

Which of these claims being made about asphalt pavement do you find believable?

The competition claims to have:

- Lower costs than asphalt
- Longer life than asphalt with less need for maintenance and repair
- A quieter surface than asphalt
- A safer surface than asphalt
- More environmental appeal than asphalt
- Better energy-efficiency than asphalt, and
- More aesthetically pleasing appearance than asphalt.

How about ***NONE OF THE ABOVE!***

In fact, did you know:

- Asphalt pavement is still the best value. The cost of asphalt pavement material has the smallest increase in cost of any construction material over the years and is the most recycled material.
- Asphalt pavements constructed in recent years benefit from the improved design and quality control techniques to demonstrate that it is the best pavement material.
- Asphalt pavements have been and can be designed as "PERPETUAL PAVEMENTS" meaning engineered from the bottom-up to last generations. Minnesota has won four National Perpetual Pavement Awards, which shows that it is a high-tech product. These asphalt pavements range from 40 to 47 years of service and are still going strong.
- Asphalt pavements, either full-depth or aggregate base design have a service life exceeding concrete pavements. Most concrete pavements are either overlaid with asphalt, removed from service, or receive major repair work by the time they reach 20 years of age.
- Most asphalt facilities (highways, local streets, airports ...) receive their first overlay after 15 to 18 years of service (design basis of 20 years) and continue to provide service to the driving public for generations. If maintenance is needed, it is quick, easy, economical, and can be performed with local specifier work force.
- Asphalt offers the quietest driving surface available today. Research shows asphalt surfaces are a cost-effective way to reduce traffic noise, noise walls, and corridor costs.
- The riding surface of an asphalt pavement is smoother than concrete. Smooth pavements save fuel, reduce damage to roadways and vehicles, and produce less noise.
- Aesthetically, asphalt is a flexible pavement that is designed to conform to rolling and flat terrain with a smooth surface.
- Emissions from asphalt pavement facilities are very low and well controlled, leading the EPA to declare that no single facility has the potential to be a major source of hazardous air pollutants.
- Asphalt pavement has demonstrated that it can withstand heavy loads.
- The tax-paying public deserves the best in quality and value that asphalt pavements provide.

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