

## Pavement Surface Coatings

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### Message from the Collection Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Pavement surface characteristics are crucial for both safety and functional quality of transportation infrastructure. The correct design of pavement coatings, together with adequate construction and maintenance processes, ensures good performances in terms of skid resistance, regularity, structural resistance, vehicle control and dynamics, drainage and prevention of aquaplaning, vehicle operational costs, and environmental sustainability.

Mechanical, thermal, chemical and/or physical properties and characteristics of bitumens, aggregates, asphalt or cement concrete, as well as rheological characteristics of these materials, can significantly influence road surface performance.

Scope of the Special Issue is to present and discuss the most recent research advances in this field and to consider how these results allow to obtain better functional and structural performances of pavement surface coatings.

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