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GRIP-FLEX FLOURISHES IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

In the past two years, 14 Alabama airports have chosen GRIP-FLEX to maintain their pavements, including runways and hangar taxilanes. ALDOT and the FAA funded these projects, which were bid locally in coordination with airport sponsors and consulting engineers using the FAA P-629 specification. The primary engineering consultants in the state coordinated to complete all the projects sequentially limiting overall construction costs.

North Pickens County Airport and Foley Municipal Airport resurfaced their primary runways with GRIP-FLEX to improve the landing surfaces, enhance marking visibility, and protect the underlying asphalt surfaces. Jordan Stringfellow, Assistant Vice President at Volkert Inc., shared her experience working with us at Foley Airport. She said, "GRIP-FLEX has been a wonderful product for our airports. It has provided extended life to our Airport Pavements, saving our clients money and delaying costly rehabilitation projects. The GRIP-FLEX team is also great to work with! They consider each Airport's needs and minimize impacts to each Airport during construction as much as possible."

The flight school apron at Auburn University Regional Airport was resurfaced with GRIP-FLEX. This busy apron hosts 50 based aircraft that perform an average of 450 daily operations. The GRIP-FLEX will provide a durable, fuel-resistant coating on their apron as operations continue to increase at the airport. Adam Foutz, Deputy Director at Auburn University Regional Airport, shared his thoughts on working with our team.

"The GRIP-FLEX team was outstanding to work with and used the utmost caution working in a high-movement area. We are thrilled with the product and hope to continue utilizing GRIP-FLEX whenever possible at the airport."

Other airports such as Ashland-Lineville, South Alabama Regional, Shelby County, Pryor Field, Ozark Municipal, Talladega, Scottsboro, Albertville, Huntsville Executive, Cullman Regional, and Fayette also used GRIP-FLEX for various apron and hangar lane pavements at their airports.

Working closely with the Alabama Aeronautics Department of Transportation has helped us grow across Alabama. Taylor Janney, State Aeronautics Engineer at the Alabama Department of Transportation, stated, "When selecting projects for our Pavement Maintenance Program, we believe in the right treatment on the right pavement at the right time. We have successfully implemented this strategy for many of our airfield pavement maintenance projects and found the P-629 specification an effective treatment option. ALDOT appreciates the work that GRIP-FLEX has completed within Alabama, and we look forward to using the P-629 specification on future maintenance projects."

GRIP-FLEX is a durable, fuel and chemical-resistant product that also provides skid resistance and a fade-resistant, rich, dark color. We are eager to continue providing high-quality pavement protection solutions for airports throughout Alabama.



NEW GRIP-FLEX RUNWAY COMPLIMENTS NEW TERMINAL BUILDING

Darke County Airport, Versailles, Ohio



Darke County Airport in Versailles, Ohio, is a county-owned public-use airport established in 1964 as a private turf strip. In 1967, the county purchased the property, resulting in a 3500' X 75' paved runway in 1968. Today, the paved runway is 4802' x 75' with 29 based aircraft and home to one of the Premier Health CareFlight Air and Mobile Services helicopters. This past summer, 2023, Team GRIP-FLEX had the pleasure of partnering with Aviation Engineer Christine Rettig of Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly in Columbus, Ohio, along with Sunesis Construction in West Chester Township, the project's prime contractor. The airport resurfaced Runway 9/27 using GRIP-FLEX Micro-Surfacing.

The airport has seen significant growth in the past few years, and the newly resurfaced runway compliments its brand-new terminal building. This project closed the runway for a limited time to remove all the paint, seal the cracks, resurface the runway with GRIP-FLEX, and install temporary markings with the permanent markings installed 30 days later. Safety and visibility are crucial, and the new GRIP-FLEX surface gives pilots a safe landing surface for their aircraft.

Airport Manager Scott Naas stated, "The Darke County Airport (KVES) chose to use GRIP-FLEX on our runway to extend its useful life. The final product turned out fantastic!"

The airport has received many positive comments about how nice the runway looks again. The whole process with Ameriseal was excellent! Communication and safety were top-notch! We would highly recommend anyone looking for a solution to extend the life of an airfield surface to consider GRIP-FLEX!"

Darke County is one of many Ohio airports to turn to GRIP-FLEX for pavement maintenance in 2023. Miami University Airport resurfaced all of its pavements. Cincinnati West Airport resurfaced its primary runway, and Sidney Municipal Airport resurfaced some of its apron pavements for fuel protection this past year.



SPRAY SEAL FOR AIRFIELD SHOULDERS & LOW TRAFFIC AREAS

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) Houston, TX, first expressed interest in GRIP-FLEX's P-629 Spray Seal product for their asphalt shoulders in 2013. Over the years, we have installed various GRIP-FLEX Test Patches around the airport to showcase our materials' long-term performance on airside pavements.

In 2020, the Director of Operations discussed with Byron Barlow an issue the airport had with the yellow chevron markings on all five of their runway shoulders being out of FAA compliance. They would need to be removed in the next few years. The airport had already begun some paint removal through water blasting, but that process severely damaged the asphalt and created potential F.O.D. issues. The airport was concerned that their only option was to mill and replace the asphalt, which would be significantly more costly. They looked to our P-629 Spray Seal as an alternative.

Over the next two years, IAH and HAS (Houston Airport System) re-evaluated our test patches and determined they could become FAA-compliant using P-629 Spray Seal. Our product was a cost-effective solution that allowed the airport to keep the existing shoulder pavement intact and black out the yellow markings, providing a uniform appearance. Additionally, the Spray Seal will ensure that the runway shoulders are preserved for years to come.

We have also completed Spray Seal shoulder work in 2014 and again in 2017 at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in 2013 and 2015.



DURABLE, LONG-LASTING PRODUCTS & RELATIONSHIPS

Marysville Municipal Airport, Marysville, Kansas



In 2015, The City of Marysville, Kansas, was looking to extend the life of its municipal airport's pavement. Senior Project Engineer Heather Olson with Olsson recommended GRIP-FLEX as a solution to meet their needs. The asphalt was severely oxidized and started to wear, making the airfield pavement a perfect candidate for GRIP-FLEX Type B Micro-Surface. The original plan was to install GRIP-FLEX to extend the useful life of Runway 16/34 by 7 to 10 years, giving the airport ample time to acquire enough funds to do a complete mill and overlay. Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc., manufacturer of GRIP-FLEX, completed the work, and both the airport tenants and the city were extremely satisfied with how the runway turned out and the long-term durability of our micro-surface. They felt confident they had made the correct decision to extend the life of their airfield pavement.

Fast forward eight years from when we completed the original project to this past spring, 2023, when Byron Barlow, President of Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc., received a phone call from Heather with Olsson. Heather called on GRIP-FLEX again at Marysville, hoping to get an additional seven years out of the pavement before the city acquired sufficient funds to install a concrete runway. Most of the pavement

was still in great shape; however, the traverse cracks across the runway were significantly wider this time. They needed to be addressed by cutting them out and replacing them with new asphalt before installing the Type B Micro-Surface. The new project, awarded to Ameriseal of Ohio, got underway this past summer, 2023. It was great to work with Heather and Olsson again, and if not for a bit of rain, the project went off without a hitch. It is rewarding to see repeat work on familiar airfields and recommendations from trusted engineers who are confident in our product. It is a testament to our product and shows that engineering firms like Olsson are implicit in their decision to use GRIP-FLEX and enjoy working with us.

We would like to thank the City of Marysville for being extremely accommodating and Inline Construction, a local company, for all of the help they provided us throughout the project. We strive to maintain strong partnerships with the airports and engineers we collaborate with, recognizing that together, we can achieve even greater success.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Kristen Coffman



Meet Kristen Coffman, Director of Marketing and Business Development for GRIP-FLEX Micro-Surfacing. Kristen comes to GRIP-FLEX with a degree in communications and 16-plus years of outside sales experience, where she spent most of her career in a Territory Manager Position. She spent her first two years with GRIP-FLEX as the Senior Marketing Specialist, and in April 2023, she transitioned into the Director of Marketing role. Her favorite part of the job is exhibiting at airport conferences and meeting with past and potential new clients. Kristen is a big believer that sales and marketing go hand in hand. She stated, "If you

can sell, you can market, and if you can market, you can certainly sell. The business relationship begins by having the opportunity to talk with someone in person, put a face with a name, shake their hand, and get to know each other."

Kristen lives in Northeast Ohio with her husband, Jeff, and their daughter when she comes home from college on the weekends. In her spare time Kristen enjoys power walking, catching up with family and friends, and college game day with her daughter. If you have not met Kristen in person yet, stop by the GRIP-FLEX booth at your next conference and introduce yourself!

