

**CRACKMASTER 544**  
*Hot Pour Crack Sealant*  
*With Polyester Fiber*

**SMT-197**

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**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

CrackMaster 544 is a single component, hot applied fiber modified crack and joint sealant. When melted and properly applied it forms a resilient crack sealant for both asphaltic and cementitious pavements. CrackMaster 544 forms a lasting seal that resists tracking in warm climates.

**USES**

CrackMaster 544 is designed to seal expansion joints, longitudinal and transverse cracks, joints between concrete and asphalt shoulders, and random cracks in both asphalt and concrete pavements.

**COMPOSITION**

CrackMaster 544 is supplied in solid blocks comprised of asphaltic resins, synthetic polymers, reclaimed tire rubber and polyester fiber.

**COLOR**

Black.

**LIMITATIONS**

Do not overheat material. Cracks must be free from moisture, dust, loose aggregate and other contaminants prior to application.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

CrackMaster 544 meets the following material requirements when tested in accordance with ASTM D6690. (see chart below).

Chemical & Physical Analysis	
Recommended Pour Temperature	370-390°F
Maximum Heating Temperature	400°F
Penetration (150 gr/5 sec.)	35-50
Resiliency	40% min
Flow at 140°F	0 mm
Softening Point	200°F Min
Ductility @ 77°F	30 cm
Viscosity @ 375°F	100+ poise
Flexibility @ 20°F (1" Mandrel)	Pass
Specific Gravity	1.18
Asphalt Compatibility	Compatible

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

CrackMaster 544 is considered a non-hazardous material.

**INSTALLATION**

Proper surface preparation will facilitate adequate adhesion and consequently the maximum service life of the sealant. The crack must be free from moisture,

dust, and loose aggregate. Routing or wire brushing are preferred methods followed by a compressed air heat lance immediately prior to sealing. The substrate and air temperature must be above 40°F.

**METHODS**

CrackMaster 544 shall be melted in a conventional oil-jacketed unit equipped with an agitator and temperature control device for both material and heat transfer oil. Carefully insert blocks of material (with plastic bag) into melting equipment with agitator turned off. Load material slowly to avoid splashing. After the initial load of material has reached the recommended pouring temperature (370-390°F), fresh material may be added as sealant is used. Melt only enough material that will be used the same day. Avoid overheating material. Excessive heat could cause material to gel in the equipment or fail in crack and joints. A significant viscosity increase accompanied by stringiness signals the approach of gelation. If this occurs, immediately remove the material from the melter and dispose of it.

**IMPORTANT**

Protective apparel is recommended with application of CrackMaster 544. The extremely hot material will cause severe burns on contact with skin. OSHA Safety Regulations require workers to wear the following types of safety attire (see current OSHA/Safety Regulations for additional information): Hard hat with face shield; long sleeved shirt buttoned at the wrist; heat resistant gloves; long, cuffless pants; and safety toed work boots. Make certain all area around melter is clear of all debris and flammable materials. Avoid breathing vapors. Use with adequate ventilation.

**MIXING PROCEDURES**

Use material as supplied. Do not blend with other materials. After CrackMaster 544 is melted it should be agitated or recirculated.

**APPLICATION**

Apply heated CrackMaster 544 using a pump and wand system. For best results the sealant depth to width ratio should not exceed 2 to 1 (i.e. 2-inches deep to 1-inch wide). The cooled sealant height should not exceed 1/8" above surrounding pavement.

Using a sealing shoe or squeegee, band the material 2 to 3 inches wide over the crack.

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**ESTIMATING MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Use the following chart as a guideline for estimating material requirements (based upon pounds of material needed for 100 feet of cracks):

Crack Width	Depth	Lbs/100 Ft
3/8"	3/8"	6.9 lbs.
3/8"	1/2"	9.3 lbs.
1/2"	1/2"	12.3 lbs.
1/2"	1"	24.7 lbs.
3/4"	1/2"	18.5 lbs.
3/4"	3/4"	27.8 lbs.

The above coverage rates are only a guideline. Actual material usage may vary due to width of application and thickness of material above pavement surfaces.

**PRECAUTIONS**

Cracks must be free from moisture, dust, dirt, and debris. Both substrate and air temperature must be above 40°F. Keep boxes of material dry during storage. Do not store in direct sunlight.

**PACKAGING AND AVAILABILITY**

CrackMaster 544 is supplied in both meltable packaging and cardboard cartons. CrackMaster Hot Pour Crack Sealants are supported by a nationwide network of SealMaster facilities along with a national and international network of professional applicators.

**WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMER**

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