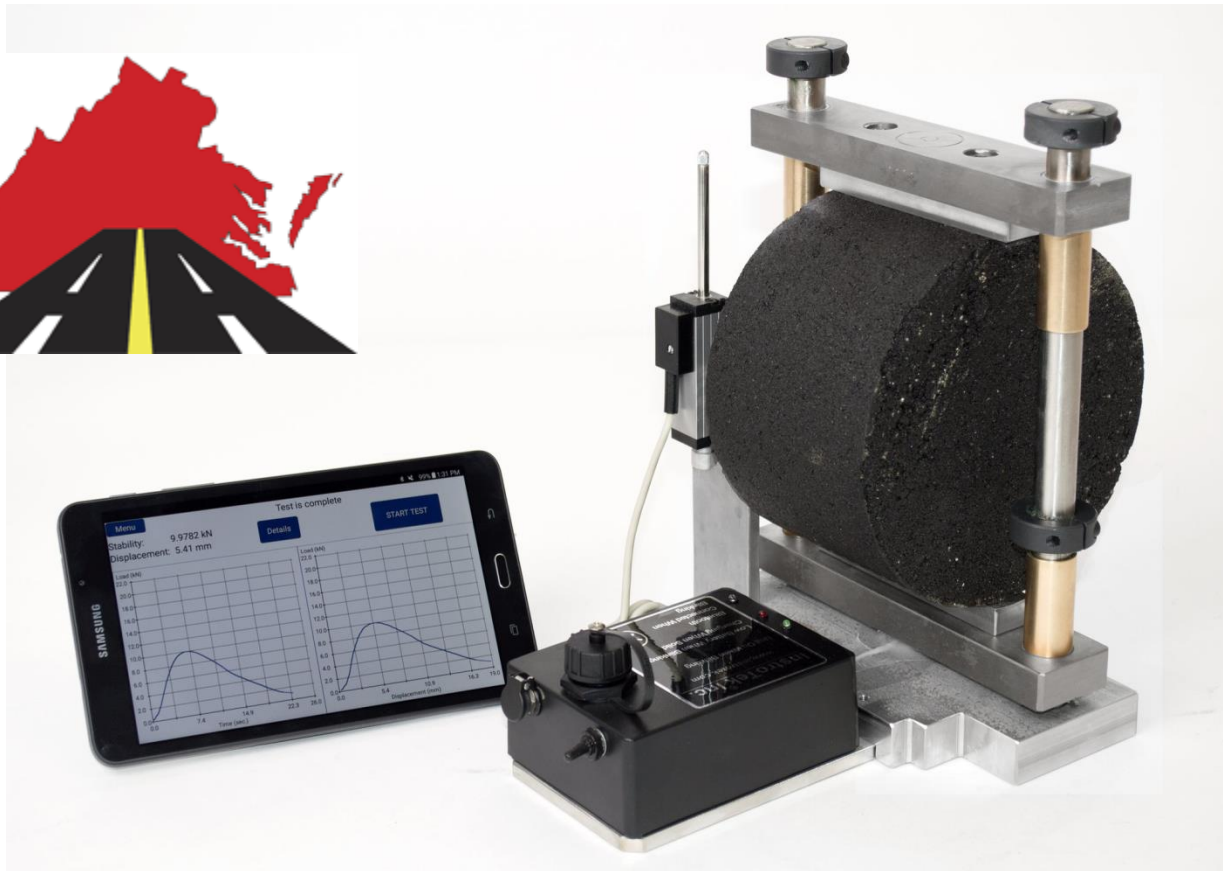


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## IDEAL/TSR and SCB Smart Jigs

Bluetooth Enabled Asphalt Jigs

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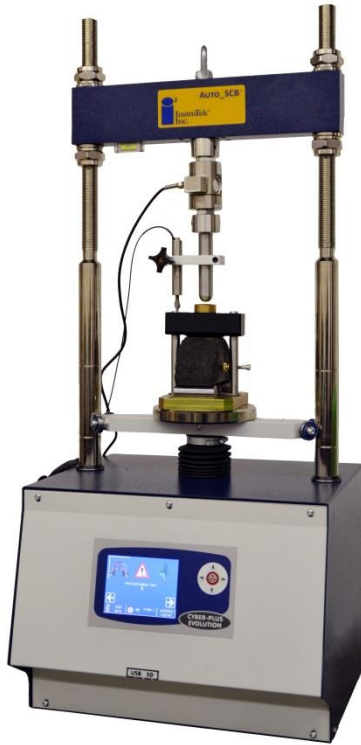


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## Overview

- Smart-Jigs (SCB & IDEAL-CT/TSR)
- Asphalt Compatibility Tester (ACT)
- HWT-Pro – Hamburg Verification/Calibration
- AutoRice Controller

# The Balanced Mix Design



# BMD

## Balanced Mixes!

Not too **Brittle** that  
can cause cracking:



Not too **Flexible** that  
can cause rutting:



A Balanced  
Mix Design!

# Cracking Tests

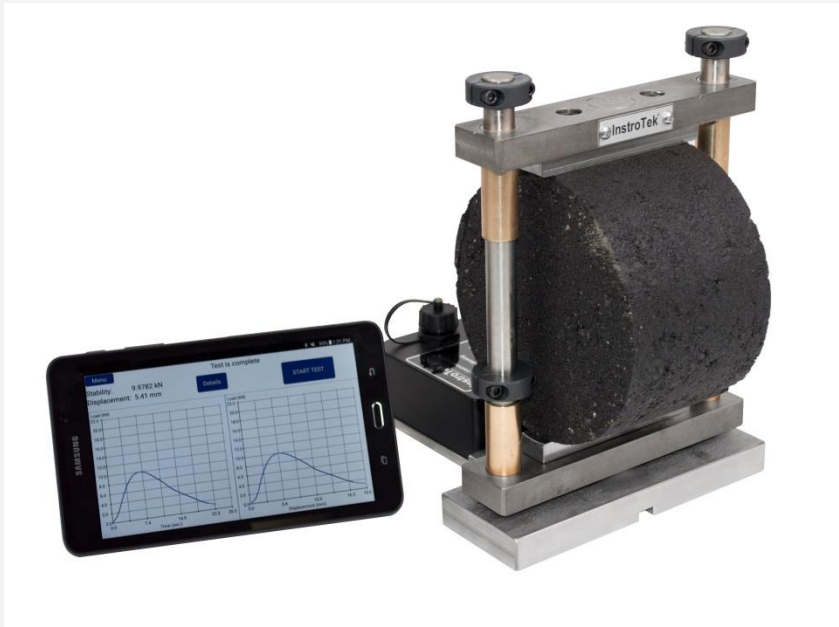
- **University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign Illinois Flexibility Index Test (I-FIT)**
  - Cumbersome Sample Preparation
  - Analysis software
  - 1 notch depth, difficult to cut
- **Louisiana State University-SCB**
  - Cumbersome Sample Preparation
  - 3 Notch Depths
- **IDEAL-CT**
  - Texas A&M – College Station, TX
  - Gaining most popularity
  - Least sample preparation
  - Uses AASHTO T283-style (TSR) Jig

# Older Loading Frames

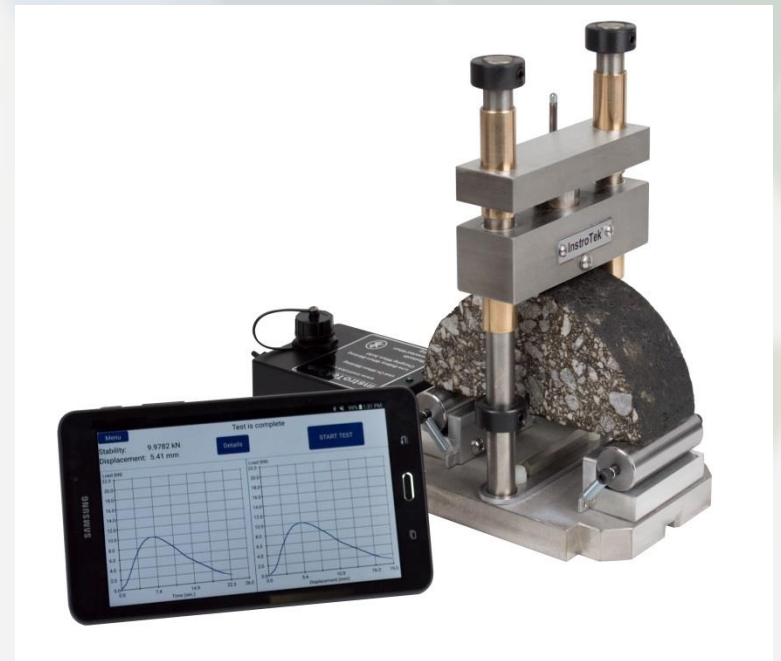




# InstroTek Smart Jigs



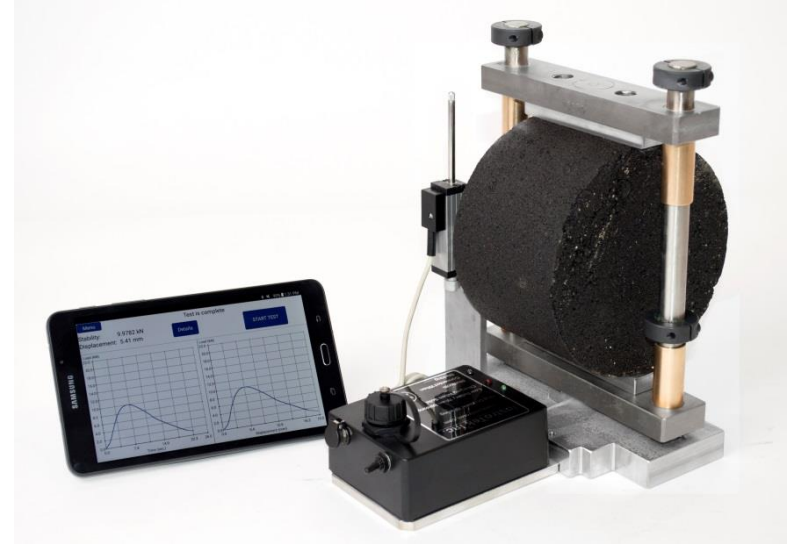
**IDEAL-CT/TSR Jig**



**Smart-SCB**

# IDEAL-CT

- 2 Test in 1
  - IDEAL CT
  - Tensile Strength Test
- Self contained system
- No need to replace old frames
- Digital results



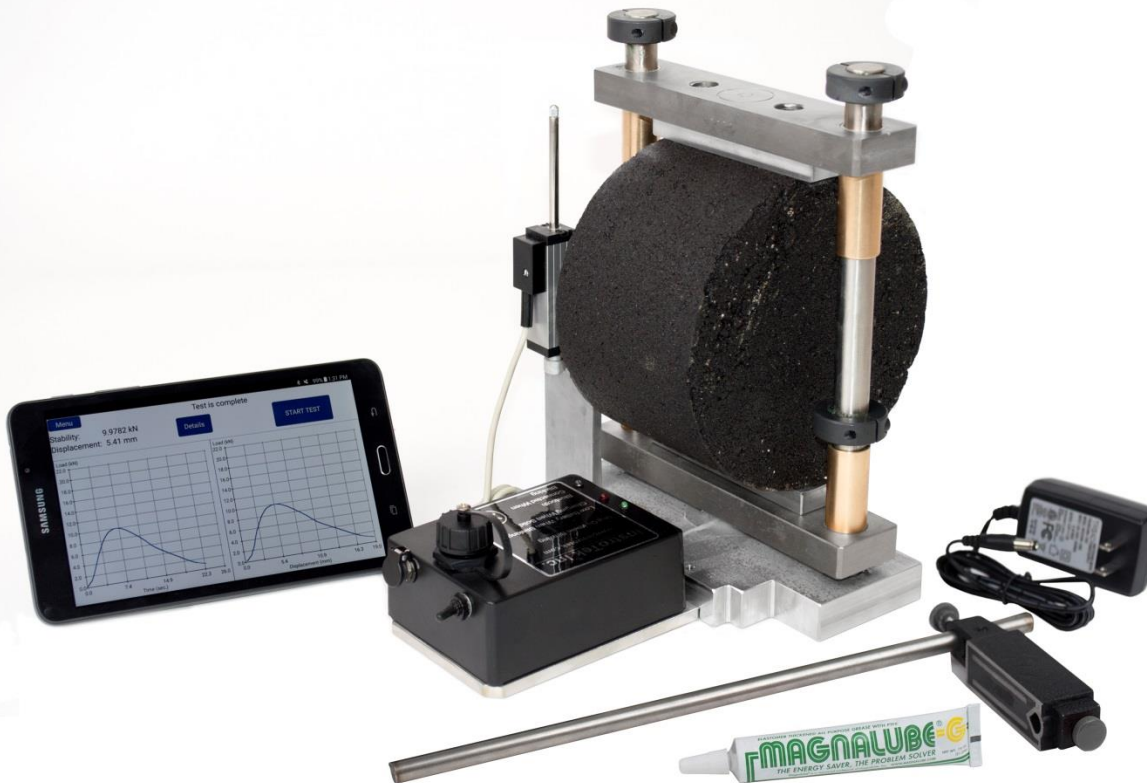


# Smart-SCB

- Performs both IFIT and LSU Test\* Protocols
- Self contained system
- No need to replace old load frames
- Digital test results



# IDEAL-CT/TSR Jig Accessories



1. Jig w/ Bluetooth
2. USB Cable
3. Load Cell
4. Android Tablet
5. \* LVDT
6. \* Rod and Magnet
7. Power Cord
8. Lubricant
9. Analysis Software
10. \* Marshal Hardware

\*Optional IDEAL-CT /  
Marshall Upgrades

# IDEAL/TSR & Smart SCB Advantages

- Easy to use
- Give new life to older load frames
- Digital test results
- No clerical errors
- Easy test set-up
- Automatically displays peak strength
- Perform multiple tests



# ACT

## Asphalt Compatibility Tester



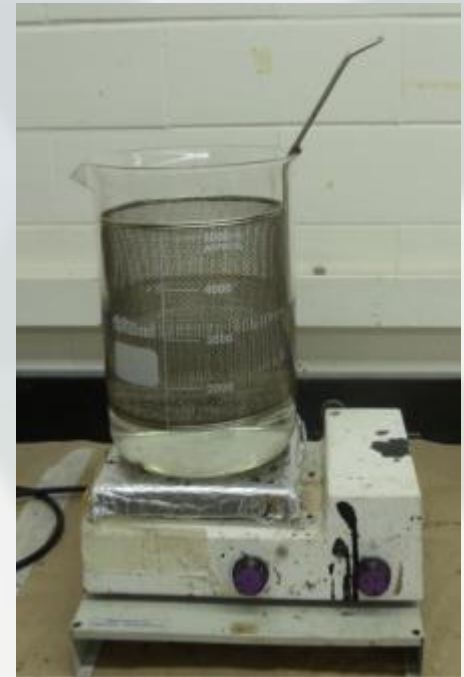
# What is ACT?

- Quantifies binder to aggregate adhesion strength
- Uses LED Light scattering off the surface of asphalt to determine color change after boil test
- High degree of correlation to TSR Test

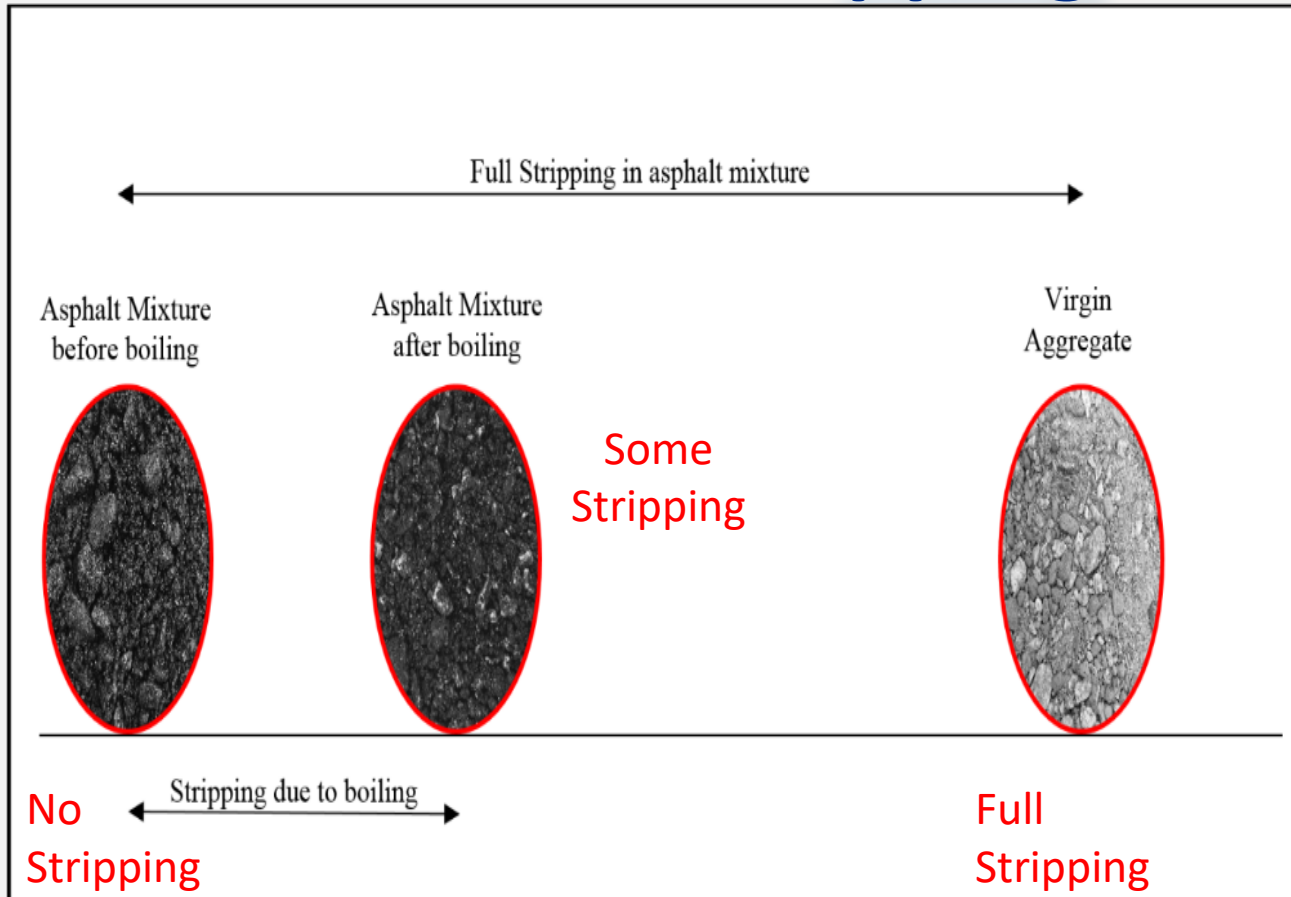


# Boil Test (ASTM 3625)

- Been in practice since 1970s
- Quick determination of adhesive strength
- Visual Inspection of color change
- Excellent correlation to asphalt moisture susceptibility tests (TSR Test)



# Boil Test – Color Change due to Stripping



Visual Depiction of the loss of adhesion  
between asphalt and aggregate in Boil Test



# ACT

- Quantifies the results of the Boil Test in seconds



# ACT Advantages

- Quantify Boil Test (**ASTM D3625**) test results
- Predicts passing **AASHTO T283** test results within an hour instead of days
- Evaluates different anti-strip additives for optimum additive content
- Ensures production changes do not result in adhesion failure in the mixtures or poor pavement quality
- Eliminates technical judgment calls for consistent test results
- Straight-forward, easy to use system

# HWT-Pro



# Purpose of HWT-Pro

- Verify Requirements of AASHTO T324 for Hamburg Wheel Trackers (HWT)
  - Rut Depth (Height)
  - Weight
  - Waveform
  - Temperature
- Allow calibration of HWTs

# Designed Uses

- Designed to work with SmarTracker, PMW, Cox and Sons, PTI units
- Can be used to adjust dead load on wheels
- Calibrate LVDTs
  - InstronTek SmarTracker
  - Troxler(PMW)/Cox and Sons

# AASHTO T 324 Requirements

Description	Requirement
Load (lbf)	$158 \pm 1.0$
Speed (ft/s)	$1.00 \pm 0.066$
Center of Waveform	$\pm 0.5$ inch of center of specimens
Rut depth error	0.15 mm / 20 mm
Temperature	$\pm 1.0$ C

# Load Verification

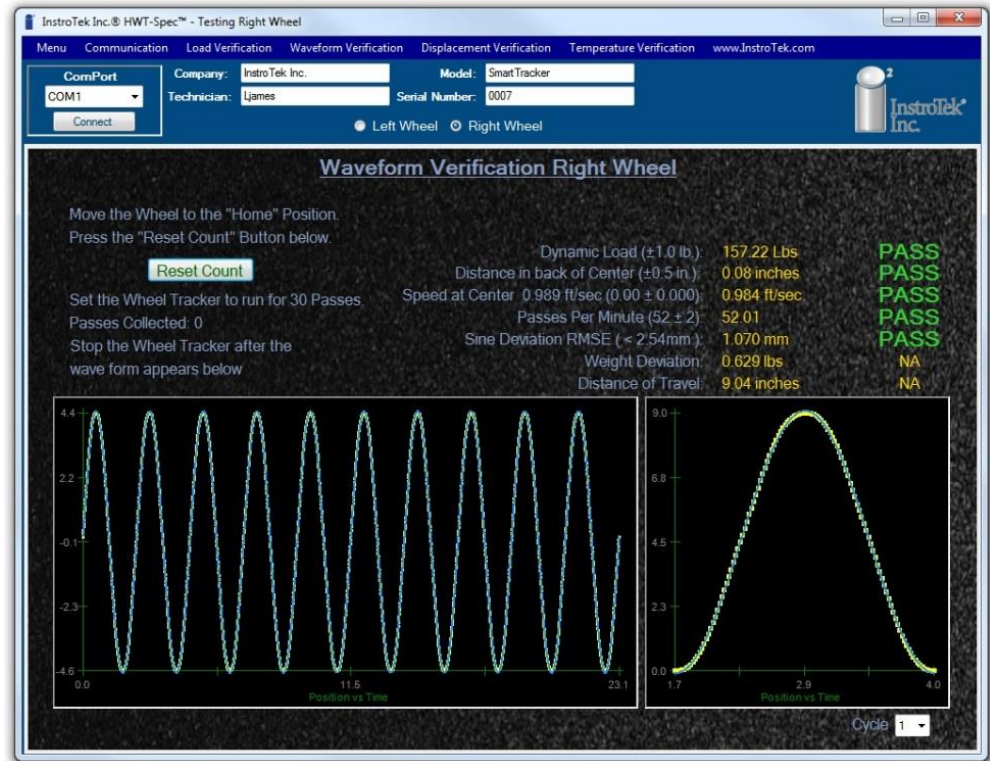
- Dead Load  $\pm 0.1$  lbf accuracy
- Uses load cells calibrated with dead weights
- Dynamic load and variation along wheel path





# Waveform Verification

- Relative location of center of waveform in tray
- Speed of wheel at center
- Length of wheel path
- Passes/minute
- RMSE of waveform compared to sine wave

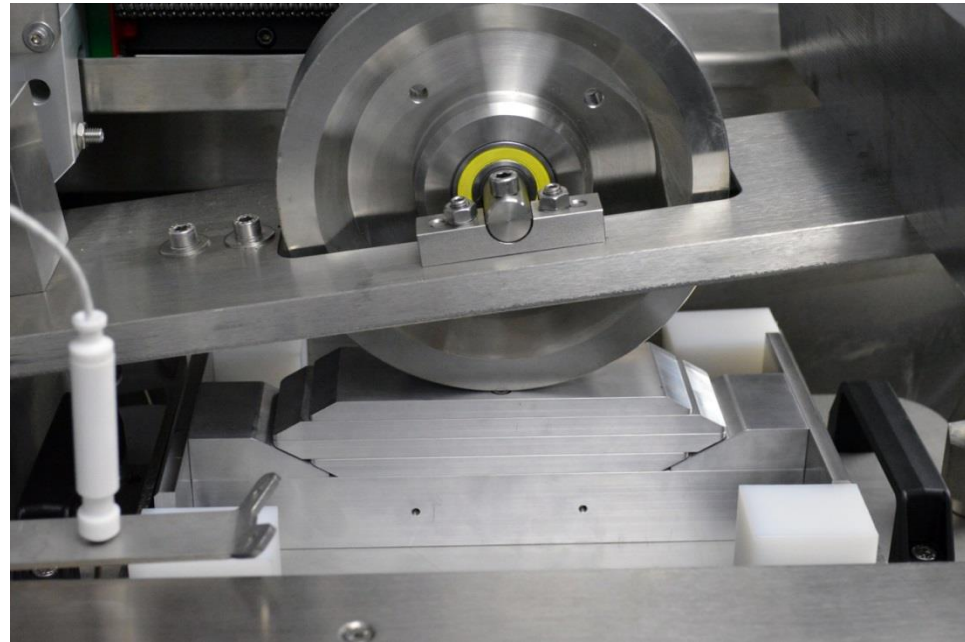


# Rut Depth Verification

- How You Calibrate LVDT
  - SmarTracker – under the wheel
  - Troxler(PMW)/Cox & Sons – LVDT outside machine
- T324 Requirement  
0.15 mm/20 mm

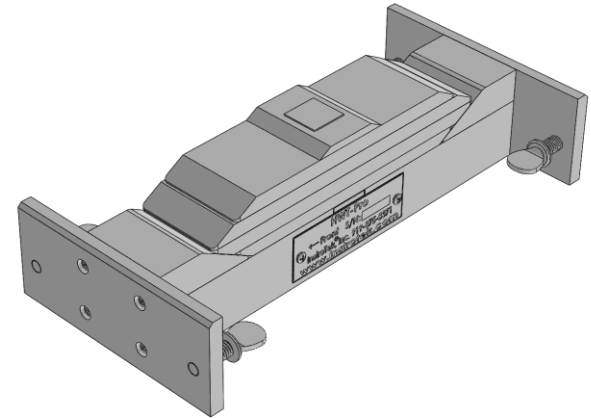
# Rut Depth Verification - SmarTracker

- Under Wheel
- Starts at 40 mm Height
- Use machine manual mode to move onto the slats



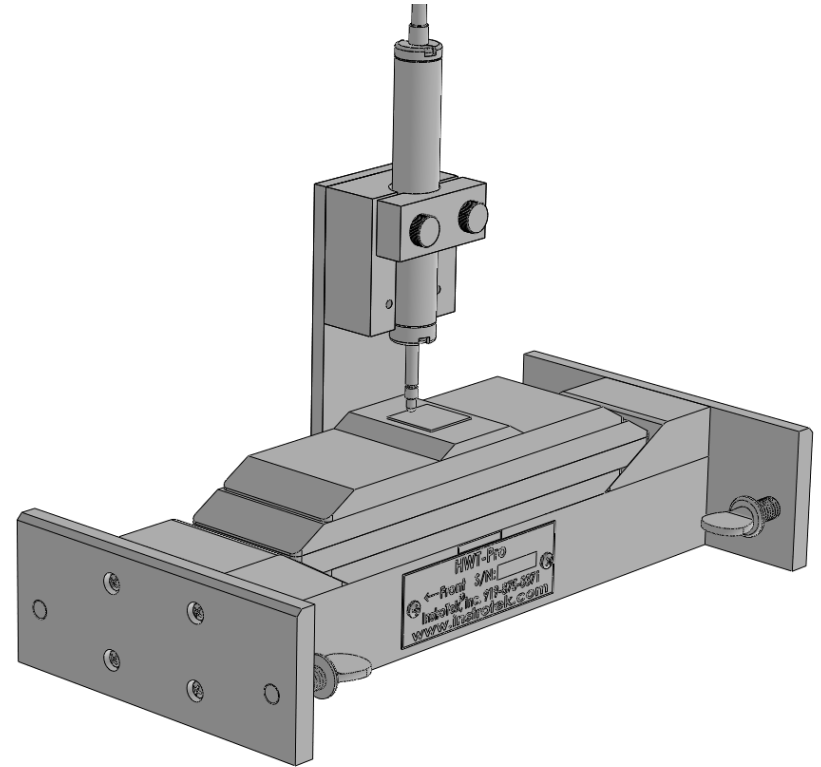
# Rut Depth Calibration - SmarTracker

- Under Wheel
- Start at 40 mm (height of base)
- Use Machine Manual Mode to Move onto the Slats/Gage Blocks
- 10 Measurements (0 - 45mm by 5mm increments)



# LVDT Verification/Calibration - Cox and Sons/PMW

- Outside of Machine
- Use HWT-Pro Height Base
- Insert Gage Blocks to Change Height
- Verify Linearity of LVDT



# Software – HWT-Spec

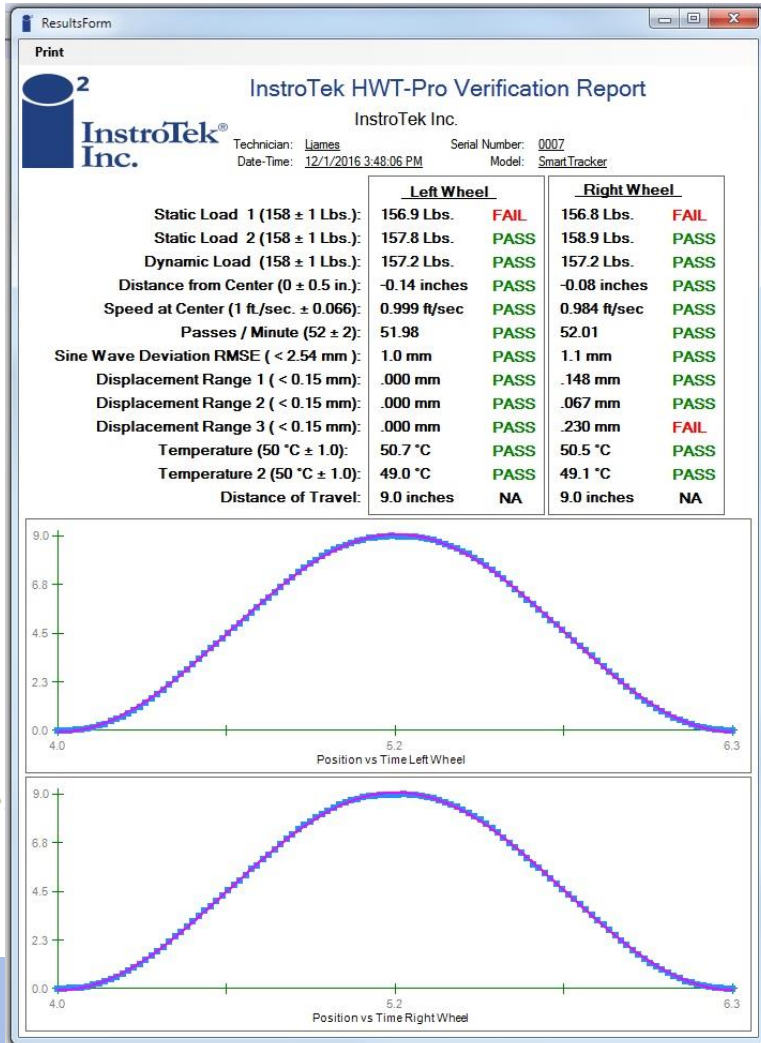
- Acquire Load
- Enter Heights
- Print Report
- Save Data



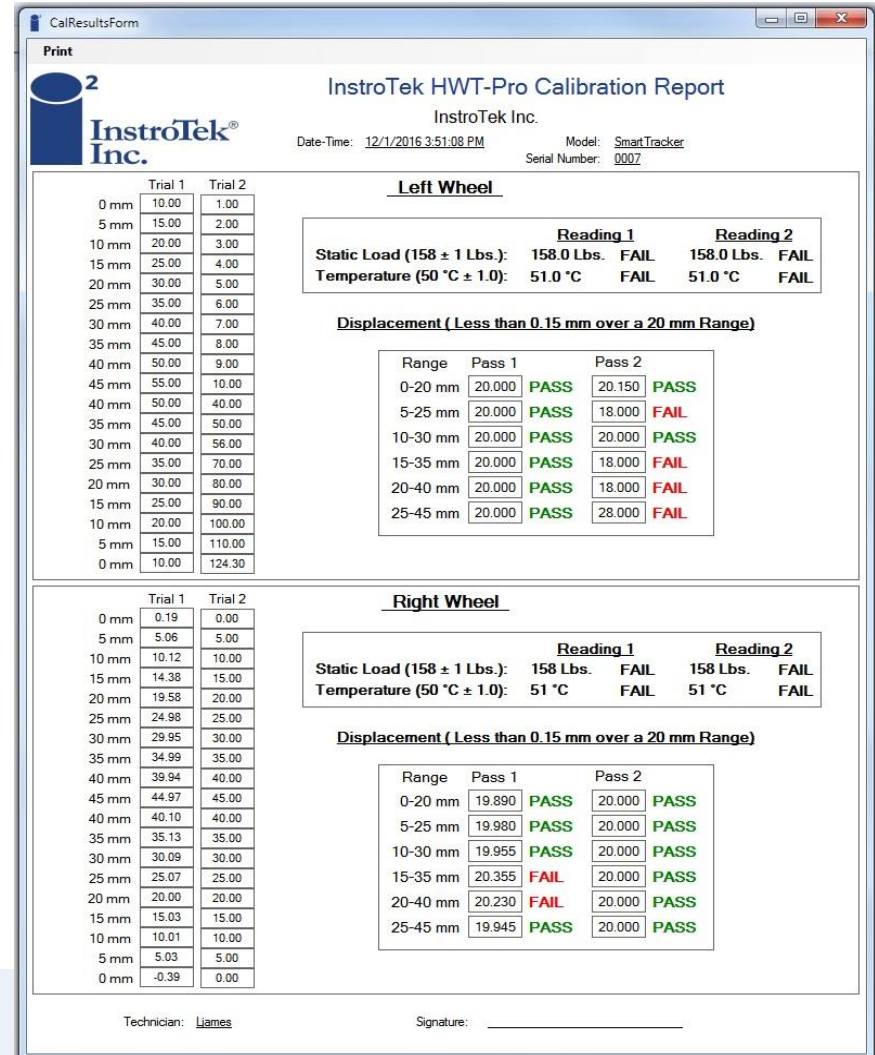


# Reports

## Verification



## Calibration





# Calibration Requirements

- Yearly calibration of HWT-Pro
  - Load Cell
  - Thickness of Height Slats
  - Temperature Probe
  - Sent to InstroTek for Calibration

# InstroTek AutoRice Controller



# Thank You...

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