

Company Information

For over 40 years now, BearCat has been building highway maintenance equipment - starting with the world's first cab-controlled liquid asphalt distributor in 1970. During these years, the company's technical innovations have spurred higher performance levels throughout our industry.

For example:

- Computerized Rate Control for asphalt distributors has raised spread-rate accuracy and eliminated operator calculations and adjustments.

- The computer-controlled one-man chip spreader the SuperChipper, continues to set new records of high-production performance and spread rate accuracy wherever it goes.

- The All-Diesel crack-sealing machine has never been surpassed in sheer volume of daily production.

Most of the early 1,000 BearCat machines built in the past 40 years are still doing the job. They are working throughout the U.S. and Canada, Central and South America, Africa, and Europe. That kind of acceptance is the best indicator we know of the consistent quality of BearCat equipment.

Now after 40 years, we can see numerous opportunities for on-going progress in the future - new machines, new materials, ever-evolving techniques. For example, asphalt-rubber blending equipment, pioneered by BearCat, is a potentially major factor in our industry. Also, computer-controlled machines will become steadily more powerful and widely used in the years ahead.

In these and other areas, BearCat intends to continue leading the way in technical advances and in outstanding quality, service, and performance.

As always, we want to hear from you when you have suggestions, questions or special equipment needs. And as always, we'll be here to help.

Ken Hill



Some of our customers may recognize Ken, as he has never been reluctant to get out in the field and do whatever is needed to keep a job moving. Whether at the drawing board or "hands-on" with an asphalt distributor, Ken adheres to the principle that BearCat equipment must be dependable and productive, designed for ready maintenance, and supported by an extensive inventory of replacement parts and services, quickly available when needed.



1970 Ken Hill, President of BearCat, and co-founder Don Carson with the first totally cab-controlled liquid asphalt distributor in Klamath Falls OR.



1979 Crumb-Rubber Heater/Blender.



1970 First Spreader with hydraulic wings.



1979 Spreader.



1970 First Spreader, Notice the PTO/Belt driven pump. The PTO driveshaft runs the entire length of the frame.



1984 First double-fold wings on a production model liquid asphalt distributor.



1970 Line markers, first developed at BearCat.



1985 Introduction of the All-Diesel crack-sealing machine. Rotating augers inside heating coils result in the fastest-melting and highest-production crack sealer available.



1970 The original 4-way remote-control mirror was created.



1985 BearCat introduces a self-propelled front-wheel-drive chip spreader with extendable distribution hopper. (Land-Speed Record for Self Propelled Chip Spreader - 66 mph)



1986 The first FLUSH-FREE system, now included on crack sealers and available on asphalt distributors, eliminates solvent flushing at the end of a shift.



1974 No 1 Crumb-Rubber Crack Sealer.



1986 CRC - The first Computerized Rate Control - is introduced on BearCat liquid asphalt distributors. Industry standards for rate accuracy and consistency began to change immediately.



1975 Early Cab Control.



1988 The SupperChipper is the first production model chip spreader to offer true one-man operation, 30-inch-wide, deeply roughed aggregate belts, full computer control, and hydrostatic positive front-wheel drive.



1975 Spreader.



1999 The Tandem SupperChipper is introduced with an improved design similar to the 1985 model Tandem Hoppers.

Facilities

BearCat facilities are built around our product.



From drafting table to Finished Product



Abundant Inventory



MSN X3 Robotic Welder



Advanced I-Burner Plasma Torch



Safe Work Environment



CNC Shop