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Pavement markings are a critical element of airfield safety management to help reduce runway incursions and vehicle pedestrian deviations. Individuals responsible for the installation and maintenance of pavement markings must find balance among safety, value and product performance. The key considerations include, but are not limited to: 1) runway closures due to frequency of repainting; 2) costly mobilization; 3) life-cycle costs; 4) safety management; 5) durability and 6) workmanship and quality control.

New FAA requirements for multi-colored surface signage and delineation markings also present installation and maintenance challenges when traditional application methods and materials are used. On June 6, 2008, the FAA issued Change 2 to AC 150/5340-1J, which clarifies the requirement for enhanced taxiway centerline markings and surface painted holding position markings at Part 139 airports.

Flint Trading, Inc. is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of durable preformed thermoplastic pavement markings. Its airfield product, AirMark[®], provides a sensible solution that complements airport pavement marking programs.

AirMark is engineered with the objectives of safety, durability, workmanship and economy. It is suited for use on taxiways, vehicle roadways, aprons/ramps, as well as other areas on the airside excluding runways. Due to its durability (it can last eight to twelve times longer than paint), simplicity, and visibility, the advantages of AirMark are pronounced. AirMark is supplied in rolls of interconnected material that is quickly positioned, heated and applied, and contains glass beads that provide nighttime visibility for pilots and ground support drivers. Glass beads intermixed throughout the material provide nighttime visibility for pilots and ground support drivers.

Flint knows preformed thermoplastic. In fact, nine out of ten buyers of preformed thermoplastic pavement markings choose Flint. Their choice is based on what every buyer should expect: durable products; long-term, cost-effective performance; unmatched service and support; extensive industry knowledge; and hands-on demonstrations and training in the field. It's not just about providing pavement markings — it's about helping to provide guidance and safety to the traveling public. Flint's commitment is reflected in proven quality and customer satisfaction for over 21 years.

Established in 1987 and headquartered in Thomasville, North Carolina, Flint Trading manufactures and distributes a complete line of preformed thermoplastic pavement marking products that are used in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico. These products are made at our own U.S. facility which is ISO 9001:2000 certified for design, development and manufacturing. In addition to pavement marking products for airfields, Flint offers pavement markings for use on streets and highways, crosswalks, intersections, parking areas and many landside uses at airports. From lines, legends and arrows to decorative crosswalks and detectable warnings, Flint's products help motorists, pilots and pedestrians move in the right direction...safely.

For more information and/or to request a copy of our technical document, *Achieving Maximum Value and Optimal Performance with Preformed Thermoplastic Airfield Pavement Markings*, please call Flint Trading at (336) 475-6600 or e-mail cbrooks@flintrtrading.com. ✈

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