



The three most important things in building and maintaining roads are:

- Drainage,
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Poor Drainage Distresses



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Where does water come from?

Sources of Water



What will moisture do?

- Reduces soil strength
- Develops pot holes
- Swells soil
- Strips asphalt
- Frost heave
- Pumping

Frost Effect



Typical Deflection / Time Plot



Approaches for Controlling Water in Pavement

- 1. Prevent moisture from entering the pavement (surface drainage)
 - Seal cracks & joints
 - Surface drainage (crown)
- 2. Quick removal of moisture (subsurface drainage)
- 3. Building a stronger pavement
- 4. Combinations

1. Prevent Entry of Moisture

Sealing
✓ Cracks
✓ Surface treatment
Surface drainage
✓ Crown

Surface Drainage



With curb and gutter

> w/o curb and gutter



2. Moisture Removal

Subsurface Drainage Systems Inlets Sediment Control Drainage Structures

Subsurface Drainage Systems



Longitudinal Pipe Edgedrains

Circular metallic or plastic pipes with perforations Run along the pavement length Intercept water from exiting pavement Drains to a ditch by the pavement



Permeable Base System



Perm. base Separator Subgrade

Collection Systems

Roadside and median ditches

Gutters

Drainage inlets



Stormwater Discharge Control

Detention / retention facilitiesWater quality Control



Stores or detains stormwater temporarily

Holds or retains stormwater more permanently

Flood Water Relief



Combination Inlets

"Herring-Bone" angled bars Grate





Combination curbopening and 45° tiltbar grate inlet

Bridge Deck Drainage Inlets





Combination Inlets





Grate & Slotted drain combination

Sweeper combination

Culverts & Bridges

- Critical to carry the natural flow of water under the road
- Small pipes and box culverts can easily
 become plugged from eroded soil and debris





Sediment Control During Construction











Moisture Related Distress Survey

- Ditches clear of standing water?
- Ditches and pavement edge clear of grass/weeds?
- After a rain, is water flowing from joints or cracks?
- Are typical signs of pumping evident?

Visual Evaluation

- If sub-drainage is present, can the outlets be found and are they clear of debris ?
- Are inlets clear and functioning ?
- Are the joints or cracks sealed ?
- Is the sealant in good condition ?

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