

# Advisory Circular

**Subject:** Announcement of Availability of Airport-Related Research and

**Development Products** 

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Change:

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular (AC) explains how to obtain the latest airport-related research and development (R&D) products funded by the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Airports Organization.

- **2. SCOPE.** This AC describes R&D products from:
  - a. The FAA's Airport Technology Research and Development Branch,
  - **b.** The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP),
  - The Innovative Pavement Research Foundation (IPRF), and
  - **d.** The Airfield Asphalt Pavement Technology Program (AAPTP).
- 3. APPLICATION. The FAA is providing this document as a resource for airport operators and the general public. The R&D products available from the FAA, ACRP, IPRF, and AAPTP are for information only. If the FAA accepts the results of this R&D, we will incorporate the new data into the appropriate ACs and explain any impacts on related standards or requirements.
- 4. CANCELLATION. This AC cancels AC 150/5000-15, Announcement of Availability of Airport-Related Research and Development Products, dated September 29, 2008.
- 5. PRINCIPAL CHANGES. This AC contains updates to FAA Airport Technology R&D Branch topic areas and links to website addresses.
- **6. COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.** Send any comments or suggestions for improving this AC to:

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#### AIRPORT-RELATED R&D PRODUCTS

## 1.1. FAA AIRPORT TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH PRODUCTS.

- **a.** The FAA's Airport Technology Research and Development Branch undertakes research in a variety of areas, including:
  - (1) Airport Planning and Design Technology,
  - (2) Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Technology,
  - (3) Airport Wildlife Hazards Abatement,
  - (4) Operation of New Large Aircraft (NLA),
  - (5) Visual Guidance and Runway Incursion Reduction,
  - (6) Runway Surface Operations,
  - (7) Advanced Pavement Design and Evaluation,
  - (8) National Airport Pavement Test Facility (NAPTF),
  - (9) Nondestructive Pavement Testing, and
  - (10) Pavement Materials and Laboratory Analysis.
- **b.** You can find information about the subject areas listed above on the following website: **www.airporttech.tc.faa.gov**

#### 1.2. AIRPORT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM (ACRP) PRODUCTS.

- **a.** The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) undertakes research in a number of subject areas, including:
  - (1) Administration,
  - (2) Environment,
  - (3) Policy and Planning,
  - (4) Safety,
  - (5) Security,
  - (6) Human Resources,
  - (7) Design,
  - (8) Construction,

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- (9) Maintenance, and
- (10) Operations.
- **b.** ACRP makes its R&D products available on its website:
- (1) ACRP Project Reports: www.trb.org/Publications/Public/PubsACRPProjectReports.aspx
- (2) ACRP Synthesis Reports: www.trb.org/Publications/PubsACRPSynthesisReports.aspx
- (3) ACRP Research Results Digests: www.trb.org/Publications/PubsACRPResearchResultsDigests.aspx
- (4) ACRP Legal Research Digests: www.trb.org/Publications/PubsACRPLegalResearchDigests.aspx
- (5) ACRP Web-Only Documents: www.trb.org/Publications/PubsACRPWebOnlyDocuments.aspx

#### 1.3. INNOVATIVE PAVEMENT RESEARCH FOUNDATION (IPRF) PRODUCTS.

- **a.** The FAA funds concrete research through the IPRF to improve the design, construction, rehabilitation, and repair of airfield pavements to aid in the development of safer, more cost effective, and more durable airfield pavements.
- **b.** You can access IPRF R&D products on the following website: **www.iprf.org/products/main.html**

### 1.4. AIRFIELD ASPHALT AND PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (AAPTP) PRODUCTS.

- **a.** The FAA funds asphalt research through the AAPTP to improve the design, construction, rehabilitation, and repair of airfield pavements to aid in the development of safer, more cost effective, and more durable airfield pavements.
- **b.** You can access AAPTP R&D products on the following website: **www.aaptp.us/reports.html**