

BLS POLY BOLT-ON® TUFPADS® TRACK PADS

Convert your original track pads to BLS Poly Bolt-On track pads and SAVE

- Manufactured with same premium polyurethane as original TUFPADS
 - Proven to last 2 – 3 times longer than rubber
- Save up to 40% on replacement orders
 - Replace only the polyurethane pad and reuse the steel triple grouser shoe
 - No need to return used cores on replacement orders
- Cut labor costs by up to 50%
 - Easier access to bolts and nuts for easy installation and removal
- Decrease shipping costs
 - Shipping weight decreases up to 80% with no steel grousers on replacement orders



Standard BLS Poly Bolt-On TUFPADS track pad compared to the BLS HIGHTOP TUFPADS Track Pads

TUFPADS® BLUES™

- Designed specifically for asphalt milling machines and other extreme applications
- Last 15% – 30% longer than black polyurethane
- Two styles available:
 - BLS Poly Bolt-On TUFPADS track pads
 - Original one -piece bonded TUFPADS track pads



What our customers say:

“There’s no question of their value, all things being equal. They certainly last longer. And since the interval to change is greater, your labor to change per set is lower as well. That can mean a pretty good savings there.”

Ryan Essex on TUFPADS BLUES (Miller Group, Vice President and General Manager)

Polyurethane Bolt-On TUFPADS BLUES track pads after 1000 + hours of milling on a Roadtec asphalt milling machine



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POLY BOLT-ON PADS **SAVE TIME AND DOLLARS**

Welfle Inc., Norwalk, Ohio (USA), sends its four Roadtec milling machines out on asphalt milling jobs throughout Ohio, southern Michigan and northern West Virginia. Because the machines are continually running during the peak months, the downtime required to change out worn track pads has always been a concern. "We used to use rubber pads, and they didn't work too well," said Bob Welfle. "They didn't last very long."

Welfle Inc. then switched to polyurethane pads bonded to steel grousers. These pads typically lasted one season before they had to be changed out. Though an improvement over rubber pads, the process required to change the bonded poly pads was time consuming.

"It would probably take us two days to change track pads with the bonded pads," Welfle said. "The pads were bonded to the steel grouser and you put a bolt through the grouser into the track chain. When you changed them, you had to change the whole thing."



Bob Welfle (alongside machine) benefits from **BLS Poly Bolt-On**® track pads on his Roadtec RX-60

This involved the laborious task of digging asphalt grindings out of each hole, then unbolting and discarding the pad and grouser. "You couldn't take a torch and cut the nut off because if you got the track chain hot, you would melt the plug in your track chain and lose all your oil," Welfle explains. "So you would have to unbolt them."

Then, roughly three years ago, Welfle began using **BLS Enterprises' Poly Bolt-On**® track pads, a system consisting of a replaceable polyurethane track pad that bolts onto a reusable, pre-drilled steel triple grouser. "With these **Poly Bolt-Ons**, you bolt the steel grouser to the track chain, then bolt the polyurethane pad to the grouser," said Welfle. "Now with these pads, we can change a whole machine in a couple of hours."

Replacing the pads involves using a torch to cut the self-locking nut off the bolt, knocking the old pad off the grouser, then bolting the new pad into place. "They just save so much time," Welfle said. The ease of replacement even makes it feasible to change out pads on-site. "If we have to, we could change these pads out in the field because it doesn't take that long. With the bonded ones, I would never even think about doing that out in the field."

The initial purchase price for the bolt-on pads is slightly higher, yet Welfle Inc. has actually saved money thanks to the reusable grousers. "The bolt-on pad is maybe half the cost of the bonded pad," said Welfle. "You don't have to buy the steel grouser. You don't have to unbolt the steel grouser from the track chain. You just take the poly off and put another back on."

As an added benefit, the bolt-on pads are also lasting longer than the bonded pads. "We probably get a year and a quarter with the bolt-on pads, where the bonded pads would last a year and that's it," Welfle points out. "If they have a little bit left on them where we think we can run a couple of months with them, because of the time saved in changing them, we'll run them until they're completely gone."

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BLS Poly Bolt-On® TUFPADS® Track Pads are available for the following machines:

If your machine is not listed, contact a BLS sales consultant and ask.

Asphalt Milling Machines

Bitelli – SF 200R
Caterpillar – PM 102, PM 200, PM 450, PM 565, PM 1000
CMI – PR 450, PR 500, PR 525, PR 525-7, PR 600, PR 650, PR 750, PR 800-7, PR 1000, PR 1050
Dynapac – PL 2000
Roadtec – RX 45, RX 50, RX 60, RX 70, RX 400, RX 500, RX 700, RX 900
Wirtgen – W 1000, W 1200, W 1900, W 2000, W 2100, W 2200

Asphalt Paving Machines

Barber-Greene / Caterpillar – BG 150, BG 225, BG 245, BG 265
Bomag / Gilcrest – Propaver 813RT, 814-2, 815-2 (2 or 3 bolt), 4413
LeeBoy – 7000, 8000, 8500, 8415, 8816
Mauldin – 550, 690, 1500, 1550, 1750
Roadtec – RP 185

Concrete Paving Machines

Gomaco – 2500, GP 3000, GP 3300, GP 3500, GT 3600, GT6300, PS 60, PS 350, PS 2500, PS 4002, T/C-600, Commander 2 & 3
Miller Formless – M 1000, M 8100, M 8800
Power Curbers – 5700, 8700

Constant Improvement

BLS Enterprises, Inc. prides itself in always being the leader in the industry, and with the redevelopment of the BLS Poly Bolt-On TUFPADS track pad, BLS continues to lead the industry. BLS has redeveloped the 14 inch (350mm) and 16 inch (400mm) bolt-on pads to provide users 40% more wear material than the original pad without changing the actual size of the pad. In 2007, after two years of field testing on asphalt milling machines, BLS introduced the TUFPADS® BLUES™ track pads that have been proven to last 15% to 30% longer.

The BLS Poly Bolt-On TUFPADS track pad is also available in a number of thicknesses depending on the application and machine. Sizes range from 0.6 inches (15mm) of usable material for machines with little clearance area to more than 1.25 inches (32mm) for users with the clearance available that require longer wear in between changes. This is just another way BLS continues to stay ahead of the competition.