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Handling, Storage, and Installation Guidelines for Construction Roll Geotextiles.

Delivery and Handling

Rolls of geotextiles are delivered in a protective black plastic wrap with a cardboard core. Each roll is identified by the manufacturer with 4 labels each describing the roll number and product code on each end and within the cores. Upon delivery, rolls should be inspected for damage prior to receipt and documented on the Bill of Lading with the driver.

Storage

Rolls must be stored in a secure area, off the ground and stacked in a manner where rolls are stable without damage to the fabric or cores. Should the wrap be damaged during storage, it is important to cover exposed fabric immediately to protect from UV light and wear. Geotextiles should not be left exposed to sunlight for periods longer than 3 days after removing protective plastic wrapper. If geotextiles are to be stored outside for longer than one month, they should be protected by a temporary suitable tarpaulin cover.

Geotextile Installation

Geotextiles should be unrolled in a manner that allows easy access for construction equipment while being consistent with the layout plan for the project. **Do Not Drag** across the subgrade. Geotextile is usually laid in the direction of construction traffic. Exceptions may be made by the Project Engineer. Geotextile overlay should remain between 18-24" on sides and ends, unless otherwise specified by Project Engineer. Geotextiles may be required to be sewn rather than overlapped, please refer to the Project Engineer instructions.

Staples, pins or base may be used to hold fabric in place until aggregate or base layer is installed. There must be a minimum 4-6" of suitable base over the fabric before tracked or wheeled equipment can be used. During installation of base over the top of the Geotextile, make sure to avoid turning equipment wheels or tracks over uncompacted layers of base. This can cause loss of integrity or holes within the geotextile.