
SECTION 702 - SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE

702.01 DESCRIPTION

This section covers the requirements for the supply and installation of subsurface drainage pipes, geocomposite drains and filter materials as shown on the drawings or as specified.

702.02 DEFINITIONS

Pervious Pipe System

A pervious pipe system comprises drainage pipes which permit the entry of water from surrounding material and convey it to a discharge point. Such pipes may be perforated, slotted or porous pipes or impervious pipes laid with open joints.

Subsurface Drain

A subsurface drain is a pervious pipe system laid in a trench and surrounded by granular filter material or sleeved with a geotextile.

Geocomposite Drain

A geocomposite drain comprises a highly permeable core material wrapped in a geotextile. The core shall be non-crushable and flexible, and shall completely support the geotextile fabric. The geotextile shall have the filtration and separation properties to perform the functions of a single or second stage filter.

Single Stage Filter

Single stage filter is granular filter material placed in contact with the trench sides and surrounding the pervious pipe system.

First Stage Filter

First stage filter is granular filter material or geotextile placed in contact with the trench sides and surrounding a second stage filter.

Second Stage Filter

Second stage filter is granular filter material or geotextile placed in contact with the pervious pipe system and surrounded by a first stage filter.

702.03 CONFORMITY WITH DRAWINGS

Subsurface drains, whether pipe or geocomposite systems, shall be constructed true to lines, depths or levels as shown on the drawings.

The invert of the subsurface drainage pipe or the geocomposite drain shall be not more than 25 mm from the specified level and not more than 50 mm from the specified line. Changes of grade shall not be abrupt, or occur at a rate exceeding 10 mm in any 3 m length, or lead to ponding of water within the drainage pipe to a depth exceeding 25 mm.

702.04 DRAINAGE PIPES AND GEOCOMPOSITE DRAINS

Subsurface drainage pipes and geocomposite drains shall be supplied by the Contractor.

Subsurface drainage pipes and geocomposite drains are grouped into three categories as follows:

Category 1: Perforated plastics Class 1000
Precast concrete Class "2"

Category 2: Perforated plastics Class 400

Category 3: Geocomposite drains

Pipes supplied shall be of the category and diameter shown on the drawings or specified in Clause 702.12 and shall comply with the requirements of the appropriate Australian Standard in accordance with Section 175 or VicRoads specification as follows:

- Perforated plastics - AS 2439 (except for perforation dimensions)
- Precast concrete - VicRoads Specification Section 701

Category 1 pipes may be substituted for Category 2.

Geotextiles used for the outer covering of the geocomposite drain shall comply with the requirements of Clause 702.06 and Section 210 Geotextiles in Earthworks.

Perforated plastic pipes and geocomposite drains supplied in coils shall be free from any permanent curved set when uncoiled.

Plastic pipes and geocomposite drains shall be stored away from sunlight and shall not be exposed unnecessarily to sunlight during delivery, storage and placement.

702.05 GRANULAR FILTER MATERIALS

(a) General

Granular filter material shall consist of hard, durable and clean sand, gravel or crushed rock, free from clay balls and organic matter, and shall have a pH value greater than 6.0 and less than 8.0.

The portion of granular filter material passing a 4.75 mm AS sieve shall have a Sand Equivalent value not less than 80.

The grading of granular filter material shall comply with the requirements of Table 702.051 relevant to the granular filter type specified in Clause 702.12.

Table 702.051 - Grading Requirements for Granular Filter Material

Sieve Size AS (mm)	Limits of Grading (% passing by mass)									
	Single and First Stage Filters						Second Stage Filters			
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4
37.5	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
26.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
19.0	-	-	-	-	100	85-100	-	100	100	70-100
13.2	-	-	-	-	90-100	-	-	90-100	90-100	0-30
9.50	-	100	100	100	70-100	65-100	100	70-100	40-70	0-10
4.75	-	90-100	90-100	70-100	28-100	48-82	70-100	28-100	0-15	-
2.36	100	75-100	70-100	0-50	0-28	30-60	0-50	0-28	0-5	0-5
1.18	95-100	50-98	40-65	0-10	0-8	15-40	0-10	0-8	-	-
0.600	70-98	30-80	12-40	-	-	5-25	-	-	-	-
0.300	30-60	10-40	0-16	0-5	0-5	0-10	0-5	0-5	-	-
0.150	0-12	0-7	0-4	-	-	0-5	-	-	-	-
0.075	0	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3

(b) Source Rock

Source rock for crushed rock components of granular filter material shall comply with the requirements of Section 801 - Source Rock for the Production of Crushed Rock and Aggregates.

(c) Crushed Rock Components

The percentage by mass of unsound and marginal rock in that fraction of an aggregate retained on a 4.75 mm AS sieve shall not exceed the values specified in Table 702.052.

Table 702.052 - Marginal and Unsound Rock

Total of Marginal and Unsound Rock % (by mass) (max)	Unsound Rock % (by mass) (max)
10	5

(d) No Fines Concrete

No fines concrete shall consist of B4 filter as defined in Table 702.051 and mixed with 4.0% by mass of cement and 3.5% by mass of water in a mixing plant.

702.06 GEOTEXTILE FILTERS

A geotextile filter shall consist of a fabric manufactured from synthetic fibres of a long-chain polymer such as polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester or similar material and shall be stabilised against deterioration due to ultraviolet light. After forming, the geotextile shall be processed so that the fibres retain their relative positions with respect to each other. The geotextile shall be free from defects or flaws which significantly affect its physical and/or filtering properties.

A geotextile filter may be non-woven or knitted fabric and shall comply with the requirements of Table 702.061 relevant to the geotextile filter type specified in Clause 702.12.

Continuous knit seamless sleeve geotextile filter may be used as a second stage filter.

Table 702.061 - Requirements for Geotextile Filter

Geotextile Filter Type	Minimum Robustness G ⁽¹⁾	EOS ⁽²⁾ (microns)	Minimum ⁽³⁾ Elongation (%)
1. First Stage Filter	900 (moderately robust)	85 - 230	45
2. Second Stage Filter (non-woven)	600 - 900	125 - 350	20
3. Second Stage Filter (knitted seamless sleeve)	N/A	125 - 350	50

⁽¹⁾ G = Geotextile strength rating

⁽²⁾ EOS = Equivalent Opening Size using AS 3706.7
Determination of Pore Size Distribution - Dry Sieving Method.

⁽³⁾ Elongation at break as determined by AS 3706.2
Determination of Tensile Properties - Wide Strip Method.

Geotextiles shall be stored away from sunlight and shall not be exposed unnecessarily to sunlight during delivery and placement.

702.07 DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT STRUCTURES

Where a geotextile drainage system is used at structures the system shall consist of geocomposite drains placed vertically over the full height of the backfilling at the intervals as shown on the drawings.

Where a geocomposite drainage material is made up of a permeable drainage layer with one or both faces bonded to a geotextile filter fabric, such a system shall be placed over the full height of fill which is in contact with the structure.

The geotextile filter used in such drains shall be a non-woven product conforming to the requirements of Clause 702.06.

The geocomposite drainage layer shall have the following minimum hydraulic properties under unit hydraulic gradient:

- (a) permeability perpendicular to the geocomposite under 0.2 kPa normal pressure - 0.5 cm/sec;
- (b) transmissivity in the plane of the geocomposite –

Normal Pressure	Transmissivity
10 kPa	$350 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
100 kPa	$250 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
200 kPa	$150 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
300 kPa	$100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

702.08 EXCAVATION

Where a geotextile is to be used as a first stage filter in contact with a trench wall, the trench wall shall be excavated to allow the geotextile to be in close contact with the wall when the granular filter material is placed against the geotextile.

The bottom of the trench shall be compacted and shall be not more than 50 mm below the specified level of the invert of the pipe. Excess trench excavation shall be made good by filling back to grade with compacted material of permeability similar to that of the surrounding material and any loose material shall be removed.

702.09 INSTALLATION

(a) Depth

Subsurface drainage pipes or geocomposite drains shall be laid to the depths or levels shown on the drawings. The top of any subsurface drainage pipe shall be at least 200 mm below subgrade where no Type A material is specified, or at least 200 mm below the level of the top of the Type B material where Type A material is specified.

(b) Grade

The grade of pipes or geocomposite drains shall be not flatter than 1 in 250.

(c) Bedding for Drainage Pipe System

A bedding of granular filter material of thickness not less than 25 mm shall be placed across the bottom of the trench. The bedding shall be tamped and screeded or graded to level. Bedding is not required for geocomposite drains.

(d) Placing of Pipes

Pipes shall be placed centrally in the trench on the prepared bedding and held firmly in place.

Slotted pipes shall be laid with the openings in the lower half of the pipe.

(e) Placing of Geocomposite Drains

Geocomposite drains shall be placed such that the drain stands vertical, held firmly in place and is centrally located within the trench.

(f) Jointing

Preformed pipe joints and fittings may be used.

Splice joints in geocomposite drains and pipes shall be made either with preformed geocomposite drain joints or fittings, or by butting together the sections of drain to be joined and wrapping the joint area with geotextile. Joints made by butting and wrapping with geotextile shall be secured to prevent separation during installation. The minimum width of geotextile used for wrapping shall be 450 mm.

Lap joints in geotextile used as first stage filters shall consist of an overlap of not less than 900 mm longitudinally and 150 mm transversely.

Lap joints in geotextile used as second stage filters shall consist of an overlap of not less than 300 mm.

(g) Placing Granular Filter Material

Filter material shall be placed moist and compacted with minimal disturbance to pipes or geocomposite drains, geotextiles and trench walls. The loose thickness of layers shall not exceed 300 mm.

No fines concrete shall be placed and compacted within 1 hour of mixing.

HP The method of compaction shall be in accordance with the Contractor's procedures and reviewed by the Superintendent.

(h) Flushing

After installation has been completed, pipes shall be flushed in the presence of the Superintendent with sufficient water to remove material that has entered the pipes during construction and to ensure that the pipes are free from obstruction.

702.10 ACCESS POINTS AND INSPECTION OPENINGS

Subsurface drainage pipes and/or geocomposite drains shall have access points at the beginning and end of the drainage run and shall have inspection openings at intervals of between 100 and 150 metres along the drainage run.

Where stormwater drainage pits are used as access points, the invert at the beginning of each drainage run shall be located above the top of the pit outlet and the invert at the end of each drainage run, when not shown on the drawings, shall be located not less than 100 mm above the invert of the pit outlet.

Flushout risers for drainage pipes shall have the same diameter as the pipe.

Flushout risers for geocomposite drains shall consist of a preformed riser fitting, or a pipe of diameter not less than 100 mm.

Flushout risers shall have surface fittings as shown on the drawings.

The outlet point at the end of each drainage run shall be located at a drainage pit, culvert endwall, or outlet in a fill batter or drain.

Inspection openings as shown on the drawings shall consist of pits having a diameter not less than 600 mm. Pits shall be fitted with concrete or cast iron frame covers as shown on the drawings.

702.11 MARKER POSTS

At all fill batter and drain outlets, supply and erect marker posts as shown on the drawings.

702.12 SCHEDULE OF DETAILS - REFER TO TENDER DRAWINGS.

Drainage Run	Nominal Depth of Trench (mm)	Pipe			Filter type				Geocomposite Drain			
		Category	Diameter (mm)	Perforation Size (mm)	Single or First Stage		Second Stage		EOS of Geotextile (microns)	Type	Width (mm)	Granular Backfill
					Granular	Geotextile	Granular	Geotextile				
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– Continuous knit seamless sleeve geotextile filter.

702.13 MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall test the granular filter material at a frequency which is sufficient to ensure that all materials supplied under the contract complies with the specified requirements but which is not less than that shown in Table 702.131.

Table 702.131 - Minimum Frequency of Testing

Test	Minimum Frequency of Testing
Grading	On each production day - One per 300 tonnes or part thereof
Unsound Rock Content	On each production day - One per 300 tonnes or part thereof
Sand Equivalent	One each production month
pH	One each production month