### Dust Stop Municipal Blend – How It Works

#### Introduction

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Dust Stop Municipal blend contains three main constituents; sugars, starches, and minerals. These components are all commonly found in nature and play a big role in our everyday lives. Sugar is the universal term for sweet, short-chain, soluble carbohydrates that are primarily composed of the elements carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. Sugars can be derived from multiple sources; simple sugars are called monosaccharides and include glucose (also known as dextrose), fructose, and galactose. Granulated sugar which is most customarily used in the food industry is sucrose, also known as a disaccharide.

#### The building blocks of Sugar- Greatest binding influence in DSMB

Hydrogen bonding is the greatest contributing factor to sugar's stickiness. When sugars are crystalline in structure they are unable to stick to other molecule but can be easily dispensed or poured. When a liquid such as water is added to crystalline sugar, the formerly strong oxygen-hydrogen bonds will begin to degrade and cause the newly available hydrogen atoms to seek out other materials to bind to.

Available hydrogen atoms have an opportunity to stick to the closest surfaces, some will be attracted to the hydrogen molecules in the liquid, and some will bind with another available hydrogen or oxygen atom present in the sugar. This bonding action results in the sticky nature of sugar. When the bonds in sugar are broken there is more opportunity for the molecules to grab onto whatever they're in contact with, including other sugar molecules and surrounding particles. The new bonds are more secure because there are so many of them. Therefore, it's harder to pull them apart.



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#### **Starches and Minerals**

Starch is a term with the following meanings "strong, stiff, strengthens, stiffen". Starches are comprised of polymeric carbohydrates consisting of a large number of glucose units joined by glycosidic bonds. They are insoluble in cold water and alcohol due to two types of molecules: the linear and helical amylose and the branched amylopectin. The minerals incorporated in DSMB are not unlike starches, due to their strong chemical makeup they are insoluble in water and have the opportunity to form bonds with other available molecules providing further strength and durability when applied. The bonds fashioned between the minerals, starches and sugars are, in most cases, stronger than the bond that would be formed between these components and water. Consequently, they are less likely to be dissolved or run of with the application of water.



#### How DSMB works

The unique blend of materials utilizes the functional properties of sugars, starches, and minerals allowing DSMB to bind and harden any loose particulate matter, decreasing dust on surfaces. DSMB is applied in a diluted form; water evaporates from the product as it dries. Dust control is achieved during this process as the high-viscosity, naturally adhesive material traps loose particulate.

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1) Water is added to the highly concentrated product allowing for suspension of the active inputs; sugars, starches, and minerals.



2) As water evaporates, the molecules bind together to form a cohesive matrix.



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3) The newly formed matrix will now function to attract and bind the loose soil, dust or other particulates that may otherwise become air born and create dust.

Once applied to a surface, the available sugars, starches and minerals bind to the material encapsulating the particles, reducing the opportunity for them to become air borne.

Sugars, starches and Minerals ——



Dust and aggregate particles of a typical road

4) Over time; as more water evaporates, the solution becomes firm and durable preventing any of the encapsulated dust generating material from becoming air born.

Once the DSMB has hardened, it completely surrounds and binds all dust, sands and gravel.



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The product's unique blend of materials also functions to reduce road surface issues in the rain or in wet conditions. The incorporated sugars compete for water making it less available to bind with other soil molecules while providing some minimal structural support and added road stability. The insoluble mineral component forms a bond with the sugar molecules creating some means of insolubility and will have less of a chance to run off in wet conditions. Once wet, the product will re-set once road surfaces dry, re-binding any loose materials. For these reasons, DSMB is not adversely affected by heavy rain, yet very effective and long lasting in dry weather, with no adverse effects on the environment or vehicles using the road due to its noncorrosive properties.



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