Crafting High Performance Brine Based Deicers

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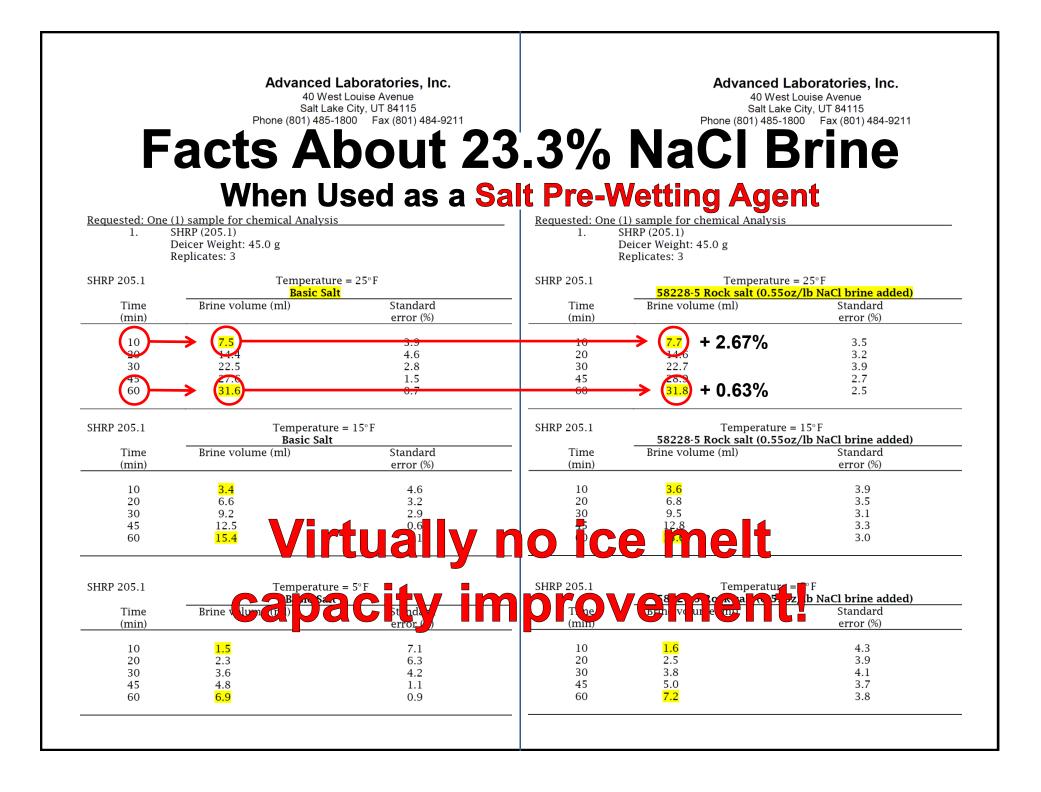
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Proof of this is crystal clear for inquiring minds.

F	Advanced L 40 Wes Salt Lake Phone (801) 485-1	3.3%	Advanced Laboratories, Inc. 40 West Louise Avenue Salt Lake City, UT 84115 Phone (801) 485-1800 Fax (801) 484-9211 B.3% NaCI Brine			
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Salt Brine Blending to Optimize Deicing and Anti-icing Performance and Cost Effectiveness, Phase I & II

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Untreated Salt vs Brine Treated Salt 400 lbs/lm & 800 lbs/lm 15 Gallons Per Ton <u>4°F, 13°F & 25°F</u>



"Pre-wet (brine) caused no observable difference in melt performance at any of the conditions tested."



Quoted in 2012 Minnesota LTAP article titled Salt Brine Blending To Improve Deicing and Anti-Icing Performance

"Considering that ice melt capacity is the most important aspect...when all is said and done, when we hold the temperature even, when the ice is consistent...the amount of difference we're seeing [in ice melt capacity] between rock salt and other treatments is minimal 10 percent, maybe 40 percent at the very best," he said.

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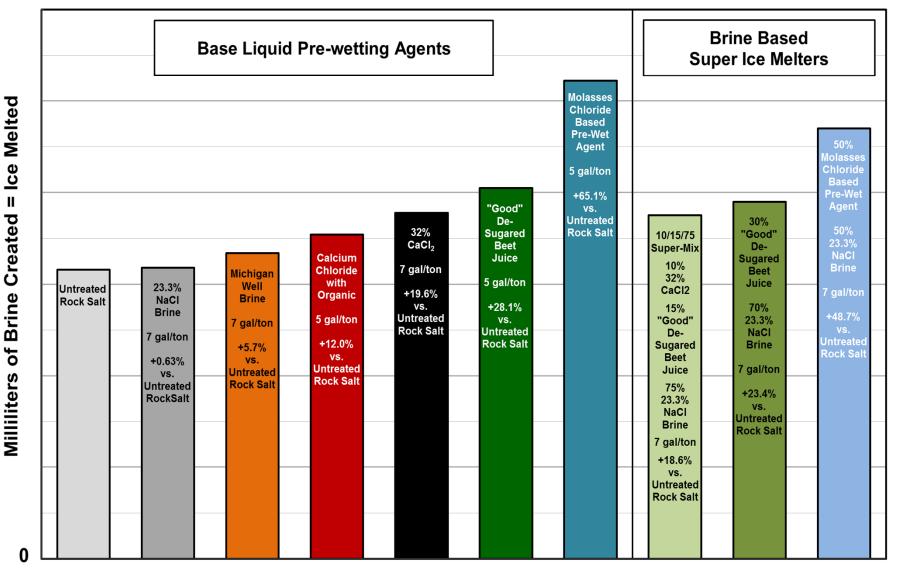
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32.0% CaCl2				32.00%		32.00%		32.00%
"Good" 55% Solids Beet Juice	0.25%	0.25%	0.50%				<mark>16.1%-20.2%</mark>	16.6%-20.7%
Molasses/Chloride Deicer	3.70%	2.70%	6.40%	11.90%	3.40%	15.30%	16.00%	37.70%
30% Good Beet juice, 70% Brine	16.30%	0.07%	16.37%				4.8%-6.0%	21.2%-22.4%
10/15/75 Super Mix (Good Juice)	17.50%	0.04%	17.54%	3.20%		3.20%	2.00%	22.74%
50% Molasses/Chloride 50% NaCl	13.00%	1.37%	14.37%	6.03%	1.78%	7.81%	8.38%	30.56%

Pre-Wetted Rock Salt - Ice Melting Performance Comparison @ 25°F

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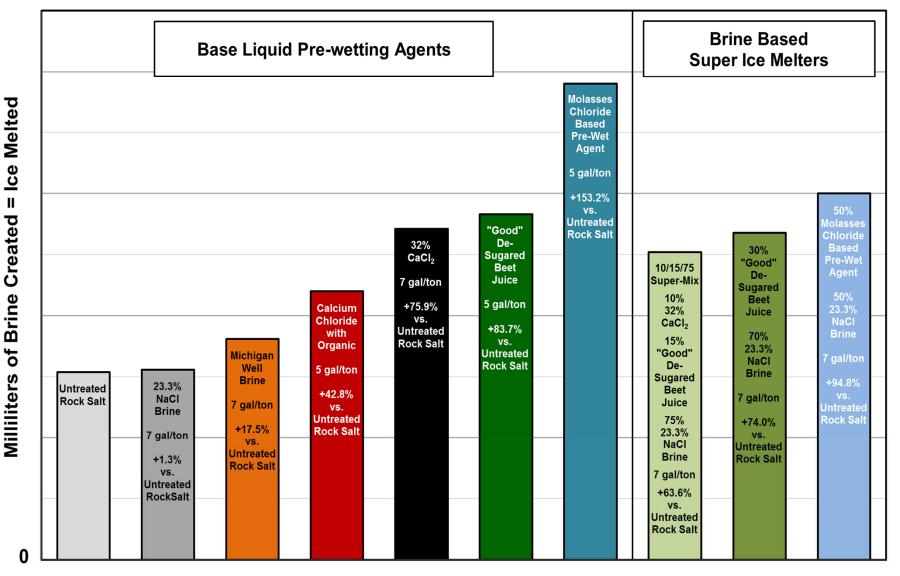


Pre-Wetted Rock Salt

Pre-Wetted Rock Salt - Ice Melting Performance Comparison @ 15°F

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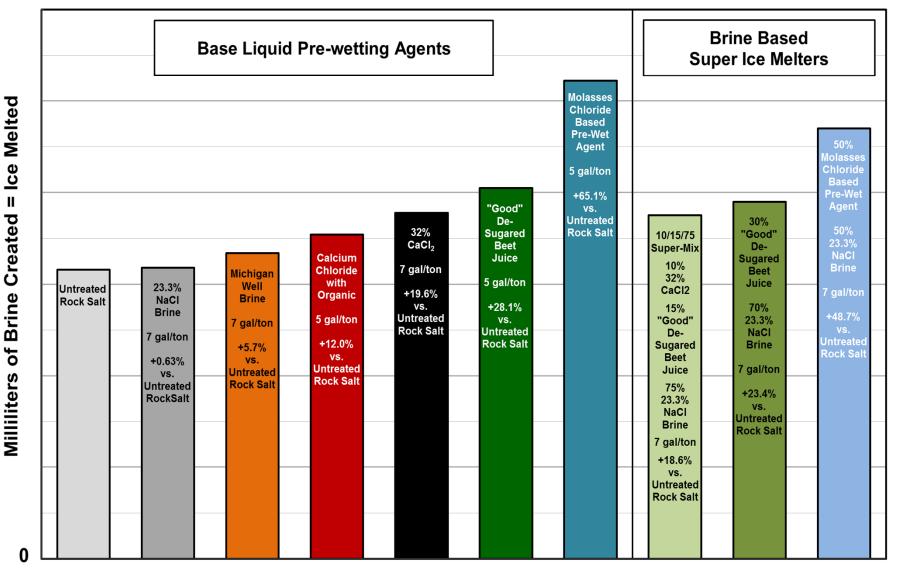
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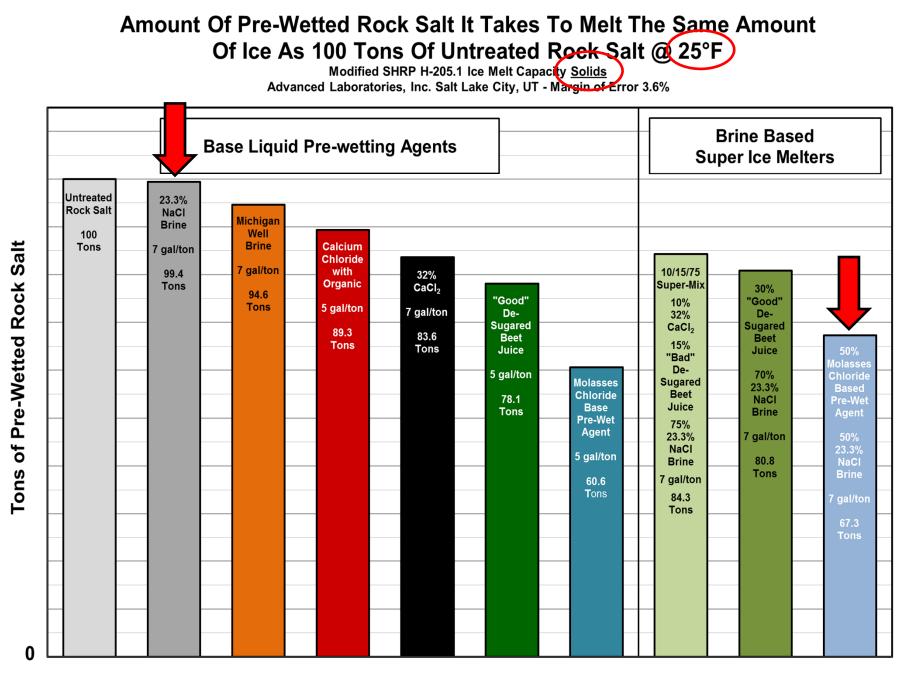


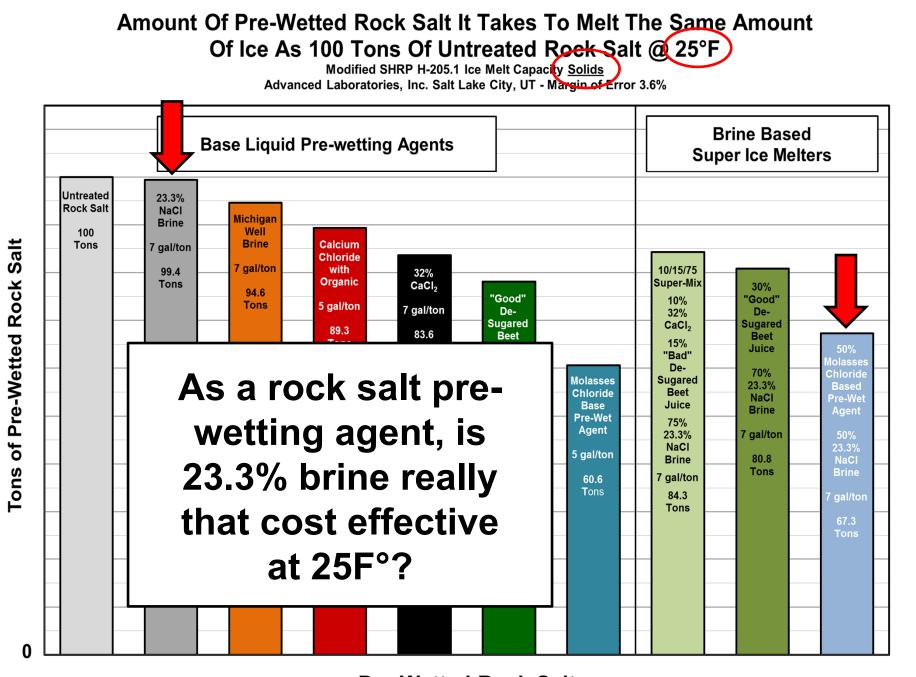
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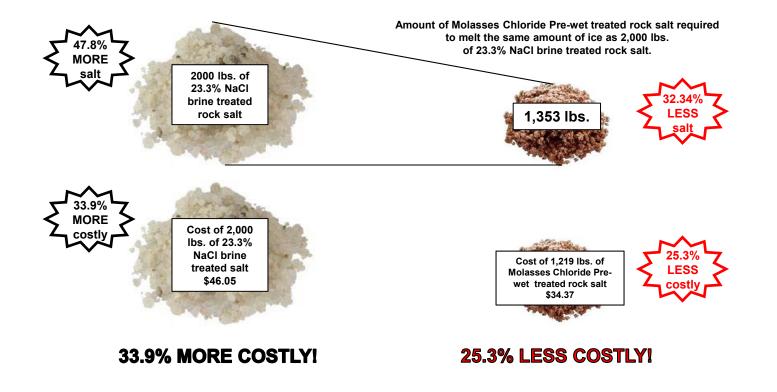




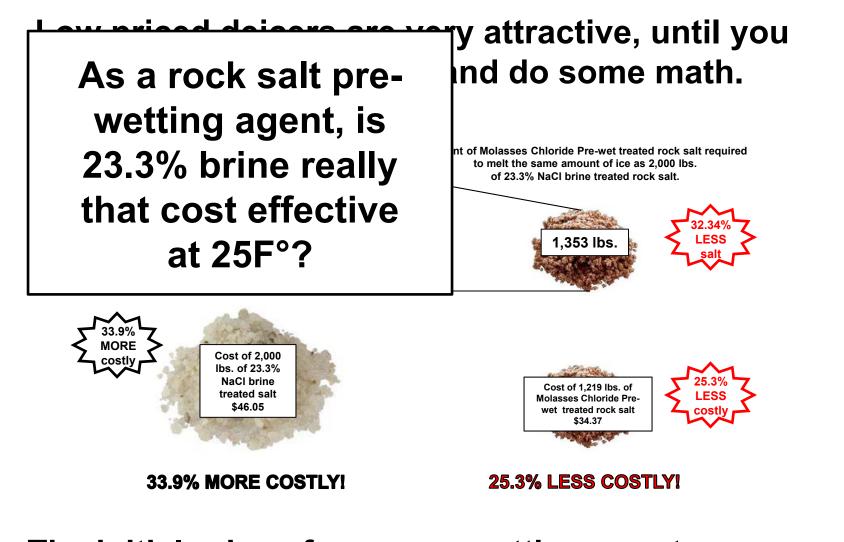
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50/50 Molasses/Chloride 23.3% NaCl brine VS. **NaCl Brine Pre-wet Rock Salt Rock Salt** \$45.00 \$45.00 per ton per ton (2,000 lbs.) (2,000 lbs.) ┿ MOR 50% Molasses **Chloride Pre-wet** 23.3% 50% 23.3% NaC NaCI brine \$0.83 gal. \$0.15 gal. Apply at Apply at 7 gal. per ton 7 gal. per ton \$1.50 x \$0.15 x 7 gal. = \$5.81 7 gal. = \$1.05 0.3 Molasses MORE 23.3% NaCl Chloride costly brine treated Treated rock salt rock salt \$46.05 per ton \$50.81 per ton (2,000 lbs.) (2,000 lbs.)

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As a salt pre-wetting agent, how much does 23.3% sodium chloride brine really cost per gallon?

23.3% NaCl Brine Treated	Salt	
Tons of 23.3% NaCl brine treated salt used per season	1,000	
Cost of salt per ton	\$45.00	
Cost of salt per season when using 23.3% NaCl brine as a pre-wetting agent	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Gallons of 23.3% NaCl brine required @ 7 gallon per ton	7,000	
Cost of 23.3% NaCl brine per gallon	\$0.15	
Cost of 23.3% NaCl brine per season	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Total material cost when using 23.3% NaCl brine as a pre-wetting agent		\$46,050.00

50% Molasses/Chloride / 50% 23.3% NaCl Brine Treated Salt

Tons of 50/50 treated salt needed to melt same amount of ice	677.0	
Cost of salt per ton	\$45.00	
Cost of salt per season when using 50/50 as a pre-wetting agent	\$30,465.00	\$30,465.00
Gallons of 50/50 pre-wetting agent required @ 7 gal. per ton	4,739	
Cost of the 50/50 pre-wetting agent per gallon	\$0.83	
Cost of the 50/50 pre-wetting agent per season	\$3,933.37	\$3,933.37
Total material cost when using the 50/50 pre-wetting agent	-	\$34,398.37

Total savings by using the 50/50 pre-wetting agent not 23.3% brine

\$11,651.63

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As a salt pre-wetting agent, 23.3% NaCI brine will actually cost about \$1.66 per gal. in <u>lost savings</u> , when compared to using the 50/50 Pre-wet.				

In Closing

REMEMBER

- 1. The better your salt or brine perform, the less of them you need to melt the same amount of ice.
- 2. The price of your salt pre-wetting agent has little to do with saving money.
- 3. Figuring out how well a deicer is going to perform before buying it isn't difficult.
- 4. You can't be serious about saving money until you get serious about deicer performance.

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