

## Hitex awarded BBA HAPAS Certificate for Texband

The BBA's Alan Thomas presents John Lloyd of Hitex with a HAPAS Certificate for their new product Texband (Certificate 10/H157)



Texband repairs cracks, seams and joints in black-top highway surfaces. It was developed by Hitex and after four years of rigorous road site and laboratory tests has been granted BBA HAPAS approval and certification. It is a thermoplastic two-part system that combines bituminous and resin technology to produce a product that can be laid at speed it is manufactured by Hitex at its factory in Ellesmere Port and installed by L&R Roadlines.

As Texband is an original concept, it was necessary for the BBA to extend the scope of the Guideline Document for the Assessment & Certification of Crack Sealing Systems for Highways to incorporate the new process. Hitex claims significant waste reduction of 8 tonne per kilometre (up to 24 tonnes in a single shift) and much lower costs than established methods. Lower waste and speedier application results means less disruption to the road user, lower traffic management costs and a reduced carbon footprint.

Chris Davies MEP for the North West attended the presentation; Chris has served as a councillor on Merseyside where HITEX are based and as an MP in Greater Manchester. Currently he is team leader of the 84-strong European (ALDE) Group of MEPs on the European Environment Committee and has a keen interest in sustainable products.

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