

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR GEOCOMPOSITE REINFORCEMENT FOR ASPHALT**

This Special Note will apply where indicated on the plans or in the proposal. Section references herein are to the Department’s Current Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

**1.0 DESCRIPTION.** This specification covers geocomposites used as an interlayer in asphalt pavements.

**2.0 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.**

**2.1 Geocomposite.** The geocomposite shall consist of a geogrid component with a non-woven geotextile (paving fabric) backing. Furnish fiberglass-reinforced or polyester geogrid coated with an elastomeric polymer. Ensure the geogrid forms a stable network such that the ribs, filaments, or yarns retain their dimensional stability, including selvages. Furnish geogrid with a non-woven paving fabric backing composed of long chain synthetic polymers that are 95 percent by weight polyolefins or polyesters.

**A) Physical Requirements.** Furnish the specified geogrid type conforming to the Physical Requirements Table and ASTM D 4759. Ensure that each geogrid shipment is accompanied by a manufacturer’s certification listing minimum average roll specification values (MARV) of each lot number for those properties listed in the table below. Furnish geogrid with a non-woven geotextile backing that conforms to AASHTO M288 Type II paving fabric.

PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	SPECIFICATION
Geogrid Tensile Strength, lb/in (min.)	ASTM D6637 Test Method A	560
Geogrid Elongation, % (max.)	ASTM D6637	< 3
Melting Point of Paving Fabric Component, °F (min.)	ASTM D 276	320
Grid Size, inch (min/max)	Calipered	0.5/1.25

**B) Packaging, Shipment, and Storage.** Ensure that each roll is labeled with the manufacturer’s name, product type, style number, lot number, roll number, manufactured date, roll dimensions, chemical composition, and applicable physical properties. Protect the geocomposite from direct sunlight, ultraviolet rays, flames, aggressive chemicals, mud, dirt, dust, and debris during all periods of shipment and storage. Keep geocomposite dry until installation, and do not store directly on the ground.

**2.2 Asphalt Distributor. Conform to 406.02.05.**

**2.3 Rolling Equipment.** Use pneumatic-tired rollers that weigh at least 12 tons and have 7 to 9 tires capable of inflation pressures up to 125 psi. Maintain an inflation pressure in all tires within  $\pm 5$  psi of the manufacturer's recommended pressure. Arrange the tires so that the gap between the tires of the front axle is covered by the tires of the rear axle. Mount wheels to provide equal contact pressure under each wheel. Use a tire tread that is satisfactory to the Engineer. Maintain tire size and inflation pressure such that the contact pressure is at least 80 psi.

**3.0 CONSTRUCTION.**

**3.1 Geocomposite Representative.** Ensure that a representative of the geocomposite manufacturer is on the project when work begins, and remains on call as the project progresses, to advise the Engineer.

**3.2 Weather Restrictions.** Do not place the geocomposite when weather conditions, in the opinion of the Engineer, are not suitable. Ensure the air and pavement temperatures are sufficient to allow the tack coat to hold the geocomposite in place. Specifically, ensure the temperature is at least 50 °F and rising.

**3.3 Surface Preparation.** Perform any needed base repairs and repair all potholes, cracks greater than 1/4 inch, and any badly damaged or rough pavement, which may require milling or placement of leveling course. Ensure the surface is dry, clean, dust-free, and between 40 and 140 °F. Unless the geocomposite is precoated with an adhesive, apply tack according to the manufacturer's recommendations. This tack coat will not be measured for payment and will be considered incidental to the geocomposite. Distributor truck must be calibrated to supply the tack at the manufacturer's recommended rate before the job begins and this calibration is to be witnessed by the representative of the geocomposite manufacturer on the project. No work to install the geocomposite shall take place unless a representative from the geocomposite manufacturer is on site.

**3.4 Geocomposite Placement.** Place the geocomposite while the tack coat is still tacky/broken. Keep the material flat and wrinkle free throughout the installation. Roll the geocomposite until the adhesive is activated or the geocomposite is seated in the tack coat. Clean the roller with an asphalt release agent. Brooming may be required. On sharp curves, cut the edges and fold the geocomposite over in the direction of the placement of the asphalt overlay. Overlap side joints by one to 2 inches. Overlap all end-of-roll joints by 3 to 6 inches. Ensure that the overlaps are shingled in the direction of paving.

**3.5 Asphalt Placement.** Place the asphalt overlay at a minimum 2-inch compacted thickness. Pave over the geocomposite on the same day of its placement. Except for paving equipment and vehicles, allow no traffic on the grid. Do not place tack coat on top of the interlayer grid.

**3.6 Geocomposite Repair.** Repair any visible distress that occurs due to movement of the geocomposite immediately after rolling. For small areas, remove the asphalt

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mixture from the affected area; replace the geocomposite in its original position, and replace, level, and compact the asphalt mixture. Cut the geocomposite if necessary for it to lie flat.

**3.7 Sampling and Testing.** The Department will sample the geocomposite at the project site according to ASTM D 4354 and KM 64-113 at a frequency the Engineer determines. The Department will test the geocomposite for all properties possible given the testing equipment availability. When the Department determines that an individual sample fails to meet any specification requirement, the Department will reject that roll and sample two additional rolls from the same lot. When the Department determines that either of these two additional samples fails to comply with any part of the specification, the Department will reject the entire quantity of rolls represented by that sample.

**4.0 MEASUREMENT.** The Department will measure the quantity of geocomposite in square yards. The Department will not measure geocomposite when the contract indicates that the geocomposite are incidental to the work being performed or when no separate bid item for geocomposite is listed in the proposal. The Department will not measure providing the geocomposite manufacturer's representative for payment and will consider it incidental to the geocomposite. Tack coat, applied per the geocomposite manufacturer's recommendations, will not be paid and will be considered incidental to the geocomposite.

**5.0 PAYMENT.** The Department will make payment for the installed and accepted quantities under the following:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
25010EC	Geocomposite Reinforcement for Asphalt	Square Yard