

**Item No. 605S
Soil Retention Blanket**

605S.1 Description

This item shall govern the provision and placement of wood, straw or coconut fiber mat, synthetic mat, paper mat, jute mesh or other material as a soil retention blanket for erosion control on slopes or ditches or short-term or long-term protection of seeded or sodded areas indicated on the Drawings or as specified by the Engineer or designated representative.

This specification is applicable for projects or work involving either inch-pound or SI units. Within the text, inch-pound units are given preference with SI units shown within parentheses.

605S.2 Submittals

The submittal requirements for this specification item shall include the soil retention blanket material type and sample, evidence that the material is listed on TxDoT/TTI Approved Products List, one (1) full set of Manufacturer's literature and installation recommendations, and any special details necessary for the proposed application.

605S.3 Materials

A. Soil Retention Blankets * **See Modifications for additional information**

All soil retention blankets must be listed on TxDoT Approved Products List or approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

The soil retention blanket shall be one (1) of the following classes and types as shown on the Drawings:

1. Class 1. "Slope Protection"

- (a) Type A. Slopes 1:3 or flatter - Clay soils
- (b) Type B. Slopes 1:3 or flatter - Sandy soils
- (c) Type C Slopes steeper than 1:3 - Clay soils
- (d) Type D Slopes steeper than 1:3 - Sandy soils

2. Class 2. "Flexible Channel Liner"

- (a) Type E Short-term duration (Up to 2 years)
Shear Stress (t_d) < 1 pound per square foot [psf] (48 Pa)
- (b) Type F Short-term duration (Up to 2 years)
Shear Stress (t_d) 1 to 2 psf (48 to 96 Pa)
- (c) Type G Long-term duration (Longer than 2 years)
Shear Stress (t_d) >2 to <5 psf (>96 to <239 Pa)
- (d) Type H Long-term duration (Longer than 2 years)
Shear Stress (t_d) \geq 5 psf (\geq 239 Pa)

B. Fasteners

The fasteners shall conform to the recommendations of the manufacturer for the selected soil retention blanket.

605S.4 Construction Methods

A. General

The soil retention blanket shall conform to the class and type shown on the Drawings. The Contractor has the option of selecting an approved soil retention blanket conforming to the class and type shown on the Drawings which is included on the Approved Products List published by TxDOT/TTI Hydraulics and Erosion Control Laboratory.

B. Site Preparation:

Prior to placement of the soil retention blanket, the seedbed area to be covered shall be relatively free of all clods and rocks over 1 1/2 inches (37.5 mm) in maximum dimension and all sticks or other foreign matter that will prevent close contact of the preparation mat with the soil surface. The area shall be smooth and free of ruts and other depressions. If the prepared seedbed becomes crusted or eroded as a result of rain or if any eroded places, ruts or depressions exist for any reason, the Contractor shall be required to rework the soil until it is smooth and to reseed or resod the area at the Contractor's own expense. After the area has been properly prepared, the blanket shall be laid out flat, even and smooth, without stretching or crimping the material.

C. Installation

The Soil Retention Blanket, whether installed as slope protection or as flexible channel liner in accordance with the TxDOT/TTI Approved Products List, shall be placed within 24 hours after seeding (Standard Specification Item No. 604S), sodding (Standard Specification Item No. 602S) or native grassland seeding and planting (Standard Specification Item No. 609S) erosion control operations have been completed, or as approved by the Engineer or designated representative. The soil retention blanket shall be installed and anchored in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations. The Contractor shall contact the Engineer or designated representative three (3) days prior to the installation of the soil retention blanket to allow for inspection of the installation by City of Austin personnel.

605S.5 Measurement

This work and acceptable material for "Soil Retention Blanket" will be measured by the square yard (square meter: 1 square meter is equal to 1.196 square yards) of surface area covered, complete in place.

605S.6 Payment

The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit bid price for "Soil Retention Blanket" of the class shown on the Drawings or approved by the Engineer or designated representative. The unit price shall include full compensation for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work. Anchors, checks, terminal and wire staples will not be paid for directly, but will be included in the unit price bid for this specification item.

Payment will be made under the following:

Pay Item No. 605S-A: Soil Retention Blanket Class __; Type __ - Per Square Yard.

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<i>SPECIFIC</i> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS
Specification 605S, "Soil Retention Blanket"

City of Austin Standard Specification Items

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 602S	Sodding for Erosion Control
Item No. 604S	Seeding for Erosion Control
Item No. 609S	Native Grassland Seeding and Planting for Erosion Control

<i>RELATED</i> CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS

City of Austin Standard Specification Items

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 101S	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 102S	Clearing and Grubbing
Item No. 111S	Excavation
Item No. 120S	Channel Excavation
Item No. 132S	Embankment
Item No. 606S	Fertilizer
Item No. 608S	Planting
Item No. 610S	Preservation of Trees and Other Vegetation

Texas Department of Transportation: Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 100	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 110	Excavation
Item No. 132	Embankment
Item No. 158	Specialized Excavation Work
Item No. 160	Furnishing and Placing Topsoil
Item No. 162	Sodding for Erosion Control
Item No. 164	Seeding for Erosion Control
Item No. 166	Fertilizer
Item No. 168	Vegetative Watering
Item No. 169	Soil Retention Blanket
Item No. 204	Sprinkling