



TROXLER ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH TESTQUIP

Troxler to Market SuperPave™ Gyrotory Compactor Internal Angle Device

Research Triangle Park, NC (March 16, 2004) – Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc., a global leader in test and measurement equipment for the highway construction industry, and Testquip, LLC, a focused research and design company specializing in devices for the asphalt laboratory, announced today an exclusive relationship for Troxler to market the Dynamic Angle Validator (DAV) and Hot Mix Simulator (HMS) on a global basis. Troxler will be adding the DAV and HMS developed by Testquip to its portfolio of test and measurement instruments and become the exclusive sales and marketing channel for those devices on a global basis.

According to William F. Troxler Jr., Chairman and President of Troxler Electronic Labs, “the issue of calibrating the Gyrotory Compactor and ensuring a rock solid internal angle measurement has become of critical importance to the integrity of the SuperPave mix design program. We are pleased to partner with Tom Brovold and Testquip – a recognized innovator and authority on internal angle and measurement.” The Dynamic Angle Validator and Hot Mix Simulator will be marketed under the Troxler brand name and will be available through all Troxler sales channels, service representatives and distribution partners starting April 1st.

The DAV and HMS products allow a Gyrotory Compactor user to quickly and precisely measure and calibrate the internal angle of the Compactor to ensure integrity of the device and adherence to the SuperPave standard. This process can be undertaken with asphalt mix in the Compactor (with the DAV only), or without asphalt mix within the

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Compactor mold chamber (with the DAV plus HMS). The internal angle test requires approximately 4-hours with mix and only 30-minutes without mix. Tests undertaken by Testquip, other recognized independent testing laboratories and the Federal Highway Administration have confirmed the accuracy and precision of the measurements from the devices. The United States patent office has issued a patent for the DAV and has a patent pending for the HMS design as of this announcement.

“I am delighted to partner with Troxler, the industry leader in the construction test and measurement field, to market this important innovation,” said Thomas Brovold, CEO of Testquip, LLC based in Minneapolis, MN. “I have no doubt that DOT field labs, paving contractors and SuperPave testing facilities will recognize the value in having a device which accurately measures the internal angle within their Gyratory Compactor mold chamber. It has been clearly demonstrated that the resulting density of the SuperPave mix is highly dependent on the internal angle of the Gyratory being exact and stable. The DAV (or DAV plus HMS) ensures that this angle stays in spec.”

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Background:

Founded in 1958, Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc. is dedicated to developing, manufacturing and servicing precision quality control and measurement equipment for the worldwide highway and construction industry. Troxler’s comprehensive portfolio of field products include nuclear and electromagnetic gauges for quality control of soils, asphalt, aggregate and concrete. Troxler’s laboratory products include gyratory compactors, infrared ovens and a device for measuring bulk specific gravity for quality control testing of asphalt specimens. With the highest quality instrumentation backed by the most reliable customer service and support around the world, Troxler continues to be the most trusted name in quality control and quality assurance for the construction industry.

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Testquip, LLC, is a design, research and manufacturing company dedicated to the advancement of asphalt testing equipment headquartered in Minneapolis, MN.

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