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In summarizing the Theme III section of the Thin Deck Symposium, it would seem well to return to the requirements we outlined in the introduction. We are seeking a surfacing which thus far apparently has eluded us. We have seen many experimental applications from all over the world. It is most gratifying to see that so many people in such widely separated locations are all striving to reach the same answer. The many applications of small test sections must surely eventually yield some valuable information. Some of the applications have been more successful than others. Many of the applications have been undertaken with almost laboratory care. Extreme efforts have been made to assure that cleanliness and near perfect conditions prevailed. Yet, even with this care there have been few successes.

Of course, what we are seeking is something more foolproof. It is neither possible nor practical to expect that laboratory care will be used in placing the surfacing as a normal construction operation. Also, long stretches of bridge deck cannot be placed with the same care that a small experimental patch can be given. We must have materials and methods which we can turn over to the average construction crew and still get a satisfactory application.

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