

SURFACE DRESSING

A two day course providing a detailed technical introduction to the theory and practice of surface dressing, approved for CPD hours by the CIHT and IHE.

CPD ENDORSED COURSE



Surface dressing is a long established and proven highway maintenance technique involving the spray application of an emulsion bituminous binder onto a prepared road surface prior to the immediate application of aggregate chippings to 'dress' the binder.

PROGRAMME - DAY 1 & 2

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| 9.15 Welcome and Introduction | 9.15 Working Groups Exercise on Site Selection |
| 9.30 Site Selection - When to Surface Dress | 10.00 Benefits of Surface Dressing |
| 10.00 Surface Preparation, Patching and Aftercare | 10.30 Failures – Causes and Remedial Actions |
| 10.45 Break | 11.00 Break |
| 11.00 Selecting the Correct Type of Surface Dressing | 11.15 Innovations |
| 11.30 Materials - Aggregates and Binders | 11.45 Hot Topics - Group Discussion |
| 12.15 Standards, Guidance and QC Testing | 12.15 Lunch (provided) |
| 13.00 Lunch (provided) | 13.00 Practicing Design and Open Forum |
| 13.45 Road Note 39 - Introduction to Design | 14.15 Multiple Choice Test Using reference literature supplied |
| 14.30 Design - Worked Examples | 15.00 Close |
| 15.00 Break | |
| 15.15 Practicing Design and Open Forum | |



ABOUT THE RSTA

The Road Surface Treatments Association (RSTA) is the UK's leading trade body and focal point for the road surface maintenance industry. It aims to raise awareness of the range and benefits of road surface treatments, promote workforce competence and safety and encourage sustainability. The RSTA champions professionalism, innovation and best practice.

TRAINING WITH THE RSTA

The RSTA is committed to raising standards within the workplace and each year runs a series of training courses for operatives, supervisors and management.

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