

**Section 32 12 43
(1997 Section 02795)**

PERMEABLE, FLEXIBLE and PLANTABLE PAVEMENT SYSTEM

PART 1: GENERAL

1.01 Description

- A. Work shall consist of furnishing all material, labor, services and related items to complete the installation of Drivable Grass[®] a Permeable, Plantable and Flexible Pavement System or equal in accordance with these specifications.
- B. Work includes installing the materials in reasonably close conformity with the lines, grades, design, and dimensions shown in the construction drawings.

1.02 Related Sections

- A. Section 31 10 00 - Site Clearing
- B. Section 31 20 00 - Earth moving
- C. Section 32 14 00 - Unit Pavers
- D. Section 32 80 00 - Irrigation
- E. Section 32 91 13 - Soil Preparation
- F. Section 32 92 00 - Turf and Grass
- G. Section 03 30 00 - Cast in place concrete

1.03 Reference Documents

- A. ASTM D-422 - Particle Size Analysis
- B. ASTM D-698 - Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil - Standard Proctor
- C. ASTM D-1557 - Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil – Modified Proctor
- D. ASTM C-140 - Std. Spec. for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units.
- E. ASTM C-145 - Std. Spec. for Solid Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units.
- F. ASTM C-39/39M – Std. Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

1.04 Submittals/Certification

- A. Procedures: Comply with Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures.
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data, including installation instructions.
- C. Samples: Submit manufacturer's sample of permeable, flexible and plantable pavement system.
- D. Warranty: Submit manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.05 Quality Assurance

- A. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer who has successfully completed installations of pavers or other pavement systems on projects of similar or larger scope and magnitude.
- B. Single Source Responsibility: Obtain one color, type and variety of permeable, plantable and flexible pavement system mats from a single lot manufactured by a single source. Materials shall be available and be consistent in quality, appearance and physical properties without delaying progress of work.
- C. Prior to commencing the work of this section, verify the accuracy of layout and grading. Verify that all sub-grades and base course aggregate conditions are as specified. Notify the Engineer of any discrepancies and coordinate the correction of those discrepancies with other trades as necessary.

1.06 Delivery, Storage and Handling

- A. Deliver materials to site in manufacturer's original palletized configuration with labels clearly identifying product style number, color, name and manufacturer.
- B. Check all materials upon delivery to assure that the proper type, grade, color, and certification have been received.
- C. Store materials in clean, dry area in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- D. Protect all materials from damage due to jobsite conditions and in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Damaged materials shall not be incorporated into the work.

1.07 Project Conditions

- A. Review installation procedures and coordinate Drivable Grass[®] installation with other work around installation area.
- B. All adjacent hardscape, paving, and mow curbs/strips required by construction documents shall be completed prior to the installation of the Drivable Grass[®] paving mats.
- C. Gradients for Drivable Grass[®] paving mats can vary from flat to 20%, depending upon vehicle type and use of paved area. For firelanes, consult local fire department for maximum allowable gradients.
- D. Cold weather applications:
 - i. Coordinate maintenance contracts.
 - ii. For sites that will require the use of heavy-duty snowplowing machinery, install mow curb/strips prior to installation of Drivable Grass[®] paving mats. Drivable Grass[®] should be depressed ½" below the top of the mow curb/strip to protect the product from the snowplow blade.
 - iii. Snowplow equipment and operators should be educated about the underlying surface prior to beginning snow removal. Snowplow equipment should also be fitted with teflon runners, which will help keep the snowplow blade above the product.
 - iv. Do not use frozen materials or materials mixed or coated with ice or frost.
 - v. Do not build on frozen, wet, or muddy subgrade
- E. Protect partially completed paving against damage from other construction traffic when work is in progress and until grass root system has had time to mature (about 3 to 4 weeks).
- F. Areas adjacent to Drivable Grass[®] installation should be protected during construction.

PART 2: PRODUCTS**2.01 Manufacturer**

- A. Soil Retention Products, Inc., 2501 State Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008. Phone: 760-966-6090 and 800-346-7995, fax: 760-966-6099, website: www.soilretention.com, e-mail: sales@soilretention.com.

2.02 Permeable, Flexible, Plantable Pavement System

- A. Permeable, Flexible, Plantable Pavement System: Drivable Grass[®]
 - a. Nominal Dimensions in inches (l x w x h) 24 x 24 x 1.5
 - b. Gross Area of Each Mat in square feet 4
 - c. Weight of Each Mat in pounds 45
 - d. Plantable Area in percent 61 (100 for sod)
 - e. Mats per pallet (each) 60
 - f. Area Covered per Pallet in square feet 240

g. Color	Buff/tan*
h. Flexibility (minimum radius of curvature in inches)	12
i. Concrete Compressive Strength in psi	4000
j. Polymer of internal polymeric reinforcement	LLDPE**

*Other colors available for special order

** Linear Low Density Polyethylene

- B. Filter Fabric – Appropriate Filter Weave fabric by Mirafi Inc. or equal, if required by engineer.
- C. Base Aggregate – “Class II Permeable”, “Crushed Miscellaneous Base” (CMB), crushed rock or similar structural material normally used as a base course for pavement systems and meeting the gradation and or permeability requirements shown on the drawings.
- D. Sand Layer – Approximately 1” thick well graded sand for non-planting applications. Use 1.5” thick well graded sand for planting applications. Well graded sand to be comprised of a moderate percentage (20%) of organic or other plant nutrients for heavy duty applications and 30% organic material for light duty applications.
- E. Infill – Soil material as required by the specifications and included on the drawings. Soil in which grasses will be planted will have a moderate percentage (20%) of organic or other plant nutrients for heavy duty applications and 30% organic material for light duty applications. Infill not intended to support vegetation is likely to consist of decorative stone of varying color and quality, depending on application and aesthetic needs. The product can also be installed as a bare product with no infill.
- F. Concrete curb - as required by the specifications and included on the drawings. Curb to be 4” x 4” (min.) thickness w/ (1) #4 rebar continuous or as directed by the specifications and drawings.
- G. Grass - Check with local sod and seed suppliers for preferred mixtures for subject site.
- H. Mulch - (Needed only for seeding applications) shall be of wood or paper cellulose types. Mulches of straw, pine needles ect. will not be acceptable because of their low moisture holding capacity.
- I. Fertilizer - A commercial “starter” fertilizer shall be used. Check with local grass supplier for recommendations.

PART 3: EXECUTION

3.01 Subgrade Preparation

- A. Excavate to the lines and grades shown on the construction drawings.
- B. Install any curb strips or curbs as specified.
- C. Proof roll foundation area as directed to determine if remedial work is required.
- D. Owner's representative shall inspect the excavation and approve prior to placement of base material or fill soils.
- E. Over-excavation and replacement of unsuitable subgrade soils with approved compacted fill shall be compensated as agreed upon with the Owner.

3.02 Installation of Aggregate Base and Sand Setting Bed

- A. Install and compact base as required by the contract drawings.
- B. Install, level and compact a thin (approximate 1 inch thickness) sand setting bed upon which permeable, flexible and plantable pavement system will be installed. Sand may be amended with a small amount of organics or fertilizer to facilitate grass growth. Amended sand shall consist of 80% well graded sand and 20% organic material for heavy duty applications and 70% well graded sand and 30% organic material for light use applications. A 1” layer of well graded sand can be used for non-planted applications that require driving. Use a 1.5” layer of well graded sand for areas that are to be planted. Non-driving applications such as drainage swales could be installed on rock.

3.03 Install Permeable, Flexible and Plantable Pavement System

- A. Install permeable, flexible, and plantable pavement system in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.
- B. Install system to the line, grades and locations required by the contract documents.
- C. Butt mats against each other leaving no significant gaps.

3.04 Fill System with Infill Material

- A. Fill permeable, flexible and plantable pavement system with soil infill in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- B. For systems without vegetation, mats may be filled with DG, sand, crushed rock or other decorative stone, or left bare as required by the specifications. A layer of landscape fabric installed below sand setting bed is recommended to deter weed growth.
- C. Spread soil infill uniformly across the mats by sweeping or other method of distributing soil.
- D. Soil infill for planting to be comprised of 80% well graded sand and 20% organic material for heavy duty applications and 70% well graded sand and 30% organic material for light use applications.

3.05 Vegetate Mat System

- A. Install planting materials as specified in the construction drawings. Both, seeding, sodding, and plugging, may be acceptable provided that planting is conducted in accordance with the project documents.

3.06 Erosion Control

- A. Provide dust and erosion control protection plan in accordance with the contract documents.

3.07 Field Quality Control

- A. The Owner shall engage inspection and testing services, including independent laboratories, to provide quality assurance and testing services during construction. This does not relieve the Contractor from securing the necessary construction control testing during construction when required by the contract documents.
- B. Qualified and experienced technicians and engineers shall perform testing and inspections services.
- C. As a minimum, quality assurance testing should include subgrade soil inspection, aggregate base quality, thickness, and compaction, and observation of construction for general compliance with design drawings and specifications.