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**Agrément Certificate**

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Product Sheet 1

## SURESET RESIN BOUND SURFACING

### SURESET

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to SureSet, a resin bound aggregate surfacing system with enhanced UV-resistance, for use as a surface course in landscaping domestic driveways, patios, tree pits, pedestrian areas, lightly trafficked car-parks, low speed access roads and lightly trafficked areas.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Strength and stability** — the system has satisfactory resistance to the loads associated with vehicle and pedestrian traffic conditions for which it is designed (see section 6).

**Surface characteristics** — the system has satisfactory slip and skid resistance and is resistant to wear (see section 7).

**Rainwater drainage** — the system can be designed to have sufficient rainwater drainage properties to eliminate surface ponding (see section 8).

**Durability** — when used in the applications described in this Certificate, the system will retain its integrity and have a service life in excess of that of a traditional asphalt surface course. Rainwater drainage can be maintained provided that a maintenance schedule, including regular suction cleaning and sweeping, is implemented (see section 10).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, SureSet, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

**Requirement:** H3(2)

**Drainage of paved areas**

Comment:

The system can contribute to the dissipation of rainwater from pavement areas and minimise the risk of ponding. See section 8 of this Certificate.

**Requirement:** M1

**Access to and use of buildings other than dwellings (Volume 2)**

**Requirement:** M2

**Access to extensions to buildings other than dwellings**

**Requirement:** M4(1)(2)(3)

**Access to and use of buildings Volume 1: Dwellings**

Comment:

The system is suitable for use as a surface course in car parks and on approach routes, providing external access to dwellings and buildings other than dwellings. See section 4.1 of this Certificate.

**Regulation:** 7(1)

**Materials and workmanship**

Comment:

The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.



### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

**Regulation:** 8(1)(2)

**Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials**

Comment:

The system can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 9 and 10 and the *Installation* part of this Certificate.

**Regulation:** 9

**Building standards applicable to construction**

Standard: 2.12

Fire and rescue service access

Comment:

The system will contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.12.0<sup>(1)(2)</sup>, 2.12.2<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2.12.3<sup>(1)(2)</sup>. See section 4.1 of this Certificate.

Standard: 3.6

Surface water drainage

Comment:

The system will contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements for rainwater drainage in this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.6.2<sup>(1)(2)</sup>, 3.6.3<sup>(1)(2)</sup>, 3.6.4<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.6.6<sup>(1)(2)</sup>. See section 8 of this Certificate.

Standard: 4.1

Access to Buildings

Comment:

Use of the system will contribute towards compliance with this Standard, with reference to clause 4.1.4<sup>(1)(2)</sup>. See section 4.1 of this Certificate.

Standard: 7.1(a)

Statement of sustainability

Comment:

The system can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.

**Regulation:** 12

**Building standards applicable to conversions**

Comment:

All comments given for the system under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6<sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23(a)(i-iv)</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	<b>(b)(i)</b>	The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>82(a)(b)</b>	<b>Rainwater drainage</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The system will contribute to the dissipation of rainwater from pavement areas and minimise the risk of ponding. See section 8 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Facilities and access for the Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>Access and use</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Access to extensions</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The system will contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements for vehicular and non-vehicular access routes and hardstanding areas in these Regulations. See section 4.1 of this Certificate.

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: *3 Delivery and site handling* of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2020

In the opinion of the BBA, SureSet, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards, Chapter 10.2 Drives, paths and landscaping*.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 SureSet is a resin bound surface course system comprising a two-component, solvent-free, cold-applied polyurethane binder, and fine and coarse 3, 6 and 10 mm sized aggregates.

1.2 Other components which may be used with the system, but which are outside the scope of this Certificate, are:

- glass grit — broadcast onto surfaces where additional skid/slip resistance may be required
- catalyst — which may be mixed with the binder to reduce curing times, if necessary.

### 2 Manufacture

2.1 The binder components are manufactured using a batch process.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated

- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

### 3 Delivery and site handling

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the binder components under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272 / 2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on SureSet.

### Design Considerations

#### 4 Use



4.1 SureSet is satisfactory for use as a surface course system with enhanced UV resistance, for domestic driveways, patios, tree pits, pedestrian areas, lightly trafficked car-parks, low speed access roads and lightly trafficked areas.

4.2 SureSet is designed incorporating a blend of fine aggregate, and a 3 or 6 mm, or 10 mm (for tree pit use only), coarse aggregate. The choice of aggregate type will depend on site-specific details, including location and contractual requirements for polished stone value (PSV), texture depth, colour, porosity and any other properties.

4.3 The system can be applied to a bituminous or concrete substrate provided the underlying layers of the pavement are stable and have sufficient load-spreading capabilities to support the imposed loading of the surfacing during installation and the expected service life.

4.4 The system can be used as part of new or maintenance pavement construction.

#### 5 Practicability of installation

The system is to be installed only by contractors approved by the Certificate holder, using conventional equipment for the mixing and application of the system (see the *Installation* part of this Certificate).

#### 6 Strength and stability

##### Resistance to permanent deformation

6.1 The system has a resistance to rut rate and rut depth that is classified as Type 2 in accordance with PD 6691 : 2015, Appendix D, Table D.2. It is suitable for heavily stressed sites requiring very high rut resistance.

##### Tensile bond strength

6.2 A visual inspection of existing sites confirmed no significant defects that could be related to de-bonding. In addition, laboratory testing to TRL Report 176, Appendix J, on a control set, and after heat ageing and water soak, confirmed satisfactory tensile bond strength to both asphalt and concrete when installed in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate.

##### Erosion index

6.3 A visual inspection of sites confirmed no significant defects that could be related to wear such as fretting and ravelling of aggregates from the surface. In addition, laboratory testing in accordance with the BBA HAPAS *Guidelines for Assessment and Certification of High Friction Surfacing* for scuffing at 45°C resulted in an erosion index of 0.

## Chemical resistance

6.4 When tested in accordance with BS 5284 : 1993, the system has a good resistance to chemicals likely to be spilt on road surfaces or parking areas, such as oil or petrol. Any spillages must be removed as soon as possible to avoid staining and contamination due to the permeable nature of the surface.

## 7 Surface characteristics

### Skid and slip resistance

7.1 The initial skid resistance (prior to trafficking) measured in accordance with TRL Report 176, Appendix E (pendulum test using sliders applicable to both vehicular and foot traffic), indicates that initial measurements of greater than 40 can be achieved depending on the aggregate and design of the system (see section 7.2). The system is considered suitable in applications where this is required.

7.2 Retained skid resistance is affected by the aggregate type and expected trafficking. Appropriate aggregate selection must therefore be considered in areas where risk of slipping by foot, or skidding by vehicles, is high.

### Surface texture

7.3 The initial texture depth measured in accordance with BS EN 13036-1 : 2010 indicates that texture depth is dependent on the aggregate size and porosity of the mix. The texture depth for 3 mm aggregate is  $\geq 0.5$  mm, for 6 mm aggregate is  $\geq 0.9$  mm and for 10 mm aggregate (tree pit only) is 3.8 mm. The system is considered suitable for use in applications where these texture depths are required.

7.4 Retained texture depth is affected by the aggregate type and expected trafficking levels. Therefore appropriate aggregate selection must be considered in areas where retained texture depths are required.

## 8 Rainwater drainage



Results of vertical and horizontal permeability tests conducted in accordance with BS EN 12697-19 : 2004 indicate that the water will drain through the surface course into the pavement substrate, thereby reducing or eliminating surface ponding (see Table 1).

Table 1 Vertical and horizontal permeability

Test	Method	Parameter measured	Results		
			3 mm	6 mm	10 mm
Permeability	BS EN 12697-19 : 2004	Permeability <sup>(1)</sup> ( $10^{-3} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}$ )			
		Vertical	1.61	3.56	23.71
		Horizontal	1.15	2.84	10.07

(1) Mean of two results. Tests were carried out on 100 mm diameter cores.

## 9 Maintenance



In order to maintain the permeability of the surface it must be cleaned periodically using a pressure washer or a sweeper fitted with water jetting and vacuuming equipment.

## 10 Durability



The system has been in use since March 1997 and visits to existing sites 2 years old indicate that the system is performing satisfactorily. When used in domestic driveways, patios, tree pits, pedestrian areas, lightly trafficked car-parks, low speed access roads and lightly trafficked areas, the system will have a service life in excess of conventional asphalt surfacing.

### 11 General

11.1 Ambient and pavement surface temperatures, along with relative humidity, should be recorded at the start and, if the weather is variable, during the installation process. Installation should not proceed if:

- the relative humidity is less than 85%
- the surface temperature is less than 3°C above the dew point of the measured air temperature and relative humidity
- the operating temperature is outside the range 5 to 30°C
- the road surface temperature is outside the range 0 to 30°C.

11.2 The Certificate holder is responsible for training and monitoring their approved contractors to ensure the system is installed in accordance with the BBA Agreed Method Statement and this Certificate.

11.3 The Certificate holder must be consulted on the structural design and suitability of the pavement structure. The base and binder course layers must take into account the anticipated rainfall, traffic loading, ground conditions and the key factors assessed and identified in this Certificate.

11.4 Rates of spread will be dictated by the required installed depths and the aggregate size. The minimum nominal installation depth for 3 mm aggregate is 16 mm, 6 mm aggregate is 18 mm and for 10 mm aggregate is 24 mm.

### 12 Preparation

12.1 All imperfections in the substrate not acceptable to the Installer must be reinstated with a material approved by the Purchaser in consultation with the Installer.

12.2 The substrate must be clean, dry and free from ice, frost, loose aggregate, oil, grease, road salt and other loose matter which may impair the adhesion of the system.

12.3 When used on a concrete surface, a primer must be applied in accordance with the manufacturers instruction.

### 13 Application

13.1 The resin components and catalyst are supplied in pre-weighed packs. Parts A and B are mixed together using a slow-speed, high-torque drill and paddle for a minimum of 60 seconds, until a homogeneous mix is achieved. A catalyst must be added and the amount will vary depending on weather conditions. The Certificate holder provides details of appropriate quantities relative to temperature.

13.2 The mixed resin must then be added immediately to the pre-mixed aggregate and placed in a mechanical mixer and mixed for a minimum of 2 minutes, or until homogeneous.

13.3 The mixed material is immediately spread evenly across the surface to the required depth using a screed box or hand trowel.

13.4 The surface is finished with a hand trowel or lightweight powered finishing tool.

13.5 Glass grit is broadcast onto the surface at this stage at a minimum spread rate of 80 g·m<sup>2</sup>.

### 14 Aftercare

The system must be allowed to cure. During the curing period no disturbance or trafficking is permitted.

### 15 Repair

Any damaged area must be cut back to firmly bound material and replaced with material mixed and installed in accordance with this Certificate.

### 16 Tests

Tests were conducted on samples of SureSet, including the resin, and the results were assessed to determine:

- tensile characteristics
  - control
  - uv exposure (400 mj-m<sup>2</sup> at 50°C, 10 years equivalence)
  - heat aged at 70°C for 28 days
  - water soak at 23°C for 7 days (including chlorinated water)
- scuffing resistance
- skid and slip resistance
- texture depth
- erosion index
- resistance to permanent deformation at 60°C
- tensile adhesion
  - control
  - heat aged at 70°C for 28 days
  - water soak at 23°C 7 and 28 days
- hardness test
  - control
  - 1 and 7 day exposure to:
    - petrol
    - diesel
    - hydraulic fluid
    - antifreeze
    - engine oil
    - battery acid
- permeability
- colour stability after uv exposure (400 mj-m<sup>2</sup> at 50°C, 10 years equivalence).

### 17 Investigations

17.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

17.2 An installation trial was carried out to assess the practicability of the installation and on-site quality control procedures. A visual inspection of the site concluded that it was free from significant abnormalities.

17.3 A user/specifier survey relating to existing sites up to and including three years in service was carried out to confirm the system's performance in use. The visual condition survey carried out by the BBA inspection marked all sites as good to excellent condition with no significant defects.

## Bibliography

BS 5284 : 1993 *Methods of sampling and testing mastic asphalt used in building and civil engineering*

BS EN 12697-19 : 2004 *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Permeability of specimen*

BS EN 13036-1 : 2010 *Road and airfield surface characteristics — Test methods — Measurement of pavement surface macrotexure depth using a volumetric patch technique*

BBA HAPAS *Guidelines for Assessment and Certification of High Friction Surfacing*

PD 6691 : 2015 *Guidance on the use of BS EN 13108, Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications*

TRL Report 176 *Laboratory tests on high friction surfaces for highways*

### 18 Conditions

18.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

18.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

18.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

18.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

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