

Best Practices for Finishing Concrete Roads

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1. On exterior concretes, what do you recommend for finish materials, wood, mag, aluminum, steel? is there benefits from one to the next? (IA)

For pavement applications, smoothing the concrete with a bull float, followed by texturing is probably sufficient. The aim is to avoid sealing up the surface before bleeding ends so in many ways, avoiding all of the above may not be a bad thing. If floating is needed, then steel is actively discouraged, where magnesium floats are commonly used. Wood floats are often referenced in industry documents as the first choice for float materials, but it currently seems uncommon for finishers to use wood rather than mag floats. Aluminum floats may also be an acceptable option, but these are usually heavier and used less frequently than mag floats.