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## **Inlay Expansion Joint Covers.**

Thanks for the enquiry, I thought we should make you aware of some of the issues with inlay joints that have silicon or mastic type inserts in the cover plate. The following pictures show some of the problems that can occur with minimal movement.



Mastic has disappeared eventually the recess will fill with dirt and debris and thermal expansion of the structure is likely to cause the cover to rip off.



These pictures shows the sealant failing badly under minimal movement, causing trip hazards, hygiene issues.















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The following pictures show where the sealant has been depressed by foot traffic causing it to de-bond, this will also cause issues overtime and will eventually cause the cover plate to lift.



The final images shows extreme damage to the paving, this is caused general by the cover plate being to thin for the application and deflection occurring, also it is unlikely a suitable high strength non shrink epoxy bedding compound has been used under the expansion joint cover. In the second lot of photo's

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you will see our PAVA Series, where the stone has also cracked, investigations revealed that the stone inlay was not held in please with epoxy as recommended but in fact the inlay was loosely inserted into the tray on top of a foam bedding compound to get the material to finish at the desired height. In this application (Airport), trolley and various shapes and sizes, golf carts and even vehicles continually

transverse the joints causing the stone to move, chip and crack.





For these reason and in-particular the problems associated with the sealant or mastic style applications, Latham's have developed the new PAVA and SGAL inlay joints, the newest in the range offers tremendous day to day movement, without de-bonding, sinking of the infill and areas for debris build up offering far better maintenance free results for the client.

The following pictures show a shopping centre where a insert joint was used, these shots have been taken within 1 week of the centre opening, you will note a number of the sealant joints have already











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failed and the cover in places has been boarded up to remove the danger, you will also note the poor dirty finish that is obtained using the sealant insert. This is also a very slow and costly process.







Both the Latham details that follow address this issue, which is generally caused by the fact the structural expansion joint covers are move more that a sealant type joint will allow causing bond failure, this combined with the problems associated with the sealant depressing over time and causing trip hazards and unsightly dirt traps, has prompted Latham to offer their PAVA Series.

See the following details, contact your Latham representative or authorized agent for further detailed information.















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