

CITY OF FARGO SPECIFICATIONS

Geotextiles and Geogrids

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work to be done under this Specification and the accompanying plans consists of all labor, material, accessories, and equipment necessary to install geotextile fabric or geogrid material as designated in the plans. Generally this item will be used for separation, drainage, and/or reinforcement during the paving operation.

PART 2
MATERIAL

2.1. GEOTEXTILES

2.1.1. GENERAL

Geotextile fabrics shall conform to the Standard Specification for Geotextile Specification for Highway Applications- AASHTO Designation M 288-96 or the latest revision thereof. All property values, with the exception of apparent opening size (AOS) represent minimum average roll values (MARV) in the weakest principle direction. Values for AOS represent maximum roll values.

2.1.2. CERTIFICATION

The contractor shall provide the engineer a certificate stating the name of the manufacturer, product name and style, chemical composition of the yarns and any other pertinent information to fully describe the geotextile. The Manufacturer's certificate shall state that the furnished geotextile meets MARV requirements of the specifications.

2.1.3. GEOTEXTILE PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

2.1.3.A. Geotextile Separation Fabric

The Geotextile supplied shall be a nonwoven, AASHTO M 288 Class 2 having the following minimum average roll values (MARV) in the weakest principle direction:

AASHTO M 288 Class 2 requirements:

	ASTM Test Method	Elongation<50%	Elongation>50%
Grab Strength	D 4632	1100	700
Sewn Seam Strength	D 4632	990	630
Tear Strength	D 4533	400	250
Puncture Strength	D 4833	400	250
Burst Strength	D 3786	2700	1300

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Additional requirements:

Item	Test Method	Requirement
AOS	ASTM D4751	0.60 mm (max. Avg. roll value)
Permittivity	ASTM D4491	0.02 sec ⁻¹
Ultraviolet Stability (Retained Strength)	ASTM 4355	50% after 500 hrs exposure

2.1.3.B. Geotextile Drainage Sock

The Geotextile supplied shall be a nonwoven AASHTO M 288 Class 3, composed of at least 95% by weight of polyolefins or polyesters, exhibit minimum snag or “run” potential, be factory applied to maintain a uniform installed weight, and conform to the outside of the pipe with a snug fit throughout with the following requirements.

AASHTO M 288 Class 3 requirements:

	ASTM Test Method	Elongation<50%	Elongation>50%
Grab Strength	D 4632	800	500
Sewn Seam Strength	D 4632	720	450
Tear Strength	D 4533	300	180
Puncture Strength	D 4833	300	180
Burst Strength	D 3786	2100	950

Additional requirements:

Item	Test Method	Requirement
AOS	ASTM D4751	.25mm (max Avg. roll value)
Permittivity	ASTM D4491	0.2 sec ⁻¹
Ultraviolet Stability (Retained Strength)	ASTM 4355	50% after 500 hrs exposure

2.2. GEOGRIDS

2.2.1. *GENERAL*

Geogrids are polymer grid structures specifically fabricated for use as soil reinforcement. The Geogrid shall be a uniaxial or biaxially oriented polymer grid structure. All property values represent minimum average roll values (MARV).

2.2.2. *CERTIFICATION*

The contractor shall provide the engineer a certificate stating the name of the manufacturer, product name and style, chemical composition of the material and any other pertinent information to fully describe the geotextile. The Manufacturer's certificate shall state that the furnished geogrid meets MARV requirements of the specifications.

2.2.3. *GEOGRID PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS (revised March, 2007)*

A *GEOGRID FOR PAVING GRADE REINFORCEMENT*

The Geogrid supplied shall be a polypropylene or polyethylene material with the following requirements:

		<u>Test Method</u>
Aperture size	between 0.75-1.5 inches	ID calipered
Max. Tensile strength	850lb/ft machine direction	GRI GG1
	1300 lb/ft cross-machine direction	GRI GG1
Tensile Modulus@5%	12,000 lb./ft machine direction	GRI GG1
	18,000 lb/ft cross-mchn. direction	GRI GG1
Junction Strength	750 lb./ft min machine direction	GRI GG2
	1200 ln/ft cross-machine direction	GRI GG2
Flexural Rigidity	200,000 mg-cm machine direction	ASTM D1388
Mass per unit area	6.0 oz/sy minimum	

Allowable Products are Tensar SS-1, Tensar SS-2, and ADS 2211

B. *GEOGRID FOR SLOPE REINFORCEMENT*

The geogrid supplied shall be a high density reinforcement polyethylene material with the following requirements:

Tensile strength @ 5% strain (min)	3,500 lb/ft
Ultimate Tensile strength (min)	5,700 lb/ft

Junction strength (min) 5,700 lb/ft

**PART 3
CONSTRUCTION**

3.1. GEOTEXTILES

3.1.1. SEAMING

Seams shall be in accordance with the Construction/Installation Guideline Appendix to the AASHTO M 288-96 Specification.

3.1.2. CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

- A. The geotextile shall be laid out smooth without wrinkles or folds on the prepared subgrade in the direction of the construction traffic. Adjacent geotextile rolls shall be overlapped a minimum of 2 feet, ends of rolls shall be overlapped 3 feet. On curves, the fabric may be folded or cut to conform to the curves. The fold or overlap shall be in the direction of construction and shall be held in place by staples, pins or aggregate piles. Damaged areas shall be repaired by overlaying the area with sufficient material to overlap on all edges by at least two feet.

- B. The aggregate base material shall be placed by end dumping onto the geotextile from the edge or over previously placed base aggregate. Construction equipment will not be allowed directly on the geotextile fabric. A minimum of 4" of aggregate must be placed on the geotextile prior to the movement of construction equipment and turning movements must be carefully monitored. Any ruts occurring during construction shall be filled with additional gravel aggregate and compacted to the specified density. If placement of the backfill causes damage to the geotextile, the damaged area shall be repaired as described in Section 3.1.2.A.

3.2. GEOGRIDS

3.2.1. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Geogrids shall be stored above -20° F and be protected from prolonged periods of direct exposure to sunlight. The contractor shall prevent excessive mud, wet cement, epoxy or similar material that may affix themselves to the gridwork from coming in contact with the Geogrid.

3.2.2. CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE (revised March, 2007)

A. Paving Grade Reinforcement

The geogrid shall be laid out smooth without wrinkles or folds on the prepared subgrade in the direction of the construction traffic. Adjacent geogrid rolls shall be overlapped a minimum of 1.0 foot, ends of rolls shall be overlapped 3 feet. On curves, the material may be cut to conform to the curves. The overlap shall be in the direction of construction and shall be held in place by staples, pins or aggregate piles. Damaged areas shall be repaired by overlaying the area with sufficient material to overlap on all edges by at least two feet.

The aggregate base material shall be placed by end dumping onto the geogrid from the edge or over previously placed base aggregate. Construction equipment will not be allowed directly on the geotextile fabric. A minimum of 4" of aggregate must be placed on the geogrid prior to the movement of construction equipment and turning movements must be carefully monitored. Any ruts occurring during construction shall be filled with additional gravel aggregate and compacted to the specified density. If placement of the backfill causes damage to the geogrid, the damaged area shall be repaired as described above.

B. Slope Reinforcement

1. Contractor shall provide an installation plan detailing his intended operation.

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2. Fill placement over geogrid

- a. Backfill shall be placed in minimum 6-inch lifts compacted to 95% standard proctor density.
- b. Backfill shall be placed in a manner that minimizes the development of wrinkles and/or movement in the geogrid.
- c. Construction equipment shall not operate directly on geogrid. A minimum of twelve inches of fill shall be placed prior to equipment operating on top of geogrid.

3. Splices

Ends of geogrid rolls shall be spliced by the use of an extruded rod or bar of the same material as the geogrid, supplied by the geogrid supplier. Overlapping ends of geogrid rolls shall not be allowed in lieu of a mechanical connection.

PART 4
GUARANTEE, MEASUREMENT & PAYMENT

4.1. GUARANTEE

Geotextile and Geogrids shall be guaranteed for a period of one year from the date of final acceptance.

4.2. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT (revised March, 2007)

A. *Paving Grade Reinforcement Applications*

Payment for the geotextile or geogrid will be made on a square yard basis for the area covered. No allowance will be made for overlaps, repairs, drainage trenches or cutoff trenches. Area covered shall be from 1 foot behind the curb to 1 foot behind the opposite curb. Payment shall be considered full compensation for all labor, materials, equipment and other items necessary and incidental to completion of the work.

B. *Slope Reinforcement Applications*

Payment will be made on a square yard basis for the amount of geogrid installed, for the various types.