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### **PRECISION DOSING OF ARAMID FIBER IN ASPHALT:** WHY SURFACE TECH SETS THE STANDARD

#### ARCA

Aramid Reinforced Composite Asphalt

#### **PRECISION DOSING**

Built for **engineered ASTM Standard accuracy**, capturing real-time dosing and daily production reports

#### **ASTM STANDARD**

2.1 oz/ton of HMA Asphalt / NOT 1lb/ton

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## INTRODUCTION: LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT—WE'RE JUST BETTER

At Surface Tech, our precision equipment reflects what we stand for: unwavering compliance, unmatched consistency, and complete transparency for our customers. These aren't extras — they're the foundation of performance you can trust.

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In an industry built on **reliability**, **compliance**, and **performance**, the last thing your customer wants is "close enough." Our precision dosing systems are built for **engineered accuracy**, capturing real-time dosing data **every 10 seconds**, generating **daily reports**, and guaranteeing delivery of **exactly 2.1 oz of pure aramid per ton of asphalt**, in full compliance with **ASTM D8395-23**.

Manually tossing bagged, **loose aramid blended with polyolefin plastic** = No metering. No QA. No way to know what actually makes it into your mix.

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## CHAPTER 1: SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD ASTM D8395 AND THE EPD YOU CAN TRUST

ASTM D8395-23 is the definitive benchmark for aramid fiber in asphalt. It standardizes the **2.1 oz/ton of asphalt.** ACE XP<sup>™</sup> solution delivers the ASTM Standard of 2.1 oz/ton of aramid fiber that fully disperses during mixing, ensuring complete delivery into the mix.

The **first aramid fiber product with a fully transparent EPD certification**, showing a verified carbon footprint of just **0.668 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/US ton**. This isn't a marketing badge—it's a commitment to environmental and performance transparency.





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## CHAPTER 2: STORAGE, SHIPPING & EFFICIENCY. WHY 1 BOX BEATS 6

Size matters. One 45 lb box of ACE XP<sup>™</sup> treats **211 tons** of asphalt. A competitor's polyolefin-heavy /aramid blend? Only **35 tons per box**.

- 6X less storage space required
- Fewer pallets and reduced freight costs
- Lower labor burden and faster handling

This isn't just about footprint—it's operational and economic efficiency.



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## CHAPTER 3: FLY-AWAY? NOT WITH SURFACE TECH ARCA.

**Fly-away** in asphalt fiber additives refers to the unwanted loss of fibers during production or mixing. When this happens, fibers become airborne or get trapped in the baghouse—**never making it into the mix.**That means compromised performance, wasted material, and unreliable results.

Our ARCA solution uses a precision wax coating that:

- Melts cleanly at >170°F
- Releases no VOCs
- Leaves no residual plastic or pollutants

The result? **No fiber loss. No environmental trade-offs. No compromise.** Just consistent reinforcement—in every ton

#### If it's flying around your plant, it's not reinforcing your asphalt. Competitor Workarounds Create Bigger Problems

Competitors try to minimize fly-away by blending aramid with **polyolefin plastics in a 1LB bag**. But that additional plastic additive shortcut introduces new risks:

- VOC emissions during production
- Worker exposure to plastic fumes
- Residual plastics

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### CHAPTER 4: PRECISION DOSING ISN'T OPTIONAL— IT'S OPERATIONAL INTEGRITY & TRANSPARENCY

Manual bag tossing is: Unmetered. Uncontrolled. Unverifiable. Surface Tech's precision dosing systems offer:

- 10-second interval reporting
- Daily QA production reports of oz/ton
- Synchronization with both batch and drum plant production

We deliver **2.1 oz/ton of aramid fiber**. This is compliance.

SELECT SPEED REFERENCE	PRODUCT TYPE
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CURRENT SET SPEED	AQ DOSAGE ACT IT DOSAGE
GENERAL SETTINGS	WEIGHT CALIBRATION
SFOR 5 SECONDS TO INSTORICAL TOTALS	ADDITVE WEIGHT CALERATED AT 100% SPEED DI.N=/1
	SETTINGS

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## CHAPTER 5: HOW MUCH ARAMID ARE YOU REALLY GETTING?

Ask the competition what's in their 11b bag. Surface Tech declares:

2.1oz/ton ASTM D8395-23 ERD certified No filler, no plastic

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## **CHAPTER 6: PERFORMANCE BACKED BY TEST DATA — ROWAN UNIVERSITY PUTS SURFACE TECH AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION**

In a peer-reviewed study from Rowan University Surface Tech's ACE XP aramid fiber solution was directly compared to Polyolefin Blended Aramid Fiber using advanced **Digital Image Correlation (DIC)**.



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## **KEY FINDINGS:**

Metric	Control	Polyolefin Aramid Blend	Surface Tech ACE XP
Fracture Energy (N∙mm)	177	292	327
Peak Load (N)	501	674	720
Crack Resistance Index	1.00	1.65	1.85
Residual Strength	Moderate	Moderate	High
Strain Localization	High	Reduced	Significantly Reduced

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"The aramid fiber system exhibited significant improvements in crack resistance and energy dissipation capacity, reducing fracture propagation by up to 55% compared to non-reinforced mixtures." — Rowan University Test Report

Surface Tech's bound fiber system showed superior **crack resistance**, **energy absorption, and dispersion**. Polyolefin Aramid Fiber blend couldn't match the uniformity or strength. This is what ASTM compliance and precision dosing deliver. SURF<sup>A</sup>CE TECH<sup>\*\*</sup>

# CHAPTER 7: **MOUR** OUESTIONS, **NUR** ANSWERS

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**We eliminate it.** Our patented wax-coated structure ensures 100% aramid delivery—no fly away, no baghouse loss, no drum hang-up.

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# **? CAN YOU PROVE I'M GETTING 2.1 OZ/TON?**

**Yes.** Precision dosing provides **10-second interval reports** and **daily QA documentation.** You get what you pay for.

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## **? WHAT ABOUT VOCS OR PLANT EMISSIONS?**

**No risk.** Our wax binder is VOC-neutral. Unlike polyolefin, it doesn't affect stack tests or raise health concerns.

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# **?** IS YOUR PRODUCT EPD CERTIFIED?

**Absolutely.** Surface Tech was the first & leads the market with certified low-carbon additives.

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# ? DO YOU OFFER INTEGRATION SUPPORT?

**Yes.** We provide full **plant assessments**, certification training, installation, and ongoing 24/7 tech support.

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## CONCLUSION: THE FUTURE OF ASPHALT DEMANDS PRECISION

At the end of the day, your customer demands results, not risks. Manual dosing, unverified blends, and plastic-laden fibers are shortcuts that cost more in the long run.

Surface Tech offers a system that is:

- ASTM compliant
- EPD certified
- Digitally verified
- Third party lab & field testing/validation

Call it fancy. We call it **better**.

Let us help you deliver performance that sticks.