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**ROADS PAVEMENTS PRESERVATION
CHOICE AND OVERVIEW OF MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES
IN FRANCE**

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ABSTRACT

Maintenance is an issue from the very start, from the design phase and the choice of construction techniques.

The importance of maintenance of roadways for the economic life of any country leads to the definition of maintenance policies and to the programming of the required budgets, according to specific goals such as the level of service to be offered to various users according to the category of the road.

Strategies of maintenance will be established based on the recognition of the network and the levels of service among which one will distinguish current maintenance, routine maintenance, progressive resurfacing, preventive maintenance and curative maintenance.

An overview of main techniques will be then analysed.

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