

Dos and don'ts of surface dressing using bitumen emulsions (tar spray and chip)

Do;

Ensure that the surface to be treated is as even and clean as possible

Ensure that the surface levels make allowance for the thickness of surface dressing (2 layers equals twice the thickness)

Plan the work for the appropriate season (May to August)

Choose a contractor who is experienced and can quality assure your work

Use generous chipping quantities in pedestrian settings (avoids sticky tar very hot weather)

Make sure that the surface dressing is the very last process on site

Make sure that the edges and adjoining areas are properly protected and masked up

Plan to re-apply in 5 to 10 years

Don't

Apply ordinary bitumen emulsions on trafficked surfaces over 1 in 7

Sweep off excess chippings in pedestrian areas

Apply surface dressings during cold or wet weather

Use ordinary bitumen emulsion where HGV's are likely to have a scrubbing action on the surface



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