

Innovative Developments

Geomatics &
Level Control Equipment
for better Asphalt Quality

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- Medium-size electronic company in Limburg, Germany
- Specialized in MOBile Automation, esp. road construction
- 41 years



## **Improvement Potential**



Considerable money can be saved by optimising the construction process!



## **Key Factors Across Europe**

Crucial points during process...

...mass flow

...temperature

...thickness

...evenness

...segregation

...compaction



Improving these points will result in...

...massive cost savings

...reducing traffic jams

...long lasting roads

...less repairs

...better infrastructure



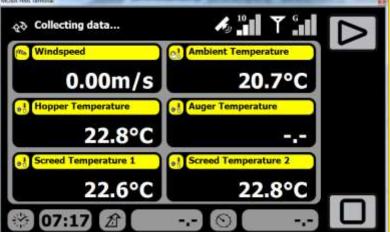


## **Aggregate Industries Field Trials of Bar-Tec Prototype in UK**

A unique system created in the UK in partnership with Aggregate Industries



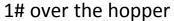






## **Current Version of Bar-Tec for Aggregate Industries**

- **System Components** 
  - IR Temperature Sensors 2# on the rear screed, 1# over the auger,





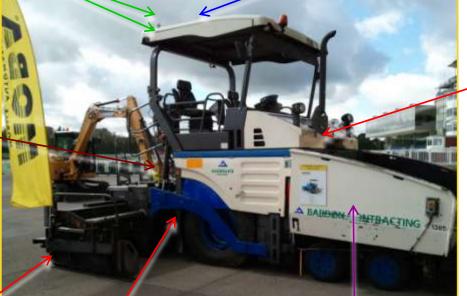
- **Weather Station**
- **GPRS** transmission
- Barcode reader
- Computer





















## **Close in on Bar-Tec System Typical Component Locations**





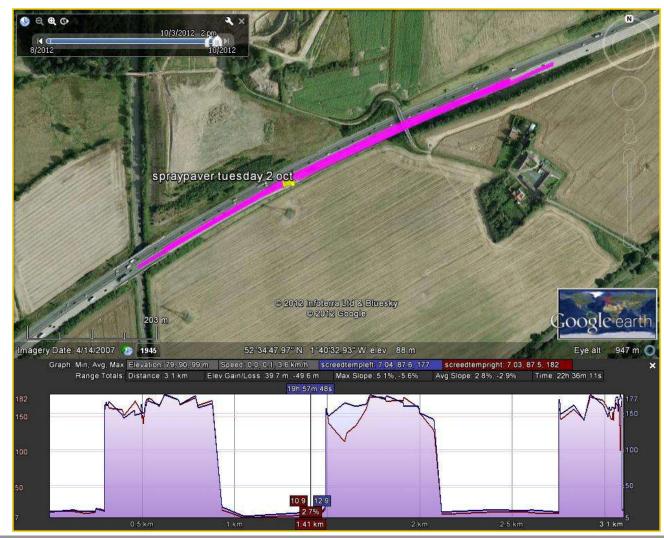
#### **Spatial Visualisation of Bar-Tec Data**

The new system catches all the information required to automate the laying record and set up a comprehensive database for process improvement and customer communication



Visualisation of output from the system

- e.g. a screen shot from visualisation of data from Bar-Tec #4 on a Vögele 1803-2 tracked spray paver on the M42 on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 using a Google Earth input tool





### **Temperature scanner – PAVE-IR Scan**

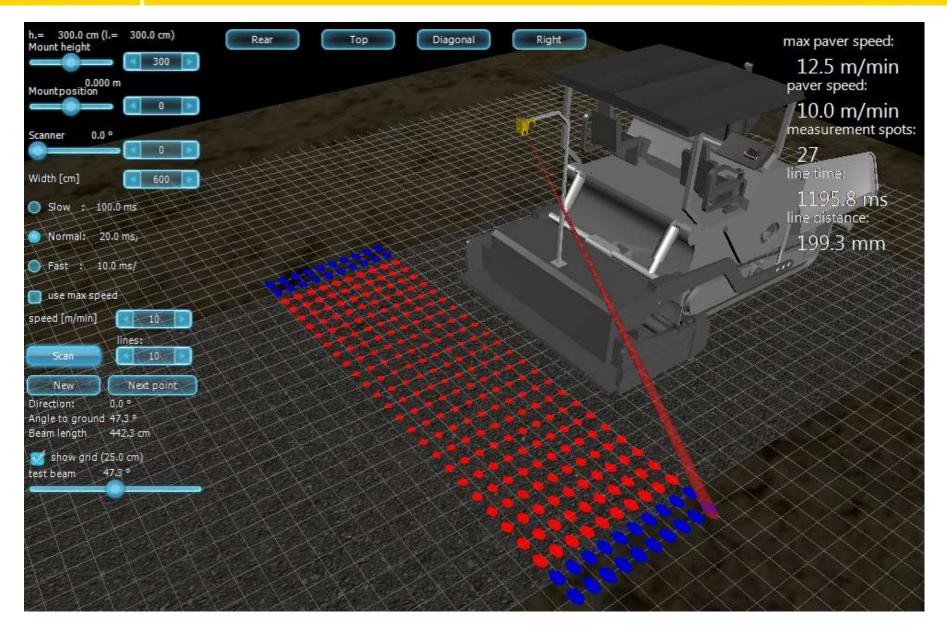




- Easy to mount and set-up, unobtrusive measurement
- Tight coverage, cold spots can be identified easily
- Automatic adaptation to paving width, can also be used to measure paved surface
- Obstacles and shadows, e.g. through working crew can be suppressed automatically

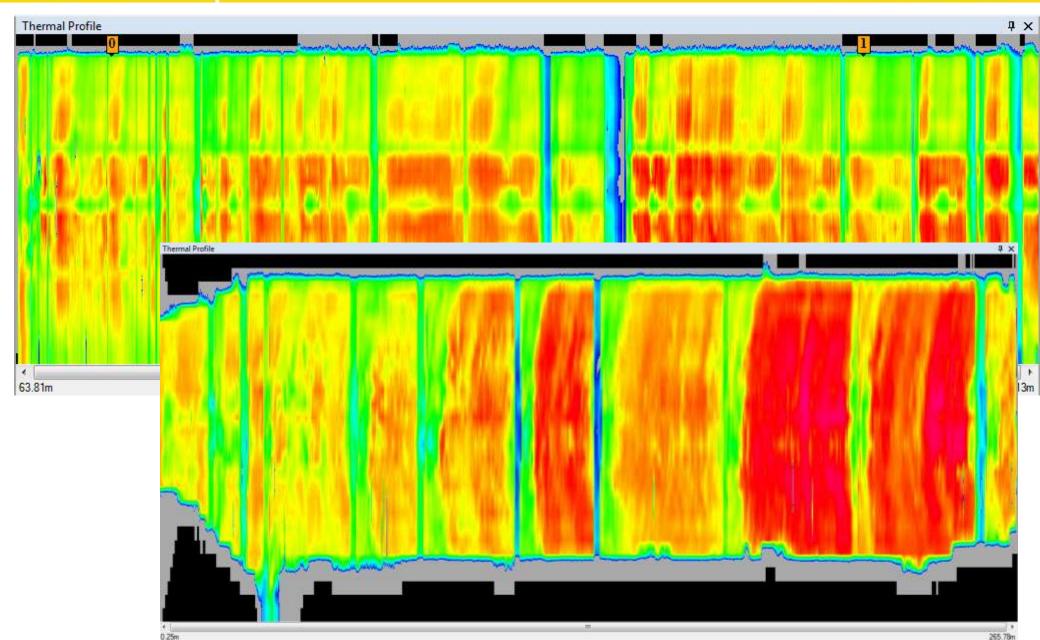


## **Functional principle**





# Sample temperature profiles





#### For the even result: BIG SONIC-SKI

"With the Big Sonic-Ski all advantages of the reliable Sonic-Ski are literally stretched to length."









## For material savings: Layer thickness measurement



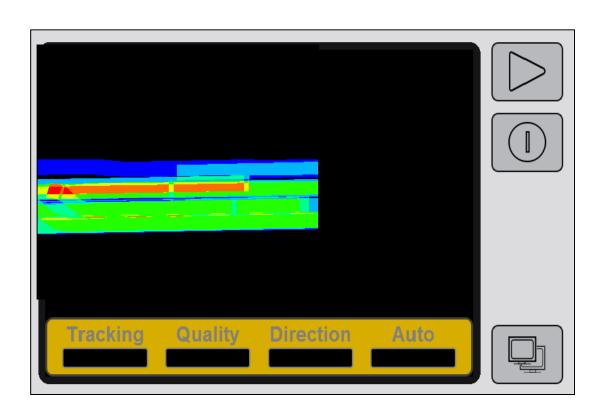


- Based on field-proven Big Sonic Ski principle
- Stable measurement within few mm, independent of temperature
- Enormous material savings without sacrificing the road quality
- Automatic quality assurance obsoletes manual measurement, can be submitted digitally
- In the future: automatic thickness levelling, with priority on evenness, but keeping the laver thickness constant



## For uniform compaction: MOBA Compaction Assistant

- Overcompaction in the middle, undercompaction on the shoulders – known since the sixties
- Count passes
- Measure temperature
- In a cost-optimized way

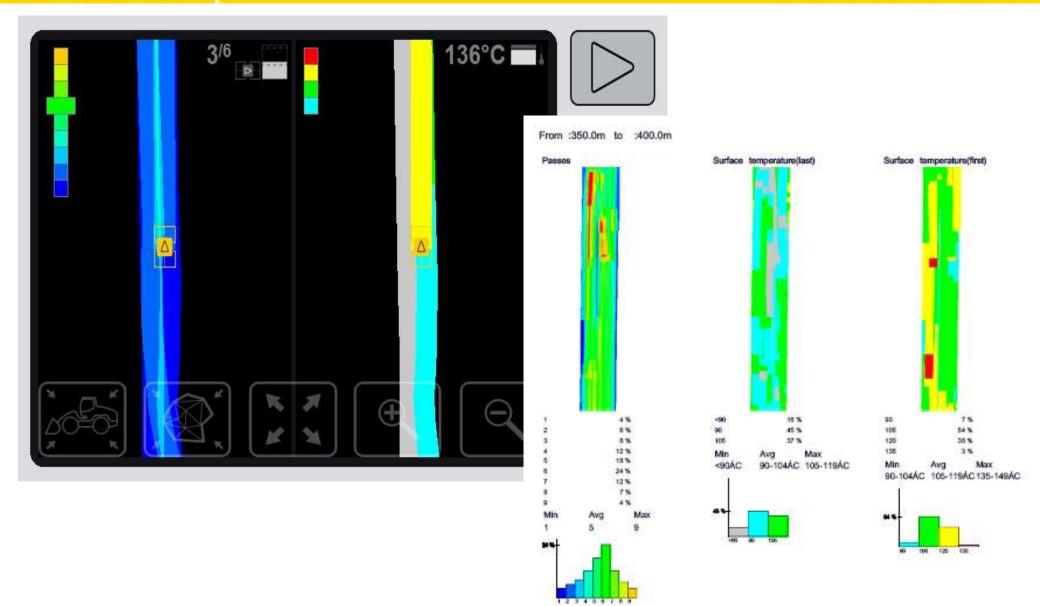








## **Temperature measurements and reports**





## **Big Benefits**

#### Benefits of using intelligent and supporting quality management systems

- Increasing the quality of the road
- Decreasing maintenance costs, repairs or possible re-builds
- Potential worldwide cost savings of approx. £3,600 million when the quality (longevity) of road is improved by 10% (an additional year based on a previous expectation of 10 years)
   (UK = ~320,000 km trunk roads = £36 million)
- Quality assurance by temperature profile and location tracking
- Improved and documented jobsite process chain
- Bonus to administrations/agencies for using assurance tools to prove the quality of the road
- Multiple ways to improve workflow and decrease on-site working time

#### Assumptions based on 2008 data:

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Place, Country, State	Road network length in km
Europe	5.270.000
United States	6.430.000
India	3.383.000
China	1.931.000
France	951.000
Germany	630.000
World	>32.000.000



- Adoption of automated quality management system like Bar-Tec greatly assists in bringing about the 1 year (or more) average increase in life expectancy for the road system
- The overall investment for each paver is a mere
   ~1/50,000 of the cost of just the asphalt saved by
   extending the life of the road from 10 to 11 years
- And this excludes the costs saved via reduced fuel use, other materials & labour, removal of traffic holdups, delay reduction, etc., etc.