

Tire/Pavement Friction Workshop

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Outline

- Pavement survey procedures
- Lessons learned
- Runway surface condition reporting
- Space Shuttle runway evaluations
- Future events and activities
- Conclusions and recommendations

Pavement Survey Test Procedures

- Overall pavement inspection
- Test equipment checkout and calibration
- Pre-test briefing with everyone involved
- Conduct test runs and identify/document different surface conditions
- Maintain test team communication
- Reduce data and compile friction values
- Post-test briefing

Pavement Survey Parameters

- Requires properly calibrated equipment
- Speed range
- Different contaminant types
- Test tire type
- Pavement location
- Pavement characteristics

Friction Measurement Variables

- Operator
- Equipment calibration & maintenance
- Test procedures
- Test tire characteristics
- Pavement conditions
- Braking methods
- Compliance to existing standards

FAA Approved CFME's

- Airport surface friction tester (ASFT)
- Runway friction tester (RFT)
- GripTester friction tester (GT)
- Mu-Meter (Mu-m)
- Runway analyzer and recorder (RUNAR)
- BV-11 skiddometer
- Sarsys friction tester (SFT)
- Dynamic friction tester (DFT)

Lessons Learned - General

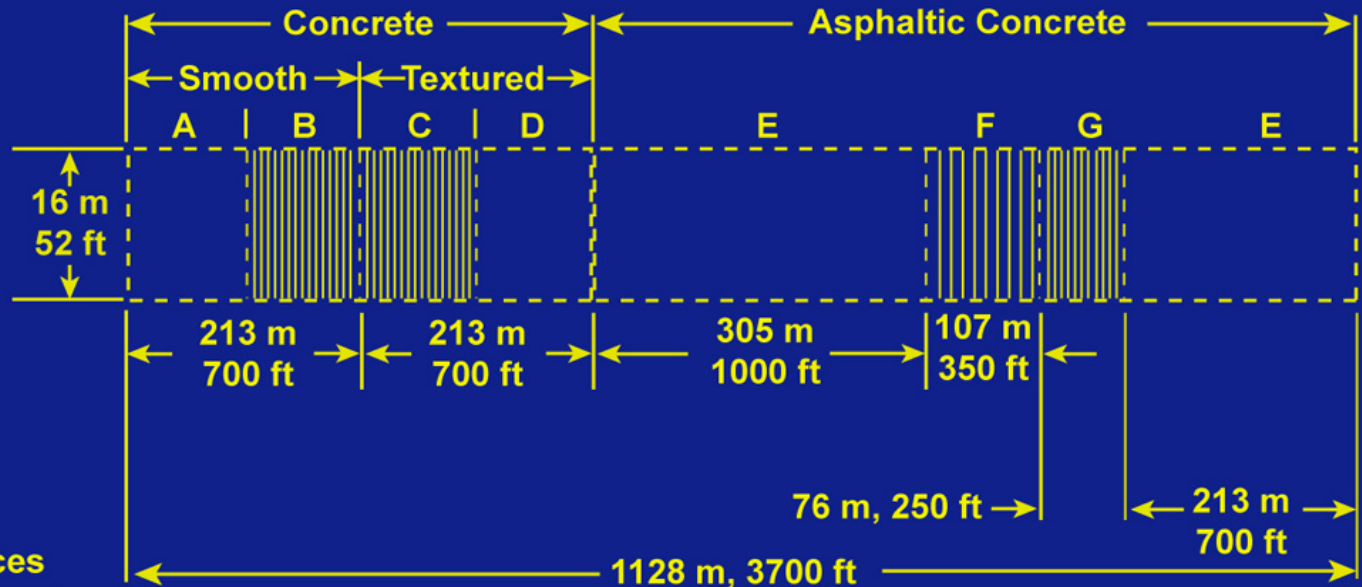
- Pre-test briefings essential
- Daily equipment calibration critical
- Rain-wet conditions could be inconsistent
- Test team communication crucial
- Measure both sides of pavement centerline

Lessons Learned - Friction Tests

- Test surface minimum length 100m
- All pavement surface condition changes need to be located and measured
- Use standard 40 mph and 1 mm water
- Acceptable data +/- 3% for given vehicle
- Data evaluation performed by vehicle operators
- If hydroplaning suspected, collect data at three different speeds

VIDEO:
NASA Ground Vehicle Studies

Schematic of NASA Wallops Runway 4/22 Test Surfaces



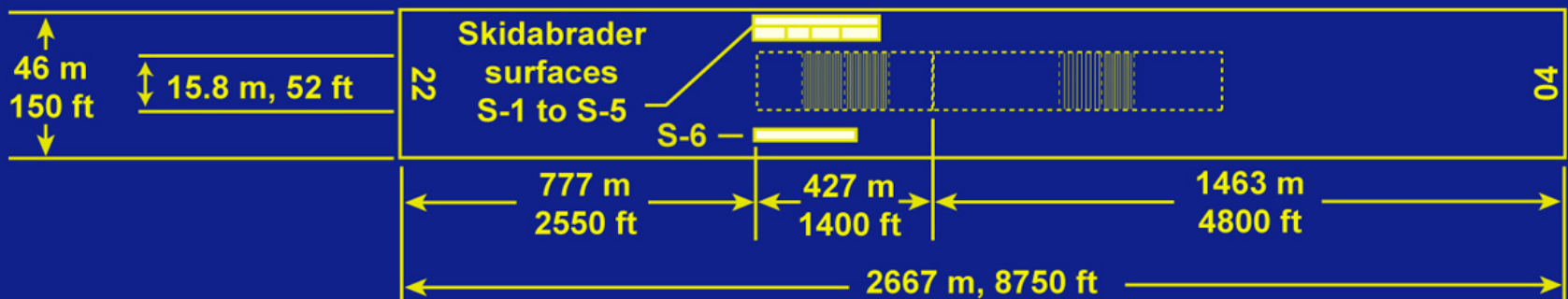
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Taxiway test surfaces include small aggregate asphalt, aluminum panels, overlay treatments and micro-surfacing treatments

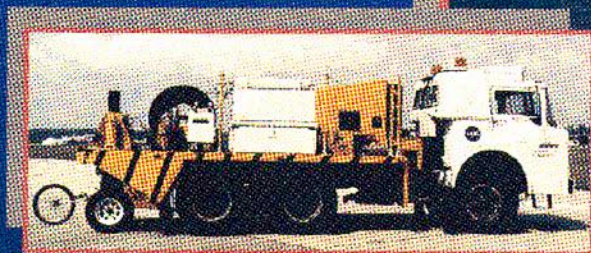
Surfaces B, C, and G transversely grooved 0.25 x 0.25 x 1.0 in.

Surface F transversely grooved 0.25 x 0.25 x 2.0 in.

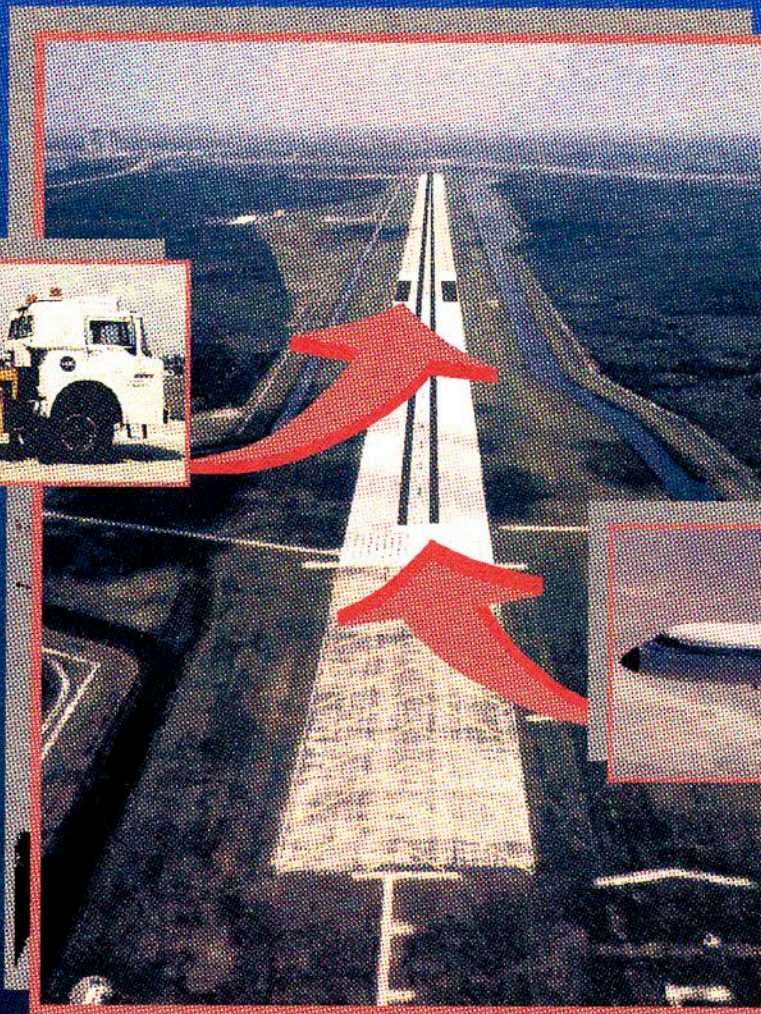
----- Slots cut in pavement to hold rubber belt dam material



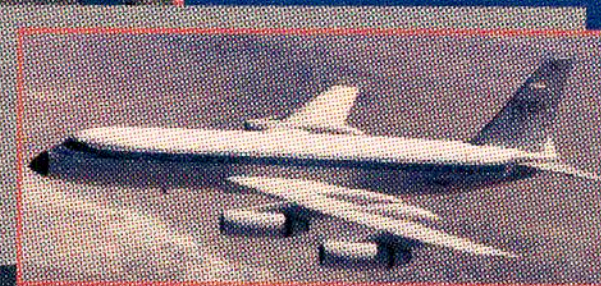
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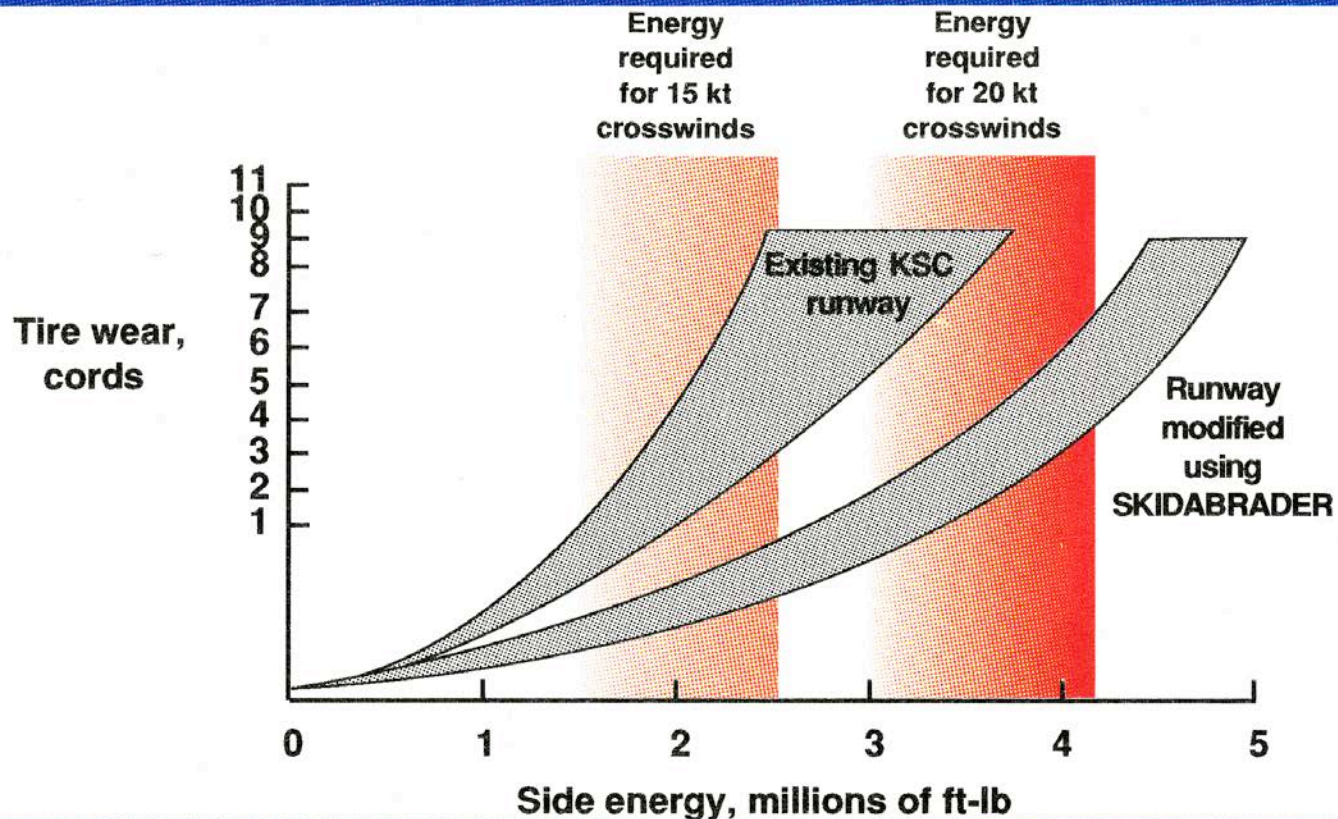
ALDF ITTV
Comparitive wear
and friction tests
on 18 surfaces



NASA LSRA
Full-scale
crosswind landing
simulations on
3 candidate surfaces



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VIDEO:
NASA Shuttle Runway
Performance Evaluation

Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment – Aviation Rulemaking Committee (TALPA-ARC)

Provide advice and recommendations to:

- Establish aircraft certification and operational requirements on contaminated runways
- Identify landing distance assessment requirements including minimum landing distance safety margins
- Develop practical standards for runway surface condition reporting and minimum surface conditions for continued operations

TALPA – ARC Status

- 2009-2010: data collected from 10 airports and 2 airlines
- 2010-2011: data collected from over 20 airports and 2 airlines
- 2011-2012: data analysis shows acceptable agreement between runway condition reports and pilot reports (PIREPS)
- 2012-2013: FAA initiated collaboration with ICAO runway study group

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Large friction/texture database has been established and more research projects are underway
- New standards need to be defined to properly identify CFME calibration limits, operator training, and equipment hardware/software maintenance
- Revisions to existing FAA part 139 regulation will require aviation industry and ASTM support
- US aviation organizations will continue to support ICAO efforts to improve aviation safety

Future Events and Activities

- **ASTM F09 Committee, Oct. 23, 2013, Alton, VA**
- **ASTM E17 Committee, Dec. 9-11, 2013, Jacksonville, FL**
- **TRB, Jan. 12-16, 2014, Washington, DC**
- **Airfield Summit, March 2014, Singapore**
- **4th Safer Roads Conf., May 18-21, Cheltenham, UK**
- **ASTM E17 & Friction WS, June 22-27, State College, PA**

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