

RAMS SSOW Method Statement Roadmender Elastomac

PRODUCT APPLICATIONS

Shallow surface defects repairs, potholes repairs, surfacing repairs around ironworks, footway surface course, utility reinstatements, airfield repairs, patching, local repairs, in laid crack repairs and any other similar use including narrow trenches.

- MCHW SHW Volume 1 Series 900 (amendment July 2021) Clause 946
- Department for Transport – New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways (SROH), Fourth Edition, May 2020
- RSTA ADEPT HE Code of Practice for Ironwork Systems Installation and Refurbishment, May 2017

4mm and 6mm Mastic Preparation and Use

- The operator should be familiar with pre-heating the drum of the mixer to warm the equipment if starting from cold and should use equipment as per manufacturers' guidelines.
- After pre-heating the mixer, add the required number of 20kg bags of Mastic, pouring the contents into the mastic mixer.
- Mix the material initially up to a maximum of 170°C and then continue to mix thoroughly for ½ to ¾ hour to ensure the mastic is fully liquid and homogenous.
- Next increase the temperature and bring the material up to a maximum 195°C ready for discharge and laying.
- Regularly crosscheck accuracy of machine temperature gauges by using a laser temperature gun aimed at material as it is discharged from the mixer hatch.
- The installation should not be trafficked until the newly laid material has reached ambient temperature to ensure product is set sufficiently to accept vehicle loading.
- Cooling time is approximately 1 minute per mm depth.

Health, Safety and Environmental

- Please ensure that appropriate PPE is used when preparing, mixing and applying products.
- Always wash your hands before consuming food and make sure that materials are kept safely out of reach of children and animals.
- Please dispose of packaging and waste responsibly and in accordance with local authority requirements. A full material datasheet relating to this product is available from Roadmender Asphalt.

Quality Assurance

- All products are manufactured in a plant whose quality management system is certified / registered as being in conformity with BS EN ISO 9001:2015.

Technical

- Hot applied, polymer modified mastic asphalt.
- Unit Size: 20kg bag. 50 units /pallet (1000kg)
- Appearance as supplied: Dry, pourable granular aggregate & rubber bitumen pellet mix.
- Appearance in use: Black, molten, free flowing, granular, hot mastic.
- Application Temp °C: 180°C to 195°C.

Preparation

- The pavements surfaces are to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material and standing water is best removed with a heated air lance or similar.

Material

- The 20kg bags of granular 4mm mastic or 6mm mastic are poured into the pre-heated mastic mixer and brought to a temperature of no more than 195°C and mixed for a further 30 minutes to ensure the mixture is fully homogenous.
- At this stage the mastic will be fully fluid and ready to be discharged into wooden / metal mastic buckets or metal wheelbarrows.



Installation Method Statement

- Installation shall only be carried out in dry conditions, at ambient temperatures above -5°C.
- The pavements surfaces are to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material and standing water is best removed with a heated air lance or similar.
- Roadmender Elastomac is a patching material designed to deliver fast, cost effective and sustainable patching solutions for patches ranging from 100mm to 3 metres wide. It is not designed for full-width resurfacing of roads or footways where it may not be possible to maintain the camber designed and engineered into the road or footway.

Alligator cracking

- The pavements surfaces are to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material and standing water is best removed with a heated air lance or similar.
- Any large loose material is to be removed by hand.
- For sections of cracking greater than 10mm depth the repair is to be built up in layers.
- A thin layer of mastic is to be placed over the failing area of the defect this is then chipped with bitumen coated aggregate.
- Rate of spread 8-12kg per metre square.
- Continue to build up layers allowing 2-3 minutes between each layer for the material to solidify until you are approximately 6mm below the required finished surface level.
- The final surface finish to the entire area is placed using a spazzle/float, or for small areas a drag box.
- The surface layer should be laid to a max depth of 10mm.
- The material should be chipped to meet local skid resistance requirements or for aesthetic purposes with sand, grit, high PSV hard stone chips or 1mm to 3mm calcined bauxite.

Surface defects and Potholes

- The pavements surfaces are to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material and standing water is best removed with a heated air lance or similar.
- Any large loose material is to be removed by hand.
- For defects greater than 10mm in depth, the repair is to be built up in layers.
- A thin layer of mastic is to be placed over the failing area of the defect this is then chipped with bitumen coated aggregate.
- Rate of spread 8-12kg per metre square.
- Continue to build up layers allowing 2-3 minutes between each layer for the material to solidify until you are approximately 6mm below the required finished surface level.
- Patches may also be based up using conventional 6 or 10mm hot mix asphalt which is cheaper and faster than basing with mastic as you don't have to wait for the mastic to go off.
- The final surface finish to the entire area is placed using a spazzle/float or for small areas a drag box.
- The surface layer should be laid to a max depth of 10mm.
- The material should be chipped to meet local skid resistance requirements or for aesthetic purposes with sand, grit, high PSV hard stone chips or 1mm to 3mm calcined bauxite.

Kerb channels

- The kerb channel is to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material may need to be raked out with handheld tools before a heated air lance is used to remove small loose debris and any water.
- Any large loose material is to be removed by hand.
- For defects greater than 10mm in depth, the repair is to be built up in layers.
- A thin layer of mastic is to be placed over the failing area of the defect this is then chipped with bitumen coated aggregate.
- Rate of spread 8-12kg per metre square.
- Continue to build up layers allowing 2-3 minutes between each layer for the material to solidify until you are approximately 6mm below the required finished surface level.
- Patches may also be based up using conventional 6 or 10mm hot mix asphalt which is cheaper and faster than basing with mastic as you don't have to wait for the mastic to go off.
- The surface layer should be laid to a max depth of 10mm.
- The material should be chipped to meet local skid resistance requirements or for aesthetic purposes with sand, grit, high PSV hard stone chips or 1mm to 3mm calcined bauxite.

Joints transverse and longitudinal

- The joints are to be reasonably clean and dry, loose material may need to be raked out with handheld tools before a heated air lance is used to remove small loose debris and any water.
- Any large loose material is to be removed by hand.
- Joints 40mm wide or less can be fill and finished by applying the material through a heated drag box
- For joints wider than 40mm, a thin layer of mastic is to be placed over the failing area of the defect this is then chipped with bitumen coated aggregate.
- Rate of spread 8-12kg per metre square.
- Continue to build up layers allowing 2-3 minutes between each layer for the material to solidify until you are approximately 6mm below the required finished surface level.
- Patches may also be based up using conventional 6 or 10mm hot mix asphalt which is cheaper and faster than basing with mastic as you don't have to wait for the mastic to go off.
- The surface layer should be laid to a max depth of 10mm.
- The material should be chipped to meet local skid resistance requirements or for aesthetic purposes with sand, grit, high PSV hard stone chips or 1mm to 3mm calcined bauxite.

Trench repairs

Utility and highway trenches with edge fretting, edge depression and minor settlement.

- The trench and immediate surrounding area are to be reasonably clean and dry loose material and standing water is best removed with a heated air lance or similar.
- Particular attention is to be paid to the interface between the trench and the exiting pavement.
- For areas of the defect greater than 10mm depth the repair is to be built up in layers.
- A thin layer of mastic is to be placed over the failing area of the defect this is then chipped with bitumen coated aggregate.
- Rate of spread 8-12kg per metre square.

- Continue to build up layers allowing 2-3 minutes between each layer for the material to solidify until you are approximately 6mm below the required finished surface level.
- The surface layer should be laid to a max depth of 10mm.
- The material should be chipped to meet local skid resistance requirements or for aesthetic purposes with sand, grit, high PSV hard stone chips or 1mm to 3mm calcined bauxite.



DETAILED GUIDELINES (do's and don'ts)

1. While Elastomac can be laid over the top of repairs previously carried out using permanent cold lay materials, you cannot use cold lay to base out the patches at the same time as installing the mastic, as the mastic will melt the fresh cold lay and take a long time to go off.
2. Always pour the material across the patch and lute the material in 1 direction keeping a hot edge perpendicular to the edge of the patch. This avoids leaving any uneven lines in the finished repair.
3. Ideally, the operatives should empty the bags of precoated chips into a wheelbarrow or bucket to be placed at the side of the repair. This makes it easier for the operatives to apply a uniform chipping coverage without fumbling around with bags.
4. Always ensure there is an empty bucket to the side of each patch for the tape to go into. This will stop wet mastic dripping onto the road as the tape is being peeled up.

5. When peeling tape up that is bordering a patch please make sure to always PULL the tape directly away from the patch to ensure you get a nice crisp clean edge on the patch.
6. Chipping: When applying precoated chips to the surface layer, operatives should aim to apply a uniform spread of chips across the patch with around 5mm between each chip. Once this first layer of chips is rolled into the mastic, they can then apply a further coating of chips where ultimately they are aiming for around a 2mm – 3mm gap between the chips that should almost be shoulder to shoulder.
7. The sooner the chips can be sprinkled across the freshly luted mastic the better, as the hotter it is the better they will bed into the material.
8. The colder the outdoor temperature, the earlier one should commence rolling the chips into the material.
9. While there is no limit to the length of a patch, it is recommended the operatives restrict each drag to no more than 2 metres wide. If the defect is wider than 2 metres, simply place some masking tape along the inside edge of the freshly laid patch 5mm back from the edge and proceed to lay an additional patch alongside the original drag. The thermoplastic material will weld together to create a joint-free repair once the tape is removed.
10. It is important to make sure the roller is kept wet during the rolling process to stop it sticking to the mastic. Ideally, water should be applied to the roller indirectly while the first pass of chips is being rolled in. It can then be poured over the patch whilst the second layer of chips is being rolled in.
11. It is important to always check each newly completed patch prior to leaving site. The aim here is to make sure additional chips are added and rolled into any areas where required. Any areas where the patch has been over-chipped, the zone can be warmed up to make sure the chips are fully rolled into the mastic.
12. While patches take on average 1mm per minute to cure, they can be driven over far sooner than they can be parked on. You should be able to drive over a patch within 8 minutes of completion. However, during summer months it may take slightly longer before you can park on a freshly laid patch. In some instances, it is impossible to stop cars driving over or parking on a freshly laid patch which will ultimately leave a tyre print in the patch. If this does happen, the mastic is very forgiving – simply warm it up with a gas lance, roll out the tyre print and re-chip the area prior to leaving site.
13. When applying the mastic, operatives should take care not to step on the fresh mastic as it is being applied, as this would leave a footprint in the repair similar to a car parking on a patch prior to it going off.
14. When selecting precoated chips always use chips with a 60+ PSV and a low aggregate abrasion value (AAV) as the more cubical the chippings are, the better they will embed into the mastic.

Storage of Roadmender Asphalt Bagged Products

Roadmender Asphalt bagged materials are sold in 1-ton pallets of 20kg bags
 (50 bags per pallet = 1 ton)

- Store these materials preferably under cover
- If stored in the open, keep materials out of direct sunlight, covering them with lorry sheets or tarpaulins
- Do not stack any loaded pallets
- Do not expose stored materials in direct heat or extreme cold
- Rotate stock in order of age to ensure the older stock is used first

**PLEASE STORE AWAY FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT
 MATERIAL SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM THE ELEMENTS AT ALL TIMES**

Management and Supervision of Works – Please specify all management and supervision personnel including percentage of time on site, contact details etc.			
Job Title	Name	Site Attendance (%)	Mobile/Contact Number
Site Supervisor			
Contracts Manager			
Operatives			
Director			