

## ***Specification Sheet***

### **Grass Paver**

#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION - Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver with 92% Void Space and Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer Mixture**

**CSI Master Format 32 12 43 Flexible Porous Pavement (Section 02795 Porous Pavement)**

#### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

##### **1.01 General Provisions**

- A. The Conditions of the Contract and all Sections of Division 1 are hereby made a part of this Section.

##### **1.02 Description of Work**

###### **A. Work Included:**

1. Provide and install sandy gravel road base as per Geotechnical Engineer's recommendations and/or as shown on drawings, to provide adequate support for project design loads. See 2.02 Materials.
2. Provide Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver Paving System products including Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver units, Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer, and installation per the manufacturer's instructions furnished under this section.
3. Provide and install clean sharp sand to fill the Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver unit, when needed.
4. Provide and install grass by using sod or hydroseeding.

###### **B. Related Work:**

1. Subgrade preparation under Section 31 20 00 Earth Moving (02200 – Earthwork).
2. Utilities and subsurface drainage - Section 33 40 00 Storm Drainage Utilities (02700 – Subsurface Drainage and Structures), as needed.
3. Irrigation installation - Section 32 80 00 Irrigation (02810 Irrigation), when needed.

##### **1.03 Quality Assurance**

- A. Follow Section 01 33 23 Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples (01340 Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples) requirements.
- B. Installation: Performed only by skilled workpeople with satisfactory record of performance on landscaping or paving projects of comparable size and quality.

##### **1.04 Submittals**

- A. Submit manufacturer's product data and installation instructions.
- B. Submit a 10" x 10" section of Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver material for review. Reviewed and accepted samples will be returned to the contractor.
- C. Submit material certificates for base course and sand fill materials.

##### **1.05 Delivery, Storage, and Handling**

- A. Protect Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver units from damage during delivery and store under tarp to protect from sunlight, when time from delivery to installation exceeds one week. Keep Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer mix in a dark and dry location.

## 1.06 Project Conditions

- A. Review installation procedures and coordinate Grass Covered Flexible Porous Pavers work with other work affected. Generally, Grass Covered Flexible Porous Pavers are installed at the same time as project grass installation, nearly the last site construction activity.
- B. All hard surface paving adjacent to Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver areas, including concrete walks and asphalt paving must be completed prior to installation of Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver.
- C. Gradients for grass porous paving surfaces can vary from flat to 20%, depending upon vehicle types to use the surface. Please note that fire lanes, or other emergency vehicles, will generally require a gradient that is less than 6%. If there are any questions regarding existing gradients on this project, please contact the Project Designer, or Grass Paver Manufacturer.
- D. Cold weather:
  - 1. Do not use frozen materials or materials mixed or coated with ice or frost. Be careful in handling rolls of Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver in temperatures below 50 degrees F, as product connectors become stiff and can separate, and the individual units will retain the roll curl until warmed to room temperature (aided by placement in sun for 15 to 20 minutes). If cold weather is anticipated, Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver can be shipped in flat sheets that measure 1-meter (40") square.
  - 2. Do not build on frozen work or wet, saturated 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 matured (about 3 to 4 weeks). Any barricades constructed must still be accessible by emergency and fire equipment during and after installation.
- F. Protect adjacent work from damage during Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver installation.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.01 Availability

- A. Check with Manufacturer for availability on the Grass Covered Flexible Porous Paver with 92% Void Space and Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer Mixture.
- B. Local Sales Representative: (Contact Manufacturer)

### 2.02 Materials

- A. Base Course: Sandy gravel material from local sources commonly used for road base construction (**recycled materials such as crushed concrete or crushed aggregate are NOT acceptable**), passing the following sieve analysis.

<u>Sieve</u>	<u>%Passing</u>
1"	100
3/4"	90-100
3/8"	70-80
#4	55-70
#10	45-55
#40	25-35
#200	3-8

- 1. Sources of the material can include either "pit run" or "crusher run." Crusher run material will generally require sharp sand to be added to mixture (33% by volume) to ensure long-term porosity. If there is difficulty in finding local sources to meet this sieve analysis, and alternative mixture can be created by mixing 2/3 crushed drainage rock (0.75" dia) with 1/3 coarse, well-draining sand (AASHTO M6 or ASTM C-33).
- 2. Selected materials should be nearly neutral in pH (range from 6.5 to 7.2) to provide adequate root zone development for turf.

3. Alternative materials such as crushed shell, limerock, and/or crushed lava may be considered for base course use, provided they are mixed with sharp sand (33%), and brought to proper compaction.

(Crushed shell and limerock alone can set up like concrete without sand added.)

- B. Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer: A mixture of naturally occurring water absorbing minerals and NPK fertilizer.

C. Grass Paving Units:

1. Lightweight injection-molded plastic units 0.5x0.5x0.025m (20"x20"x1" high, 2.7 ft<sup>2</sup> each) with hollow rings rising from a strong open grid allowing maximum grass root penetration and growth.
2. Unit weight = 510 g (18 oz.), volume = 8% solid.
3. The plastic shall be 100% pre-consumer recycled HDPE plastic resin, with minimum 3% carbon black concentrate added for UV protection.
4. Loading capability is equal to 15,940 psi / 2.29 million psf / 109,906 kPA when filled with sand, over an appropriate depth of base.
5. Grass Porous Pavers are shipped in pre-assembled rolls that vary from 10 square meters (108 sf) to 50 square meters (1345 sf).
6. Male/Female Fastener Tensile Strength (from a Pull Test) is equal to 80,208 N/m (450 lbf/in.)
7. Standard color is black.

*Any products failing to meet these standards will be rejected.*

- D. Sand: To fill the 25 mm (one inch) high rings and spaces between the rings when seeding or using 13 mm (half inch) thick sod (soil thickness):

(Choose one of the following paragraphs to suit project requirements.)

1. Coarse, well-draining sand (washed concrete sand- AASHTO M6 or ASTM C-33).
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) greens (section) sand mix – “The Root Zone Mixture.”

- E. Grass: Use species resistant to wear by traffic generally a Blue/Rye/Fescue mix used for athletic fields in northern climates, and Zoysia, Fescue, or Bermuda types in southern climates. (Check with local sod and seed suppliers for preferred mixtures.) (Dedicated fire lanes can use same grass species used on surrounding turf.) (Parking applications require greatest wear-resistant species possible, generally available only by seed or sprigging.)

(Choose one of the following paragraphs to suit project requirements.)

1. Sod: Use 13 mm (0.5") thick (soil thickness) rolled sod from a reputable local grower. Species should be wear resistant, free from disease, and in excellent condition. Sod shall be grown in sand or sandy loam soils only. Sod grown in soils of clay, silt, or high organic materials such as peat, will not be accepted.
2. Seed: Use seed materials, of the preferred species for local environmental and projected traffic conditions, from certified sources. Seed shall be provided in containers clearly labeled to show seed name, lot number, net weight, % weed seed content, and guaranteed % of purity and germination. Pure Live Seed types and amount shall be as shown on plans.

- F. Mulch: (Needed only for seeding.) Shall be of wood or paper cellulose types of commercial mulch materials often used in conjunction with hydroseeding operations. Mulches of straw, pine needles, etc. will not be acceptable because of their low moisture holding capacity.

- G. Fertilizer: A commercial "starter" fertilizer, with Guaranteed Analysis of 17-23-6, or as recommended by local grass supplier, for rapid germination and root development.

- H. Grass Paver Sign: A sign to identify the presence of Grass Porous paving, stating that special maintenance is required, with the Manufacturer's phone number, and made of durable materials for outdoor exposure shall be provided and installed.

- I. Fire lane Signage & Delineation: Fire lanes must be identified regarding their entrance and physical location with the placement of signs, gates, curbs, bollards, etc. Specific signage wording and other details must be coordinated with and approved by local fire authorities.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.01 Inspection**

*(It is recommended that Fire Department inspectors be scheduled to inspect installation of Grass Paver during preparation of the subbase, installation of the base course, and installation of Plastic Grass Paver units. Most small projects can accommodate these inspections all on the same day. Verify with Fire Department if certificates of inspection are required.)*

- A. Examine subgrade and base course installed conditions. Do not start Grass Paver installation until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected. Check for improperly compacted trenches, debris, and improper gradients.
- B. Installation constitutes acceptance of existing conditions and responsibility for satisfactory performance. If existing conditions are found unsatisfactory, contact Project Manager for resolution.

### **3.02 Preparation**

*(Ensure that subbase materials are structurally adequate to receive designed base course, wearing course, and designed loads. Generally, excavation into undisturbed normal strength soils will require no additional modification. Fill soils and otherwise structurally weak soils may require modifications, such as geotextiles, geogrids, and/or compaction (not to exceed 90%). Ensure that grading and soil porosity of the subbase will provide adequate subsurface drainage.)*

- A. Place base course material over prepared subbase to grades shown on plans, in lifts not to exceed 150 mm (6"), compacting each lift separately to 95% Modified Proctor. Leave minimum 25 mm (1") to 35 mm (1.5") for Grass Paver unit and sand/sod fill to Final Grade.
- B. Spread all Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer mix provided (spreader rate = 4.53 kg per 100 m<sup>2</sup> (10 lbs per 1076 ft<sup>2</sup>) evenly over the surface of the base course with a hand-held, or wheeled, rotary spreader. The Soil Conditioner/Fertilizer mix should be placed immediately before installing the Grass Paver units to assure that the polymer does not become wet and expanded when installing the units.

### **3.03 Installation of Flexible Grass Paver Rolls**

- A. Install the Grass Paver units by placing units with rings facing up, and using pegs and holes provided to maintain proper spacing and interlock the units. Units can be easily shaped with pruning shears or knife. Units placed on curves and slopes shall be anchored to the base course, using 16d Common nails with fender washer, as required to secure units in place. Tops of rings shall be between 6 mm to 13 mm (0.25" to 0.5") below the surface of adjacent hard-surface pavements.
- B. Install sand in rings as they are laid in sections by "back-dumping" directly from a dump truck, or from buckets mounted on tractors, which then exit the site by driving over rings already filled with sand. The sand is then spread laterally from the pile using flat bottomed shovels and/or wide "asphalt rakes" to fill the rings. A stiff bristled broom should be used for final "finishing" of the sand. The sand must be "compacted" by using water from hose, irrigation heads, or rainfall, with the finish grade no less than the top of rings and no more than 6 mm (0.25") above top of rings.

### **3.04 Installation of Grass**

Grass coverage on the sand-filled rings **must be** completed within one week. Sand must be re-installed and leveled and Grass Paver units checked for integrity if rings become exposed due to wind, rain, traffic, or other factors. (Choose one paragraph below to meet grass installation method desired.)

- A. (Preferred method) Hydroseeding/hydro-mulching - A combination of water, seed and fertilizer are homogeneously mixed in a purpose-built, truck-mounted tank. The seed mixture is sprayed onto the site at rates shown on plans and per hydroseeding manufacturer's recommendations. Coverage must be uniform and complete. Following germination of the seed, areas lacking germination larger than 20 cm x 20 cm (8" x 8") must be reseeded immediately. Seeded areas must be fertilized and kept moist during development of the turf plants.

- B. Install thin sod directly over sand filled rings, filled no higher than the top of the rings. Sod strips should be placed with very tight joints. Sodded areas must be fertilized and kept moist during root establishment (minimum of 3 weeks). Sodded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 3 to 4 weeks, or until the root system has penetrated and established well below the Grass Paver units.
- C. Install grass seed at rates per grass type. A light “dusting” of commercial topsoil mix, not to exceed 1/2” (25 mm) can be placed above the rings and seed mix to aid germination rates. Seeded areas must be fertilized and kept moist during development of the turf plants.

### **3.05 Protection**

(Choose one paragraph below to match grass installation method.)

- A. Seeded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 4 to 8 weeks, or until the grass is mature to handle traffic.
- B. Sodded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 3 to 4 weeks, or until the root system has penetrated below the Flexible Grass Paver units.

### **3.06 Cleaning**

- A. Remove and replace segments of Grass Paver units where three or more adjacent rings are broken or damaged, reinstalling as specified, so no evidence of replacement is apparent.
- B. Perform cleaning during the installation of work and upon completion of the work. Remove all excess materials, debris, and equipment from site. Repair any damage to adjacent materials and surfaces resulting from installation of this work.

END OF SECTION

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