

**ITEM NO. 639S
ROCK BERM**

639S.1 Description

This item shall govern the construction of a temporary berm of open graded rock that is installed at the toe of a slope on the perimeter of a developing area. Rock berms are appropriate for use as flow diverters, energy dissipators, grade control, and level spreaders to release the water in sheet flow (Environmental Criteria Manual Section 1.4.5.E). This item shall also govern the removal of the "Rock Berm" and re-vegetation of the area.

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.

639S.2 Submittals

The submittal requirements for this specification item shall include:

- A. Function (flow diversion, grade control, energy dissipator, level spreader, or other) and dimensions of the rock berm
- B. Source, type and gradation of rock
- C. Re-vegetation program, including:
 - 1. Identification of the type, source, mixture, Pure Live Seed (PLS) and rate of application of the seeding.
 - 2. Type of mulch.
 - 3. Type of tacking agent.
 - 4. Type and rate of application of fertilizer.

639S.3 Design Criteria

A detailed design is not required for the installation of a rock berm; however, the following criteria shall be observed:

Drainage area	less than 5 acres (2 hectares).
Height	18 inches (450 mm) minimum height, measured vertically from the top of the existing ground at the upslope toe to the top of the berm.
Top width	2 feet (0.6 meter) minimum.
Side slopes	2:1 or flatter.
Grade	Berms will be built along a contour as near possible to a 0 percent grade.

639S.4 Materials

Surplus rock excavated from utility trenches or from other excavations may be used in construction of these berms. In general, the rocks shall be sound with a minimum of 3 inches (75 mm) in smallest dimension and shall weigh between 10 and 30 pounds (4.5 to 13.6 kilograms) each. Seeding for re-vegetation shall conform to Item No. 604S, "Seeding for Erosion Control".

Use only open-graded rock of the size indicated on Standard Detail No. 639S-1, with most of the fines removed.

639S.5 Construction Methods

All trees, brush, stumps and objectionable material shall be removed and disposed in a manner that will not interfere with the construction of the berm.

A trench shall be excavated to a minimum depth of 4 inches (100 mm) below existing grade for placement of the rock as indicated on Standard Detail No. 639S-1 and the Drawings. The rocks shall be placed in interlocking layers with close joints starting at the base. Open joints shall be filled with rock-spalled materials as required to stabilize the berm.

The area upstream from the rock berm shall be maintained in a condition, which will allow sediment to be removed following the runoff from a rainfall event. After each rainfall event with an accumulation of 1 inch (25 mm) or more, an inspection of the rock berm will be made by the Contractor and the stone shall be replaced, when the structure ceases to function as intended because of sediment accumulation among the rocks, washout, construction traffic damage, etc.

If the sediment reaches a depth equal to 1/3 the height of the berm or 6 inches (150 mm), whichever is less, the Contractor will remove the accumulated sediment and dispose of it at an approved disposal site in a manner that will not contribute to additional sedimentation. The berm will be reshaped as needed during construction.

When the site is completely stabilized, the berm will be removed and disposed of in a manner approved by the Engineer or designated representative.

The area will be re-vegetated as required by Item No. 604S, "Seeding for Erosion Control".

639S.6 Measurement

Acceptable work performed and prescribed in this item will be measured by the linear foot (lineal meter: 1 lineal meter equals 3.281 lineal feet) along the centerline of top of berm.

639S.7 Payment

The work performed and material furnished and measured as provided under "Measurement" to construct this item will be paid for at the unit bid price per linear foot of rock berm barrier as indicated on the Drawings. The Unit Bid Price shall include full compensation for:

- (a) furnishing, hauling and placing all materials including all labor, tools, equipment and incidentals needed to complete the work,
- (b) maintaining the berm,
- (c) removing sediment accumulations,
- (d) rock replacement,
- (e) removing and disposing of all materials when the berm is no longer required and
- (f) re-vegetating the site upon removal of the berm.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item No. 639S: Rock Berm Per Lineal Foot.

End

SPECIFIC CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS
Specification 639S, "Rock Berm"

City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Section 1.4.2.E	Rock Berm

City of Austin Standard Details

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Number 639S-1	Rock Berm

City of Austin Standard Specifications

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Item No. 604S	Seeding for Erosion Control

RELATED CROSS REFERENCE MATERIALS
Specification 639S, "Rock Berm"

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<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
Table 1-1.3	Recommended Design Values For Functional Controls
Table 1-2	Maximum Water Depth At The Barrier

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<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. 401S	Structural Excavation and Backfill
Item No. 602S	Sodding 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
Item No. 620S	Filter Fabric

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. 166	Fertilizer
Item No. 168	Vegetative Watering
Item No. 169	Soil Retention Blanket
Item No. 204	Sprinkling