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#### Hydrodemolition Technology Advancements

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# **History of Hydrodemolition**

- Italy 1975
- Sweden 1977
- US 1979
- Developed as a process to reduce jackhammers on structures, to selectively remove deteriorated concrete and to cut labor costs
- 1985 Used in conjunction with Latex Modified Concrete Overlay to repair bridge decks
- 1997 First used in Pennsylvania I79 over Rt 51 Bridgeville
- Present Used by DOT's throughout the United States

#### Hydrodemolition use in the United States

North Carolina 2012,2013 – 41 Projects = 400,000 sy

Pennsylvania = 850,000 sy in last 7 years

Ohio – over 1,000,000 sy of concrete overlays since 2000

TN, AR, LA, TX ,VA, WV, IL, TX, MO, MT, MA, MD, IN, MI, KY , AL, GA, OK + many other agencies

## Hydrodemolition Definition

- Hydrodemolition is a mechanical process by which deteriorated concrete is selectively removed utilizing a high pressure water jet and a computerized robot.
- By rapid erosion with the high pressure water, the cement matrix and fine aggregates between the course aggregate is essentially washed away.
- By properly calibrating the hydrodemolition robot movements, concrete of uniform strength can be removed to a specified depth + unsound deteriorated concrete with one pass of the robot = <u>Selective Removal</u>.

- Surface preparation of the total area of bridge decks prior to placement of overlays.
- Surface preparation for patches in bridge decks.
- Full Depth Removals
- Selective portions of structures removed bridges, shipping piers, factory's, parking garages, nuclear power plants, tunnels.



































- Liberty Tunnel
- Work in 2013
- 200,000 sf of Vertical Hydrodemolition used to selectively remove deteriorated concrete from tunnel walls and to provide a rough & bondable surface
- Shotcrete concrete repairs made after surface preparation





- West Carson Street Viaduct Repair
- Work began in 2014 Will resume in 2015
- 86,700 sf of Vertical Hydrodemolition used to selectively remove deteriorated concrete from retaining walls and to provide a rough & bondable surface
- Shotcrete concrete repairs made after surface preparation









- Jet Frames
- Working off Platforms



















#### Fast Track Hydrodemolition Advantages

- <u>Speed</u> A fast, productive and economical way to prepare a bridge deck for a Modified Concrete Overlay.
- <u>Quality</u> Selectively removes delaminated concrete and avoids the unnecessary removal of sound concrete.
- <u>**Removes</u>** chloride contaminated concrete.</u>
- <u>Will not damage</u> existing reinforcing steel. Actually cleans the steel.
- <u>Surface</u> has 300 % to 400 % more bondable area than a mechanical milled surface.
- <u>Cost Savings</u> Long term service life and maintenance cost savings. Immediate traffic control and road user cost savings.
- <u>Construction</u> Replaces jackhammers. Lower Noise Levels. No fugitive dust. No micro-cracking of deck concrete.

## **Questions / Contact Info**

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