





WEIGH-IN-MOTION

Predictability of maintenance

A weigh-in-motion system has been developed to record the weight of vehicles without disrupting traffic flow. The information obtained makes it possible to tailor the design parameters of roads to the use made of them and to be able to efficiently plan required maintenance. The political focus on efficient transport has caused a change in the tyre profiles (width and air pressure) used in the transport sector. This change will influence how the asphalt deforms.

The ruts will become narrower and deeper. In short, how roads are used and how they wear will change. Measuring these changes is tremendously valuable when deciding on the type of asphalt to use and predicting its maintenance.

Objective

The objective of using a Weigh-in-Motion system is mainly to obtain information concerning:

•	Traffic movements	©	Individual wheel loads
•	Road loads	•	Unbalanced loads
0	Traffic flow	•	Transverse position of axle loads

Recording of measurement data - Infra Sensor Solutions:

Rutting profile

0	Time of passage	Weight per axle group	
0	Vehicle speed	Width per wheel	
0	Vehicle length	Weight per wheel	
•	Distance between vehicles	Distance between axles	
	in the same lane	Vehicle category	
0	Number of axes per vehicle	Temperature under the top la	ayer
O	Total vehicle weight	Threshold alarms	
0	Weight per axle	Unbalanced load alarm	

Advantages when compared to conventional systems:

O	Longer service life (up to 20 years)	•	No sensor maintenance due to
	due to installation under the top layer		installation below the top layer
O	Higher availability due to	O	No distortion of the measurement
	insusceptibility to failure		signal resulting from the transition
0	Higher data reliability due to		between top layer and sensor
	fibre optic technology	O	Interface based on TCP/IP
•	Greater accuracy	O	Flexibility in installation distances
O	No structural interruption of	O	Distance between measurement
	the top asphalt layer		station and sensor up to 50 km

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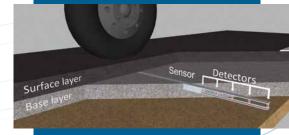
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Weigh-in-Motion Fibre Optic

The fibre optic sensors and detection loops that are used in the Weigh-in-Motion Fibre Optic system are installed well under the top layer of the road, making them maintenance free and insusceptible to failure. Because the sensor is constructed from different segments, large amounts of detailed



information can be measured and recorded very accurately. The result is that a lot more information can be acquired than when conventional systems are used.

The measurement station can be located up to 50 km from the sensor and can be remotely read using a standard TCP/IP interface or can be linked to other systems. This is a great advantage when using the Weigh-in-Motion system for enforcement. It is easy to realise a link to vehicle registration number and camera systems to record possible violators.

Conventionele systems

In conventional systems, the sensors and detection loops are installed in the top asphalt layer. This means that the sensors are installed in grooves cut or ground into the asphalt after the asphalt is laid. Due to wear and rutting of the asphalt, the sensors must be replaced or adjusted on average every 1.5 years. Moreover, the sensors must be replaced during major maintenance of the road surface. Major maintenance is also necessary more often because installing the sensors affects the structure of the asphalt.

Temperature variations in the summer and winter cause the sensors to separate from the asphalt, requiring the repair of both the sensor and the road surface. This is very expensive.