

**Section 31 25 14.13 – Hydraulically-Applied Erosion Control:  
Hydraulic Mulch – Wood with Tackifier**

**GENERAL**

**1.01 SUMMARY**

- A. This section specifies a hydraulically-applied, erosion control product category of Hydraulic Mulch (HM) – Wood with Tackifier. The Wood with Tackifier HM is a biodegradable, hydraulic mulch composed of 100% recycled Thermally Refined™ virgin wood fibers and wetting agents (including high-viscosity colloidal polysaccharides). The HM is made in the US, plastic-free, and phytosanitized to eliminate potential weed seeds and pathogens. Upon application, the product forms an intimate bond with the soil surface to create a porous, absorbent and flexible erosion resistant blanket that allows for rapid germination and accelerated plant growth.
- B. Related Sections: Other Specification Sections, which directly relate to the work of this Section include, but are not limited to the following:
  - 1. Section 01 57 00 – Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control
  - 2. Section 02 24 23 – Chemical Sampling and Analysis of Soils
  - 3. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork
  - 4. Section 31 91 00 – Planting Preparation
  - 5. Section 32 01 90.16 – Amending Soils
  - 6. Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses

**1.02 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data and installation instructions. Include required substrate preparation, list of materials and application rate.
- B. Certifications: Manufacturer shall submit a letter of certification that the product meets or exceeds all technical and packaging requirements and is made in the U.S.A.

**1.03 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A. Deliver materials and products in UV and weather-resistant factory labeled packages. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Protect from damage, weather, excessive temperatures and construction operations.

## PRODUCTS

### 2.01 ACCEPTABLE MANUFACTURER

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### 2.02 MATERIALS

- A. The Hydraulic Mulch – Wood with Tackifier shall be a Profile Products HM Wood with Tackifier Brand (Profile® Wood with Tack, EcoFibre® Plus Tackifier, or HydroCover® Wood with Tack) and conform to the following property values when uniformly applied at a rate of 3,000 pounds per acre (3,400 kilograms/hectare) under laboratory conditions.

| Property                                                 | Test Method           | Tested Value (English)                                        | Tested Value (SI)                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Physical</b>                                          |                       |                                                               |                                                               |
| Specification for Hydraulically-Applied Wood Fiber Mulch | ASTM D8198-Type 1     | Compliant                                                     | Compliant                                                     |
| Thickness                                                | ASTM D65661           | ≥ 9.9 oz/yd <sup>2</sup>                                      | ≥ 336 g/m <sup>2</sup>                                        |
| Ground Cover                                             | ASTM D7367            | ≥ 1,200%                                                      | ≥ 1,200%                                                      |
| Water Holding Capacity                                   | Observed              | Green                                                         | Green                                                         |
| <b>Performance</b>                                       |                       |                                                               |                                                               |
| Cover Factor <sup>2</sup>                                | ASTM D8298-Type 1     | ≤ 0.25                                                        | ≤ 0.25                                                        |
| % Effectiveness <sup>3</sup>                             | ASTM D8298-Type 1     | ≥ 75%                                                         | ≥ 75%                                                         |
| Vegetation Establishment                                 | ASTM D7322            | 250%                                                          | 250%                                                          |
| Functional Longevity <sup>4</sup>                        | ASTM D5338            | ≤ 3 months                                                    | ≤ 3 months                                                    |
| <b>Environmental</b>                                     |                       |                                                               |                                                               |
| Ecotoxicity <sup>5</sup>                                 | EPA 2021.0            | Non-Toxic                                                     | Non-Toxic                                                     |
| Biodegradability                                         | ASTM D5338            | Yes                                                           | Yes                                                           |
| Certified BioPreferred®<br>Biobased Content              | ASTM D6866            | 99%                                                           | 99%                                                           |
| Elemental Impurity Limits                                | ASTM D8082            | Pass                                                          | Pass                                                          |
| Carbon Footprint <sup>6</sup>                            | Life Cycle Assessment | ≤ 0.4 Unit CO <sub>2</sub> e/<br>Unit of product <sup>7</sup> | ≤ 0.4 Unit CO <sub>2</sub> e/<br>Unit of product <sup>7</sup> |

1. ASTM test methods developed for Rolled Erosion Control Products and have been modified to accommodate Hydraulically-Applied Erosion Control Products.
2. Cover Factor is calculated as soil loss ratio of treated surface versus an untreated control surface.
3. % Effectiveness = One minus Cover Factor multiplied by 100%.
4. Functional Longevity is the estimated time period, based upon ASTM D5338 testing and field observations, that a material can be anticipated to provide erosion control and agronomic benefits as influenced by composition, as well as site-specific conditions, including; but not limited to – temperature, moisture, light conditions, soils, biological activity, vegetative establishment and other environmental factors.

5. 48-hour LC50 > 100% - LC50 refers to the percent concentration of a substance in water when 50% percent mortality of an organism is reached. 50% mortality of the tested species (*Daphnia magna*) could not be achieved when subjected to 100% effluent concentration proving the material to be acutely non-toxic.
6. Cradle to factory gate (Conover, NC) life cycle assessment.
7. "Carbon dioxide equivalent" or CO<sub>2</sub>e is a term for describing different greenhouse gases in a common unit. For any quantity and type of greenhouse gas, CO<sub>2</sub>e signifies the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> which would have the equivalent global warming impact. The unit of CO<sub>2</sub>e per unit of product is a consistent ratio based on mass, regardless of what unit of mass is chosen. For instance, there is 0.4 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e per kg of product or 0.4 oz CO<sub>2</sub>e per oz of product.

## 2.03 COMPOSITION

- A. All components of the HM shall be pre-packaged by the Manufacturer to assure both material performance and compliance with the following values. No chemical additives with the exception of fertilizer, liming and biostimulant materials should be added to this product.
  1. Thermally Processed\* Wood Fibers (within a pressure vessel) (minimum) – 97%  
 \* Heated within a pressurized vessel to a temperature greater than 380 degrees Fahrenheit (193 degrees Celsius) for 5 minutes at a pressure greater than 50 psi (345 kPa) in order to be Thermally Refined™/Processed and to achieve phyto-sanitization.
  2. Wetting Agent – Including high-viscosity colloidal polysaccharides – 3%

## 2.04 PACKAGING

- A. Bags: Net Weight – 50 lb (22.7 kg), UV and weather-resistant plastic film  
 Pallets: Weather-proof, stretch-wrapped with UV resistant pallet cover  
 Pallet Quantity: 40 bags/pallet or 1 ton (909 kg)/pallet

## EXECUTION

### 3.01 SOIL TESTING

- A. Soil Samples shall be taken and sent to a third-party, independent lab for analysis and in compliance with Section 02 24 23 – Chemical Sampling and Analysis of Soils, if applicable.
- B. The tests shall include analysis and interpretation of results.
- C. The soil testing methods used shall be compliant with recognized agronomic testing standards, as outlined in Section 02 24 23, for revegetation of disturbed sites.
- D. Soil Analysis shall include results for:
  1. Soil pH
  2. Soluble Salts
  3. Excess Carbonate
  4. Organic Matter
  5. Nutrient readings for:
    - i. Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium
    - ii. Magnesium, Calcium, Sodium, Manganese, Sulfur, Zinc, Copper, Iron, Boron
  6. Cation Exchange Capacity
  7. Percent Base Saturation Sodium
- E. ProGanics® BSM, BioPrime™, JumpStart™, Aqua-pHix™ and NeutraLime™ Dry or other amendments shall be specified according to Section 32 01 90.16 – Amending Soils and applied with the hydroseeding slurry at Manufacturer recommended rates based on soil test results.

### 3.02 VEGETATION SPECIES SELECTION

- A. Once soils have been analyzed for agronomic potential and amendment recommendations, selection of suitable plant species for achieving sustainable growth and effective erosion control is vital. Seed selection can be performed by a qualified seed supplier, consulting professional and/or regulatory agency. In lieu of this, a warm, extreme warm, or cool season Vegetator® variety mix can be utilized. Species selection and establishment shall be compliant with Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses, if applicable.
- B. Site and project specific information considered for species selection shall include:
1. Project Location and Planning
    - i. Climate
    - ii. Elevation
    - iii. Aspect
    - iv. Slope/Gradient
    - v. Permanent or Temporary Planting
    - vi. Installation Date(s)
  2. Soil Conditions
    - i. Soil Texture
    - ii. Soil pH
    - iii. Toxicities/Deficiencies noted in the previous section.
  3. Site Maintenance Requirements
    - i. Mowing
    - ii. Irrigation
    - iii. Animal grazing preference
  4. Preferred Vegetation
    - i. Drought Tolerant
    - ii. Native Vegetation
    - iii. Shrub Species
    - iv. Turf Grasses
    - v. Cool Season
    - vi. Warm Season
    - vii. Blend of Cool and Warm Season
    - viii. Legume Species
    - ix. Cover Crops

### 3.03 SUBSTRATE AND SEEDBED PREPARATION

- A. Examine substrates and conditions where materials will be applied. Apply product to geotechnically stable slopes that have been designed and constructed to divert runoff away from the face of the slope. Do not proceed with installation until satisfactory conditions are established.
- B. Depending upon project sequencing and intended application, prepare seedbed in compliance with other specifications under Section 1.01 B

### 3.04 INSTALLATION

- A. Strictly comply with equipment manufacturer's installation instructions and recommendations. Use approved hydro-spraying machines with fan-type nozzle (50-degree tip). To achieve optimum soil surface coverage, apply HM from opposing directions to soil surface. Rough surfaces (rocky terrain, cat tracks and ripped soils) may require higher application rates to achieve 75% cover. Slope interruption devices or water diversion techniques are recommended when slope lengths exceed 30 feet (9 m). For application on slopes steeper than 4H:1V, slope interruption lengths may need to be decreased based on actual site conditions. Not recommended for channels or areas with concentrated water flow. No chemical additives with the exception of fertilizer, liming and biostimulant materials should be added to this product.

B. For Erosion Control and Revegetation: To ensure proper application rates, measure and stake area.

1. Apply fertilizer with specified prescriptive agronomic formulations, seed and HM at a rate of 50 lb per 100 gallons (23 kg / 380 liters) of water over properly prepared surfaces. Confirm loading rates with equipment manufacturer.

*Do not apply on saturated soils or substrates. Do not apply if precipitation is anticipated within 24-48 hours.*

C. Mixing: A mechanically agitated hydraulic-application machine is recommended:

1. Fill 1/3 of mechanically agitated hydroseeder with water. Turn pump on for 15 seconds and purge and pre wet lines. Turn pump off.
2. Turn agitator on and load low density materials first (i.e. seed).
3. Continue slowly filling tank with water while loading fiber matrix into tank.
4. Consult application and loading charts to determine number of bags to be added for desired area and application rate. Mix at a rate of 50 lb of HM per 100 gallons (23 kg/380 liters). Contact Equipment manufacturer to confirm optimum mixing rates.
5. All HM should be completely loaded before water level reaches 75% of the top of tank.
6. Top off with water and mix until all fiber is fully broken apart and hydrated (minimum of 10 minutes — increase mixing time when applying in cold conditions). This is very important to fully activate the bonding additives and to obtain proper viscosity.
7. Add fertilizer
8. Shut off recirculation valve to minimize potential for air entrainment within the slurry.
9. Slow down agitator and start applying with a 50-degree fan tip nozzle.
10. Spray in opposing directions for maximum soil coverage.

D. Application Rates: These application rates are for standard conditions. Designers may need to increase application rates on rough surfaces. Consult application and loading charts to determine number of bags to be added for desired area and application rate.

| Slope Gradient / Condition | English     | SI          |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| < 4H to 1V                 | 2,000 lb/ac | 2,250 kg/ha |
| > 4H to 1V and < 3H to 1V  | 2,500 lb/ac | 2,800 kg/ha |
| Below ECB or TRM           | 1,500 lb/ac | 1,700 kg/ha |

### 3.05 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. After application, thoroughly flush the tank, pumps and hoses to remove all material. Wash all material from the exterior of the machine and remove any slurry spills. Once dry, material will be more difficult to remove.
- B. Clean spills promptly. Advise owner of methods for protection of treated areas. Do not allow treated areas to be trafficked or subjected to grazing.

### 3.06 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- A. All inspections and maintenance recommendations shall be conducted by qualified professionals consistent with the owner, engineer/specifier and regulatory entity(s) expectations.
- B. Initial inspections shall insure installations are in accordance with the project plans and specifications with material quantities and activities fully documented. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses for any additional details.
- C. Subsequent inspections shall be conducted at pre-determined time intervals and corrective maintenance activities directed after each significant precipitation or other potentially damaging weather or site event.

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