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FOUR WORLD RECORDS SET IN 2018 GOLDEN TROWEL® COMPETITION

(LAS VEGAS) Four World Records were among the twelve Golden Trowels that were awarded to nine contractors from four continents at the 2018 Golden Trowel[®] ceremony held today at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. One contractor from Spain and three from the United States produced World Record F-Numbers in their respective categories.

Presented by The Face[®] Companies of Norfolk, Virginia, Golden Trowels are given annually in recognition of the flattest and most level floor slabs produced in the world. Golden Trowel[®] Gold Plates are awarded to the winner in each category – while Golden Trowel[®] Silver Plates recognize outstanding entries that did not win their category.

World Records

The biggest story of this year's awards is the more than 1.2 million square foot Somero Laser Screed installation made by Prosistemas S.A. of Porrino, Pontevedra, Spain. This is one of the largest floors ever measured and had the best FL Numbers and total (sum of FF + FL) Numbers ever on any floor over 110,000 ft². Not only that, the design included 502 tons of dry shake as well. This was Prosistemas's fourth Golden Trowel[®].

American Concrete Construction, Inc. of Trinity, North Carolina, established a new World Record by constructing what is, by far, the flattest and most level drag strip ever made. It measured FF 142.3 / FL 135.8. They took home two Golden Trowels this year, bringing their all-time total to six.

George J. Shaw Construction Co. of Olathe, Kansas, also claimed two Golden Trowel[®] awards for 2018, which were their first ever. Shaw set a World Record of FF 60.5 for a Hand Screed, Unshored 80-ft Wide Slab on Metal Deck.

Barton Malow of Southfield, Michigan, claimed a World Record for a single pour 257,000 square-foot Somero Laser Screed installation. which was 380-foot wide, with 23 pounds of fibers per cubic yard. They achieved an FF 56.2 / FL 42.1, while leading a team of contractors including Lloyd Concrete and Unlimited Concrete Solutions as subs to Barton Malow, which won its first Golden Trowel[®].

Additional Golden Trowel[®] Winners

Another first-time winner for 2018 was DPR Construction Self-Perform Concrete of Holly Springs, North Carolina, which recorded the second highest Fmin Numbers ever reported on any floor – on a project that was hand-screeded.

Rogers Concrete of Perth, Western Australia, claimed their second Golden Trowel[®], achieving the second highest total F-Numbers ever in the Somero Laser Screed 17m Wide Bay category.

Concrete Strategies claimed its second Golden Trowel[®] in this year's competition. The St. Louis, Missouri, contractor's project encompassed some three miles of aisles.

Alphapiso Tec. em Pisos LTDA of Sao Paulo, Brazil, earned their seventh and eighth Golden Trowel® awards for projects in the Wet Screed/Hand Screed and Somero Laser Screed 22m Wide Bay categories.

And in the contest year 2018, Ace/Avant Concrete Construction of Archdale, North Carolina, became the biggest winner ever in the history of Golden Trowel[®] awards – claiming their 26th Golden Trowel[®] in the Somero Laser Screed category.

Fmin (Defined Traffic) Awards

Fmin is quite different from FF and FL. For one thing, the Fmin Numbers are based on the *worst* part of the floor, not the average. Fmin floors are judged by their Fmin Numbers and by the number and length of the aisles. The longer the aisle, the more chances it has to fail, and of course, the greater the number of aisles, the more chances there are to fail.

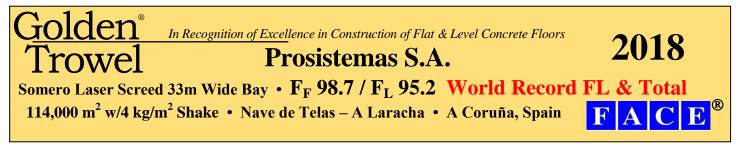
Fmin floors actually have 4 different specifications to meet or achieve:

- Fmin Longitudinal Levelness is the fore-and aft tilt, or pitch, of the floor.
- Fmin Longitudinal Flatness is the rate of change of pitch angle. This could be described as the "bumpiness" of the floor.
- Fmin Transverse Levelness is based on the very worst side-to-side roll angle of the floor, or how far to the side it tilts at the worst case.
- Fmin Transverse Flatness is based on the roll rate, or the rapidity at which the roll angle changes.

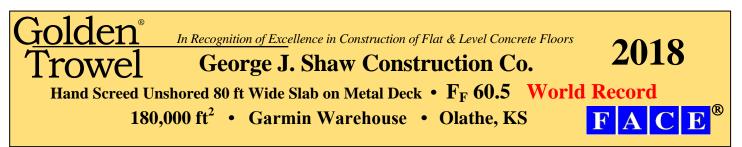
Details of all the winning entries for 2018 follow on Pages 3 through 5.

Golden Trowel[®] Asia Awards for 2018

The Face[®] Companies were proud to join with the World of Concrete Asia for the first-ever Golden Trowel[®] Asia Awards held this past November in Shanghai. The news release reviewing the winners of that competition is reproduced as Pages 6 through 9.



This is one of the largest floors ever measured, over 1.2 million ft^2 , and has the best FL Numbers and total (Sum of FF + FL) Numbers ever on any floor over 110,000 ft^2 . The bays are 33m (108 ft) wide. Not only that, but with 502 tons of dry shake too.



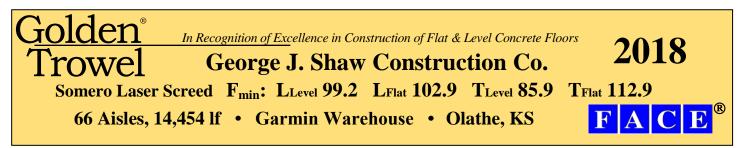
This is a world record FF for unshored metal decks over 100,000 ft². Before this year, only two floors had ever measured in the 50s.



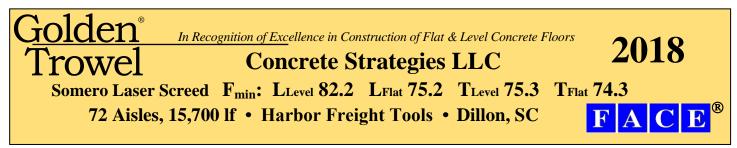
This is by far the flattest and most level drag strip ever made. Nothing else comes close.



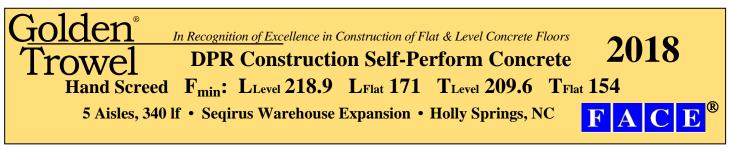
This is an amazing floor. They were driven by scheduling to producing a single slab in one day using multiple placing and finishing crews from three different concrete companies working in shifts using 5 lasers and 4 Somero Laser Screeds. Concrete supplied by 4 different batch plants was used to produce one continuous 8" steel fiber reinforced slab of 257,000 ft^2 with a placement area 380 feet in width and 680 feet long.



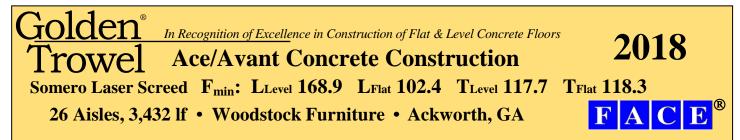
The average of all four Fmin Numbers is 100.2. There are about 2.75 linear miles of aisleways in this project. This project had the highest Fmin Numbers for placements 40 ft wide or wider and the third highest ever Fmin Numbers for a project this size including narrow strip slabs. This is the new standard for large Fmin projects.



This project encompassed almost exactly 3 miles of aisles. This project had the highest Fmin Numbers for placements 45 ft wide or wider. Before this year, there were only 3 projects this size that had higher Fmin Numbers.



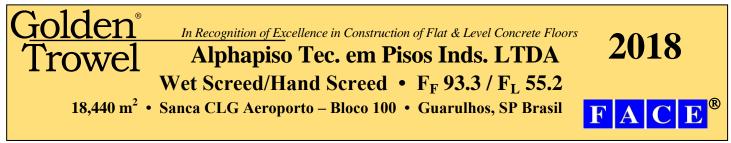
Although this project is quite small, the Fmin numbers are amazing. They are the second highest Fmin Numbers ever reported on any floor. And this project was hand-screeded.



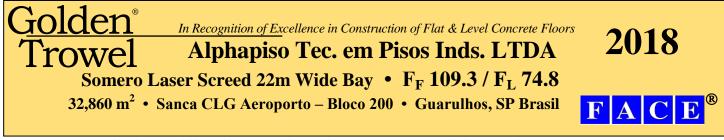
The total aisle length for this floor was .65 mile. The average Fmin Number was 126.8, making this one of the best ever of this size.



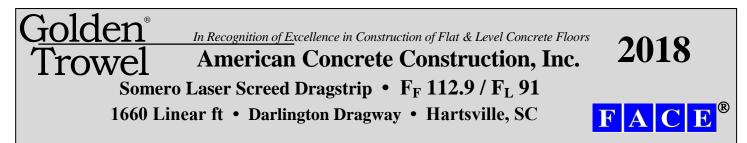
Only one floor this size, a World Record, has ever had higher total F-Numbers.



This is the largest Wet Screed floor on record, with nearly the best ever F-Numbers. The world record was produced by this same company on a smaller floor in 2013.



This floor would have been a world record in 2015. As it is, it is the best ever floor ever in its category.



Before this year, there had never been a flatter or more level dragstrip than this one. It would have been a world record, save for the other dragstrip produced this year by this same company.

Golden Trowel[®] Asia Awards for the 2018 Contest

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FIVE GOLDEN TROWELS AWARDED IN ASIA

IRS SHANGHAI CONSTRUCTION (CHINA) WINS TWO GOLDEN TROWELS CHANNAKORN (THAILAND) WINS FOR LARGE COPPERHEAD FLOOR JILIN DESHI (CHINA) WINS FOR ITS TOPPING ON ELEVATED SLAB ZACKLIM SRQ (MALAYSIA) WINS ITS 3RD GOLDEN TROWEL

(Shanghai) Five **Golden Trowel®** Asia Awards were made to four different contractors from three countries in Asia at the Golden Trowel awards ceremony held at the World of Concrete Asia in Shanghai. This more than doubles the total number of Golden Trowel Asia awards made before this year.

Presented by The Face[®] Companies of Norfolk, Virginia, USA, Golden Trowels are given annually in recognition of the flattest and most level floor slabs produced in the world. **The Golden Trowel Asia** is a special award available only to contractors in Asia, for producing the flattest and most level floors in all of Asia, excluding the rest of the world. Golden Trowels are awarded in several different categories, based on how the floor was initially struck off, how wide the floor castings are, how much shake-on hardener or steel fibers are used, and other factors that influence the flatness and levelness of the floors. The first Golden Trowel Asia was awarded in 2015 to Zacklim Group of Companies from Malaysia and three more were awarded last year, in Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. Three Golden Trowel Asia awards wor is still in Malaysia, with a total of three. The Golden Trowel Asia award is a 24 Karat Gold-Plated Marshalltown concrete trowel, mounted on a polished granite base with a brass plate describing the project. The granite base rests on a walnut stand. Only one Golden Trowel is awarded in each category. Golden Trowel Gold Plates are awarded to the winner in each category; Golden Trowel Silver Plates recognize outstanding entries that did not win their category.

Shanghai IRS Construction Co., Ltd., from Songjiang District, Shanghai, broke into the ranks of Golden Trowel winners in a big way, with an Asian Record Fmin average in the Narrow Strip Truss Screed Defined Traffic category. (with 5.5 Kg/m2 dry shake) The average Fmin was a truly outstanding149.3, the highest ever recorded in Asia. This is an unusual project. For floors in a high-bay narrow-aisle warehouse like this, flatness and levelness are critical. The lift trucks can reach very high stack heights even over 15 m high, and there is only a few cm of clearance between the racks and the lift truck moving down the aisle. For this kind of floor, we measure using a special "Vehicle Simulator" software that tells us how the lift truck will behave as it moves down the aisle. We measure its reaction to bumps or dips in the floor by measuring the rate of change of tilt in both axes. For all F-Numbers, higher numbers are better. The average floor has a Flatness of FF 25, and a levelness of FL 20. F-Numbers are linear, so an FF 50 is twice as flat as an FF 25. This floor had an average Fmin Number of 149.3, nearly 6 times flatter and more than 6 times more level than the average industrial floor in the USA.

Shanghai IRS Construction Co., Ltd. also won a Golden Trowel Asia for another Narrow Strip Truss Screed project, this time in the Random Traffic category. (also with 5.5 Kg/m2 dry shake) This floor was more than 5 times as flat and level as an average industrial floor in the USA. Shanghai IRS is also the only contractor in Asia to win two Golden Trowels in the same year.

Channakorn Engineering Co., Ltd. from Bangkok, Thailand, was also a first-time Golden Trowel Asia winner, in the Copperhead Laser Screed[®] 12 m wide bay Large Project category. This was a large project, and it is quite difficult to maintain a very high quality level for many weeks with changes in the weather. The concrete castings were large and 12 m wide, also adding to the difficulty of making the floor flat and level. This project included 22 Kg/m³ steel fibers. Channakorn is the second company from Thailand to win a Golden Trowel Asia award.

Jilin Province Deshi Construction Engineering Co., Ltd., of Jilin, China, is one more first-time Golden Trowel Asia winner. Their winning project was a Laser Screed topping over an unshored elevated structural slab, with 5 Kg/m² dry shake added. Any time you place concrete on an elevated slab, it is difficult to achieve very high F-Numbers. Because of this, this process is not done very frequently in the USA.

Zacklim SRQ Concrete Floor SDN. BHD. from Selangor, Malaysia, won its 3rd Golden Trowel Asia award for a project in Malaysia in the Narrow Strip Large Project category. This was quite a large project, taking many weeks to complete. Zacklim holds the greatest number of Golden Trowel Asia awards of any contractor in Asia, and is also the only Asian contractor to also win a Golden Trowel in the worldwide Golden Trowel contest.

Before this year, there were only four winners of the Golden Trowel Asia. The first was in 2015, and the last three were in 2017. The five awarded this year make a total of only nine Golden Trowel Asia awards ever given. By contrast, in the international (worldwide) Golden Trowel contest, a total of 337 Golden Trowels have been presented since the first Golden Trowels were awarded in 1989.

The images below show the brass plates that are attached to the winning Golden Trowel Asia trophies.

2018 Golden Trowel[®] Asia Awards – Gold Plates

First-Time Winner (and first contractor to win two Golden Trowel Asia awards the same year) This floor is more than 5 times flatter and more level than the average commercial or industrial floor in the USA.

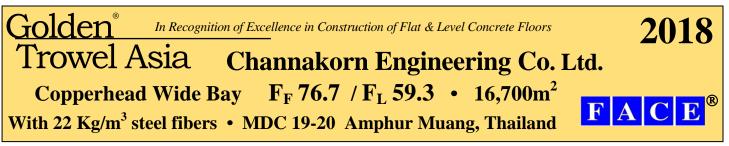
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Trowel Asia Shanghai IRS Construction Co	
Narrow Strip $F_F 132.5 / F_L 112.4 \cdot 6,824m^2$	FACE [®]
With 5.5 Kg/m ² dry shake • Taikoo Warehouse Shanghai, China	FACE

First-Time Winner (and first contractor to win two Golden Trowel Asia awards the same year) This is an Asian record for Fmin – the highest ever recorded in Asia





First-Time Winner



2018 Golden Trowel[®] Asia Awards – Silver Plate

This is their 3rd Golden Trowel Asia Award, (4th overall including one "Worldwide" Golden Trowel)

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