

Asphalt Through the Ages

The rate of production and the amount of manual labor have changed over the years, but the keys to building long-lasting asphalt pavements have remained the same. Appropriate pavement design, proper selection of materials and careful attention to construction details still contribute greatly to long-lasting pavements.



Hand-applying the liquid asphalt to the aggregate base. Circa 1911



Manually spreading the hot plant-mixed asphalt mix on a Pennsylvania road in 1920.



An early truck-mounted asphalt distributor applying a prime or tack coat.