

De-icing Concrete

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What is Conductive Concrete?

“A concrete mixture containing a certain amount of electrically conductive materials, designed to enable conduction of electricity.”



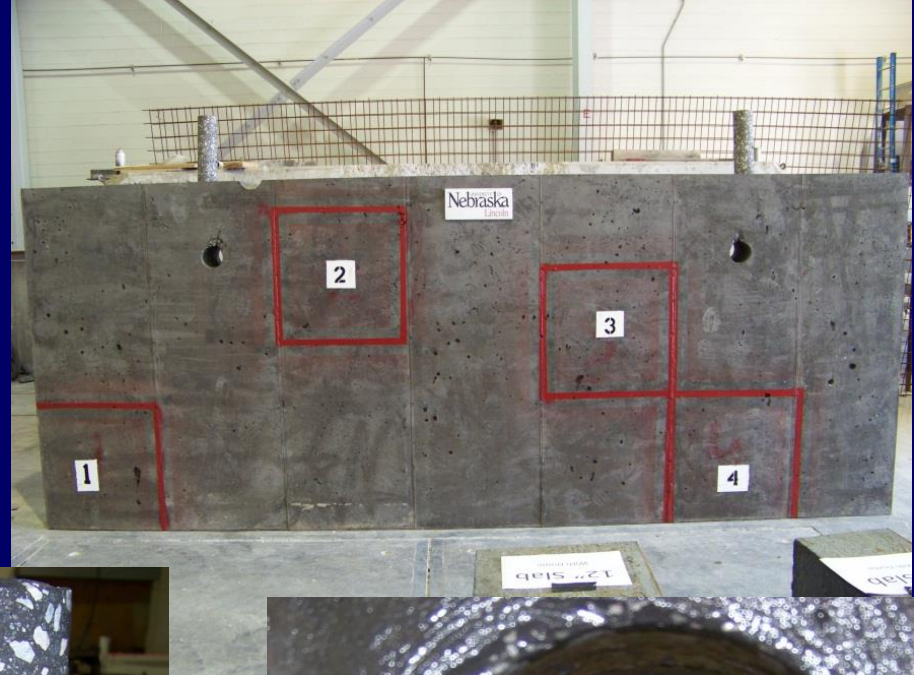
Carbon
particles

Steel fibers

Workability and Finishability



Works just like normal concrete



High Strength of Conductive Concrete

- Compressive Strength (ASTM C39)
7-day: 5,000 psi 14-day: 5,850 psi 21-day: 6,340 psi
28-day: 6,600 psi
- Bending Strength (ASTM C78)
28-day Modulus of rupture = 1,100 psi



Applications

- * Pavement deicing
- * Electromagnetic wave shielding
- * Radiant heating
- * Anti-static flooring/grounding
- * Cathodic rebar protection
- * Structural health monitoring

Active Applications

Feb 5, 2004



March 21, 2006



Feb 13, 2007



Feb 6, 2008



Bridges and Roadways deicing



Radiant Heating Tiles

Passive Applications



Electromagnetic Pulse Shielding

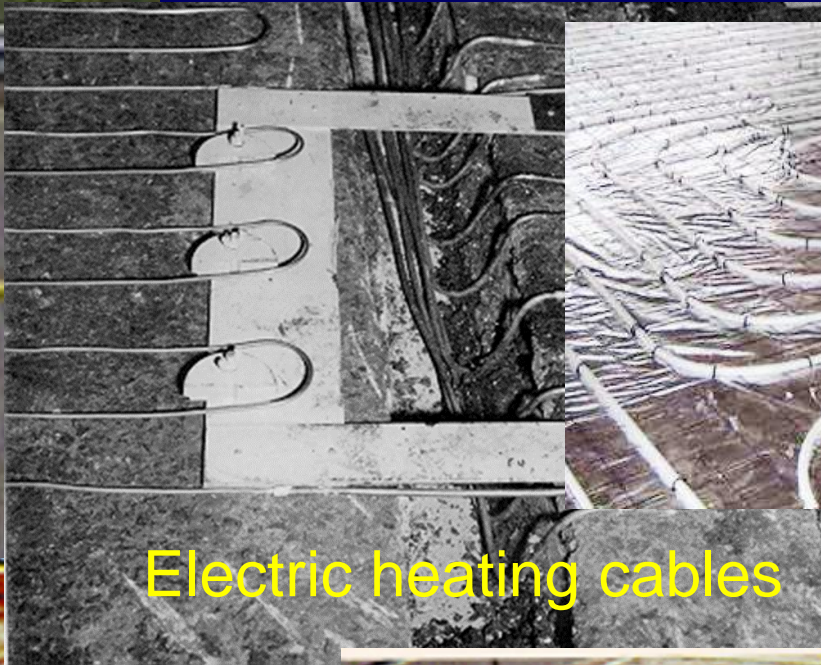
**Naval Air Station
VEMPS Grounding Plane
Pax River, MD**



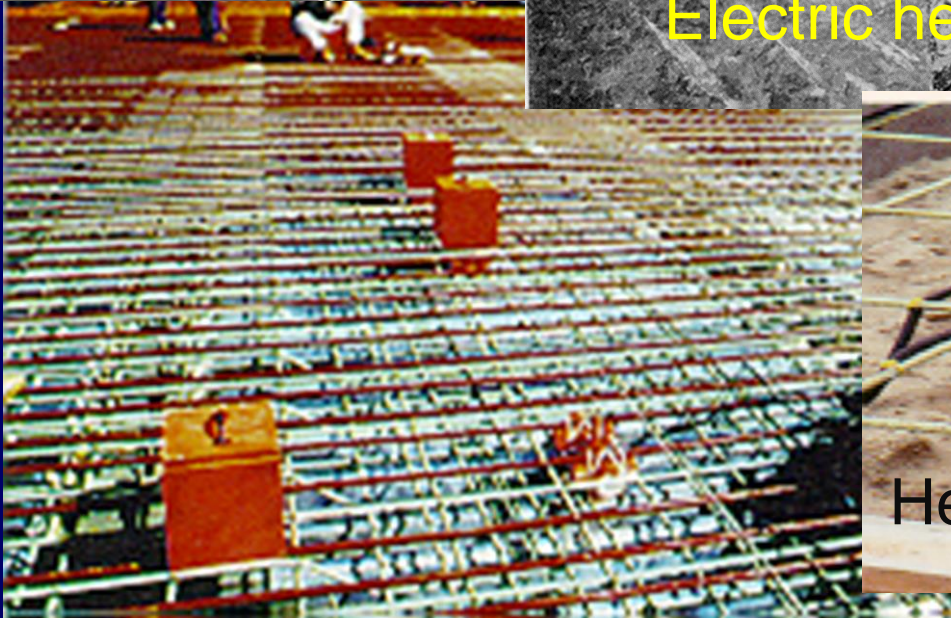
Existing Deicing Technologies



Spray system

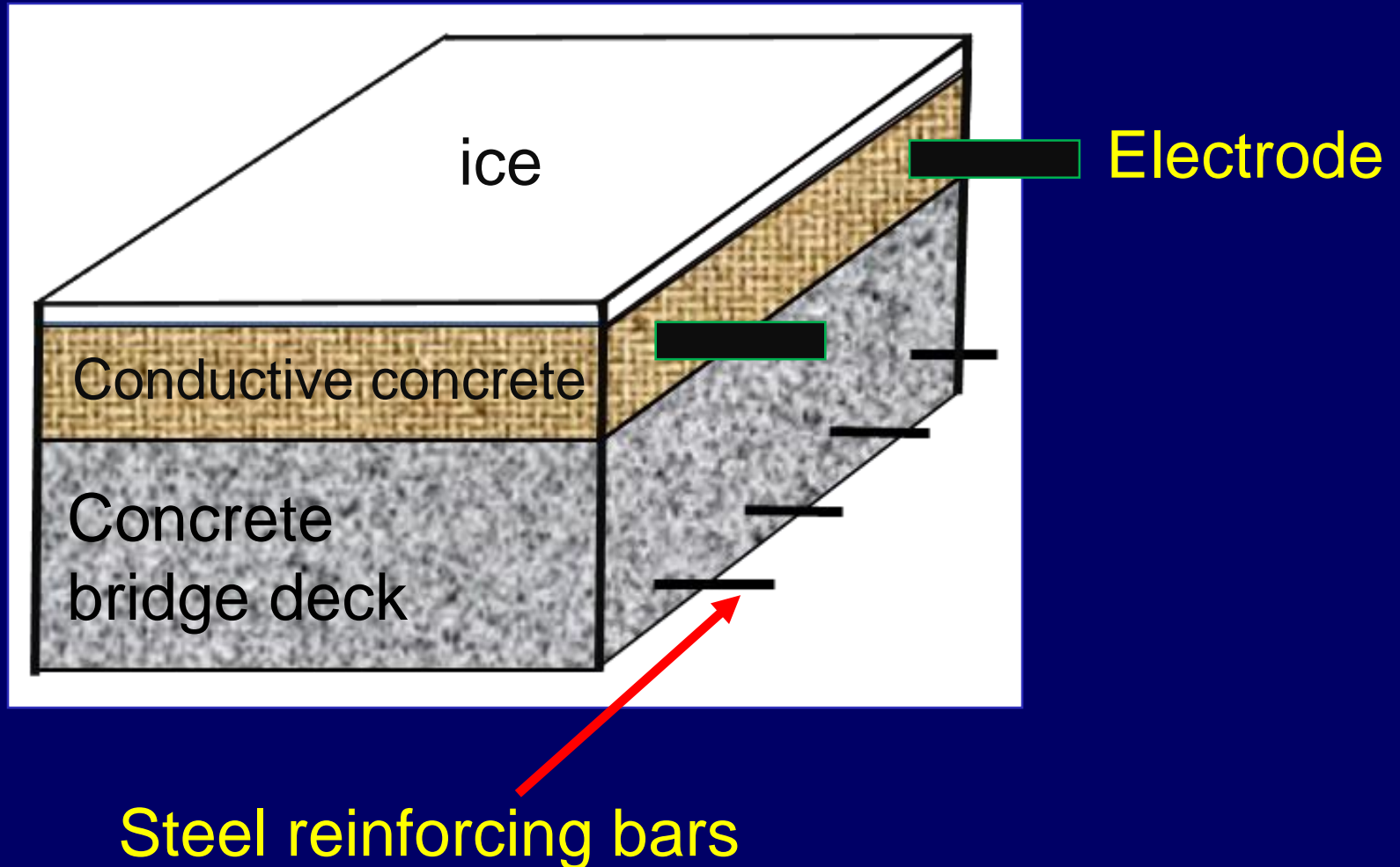


Electric heating cables



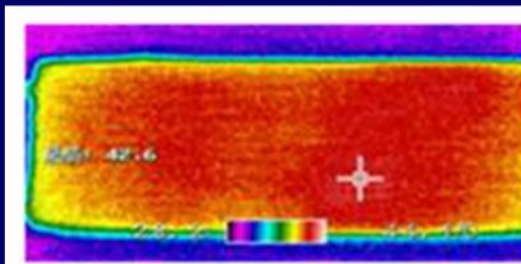
Heated fluid hydronic System

Conductive Concrete Deicing Concept

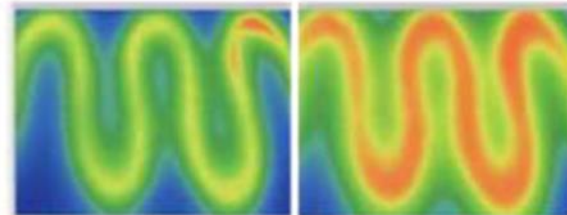


Comparison of Deicing Systems

	Electric Heating Cables	Heated Fluid/Gas Hydronic	Conductive Concrete
Energy Source	Electric	Natural gas/propane + electric	electric
Heat Transfer Efficiency	< 70%	< 50%	> 90%
Required Floor Space	None	Mechanical room, \$100-500/sf	None
Power Density	22-30W/sf	28-30W/sf	12-30W/sf
Energy Consumption (sidewalk)	350 kWh/m ²	150 kWh/m ²	3.0 kWh/m ²
Energy Consumption (bridge deck)	600 kWh/m ²	260 kWh/m ²	9.5 kWh/m ²
Installation Cost	\$25/sf	\$35/sf	\$18/sf
Operating Cost	\$1.50/sf	\$0.40/sf	\$0.04/sf
Maintenance Cost	Cable fault detection and repair	Glycol leaks, notify EPA	Maintenance free
Construction Time	Days/weeks	Weeks/months	Days



Conductive Concrete



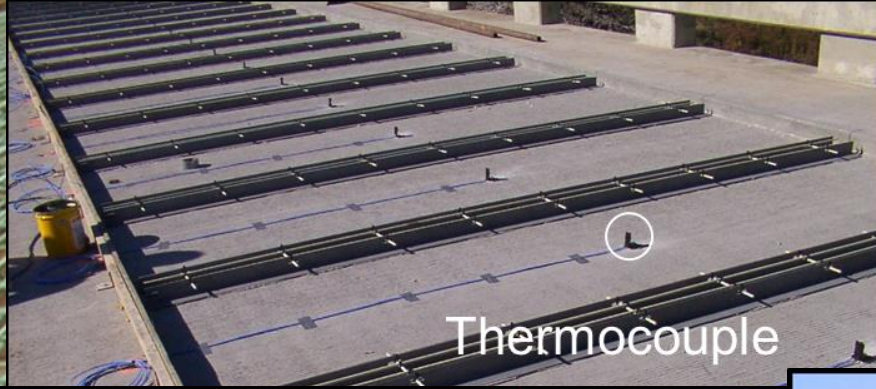
Hydronic System

Roca Spur Bridge

built in 2002

- Located about 15 miles south of Lincoln, Nebraska, on Highway 77 South.
- Roca Spur Bridge is a three-span slab bridge with a 45.7m (150 ft) long and 11m (36 ft) wide concrete deck.
- The bridge has a 36 m (117 ft) long and 8.5 m (28 ft) wide conductive concrete inlay.
- The inlay consists of 52 individual 1.2m x 4.1m (4 ft x 14 ft) conductive concrete slabs.

Bridge Deck Construction



Consistent Deicing Performance

Feb 5, 2004

March 21, 2006

Feb 13, 2007

Feb 6, 2008

Deicing Performance Data

Storm Date	Snow depth (in.)	Air temp. (°F)	Wind (mph)	Energy (kW-hr)	Unit Cost (\$/ft²)	Peak Power Density (W/ft²)
Dec 8-9, '03	6.5	20.7	16.2	2,023	0.050	40.04
Jan 25-26, '04	10.1	14.9	14.4	2,885	0.070	30.74
Feb 1-2, '04	5.7	14.4	11.1	2,700	0.066	26.57
Feb 4-6, '04	7.8	19.2	11.5	3,797	0.093	35.94
Jan 2-5, '05	8.5	15.6	14.3	3,128	0.076	33.01
Feb 6-8, '05	4.6	17.3	12.7	3,327	0.081	32.25
Mar 18-21, '06	9.9	32.5	16.2	2,786	0.068	29.97
Jan 13-14, '07	3.3	10.9	21.7	2,366	0.058	18.86
Jan 20-21, '07	6.0	19.4	17.4	2,573	0.063	30.19
Feb 12-13, '07	3.8	17.6	16.2	2,653	0.065	33.54
Mar 1-3, '07	7.1	29.8	19.9	2,893	0.071	36.79

Deicing Performance Data (cont.)

Storm Date	Snow depth (in.)	Average Air temp. (°F)	Wind (mph)	Energy (kW-hr)	Unit Cost (\$/ft²)	Peak Power Density (W/ft²)
Dec 5-7, '07	3.5	22.5	20.5	2,866	0.070	35.02
Jan 15-18, '08	3.8	18.1	24.8	2,445	0.059	34.56
Feb 4-7, '08	4.6	21.9	22.4	3,046	0.074	36.98

Operating cost

Energy consumption during a major storm:

Average = 1,000 kW-hr/day

Total Cost = \$85/day

Utility cost = \$0.08 per sq. ft. of deck surface

Award-winning Bridge Project



**American Concrete Institute
Award of Excellence, 2004**

**The
Economist**

- The Economist, 9/29/06

ASCE
American Society of Civil Engineers

**- Best paper award, 2006-2008
Cold Regions Engineering**



**- Discovery Channel Magazine
August 2010**

Patents in 5 countries



Heated Driveway Entrance



Heated Driveway – under 48 V AC



June 2010



Dec 2010

Deicing performance

December 8, 2011



- Ambient temp = 22 F, the total current = 36 Amps under 48 V AC. The slab temp was about 38 F.
- The heated pad is 7 ft wide and 30 ft long. Output power density = $(36 \times 48) / (7 \times 30) = 8.2 \text{ W/ft}^2$.
- Energy consumption per day = 40 kW-hr. $\$0.075/\text{kW-hr} \times 40 \text{ kW-hr} = \$3/\text{day}$.
- Powered by a 3 kVA transformer.

Parking Ramps – Harbin Institute of Technology built in 2012

- The East and North Ramps of the parking garage at the Architectural Design and Research Institute, Harbin, China.
- Both ramps were overlaid 3.5-in. conductive concrete for deicing.
- The East Ramp is 135 feet long and 18.5 feet wide, and the North Ramp is 135 feet long and 25 feet wide.
- Both ramps have a steep slope of 15%.
- Powered by 48 V AC via transformers connected to a 220 V AC source.

Construction Sequence



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10 ft x 20 ft Test Pad Deicing Data

Storm Date	Snow depth (in.)	Air temp. (°F)	Wind (mph)	Energy (kW-hr)	Unit Cost (\$/ft²)	Peak Power Density (W/ft²)
Dec 24-25, '15	7.0	23.4	8.5	45.9	0.021	15.5
Dec 27-28, '15	4.2	13.6	18.6	69.8	0.031	14.4
Jan 25, 2016	4.0	25.2	16.5	73.4	0.032	13.0
Feb 2-3, '16	4.9	12.9	12.4	84.9	0.037	11.8

Power source: 3-phase, 208 V AC, 30 A capacity

Time-lapse Video (4 hours) – Dec 28, 2015



Snow (mm)	Air temp. (°C)	Wind (km/hr)	Energy (kW-hr)	Unit Cost (\$/m ²)
107	-10.2	30	69.8	0.33

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