

A SMOOTH QUIET RIDE ADDS TO THE ENJOYMENT OF
A SCANDINAVIAN VACATION

After time spent evaluating pavements for CAPA it is difficult to take a European vacation and not keep an eye on the road – especially with its a smooth riding asphalt pavement. Denis & Kathy Donnelly recently returned from a tour of Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden, and Norway) where they spent much of their time traveling by bus.



These two photos show pavement condition on the “E” roadway system (similar to our Interstate) in Sweden. This excellent pavement is similar to that found throughout the Interstate-type roadways in the Scandinavian countries. Note the uniform surface texture, tight joints, and the smooth/quiet ride was felt in an intercity bus.



Not all streets have a smooth/quiet ride – cobblestone streets and walkways are common as seen in the photo on the left. The photo on the right illustrates some of the distress found on a few local, two lane roadways.



One of the more spectacular roadway features was the world's longest tunnel found in Norway – 14 miles long. Not all travel was by bus. The happy tourists also enjoyed a cruise on the scenic Sognefjord in Norway with its many waterfalls.