2022 Flexible Pavement Condition Survey Handbook

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Executive Summary

This handbook has been developed as a guide for personnel responsible for conducting the Florida Department of Transportation Pavement Condition Survey (PCS) on flexible pavements and to ensure consistency among raters. It also serves as a reference to staff in each district involved in the PCS data verification process. This reference describes the procedures for conducting a visual, mechanical and automated condition evaluation of the Department's flexible pavement system. Items evaluated in the survey include:

1. Class I Cracking
2. Class II Cracking
3. Class III Cracking
4. Raveling
5. Patching
6. Profiler Rut Depth (automated)
7. Manual Rut Depth
8. Ride Quality (roughness)

The data collected during the PCS is used as input into the pavement management system and for project prioritization purposes.

Keywords: Crack Rating, Ride Rating, Rut Rating, International Roughness Index (IRI), Ride Number (RN), Pavement Evaluation, Flexible Pavement Condition Survey, Profiler, Roadway Characteristics Inventory (RCI), Straight Line Diagram (SLD)

I. Introduction

The present condition of Florida's flexible pavement system is of interest to Pavement Management, Design, Planning, Maintenance, consultants, and other groups within the Florida Department of Transportation.

The information provided in this handbook describes the methods used to evaluate surface distresses and determine the ride quality and the rut depth of the flexible pavement. Any mention of rigid pavement is only discussed when necessary for the completion of the Flexible Pavement Condition Survey. For information relating to the evaluation of rigid pavements, please refer to the Rigid Pavement Condition Survey Handbook.

The results of this evaluation provide information that is used in conjunction with other data for the following purposes:

1. Determine the present condition of the State Highway System
2. Compare present with past condition
3. Predict future deterioration rates
4. Estimate rehabilitation funding needs
5. Provide justification for annual pavement rehabilitation budget
6. Provide justification for prioritizing rehabilitation projects
7. Provide justification for distribution of rehabilitation funds to Districts

The various changes and enhancements that have been implemented with each survey are recorded in the "History of Florida Pavement Condition Survey" at the following address:

http://www.fdot.gov/materials/pavement/performance/pcs/pcshistory.pdf

II. Pavement Section Selection and Identification

The length of pavement to be evaluated will vary depending upon many factors. Typical factors that create section limits (rated sections) include the following:

1. County line
2. County section or subsection
3. Construction limits
4. Significant changes in pavement condition.
5. Structures 0.25 mile or more.
6. Rigid pavement 0.50 mile or more within a flexible pavement section.
7. Changes in the number of lanes (2 to 3 lanes, etc.)
8. A division between roadway directions 0.50 mile or more.

As implied by the list above, a certain amount of office preparation is required prior to the field evaluation. The rater should have access to construction plans, straight line diagrams (SLD), video-logs, maps, Roadway Characteristics Inventory (RCI) data, and historical Pavement Condition Survey (PCS) data for those highways to be evaluated.

Construction Limits

Section limits should be based initially upon construction project limits. The section may deteriorate at different rates, requiring additional "breaks" within the overall section, but the beginning and ending mileposts must not be modified. To preserve the history of PCS data, section limits must only be changed if the limits of a new construction project extend into previously existing project limits. For new construction projects one mile or more in length, provide a financial project number (FIN), if possible.

Section Length

If possible, do not break new sections under 0.50 miles in length. Do not combine existing adjacent sections because they have the same or similar crack rating. This does not warrant combining into one section. The only time a section should be combined with another section are short sections (less than a 0.50 mile) that are left over after new pavement or under construction have been broken out. Combine these

sections with the next or previous section with similar crack ratings. If the section cannot be combined due to crack ratings leave as a short section less than a 0.50 mile. (Orphan section). If the section is .10 mile or less do not break out leave it with the original section. Maintain original section limits and treat as a maintenance issue not representative of the section until new section starts deteriorating. Add comments in comment column.

Roadway Direction

The direction a section is rated depends on the following criteria:

Divided

Any pavement section 0.50 mile or greater that has a division in roadway directions (physical median, island, permanent barrier wall, paved turn lane, or emergency lane) separating traffic traveling in different directions. One lane in each direction must be rated for divided roadways.

Composite (Undivided)

Pavement sections without dividers or sections where any consecutive divided segment is less than 0.50 mile are considered composite. One lane in only one direction must be rated. Rate these sections in the same direction each year unless an obvious difference exists based upon visual observation of the pavement condition. In this case, the rater must rate the direction having the greatest amount of distresses. Once a direction has been established due to visual observation the direction should remain the same.

The direction rated is coded in the Roadway column of the Field Workbook. See Table 1 below.

TABLE 1
ROADWAY DIRECTION

ROADWAY CODE	PAVEMENT DIVISION	MILEPOST DIRECTION	DIRECTION (NOTE1)
1	Composite	Ascending	North or East
4	Composite	Descending	South or West
2	Divided	Descending	South or West
3	Divided	Ascending	North or East

Note 1: A limited number of sections have mileposts that are descending in the North or East direction or are ascending in the South or West direction. For example, the PCS Roadway designation of a 1 or 3 could be South or West. Refer to the construction plans or SLD for clarification if needed. Regardless of these exceptions to the rule, a Roadway code of 1 or 3 is always evaluated in the ascending direction and a code of 2 or 4 is always evaluated in the descending direction.

Pavement Type (Type)

The Type column of the Field Workbook is used to denote the surface type of the roadway as well as other conditions the rater observes while performing the survey. The following is a list of all Type codes used:

Exceptions (Type 0)

Exceptions are pavement sections that are not state-maintained or sections that overlap other state-maintained sections and have been rated under another county section number.

Asphalt Pavement (Type 1)

Type 1 is for standard asphalt pavement sections. These sections must include Crack, Rut and Ride Ratings.

Pavement Improvement (Type 2)

Type 2 is for sections that have been partially rehabilitated or modified in an effort to improve the section. This includes but is not limited to: **short maintenance overlays, intersection overlays, sealed cracks, large areas of patching or manhole adjustments**. This code is used to note that changes to the pavement surface were

made that may influence the Crack, Rut or Ride Ratings. This can result in either positive or negative changes to any rated metric: cracking, rutting or ride. Workbook comments must be provided to explain why the section was rated Type 2. In the following survey year this code must be changed, usually to Type 1, unless additional improvements are made.

Skin Patch (Type 3)

Type 3 is for sections that have large areas covered by a thin overlay or skin patch (often applied as a maintenance overlay). These areas are considered patching. Combine estimates of patching with Class III cracking and include in the rating for entire section.

Rigid Pavement (Type 4)

Type 4 is for rigid pavement sections. No rigid defect ratings should be recorded in the Flexible PCS for these sections. The flexible and rigid profiler data (net length, IRI) gets recorded in the flexible workbook.

New Construction (Type 5)

Type 5 is for a newly constructed section of roadway. As an example, when a composite roadway has new construction that changes it to a divided roadway, the lanes added in the new direction are coded as Type 5. The following year this code must change, usually to Type 1. Provide a financial project number (FIN) for projects equal to or greater than one mile in length if possible.

No Ride (Type 6)

Type 6 is for sections where the profiler is unable to achieve a repeatable Ride Rating. These are normally sections that are very short, but sometimes other longer sections have characteristics that the profiler is unable to repeat. These sections are usually in urban areas and have features such as cross streets with signalized intersections and radical intersecting profiles. Collect profiler data, but do not report ride values for these sections. Profiler data is used only for rut depth, but if a reliable rut depth cannot be achieved, manual rut depth (page 29) must be taken. This decision is left to the discretion of the rater.

If a section that is New Pavement (Type 7) is also a No Ride (Type 6), code as New Pavement (Type 7) and do not report ride values. Include New Pavement (NP) and No Ride (NR) in the Remarks column.

New Pavement (Type 7)

Type 7 is for sections of existing roadway, where previous pavement, flexible or rigid, has been resurfaced. The following year this code must change, usually to Type 1. Provide a financial project number (FIN) for projects equal to or greater than one mile in length, if possible.

Under Construction (Type 8)

Type 8 is for areas that are under construction (UC) during the survey. Only call milled areas or temporary pavement that are 0.50 mile or more as under construction. If it is less than 0.50 mile, hold it out and add a comment as to why the rough distance is short. For these areas, if a lane of original pavement is available, you must shift lanes to run the original pavement. Do Not call the area under construction if original pavement can be accessed. Don't assume all lanes will be resurfaced. This helps avoid "Not NP" the following year.

Make sure all data is collected through the entire length of the UC area. This data goes to FHWA for HPMS but gets held out for PCS. The Type 8 code can be used for more than one year if construction is noted in the next survey.

After construction is complete the section will typically change to Type 2 or Type 7 depending on the scope of the project. Upon returning the following year, it may be evident that no rehabilitation took place. In this case the section must be coded Type 1 and Not New Pavement (Not NP) coded in Remarks.

Structures (Type 9)

Type 9 is for structures including bridges, box culverts and other permanent objects that are 0.25 miles or more. These structures should be represented by separate pavement section limits and coded as Type 9. Any structure less than 0.25 miles must remain combined with the larger section and profiler roughness turned off. Crack, Rut or Ride Ratings must not be reported for any structure.

Mileposts recorded for structures and exceptions must come from SLD or RCI whenever possible, not from a distance-measuring instrument. This allows for data cross checks with RCI feature code 258.

If a structure is located between a flexible and rigid pavement section, coding as Type 9 in the flexible pavement survey adds the mileage for the structure to the flexible pavement system. If coded as Type 0 the structure is excluded from the flexible pavement system. It is important to ensure any structures coded as Type 9 in the flexible pavement survey are coded as Type 0 in the rigid pavement survey. Not doing so would add the mileage for the structure to both surveys.

Type 9 is also used to record pavement sections that have been added to the state-maintained system after the survey was completed. This allows the mileage to be included in the survey and serves as a reminder for the rater to rate the section the next year. When Type 9 is used in these instances always code the number of lanes and Remarks containing ADD in xx, where xx = year of next survey.

Lanes

For composite roadways, this is the total number of through travel lanes. For divided roadways, this is the number of through lanes in the direction of travel. Do not include turn lanes, parking lanes or emergency lanes in the number of lanes. The total number of lanes must agree with RCI feature code 212 (Thru Lanes).

Rated Lane

The lane having the worst pavement condition shall be rated for the direction being tested. It is coded in the Rated Lane column of the Field Workbook. This value is noted by ascending (R) or descending (L) followed by the count of through lanes starting from the inside lane. For example, a road with 3 lanes in each direction, the middle lane in the ascending direction is R2, and the inside lane in the descending direction is L1.

Verification

The Verification (Ver) column is used to denote results of the verifications done per district request and to record the status of any re-runs due to ride data not matching previous year's data.

When a district requests verification of a rated section, it is re-evaluated for Crack Rating only. If the results of this re-evaluation determine that the original Crack Rating was correct, an “A” is placed in the Verification column to denote that the re-evaluation agreed with the original rating. If the results determine the original Crack Rating was incorrect, the change(s) are made and a “C” is placed in the Verification column. This value remains in the next version of the workbook (next year) so the rater is aware that the verification was performed.

If a re-run was performed (according to Appendix B) by the operator and the previously collected ride data was replaced by the ride data collected during the re-run, a “U” is placed in the Reruns column in the workbook to denote that the re-run was used. If ride data collected during the re-run is not used, an “N” is placed in the Reruns column to denote that the re-run was not used. This “U” or “N” is automatically placed in the verification column upon workbook upload. The re-run information is eliminated prior to the creation of the workbook each year.

Remarks

The Remarks column is used to record information regarding the condition of the section being rated. See Table 2 for a detailed listing of all standard remarks.

TABLE 2

STANDARD REMARKS

REMARKS	STANDARD CODE
New Pavement (A) (see note[1])	NP
New Construction (A)	NC
Under Construction (A)	UC
Not New Pavement (A)	NOT NP
Bridge Number	BR ####
Rigid Pavement (A)	Rigid Pavt
No Ride (A)	NR
Patching (A)	PT
Raveling (A)	RAV
Off RCI (A)	Off RCI
Survey Next Year	Add in XX (XX = Survey Year)
Lane Realignment	RAL
Brick Crosswalks	BW
Manholes in wheel path	MH
Rippling	RIP
Depressions	DEP
Bleeding	BLD
Shoving	SHV
Delamination	DEL
Spalling	SPL
Pot Holes	PH
Corrugations	COR
Sealed Cracks	SLDCK
Crowning	CRN
Transverse Cracking	TRVCK
Scaring	SCR
Speed Reduction Device (i.e. Rumble Strips)	RS
Pumping	PMP

Note[1]: An (A) after the remark in the REMARKS above column indicates an automated remark (based upon an entry in another field).

Comments

The Comments column is used to record information specific to the section that will assist the rater in future surveys. Examples include County section numbers for exceptions and any other non-standard remarks that will help identify the section. This column can also contain standardized remarks that exceed the seventeen-character limit of the Remarks column. This column is also used to provide detailed comments as to why an area is a Type 2. Raters should remove comments that do not need to be carried over to the next year.

III. Evaluation Methods

Data collection is accomplished by visually estimating distresses present within each roadway section and through use of an inertial profiler to collect rut and ride data at highway speeds.

Crack Rating

Consideration is given to three classes of cracking in flexible pavements. The classes of cracks are described as follows:

Class I - Hairline cracks that are less than or equal to ⅛ inch (3.18 mm) wide in either the longitudinal or transverse direction. These are mostly single cracks with no or only a few connecting cracks, cracks are not spalled, and pumping is not evident. These cracks are estimated individually for the total linear length of the cracks. The width of the affected area is considered 1 foot (0.30 m). See Figures 2, 5 and 8 (pages 17, 20 and 23).

Class II - Cracks greater than ⅛ inch (3.18 mm) and less than or equal to ¼ inch (6.35 mm) wide in either the longitudinal or transverse direction. These may have slight spalling and/or advanced branching; cracks may be sealed; pumping is not evident. Also includes all cracks less than or equal to ¼ inch (6.35 mm) wide that have formed cells less than or equal to 2 feet (0.61 m) on the longest side, also known as alligator cracking. Class II cracks are considered rectangular, and the total affected area in square feet is counted. See Figures 3, 6 and 9 (pages 18, 21 and 24).

Class III (including Raveling and Patching) - Cracks greater than ¼ inch (6.35 mm) wide that extend in a longitudinal or transverse direction and cracks that are opened to the base or underlying material. These cracks often exhibit moderate or severe spalling, and often form a complete pattern, such as alligator cracking. They also include progressive Class II cracking with severe spalling or pumping. Class III cracks are considered rectangular, and the total affected area in square feet is counted. See Figures 4, 7 and 10 (pages 19, 22 and 25).

Pumping - Pumping occurs when there is water in the underlying layers beneath the roadway. The water is physically pumped to the surface through small cracks and pores under heavy moving loads. Pumping is a particularly severe defect causing premature asphalt failure in a variety of ways. If water is being pumped from below the asphalt it can cause stripping or undermining of base, subbase, and subgrade materials. This defect is typically seen by observing the base material on the roadway around the cracks. Pumping must be counted as Class III regardless of crack width. See Figure 13 (page 28)

Sealed Cracks – For these areas use same Crack Class as previously rated unless rater sees crack width increase. Unsealed cracks and cracks that form after crack seal has been applied are rated according to usual method.

Raveling -Raveling is the wearing away of the pavement surface caused by the dislodging of aggregate particles. See Figure 12 (page 27). Only record raveling for sections having at least one percent of its area raveled.

The severity levels used to describe raveling are as follows:

Light - The aggregate and/or binder has begun to wear away but has not progressed significantly, with some loss of aggregate.

Moderate - The aggregate and/or binder has worn away and the surface texture is becoming rough and pitted; loose particles generally exist; loss of aggregate has progressed.

Severe - The aggregate and/or binder has worn away and the surface texture is very rough and pitted, loss of aggregate very noticeable.

Record the predominant severity level and percent affected area of raveling in the Raveling column of the field workbook using the codes shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

RAVELING CODES

PERCENT OF PAVEMENT AREA	RAVELING SEVERITY LEVEL AND CODE		
	LIGHT	MODERATE	SEVERE
01 -- 05	1	1	1
06 -- 25	2	2	2
26 -- 50	3	3	3
51+	4	4	4
Note: Code the Predominant severity level only			

Patching - A patch is an area of the pavement that has been replaced with a newer material after the time of original construction. Patching should reflect a defect in the pavement that has been repaired. See Figure 11 (page 26). Only record patching for sections having at least one percent of its area patched.

Record the percent of pavement area affected by patching by using the codes shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4

PATCHING CODES

PERCENT OF PAVEMENT AREA AFFECTED BY PATCHING	
PERCENT	**CODE**
01 -- 05	**1**
06 -- 25	**2**
26 -- 50	**3**
51+	**4**

Calculating Crack Rating

To calculate the total area affected by cracking, combine the percent area affected estimations as follows:

Class I + Class II + Class III + Raveling + Patching = Total Percent Affected Area

Determine the predominant class of cracking, by combing values for percent affected area for Raveling and Patching with Class III cracking estimates. Next, compare the percent affected area from the three classes of cracking (with Class III cracking now including Patching and Raveling). The predominant crack class has the highest percent affected area value.

These values must be determined for cracking confined to the wheel path (**CW**) and cracking outside of the wheel path (**CO**), each representing 100 percent of their respective areas. See Figure 1 (page 16) for a diagram of this wheel path designation. Table 5 (page 16) explains how to determine the final Crack Rating.

Crack Type

The Crack Type field is used to indicate the predominant Crack type for a pavement section. These crack types help in determining the cause of cracks. Crack type Codes are as follows: Alligator (A), Block (B), Combination (C), Raveling (R) and Patching (P). One of these is required if cracking is present. Use the R or P code if either of these defects are the major defect contributing to your crack rating. Leave Crack Type blank only if there is no cracking present.

TABLE 5

NUMERICAL DEDUCTIONS FOR CRACKING METHOD

PERCENT OF PAVEMENT AREA AFFECTED BY CRACKING	CONFINED TO WHEEL PATHS (CW) *PREDOMINANT CRACKING CLASS*					
	I CRACKING		II CRACKING		III CRACKING (Including RAV & PT)	
	CODE	DEDUCT	CODE	DEDUCT	CODE	DEDUCT
00 -- 05	A	0.0	E	0.5	I	1.0
06 -- 25	B	1.0	F	2.0	J	2.5
26 -- 50	C	2.0	G	3.0	K	4.5
51+	D	3.5	H	5.0	L	7.0

PERCENT OF PAVEMENT AREA AFFECTED BY CRACKING	OUTSIDE OF WHEEL PATHS (CO) *PREDOMINANT CRACKING CLASS*					
	I CRACKING		II CRACKING		III CRACKING (Including RAV & PT)	
	CODE	DEDUCT	CODE	DEDUCT	CODE	DEDUCT
00 -- 05	A	0.0	E	0.0	I	0.0
06 -- 25	B	0.5	F	1.0	J	1.0
26 -- 50	C	1.0	G	1.5	K	2.0
51+	D	1.5	H	2.0	L	3.0

Notes: - Total percent of cracking is determined by combining Class I, Class II, Class III, Raveling and Patching.

Percentages for CW and CO are estimated separately, each representing 100% of its respective area.

Only the predominant cracking class will be recorded for CW and CO. When determining which crack class is predominant, combine percentages for Class III cracking with Raveling and Patching, then compare this value to percentages for Class I and Class II. The larger of these values is considered predominant.

CW Example: I = 10%, II = 12%, III =6% Total = 28%

Predominant is Class II in the 26-50% category (code G – deduct 3.0)

CO Example: I = 10%, II = 6%, III =6% Total = 22%

Predominant is Class I in the 6-25% category (code B – deduct 0.5)

Given the formula below:

CRACK RATING = 10 - (CW + CO).
CRACK RATING =10-(3.0+0.5)
CRACK RATING=6.5

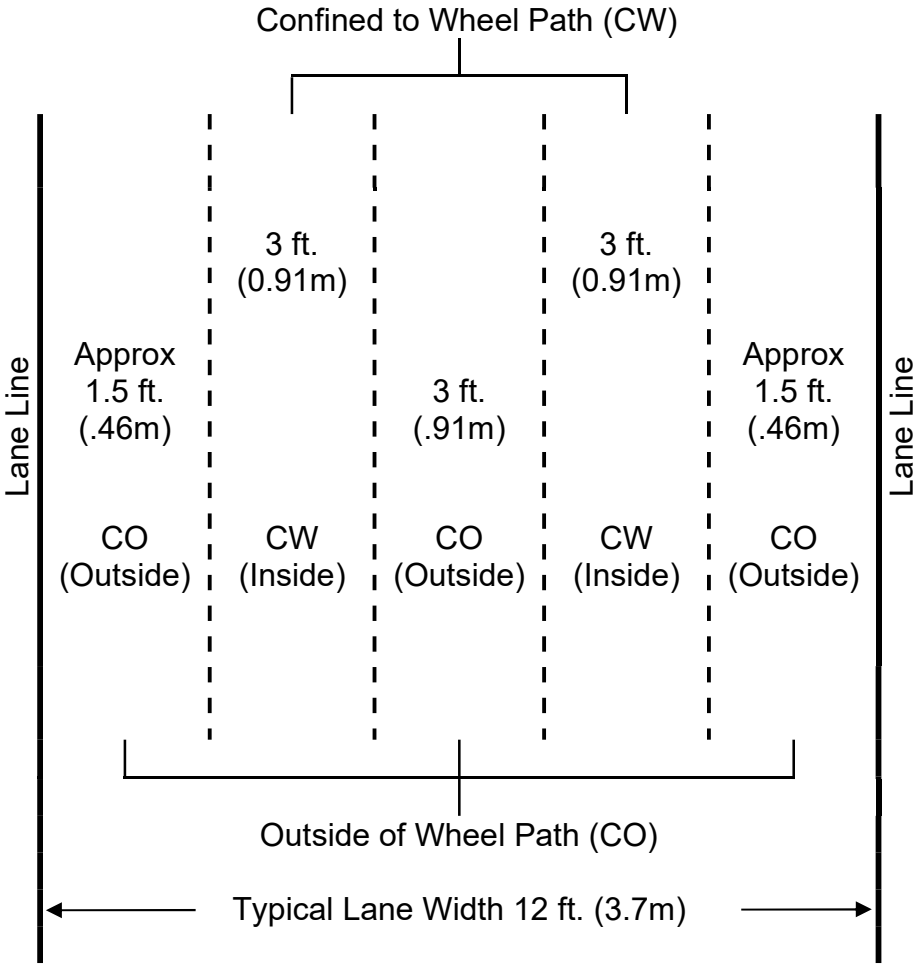
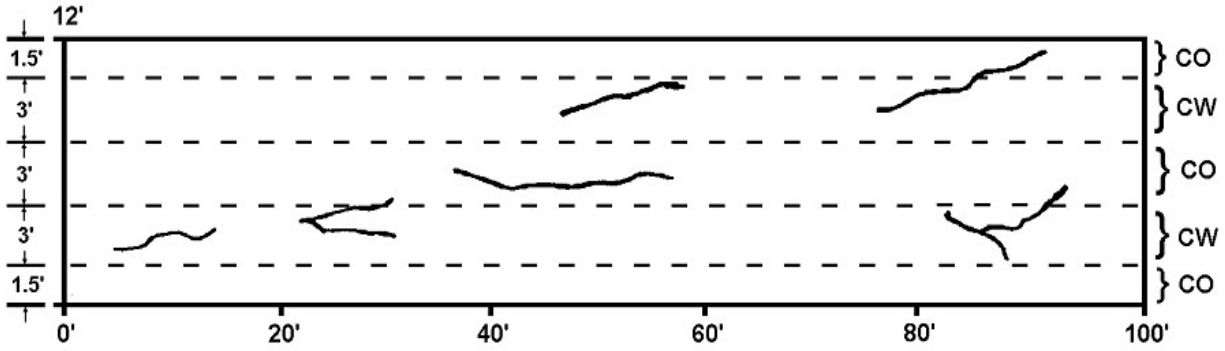


FIGURE 1. WHEEL PATH DESIGNATION



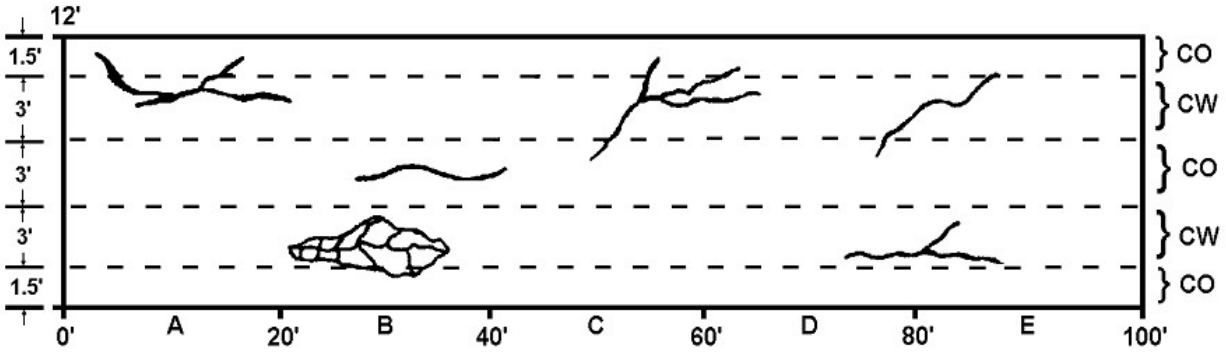
AREA DIMENSIONS

CW = 56 ft. (17.07m) x 1 ft. (0.30m) = 56 ft^2 (5.20m^2)
÷ 600 ft^2 (55.74m^2) = 9%

CO = 30 ft. (9.14m) x 1 ft. (0.30m) = 30 ft^2 (2.79m^2)
÷ 600 ft^2 (55.74m^2) = 5%

NOTE: CW = Confined to Wheel Paths
CO = Outside of Wheel Paths
Class I cracks considered 1 ft. (0.30m) in width

FIGURE 2. CLASS I CRACKING ESTIMATES



AREA DIMENSIONS

CW: **A = 21 ft² (1.95m²)**
B = 30 ft² (2.79m²)
C = 14 ft² (1.30m²)
D = 16 ft² (1.49m²)
E = 21 ft² (1.95m²)

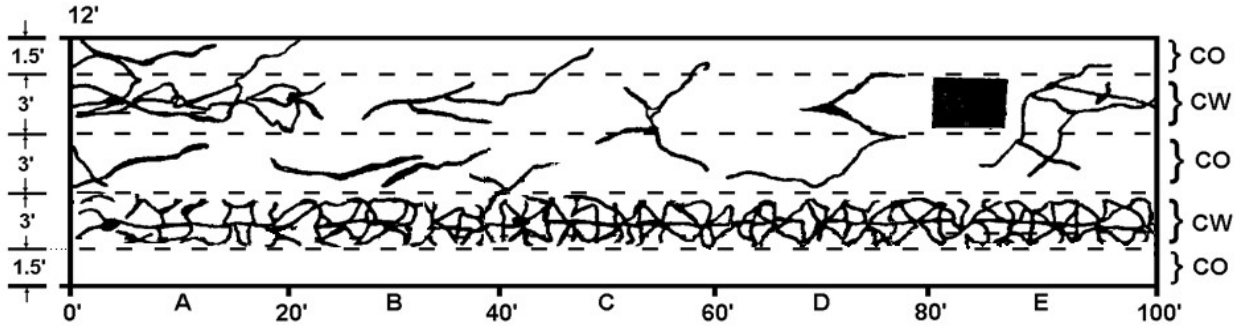
TOTAL = 102 ft² (9.48m²)
÷ 600 ft² (55.74m²)
= 17% of surface area

CO: **A = 4 ft² (0.37m²)**
B = 15 ft² (1.39m²)
C = 5 ft² (0.46m²)
D = 3 ft² (0.28m²)
E = 0 ft² (0m²)

TOTAL = 27 ft² (2.51m²)
÷ 600 ft² (55.74m²)
= 5% of surface area

NOTE: **CW = Confined to Wheel Paths**
CO = Outside of Wheel Paths
Single Cracks considered 1 ft. (0.30m) in width
Alligator Cracks considered as affected area
Block Cracks considered 1 ft. (0.30m) in width

FIGURE 3. CLASS II CRACKING ESTIMATES



AREA DIMENSIONS

CW: **A = 80 ft^2 (7.43m^2)**
B = 66 ft^2 (6.13m^2)
C = 61 ft^2 (5.67m^2)
D = 57 ft^2 (5.30m^2)
E = 84 ft^2 (7.80m^2)

TOTAL = 348 ft^2 (32.33m^2)
÷ 600 ft^2 (55.74m^2)
= 58% of surface area

CO: **A = 38 ft^2 (3.53m^2)**
B = 24 ft^2 (2.23m^2)
C = 15 ft^2 (1.39m^2)
D = 17 ft^2 (1.58m^2)
E = 14 ft^2 (1.30m^2)

TOTAL = 108 ft^2 (10.03m^2)
÷ 600 ft^2 (55.74m^2)
= 18% of surface area

NOTE: **CW = Confined to Wheel Paths**
CO = Outside of Wheel Paths
Single Cracks considered 1 ft. (0.30m) in width
Alligator Cracks considered as affected area
Block Cracks considered 1 ft. (0.30m) in width

FIGURE 4. CLASS III CRACKING ESTIMATES

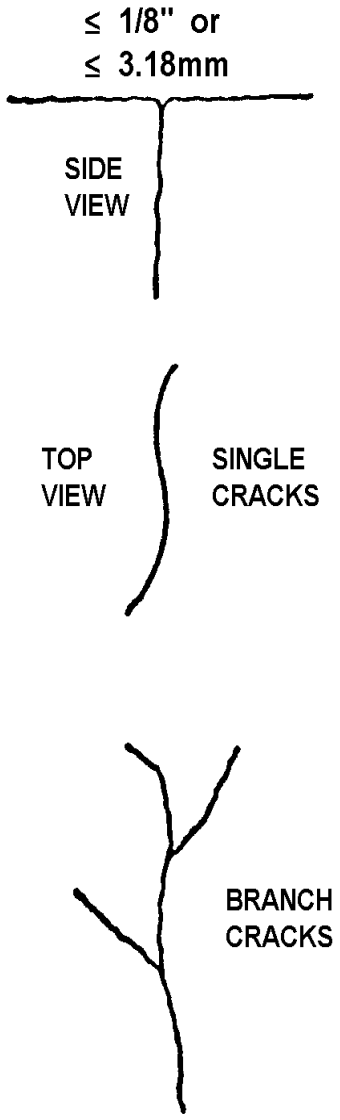
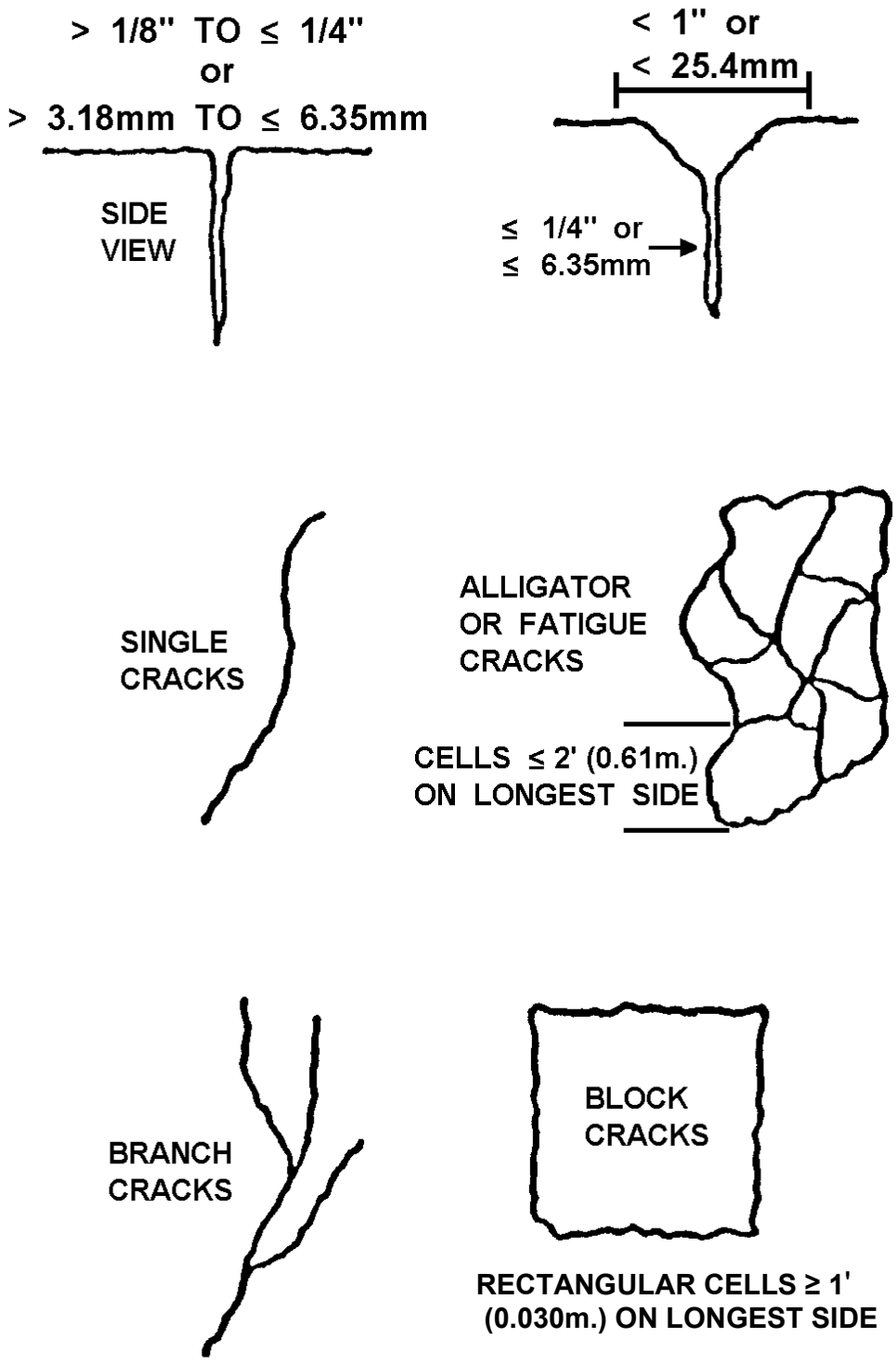


FIGURE 5. CLASS I CRACKING CLASSIFICATION



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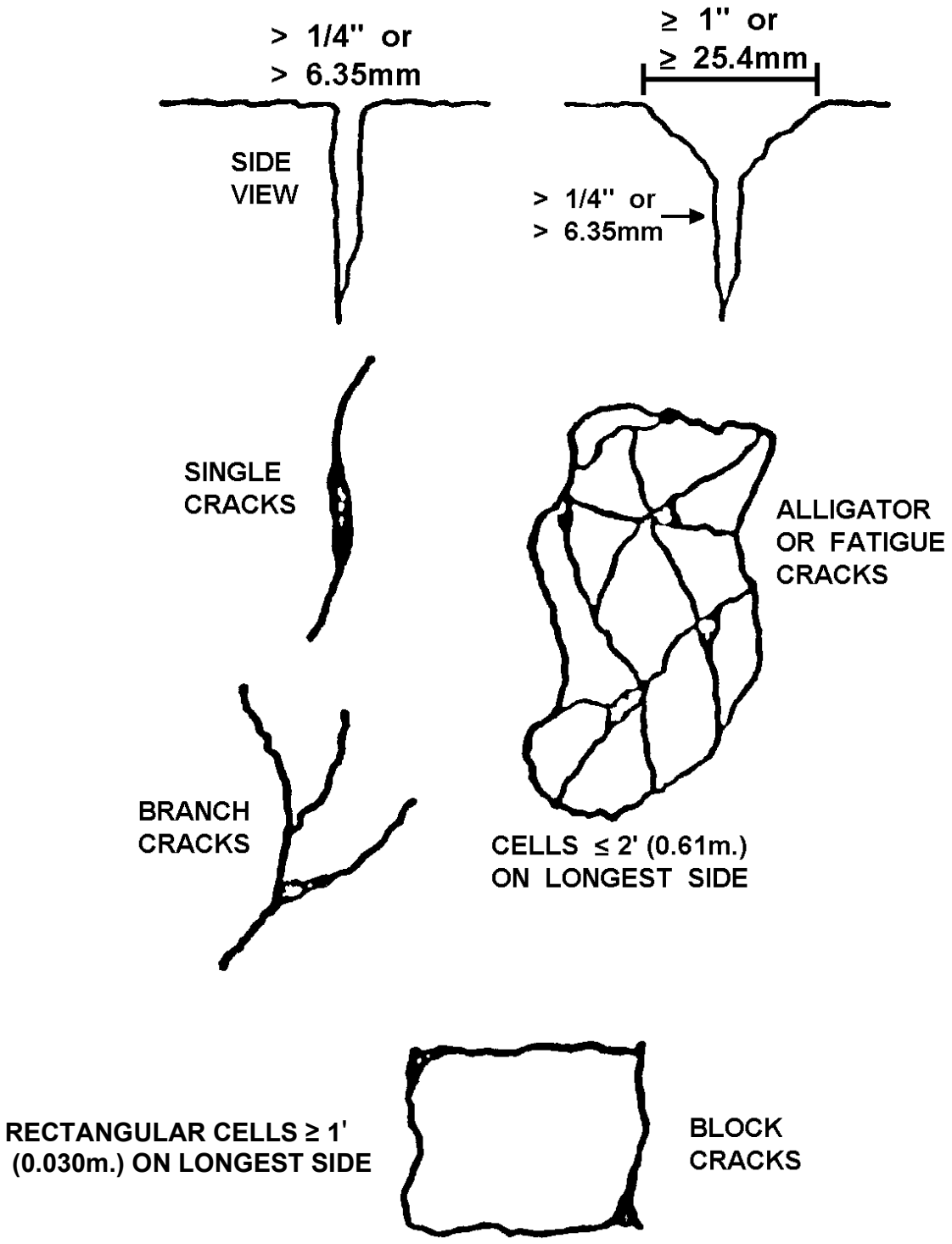

FIGURE 7. CLASS III CRACKING CLASSIFICATION

FIGURE 8. CLASS I CRACKING

FIGURE 9. CLASS II CRACKING

FIGURE 10. CLASS III CRACKING

FIGURE 11. PATCHING

FIGURE 12. RAVELING

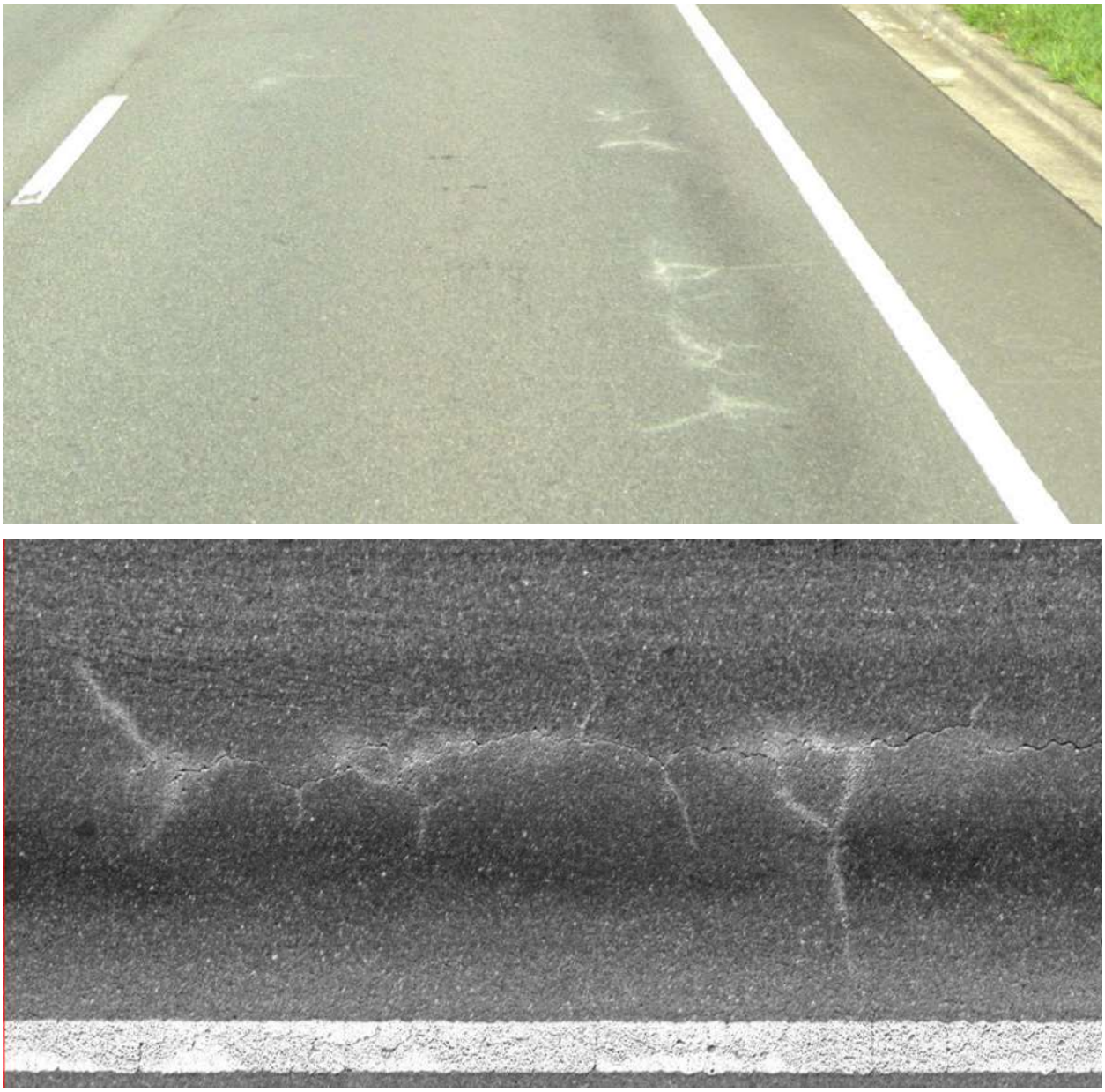

FIGURE 13. PUMPING

Rut Rating

Rut depths are collected using a profiler. The profiler measures rut depths at highway speeds and records the average rut depth of the two-wheel paths for each section evaluated. The rut depth is then assigned a deduct value. Each ⅛ inch (3.18mm) of rut depth equals one (1) deduct point. See Table 6 (page 31).

Manual rut depths are required if the rated section cannot be surveyed by the profiler. However, at the rater's discretion there may be short sections from which automated rut data can be collected even though ride data would not be valid (due to speed, section length and accelerometer sensitivity). When manual rut measurements are necessary, three evenly distributed measurements per mile, using a six-foot straight edge and scale, are required. Measurements will be recorded to the nearest ⅛ inch (3.18 mm) as indicated in Table 6 (page 31). See Figures 14, 15 and 16 (pages 31 and 32) for examples of how manual rutting is measured.

Rut Depth Check on New Pavement

The rut depth for sections of New Pavement must be less than 0.15 inches. If the rut depth is greater than or equal to 0.15 inches, rerun the section to confirm data.

Calculating Rut Rating

The Rut Rating is obtained by subtracting from ten (10) the deduct value associated with the profiler rut depth or manual rut depth. Rutting values are shown in Table 6 (page 30). A Rut Rating of 10 indicates a pavement with only minor rutting.

Rut Rating = 10 - Deduct Code
Example: Rut Depth 0.21 inches = Deduct of 2
Rut Rating = 10 – 2 = 8

TABLE 6

PROFILER RUTTING VALUES

RUT DEPTH (IN)	RUT DEPTH (MM)	RANGE (IN)	RANGE (MM)	DEDUCT	RUT RATING
0	0	0.00 – 0.06	0.00 - 1.59	0	10
1/8	3.18	0.07 – 0.19	1.60 - 4.76	1	9
¼	6.35	0.20 – 0.31	4.77 - 7.94	2	8
3/8	9.53	0.32 – 0.44	7.95 - 11.11	3	7
½	12.70	0.45 – 0.56	11.12 - 14.29	4	6
5/8	15.88	0.57 – 0.69	14.30 - 17.46	5	5
¾	19.05	0.70 – 0.81	17.47 - 20.64	6	4
7/8	22.23	0.82 – 0.94	20.65 - 23.81	7	3
1	25.40	0.95 – 1.06	23.82 - 26.99	8	2
1 1/8	28.58	1.07 – 1.19	27.00 - 30.16	9	1
1 1/4 +	31.75	1.20 +	30.17 +	10	0

MANUAL RUTTING VALUES

RUT DEPTH (IN)	RUT DEPTH (MM)	DEDUCT	RUT RATING
0	0	0	10
1/8	3.18	1	9
1/4	6.35	2	8
3/8	9.53	3	7
1/2	12.70	4	6
5/8	15.88	5	5
3/4	19.05	6	4
7/8	22.23	7	3
1	25.40	8	2
1 1/8	28.58	9	1
1 1/4+	31.75	10	0

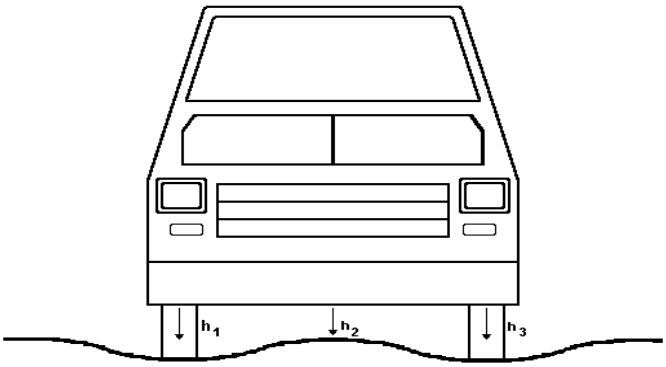

FIGURE 14. AUTOMATED RUT DEPTH METHOD

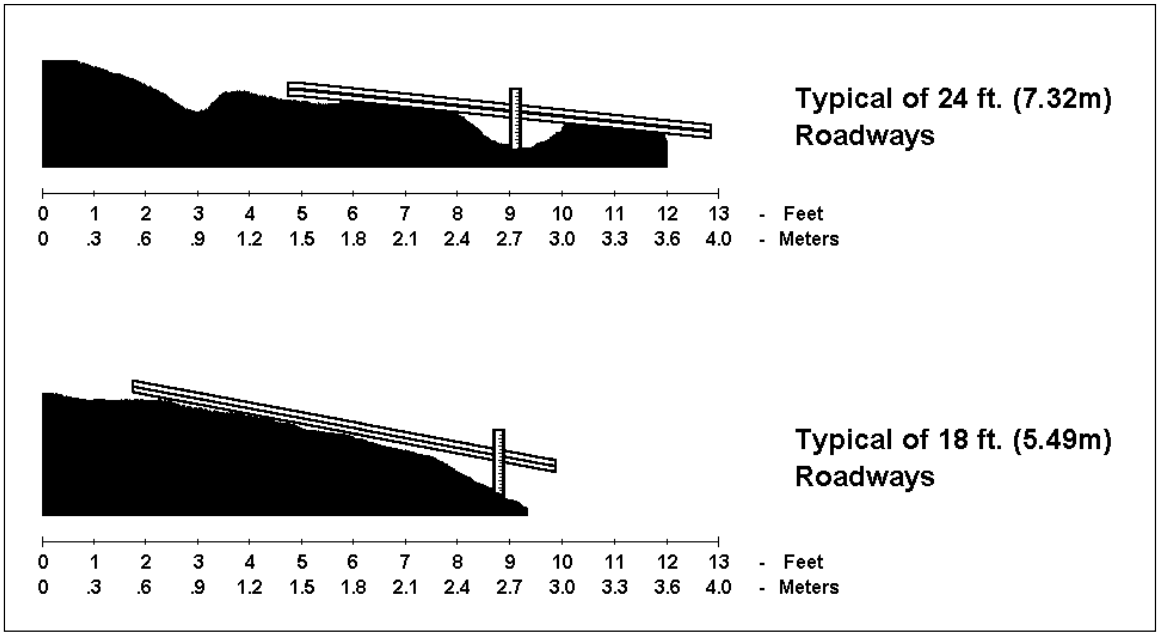

FIGURE 15. MANUAL RUT DEPTH METHODS

FIGURE 16. MANUAL RUT DEPTH

Ride Rating

The longitudinal profile of each wheel path is measured at highway speeds by a non-contact inertial profiler. See Figure 17 (page 36). Longitudinal profile data is collected at the smallest sample interval possible, usually less than one inch. The data is then processed using a 300-foot wavelength Butterworth high-pass filter. The longitudinal profile data is used to calculate the International Roughness Index (IRI) and Ride Number (RN).

IRI is a mathematical processing of the longitudinal profile generated by the profiler. IRI is a standard practice for computing and reporting road roughness (ASTM E1926). IRI is reported in units of inches per mile (in/mi) and is scaled with 0 being the smoothest and the upper limit being infinite. IRI is reported to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) annually. IRI is reported as the average of the left and right wheel paths. IRI data for each individual wheel path may be reported upon request.

Ride Rating (RR) is based upon a scale of 0 (very rough) to 10 (very smooth). IRI is used to determine RR. Refer to Table 7 (page 36) to convert IRI values to Ride Rating.

RN is also a mathematical processing of the longitudinal profile measurements. RN is an estimate of subjective ride quality (ASTM Standard E1489) and it is presented on a 0 to 5 scale that is not represented by any units. A RN of 5 represents a pavement that is perfectly smooth; however, this value is unachievable even with the smoothest of pavements. RN is reported as the average of the left and right wheel paths. RN is a historical ride quality index that is no longer used but collected for information purposes only.

The following points are critical to the collection and reporting of Ride Rating:

1. The Ride Rating (RR) must not decrease more than 0.8 points or increase more than 0.4 points of the previous year's survey. For sections of New Pavement or New Construction, RR values must be 8.0 or more. Sections that do not meet the above requirements require reruns to be made according to rules in Appendix B.

2. Braking abruptly or accelerating rapidly (greater than 3 mph per second) produces invalid data. If this occurs the section must be re-tested.

3. Moisture on the surface of the pavement may affect the signal being returned from the sensor, causing invalid data. Do not test if pavement is wet.

Some of the pavement sections contain specific elements that are intentionally excluded from profiler ride data because the Department does not wish to include in the Ride Rating values. These are listed below:

- bridges
- railroad crossings
- speed attenuating devices (rumble strips and speed bumps/humps)
- rigid tractor crossings

Other elements determined to be valid when establishing Ride Ratings are:

- all crosswalks (brick or textured pattern)
- manholes
- rigid pavement intersections (less than 0.50 mile)
- raised lettering and stop bars

TABLE 7

IRI to RIDE RATING VALUES

IRI Range	Ride Rating	IRI Range	Ride Rating
1 – 12	10.0	162 – 166	5.5
13 – 28	9.2	167 – 170	5.4
29 – 32	9.1	171 – 175	5.3
33 – 34	9.0	176 – 180	5.2
35 – 37	8.9	181 – 185	5.1
38 – 39	8.8	186 – 190	5.0
40 – 42	8.7	191 – 195	4.9
43 – 46	8.6	196 - 200	4.8
47 – 50	8.5	201 – 206	4.7
51 – 54	8.4	207 – 212	4.6
55 – 58	8.3	213 – 218	4.5
59 – 62	8.2	219 – 224	4.4
63 – 66	8.1	225 – 230	4.3
67 – 70	8.0	231 – 236	4.2
71 – 74	7.9	237 – 242	4.1
75 - 78	7.8	243 – 249	4.0
79 – 82	7.7	250 – 256	3.9
83 – 86	7.6	257 – 264	3.8
87 – 89	7.5	265 – 271	3.7
90 – 93	7.4	272 – 278	3.6
94 – 97	7.3	279 – 285	3.5
98 – 100	7.2	286 – 293	3.4
101 – 104	7.1	294 – 300	3.3
105 – 107	7.0	301 – 310	3.2
108 – 111	6.9	311 – 318	3.1
112 – 115	6.8	319 – 327	3.0
116 – 118	6.7	328 – 337	2.9
119 – 122	6.6	338 – 345	2.8
123 – 125	6.5	346 – 354	2.7
126 – 129	6.4	355 – 362	2.6
130 – 133	6.3	363 – 371	2.5
134 – 137	6.2	372 – 373	2.4
138 – 140	6.1	374 – 385	2.3
141 – 144	6.0	386 – 397	2.2
145 – 149	5.9	398 – 406	2.1
150 - 152	5.8	407 – 533	2.0
153 - 157	5.7	>=534	1.0
158 - 161	5.6		

FIGURE 17. INERTIAL PROFILER

IV. Flexible Pavement Condition Survey Field Workbook

The Flexible Pavement Condition Survey Field Workbook is used by the rater in the field to record cracking data and any comments as well as any changes in mileposts or pavement type. Profiler data is imported into this electronic field workbook then the completed workbook is uploaded to the database. The information on pages 39 and 40 describes each data column on the Flexible Pavement Condition Survey Field Workbook.

FIELD RATING FORM FOR FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY

COLUMN TITLE	DESCRIPTION
CNTY	County number (page 40)
SEC	State Roadway County Section Number
SUB SEC	State Roadway County Subsection Number
SR	State Road Number Example: 0008; 0369 NOTE: First Digit indicates: 1 - Alternate 2 - Business Example: 1008 or 2369
US	US Road Number Example: 0027; 0301 NOTE: First Digit indicates: 1 - Alternate 2 - Business Example: 1027; 2301
SYS	System Code 1 - Primary 2 - Secondary 3 - Toll 4 - Interstate 5 - Turnpike
RDWY	Roadway direction (page 4)
TYPE	Pavement Type (pages 5 to 8)
BMP	Beginning Milepost of the rated section.
EMP	Ending Milepost of the rated section.
LANES	Travel Lanes (page 8)
RATED LANE	Rated Lane (page 8)
CW	Cracking Confined to the wheel path. (pages 12 to 19)
CO	Cracking out of the wheel path. (pages 12 to 19)
LT RAV	Light Raveling (page 13)
MD RAV	Moderate Raveling (page 13)
SV RAV	Severe Raveling (page 13)
MAN RUT	Manual Rut Depth (pages 28 to 31)
PT	Patching (page 14)
CRK TYPE	Crack Type (page 15)
VER	Verification results (page 8)
COMBINED REMARKS	Comments about the section of pavement (pages 9 and 10)

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COUNTY NAME AND CODE NUMBER – ARRANGED BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4		DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6		DISTRICT 7	
Charlotte	01	Alachua	26	Bay	46	Broward	86	Lake	11	Dade	87	Citrus	02
Collier	03	Baker	27	Calhoun	47	Indian River	88	Sumter	18	Monroe	90	Hernando	08
Desoto	04	Bradford	28	Escambia	48	Martin	89	Marion	36			Hillsborough	10
Glades	05	Columbia	29	Franklin	49	Palm Beach	93	Brevard	70			Pasco	14
Hardee	06	Dixie	30	Gadsden	50	St. Lucie	94	Flagler	73			Pinellas	15
Hendry	07	Gilchrist	31	Gulf	51			Orange	75				
Highlands	09	Hamilton	32	Holmes	52			Seminole	77				
Lee	12	Lafayette	33	Jackson	53			Volusia	79				
Manatee	13	Levy	34	Jefferson	54			Osceola	92				
Polk	16	Madison	35	Leon	55								
Sarasota	17	Suwannee	37	Liberty	56								
Okeechobee	91	Taylor	38	Okaloosa	57								
		Union	39	Santa Rosa	58								
		Clay	71	Wakulla	59								
		Duval	72	Walton	60								
		Nassau	74	Washington	61								
		Putnam	76										
		St. Johns	78										

APPENDIX A

Computer Use for

Pavement Condition Survey Data

FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY

AREA COMBINED FILE

Completed field data is stored in **'D5580954.FLEXxx.AREACOMB'**

Note: xx = Year of Survey

Data is coded by columns in the following order:

COL.	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
1	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
2-3	MONTH	2
4-5	YEAR	2
6	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
7	UNIT NUMBER	1
8-9	COUNTY	2
10-12	SECTION	3
13-15	SUB-SECTION	3
16-19	STATE ROAD NUMBER	4
20-23	U.S. ROAD NUMBER	4
24	SYSTEM	1
25	ROADWAY	1
26	TYPE	1
27-31	BEGINNING MILEPOST	5
32-36	ENDING MILEPOST	5
37-41	NET LENGTH	5
42	CRACKING CODE (CW)	1
43	CRACKING CODE (CO)	1
44-47	PROFILER RUT DEPTH	4

COL.	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
48	SPEED	1
49	RAVELING - LIGHT	1
50	RAVELING - MODERATE	1
51	RAVELING - SEVERE	1
52-54	IRI AVERAGE	3
55-56	NUMBER OF LANES	2
57-58	PROFILER RUT DEDUCT	2
59-60	MANUAL RUT	2
61	PATCHING	1
62	CRACKING TYPE CODE	1
63	VERIFICATION CODE	1
64-80	REMARKS	17
81-84	RN AVERAGE	4
85	RATER 1	1
86	RATER 2	1
87-101	BLANK (NOT USED)	15
102-103	RATED LANE	2
104	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
105-115	FIN NUMBER	11

FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY

PERMANENT FLAT FILE

The permanent file is stored in **'D5580954.FLEXxx.DATA'**

Note: xx = Year of Survey

Data is coded by columns in the following order:

COL.	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
1-2	MONTH	2
3-4	YEAR	2
5	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
6	DISTRICT	1
7-8	COUNTY	2
9-11	SECTION	3
12-14	SUB-SECTION	3
15-18	STATE ROAD NUMBER	4
19-22	U.S. ROAD NUMBER	4
23	SYSTEM	1
24	ROADWAY	1
25	TYPE	1
26-31	BEGINNING MILEPOST	6
32-37	ENDING MILEPOST	6
38-43	NET LENGTH	6
44-46	CRACKING DEDUCT (CW)	3
47-49	CRACKING DEDUCT (CO)	3
50-51	SPEED	2
52	RATER 1	1
53-54	BLANK (NOT USED)	2
55-57	IRI AVERAGE	3
58-59	NUMBER OF LANES	2
60-63	PROFILER RUT DEPTH	4

COL.	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
64-65	PROFILER RUT DEDUCT	2
66-67	MANUAL RUT DEDUCT	2
68	RAVELING - LIGHT	1
69	RAVELING - MODERATE	1
70	RAVELING - SEVERE	1
71	PATCHING	1
72	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
73-75	RIDE RATING (NO DECIMAL GIVEN)	3
76-79	CRACK RATING	4
80-81	RUT RATING	2
82-85	RN AVERAGE	4
86	UNIT NUMBER	1
87	CRACKING CODE (CW)	1
88	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
89	CRACKING CODE (CO)	1
90-91	BLANK (NOT USED)	2
92	CRACKING TYPE CODE	1
93-109	REMARKS	17
110	VERIFICATION CODE	1
111-124	BLANK (NOT USED)	14
125-126	RATED LANE	2
127	BLANK (NOT USED)	1
128-138	FIN NUMBER	11

APPENDIX B

Ride Rating Re-Run Procedure

(see page 32 for tolerances)

Note 1
- If more than one section requires re-runs within any project:
  - Clean laser lenses
  - Verify passing accelerometer calibration
  - Verify profiler by re-evaluating project collected earlier that was accurate based upon last year's data.