



## **HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PRIZE WINNING ASPHALT PAVING JOB**

**GENERAL** - In general, the winners have always had a uniform surface texture free from segregation, roller marks and flushing. Winners have an outstanding match between the asphalt pavement and manholes, curbs and the existing pavement at intersections and project ends. Longitudinal and transverse joints are hard to find. Rural category winners have pavement edges that appear to have been pulled to a string line and the shoulder rock matches to the pavement.

Winners on highway projects will usually have pay bonuses or at least have not been subject to a penalty for compaction, gradation or liquid content. This year the contract CPF will count in the final point tabulation.

There are usually several very close contenders for first place with only a few points separation. Pick a project that you are proud to claim as yours. Good cooperation is nearly always a contributing factor to the winning jobs.

**SMOOTHNESS** - This is a category for major new construction or overlays on Oregon Highway projects. The smoothness is measured with the ODOT profilometer. Generally, the winner is close to the top in other categories.

**HIGHWAY PAVING** - Overlay or new construction on a major state highway.

**URBAN STREET** - These are projects of over 350 tons of mix with curbs, catch basins, manholes and at least one intersection. Without these features you probably will not gather enough "complexity points" to be a winner. This includes roadways in conjunction with parking lots and other special facilities.

**URBAN ARTERIAL** - The same as above, but it must have four lanes including turn lanes in city conditions.

**RURAL** - These are 1000 ton jobs in a rural or forest setting. Single lane forest roads with turnouts are included. Roads in conjunction with parks, boat ramps or other special facilities are included.

**EMULSIFIED ASPHALT CONCRETE - (EAC)** - There is a special category for this unique pavement type. It is rated like other pavements; however, most EAC's have a chip seal surface so texture and joints do not show up. Smoothness is measured with the ODOT profilometer and this usually determines the winner.

**COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL** - This category encompasses the vast array of paving done primarily in the private sector. It includes commercial parking, loading and sorting facilities and large private driveways, and parking areas. These are some of the most difficult paving jobs of all - often requiring numerous longitudinal and transverse joints, varying slopes, matches to curbs, gutters and drainage, and lots of hard work. Uniform texture, slopes and excellent matches are keys to a winning job.

**SPECIAL** - This category includes all non-traditional and non-roadway applications. Bike paths, cart paths, race tracks, airports are a few examples.

**GOOD LUCK, AND I HOPE THAT YOU RECEIVE AN AWARD !**

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