

New name and new relationship

Welcome to a new look Modern Asphalts – which has been relaunched as Modern Asphalts & Surface Treatments magazine (MA+ST). This issue also marks the beginning of a mutually supportive relationship between the magazine and the Road Surface Treatments Association (RSTA). The change of name reflects a recognition that specialist treatments are becoming more popular with clients as a cost effective alternative to traditional asphalt surfacing systems.

For the roads sector in particular, budget restrictions are focusing the minds of clients towards alternative solutions that promise to restore surface characteristics and seal carriageway structures from the effects of ageing and water ingress. For many, this has meant a renewed look at specialist treatments, such as surface dressing and retexturing.

Within the pages of MA+ST the RSTA will be delivering news and information to those with specific interest in road surface treatments beyond asphalt. The magazine

will serve as a means of communication between the RSTA, member organisations and the wider fraternity of road maintenance practitioners and their clients.

MA+ST will continue to promote the latest developments in asphalt surfacing systems for both highways and airfield pavements. Our successful formula of well researched articles on innovative asphalt applications will remain unchanged.

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