New Equipment Technologies for Mining, Construction & Paving Industries







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What is driving the need for Technology?

Definition:

"the use of science in industry, engineering, etc., to invent useful things or to solve problems"

- Emissions
- Safety
- Efficiency
- Productivity
- Workforce "gap"

"Meet Required Specs"







Technology & Innovation: More than just iron



- Real-time information
- Telematics
 - Monitor all facets of equipment
- Better information = better decisions
- Faster information = faster decisions
- Faster decisions results in improvements in
 - Quality
 - Efficiency/profit
 - Value for owner





Technology advancements in use in mining











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Autonomous for Hauling – Surface Mining

- Requires a full integration with proprietary office software
- Delivers multiple layers of safety with redundant systems
- Requires significant pre-planning, infrastructure development and change management upon implementation
- Focused on Large Hauling Vehicles (793D, 793F and 797F)
- Two sites running in Western Australia











Remote Control in Construction



- No operator, remote operator
 - "Line of Sight"
- Already exists in mining







Use of Advanced Sensors in Excavators

Allows operators to set up for protection in all directions.....



In addition to 2D, 3D or Payload options......





Automated Machine Guidance & Control (AMG/AMC)





- GPS based or UTS
- Precise grading to elevation
- Precise material quantities
- Stakeless surveys
 - Efficiency
 - Safety
- In use since the mid 90's





What allows this new age of information?



- Advancement in Positioning systems
 - (GPS) & Robotics
- Computing speeds/capacity
- CANbus technology
- Wireless data transmission









Conventional Soil Compaction







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Semi-Autonomous Soil Compaction (in Beta Testing)







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Soil Compaction Compaction Meter Value (CMV) Options

CMV – HOW DOES IT WORK?

CMV calculates an **indication** of **soil stiffness**, converting it to an estimated unitless value.

Vibratory energy is imparted on the soil by the vibrating drum

The material vibrates in response, which is detected and measured by the accelerometer

INDUSTRY-STANDARD TECHNOLOGY

 Most intelligent compaction solutions available on the market are accelerometer-based technologies

MEASURES DEEP

- CMV measures 1 to 1.2 m (39 to 48 in) deep depending on the soil type, moisture and other factors
- CMV can indicate the presence of buried objects (rocks, tree trunks, clay balls) that could affect the quality of the base
- CMV can provide indications of soil stiffness as well as need for additional moisture to aid compaction
- CMV helps contractors find and remedy potential problems while the ground is open and the costs are lower
- Reliable solution for granular materials
- Less reliable for cohesive materials





Soil Compaction Machine Drive Power Options

HOW DOES IT WORK?

MDP measures the energy necessary to overcome rolling resistance, a more tangible and direct indication of soil stiffness, converting it to an estimated unitless value.



Propelling over soft ground requires more energy

Propelling over stiff ground requires less energy

WIDE APPLICATION RANGE

- MDP compatible with all soil types: fines, granular and cohesive
- MDP compatible with smooth drums, padfoot drums or smooth drums equipped with padfoot shell kits
- MDP measures with the vibratory system on or off, allowing operators to measure during working passes and shut the vibratory system off for proofing passes
- System is scalable, flexible with wide range of target potential





Automatic Grade & Slope Control



- Existed since the 1950s
- New features
 - Cross coupling
 - Easier interface
 - Sonic systems most popular today







Asphalt Paver Innovations - Today



- Integrated G&S control
- Pre-set paving speed
- Telematics
- Auto-fill
- 3D screed control





3D Paving/Milling



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3D Paving

- Precise material lay down
 - Precise control of material material savings
 - Precise control of elevations and profile
 - Accurate within 1/24"–1/8" (1-3 mm)
 - Less chance of operator error with complex designs
 - Transitions
 - Super-elevated curves
 - Frequently changing cross slopes
- Smoothness

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- 3D equipment and controls facilitates less screed adjustments delivering the smoothest application of asphalt.
- Maintain production rate No stopping/starting









Thermal profile specifications







Infrared temperature measurement











Customer Need – Temperature Mapping

Performance

How much time do I have to compact this asphalt before it is too cold to compact?

How should I prioritize my time to do a good job in the shortest amount of time?

When can I start compacting newly laid asphalt?









Storage Hopper Management System-Select MTVs

- Indicates level of material in storage hopper
- Operator sees % readout on controller









Distance Control System on MTV

- Maintains a set distance between the transfer vehicle and paver
- Engage from a stopped or moving position
- Propel lever/potentiometer controls distance

"Time Out" safety feature









Paver Hopper Management for MTV

 Manages output of elevator and conveyor via sonic sensor that reads the pile in the hopper insert









Paving Calculators









- Provide information based on inputs
- Actual changes are still done "manually" by operators – a form of AMG
- Future changes are automatic if desired = AMC





Asphalt Paver Innovations - Future

- Guidance systems
- Automated paving speed balanced with plant & trucking
- Full autonomy no operator





Asphalt IC Specifications







With the conventional compaction measurement, what percentage of the surface is actually tested?

Less than 1%





Asphalt Roller Innovations - Today



- Intelligent Compaction
 - Pass count mapping
 - Temperature mapping
 - Stiffness measurements
- M2M communication





Intelligent Compaction on Asphalt

Performance



- Pass count, Temperature, ICMV
- Some specs written around pass count %
- ICMV ≠ Density
- Experience indicates that initial breakdown temperature correlates well with final density



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- Real-time information that is "actionable" reduced rework
- Increased Operator Awareness self training tool
- Improved Density & Smoothness uniform passes
- Operator productivity reduced number of passes
- Night work knowing where you're at!
- Documentation of 100% of job!!



Intelligent Compaction on Asphalt

Performance

- Coverage
- Pass Count
- Temperature
- Vibe on or Off
- Frequency
- Amplitude
- Quality Control (Mapping)









GNSS Mapping Accuracies



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Autonomous

The uncorrected satellite positioning signal. Not typically used for construction purposes.

SBAS: Satellite Based Augmentation System

System triangulates to multiple ground-based "anchor" points to provide a correction measurement for the satellite signal.

RTK: Real Time Kinematic

Utilizes local radio base stations (UTS- Universal Total Stations) or cell/modem based technologies (VRS - Virtual Reference Stations) to provide the highest degree of correction of the satellite signal. Can provide elevation data in addition to ground positioning.



Machine-to-machine (M2M) communication

- Machine position and pass count allows multiple machines to perform the work as one (interactive mapping)
 -- echelon breakdown rolling
- Temperature can be used to start/finish compaction and to avoid tender temperature zones where damage can occur

• Complete operator understanding



Connectivity

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Machine to Machine Communication



Allows for proper accounting of pass overlay when echelon rolling





Future roller technology

- Density on-the-run
- Smoothness on-the-run
- Automated machine setup
- Autonomous machine control
- More connected worksite
- Learning systems that adapt to changing conditions







Cold Planer Innovations - Today



- Ventilation systems
- Automated functions ramp in/ramp out & jump/hold features
- Integrated 2D grade control
- 3D grade control





Cold Planer Innovations - Future



- Ventilation on all sizes moving forward
- 3D will be more common
- Object detection
- Automated setup & control features
- Measure quantities in real-time
- Monitoring wear in real-time for cost/estimating





Other emerging technologies



- Drones
 - Road condition surveys
 - Site reconnaissance
 - Stockpile management
 - Plant maintenance
 - Thermal images
 - LIDAR





Learning systems



- "Intelligent Construction" where machines can record and share information (M2M) and adapt to changing site conditions
- Example: Paver and roller speeds adjust automatically based on trucking/plant/traffic information to maximize smoothness and density bonuses, quality



Data Analysis & Management

Project Management





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Where are we now?



"Let's hold off making a decision until we have even more information we don't really need."

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- Technology components exist
- Starting to connect the pieces
 - Software packages
- Customer value: Cost vs. ROI
 - Costs high, but decreasing
- Technology continues to evolve
- Collecting more & more data



What's next?

- Automated machine control & remote site management
- Connected Worksite = integration of ALL machines beyond paving
- Integrating site inspection "e-Construction"





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Paving Connected Worksite

Connectivity

Goal: Increase customer value by achieving asphalt road density, smoothness (quality, efficiency) in the shortest possible time (cost) with no waste (sustainability) through a connected worksite.







"Houston, we have a problem"







Challenges...



- Mixed fleet software solutions
- Compatibility among OEMs
- Information security
- Information overload
- Data ownership
- Data privacy











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