Implementing Epoxy Injection in Concrete Overlaid Bridge Decks

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cement overlay, bridge deck, de-bonding, delamination, epoxy material, injection, maintenance

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Concrete overlays have proven to be an effective maintenance treatment as they slow the penetration of de-icing chemical and water into the original deck surface. Typically, due to vibration, structural flexibility, and weak bond between the concrete overlay and deck concrete (potentially from poor construction), de-bonding develops at the boundary between the original deck and overlay. This de-bonding creates voids, providing a reservoir for chloride-laden water to fill after it penetrates cracks in the surface. Displacing this liquid solution and filling these cracks with epoxy helps reduce freeze/thaw cycling and spalling.

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Motivation

Out of the approximately 6,000 state-owned/maintained bridges, 1,575 bridges currently have latex modified concrete (LMC) overlays, and 770 of those overlays have a condition rating of 5 or 6, which may make them good candidates for epoxy injection. These numbers support epoxy injecting for a minimum of ten (10) concrete overlaid bridge decks per district per year in perpetuity.

Benefits

Displacing water and filling voids at the interface of concrete overlays and concrete decks with epoxy reduces emergency bridge deck patching and extends the service life of bridge decks.

INDOT Strategic Goals

Epoxy injection of bridge decks impacts the agency in the following strategic areas.

- **Safety:** ensures the road safety for motorists, contractors and INDOT personnel.
- **Asset sustainability:** enhances ability to manage and maintain assets throughout their life cycle.
- **Innovation and technology:** harnesses technology and innovation to develop more effective transportation solutions.

The following are keys to successful epoxy injection of bridge decks:

- selecting the ideal bridge deck candidates,
- personnel with proper training,
- proper materials,
- proper equipment, and
- proper procedures.

The following are ideal bridge deck candidate selection criteria for epoxy injection:

- debonded rigid concrete overlay,
- tight surface cracks,
- light to no cracking on soffit,
- very little to no spalls,
- delamination/debonding not exceeding 30% of the deck area,
- deck rating greater than or equal to 5, and
- wearing surface condition rating greater than or equal to 4.

Implementation

Based on the findings of this research, guidelines have been provided for a step-by-step injection operation (see Chapter 7). Bridge asset engineers for each district have already started incorporating epoxy injection activity into their maintenance work plans. We have a quantity purchase award agreement (QPA) in place for districts to order epoxy material. Bridge maintenance crews in all six districts have been trained to epoxy inject bridges effectively. Currently, we have two fully equipped epoxy trailers stored in a central equipment yard. All districts have the ability to reserve these trailers for use. It is recommended that each district epoxy injects a minimum of five (5) bridge decks each fiscal year. Epoxy injection work should be added to the annual Maintenance Work Plan by the bridge asset engineers. The proposed maintenance life cycle for a typical bridge deck, which incorporates epoxy injection, is as follows.

- Year 0: new bridge.
- Year 3: maintenance silane spray and crack filling.
- Year 6: maintenance silane spray and crack filling.
- Year 10: thin deck overlay #1.
- Year 20 to 25: thin deck overlay #2.
- Year 30 to 40: LMC overlay #1.
- Year 45 to 55: epoxy injection.
- Year 50 to 60: potential LMC overlay #2.
- Year 60 to 70: potential epoxy injection.
- Year 50 to 75: deck replacement.
- Repeat deck cycle treatments.
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Motivation and Benefits

It is noteworthy to mention the impact of this epoxy injection technology is incremental. Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) started injecting their bridge decks in 1970s and later the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) embraced this viable technology. INDOT has adopted this mitigation strategy currently in use by IOWA and Michigan DOTs. Bridge decks are components which do not only support traffic but also protect the other bridge components. Bridge decks are susceptible to the effects of mechanical wear and weather conditions. These factors necessitate that bridge decks require more maintenance and repair than other bridge structure components. Repair of deteriorated decks requires choosing the most cost-effective treatment considering budget constraints, work force, traffic control, and weather.

The use of concrete overlays on bridge decks is the usual practice of INDOT for maintenance purposes. Concrete overlay has proven to be effective maintenance treatment as it prevents de-icing chemicals and water penetration into the original deck surface. Typically, over time, delamination/de-bonding develops at the boundary between the original deck and overlay due to bond failure induced by vibration and structural flexure, which creates a void layer. The epoxy injection process is used to repair cracks and voids developed as a result of the overlay de-bonding (Figure 1.1). Displacing water (Figure 1.2) and filling these cracks with epoxy helps reduce freeze/thaw damage and extends the asset life span. This also reduces spalling and deterioration requiring emergency patching. Generally, the epoxy injection process could extend the useful asset life approximately 5 to 10 years (Wipf et al., 2019).

Out of the approximately 6,000 state-owned/main-tained bridges, 1,575 bridges currently have latex modified concrete (LMC) overlays, and 770 of those overlays have a condition rating of 5 or 6 which may be good candidates for epoxy injection. These numbers support epoxy injecting a minimum of ten (10) concrete overlaid bridge decks per district per year in perpetuity.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of this research project include the following.

- Examine the effectiveness of epoxy injection of bridge decks.
- Develop a state-wide epoxy injection program.
- Develop guidelines for effective epoxy injection.

![Figure 1.1 Epoxy injection of overlaid concrete bridge deck.](image1)

![Figure 1.2 Water displacement from bridge deck voids.](image2)
2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Currently, the Michigan Department of Transportation and Iowa Department of Transportation repair cracks and voids developed as a result overlay debonding by injecting epoxy as part of their regular maintenance activities. The first known patent on epoxy was issued and several basic epoxy systems explored and developed in the 1930s (ACI Committee 503, 1993). According to ACI Committee 503 (1993), several field tests were completed in the late 1940s and early 1950s, including the use of epoxy as an adhesive to bond two pieces of hardened concrete, as a bonding agent for raised traffic line markers on concrete highways, and as surfacing materials on highways.

According to Wipf et al. (2019), Iowa DOT has been using concrete overlays on bridge decks since the 1970s to restore the concrete deck surface and lengthen the service life of the bridge deck. IOWA DOT has identified a need to perform an epoxy injection treatment on 120 to 180 structures annually. When the study was performed, IOWA DOT Districts’ bridge crews were performing the epoxy injection. Wipf et al. (2019) developed epoxy injection specifications to place in IOWA DOT contract documents to employ contractors to perform some of the epoxy injection. This reduces the amount of epoxy injection their districts’ bridge crews had to perform. Wipf et al. (2019) also conducted a nationwide survey to document the state-of-the-practice for epoxy injection. See Figure 2.1 for their national survey questions and Figure 2.2 for the responses received from the various states who participated.

![Figure 2.1](image-url) National survey questions (adopted from Wipf et al., 2019).
3. TRAINING AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR IDEAL BRIDGE CANDIDATES

3.1 Introduction and Number of Bridges Injected

It has been an effective collaboration between INDOT Research and Development, bridge asset engineers, maintenance engineers, and districts bridge crews in implementing epoxy injection of bridge decks. Irrespective of the numerous challenges encountered as part of this research project including COVID 19, each district has performed field epoxy injection. A total of 38 bridges have been injected since 2019. The breakdown is as follows.

- 2019: 7 bridges in the Crawfordsville District.
- 2020: 6 bridges in the Crawfordsville District.
- 2021: 15 bridges in all six districts.
- 2022: 9 bridges in the Crawfordsville District and 1 bridge in Greenfield.

3.2 Training

Lessons learned by MDOT, and IOWA DOT epoxy injection operations clearly have benefitted INDOT. IOWA DOT even though they are the pioneers of bridge deck epoxy injection in the USA have had their fair share of failures. Recent reports published by IOWA DOT found the following challenges amongst their districts epoxy injection operations:

- inconsistent procedures,
- inconsistent epoxy materials,
- different injection equipment,
- lack of training, and
- inconsistent results.

Various steps were taken as part of this study to overcome these challenges. A typical example is using a two-part epoxy material mix with one-part colored blue and one-part colored yellow so when they are mixed together green material is produced. Some districts of IOWA DOT were using clear parts of epoxy mix producing a clear final product which made it difficult to determine if the mix proportion was right.

We employed webinars, workshops, classroom, and field training with experts from MDOT and Lily Corporation to prepare ourselves to perform effective epoxy injection (see Figures 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3).

3.3 Selection Criteria for Ideal Bridge Deck Candidates

Based on literature review, field observations, and deliberations with the project Study Advisory Committee, the criteria for selection of ideal bridge
Figure 3.1  Training sessions for epoxy injection.

Figure 3.2  Training session with Innovation and Process Improvements Director Todd May.

Figure 3.3  Epoxy injection trailer demonstrated at a strategic planning workshop.
candidates for epoxy injection was determined and is listed as follows:

- debonded rigid concrete overlay,
- tight surface cracks,
- light to no cracking on soffit,
- very little to no spalls,
- delamination/debonding not exceeding 30% of the deck area,
- deck condition rating greater than or equal to 5, and
- wearing surface condition rating greater than or equal to 4.

4. USING IMPACT ECHO NDT IN SCREENING DECK CANDIDATES FOR EPOXY INJECTION

Results from Impact Echo Nondestructive Testing (NDT) was used to help screen bridge decks for the selection of ideal bridge candidates for epoxy injection. Impact Echo Sonic Surface Scanner (see Figure 4.1), S3 manufactured by Olson Engineering was used for the testing. The impact echo scanner method is based on Olson’s technology of a rolling transducer and automated impactor for Impact Echo based thickness and flaw scanning of structural concrete. The scanner system allows the user to collect data along two lines with the test points spaced at 0.5 feet increments along the test lines. A scan rate of around 1 foot per second for best quality results (Olson Instruments, Inc., 2017) was employed. INDOT currently has two of these scanners and has scanned over 300 bridges. INDOT feels these scanners have provided an accurate assessment of the bridges they have scanned. These scanners can be used for various applications. For this research, they were used to determine delaminated/debonded areas between LMC overlays and the original concrete bridge decks.

Impact echo method is a seismic or stress-wave based method used in the detection of defects in concrete, primarily delaminations (Sansalone & Carino, 1989). As the technician moves the Impact Echo scanner forward on the bridge deck and the two sensor wheels turn, the automatic solenoids on the side of the sensor wheels impact the deck surface. The compressional waves generated by the impacts travel through the deck concrete and are reflected from the bottom of the deck concrete, or from any flaw or hidden discontinuity such as delamination or debonding. The reflected wave energy is identified by the displacement transducers on the bottoms of the sensor wheels and the data is transmitted, in real-time, to Olson’s WinSSS-IE Software (real-time, interactive 3-D condition mapping) on the provided laptop. If there are multiple delaminations at one location, e.g., if there is a lower-level delamination with overlapping top delamination at the same location, both delaminations are not noted. Sensor wheels spacing of 1 ft was used for the data collection. Impact echo test can be performed at any time of day. The normal test thickness range for the unit is approximately 3 to 20 inches, although tests can be done on thicker concrete with some success if the surface is smoothed enough (Olson Instruments, Inc., 2017). A map (see Figure 4.2) is created from the Impact Echo data, showing both sound concrete and delamination/debonded areas and percentage of each.

Figure 4.1  Impact Echo Sonic Surface Scanner, S3 manufactured by Olson Engineering.
5. FIELD EPOXY INJECTION OPERATION

The keys to effective field epoxy injections include the following:

- selecting the ideal bridge deck candidates,
- personnel with proper training,
- proper materials,
- proper equipment, and
- proper procedures.

Detailed guidelines for the epoxy injection procedure are shown in Chapter 7. Figure 5.1 shows the step-by-step epoxy injection procedure. INDOT currently has two fully equipped trailers (see Figure 5.2) for statewide epoxy injection operations. Figures 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8 show typical epoxy injection procedures.

The epoxy injection procedure includes the following general steps.

Step 1: Selection of ideal bridge candidates for epoxy injection.
Step 2: Materials, equipment, accessories, and storage conditions.
Step 3: Pre-injection procedure, crack sealing, and traffic control.
Step 4: Start-up procedure.
Step 5: Injection procedure.
Step 6: Regular monthly maintenance of equipment.
Step 7: End of season shut down of equipment.

5.1 Epoxy Injection of Bridge NBI 36660 in Greenfield (Monster Bridge)

Bridge NBI 36660 (I-65 over 7 STS Access Road, Monorail) is located in downtown Indianapolis with heavy traffic daily volume (see Figures 5.9 and 5.10). Bridge was built in 1972 with LMC overlay rehab in 1989. All three lanes of SB 65 from the west end to Illinois Street and most of the MLK on ramp bridge were injected. Epoxy injecting the SB bridge required 2 weeks. Prior to the field injection, training was provided to the bridge crews. Also, prior to performing the injection, Impact Echo NDT was performed on sections of the bridge (Figure 5.11) to determine the delaminated areas. On NB 65 we injected all of lanes 1 and 2 from Illinois Street to the west end of the structure and the entire MLK off ramp. A total of 30 drums out of the 60 drums epoxy material ordered were used covering an area less than half of the overall bridge area. The plan is to use the remaining 30 drums of epoxy material on the remaining half of the bridge next year. The epoxy injection procedure is saving future patching needs for the district and hence enhancing mobility and safety of motorists. Figures 5.12 and 5.13 shows epoxy procedures on bridge NBI 36660.

Summary of Work Activities

- Location: I-65 downtown, MM 113.1 to 113.4, and MLK on/off ramps. Epoxy injection west end of bridge to
Figure 5.1  Step-by-step field epoxy injection procedure.

Figure 5.2  Epoxy injection trailer.
Illinois St. including MLK ramps. SB injection lanes 1, 2, and 3. NB injection lanes 1 and 2.

- Timeline: 2 weeks of NDT, crack sealing, and deck patching. 3 weeks of epoxy injection. July 25 to August 25, 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. lane closures.
- MOT: Closing 2 of 3 lanes nightly and necessary on/off ramps.
- Materials: 30 drums of Akabond 818 (1,500 gal) used on the project. 240 cartridges of 10 minute mender to seal cracks. 50 5' × 5' × 2" deck areas were patched using Kwikbond PPC 1121.
- Crew: 2 separate crews of 7 people with 2 epoxy trailers, working about 500’ apart, 12-hour shifts. 8 hours of injection time, 2 hours for MOT setup/teardown, and 2 hours of drum change/cleaning.

- Equipment: Each crew, dump truck pulling the epoxy trailer and filled with sand for epoxy blowouts, MOT cone truck, and foreman truck with light plant.
- Training: Demo with Crawfordsville crew and research hands-on training for the first week on site.
- NDT: Impact Echo NDT determined locations and provided a delamination map. A hammer or chain was used to sound and determine exact limits of delamination. Drilling holes were then marked. Delamination map was especially effective in finding smaller delaminations. Majority of delaminations were extremely large, there were 50-ft long sections of entire lane widths that were delaminated and had to be filled. Production: ~50 gallons per crew per shift, 14 shifts, and 1,300’ 12’ 6 lanes = 93,600 ft² total bridge area. Bridge crew moved about 550 ft in one lane per night.
5.2 Before and After Epoxy Injection of Bridge NBI 21925

Bridge NBI 21925 is located in Vincennes District. Bridge was originally built in 1967. Bridge had LMC overlay rehabilitation in 2004. A total of 108 gallons of epoxy were injected into the bridge deck. Figures 5.14, 5.15, and 5.16 shows the before and after epoxy injection Impact Echo NDT delamination maps and cores taken.

5.3 Before and After Epoxy Injection of Bridge NBI 44460

Bridge NBI 44460 is located in Crawfordsville District. Bridge was originally built in 1959. Bridge had LMC overlay rehabilitation in 1986. Figures 5.17 and 5.18 shows the before and after epoxy injection Impact Echo NDT delamination maps and cores taken.
Figure 5.7  Greenfield District epoxy injection crew.

Figure 5.8  LaPorte District epoxy injection crew.

Figure 5.9  Bridge NBI 36660 in downtown Indianapolis.
Figure 5.10  Bridge NBI 36660 layout.

Figure 5.11  Bridge NBI 36660 Impact Echo NDT locations.

Figure 5.12  Bridge NBI 36660 epoxy injection works.
Figure 5.13  Bridge NBI 36660 epoxy injection showing port locations.

Figure 5.14  Bridge NBI 21925 Impact Echo NDT delamination map before epoxy injection.
Figure 5.15  Bridge NBI 21925 Impact Echo NDT delamination map after epoxy injection.

Figure 5.16  Bridge NBI 21925 cores taken to verify Impact Echo NDT and epoxy injection.
6. STATE SURVEY ON EPOXY INJECTION

6.1 Methodology

Online questionnaires were sent to 24 bridge/main-
tenance crew members who participated in their dis-
trict’ field epoxy injection procedure. The intent of the 
survey was to document the experiences, concerns, and 
thoughts the crew members had while performing epoxy 
injection considering procedures, materials, equipment, 
personnel availability, interest, and workload. A total of 
18 out of the 24 crew members responded. Responses 
were received from all six districts. Appendix C lists all 
the questions and responses received.

6.2 Response Summary

- It was a very easy process to learn and use, seems to be 
much more efficient and less strain on your body doing 
the work.
- It is low-cost bridge maintenance activity.
- It uses less destructive method to repair bridge decks.
- Leads to bridge longevity.
- Proactive epoxy injection maintenance is far better that 
traditional deck patching.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR STEP-
BY-STEP EPOXY INJECTION

Based on the results from this research effort, guide-
lines for epoxy injection of bridge deck were developed. 
These guidelines provide step by step instructions to be 
followed for effective epoxy injection. In developing these 
guidelines, we considered input from the study advisory 
committee, maintenance engineers, districts bridge asset 
enGINEER, the districts, bridge crew workers and techni-
cians as well as field first-hand observations of the 
injection procedure. The guidelines are included here.
7.1 Epoxy Injection Instructions for Work Performance Standards

7.1.1 Purpose

- The purpose of the epoxy injection process is to fill areas where a rigid bridge deck overlay has debonded from the bridge deck. The epoxy material protects the bridge deck from moisture and can help support the overlay and prevent it from failing under traffic loads. The epoxy injection process can help to extend the service life of the overlay and prevent the need for future expensive repairs to the bridge deck overlay.
- Epoxy injection work should be included in the annual Maintenance Work Plan by Technical Services.

7.1.2 Overview

- An overview video detailing the equipment and procedures used with the epoxy injection trailer can be found here: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/39b373d7-a0b2-487f-afb0-2f7f19796992.

7.1.3 Setup and Pre-Injection Procedures

- Reserve epoxy injection trailer on the Central Equipment Yard website prior to the scheduled time of use of the trailer.
  - The Central Equipment Yard website can be found at the following link: https://centralequipmentyard.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse?requestedFormat=&offset=0&max=15.
- Set up traffic control according to the traffic control plan.
  - Epoxy injection process may be performed on one lane of bridge at a time, so it is not necessary to close all lanes on a bridge.
  - Epoxy injection process may be performed at nighttime, performing work at night should be considered for busy routes.
- Ensure that weather conditions are appropriate.
  - Epoxy injection cannot be performed in the rainwater can infiltrate the port holes and become trapped within the delaminated portions of the deck. The vacuum bit on the hammer drill can also easily become clogged.
  - The bridge deck temperature must be above 65 degrees Fahrenheit to perform epoxy injection procedure. The temperature can be checked using the laser thermometer that is stored on the epoxy trailer (see Figure 7.1).
- Identify locations that require epoxy injection.
  - Identify the extents of overlay delaminated areas using Impact Echo NDT Scanner or chain drag.
  - Use rod/hammer sounding to locate the exact perimeters of overlay delaminated areas and mark the perimeters with spray paint.
- Seal cracks over and adjacent to the delaminated areas. Use bridge deck crack filling material.
- Ensure all air and resin lines are connected and tightened down.
- Connect dispenser lines, shut-off valves, and connect-its (connect-its are small gold connectors that are used to attach the injection nozzles to the end of the hoses—see Figure 7.2).
- Record the amount of epoxy material used to help keep track of epoxy material usage.
- Wear proper clothing, eyewear, gloves, and other appropriate equipment, along with PPE, to ensure protection from epoxy resin and associated materials.

7.1.4 Start-Up Procedures

- Start generator—check oil and gas prior to beginning operation.

Figure 7.1 Laser thermometer.

Figure 7.2 Connect-its.
• Connect only one extension cord to each outlet on generator shop vacuum should be run off one outlet and drill should be run off the other outlet.

• Mark injection and viewing port locations.
  ◦ Using the hammer, one should identify the areas within the voided region that have an apparent higher degree of delamination—areas that have the most distinct hollow sound. These areas should be marked as injection port locations. Additional ports should be marked approximately 8”–12” apart depending on the size of the delaminated area. Ensure outer holes remain 6" from the perimeter of delaminated areas.

• Drill the port locations.
  ◦ Using a 1/2" vacuum concrete drill bit, hammer drill, and shop vacuum, drill at each port location until the void is penetrated. It may be obvious when the drill bit reaches the void at some locations as there could be a noticeable and immediate drop of the drill into the voided area. At other locations, the penetration might not be as obvious. Generally, drill 4" down as guide. It is helpful to measure and mark the drill bit at the 4" depth. Do not exceed 6" in drilling depth.
  ◦ Ensure the shop vacuum is connected to the drill bit to collect cement/concrete fine particles.
  ◦ Place crimps on the ports before the ports are inserted in the drilled holes, but do not tighten crimps.

• Check oil level in the lift pumps.
  ◦ The lift pumps are located on the back wall of the trailer (to the right as you enter the side door of the trailer). There are two lift pumps, one for the A side which is yellow and one for the B side which is blue (see red box in Figure 7.3).
  ◦ There are two locations that need to be checked for oil levels, the pump oil containers, and the seal lubricant containers.
  ◦ The oil containers for the pumps are on the wall opposite the side door to the trailer (see red box in Figure 7.4). There are two identical oil containers here, one for each pump.

  The oil level for the pumps can be checked by looking at the viewing windows on either side of the oil containers. The oil level should be above the silver midpoint line on the viewing window (see red arrow in Figure 7.5).
  ◦ If the oil level is low (below the silver midpoint line) in either or both pumps, add the Napa 756-1400 Air Tool Lubricant oil (see Figure 7.6) that is stored in the trailer to the oil container(s) until the oil level is near the top of the viewing window.
  ◦ The seal lubricant containers are located on the pumps themselves. The containers are small open cups located directly below the main body of each pump (see red arrows in Figure 7.7).
  ◦ The seal lubricant is poured directly into the cup; the level of lubricant in the cup should be just slightly below the top of the cup. Check the lubricant levels on both pumps. If the level of lubricant is low, pour the Graco Throat Seal Liquid that is stored in the trailer directly into the cup until the level of lubricant is slightly below the top of the cup (see Figure 7.8).

  • Turn on both ball valves on the lift rods inserted in the yellow epoxy barrels (see yellow box in Figure 7.9).
  • Turn on ball valve on the lift rod inserted in the blue epoxy barrel.
  • Turn on main valves (see Figure 7.9). Note, the valves to be turned on will be based on whether you are using only one Lily dispenser or both dispensers. The use of one or two of the dispensers depends on the area of bridge deck being injected and the number of laborers on hand. The use of two dispensers will allow for there to be two sets of injection nozzles in use (two sets of three nozzles for six total), while using one dispenser will allow for only one set of three injection nozzles to be in use.

![Figure 7.3 Location of lift pumps and oil containers.](image-url)
Turn on Lily dispenser pumps for both yellow and blue resin lines. The dispenser pumps are located near the rear door of the trailer on the wall opposite the side door (see red arrow in Figure 7.10). See the yellow arrows in Figure 7.11 for the location of the on/off switches on the two pumps.

Turn on air compressor. The air compressor is electric and should be plugged into one of the wall sockets located in the trailer.

Reset Lily dispenser to help record the number of cycles. This can be done by pressing the small gray button on the cycle counter on each of the two dispensers; see the red arrow in Figure 7.12 for the location of the reset button. This is needed to calculate the volume of epoxy used at the end of the injection process.

Pull hoses for both A and B side materials out to the bridge deck. Make sure to pull the full length of each hose out on to the deck and to straighten the hoses out to their full length to avoid kinks or tangles.

Use only metal 5-gallon buckets to purge air from the material lines (one bucket for yellow line and another bucket for blue line). Metal buckets must be used due to the heat of the epoxy material that will be dispensed from the hose.

Uncap hoses and bleed hoses for 20–30 seconds into metal buckets?

Connect A and B hoses to the Tempest mixing block (yellow line inside A and blue line inside B; see yellow box in Figure 7.13). Connect 1/4" outlet hose to the outlet port of the mixing block (see blue arrow in Figure 7.13).
Figure 7.7 Location of seal lubricant containers.

Figure 7.8 Filling of seal lubricant cap with Graco Throat Seal.

Install the gauge to the mixing block after installing the A and B side hoses and the 1/4” outlet hose (see red arrow in Figure 7.13). If using both dispensers, two mixing blocks will be used.

- Connect the four-way manifold connector (Figure 7.14) to the end of the outlet hose. Connect the three 1/4” hoses with nozzles on the ends to the other three ports of the manifold connector.
- Put all three nozzles into a metal bucket and open the valves on the nozzles. Turn on the dispenser pump and pump epoxy into the bucket until the epoxy output is a consistent green color. This should be done by turning on the pump and then watching the epoxy coming out of the nozzles to view its color.
- Shut off Lily dispenser and connect the three nozzles to the port locations furthest from the trailer.
- Turn on Lily dispenser to pressure close to but not exceeding 20 psi. The pressure can be read on the cylinder pressure gauge on the dispenser pump (see red arrow in Figure 7.15) and can be adjusted by turning the Regulator knob on the dispenser pump (see yellow arrow in Figure 7.15).

- Note: a 20-psi pressure on the Lily dispenser will be equivalent to about 4–5 times the pressure (80–100 psi) recorded at the injection port on the deck.

7.1.5 Epoxy Injection Procedures

- One person should remain in the trailer to monitor the cycling rate on the Lily dispenser. The cycling rate can be monitored with the cycling rate gauges that are on the side of the dispensers that faces the back wall of the trailer (see Figure 7.16).
- Begin injection of epoxy at the port of most significant delamination (to be determined by hammer tapping) and cap adjacent ports as epoxy appears. Attach each of the three nozzles to three of ports in a delaminated region. Initially, turn off valves for each of the three nozzles. Turn on one nozzle at a time to check that the epoxy is flowing into a void. The cycling rate on the dispenser will indicate how quickly the deck is receiving the epoxy, and if there is a void being filled at the location of the port being injected. The speed of the up and down motion of the cycling rate gauge indicates the speed at which the epoxy is being dispensed. Where the cycling is relative steady and quick the injection can simply be monitored periodically to ensure the injection is progressing. When the cycling is very slow or not progressing at all, move to adjacent injection port. If epoxy is flowing at a port, leave that nozzle opened. If no epoxy is flowing at a port, close the valve on that particular nozzle and move it to a different port in the same delaminated region. Continue in the same manner until all ports have been occupied and the delamination has been filled in that region. It is important to observe all ports in this injected area. Firstly, cap ports as epoxy comes out and later crimp the ports (click crimps twice, one on each side to prevent epoxy from gushing out when the ports are trimmed). Note that epoxy resin will not always extend to all viewing ports (ports that are not currently having epoxy injected into them) or to the perimeter of the delaminated area. It is up to the judgment of the user to drill additional ports to fill that remaining area. Generally, if the vast majority of the delaminated area has been filled
and only a small, voided area is thought to remain, the void can be left without injection.

- Don’t rush to cut off ports not taking epoxy early. Leave until all the injection in that region is done.
- In the event that epoxy flows out of the bridge deck at a location that does not have a port inserted (a crack or joint, for example), immediately stop injection at current port. Clear the epoxy that has leaked onto the deck by placing sand on top of the filled epoxy, mixing the sand with the epoxy to absorb it. Let the sand sit on the epoxy for several minutes and then remove the sand with shovels and put it into a metal waste bucket.
- Monitor the bottom of the deck during the injection process to ensure epoxy resin is not leaking through the deck. Leakage must be abated before injection can continue.
- To verify effective injection, re-sound injected areas by broadcasting sand on the area of interest and hammer tapping. An unfilled area will sound hollow. Areas with voids will experience appreciable bouncing of the sand particles. Filled areas will sound solid and experience less movement of the sand particles. A video of the re-sounding procedure can be found here: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/762a56c2-ac47-4f85-aa8c-013b4edae7d.
- Clean any area where epoxy has leaked onto the deck using sand with the method described above.
- Move to another marked delaminated/debonded region to repeat the process.
- Cut off part of the port’s extension beyond the crimps upon completion of the epoxy injection.
Cut off all ports at the surface of the bridge deck and make sure that all sand has been removed from the bridge deck by shoveling or sweeping.
Perform equipment clean-up steps listed below.
Bridge can be opened to traffic approximately 1 hour after the epoxy injection process is completed.
Remove all traffic control signs or devices.

7.1.6 Equipment Clean Up

* Disconnect pump hoses from mixer and drain excess epoxy from the hoses into a bucket.
  * Leave thin tubing leading to nozzles attached to mixer.
  * Pour sand into waste epoxy bucket to cool down hot epoxy.
It is very important to clean all hoses and the tempest mixing block that held any mixed epoxy resin after the epoxy injection is completed for the day. This process is easily done using the pressurized purge assembly that accompanies the tempest mixing block. Once pressurized, a solution of acetone is passed through the mixer thereby removing any epoxy remnants. Hand tools and short hoses can be placed directly into the purge assembly for cleaning before storage. A video of this process can be viewed here: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/84fc7191-6d5c-4e48-a8fa-a83628a816d0.

Neatly wind-up A and B side hoses, and all extension cords and hang them on the hooks on the walls of the epoxy trailer.

Place generator, shop vac, and air compressor back in trailer and strap down.

The procedures for cleaning and storing the epoxy injection trailer equipment at the end of the season or before a long period of inactivity (3–4 weeks) are outlined in a video at the following link: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/038dfe47-1996-4e42-9e6c-acc6d6223845.
Figure 7.15  Cylinder gauge and regulator.

Figure 7.16  Cycling rate gauges.
8. ANTICIPATED BENEFITS, DELIVERABLES, AND IMPLEMENTATION

8.1 Benefits

Epoxy injection is a low-cost maintenance procedure. Displacing water and filling voids at the interface of concrete overlays and concrete deck with epoxy helps reduce emergency bridge deck patching and extend service life of bridge decks. Out of the approximately 6,000 state-owned/maintained bridges, 1,575 bridges currently have LMC overlays, and 770 of those overlays have a condition rating of 5 or 6 which may be good candidates for epoxy injection. These numbers support epoxy injecting a minimum of ten (10) concrete overlaid bridge decks per district per year in perpetuity.

8.2 Deliverables and Implementation

8.2.1 INDOT Strategic Goals

Epoxy injection of bridge decks impacts the agency in these strategic areas.

- **Safety**: ensure bridge safety for motorists, contractors, and INDOT personnel.
- **Asset sustainability**: enhance ability to manage and maintain bridge assets throughout their life cycle.
- **Innovation and technology**: harness technology and innovation to develop more effective bridge solutions.

The following are the keys to successful epoxy injection of bridge decks:

- selecting the ideal bridge deck candidates,
- personnel with proper training,
- proper equipment, and
- proper procedures.

The following are the ideal bridge deck candidate selection criteria for epoxy injection:

- debonded rigid concrete overlay,
- tight surface cracks,
- light to no cracking on soffit,
- very little to no spalls,
- delamination/debonding not exceeding 30% of deck area,
- deck rating greater than or equal to 5, and
- wearing surface condition rating greater than or equal to 4.

8.3 Implementation

Based on the findings of this research, guidelines have been provided for a step-by-step injection operation (see Chapter 7 of main report). Bridge asset engineers for each district has already started incorporating epoxy injection activity into their maintenance work plans. We have a quantity purchase award agreement (QPA) in place for districts to order epoxy material. Bridge maintenance crews in all six districts have been trained to epoxy inject bridges effectively. Currently, we have two fully equipped epoxy trailers stored in a central equipment yard. All districts have the ability to reserve these trailers for use. It is recommended each district epoxy injects a minimum of five (5) bridge decks each fiscal year. Epoxy injection work should be added to the annual Maintenance Work Plan by the bridge asset engineers.

A proposed maintenance life cycle for a typical bridge deck, which incorporates epoxy injection, is shown as follows.

- **Year 0**: new bridge.
- **Year 3**: maintenance silane spray and crack filling.
- **Year 6**: maintenance silane spray and crack filling.
- **Year 10**: thin deck overlay #1.
- **Year 20 to 25**: thin deck overlay #2.
- **Year 30 to 40**: LMC overlay #1.
- **Year 45 to 55**: Epoxy injection.
- **Year 50 to 60**: potential LMC overlay #2.
- **Year 60 to 70**: potential epoxy injection.
- **Year 50 to 75**: deck replacement.
- **Repeat deck cycle treatments**.

In the current INDOT Maintenance Work Performance Standards, epoxy injection is included as sub activity 841 under Activity 2490-Other Bridge Maintenance. See Figure 8.1.
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Summary and Conclusions

Epoxy injection is a viable and proactive bridge maintenance alternative to traditional deck patching as it requires less manpower, less destructive and low-cost. Concrete overlays have proven to be an effective maintenance treatment as they slow de-icing chemical and water penetration into the original deck surface. Typically, due to vibration, structural flexibility, and weak bond between the concrete overlay and deck concrete potentially due to poor construction, de-bonding develops at the boundary between the original deck and overlay. This de-bonding creates voids, providing reservoir for chloride laden water to fill after it penetrates cracks in the surface. Displacing this liquid solution and filling these cracks with epoxy helps reduce freeze/thaw cycling and reduces spalling. The epoxy material protects the bridge deck from moisture and helps support the overlay and prevent it from failing under traffic loads. This leads to an extension of the asset life span and life cycle cost benefit increase. Overall, the bridge infrastructure performance improves significantly with greater mobility and less traffic interruptions due to repairs to bridges on our roadway infrastructures. Epoxy injection helps extends the service life of bridge decks and reduces the need for emergency bridge deck patching and as a
result improves safety of road users. Epoxy injection has been added to INDOT’s Maintenance Work Performance Standards during the course of this study.

9.2 Recommendations

It is recommended each district injects about minimum of five (5) each fiscal year. Epoxy injection work should be included in the annual Maintenance Work Plan by Technical Services. It is imperative to monitor injected bridges in the near future.

REFERENCES


APPENDICES

Appendix A. Epoxy Injection Trailer and Accessories

Appendix B. Quantity Purchase Award (QPA) for Epoxy Material

Appendix C. State Epoxy Injection Survey Results

Appendix D. Epoxy Injection on Bridge NBI 36660 (Monster Bridge)
APPENDIX A. EPOXY INJECTION TRAILER AND ACCESSORIES

1. Enclosed trailer
2. Lily CD 15 Dispenser (2 Qty.)
3. Lily Tempest Mixer Assembly
4. Lily Purge Assembly
5. Injection Ports
6. Caps for Injection Ports
7. Connect tools
8. Tubing (250’ Reel)
9. Shutoff Cock
10. Seal Tool
11. Socket Setting Tool
12. Crimps
13. Manifold (MR-3-4 Way)
14. 7500W Gas Generator
15. Material Transfer Pumps (2 Qty)
16. Air Compressor
17. Electrical system to power trailer lighting and air compressor
18. Hoses (pneumatic and material)
19. Drills and bits for installing epoxy injection ports
20. High efficiency vacuum systems for drill debris pickup
21. Safety equipment for personal protection and spill clean-up
22. 55 gallon drum dolly
23. Temperature Gun
24. Dry Sand
25. Metal 5 Gallon Buckets

Table A.1 Epoxy injection accessories

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PLUS INBOUND FRT
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Sales Tax (7.0%)
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REVISED 3-22-22

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Prices firm for 10 days.
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APPENDIX B. QUANTITY PURCHASE AWARD (QPA) FOR EPOXY MATERIAL

ATTACHMENT B

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (INDOT)
QUANTITY PURCHASE AWARD (QPA) AGREEMENT
MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR EPOXY MATERIALS FOR BRIDGE DECKS

1. General

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Axson Technologies Akabond 818 or INDOT approved alternate. Epoxy material shall be 100% solids, low viscosity epoxy adhesive that is suitable for pressure injection. Manufacturer: Axson Technologies Product Name: Akabond 818</td>
<td>☑ yes ☐ no</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>All material supplied shall have a shelf life of 12 months when stored in original, unopened containers between 55 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit.</td>
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<td>The liquid epoxy components shall be packaged in 55-gallon drums and delivered on wooden pallets.</td>
<td>☑ yes ☐ no</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>The material shall be certified to meet ASTM C-881: Types I, II, IV and V. Grade 1, Classes B and C.</td>
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<td>The liquid epoxy components supplied shall meet the following physical properties:</td>
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APPENDIX C. STATE EPOXY INJECTION SURVEY RESULTS

1. How long have you been with the bridge/maintenance crew?

2. Did you have hands on experience with the demo epoxy injection in your District?
3. How difficult was it to learn how to do epoxy injection?
18 responses

4. How beneficial was the field training?
18 responses
5. Was the time spent injecting bridge worth the desired output?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

Please Select

6. What are your perceived benefits for the crew and the bridge concerning this work?

Boring
From my understanding and what was explained to me but it seemed to be a better and more efficient way to fill in voids on bridges
less deck patching
I don't get to use the jack hammer as much.
The bridge can be released to traffic without waiting the length of time as concrete. Less work compared to jackhammers.
I could not see the outcome.
No more going back do to jackhammering hopefully.
Not inhaling exposed chemicals and being more efficient
N/A
Boring and yes it will make the bridge deck last longer by. Filling voids under overlay. But didn't feel it was worth the time and effort it's boring
Longer bridge life
This is reduce the needs of permanent deck patching.
added time before bridge deck has to be patched for spalling
Not having to jackhammer all the time.
Helps the bridge deck last longer
Repairing deck delamination before it becomes a hole is just good preventative bridge maintenance.
less jackhammering in the future
It will save a lot of money in material in the long run
7. What were your biggest concerns of the process? 18 responses

None off the top of my head
sounding the deck on a noisy road
When is coming back for me to repair.
Chemical exposure.
Was the trailer going to make all 5 other districts without failure.
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The slowness of the epoxy that occurred sometimes
Are all the voids being filled?
Making sure the voids are filled
Did not have any.
both lilly pumps working correctly
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None get more people
Making a mess on the bridge with spilled epoxy.
blowouts
Trying to learn something I haven't ever done

8. How can we improve epoxy injection or the training? Please enter any comments or suggestions below: 18 responses

I thought the training was very straightforward and easy to understand
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If it was going to work throughout the different locations.
We need people to appreciate it, take care of the equipment and understand components to help maintain its effectiveness. Possibly having a person assigned to look after the operation per district and insure accountability.
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N/A
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It works
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I was part of the demo
Easy to learn
15. Any other comments or suggestions

Lots of big labels in the trailer saying where things go
n/a
I think three man crew from 2 districts would be better, team up and knock them out together, so that the remaining crews at there districts can continue to do there regular work activities.
Nope all is covered
You all built a great setup! I think a 3 man crew throughout the state is good, but also one at each District would be beneficial as well. I honestly don't think you could go wrong either way.
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None
I enjoyed doing the epoxy injection.
we should explore other uses of this material
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Nope all is covered
You all built a great setup! I think a 3 man crew throughout the sate is good, but also one at each District would be beneficial as well. I honestly don’t think you could go wrong either way.
Better than jack hammering .
None
I enjoyed doing the epoxy injection.
we should explore other uses of this material
It’s a lot more money but I would suggest maybe 2 3 man crews per district would be more efficient
APPENDIX D. EPOXY INJECTION ON BRIDGE NBI 36660 (MONSTER BRIDGE)

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Figure D.1 Monster bridge epoxy injection quantities.
# Purchase Order

**Dispatch via Print**

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**Payment Terms**

- 55 Amts
- FOB DESTINATION

**Freight Terms**

- VENDOR RESPONSIBLE

**Ship Via**

- Dept Of Transportation
- Indianapolis Subdistrict
- 7105 S BROOKVILLE RD
- INDIANAPOLIS IN 46239
- United States

**Attention:** William Andrew Byers - 00800

**Bill To:**

- Dept Of Transportation
- Greenfield District
- 32 S BROADWAY
- GREENFIELD IN 46140
- United States

**Ship To:**

- Dept Of Transportation
- Indianapolis Subdistrict
- 7105 S BROOKVILLE RD
- INDIANAPOLIS IN 46239
- United States

**Supplier:** 0000465221

**SIKA CORPORATION**

201 POLITO AVE
LYNCHURST NJ 07071

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**Tax Exempt:** Y

**Tax Exempt ID:** 0004897013

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**Please send invoices to greenfieldinvoices@indot.in.gov**

In accordance with the Award of Solicitation #800-23-120, Attachments A & B

Delivery is required within 90 Calendar Days

Vendor Contact: Brandon McNamara
Phone: 201-249-1993
Email: mcnamara.brandon@us.sika.com

INDOT Contact: Mark Anderson
Office: (317) 356-2412 ex. 222
Email: maanderson1@indot.in.gov

Please send invoices to greenfieldinvoices@indot.in.gov

Delivers acceptable only between 8:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday, excluding State Holidays

**Total PO Amount**

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**Authorized Signature**

**Erin Hermann**

4/26/2022
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IMPACT ECHO BRIDGE DECK NDT DELAMINATION/DEBONDING MAP
BRIDGE NBI 036660, BRIDGE #: I-65-112-02419C; 1-65 OVER 7 STS ACCESS RD, MONORAIL; GREENFIELD DISTRICT

NBI 036660: SB RAMP PANEL 1: MAP A

NBI 036660: SB RAMP PANEL 2: MAP B

DELAMINATION/DEBONDING    SOUND CONCRETE

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TEST DATE: 7/27/2022 & 7/28/2022
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