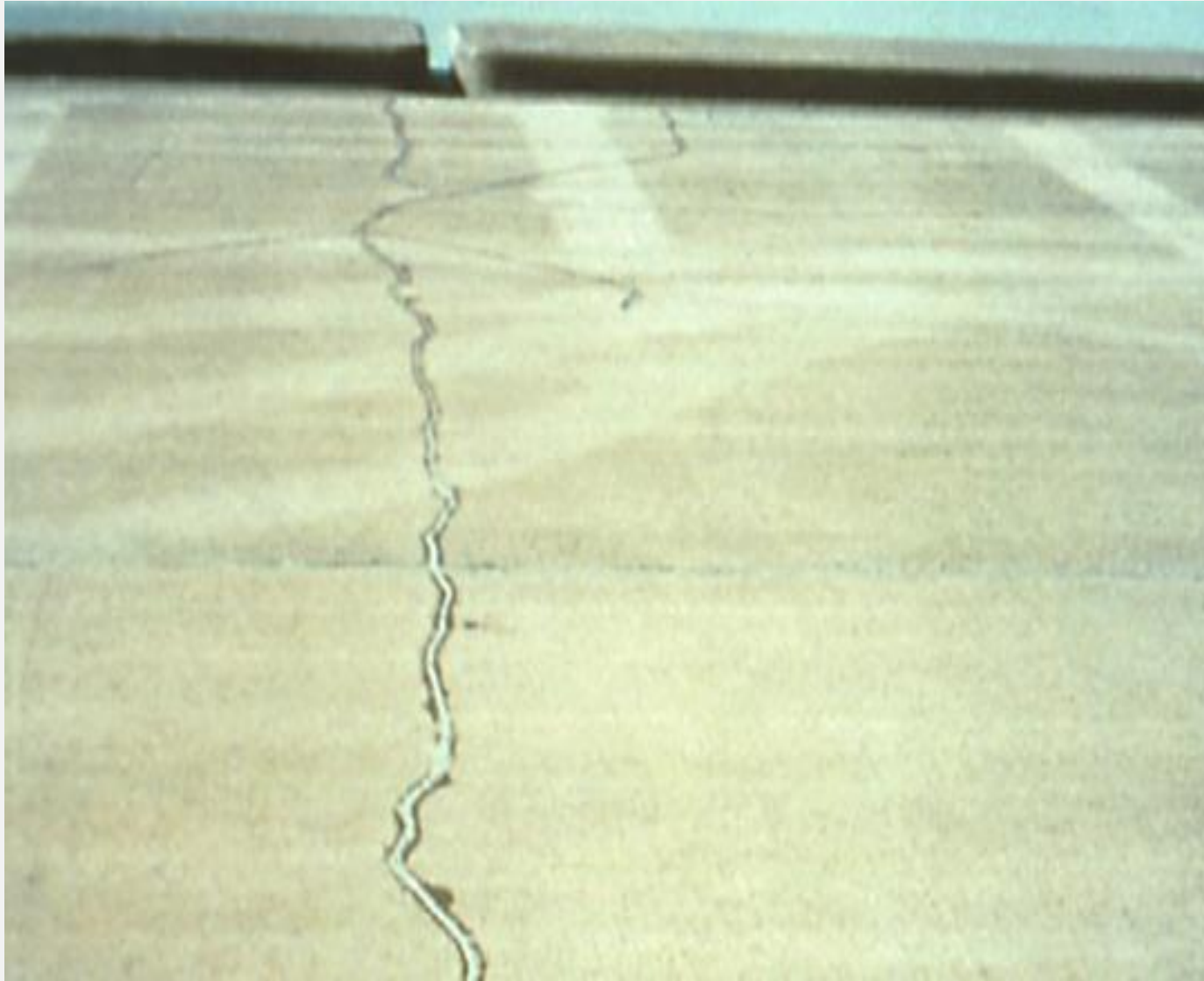


**Low Viscosity Resin**



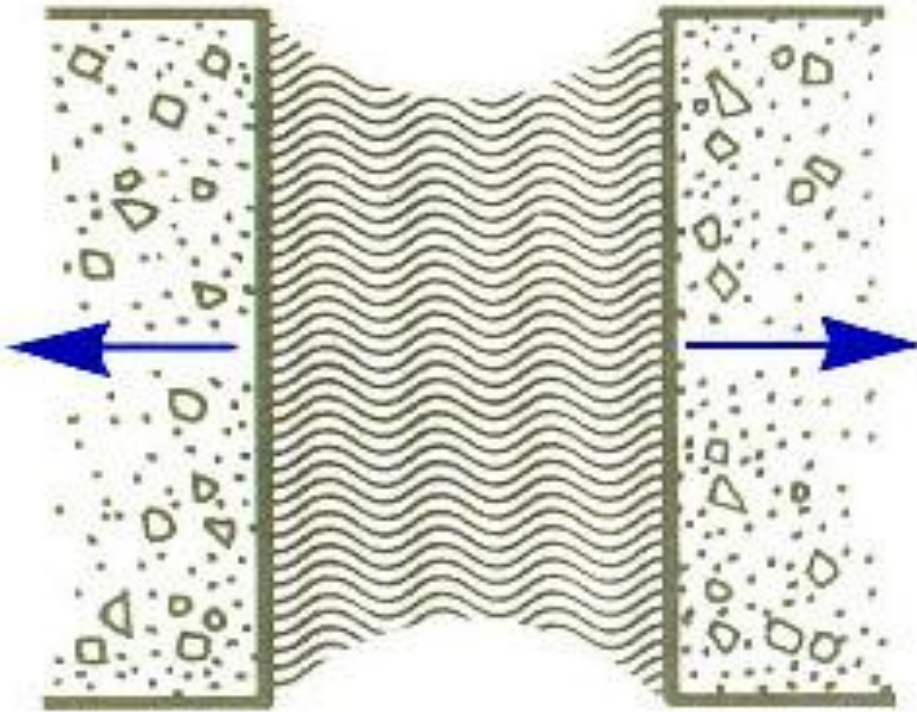


**Use a  
Sophisticated  
Dispenser!**



**Flexible sealants and crack fillers are used to seal against intrusion of foreign materials and liquids.**

# Design Consideration - Shrinkage In Joints



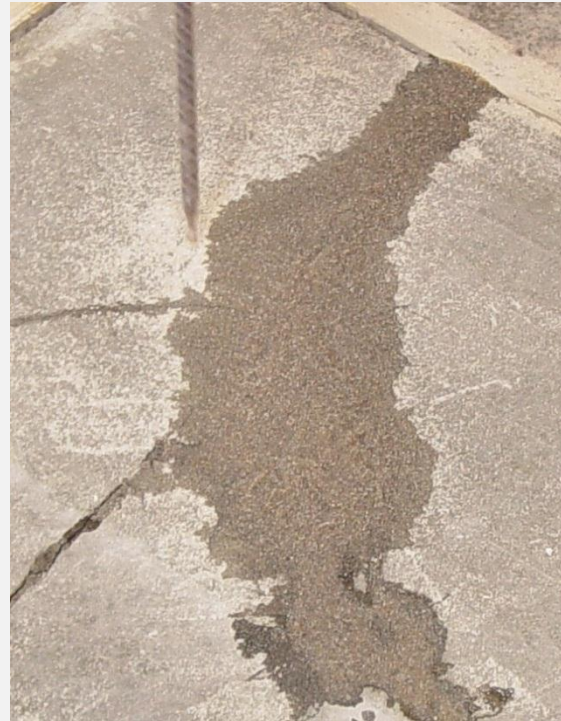
**Shrinkage causes deformation. Elongation cannot prevent this. Deformation causes the edges to be vulnerable and weakened.**





# **AESTHETIC CRACK REPAIRS**

**Aesthetic  
crack, gouge,  
or small spall  
repairs**





# **SACRIFICIAL CATHODIC PROTECTION**











# **AESTHETICS**





# Hilliard Homes Chicago, Illinois







**Start Over!**





# **SPECIFYING CONCRETE REPAIRS**

# **There are Two Choices**

**1. Wait for a problem and then jump through hoops to try to decide how to fix it and what material to use.**

**2. Have specifications in place that cover the materials and methods to repair all the common problems.**

# **Specifying These Materials Will Cover About 95% of Common Problems**

- **Horizontal Repair**
- **Vertical Repair**
- **Variable Shade Horizontal Repair**
- **Variable Shade Vertical Repair**
- **Finishing Material**
- **Bonding Agent**
- **Epoxy Adhesive**
- **Crack Repair**
- **Self-Leveling Underlayment**
- **Self-Leveling Topping**



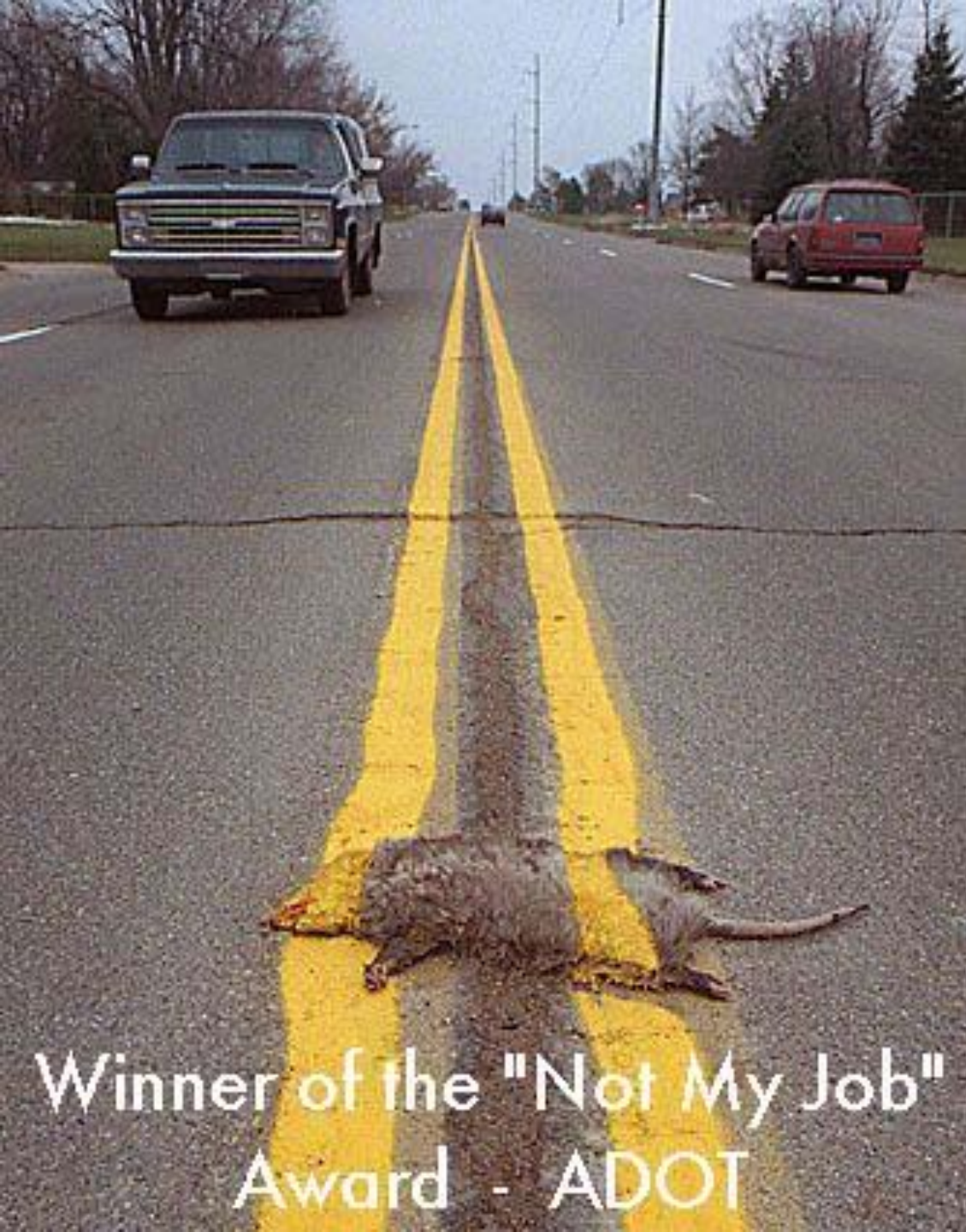
# **The Specification**

## **Needs to Include:**

- **Contractor qualifications & experience**

**“Contractor shall provide references for 5 jobs of similar size and scope successfully completed in the prior 5 years.”**

- **Pre-repair meeting with minutes**
- **Mock-up/Demo**



Winner of the "Not My Job"  
Award - ADOT

**When it comes to construction its:**

- **The contractor's job to build it**
- **The specifier's job to tell them how in the spec**
- **My job to help with product selection and the spec**

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**QUESTIONS?**

