DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA  

SPECIAL PROVISION

Section 881—Fabrics

Delete Section 881 and substitute the following:

881.1 General Description
This section includes the requirements for the following fabrics:

- Plain cotton duck
- Rubber-impregnated cotton duck
- Burlap and cotton bags
- Plastic filter fabric
- Pavement reinforcement fabric
- Silt fence filter fabric

881.1.01 Related References
A. Standard Specifications
   Section 106—Materials Certification
B. Referenced Documents
   Federal Specification CCC-C 419 Type III
   ASTM D 36
   ASTM D 146
   ASTM D 412
   ASTM D 1777
   ASTM D 3786
   ASTM D 4355
   ASTM D 4632, GRAB
   ASTM D 4751
   ASTM D 4833
   GDT 87
   GDT 88
881.2 Materials

881.2.01 Plain Cotton Duck
A. Requirements
   1. Use plain cotton duck meeting the requirements of Federal Specification CCC-C 419 Type III.
   2. Ensure the duck weighs at least 8 oz./yd² (270 g/m²).
B. Fabrication
   General Provisions 101 through 150.
C. Acceptance
   General Provisions 101 through 150.
D. Materials Warranty
   General Provisions 101 through 150.

881.2.02 Rubber-Impregnated Cotton Duck
A. Requirements
   1. Use preformed rubber-impregnated fabric pads made of multiple layers of 8 oz (270 g) cotton duck, impregnated and bound with high quality natural rubber, or made of equivalent materials compressed into resilient pads of uniform thickness.
   2. Use enough plies to reach the specified thickness after compression and vulcanizing.
   3. Ensure the finished pad withstands compression loads of not less than 10,000 psi (70 MPa) when applied perpendicular to the plane of the laminations. Ensure the pad does not extrude or harmfully reduce in thickness.
B. Fabrication
   General Provisions 101 through 150.
C. Acceptance
   General Provisions 101 through 150.
D. Materials Warranty
   General Provisions 101 through 150.

881.2.03 Burlap Bags
A. Requirements
   Use burlap bags made of at least 95 percent jute and manila fibers.
   Use burlap weighing 8 to 18 oz/10 ft² (250 to 550 g/m²).
   Use bags with a capacity of 1 to 2 ft³ (0.03 to 0.06 m³).
B. Fabrication
   General Provisions 101 through 150.
C. Acceptance
General Provisions 101 through 150.

D. Materials Warranty
General Provisions 101 through 150.

**881.2.04 Cotton Bags**

**A. Requirements**

1. Use cotton bags with Osnaburg 40 x 26 thread count and a nominal fabric weight of 6.8 oz/yd² (230 g/m²).
2. Use bags having 1/2 in (13 mm) sewn seams with at least 1 stitch per 1/5 in (5 mm).
3. Use 4 or 5 ply, 12 cotton yarn or equivalent for the stitches.
4. Ensure seam efficiency is at least 80 percent. Ensure the inside measurements tolerance is ± 1/2 in (13 mm).

**B. Fabrication**
General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance
General Provisions 101 through 150.

D. Materials Warranty
General Provisions 101 through 150.

**881.2.05 Plastic Filter Fabric**

**A. Requirements**

1. Use pervious sheets of plastic yarn made from a long-chain synthetic polymer. Use polymer composes of at least 85 percent by weight of propylene, ethylene, amide, ester, or vinylidene chloride.
   Use a sheet of plastic yarn containing stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to the base plastic to make the filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultra-violet and/or heat exposure.
2. Ensure the fabric is finished so that the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other.
3. Use fabric without defects, rips, holes, or flaws.
4. Use fabric meeting the following physical requirements for woven and non-woven fabric:

<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Woven Fabrics</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tensile strength</td>
<td>200 lbs (890 N) minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bursting strength</td>
<td>500 psi (3.5 MPa) minimum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elongation before breaking</td>
<td>10% to 35%</td>
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<td>Percent open area</td>
<td>4.0% to 6.5%</td>
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<th>Non-woven Fabrics</th>
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<tr>
<td>Puncture resistance</td>
<td>30 lbs (135 N) minimum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grab tensile strength</td>
<td>65 lbs (290 N) minimum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grab elongation</td>
<td>40% minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow rate [H from 3 to 1 in (75 to 25 mm)]</td>
<td>50 gal/min/ ft² (34 liters/second/m²) (minimum) to 350 gal/ min/ft² (240 liters/second/m²)</td>
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</table>
5. Use fabric evaluated by the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP).

6. Seams
   a. Get approval on the seams from the Engineer before use on a Project.
   b. Use fabric sewn with thread of the same chemical requirements as the fabric, or use fabric bound with cement or heat. Either have the fabric bound or sewn at the point of manufacture or at a location approved by the Engineer.
   c. Seam Uses: You may use one seam in edge drain and underdrain applications.
      You may bond or sew fabric together to form sections at least 6 ft (1.8 m) wide for use under rip rap or behind retaining walls.

7. Fabric Use
   a. Use woven fabrics beneath rip rap when dropping stone from 3 ft (1 m) or less.
   b. You may use woven fabrics that meet the flow rate for edge drains.
   c. Use non-woven fabrics to line edge drains, underdrains, or behind retaining walls, where specified.
   d. Do not use non-woven fabrics for filter beneath rip rap.

B. Fabrication
   General Provisions 101 through 150.

C. Acceptance
   Test according to the following:

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<tr>
<td>Puncture resistance</td>
<td>ASTM D 4833</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tensile strength, elongation, grab strength</td>
<td>ASTM D 4632</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bursting strength</td>
<td>ASTM D 3786</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent open area</td>
<td>GDT 88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow rate</td>
<td>GDT 87</td>
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1. See QPL 28 for acceptable woven and non-woven fabrics meeting the requirements of this Specification. See QPL 47 for acceptable Geocomposite wall drains.
2. The Department will reject any fabrics that meet this Specification but fail to perform in actual use.

D. Materials Care and Warranty
   Wrap fabric in burlap or similar heavy duty protection during shipment and storage to protect it from mud, dirt, dust, and debris.

881.2.06 Pavement Reinforcement Fabric

A. Requirements

Type I and Type II Pavement Reinforcement Fabric

1. Use pavement reinforcement fabric that has the following properties:
   - Is non-woven, heat-resistant material composed of polypropylene or polyester fibers
   - Can be saturated with asphalt cement
   - Can be placed smooth with mechanical devices and be without wrinkles
   - Can withstand the heat of asphaltic concrete mixes during paving operations
   - Can withstand normal field handling and construction operations without damage

   For a list of sources, see QPL 40.
Meets the following physical requirements. The bid item or Plans will indicate which type of fabric is required for a Project.

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<th>Type I</th>
<th>Type II</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tensile strength, minimum</td>
<td>90 lbs (400 N)</td>
<td>125 lbs (555 N)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elongation at break</td>
<td>40% min., 100% max.</td>
<td>40% min., 100% max.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asphalt retention, minimum</td>
<td>0.18 gal/yd² (0.8 L/m²)</td>
<td>0.28 gal/yd² (1.3 L/m²)</td>
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2. Submit a certificate from the manufacturer showing the physical properties of the material used and how it meets this Specification. Submit the certificate according to Subsection 106.05, “Materials Certification.”

3. Demonstrate to the Department that fabric meeting the physical properties requirements of this Specification has been used successfully in installations with similar environmental and Project conditions.

**High Strength Pavement Reinforcement Fabric**

1. Use pavement reinforcement fabric with the following properties:
   - Is a flexible, water-resistant, high-density asphaltic membrane laminated between two layers of high strength, heat resistant polypropylene or polyester fabric.
   - Can be placed smooth with mechanical devices and be without wrinkles.
   - Can withstand the heat of asphaltic concrete mixes during paving operations.
   - Can withstand normal field handling and construction operations without damage.
   - Has a self-adhesive backing adhered to a film release liner.

For a list of sources, see QPL 40.

Meets the following physical requirements. The bid item or Plans will indicate which type of fabric is required for a Project.

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<tr>
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<th>Width, minimum</th>
<th>18 in (450 mm)</th>
<th>Tensile strength, minimum</th>
<th>1,800 lbs/ in² (12 MPa)</th>
<th>Elongation</th>
<th>20% to 50%</th>
<th>Softening Point (Asphaltic membrane), minimum</th>
<th>190 °F (87 °C)</th>
<th>Caliper</th>
<th>0.135 inch (3.43 mm)</th>
<th>95% retained after loading</th>
<th>Pliability (Cold Flex) 2&quot; (50 mm) X 5&quot; (125 mm) specimen, condition specimen at 0 °F (-18 °C ) for 1 hour, 180° bend on 2&quot; (50 mm) mandrel</th>
<th>No Separation</th>
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3. Demonstrate to the Department that fabric meeting the physical properties requirements of this Specification has been used successfully in installations with similar environmental and Project conditions.

**B. Fabrication**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**C. Acceptance**

**Type I and Type II Pavement Reinforcement Fabric**

Test according to the following:
High Strength Pavement Reinforcement Fabric

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<td>Tensile strength</td>
<td>ASTM D 4632 Grab</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elongation</td>
<td>ASTM D 4632 Grab</td>
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<td>Asphalt retention</td>
<td>GDT 95</td>
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D. Materials Warranty

General Provisions 101 through 150.

881.2.07 Silt Fence Filter Fabric

A. Requirements

1. Use approved silt fence from QPL 36.
   a. Type “A” and “B” Fences: Use either woven or nonwoven filter fabric for Type “A” and “B” fences. If using woven fabric, the fabric may have slit tape yarns in one direction (warp or fill) only.
   b. Type “C” Fences: Use non-calendered woven fabric constructed with monofilament yarns only.

   NOTE: Approved fabrics must consistently exceed the minimum requirements of this Specification as verified by the Office of Materials and Research. If a fabric is removed from the Qualified Products List, do not use it in the work until the Department has reestablished the product’s acceptability.

2. Ensure silt fence filter fabrics have the following characteristics:
   - Has strong rot-proof synthetic fibers formed into either a woven or non-woven fabric
   - Has no treatment or coating that might significantly alter its physical properties after installation
   - Contains stabilizers and/or inhibitors to make the filaments resistant to deterioration resulting from exposure to sunlight or heat
   - Makes a pervious sheet of synthetic fibers oriented into a stable network so that the fibers retain their relative position with respect to each other under normal handling, installation, and service conditions
   - Has finished fabric edges to prevent the outer yarn from pulling away from the fabric
   - Has no defects or flaws that would significantly affect its physical and/or filtering properties
   - Meets the following physical or dimensional requirements:

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<th>Type Fence</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>C</th>
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<tr>
<td>Elongation (% Max.)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apparent opening size (max. sieve)</td>
<td>No. 30 (600 um)</td>
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<td>25 (1015)</td>
<td>25 (1015)</td>
<td>70 (2850)</td>
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<td>Flow rate, gal/min./ft² (L/min./m²)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ultraviolet stability (2)</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bursting strength, psi (kPa)</td>
<td>175 (1200)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum fabric width</td>
<td>36 in (914 mm)</td>
<td>22 in (559 mm)</td>
<td>36 in (914 mm)</td>
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1. Minimum roll average of five specimens.
2. Percent of required initial minimum tensile strength.

3. Use silt fence filter fabrics evaluated by the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP).

B. Fabrication

The fabric may be manufactured with pockets for posts, hems with cord, or with posts pre-attached using staples or button head nails.

Ensure the fabric has the manufacturer’s name and product trade name labeled on the fabric at a minimum of 25 ft (7.6 m) intervals. Ensure the fabric has a color yarn mark in the fabric 14 inches (355 mm) ± 0.5 inch (12 mm) from both top and bottom ends for Type A and C and 8 inches (203 mm) ± 0.5 inch (12 mm) from both top and bottom ends for Type B fabric.

C. Acceptance

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<td>Elongation</td>
<td>ASTM D 4632</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apparent opening size</td>
<td>ASTM D 4751</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow Rate</td>
<td>GDT 87</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ultraviolet stability</td>
<td>ASTM D 4632 (after 300 hours weathering according to ASTM D 4355)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bursting strength</td>
<td>ASTM D 3786, Diaphragm Bursting Strength Tester</td>
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D. Materials Care and Warranty

Wrap fabric in a heavy-duty protective covering during shipment and storage to protect it from mud, dirt, dust and debris.

Do not expose fabric to temperatures greater than 140 °F (60 °C).

881.2.08 Filter Fabric for Embankment Stabilization

See Special Provision.