

# **Grasspave2 with 92% Void Space and Hydrogrow Mixture**

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

### **SECTION 02795**

#### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

##### **1.01 General Provisions**

A. The Conditions of the Contract and all Sections of Division 1 are hereby made a part of this Section.

##### **1.02 Description of Work**

###### **A. Work Included:**

1. Provide and install sandy gravel roadbase as per Geotechnical Engineer's recommendations and/or as shown on drawings, to provide adequate support for project design loads. See 2.02 Materials.

2. Provide Grasspave2 Paving System products including Grasspave2 units, Hydrogrow soil polymer, and installation per the manufacturer's instructions furnished under this section.

3. Provide and install clean sharp sand to fill the Grasspave2 units, when needed.

4. Provide and install grass by using sod or hydroseeding.

###### **B. Related Work:**

1. Subgrade preparation under Section 02200 Earthwork.

2. Subsurface drainage materials - Section 02710 Subsurface Drainage, when needed

3. Irrigation installation - Section 02810 Irrigation, when needed.

##### **1.03 Quality Assurance**

A. Follow Section 01340 requirements.

B. Installation: Performed only by skilled workpeople with satisfactory record of performance on landscaping or paving projects of comparable size and quality.

##### **1.04 Submittals**

A. Submit manufacturer's product data and installation instructions.

B. Submit a 10" x 10" section of Grasspave2 material for review. Reviewed and accepted samples will be returned to the contractor.

C. Submit material certificates for base course and sand fill materials.

##### **1.05 Delivery, Storage, and Handling**

A. Protect Grasspave2 units from damage during delivery and store under tarp to protect from sunlight, when time from delivery to installation exceeds one week. Keep Hydrogrow in a dark and dry location.

##### **1.06 Project Conditions**

A. Review installation procedures and coordinate Grasspave2 work with other work affected. Generally, Grasspave2 is installed at the same time as project grass installation, nearly the last site construction activity.

B. All hard surface paving adjacent to Grasspave2 areas, including concrete walks and asphalt paving must be completed prior to installation of Grasspave2.

C. Gradients for grass porous paving surfaces can vary from flat to 20%, depending upon vehicle types to use the surface. Please note that firelanes, or other emergency vehicles, will generally require a gradient that is less than 6%. If there are any questions regarding existing gradients on this project, please contact the Project Designer, or Invisible Structures, Inc.

D. Cold weather:

1. Do not use frozen materials or materials mixed or coated with ice or frost. Be careful in handling rolls of Grasspave2 in temperatures below 50 degrees F, as product connectors become stiff and can separate, and the individual units will retain the roll curl until warmed to room temperature (aided by placement in sun for 15 to 20 minutes). If cold weather is anticipated, Grasspave2 can be shipped in flat sheets that measure 1-meter (40") square.

2. Do not build on frozen work or wet, saturated or muddy subgrade.

E. Protect partially completed paving against damage from other construction traffic when work is in progress, and until grass root system has matured (about 3 to 4 weeks). Any barricades constructed must still be accessible by emergency and fire equipment during and after installation.

F. Protect adjacent work from damage during Grasspave2 installation.

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.01 Availability**

A. Manufacturer: (Grasspave2, Hydrogrow) Invisible Structures, Inc., 1597 Cole Blvd., Suite 310, Golden, Colorado 80401. Call from USA and Canada 800-233-1510 toll free, International 303-233-8383, Fax 303-233-8282.

B. Local Sales Representative:  
(Contact Manufacturer)

### **2.02 Materials**

A. Base Course: Sandy gravel material from local sources commonly used for road base construction, passing the following sieve analysis.

<u>% Passing</u>	<u>Sieve Size</u>
100	3/4"
85	3/8"
60	#4
30	#40
< 3	#200

1. Sources of the material can include either "pit run" or "crusher run." Crusher run material will generally require sharp sand to be added to mixture (33% by volume) to ensure long term porosity. If there is difficulty in finding local sources to meet this sieve analysis, and alternative mixture can be created by mixing 2/3 crushed drainage rock (0.75" dia) with 1/3 concrete or river sand.

2. Selected materials should be nearly neutral in pH (range from 6.5 to 7.2) to provide adequate root zone development for turf.

3. Alternative materials such as crushed shell, limerock, and/or crushed lava may be considered for base course use, provided they are mixed with sharp sand (33%), and brought to proper compaction.

(Crushed shell and limerock alone can set up like concrete without sand added.)

B. Hydrogrow Mix: A mixture made from several commercial products including: 1) cross-linked polyacrylimide (<0.1%) polymer, which is non-toxic and neutral in pH, and will absorb 150 to 350 times its weight in water from most tap sources; 2) ZeoPro zeolite mineral, amended with small amounts of starter fertilizers, from Zeoconix, Inc.; 3) Isolite porous ceramic, designed to hold large amounts of water without physical degradation or change of size of particle, from Sumitomo Group; 4) and agglomerated Humate, a natural source of nutrients and micronutrients, from Tri-C Enterprises.

C. Grasspave2 Grass Paving Units: Lightweight injection-molded plastic units 0.5x0.5x0.025 m (20"x20"x1" high, 2.7 ft<sup>2</sup> each) with hollow rings rising from a strong open grid allowing maximum grass root penetration and development. The plastic shall be 100% post-consumer recycled plastic resins, predominately HDPE, with minimum 3% carbon black concentrate added for UV protection.

Loading capability is equal to 402 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (5700 psi) when filled with sand, over an appropriate depth of roadbase. Standard color is black. Unit weight = 510 g (18 oz.), volume = 8% solid. Units may also be shipped in pre-assembled into rolls that vary from 10 square meters (108 sf) to 125 square meters (1345 sf).

D. Sand: Obtain clean sharp sand (washed concrete sand) to fill the 25 mm (one inch) high rings and spaces between the rings when seeding or using 13 mm (half inch) thick sod (soil thickness).

E. Grass: Use species resistant to wear by traffic generally a Blue/Rye/Fescue mix used for athletic fields in northern climates, and Zoysia, Fescue, or Bermuda types in southern climates.

(Check with local sod and seed suppliers for preferred mixtures.)

(Dedicated firelanes can use same grass species used on surrounding turf.)

(Parking applications require greatest wear-resistant species possible, generally available only by seed or sprigging.)

(Choose one of the following paragraphs to suit project requirements.)

1. Sod: Use 13 mm (0.5") thick (soil thickness) rolled sod from a reputable local grower. Species should be wear resistant, free from disease, and in excellent condition. Sod shall be grown in sand or sandy loam soils only. Sod grown in soils of clay, silt, or high organic materials such as peat, will not be accepted.

2. Seed: Use seed materials, of the preferred species for local environmental and projected traffic conditions, from certified sources. Seed shall be provided in containers clearly labeled to show seed name, lot number, net weight, % weed seed content, and guaranteed % of purity and germination. Pure Live Seed types and amount shall be as shown on plans.

F. Mulch: (Needed only for seeding.) Shall be of wood or paper cellulose types of commercial mulch materials often used in conjunction with hydroseeding operations. Mulches of straw, pine needles, etc. will not be acceptable because of their low moisture holding capacity.

G. Fertilizer: A commercial "starter" fertilizer, with Guaranteed Analysis of 17-23-6, or as recommended by local grass supplier, for rapid germination and root development.

H. Grasspave2 Sign: A sign to identify the presence of Grasspave2 paving, stating that special maintenance is required, with the Manufacturer's phone number, and made of durable materials for outdoor exposure shall be provided and installed.

I. Firelane Signage & Delineation: Firelanes must be identified regarding their entrance and physical location with the placement of signs, gates, curbs, bollards, etc. Specific signage wording and other details must be coordinated with and approved by local fire authorities.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.01 Inspection**

(It is recommended that Fire Department inspectors be scheduled to inspect installation of Grasspave2 during preparation of the subbase, installation of the base course, and installation of Grasspave2 units. Most small projects can accommodate these inspections all on the same day. Verify with Fire Department if certificates of inspection are required.)

A. Examine subgrade and base course installed conditions. Do not start Grasspave2 installation until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected. Check for improperly compacted trenches, debris, and improper gradients.

B. Installation constitutes acceptance of existing conditions and responsibility for satisfactory performance. If existing conditions are found unsatisfactory, contact Project Manager for resolution.

### **3.02 Preparation**

(Ensure that subbase materials are structurally adequate to receive designed base course, wearing course, and designed loads. Generally, excavation into undisturbed normal strength soils will require no additional modification. Fill soils and otherwise structurally weak soils may require modifications, such as geotextiles, geogrids, and/or compaction (not to exceed 90%). Ensure that grading and soil porosity of the subbase will provide adequate subsurface drainage.)

A. Place base course material over prepared subbase to grades shown on plans, in lifts not to exceed 150 mm (6"), compacting each lift separately to 95% Modified Proctor. Leave minimum 25 mm (1") to 35 mm (1.5") for Grasspave2 unit and sand/sod fill to Final Grade.

B. Spread all Hydrogrow mix provided (spreader rate = 2.25 kg per 100 m<sup>2</sup> (5 lbs per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) evenly over the surface of the base course with a hand-held, or wheeled, rotary spreader. The Hydrogrow mix should be placed immediately before installing the Grasspave2 units to assure that the polymer does not become wet and expanded when installing the units.

### **3.03 Installation of Grasspave2 Units**

A. Install the Grasspave2 units by placing units with rings facing up, and using pegs and holes provided to maintain proper spacing and interlock the units. Units can be easily shaped with pruning shears or knife. Units placed on curves and slopes shall be anchored to the base course, using 16d Common nails with fender washer, as required to secure units in place. Tops of rings shall be between 6 mm to 13 mm (0.25" to 0.5") below the surface of adjacent hard-surface pavements.

B. Install sand in rings as they are laid in sections by "backdumping" directly from a dump truck, or from buckets mounted on tractors, which then exit the site by driving over rings already filled with sand. The sand is then spread laterally

from the pile using flat bottomed shovels and/or wide "asphalt rakes" to fill the rings. A stiff bristled broom should be used for final "finishing" of the sand. The sand must be "compacted" by using water from hose, irrigation heads, or rainfall, with the finish grade no less than the top of rings and no more than 6 mm (0.25") above top of rings.

### **3.04 Installation of Grass**

(Choose one paragraph below to meet grass installation method desired.)

A. Install grass seed and mulch over sand-filled rings with commercial hydroseeding equipment, at rates shown on plans and per manufacturer's recommendations. Coverage must be uniform and complete. Following germination of the seed, areas lacking germination larger than 20 cm x 20 cm (8" x 8") must be reseeded immediately. Seeded areas must be fertilized and kept moist during development of the turf plants.

B. Install thin sod directly over sand filled rings, filled no higher than the top of the rings. Sod strips should be placed with very tight joints. Sodded areas must be fertilized and kept moist during root establishment (minimum of 3 weeks). Sodded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 3 to 4 weeks, or until the root system has penetrated and established well below the Grasspave2 units.

### **3.05 Protection**

(Choose one paragraph below to match grass installation method.)

A. Seeded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 4 to 6 weeks, or until the grass is mature to handle traffic.

B. Sodded areas must be protected from any traffic, other than emergency vehicles, for a period of 3 to 4 weeks, or until the root system has penetrated below the Grasspave2 units.

### **3.06 Cleaning**

A. Remove and replace segments of Grasspave2 units where three or more adjacent rings are broken or damaged, reinstalling as specified, so no evidence of replacement is apparent.

B. Perform cleaning during the installation of work and upon completion of the work. Remove all excess materials, debris, and equipment from site. Repair any damage to adjacent materials and surfaces resulting from installation of this work.

END OF SECTION

If you have any questions regarding this specification, please call Invisible Structures, Inc. 1-800-233-1510, overseas call 303-233-8383.