

GUARDIAN AE PAVEMENT SEALER DETAILED APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS

1. Scope:

This recommended practice covers the application of Guardian AE, a low-VOC (less than 50 grams per liter) asphalt emulsion fortified with proprietary compounds for added strength and durability. Guardian AE weatherproofs asphalt surfaces, seals against penetration by water and oil and blocks the destructive drying action of the sun by forming a tough protective membrane with a deep black color. Guardian AE provides a cost effective measure to extend the service life of all asphalt surfaces. Guardian AE is recommended for all asphalt surfaces including commercial/residential parking areas and driveways.

2. References:

- 2.1. ASTM Specification D-140
- 2.2. ASTM Specification D-244
- 2.3. ASTM Specification D-466
- 2.4. ASTM Specification D-529
- 2.5. ASTM Specification D-2939

3. Materials:

- 3.1. The contractor shall use Guardian AE Asphalt Emulsion Pavement Sealer. No alternative will be accepted. Guardian AE will conform to the following requirements:
 - 3.1.1. Non Volatile Solids shall be 49-53%.
 - 3.1.2. GemSeal GuardFlex shall be the only additive introduced into Guardian AE.
 - 3.1.3. The emulsion shall be produced using a **colloid mill** to ensure homogeneity and appropriate size of the particles in suspension.
 - 3.1.4. The contractor and/or his supplier will provide a certification with each bulk emulsion delivery indicating compliance with the above requirements. Further, the certificate will indicate the non-volatiles (solids) content and ash content of that particular transport lot as determined by results of tests performed on material loaded in the delivery container. Such certifications shall be subject to verification by testing samples of the emulsion received for use on the project. Costs of verification testing will be borne by Project Administrator.
- 3.2. Dilution water shall be potable and free of excessive minerals and contaminants. Water will be provided by Project Administrator and available within a reasonable distance from the job site.
- 3.3. Sand will be washed and graded silica sand, or crushed, washed, and graded slag, free of all contaminants, and conforming within a 40-70 mesh gradation range.

4. Equipment:

All tools and equipment necessary to perform the contract in accordance with the specified terms and conditions, such as brushes, hand squeegees, pumps and hose equipment, storage tanks, mixing tanks, water distributors, power sweepers, blowers, barricades and applicator equipment, shall be provided by the contractor as required. All methods employed in performing the work and all equipment necessary for executing any part of the work shall be subject to approval by Project Administrator before work is started, and when found unsatisfactory will be corrected. All equipment will be in good working condition.

- 4.1. Spray equipment used on the job shall have mechanical mixing devices incorporated in their construction to assure homogeneous mixing of the emulsion and required additives. The pumping system must be adequate to apply a uniform coating at the specified rates of application. Equipment requiring pressurization of the mixing tank for distribution will not be used.
- 4.2. Motorized squeegee application equipment used on the job will have two or more devices such as squeegees and/or drag broom assemblies to assure even distribution of the asphalt emulsion system. Mechanical mixing devices will be incorporated into the construction of the applicator to assure homogeneous mixing of the emulsion.
- 4.3. Mixing or agitating equipment may be either portable powered or a tank-type power mixer. In any case, mixers shall be of sufficient capacity to assure homogeneous mixing of the emulsion and to maintain complete suspension of mineral aggregate until the emulsion system is applied to the pavement. All storage tanks shall be equipped with mechanical agitators sufficient to keep the asphalt emulsion homogenous during storage.

5. Preparation of Surfaces:

- 5.1. Allow new asphalt to cure. Cure time varies with type of asphalt, aggregate, weather conditions, and construction procedures. Hot mix asphalt will usually cure in 30 - 90 days. Solvent-based cold mix pavements should be allowed to cure for at least 90 days. Required cure time should be determined by Project Administrator, and a written order to proceed will be furnished to the contractor.
- 5.2. Wide cracks, extensive alligator cracking patterns, soft or sunken spots indicate that the pavement and/or base should be repaired or replaced before sealcoating. Extensive patching shall be allowed to cure prior to sealcoating in accordance with paragraph 5.1.
- 5.3. Thoroughly inspect the pavement for minor cracks and other imperfections. Ignore hairline cracks. Cracks of approximately 1/4 - 3/4 inch wide should be cleared of debris and filled with a Bonsal American approved crack sealant in accordance with manufacturer's specification. **(OPTIONAL)**
- 5.4. Remove oil and grease spots that have not permanently damaged or softened the pavement by scrubbing with a detergent and flushing with water until a water-break-free surface is obtained. Oil and grease spots with deeper penetration will be treated by burning with hand held propane torch, and then coating the spot with an approved oil spot primer such as GemSeal TarPrime. If the oil spot is so severe as to cause permanent deterioration of the pavement, or if the pavement has failed due to other causes, the pavement shall be removed to the full depth of the damage and replaced with new asphalt pavement in accordance with paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2.
- 5.5. Old traffic control lines may be blackened with black epoxy or black acrylic coatings. Excessive build up of lines should be abraded before any prime coats of emulsion are applied. **(OPTIONAL)**
- 5.6. Highly oxidized or weathered asphalt surfaces shall be primed with a coat of Guardian AE diluted 40% with water. The prime coat shall be allowed to dry thoroughly before proceeding with additional applications. Application rate shall be 0.08 - 0.10 gallon per square yard of diluted Guardian AE. **(OPTIONAL)**
- 5.7. Immediately before application of sealer, clean the surface of all loose dust, dirt, leaves, and any other foreign materials by sweeping, blowing, flushing with water, or any combination of the three.

6. Mix Design and Application Rates:

6.1.

Use	Coats Gallon	Guardian AE Gallon	Water Gallon	Sand*** (x100 lbs.)	Latex Polymer (GuardFlex) Gallon	Application Mix Gal/Sq.Yd.
Low Traffic	1st	100	25-35	2-3	1-2	0.11 -0.13
	2nd	100	25-35	2-3	1-2	0.11 -0.13
Medium Traffic	1st	100	25-35	3	2	0.11 -0.15
	2nd	100	25-35	3	2	0.11 -0.15
High Traffic	1st*	100	25-35	3-4	2	0.11 -0.15
	2nd	100	25-35	3-4	2	0.11 -0.15
	3rd	100	25-35	3-4	2	0.11 -0.15

*1st Coat is applied to entrances, exits, high traffic lanes and turning radii.

NOTE:

- 1. Sealcoating is not recommended for enclosed or permanently shaded parking areas such as underground parking garages.
- 2. Water dilution ratios shown are volumetric and based on Guardian AE received at 49-53% solids. Water dilution ratios may be adjusted within the recommended range to achieve good application consistency, but mix designs containing in excess of 35 gal water are not recommended.
- 3. Approximately 20 pounds of sand displaces 1 gallon of liquid.
- 4. Project Administrator may require the contractor to submit one or more samples, at random, throughout the course of the job for mix design verification.

WARNING: Sealcoats, when improperly applied and/or under certain environmental conditions, may become slippery. As with any paint-like coating, repeated applications reduce texture. Skid resistance can be improved with additions of 3 to 4 pounds of sand per gallon. CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED, particularly when skid resistance is a major safety factor.

- 6.2. Guardian AE is specifically designed to be used with GemSeal GuardFlex. Do Not use other additives. They are not chemically compatible with Guardian AE and will degrade the emulsion. Use of non-approved latex additives may void product warranty at Bonsal American's sole discretion.
- 6.3. Water shall be added to the Guardian AE in accordance with approved mix design. GuardFlex shall be added after the water and only in accordance to the approved mix design. Sand will be slowly added into the Guardian AE with the mixer engaged during the addition of sand to assure uniform dispersion. Sand shall be in accordance with the approved mix design.
- 6.4. Slow mixing shall be continuous from the time all materials are placed into the mixer until the pavement sealer mix is applied by the application equipment. During the entire mixing process, no breaking, segregating, or hardening of the emulsion, and no balling or lumping of the aggregate shall be permitted.
- 6.5. The coating shall be applied uniformly over the entire pavement surface and free of voids and pinholes. When pavement temperatures are in excess of 120° F, fog spraying of pavement with clean water is recommended to achieve better bond and even spreading of material. Properly applied fog spray shall dampen pavement without leaving puddles. **(OPTIONAL)**
- 6.6. Subsequent coats will be applied only after the previous coat is dried, preferably 24 hours later, but after no less than 4 hours under ideal conditions. Ideal conditions are temperatures in excess of 70° F, sunshine, and less than 60% relative humidity. Marginal conditions can require curing times greater than 24 hours. Subsequent coats should be applied at right angles to the previous coat, if possible.
- 6.7. Sealer will not be applied unless the temperature is a minimum 50° F and rising and pavement temperature is 60° F and rising. Work will be completed so that there is a minimum of three hours of sunlight remaining after completing the day's work. Sealer will not be applied under rainy or wet conditions such as an overcast sky with high humidity. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will work, be performed under cold and/or wet conditions, nor will emulsion be used that has been subjected to freezing weather.

7. Incidentals:

- 7.1. The contractor and Project Administrator will coordinate their activities with each other to ensure the availability of the work area so as not to delay the execution of the project, to maintain traffic flow, and to minimize activities that might be detrimental to the work in progress such as automatic sprinkler systems, other customer or construction traffic, etc.
- 7.2. The contractor will notify the Project Administrator of pavement areas that he feels have so deteriorated or have other outside factors such as poor drainage, improper construction, etc., that will render the application of a seal coat ineffective.
- 7.3. Striping will be done with a latex or acrylic paint approved by the manufacturer. No striping will commence until the seal coat has cured for at least 24 hours.

8. WARNINGS and Miscellaneous Notes:

- 8.1. Skid Resistance: Sealcoats, when improperly applied and/or under certain environmental conditions, may become slippery. As with any paint-like coating, repeated applications reduce texture. Skid resistance can be improved with additions of 3 to 4 pounds of sand per gallon. **CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED**, particularly when skid resistance is a major safety factor, Bonsal American does not recommend sealcoating asphalt pavements with the following characteristics; main thoroughfares, runways, steep inclines, poor drainage, and vehicles traveling at speeds in excess of 25 mph that are subject to rapid stops or hydroplaning. Bonsal American recommends applying asphalt emulsion to asphalt pavement surfaces only.
- 8.2. Container warning: Containers, regardless of being empty, half full, or full of product, may retain a residue of liquid and/or vapor and can be dangerous. **DO NOT PRESSURIZE, CUT, WELD, BRAZE, SOLDER, DRILL, GRIND, OR EXPOSE SUCH CONTAINERS TO HEAT, FLAME, SPARKS, OR OTHER SOURCES OF IGNITION; THEY MAY EXPLODE AND CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.** Do not attempt to clean since residue is difficult to remove. "Empty" drums should be completely drained, properly bunged, and promptly returned to a drum reconditioner. Empty pails should have a hole punched in the pail bottom to prevent drowning of small children. All containers should be disposed in an environmentally safe manner and in accordance with governmental regulations. For work on tanks, refer to OSHA regulations, ANSI 49.1, and other governmental and industrial references pertaining to cleaning, repairing, welding, or other contemplated operations.
**Container refers to any vessel, can, drum, tanker, distributor tank, etc., that may be used for handling and/or storing any of the products covered by this guideline specification or any product of unknown origin.

- 8.3. Health and Environmental: Guardian AE is not considered a hazardous waste and meets all current Federal requirements for industrial waste. **AS AN APPLICATOR** you should be familiar with all potential hazards prior to entering the workplace. Toxicity Characterization Leaching Procedure information and Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided upon request. In case of accidental spill, contain with absorbent material, allow to dry, and dispose, of according to local, state and federal regulations. Precautions should be taken to prevent surface runoff and Guardian AE from entering storm drainage system or ponds.
- 8.4. Maintenance of coating can prolong its life and attractive appearance. Sand, gravel and other debris should be removed as they accumulate. Oil drippings, antifreeze, etc. can be scrubbed with mild detergents and flushed with clean water.
- 8.5. Technical assistance is available from Bonsal American upon request.
- 8.6. Do not allow to Guardian AE to freeze. Freezing will void product warranty.

LIMITED WARRANTY

GemSeal Pavement Products warrants that for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase this product shall be free from manufacturing defects and shall meet or exceed performance standards listed in the technical data sheet for the product at the time of sale, if used as directed and within the stated shelf life. This Limited Warranty applies only if the product is stored, used, and applied over a properly prepared substrate in strict accordance with applicable specifications and instructions issued by GemSeal Pavement Products. The Limited Warranty will not apply if the product is altered, modified, or misused after it has left the control of GemSeal Pavement Products. GemSeal Pavement Products will not be responsible for defects caused by factors beyond its control, including but not limited to workmanship, application equipment, weather, acts of God, structural failure, condition or movement of substrate, improper additives, poor drainage, ponded water, improper maintenance, damage from snow removal equipment, and normal wear and tear. GemSeal Pavement Products does not warrant that the product or any method of use or application would be suitable for any particular site conditions.

All warranty claims must be submitted in writing, with proof of purchase, to the following address: 3700 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 425, Charlotte, NC 28273. Unused portions of product must be returned upon request. Replacement of defective product or, at GemSeal Pavement Products' option, refund of the purchase price of defective product shall be the buyer's sole remedy under this Limited Warranty. In no event shall GemSeal Pavement Products be liable for any damages in excess of the purchase price of the defective product. This Limited Warranty does not cover labor costs for product application, replacement, or repair. GEMSEAL PAVEMENT PRODUCTS SHALL IN NO EVENT BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES FOR LOST SALES OR PROFITS, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, DELAYS, PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO OTHER MATERIALS OR PROPERTY, OR LOSS OF USE OF PROPERTY.

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CAUTION:

Contains asphalt; a skin irritant. Keep out of reach of children. Do not take internally. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin or breathing of vapors. In case of contact with eyes, flush with plenty of water, and seek immediate medical attention. Use with adequate ventilation. Do not use in confined areas.

MANUFACTURING & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

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