Item No. 620S
Filter Fabric

620S.1 Description

This item shall govern the furnishing of materials and for placement of filter fabric as indicated on the Drawings or directed by the Engineer or designated representative. Filter Fabric shall have the capability for allowing the passage of ground water through it without transporting the soil placed around the filter fabric.

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

620S.2 Submittals

The submittal requirements of this specification item include:

A. catalog cuts,
B. samples of material selected,
C. testing results,
D. manufacturer's recommended installation procedures, and
E. manufacturer certification of compliance with this specification.

620S.3 Materials

A. General

The fabric shall be constructed exclusively of synthetic thermoplastic fibers and may be either woven or non-woven to form a mat of uniform quality. Fabric fibers may be either continuous or discontinuous and oriented in either a random or an aligned pattern throughout the fabric. The fabric shall be mildew resistant, rot proof and shall be satisfactory for use in a wet soil and aggregate environment. The fabric shall contain ultraviolet stabilizers and shall have non-raveling edges.

B. Physical Requirements

The fabric shall meet the requirements of table 1, when sampled and tested in accordance with the methods indicated in the table below.

For applications such as water quality facility underdrain wrappings that require a high flow-through rate or when specified by the Engineer, the fabric shall be woven mono-filament and meet the requirements of Table 2.

All material shall be shipped with suitable wrapping to protect the fabric during shipping and storage at the job site.

620S.4 Construction Methods

The submittal requirements shall be completed before any materials are ordered.

The "Filter Fabric" shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, as indicated on the Drawings or as directed by the Engineer or

designated representative. When lapping is required, it shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Backfilling around the Filter Fabric shall be done in such a manner that the Filter Fabric material will not be damaged during the placement.

TABLE 1: FILTER FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Original Physical Properties	Test Method	Requirements
Fabric weight (mass), on an ambient temperature air-dried tension free sample, expressed in oz/ sq. yd (grams/ square meter)	TxDoT Tex-616-J*	Underdrains/Slope Stabilization 4.0 (135) minimum
		Gabions and Revet Mattresses 6.0 (200) minimum
Water flow rate by falling head method, 7.9 inches (20 cm) to 3.9 inches (10 cm) on 2 inch (50 mm) ID cylinder with 1 inch (25 mm) diameter orifice, with flow rate expressed in gal/sq.ft/minute (liters/square meter/minute).	TxDoT Tex-616-J*	80 (3,260) minimum
Breaking load in either machine or cross-machine direction, expressed in pounds (newtons)	ASTM D-1682 grab method G**	100 (445) minimum
Equivalent opening size for US Standard (SI) sieves.	CW-02215	70 to 100 (212 to 150μm)
"Apparent elongation" at breaking load in either machine or cross-machine direction, expressed as percent	ASTM D-1682 grab method G**	100 maximum

* TxDoT Tex-616-J, "Testing of Construction Fibers

** ASTM D 1682 grab method G, "Test Methods for Breaking Load and Elongation of Textile Fabrics"* as modified by TxDoT Test Method Tex-616-J

*** CW-02215, US Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works Construction Guide Specification "Plastic Filter Fabric".

TABLE 2: HIGH FLOW FILTER FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Property	Test Method	Requirements
Fabric weight	D 3776	3.0 ounces/square yard, minimum
Ultaviolet (UV) Radiation Stability	D 4355	70% strength retained minimum, After 500 hours in xenon arc device
Mullen burst strength	D- 3786	120 pound per square inch minimum
Water Flow Rate	D-4491	275 gallons/minute/square feet, minimum

620S.5 Measurement

Work and acceptable material for "Filter Fabric" and “High Flow Filter Fabric” will be measured by the square yard (square meter: 1 square meter equals 1.196 square yards), complete in place.

620S.6 Payment

The work performed and the materials furnished and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid at the unit bid price for "Filter Fabric". The unit bid price, when included in the contract as a pay item, shall include full compensation for all materials, excavation and backfilling and all manipulations, labor, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item No. 620S-A:	Filter Fabric	Per Square Yard.
Pay Item No. 620S-B:	High Flow Filter Fabric	Per Square Yard.

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SPECIFIC CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS
Specification 620S, “Filter Fabric"

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

Designation	Description
D 1682	Test Methods for Breaking Load and Elongation of Textile Fabrics
D 3776	Standard Test Method for Mass Per Unit Area (Weight) of Fabric
D 4355	Test Methods for Deterioration of Geotextiles By Exposure to Ultraviolet Light, Moisture and Heat in a Xenon Arc Type Apparatus
D 3786	Standard Test Method for Bursting Strength of Textile Fabrics – Diaphragm Bursting Strength Tester Method
D 4491	Standard Test Method for Water Permeability of Geotextiles by Permittivity

Texas Department of Transportation Manual of Testing Procedures

Designation	Description
Tex-616-J	Testing of Construction Fabrics

RELATED CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS

City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual

Designation	Description
Section 1.4.2.E	Rock Berm
Section 1.6.5.A.4	Sand Filtration Bed Details

City of Austin Standard Details

Designation	Description
Number 639S-1	Rock Berm
Number 661-1	Sand Bed Filtration Configurations Using Geomembrane Liner
Number 661-2	Sand Bed Filtration Configurations Using Clay Liner/No Liner Required
Number 661-3	Biofiltration Bed Configurations Using Geomembrane/Clay Liner Required

City of Austin Standard Specifications

Designation	Description
Item No. 101S	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 102S	Clearing and Grubbing
Item No. 111S	Excavation
Item No. 120S	Channel Excavation
Item No. 401	Structural Excavation and Backfill
Item No. 602S	Sodding for Erosion Control
Item No. 604S	Seeding for Erosion Control
Item No. 605S	Soil Retention Blanket
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

Designation	Description
Item No. 100	Preparing Right of Way
Item No. 110	Excavation
Item No. 132	Embankment
Item No. 158	Specialized Excavation Work
Item No. 166	Fertilizer
Item No. 168	Vegetative Watering
Item No. 169	Soil Retention Blanket
Item No. 204	Sprinkling