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# Sustainable Roads with Asphalt Rubber

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# Crumb rubber

Minus No. 10 mesh is used; free of wire and other contaminants; up to 0.5% fiber



# Definition of Asphalt Rubber

- It uses **20 +/- 2 %** crumb rubber
- Crumb rubber gradation passes #10
- Reaction time minimum **45 min.** at (**180 a 200 °C** )
- Modifies asphalt properties
- **ASTM D8-88** has defined properties

# Additional Asphalt-Rubber ASTM Standards

ASTM 6114 Asphalt-Rubber Specification

ASTM 6932 Open-Graded Friction Course  
Design & Construction

ASTM 7064 Open-Graded Friction Course  
Mix Design

ASTM 7584 Asphalt-Rubber Cape Seal





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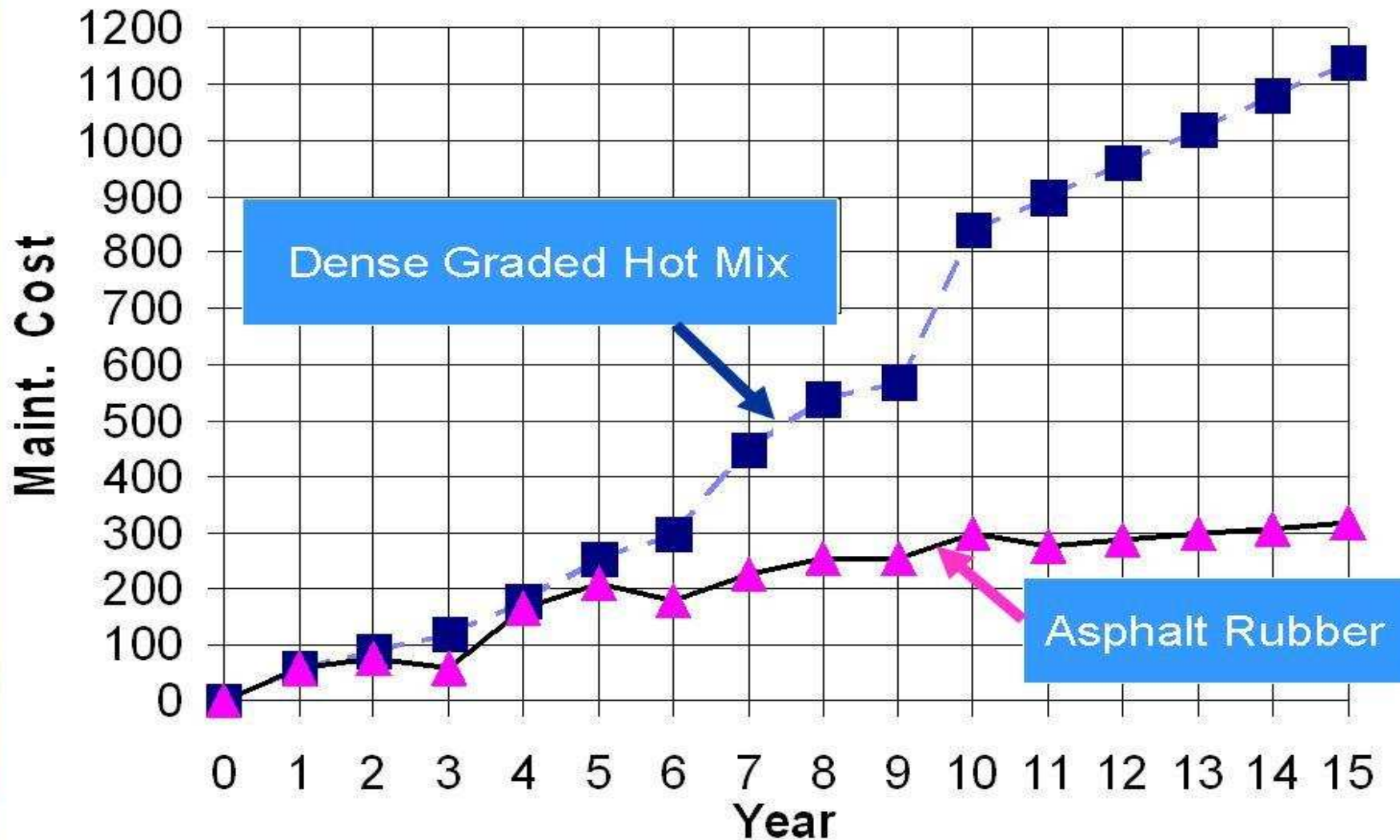
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## Maintenance Cost \$/lane -Kilometer

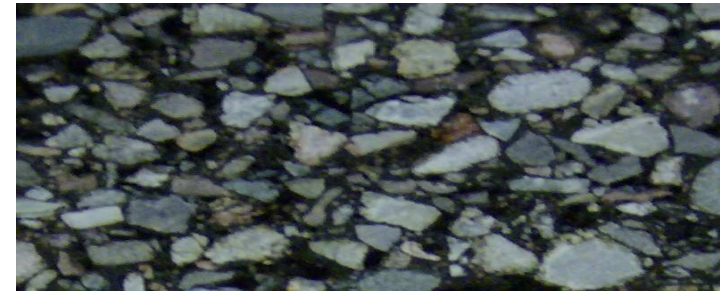


Dense Graded HMA  
29000 Observations

Asphalt Rubber  
23000 Observations

HMA Dense Graded Average  
Overlay Thickness  
140 mm

Asphalt Rubber  
Average Thickness  
45 mm



HMA % of Miles  
With Fatigue Cracking  
20 %

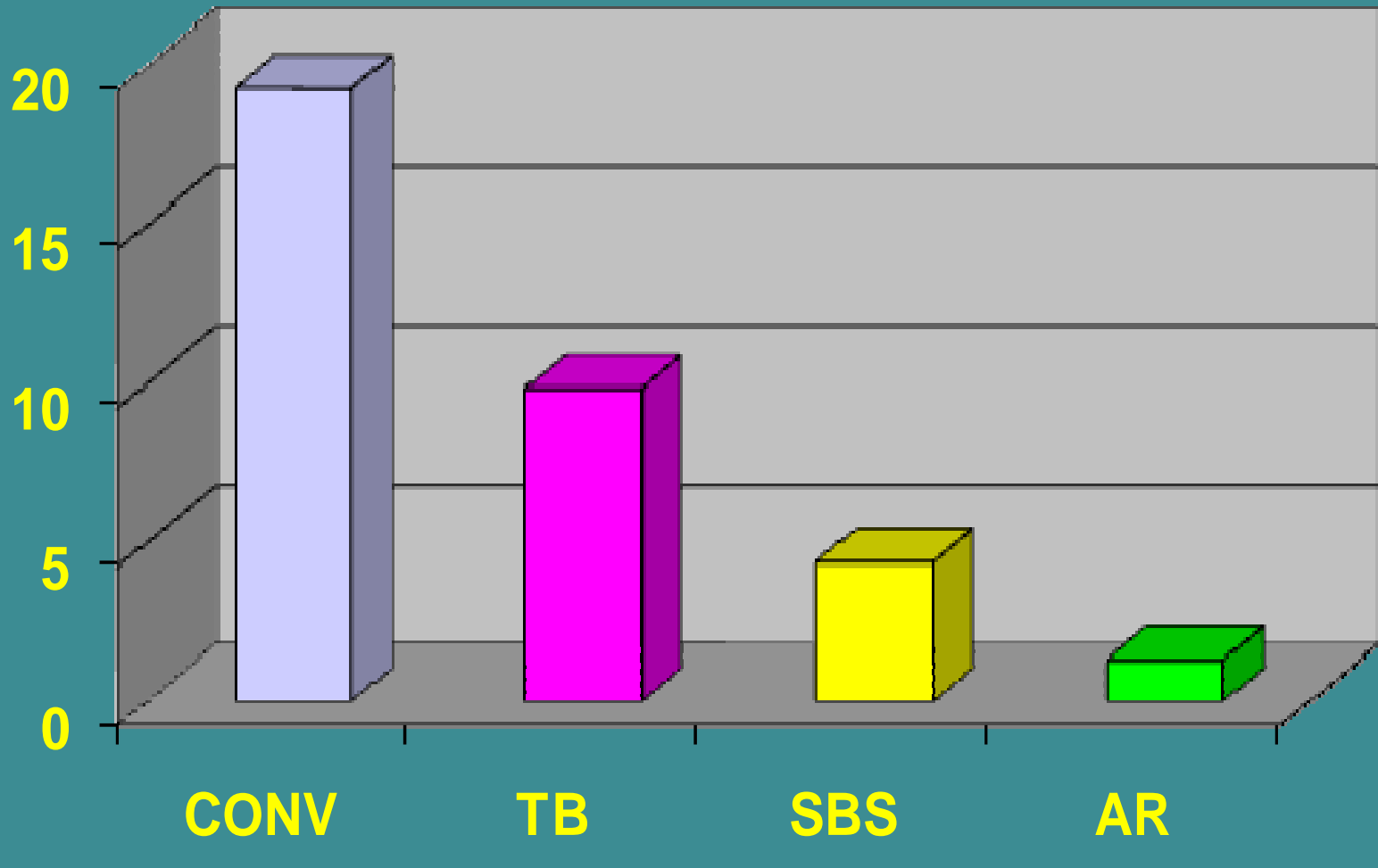
Asphalt Rubber % Of Miles  
With Fatigue Cracking  
2 %



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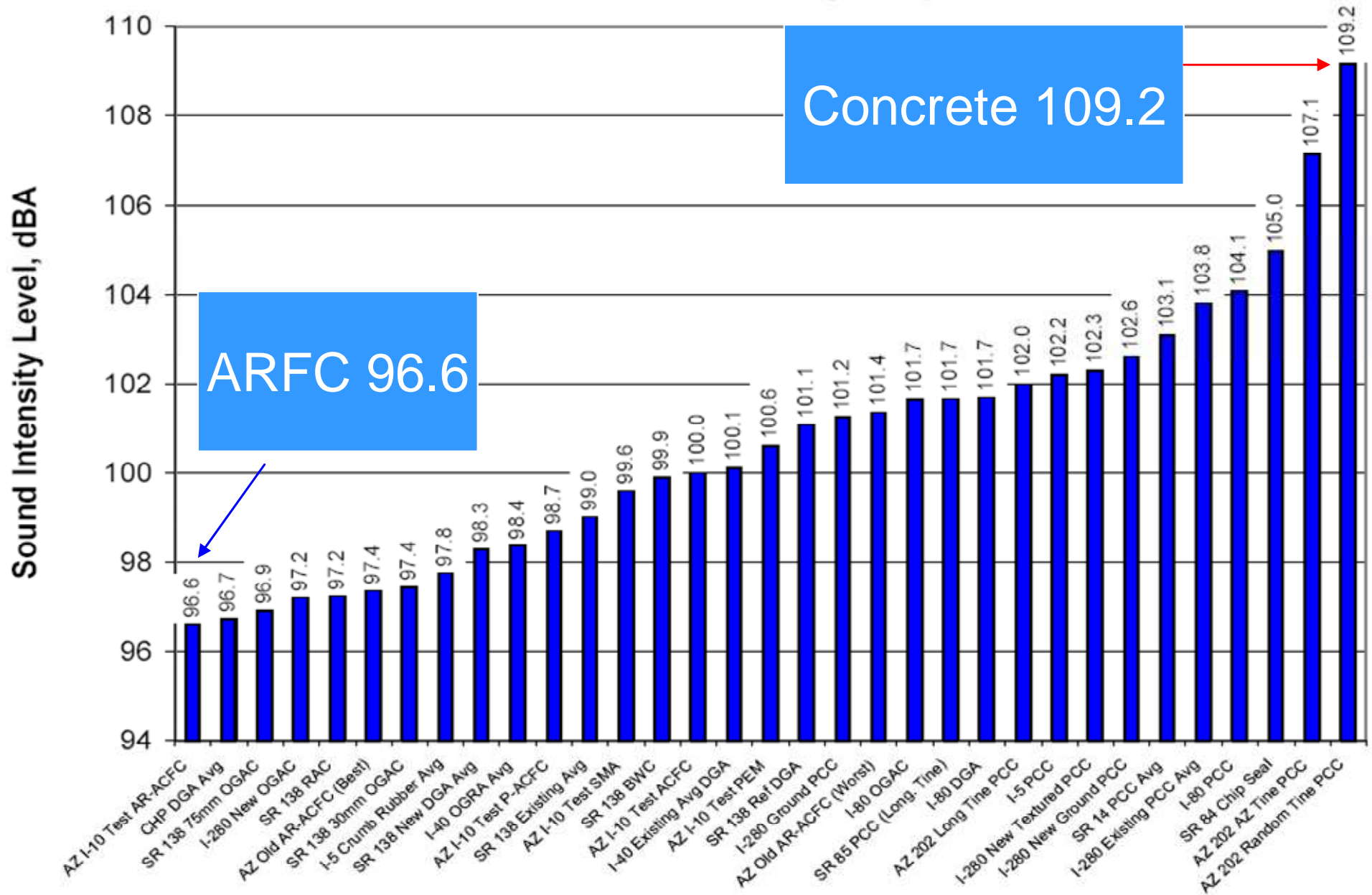
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## COST ( RMB ) /1000 PASSES



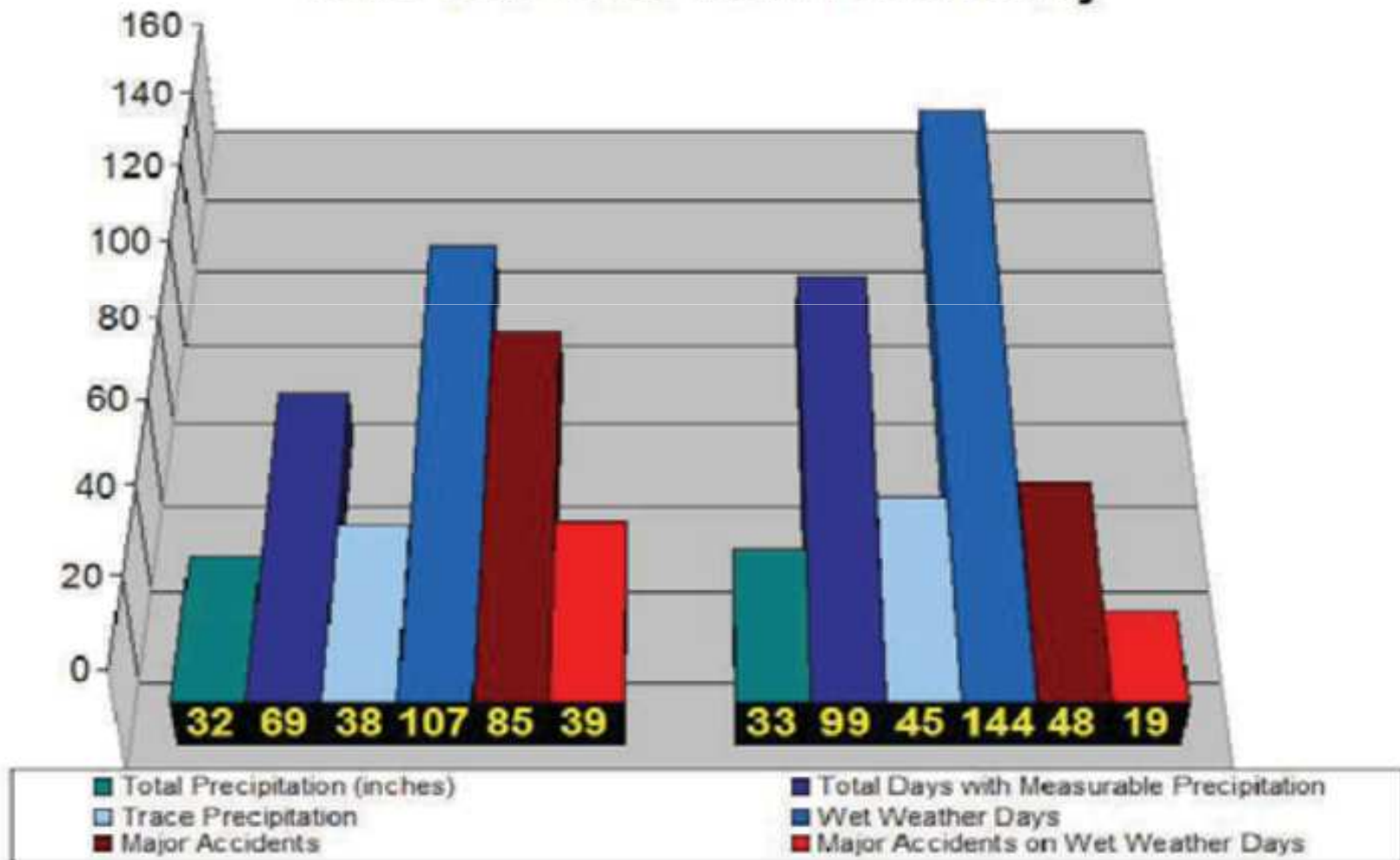
# Tire/Pavement Noise Sound Intensity

## California & Arizona Highways





## Weather and Accident Data I-35 One Year Before and One Year After AR PFC Overlay

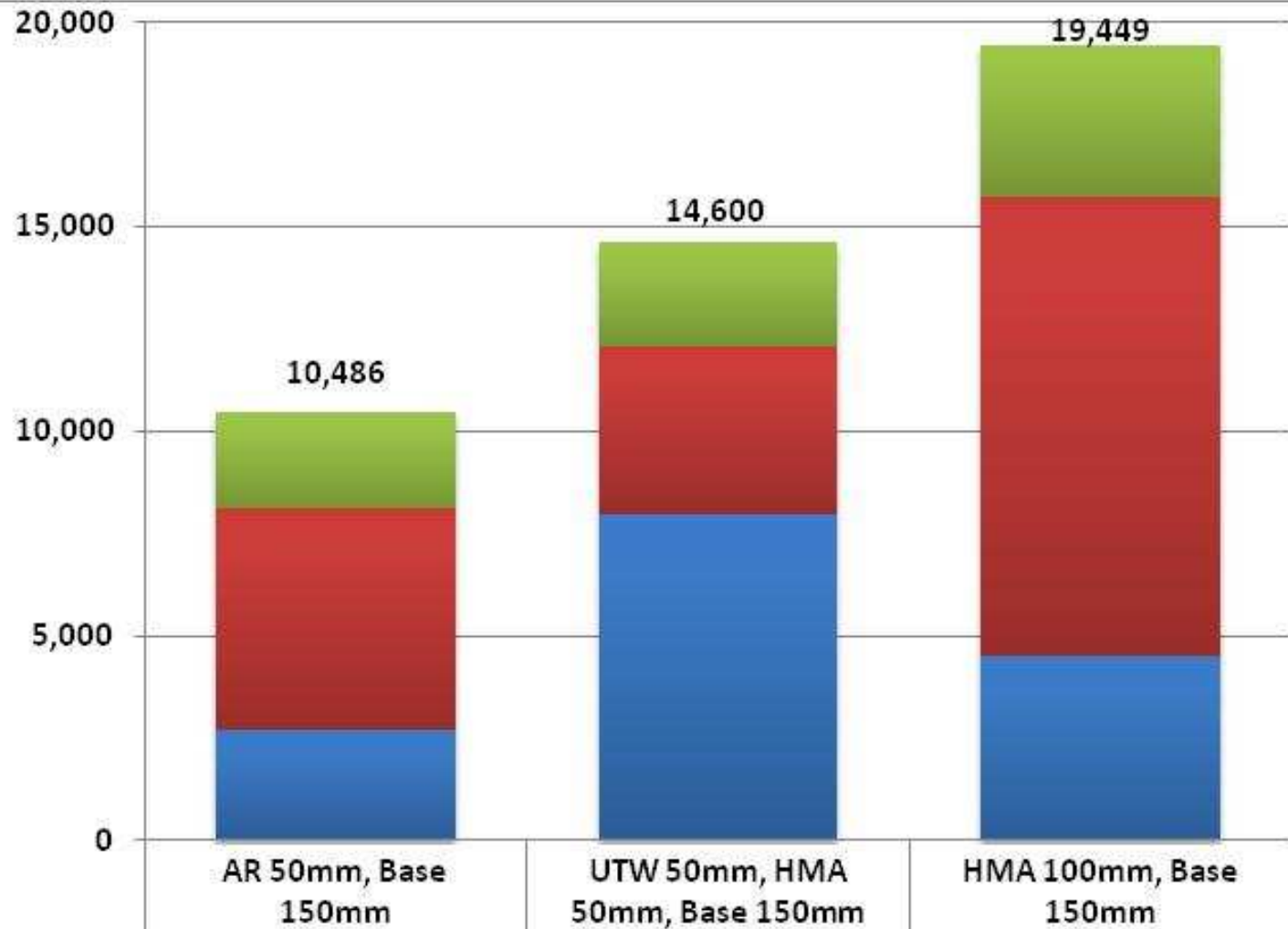




# Summary (BTUs/Pound of Rubber)

ADC (bury tires in landfields)	TDF (burning tires)	CRM IN ASPHALT RUBBER
<b>-790</b>	<b>+13,500</b>	<b>+133,400 to +243,400</b>

# Total Annual kg CO2 Eq. / km



■ Transportation kg An. CO2 Eq. / km	2,386	2,526	3,722
■ Mixing kg An. CO2 Eq. / km	5,381	4,124	11,210
■ Production kg An. CO2 Eq. / km	2,718	7,951	4,517

	Energy Savings kJ/lane-km	Saved Metric Tons of CO2 per lane-km
AR Gap Graded	1375962879	100.4
AR Open Graded	3059839016	223.3

## **Are these good and sustainable benefits of using asphalt rubber?**

- **Higher Safety (Friction and Noise)**
- **High Cost/Benefit Ratio**
- **Lower Maintenance costs**
- **Saves Resources**
- **Saves Energy**
- **Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

# Are these good and sustainable benefits of using asphalt rubber?

- **Saves lives**





## **Sustainable Roads with Asphalt Rubber?**

- **Every scrap tire on this planet should be converted to asphalt rubber?**
- **..YES SURE (if you are a tax payer that does not make a living out of the road industry.....)**
- **.. YES.... if you are responsible for safe and cost effective road networks**

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