

SECTION 306

MECHANICALLY STABILIZED SUBGRADE - GEOGRID REINFORCEMENT

306.1 DESCRIPTION:

Mechanically stabilized subgrade shall consist of furnishing and placing a geogrid material within or below untreated base to provide a stabilized platform on which paving materials ~~can be~~ placed. Geogrid type, fill thickness, pavement cross-section and associated details, shall be as shown on the contract drawings.

~~Geogrids may be used either for improvement of soft subgrade or as untreated base reinforcement, per the Engineer's recommendations or the specification.~~

306.2 MATERIALS:

The geogrid material shall be supplied in accordance with and conform to the material requirements of Section 796 and Table 796-4.

306.3 SUBGRADE PREPARATION:

The geogrid shall not be placed when weather or surface conditions do not meet the manufacturer's recommendations for installation.

306.3.1 Placing Geogrid on Soft Subgrade: Prior to placement of geogrid material, soft subgrade shall be lightly proof rolled to provide a firm surface, brought to grade and shaped to conform to the typical sections, lines and grades as shown on the plans. The surface on which the geogrid will be placed shall be free of rock and other material that could damage the geogrid. The placement of the geogrid shall be approved by the Engineer before placement of overlaying materials.

Subgrade tolerances shall be in accordance with MAG Section 301.4.

306.3.2 Placing Geogrid Within Untreated Base: Subgrade shall be prepared in accordance with MAG Section 301.

306.4 EQUIPMENT:

Mechanical or manual laydown equipment shall be capable of laying the geogrid properly and smoothly, in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

306.5 GEOGRID PLACEMENT:

The geogrid shall be installed in accordance with the installation guidelines provided by the manufacturer or as directed by the Engineer.

The geogrid may be temporarily secured in place with ties, staples, pins, sand bags or acceptable fill material as required by fill placement procedures, weather conditions, or as directed by the Engineer. A 12-inch minimum secured overlap is required at all joints (both transverse and longitudinal). At transverse joints, the preceding roll shall overlap the following roll in the direction that the aggregate base will be placed. The geogrid shall be rolled out along the alignment in the direction of advancing construction. All wrinkles and folds shall be removed.

The geogrid shall be tensioned by hand and anchored to the ground at the edges, including overlaps, and in the center of the roll at 30-foot intervals along the roll length, at the corners if applicable, or as directed by the Engineer. Securing locations may be reduced or eliminated if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Engineer that an alternative installation process will provide satisfactory results.

Geogrid shall be placed to obtain full coverage of the indicated area. Placement of geogrid on irregular shaped areas and radii may require cutting of the geogrid material and the use of diagonal overlapping joints. Buckling of geogrid material will not be allowed.

306.6 PLACING AND COMPACTING AGGREGATE FILL:

The aggregate shall be back dumped and spread in a uniform lift maintaining the design aggregate thickness at all times. The aggregate material shall be bladed on the geogrid in such a manner that the aggregate rolls forward onto the grid ahead.

When underlying substrate is trafficable with minimal rutting, rubber-tired equipment may pass over geogrid reinforcement at slow speeds (less than 10 mph). Sudden stops and turning by trucks shall be avoided on the geogrid. Traffic shall not be allowed onto coated geogrid materials. A minimum loose fill thickness of 6 inches is required prior to operation of tracked vehicles over the geogrid. Turning of tracked vehicles shall be kept to a minimum to prevent tracks from displacing the fill and damaging the geogrid.

Any ruts which develop during spreading or compacting aggregate fill shall have additional aggregate added rather than bladed from surrounding areas. Placing additional aggregate into the rutted areas limits disturbance to the underlying geogrid keeping it intact.

Untreated base shall be compacted as specified in Section 310. Untreated base material shall not be mixed or processed on the geogrid. Base materials will be uniformly blended and sampled for acceptance prior to placement on the geogrid material. Contamination and segregation of base materials during placement shall be minimized.

306.7 REPAIR:

Any geogrid material damaged before, during or after installation shall be replaced by the contractor at no additional cost to the Agency.

Replacement of geogrid reinforcement shall consist of removal and replacement of the geogrid and aggregate fill from the defective area. The aggregate fill shall be removed at least 3 feet beyond the limits of the defective area. The replacement geogrid shall be installed with proper overlaps. Aggregate fill replacement shall not commence until placement of the geogrid material has been inspection and approved.

306.8 PAYMENT:

The surface area of accepted in-place geogrid reinforcement will be measured to the nearest square yard.

Payment for geogrid reinforcement at the contract unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all labor, material, equipment, and installing complete in place the geogrid as shown on the project plans.