



**ICRI National
Convention**

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Repair and Protection of Concrete Subject to Harsh Abuse in Mines and Elsewhere

- Physical Abuse
- Thermal Shock
- Chemical Attack
- Dynamic Loading

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**I recently did a Webinar about
the physical abuse of slabs.**

An engineer texted me.

***“I am forming a non-profit organization
whose mission is to put an end to slab abuse.”***

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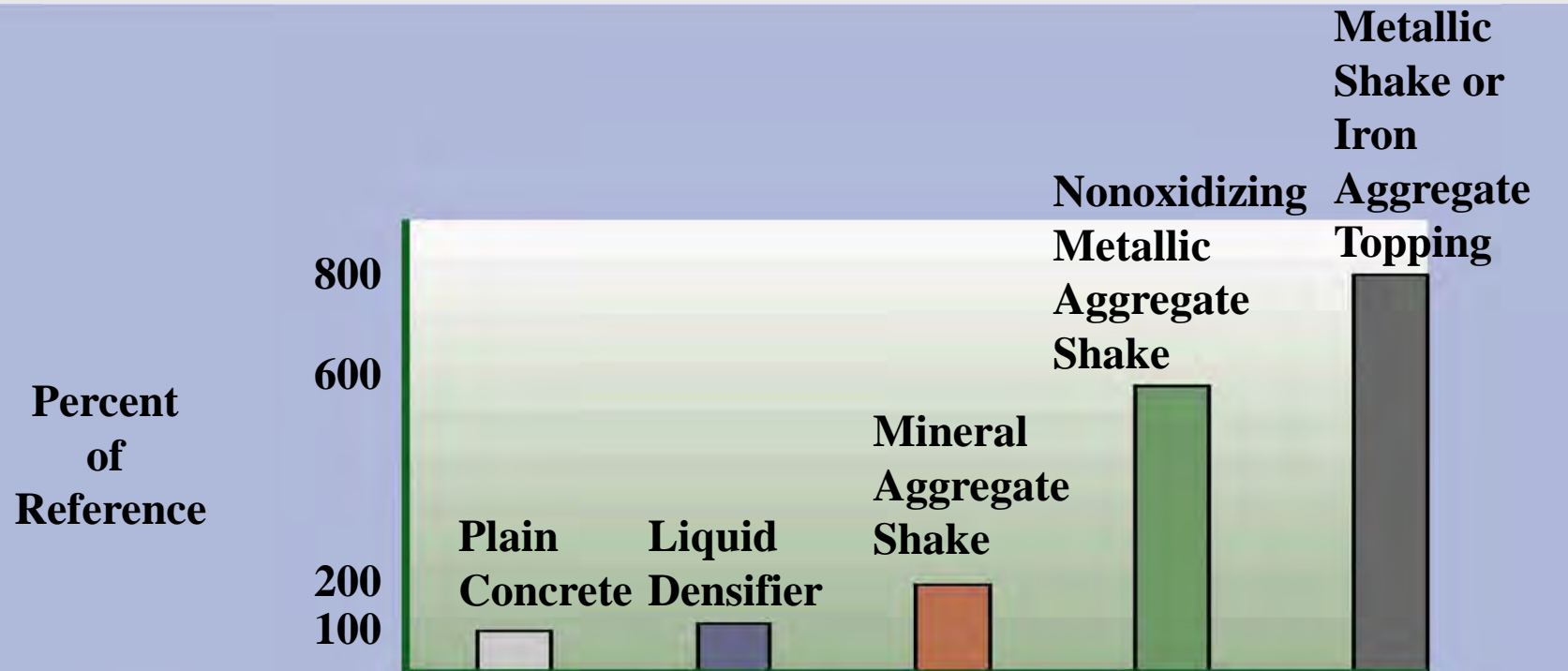
- ◆ **Civil Engineering Degree from RPI**
- ◆ **Over 35 years experience with concrete**
- ◆ **Years as a Field Engineer**
- ◆ **Years with a contractor**
- ◆ **Years with the Corps of Engineers
doing research**
- ◆ **Published dozens of articles**
- ◆ **Specialized in cement and concrete**
- ◆ **Earned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

ABRASION RESISTANCE

ASTM C 779

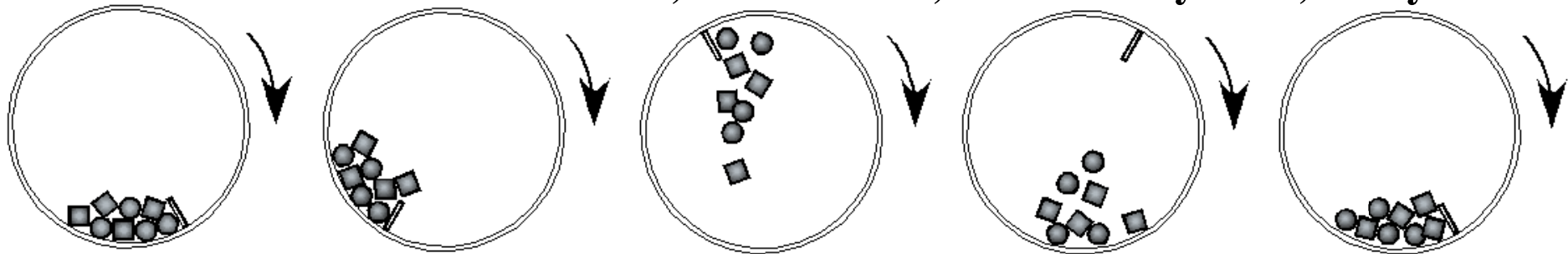


Relative Abrasion Resistance ASTM C 779



IMPACT RESISTANCE

LA Rattler: 2" cubes of material, 2" steel balls, rotate slowly for 2,000 cycles



2" cube

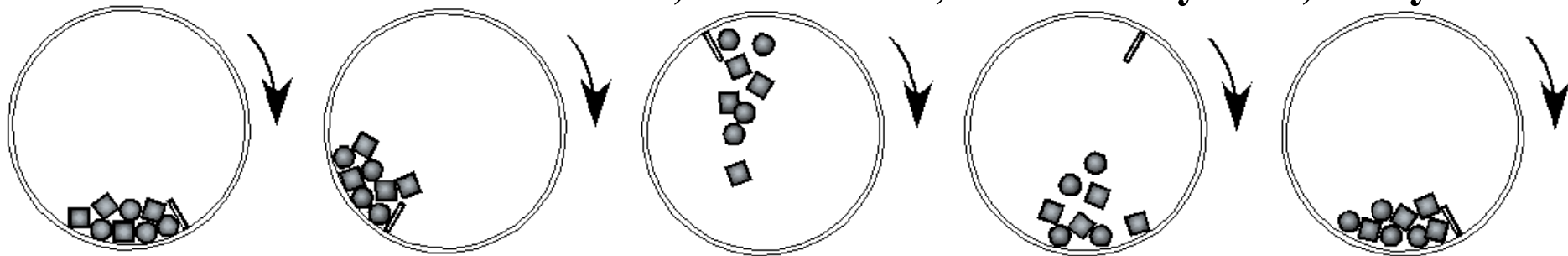
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concrete**

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concrete
with emery**

**12,000 psi
cementitious
topping
with iron
aggregate**



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**12,000 psi
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**18,000 psi
cementitious
topping
with iron and
natural
aggregate**



Used for one of the Toughest Abuses Known to Man



One of the Reasons
for Development was
Tipping Floors







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The concrete between the rails kept chipping out because every rail created two more joints in the slab and joints are problems.

Using iron aggregate topping to infill the damage between rails finally solved their problems.



Wear between steel rails and around steel plates turned their yard into a washboard.



It was such a maintenance problem for them, they covered it all with iron aggregate topping.





**Iron Aggregate Dry
Shake – Light Gray**



**Iron Aggregate
Topping**



**Tracked Vehicle Maintenance Bays
Holt Caterpillar, Texas**

Nucor Steel





Asarco Copper Tracked Vehicle Maintenance Bays – Ray, AZ





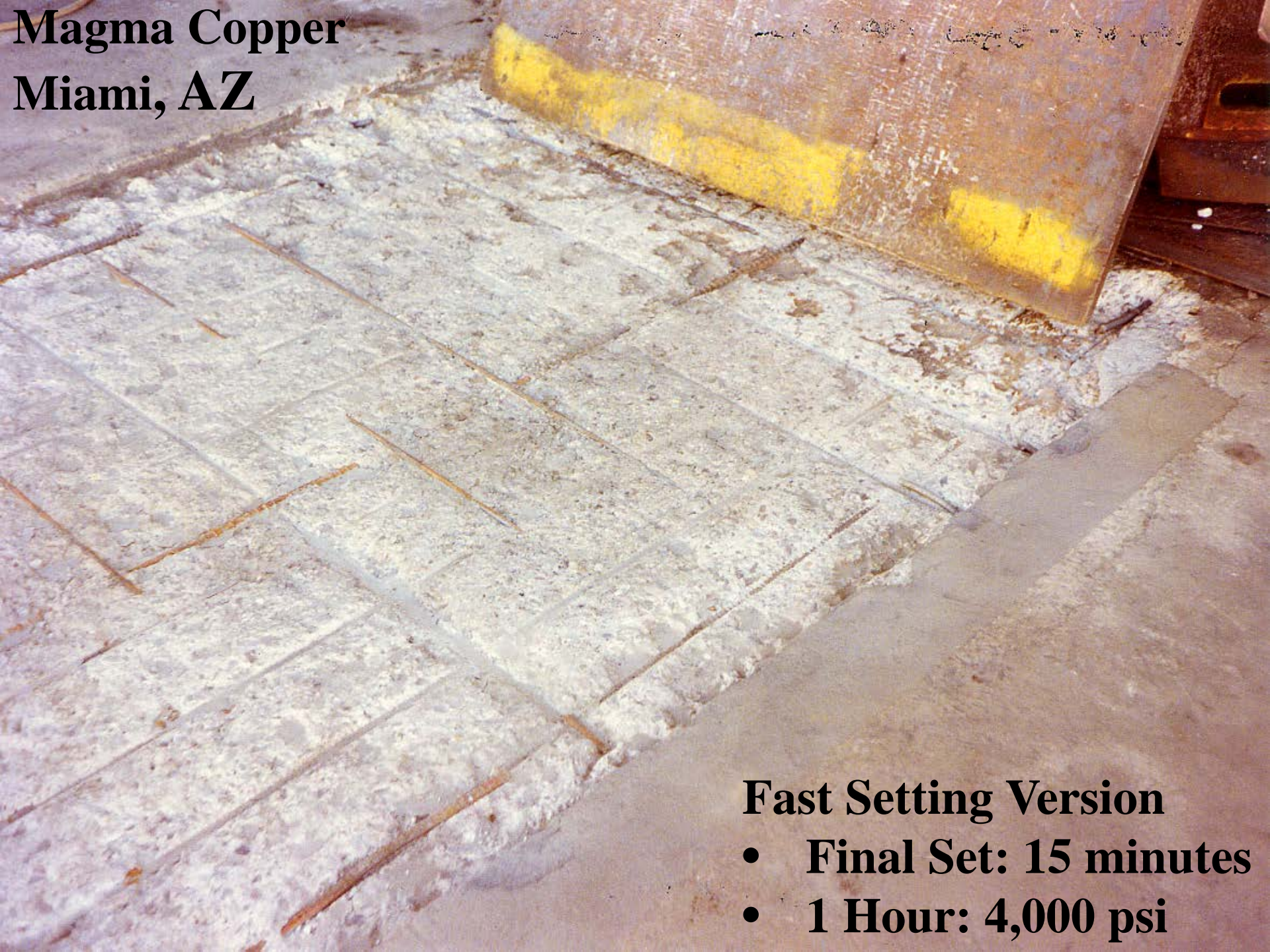
Proper Surface Preparation
Keyed Edges
Bonding



**SPEC NEEDS TO SAY:
“Backroll with short nap roller.”
This makes the coverage uniform.**



Magma Copper Miami, AZ



Fast Setting Version

- **Final Set: 15 minutes**
- **1 Hour: 4,000 psi**

TYPICAL NON-MINING USES:

- **Transfer stations**
- **Tracked vehicle maintenance shop floors**
- **Steel foundries**
- **Heavy manufacturing**
- **Dam spillways (corrosion is not an issue)**
- **Loading docks**
- **Scales**
- **Rolloff dumpsters**
- **Anything and everything that takes a beating**

Roll off Dumpster City of Tucson



Required:

- **Pre-job meeting with minutes**
- **Thickness - minimum 1”**
- **Proper surface preparation**
- **Bonding agent**
- **Evaporation retarder**
- **Proper curing**
- **Contractor experience**

**COATINGS, LININGS, and TOPPINGS
for CHEMICAL RESISTANCE**

Flake Filled Epoxy Novolac

Coating, Broadcast, or Trowel-Down

for Severe Chemical Attack like Tankhouses

<u>Acids</u>					<u>Miscellaneous</u>		<u>Alkalies / Salts</u>			
Acetic	50%		4		Brake Fluid	1	Ammonia	29%	1	
	10%		2		Ethylene Glycol	1	Ammonium Sulfate	50%	1	
Chromic	10%	1	50%	1	Formaldehyde	37%	2	Calcium Chloride		1
Citric	10%	1	50%	1	Gasoline		1	Diethanolamine		1
Formic	25%	4	98%	4	Propylene Glycol		1	Ferric Chloride	50%	2D
Hydrochloric	10%	1	37%	1	Skydrol		1	Hydrogen Peroxide	35%	1D
Hydrofluoric	25%	4			Vegetable Oil		1	Potassium Hydroxide	50%	1
Lactic	85%	2			<u>Solvents</u>			Sodium Hydroxide	50%	1
Nitric	10%	2	45%	4	Ethyl Alcohol	95%	2	Sodium Hypochlorite	10%	1D
Phosphoric	10%	1	85%	2	Ethyl Acetate		4	<u>Rating Key</u>		
Sulfuric	10%	1	75%	1	Methanol		4	1 = Long Term Exposure (30 days)		
			98%	2	Methyl Ethyl Ketone		4	2 = Extended Exposure (7 days)		
					Methylene Chloride		NR	3 = Splash / Spill (72 hours)		
					Mineral Spirits		1	4 = Incidental Contact (8 hours)		
					Toluene		2	D = Discoloration may occur		
					Trichloroethane		1	NR = Not Recommended		
					Xylene		2			

**Asarco Copper
Hayden, AZ**





Asarco



Phelps Dodge Morenci



EPOXY TROWEL DOWN

Advantages:

- **Abrasion Resistance**
- **Impact Resistance**
- **Chemical Resistant**
- **Easy to Clean**
- **Aesthetic**

Hycroft Gold Mine Winnemucca, NV



1/4" Trowel Down



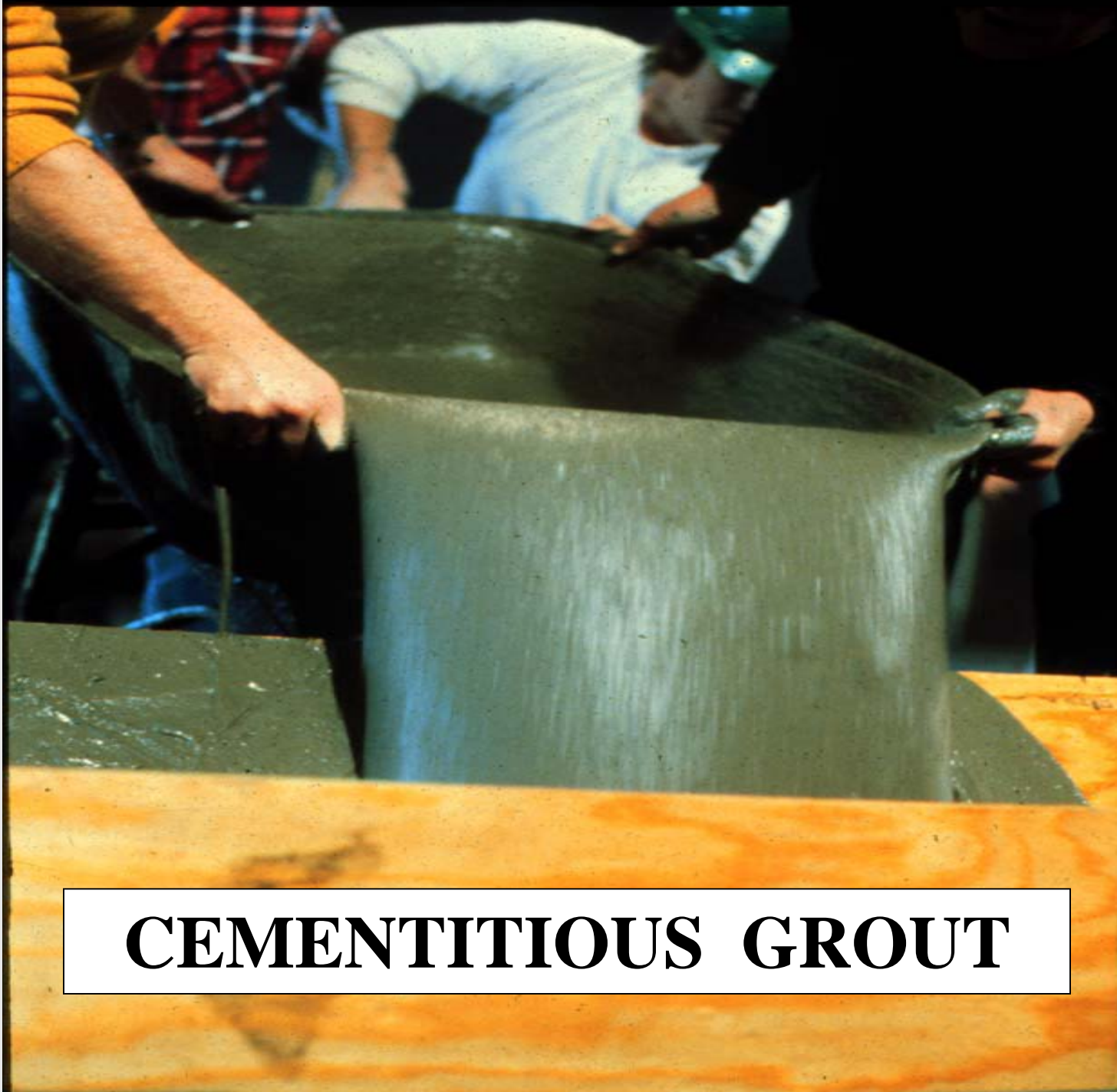
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ENGINE REPAIR

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CEMENTITIOUS GROUT

Bagdad, AZ



Asarco Copper Ray to Hayden





EPOXY GROUT



**Magma Copper
San Manuel**

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CEMENTITIOUS AND EPOXY GROUTS

Consistency:

- **Cementitious Flows while Epoxy Oozes**

Sticks to Base Plate:

- **Cementitious Doesn't while Epoxy Does**

Compressive Strength:

- **Epoxy has Higher Early and Ultimate**

Creep:

- **Epoxy Creeps More at High Temperatures**

Dynamic Loading:

- **Cementitious with Natural Aggregate is Good**
- **Cementitious with Iron Aggregate is Better**
- **Epoxy is Best**



When it comes to construction its:

- **The contractor's job to build it**
- **The Engineers' job to tell them how in the spec**
- **My job to help with product selection and the spec**
- **All this so that the Owner gets the results they need**

Winner of the "Not My Job"

**IF IT CANNOT BE GROWN,
IT MUST BE MINED**



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