

BRISA'S SUSTAINABLE PAVEMENTS INTERVENTIONS

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1. BRISA's Motorways in Operation

Brisa Autoestradas is a mobility operator with strong national and international experience in operating / managing road infrastructures, since 1972

Management of motorway concessions and cross-cutting support services, including operation and maintenance, asset management and other engineering services

5 Concessions in Portugal

1 549 km Network Extension





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2. Strategic Agenda ESG VISION28 | ODS

Brisa Group is developing studies and solutions aimed at contributing to the circular economy of its processes, including a study on sustainable pavements incorporating recycled plastics, and a study on maximizing the incorporation of reclaimed asphalt in wearing courses

OBJETIV S DE DESENVOLVIMENTO SUSTENTÁVEL









3. Sustainable Pavement Interventions

- Extend the pavement life by using solutions that preserve the integrity of the surface course as long as possible, making the lower structural layers ideally perpetual
- When the surface course has completed its useful life, its material must be recovered (RAP), becoming a product suitable for use again as a material for a new bitumen mixture (RA)



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4. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Objectives

- Maximizing the incorporation of reclaimed asphalt in surface courses (Brisa pavement interventions have a significant expression in terms of surface course replacement)
- Minimizing waste production during construction
- Promote circular economy principles
- Not compromising mechanical and functional properties of the new mixture
- Not compromising operation
- Technical and environmental improvement in Brisa's activity, with additional possible economical gains







5. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Methodology







Section A
A3 - Braga Oeste / EN 201
Area | Extension: 8280 m2 | 570 m

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Section B
 A3 - Águas Santas (A3/A4) / Maia
 Area | Extension: 3570 m2 | 850 m

• Section C

A3 - Águas Santas (A3/A4) / Maia Area | Extension: 2415 m2 | 575 m









- 7. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | RA Information
 - **RAP Origin**: Milled porous asphalt (PA 12,5)
 - **RAP Age**: Section A 25 years

Section B and Section C – 17 years

- No contaminants
- **Objective:** 20 % of RA incorporation on a new mixture AC 14 surf PMB 45/80-65 (BBr) (discontinuous asphalt concrete with high macrotexture)







8. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | RA Characterisation

- Fraction in use: RA 8 -16 mm
- **Bitumen:** Very low penetration values! Aged Bitumen

Need of **rejuvenators** or **soft bitumen** for the new mixtures

| Bitumen Tests | Unit | Section A | Section B + Section C |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Bitumen content | % | 2,7 | 3,3 |
| Penetration | 0,1 mm | 4 | 6 |
| Softening Point | °C | 95,5 | 93 |









- 9. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Bitumen Information
 - Section A and Section B
 - Formulated bitumen: PMB 45/80-65 Elaster Regener (Cepsa)
 - Section C
 - Virgin bitumen: PMB 45/80-65
 - <u>Rejuvenator</u>: Fibres Viatop plus RC (JRS)







10. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Job Mistures Formula

| | Fractions in Plant | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| | Section A | Section B | Section C | | |
| 10/16 mm | 27 | 29 | 29 | | |
| 4/12 mm | 22 | 19 | 19 | | |
| 0/6mm | 18 | 24 | 24 | | |
| 8/16mm (RA) | 20 | 19 | 19 | | |
| Filler | 9 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Viatop plus RC | - | - | 0,15 | | |
| Optimum Bitumen | 5 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Recovered Bitumen | 0,5 | 0,3 | 0,3 | | |
| PMB 45/80-65 | 4,5 | 4,7 | 4,7 | | |



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11. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Mixtures Characterisation









12. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Mixtures Performance



Note: Laboratory information









13. Reclaimed Asphalte Pavements Project | Surface Characteristics



| Reference value | ≥ 1,1 mm |
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14. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Conclusions

- The results obtained from the tests carried out confirm the suitability of the materials used
- It's necessary to evaluate the development of the functional performance of the bituminous mixture applied
- The use of RA promotes a reduction of virgin aggregates and virgin bitumen:
 - Promotion of circular economy with environmental advantages
 - Possible economical advantages
- Higher percentages of RA need a proper laboratory characterization to determine the use of rejuvenators







15. Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements Project | Next Steps

- Following Steps Towards Sustainability
 - Quantify Carbon Footprint reduction in Sustainable Pavements Solutions and compare solutions
 - Quantify Circular Economy gains and compare solutions
 - Warm Mix Asphalt Project
- Challenges
 - Industry limitations
 - Characterization and quality of the reclaimed asphalt
 - Constructions Specifications



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