

**SECTION 32 14 13.19**  
**PERMEABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENT**  
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*Note: This guide specification is intended for use in the U.S. It describes construction of permeable interlocking concrete pavers on a permeable, open-graded crushed stone bedding layer (typically No. 8 stone). This layer is placed over an open graded-base (typically No. 57 stone) and sub-base (typically No. 2 stone) consisting of a larger crushed stone. The pavers and bedding layer are placed over an open-graded crushed stone base with exfiltration to the soil subgrade. In low infiltration soils or installations with impermeable liners, some or all drainage is directed to an outlet via perforated drain pipes in the subbase. While this guide specification does not cover excavation, liners and drain pipes, notes are provided on these aspects.*

*This guide specification should be used with the ICPI manual, Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements. The text below must be edited to suit specific project requirements. It should be reviewed by a qualified civil or geotechnical engineer, or landscape architect familiar with the site conditions. Edit this specification term as necessary to identify the design professional in the General Conditions of the Contract.*

**PART 1 GENERAL**

**1.01 SUMMARY**

**A. Section Includes**

1. Permeable interlocking concrete pavers.
2. Crushed stone bedding material.
3. Open-graded subbase aggregate.
4. Open-graded base aggregate.
5. Bedding and joint/opening filler materials.
6. Edge restraints.
7. [Geotextiles].

**B. Related Sections**

1. Section [            ]: Curbs.
2. Section [            ]: [Stabilized] aggregate base.
3. Section [            ]: [PVC] Drainage pipes
4. Section [            ]: Impermeable liner.
5. Section [            ]: Edge restraints.
6. Section [            ]: Drainage pipes and appurtenances.
7. Section [            ]: Earthworks/excavation/soil compaction.

**1.02 REFERENCES**

**A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**

1. C 67, Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units.
2. C 131, Standard Test Method for Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine.
3. C 136, Method for Sieve Analysis for Fine and Coarse Aggregate.
4. C 140, Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile, Section 8 – Freezing and Thawing.
5. D 448, Standard Classification for Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction.
6. C 936, Standard Specification for Solid Interlocking Concrete Pavers.
7. C 979, Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete.
8. D 698, Test Methods for Moisture Density Relations of Soil and Soil Aggregate Mixtures Using a 5.5-lb (2.49 kg) Rammer and 12 in. (305 mm) drop.
9. D 1557, Test Methods for Moisture Density Relations of Soil and Soil Aggregate Mixtures Using a 10-lb (4.54 kg) Rammer and 18 in. (457 mm) drop.
10. D 1883, Test Method for California Bearing Ratio of Laboratory-Compacted Soils.

- 11. D 4254, Standard Test Methods for Minimum Index Density and Unit Weight of Soils and Calculation of Relative Density.
- B. Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI)
  - 1. Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement manual.

### 1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Conditions of the Contract and Division 1 Submittal Procedures Section.
- B. Manufacturer's drawing and details: Indicate perimeter conditions, junction with other materials, expansion and control joints, paver [layout,] [patterns,] [color arrangement,] installation [and setting] details. Indicate layout, pattern, and relationship of paving joints to fixtures and project formed details.
- C. Sieve analysis of aggregates for base and bedding materials per ASTM C 136.
- D. Soils report indicating density test reports, classification, and infiltration rate measured on-site under compacted conditions, and suitability for the intended project.
- E. Erosion and sediment control plan.
- F. Stormwater management (quality and quantity) calculations.
- G. Permeable concrete pavers:
  - 1. Manufacturer's product catalog sheets with specifications.
  - 2. [Four] representative full-size samples of each paver type, thickness, color, and finish. Submit samples indicating the range of color expected in the finished installation.
  - 3. Accepted samples become the standard of acceptance for the work of this Section.
  - 4. Laboratory test reports certifying compliance of the concrete pavers with ASTM C 936.
  - 5. Manufacturer's material safety data sheets for the safe handling of the specified materials and products.
- H. Paver Installation Subcontractor:
  - 1. A copy of Subcontractor's current certificate from the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute Concrete Paver Installer Certification program.
  - 2. Job references from projects of a similar size and complexity. Provide Owner/Client/General Contractor names, postal address, phone, fax, and email address.

### 1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Paver Installation Subcontractor Qualifications:
  - 1. Utilize an installer having successfully completed concrete paver installation similar in design, material, and extent indicated on this project.
  - 2. Utilize an installer holding a current certificate from the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute Concrete Paver Installer Certification program.
- B. Regulatory Requirements and Approvals: [Specify applicable licensing, bonding or other requirements of regulatory agencies.]
- C. Mock-Ups:
  - 1. Install a 10 ft x 10 ft (3 x 3 m) paver area.
  - 2. Use this area to determine surcharge of the bedding sand layer, joint sizes, lines, laying pattern(s), color(s) and texture of the job.
  - 3. This area will be used as the standard by which the work will be judged.
  - 4. Subject to acceptance by owner, mock-up may be retained as part of finished work.
  - 5. If mock-up is not retained, remove and properly dispose of mock-up.

### 1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. General: Comply with Division 1 Product Requirement Section.
- B. Comply with manufacturer's ordering instructions and lead-time requirements to avoid construction delays.
- C. Delivery: Deliver materials in manufacturer's original, unopened, undamaged container

- packaging with identification tags intact.
1. Coordinate delivery and paving schedule to minimize interference with normal use of buildings adjacent to paving.
  2. Deliver concrete pavers to the site in steel banded, plastic banded, or plastic wrapped cubes capable of transfer by forklift or clamp lift.
  3. Unload pavers at job site in such a manner that no damage occurs to the product or existing construction
- D Storage and Protection: Store materials in protected area such that they are kept free from mud, dirt, and other foreign materials.

#### 1.06 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Do not install in rain or snow.
- B. Do not install frozen bedding materials.

#### 1.07 MAINTENANCE

- A. Extra materials: Provide [Specify area] [Specify percentage] additional material for use by owner for maintenance and repair.
- B. Pavers shall be from the same production run as installed materials.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

*Note: Some projects may include permeable and solid interlocking concrete pavements. Specify each product as required.*

#### 2.01 PERMEABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVERS

- A. Manufacturer: [Specify ICPI member manufacturer name.].
  1. Contact: [Specify ICPI member manufacturer contact information.].
- B. Permeable Interlocking Concrete Paver Units:
  1. Paver Type: [Specify name of product group, family, series, etc.].
    - a. Material Standard: Comply with material standards set forth in ASTM C 936.
    - b. Color [and finish]: [Specify color.] [Specify finish].
    - c. Color Pigment Material Standard: Comply with ASTM C 979.

*Note: Concrete pavers may have spacer bars on each unit. Spacer bars are recommended for mechanically installed pavers. Manually installed pavers may be installed with or without spacer bars. Verify with manufacturers that overall dimensions do not include spacer bars.*

*Note: Minimum 80 mm (3 1/8 in.) thick units are recommended for permeable pavement applications.*

- d. Size: [Specify.] inches [(Specify.)mm] x [Specify.] inches [(Specify)mm] x [Specify.] inches [(Specify.) mm] thick.

*Note: When 3 1/8 in. (80 mm) thick pavers are specified, their compressive strength test results per ASTM C 140 should be adjusted by multiplying by 1.18 to equate the results to that from 2 3/8 in. (60 mm) thick pavers.*

- e. Average Compressive Strength (ASTM C 140): 8000 psi (55 MPa) with no individual unit under 7200 psi (50 MPa).
- f. Average Water Absorption (ASTM C 140): 5% with no unit greater than 7%.
- g. Freeze/Thaw Resistance (ASTM C 67): Resistant to 50 freeze/thaw cycles with no greater than 1% loss of material. Freeze-thaw testing requirements shall be waived for applications not exposed to freezing conditions.

## 2.02 PRODUCT SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions: No substitutions permitted.

## 2.03 CRUSHED STONE FILLER, BEDDING, BASE AND SUBBASE

- A. Crushed stone with 90% fractured faces, LA Abrasion < 40 per ASTM C 131, minimum CBR of 80% per ASTM D 1883.
- B. Do not use rounded river gravel.
- C. All stone materials shall be washed with less than 1% passing the No. 200 sieve.
- D. Joint/opening filler, bedding, base and subbase: conforming to ASTM D 448 gradation as shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below:

Table 1  
Grading Requirements for ASTM No. 8 Bedding and Joint/Opening Filler

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
12.5 mm (1/2 in.)	100
9.5 mm (3/8 in.)	85 to 100
4.75 mm (No. 4)	10 to 30
2.36 mm (No. 8)	0 to 10
1.16 mm (No. 16)	0 to 5

Table 2  
Grading Requirements for ASTM No. 57 Base

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
37.5 mm (1½ in.)	100
25 mm (1 in.)	95 to 100
12.5 mm (1/2 in.)	25 to 60
4.75 mm (No. 4)	0 to 10
2.36 mm (No. 8)	0 to 5

Table 3  
Grading Requirement for ASTM No. 2 Subbase

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
75 mm (3 in.)	100
63 mm (2½ in.)	90 to 100
50 mm (2 in.)	35 to 70
37.5 mm (1½ in.)	0 to 15
19 mm (3/4 in.)	0 to 5

- E. Gradation criteria for the bedding and base:

*Note:  $D_x$  is the particle size at which  $x$  percent of the particles are finer. For example,  $D_{15}$  is the particle size of the aggregate for which 15% of the particles are smaller and 85% are larger.*

1.  $D_{15}$  base stone /  $D_{50}$  bedding stone < 5.
2.  $D_{50}$  base stone /  $D_{50}$  bedding stone > 2.

## 2.04 ACCESSORIES

- A. Provide accessory materials as follows:

*Note: Curbs will typically be cast-in-place concrete or precast set in concrete haunches. Concrete curbs may be specified in another Section. Do not use plastic edging with steel spikes to restrain the paving units.*

1. Edge Restraints
  - a. Manufacturer: [Specify manufacturer.].

- b. Material: [Pre-cast concrete] [Cut stone] [Concrete].
- c. Material Standard: [Specify material standard].

*Note: See ICPI publication, Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements for guidance on geotextile selection. Geotextile use is optional.*

- [2. Geotextile Fabric:
  - a. Material Type and Description: [Specify material type and description.].
  - b. Material Standard: [Specify material standard.].
  - c. Manufacturer: [Acceptable to interlocking concrete paver manufacturer]]

### **PART 3 EXECUTION**

#### **3.01 ACCEPTABLE INSTALLERS**

- A. [Specify acceptable paver installation subcontractors.].

#### **3.02 EXAMINATION**

*Note: The elevations and surface tolerance of the soil subgrade determine the final surface elevations of concrete pavers. The paver installation contractor cannot correct deficiencies excavation and grading of the soil subgrade with additional bedding materials. Therefore, the surface elevations of the soil subgrade should be checked and accepted by the General Contractor or designated party, with written certification presented to the paver installation subcontractor prior to starting work.*

- A. Acceptance of Site Verification of Conditions:
  - 1. General Contractor shall inspect, accept and certify in writing to the paver installation subcontractor that site conditions meet specifications for the following items prior to installation of interlocking concrete pavers.
    - a. Verify that subgrade preparation, compacted density and elevations conform to specified requirements.
    - b. Provide written density test results for soil subgrade to the Owner, General Contractor and paver installation subcontractor.
    - c. Verify location, type, and elevations of edge restraints, [concrete collars around] utility structures, and drainage pipes and inlets.
  - 2. Do not proceed with installation of bedding and interlocking concrete pavers until subgrade soil conditions are corrected by the General Contractor or designated subcontractor.

*Note: Compaction of the soil subgrade should be determined by the project engineer. If the soil subgrade requires compaction, compact to a minimum of 95% standard Proctor density per ASTM C 698 for pedestrian areas and residential driveways, and a minimum of 95% modified Proctor per ASTM D 1557 for vehicular areas. Compacted soil density and moisture should be checked in the field with a nuclear density gauge or other test methods for compliance to specifications. Stabilization of the soil and/or base material may be necessary with weak or continually saturated soils, or when subject to high wheel loads. Compaction will reduce the permeability of soils. If soil compaction is necessary, reduced infiltration may require drain pipes within the open-graded sub base to conform to local storm drainage requirements.*

- a. Verify that subgrade preparation, compacted density and elevations conform to specified requirements.
- b. Provide written density test results for soil subgrade to the Owner, General Contractor and paver installation subcontractor.
- c. Verify location, type, and elevations of edge restraints, [concrete collars around] utility structures, and drainage pipes and inlets.
- 2. Do not proceed with installation of bedding and interlocking concrete pavers until subgrade soil conditions are corrected by the General Contractor or designated subcontractor.

#### **3.03 PREPARATION**

- A. Verify that the soil subgrade is free from standing water.
- B. Stockpile joint/opening filler, base and subbase materials such that they are free from standing water, uniformly graded, free of any organic material or sediment, debris, and ready for placement.
- C. Edge Restraint Preparation:
  - 1. Install edge restraints per the drawings [at the indicated elevations].

### 3.04 INSTALLATION

*Note: The minimum slope of the soil subgrade should be 0.5%. Actual slope of soil subgrade will depend on the drainage design. All drainpipes, observation wells, overflow pipes, and impermeable liner (if applicable) should be in place per the drawings prior to or during placement of the subbase and base, depending on their location.*

*Care must be taken not to damage drainpipes during compaction and paving. No mud or sediment can be left on the base or bedding aggregates. If they are contaminated, they must be removed and replaced with clean materials.*

- A. General
  1. Any excess thickness of soil applied over the excavated soil subgrade to trap sediment from adjacent construction activities shall be removed before application of the [geotextile] and subbase materials.
  2. Keep area where pavement is to be constructed free from sediment during entire job. [Geotextiles] Base and bedding materials contaminated with sediment shall be removed and replaced with clean materials.
  3. Do not damage drainpipes, overflow pipes, observation wells, or any inlets and other drainage appurtenances during installation. Report any damage immediately to the project engineer.
  
- [B. Geotextiles
  1. Place on bottom and sides of soil subgrade. Secure in place to prevent wrinkling from vehicle tires and tracks.
  2. Overlap a minimum of 0.6 m (24 in.) in the direction of drainage.]
  
- C. Open-graded subbase and base
  1. Moisten, spread and compact the No. 2 subbase in 100 to 150 mm (4 to 6 in.) lifts [without wrinkling or folding the geotextile. Place subbase to protect geotextile from wrinkling under equipment tires and tracks.]
  2. For each lift, make at least two passes in the vibratory mode then at least two in the static mode with a minimum 10 T (10 t) vibratory roller until there is no visible movement of the No. 2 stone. Do not crush aggregate with the roller.
  3. The surface tolerance of the compacted No. 2 subbase shall be  $\pm 20$  mm ( $\pm 3/4$  in.) over a 3 m (10 ft.) straightedge.
  4. Moisten, spread and compact No. 57 base in 100 mm to 150 mm (4 to 6 in.) lifts over the compacted No. 2 subbase with a minimum 10 T (10 t) vibratory roller until there is no visible movement of the No. 57 stone. Do not crush aggregate with the roller.
  5. The surface tolerance the compacted No. 57 base should not deviate more than  $\pm 13$  mm ( $\pm 1/2$  in.) over a 3 m (10 ft.) straightedge.
  
- Note: In-place density of the base and subbase may be checked per ASTM D 4254. Compacted density should be 95% of the laboratory index density established for the subbase and base stone.*
  
- D. Bedding layer
  - a. Moisten, spread and compact the No. 8 bedding material. Compact with a minimum 10 T (10 ton) static roller. Make at least [4] passes. No visible movement should occur in the base material when compaction is complete. Do not crush aggregate with the roller.
  - b. The surface tolerance of the compacted surface should not deviate more than  $\pm 13$  mm ( $\pm 1/2$  in.) over a 3 m (10 ft.) straightedge.
  
- E. Permeable interlocking concrete pavers and joint/opening fill material
  - c. Lay the pavers [paving slabs] in the pattern(s) and joint widths shown on the drawings. Maintain straight pattern lines.

- d. Fill gaps at the edges of the paved area with cut units. Cut pavers subject to tire traffic shall be no smaller than 1/3 of a whole unit.
- e. Cut pavers to be placed along the edges with a [double-bladed splitter] or masonry saw.
- f. Compact and seat the pavers into the bedding material using a low-amplitude, 75-90 Hz plate compactor capable of at least 22 kN (5,000 lbs.) centrifugal compaction force. This will require at least two passes with the plate compactor.
- g. Do not compact within 2 m (6 ft) of the unrestrained edges of the paving units.

*Note: Some paver joint widths may be narrow and not accept most of the No. 8 stone. Use joint material that will fill joints such as washed ASTM No. 9 or No. 10 stone.*

- h. Fill the openings and joints with No. 8 stone.
- i. Remove excess aggregate by sweeping pavers clean.
- j. Compact the pavers again, vibrating the aggregate into the openings. Apply additional aggregate to the openings and joints, filling them completely. Remove excess aggregate by sweeping and compact the pavers. This will require at least two passes with the plate compactor.
- k. All pavers within 2 m (6 ft) of the laying face must be left fully compacted at the completion of each day.
- l. The final surface tolerance of compacted pavers shall not deviate more than  $\pm 10$  mm ( $\pm 3/8$  in.) under a 3 m (10 ft) long straightedge.
- m. The surface elevation of pavers shall be 3 to 6 mm (1/8 to 1/4 in.) above adjacent drainage inlets, concrete collars or channels.

### 3.05 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. After sweeping the surface clean, check final elevations for conformance to the drawings.
- B. Lippage: No greater than 3 mm (1/8 in.) difference in height between adjacent pavers.

*Note: The minimum slope of the finished pavement surface should be 1%. The surface of the pavers may be 3 to 6 mm (1/8 to 1/4 in.) above the final elevations after compaction. This helps compensate for possible minor settling normal to pavements.*

- C. The surface elevation of pavers shall be 3 to 6 mm (1/8 to 1/4 in.) above adjacent drainage inlets, concrete collars or channels.

### 3.06 PROTECTION

- A. After work in this section is complete, the General Contractor shall be responsible for protecting work from sediment deposition and damage due to subsequent construction activity on the site.

END OF SECTION