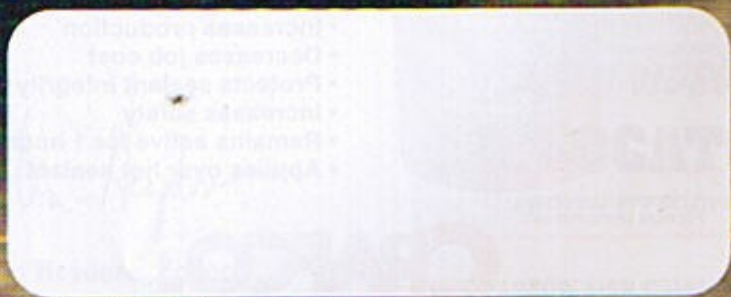


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passes and walls. Other installers cannot.

Installed near these, the fabric sits well inside the outer edge of the machines and will hit poles and other obstacles requiring that some hand placement be done.

Tools for the crew

Certain manual tools and safety items are needed to perform fabric installation properly and safely.

For safety laborers need gloves and steel-toed shoes. Air masks are recommended to avoid breathing tack fumes and steam. To avoid excessive exposure to the sun, sun screens, hats and shirts are recommended.

Other tools include:

- Stiff bristle brushes with handles. The author has found



Installation equipment is available to mount as attachments on tractors (right), the back of the oil spreading trucks, tractor end loader arms, and on buckets (top right).

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In some states such as Illinois 2- and 3-ft. fabric is used to cover edge drain trenches.

small hand spray to apply additional tack to the overlaps and in areas missed by the tack truck.

- A few bags of washed sand to absorb excess oil from double oil spray and single fabric.

- Square end shovels for broadcasting sand and asphalt on the fabric.

- An approved asphalt release agent for cleaning tools, shoes and spraying the tires and brushes of installation equipment.

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that the polypropylene family of bristles have a higher melt point and are longer lasting brushes than nylon bristles.

- Retractable blade slit knives with a lot of blades (fabric dulls blades rapidly). The knives are used to: slit the wrappers that protect the fabric from moisture and the sun's UV rays; slit the fabric full width after a short pass of less than a full roll is made; trim excess fabric at overlaps; and slit wrinkles

- A couple of old baseball bats to use as handles and put into the roll core ends to carry rolls.

- Aluminum pipes in a diameter slightly smaller than the roll core diameter. The pipe should be about 6 in. shorter than the roll width or widths to make room for the machine cones that grab the core.

Different size pipes might be needed, recommended are 10, 12 and 14 ft. Wider rolls sag more than narrower rolls. Still, even 10-ft. rolls, especially if the cores have gotten wet, can break in the middle. A rounded point on one end of the pipe is advised.

- Pour pot, bucket, squeegee or



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