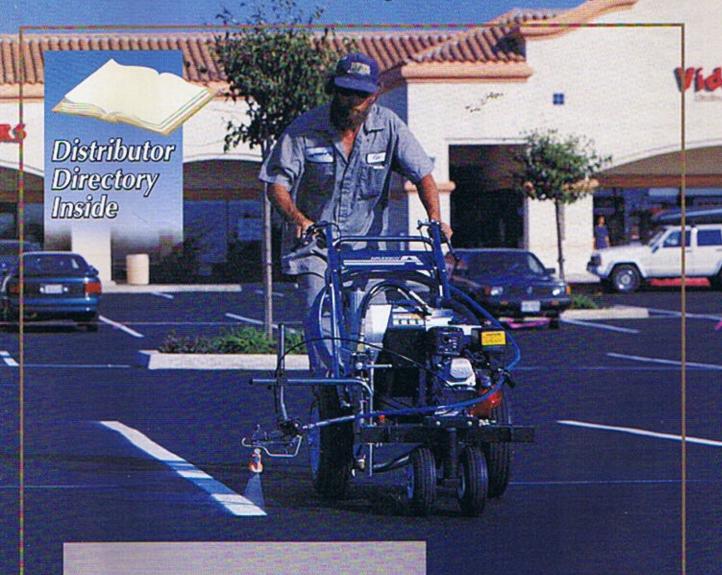
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Reinforcing cores using aluminum or steel pipe can make damaged cores easier to use.

without hitting the pipe. This will reinforce the core from breaking and sagging. Having more than one pipe of the width being used will speed installation. Preload the rolls so the new roll can be loaded and the tractor or truck can be on it's way while the other pipe is retrieved. If one end of the pipe is cut and welded into a rounded point, the pipe can more easily be pushed or pounded through a roll that the core is already broken on. This makes the roll useable, avoiding wasted fabric.

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Proper placement of fabric roll on placement machine on a front-end loader.

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Starting out or changing roles

To begin fabric placement, or when a roll is finished, the laborers will cut the wrapper off the new roll. They will load the roll into the machine (right), pull the fabric down, stretching it under the brushes (bottom right), and place it in the tack, holding it in place as the tractor lowers, the machine slowly moving forward to keep the fabric tight (below).

As the machine makes good contact with the road, speed is increased. The laborers can then brush the overlap, gather up waste cores, fabric, wrappers and either move to the side of the road for clean up later or put in a following truck.







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