



### **Editor's Postscript**

Rumble strips are an accident-prevention measure that can be installed quickly at low unit cost and without maintenance costs. The installation of these strips over long distances reduces traffic accidents effectively, with high cost-effectiveness.

Hokkaido has a large number of traffic fatalities, and these are distributed over a wide area. We have been seeking a low-cost method to prevent accidents. Because they interfere with snowplows, chatter bars and other convex countermeasures to head-on collisions are used at few locations. The use of rumble strips has spread rapidly because they have managed to overcome all the longstanding issues of conventional measures against head-on collisions. We sincerely hope that these guidelines will popularize rumble strips in areas outside Hokkaido, even if this saves the life of just one person.

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