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"Blanketing Nature With Nature"

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RE: Certificate of Conformance: *Excel SS-2™*

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to certify that Western Excelsior manufactures the Rolled Erosion Control Product (RECP) marketed as EXCEL SS-2. Each blanket is subjected to Western Excelsior's Quality Assurance Program and is manufactured to the specifications listed in document number WE_EXCEL_SS2_SPEC. Further, Western Excelsior utilizes industry standardized test procedures to develop performance references for Excel SS-2. Document number WE_EXCEL_SS2_PERF presents the industry standardized testing and results. Installation instructions are provided in document numbers WE_EXCEL_SS2_SII and WE_EXCEL_SS2_CII for hill slope and channel installations, respectively. A copy of document number WE_EXCEL_SS2_SPEC is attached; all other documentation may be obtained by calling Western Excelsior Technical Services at 1-800-967-4009, at www.westernexcelsior.com or by email at wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad M. Lipscomb".

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Material Properties and Dimensions



Description

Western Excelsior manufactures a full line of Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECPs). Excel SS-2 temporary Erosion Control Blanket is composed of a 100% certified weed free agricultural straw matrix mechanically (stitch) bound on two inch centers between two photodegradable, synthetic nets. Excel SS-2 is intended for use in channels or on slopes requiring erosion protection for a period up to twelve months. Actual field longevity is dependent on soil and climatic conditions.

Specifications

Each roll of EXCEL SS-2 is manufactured under Western Excelsior's Quality Assurance Program to ensure a continuous distribution of fibers and consistent thickness. Verified values are provided in Table 1 and product characteristics are provided in Tables 2 and 3. Values provided in Tables 1, 2 and 3 represent expected values at the time of manufacture. Installation instructions and performance data are available from Western Excelsior's Technical Support Division.

Tested Property	Test Method	Value	Units
Tensile Strength	ASTM D6818	10.0 (MD), 6.2 (TD)	lb/in
Elongation	ASTM D6818	20 (MD), 26 (TD)	%
Mass per Unit Area	ASTM D6475	8.0	oz/yd ²
Thickness	ASTM D6525	7.0	mm
Light Penetration	ASTM D6567	22	% open
Water Absorption	ASTM D1117	450	%

Top Net	Synthetic Photo-degradable
Bottom Net	Synthetic Photo-degradable
Top Net Opening	0.50" x 0.54" (Nominal)
Bottom Net Opening	0.50" x 0.54" (Nominal)

Style	Narrow	Wide
Roll Width	7.5 ft	15.0 ft
Roll Length	120 ft	120 ft
Coverage	100 yd ²	200 yd ²
Roll Weight	55 lbs	110 lbs

Document # WE_EXCEL_SS2_SPEC. This document has been developed to provide the characteristic properties of the product described. For questions, to request performance data or installation recommendations, contact Western Excelsior at 800-967-4009 or wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com. Updated 02/10.



Product Evaluation Data and Test Results



Test Methods

A variety of test methods are utilized to determine performance and conformance values for Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECPs). Information within this document is presented to provide conformance values and recommended design values. Test results obtained for the Excel SS-2 Temporary Erosion Control Blanket (ECB) and general design values are presented in Tables 1-4. For specific information detailing testing protocols, results and application of design values, refer to document number WE_EXCEL_PERF_GEN.

Test Results

Table 1 - Bench Scale Testing (NTPEP)

Test Method	Test Condition	Results	Units
ECTC Test Method 2 - Rainfall/Rainsplash Resistance	2 in. per hour	18.96	Soil Loss Ratio
	4 in. per hour	23.47	
	6 in. per hour	29.04	
ECTC Test Method 3 - Shear Resistance	2.14	0.5	Soil Loss (in.)
ECTC Test Method 4 - Germination	Top Soil, Fescue, 21 day Incubation	484	% Improvement

Table 2 - Texas Transportation Institute (TTI)

Class	Test Condition	Result
A	< 3H : 1V Clay Slope Testing	Approved
B	< 3H : 1V Sand Slope Testing	Approved
C	> 3H : 1V Clay Slope Testing	Approved
D	> 3H : 1V Sand Slope Testing	Approved
E	2.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	Approved
F	4.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	N/A
G	6.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	N/A
H	8.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	N/A
I	10.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	N/A
J	12.0 lb/ft ² Partially Vegetated Channel Testing	N/A

Document # WE_EXCEL_SS2_PERF. This document has been developed to provide information regarding the bench scale and/or performance testing conducted on the Excel SS-2 ECB. For questions or installation recommendations, contact Western Excelsior Technical Services Division at 800-967-4009 or wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com. Updated 02/10.

Recommended Design Values

Table 3 - Unvegetated Design Values

Maximum Permissible Velocity*	Soil Loss
6.0 ft/s	0.5 inches
Maximum Permissible Shear Stress*	Soil Loss
1.8 lb/ft ²	0.5 inches
Resistance to Flow*	
HEC 15 Shear Relationship	Manning's n
0.4 lb/ft ² (Tau _{lower})	0.050
0.8 lb/ft ² (Tau _{mid})	0.036
1.6 lb/ft ² (Tau _{upper})	0.032
RUSLE Cover Factor*	Slope Gradient*
0.04	2 H : 1V

Table 4 - Vegetated Design Values

Maximum Permissible Shear Stress (lb/ft ²)	N/A
Maximum Permissible Velocity (ft/s)	N/A
C _{Fveg} /C _{FTRM} (Test Conditions)	N/A

*Recommended Design Values are based on results of standardized industry full-scale testing and may not be applicable for all field conditions. Values provided herein are intended for use with the state of the practice design procedures. For most accurate computation of field performance, consult Excel Erosion Design (EED) at www.westernexcelsior.com.



Slope Installation

Instructions EXCEL SS-2™

* Drawings Not to Scale

Step 1 - Site Preparation

Prepare site to design profile and grade. Remove debris, rocks, clods, etc.. Ground surface should be smooth prior to installation to ensure blanket remains in contact with slope.

Step 2 - Seeding

Seeding of site should be conducted to design requirements or to follow local or state seeding requirements as necessary.

Step 3 - Staple Selection

At a minimum, 6 in. long by 1 in. crown, 11 gauge staples are to be used to secure the blanket to the ground surface. Installation in rocky, sandy or other loose soil may require longer staples.

Step 4 - Excavate Anchor Trench and Secure Blanket

Excavate a trench along the top of the slope to secure the upstream end of the blanket. The trench should run along the length of the installation, be 6 in. wide and 6 in. deep. Staple blanket along bottom of trench, fill with compacted soil, overlap blanket towards toe of slope and secure with row of staples (shown in Figures A, E and F).

Step 5 - Secure Body of Blanket

Roll blanket down slope from anchor trench. Staple body of blanket following the pattern shown in Figure D. Leave end of blanket unstapled to allow for overlap shown in Figure B. Place downstream blanket underneath upstream blanket to form shingle pattern. Staple seam as shown in Figure E. Secure downstream blanket with stapling pattern shown in Figure D. Stapling pattern shown in Figure D reflects minimum staples to be used. More staples may be required to ensure blanket is sufficiently secured to resist mowers and foot traffic and to ensure blanket is in contact with soil surface over the entire area of blanket. Further, critical points require additional staples. Critical points are identified in Figure G.

Step 6 - Continue Along Slope - Complete Installation

Overlap adjacent blankets as shown in Figure C and repeat Step 5. Secure toe of slope using stapling pattern shown in Figure E. Secure edges of installation by stapling at 1.5' intervals along the terminal edge.

Figure A

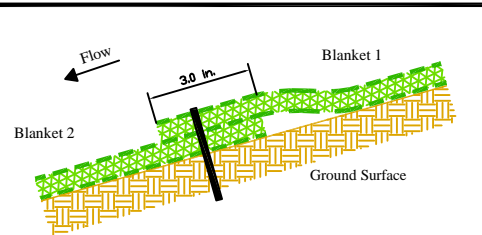


Figure B - Profile View

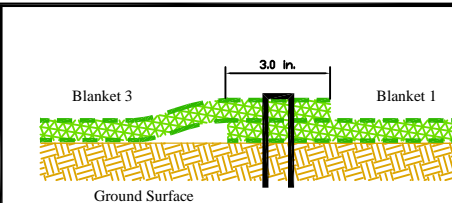
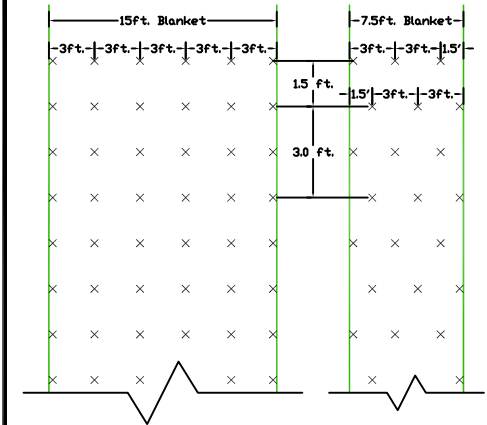
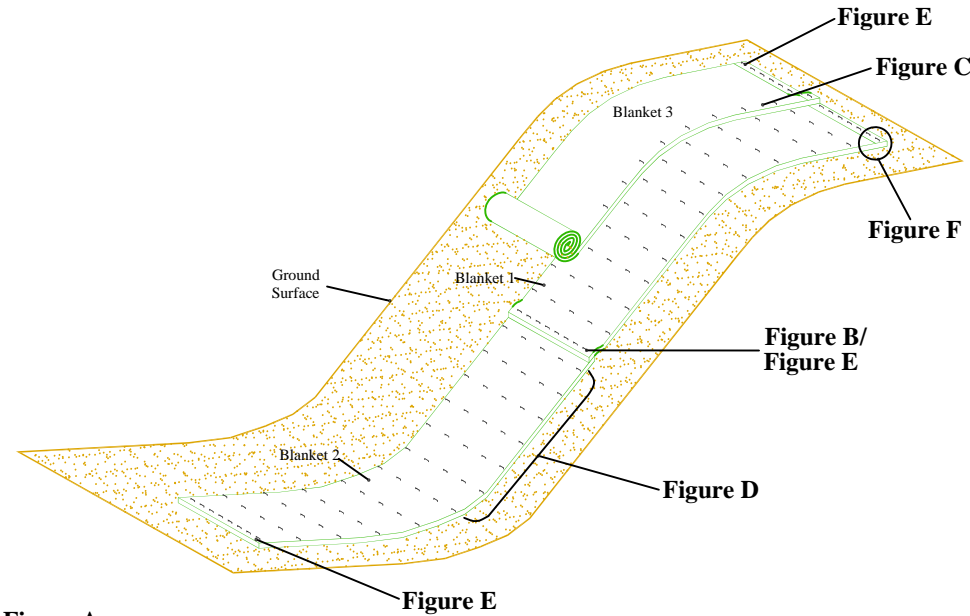


Figure C - Cross Section View

Product Application/Equivalency Specifications

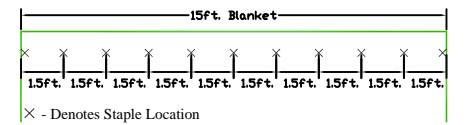
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1. Consist of debris free and 100% certified weed free agricultural straw bound between two, synthetic, photodegradable nets.
2. Sufficient tensile strength, thickness and coverage to maintain integrity during installation and ensure material performance.
3. Listing within AASHTO NTPEP database.
4. Meet ECTC specification for category 2D products.



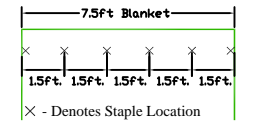
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Figure D - Plan View



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Figure E - Plan View



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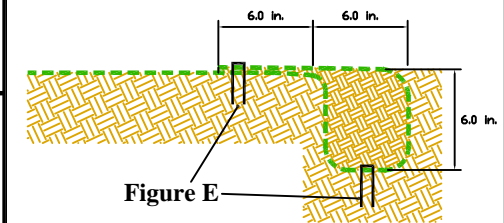


Figure E

Figure F - Profile View

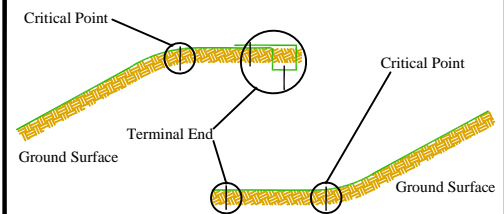


Figure G - Critical Point Securing



Channel Installation Instructions EXCEL SS-2™

Step 1 - Site Preparation

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Step 4 - Excavate Anchor Trench and Secure Blanket

Excavate a trench along the top of the channel side slopes and the upstream terminal end of the channel to secure the edges of the blanket. The trench should run along the length and width of the installation, be 6 in. wide and 6 in. deep. Staple blanket along bottom of trench, fill with compacted soil, overlap blanket towards toe of slope and secure with row of staples (shown in Figures A, E and F).

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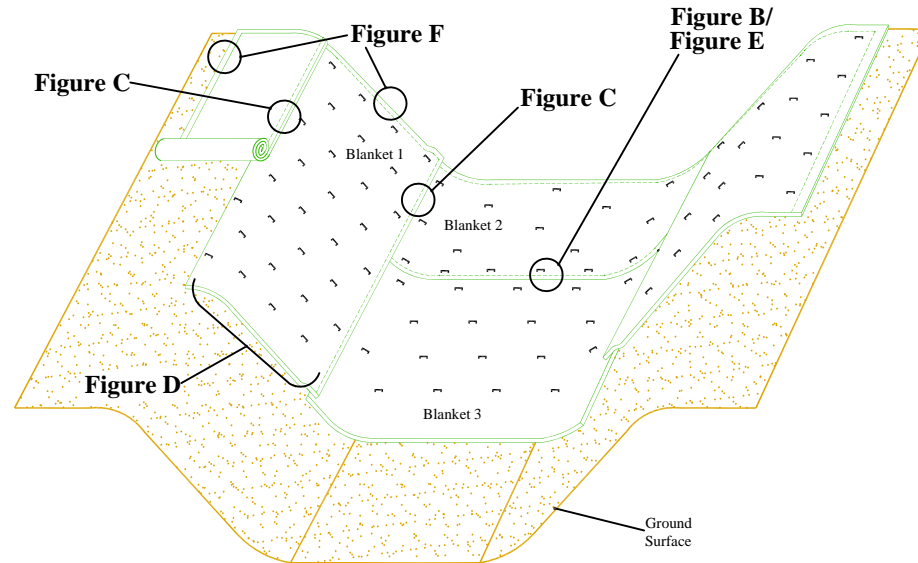


Figure A

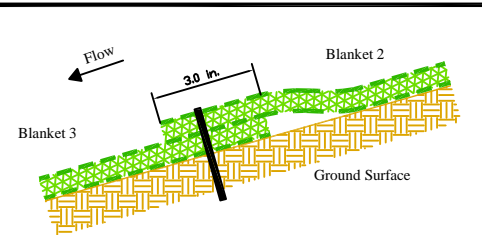


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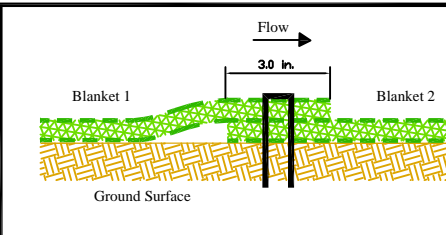


Figure C - Cross Section View

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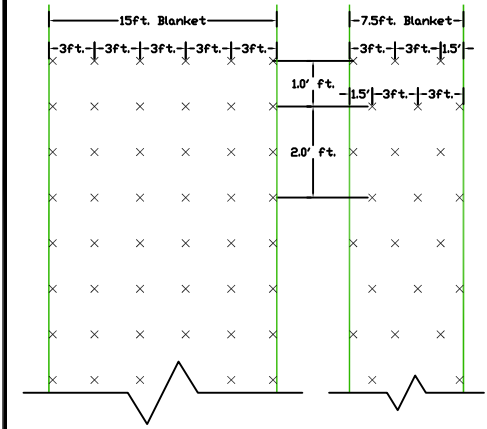


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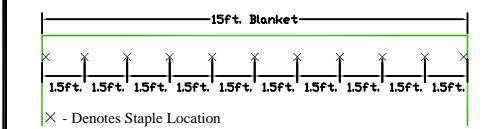


Figure E - Plan View

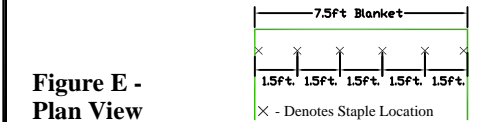


Figure F - Profile View

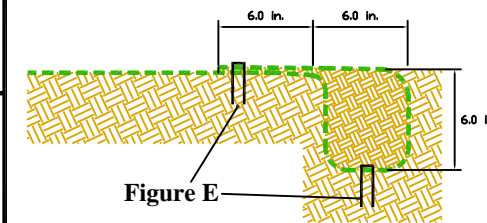


Figure G - Critical Point Securing



Instalación en Pendiente

Instrucciones EXCEL SS-2™

Paso 1 - Preparación del Lugar

Prepare el lugar según el perfil del diseño y de la pendiente. Remueva el escombros, piedras, y terrones, etc. La superficie de la tierra debe estar lisa antes de la instalación para asegurar que el cojín permanezca en contacto con la pendiente.

Paso 2 - Semilla

El sembrado de la semilla en el lugar se debe hacer de acuerdo a los requisitos del diseño o a los requisitos locales y estatales, según sea necesario.

Paso 3 - Selección de Grapas

Lo mínimo que se debe usar son grapas de calibre 11, de 6 in. de largo y 1 in. de corona para sujetar el cojín a la superficie de la tierra. La instalación en tierra rocosa, arenosa o suelta puede requerir grapas más largas.

Paso 4 - Excave Zanja para Anclaje y Sujete el Cojín

Excave una zanja a lo largo de la parte superior de las pendiente para sujetar la punta de arriba del cojín. La zanja debe correr a lo largo de la instalación, tener 6 in. de ancho y 6 in. de profundidad. Engrape el cojín a lo largo del fondo de la zanja; llénela con tierra compactada, empalme el cojín hacia la parte inferior de la pendiente y sujételo con una hilera de grapas (Vea las Figuras A, E y F).

Paso 5 - Sujete el Cuerpo del Cojín

Desenrolle el cojín hacia abajo desde la zanja de anclaje. Engrape el cuerpo del cojín siguiendo el patrón que se muestra en la Figura D. Deje la punta del cojín sin engrapar para que lo pueda empalmar como se muestra en la Figura B. Coloque el cojín que baja por debajo del de arriba para formar un patrón de tejas. Engrape las uniones como se muestra en la figura E. Sujete el cojín de bajada con el patrón de engrapado que se muestra en la Figura D. El patrón de engrapado de la Figura D refleja el mínimo de grapas que se debe usar. Se pueden requerir más grapas para asegurar que el cojín quede sujetado suficientemente para resistir podadoras y tráfico a pie y para asegurar que el cojín permanezca en contacto con la superficie de la tierra en toda el área. Además, los puntos críticos requieren grapas adicionales. Los puntos críticos están identificados en la Figura G.

Paso 6 - Continúe a lo largo de la Pendiente - Termine la Instalación

Empalme los cojines adyacentes como se muestra en la Figura C y repita el Paso 5. Sujete la parte inferior de la pendiente usando el patrón de grapas que se muestra en la Figura E. Sujete las orillas de la instalación engrapando a intervalos de 1.5' a lo largo de la orilla.

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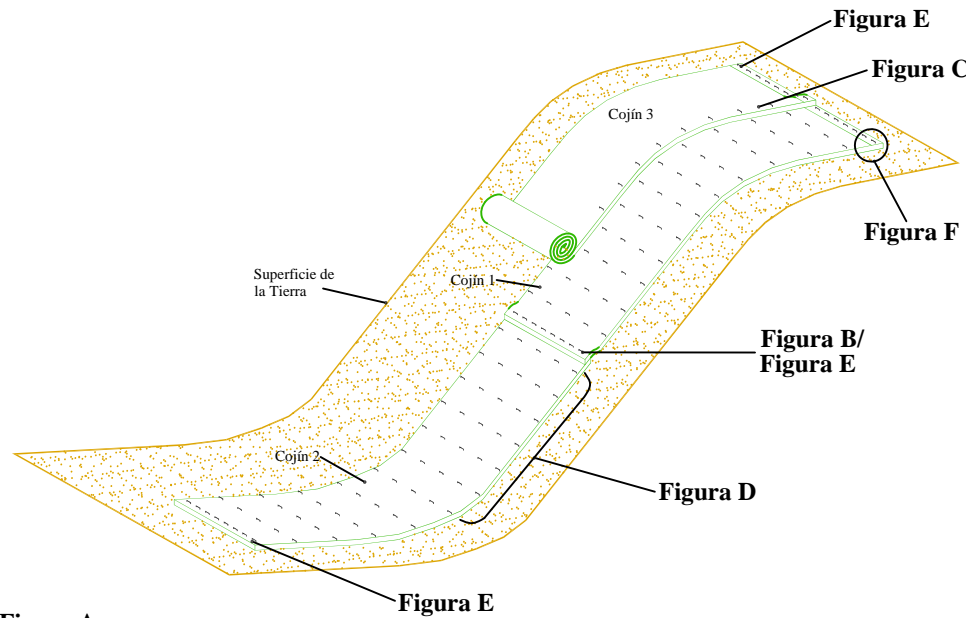


Figura A

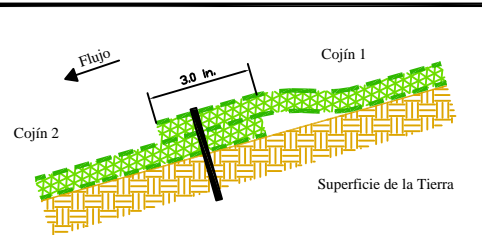


Figura B - Vista de Perfil

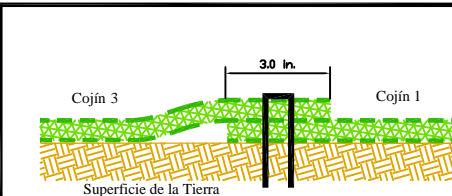
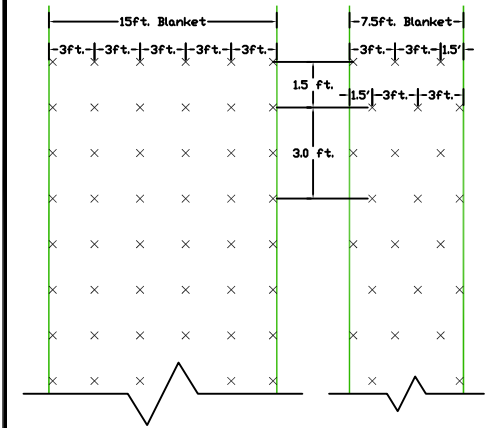


Figura C - Corte de Vista Transversal

Aplicación del Producto/Especificaciones de Equivalencia

Excel SS-2 es producido por Western Excelsior y consiste de un Producto en Rollo para Control temporal de la Erosión (PCER), formado de una matriz de paja de agricultura certificada 100% libre de hierbas unida mecánicamente (cosida) entre dos redes sintéticas fotodegradables (parte superior e inferior). La vida útil del EXCEL SS-2 es aproximadamente 12 meses. (La vida útil real depende del campo y de las condiciones climáticas). El Excel SS-2 se fabrica para incluir propiedades físicas suficientes para proporcionar la vida útil y rendimiento esperado. Las especificaciones del producto se encuentran en el documento WE_EXCEL_SS2_SPEC y la información de rendimiento se puede encontrar en el documento WE_EXCEL_SS2_PERF. Todos los documentos están disponibles en Western Excelsior Technical Support (Soporte Técnico de Western Excelsior) o en www.westernexcelsior.com. Además de lo anterior, los productos equivalentes a Excel SS-2 deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios idénticos a Excel SS-2:

1. Consistente en paja de agricultura libre de basura y certificada 100% libre de hierbas unida entre dos redes sintéticas fotodegradables (superior e inferior).
2. Suficiente fuerza de tensión, grosor y cobertura para mantener su integridad durante la instalación y asegurar el rendimiento del material.
3. Incluido en la base de datos AASHTO NTPEP.
4. Cumplir especificación ECTC para productos de categoría 2D.



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Figura D - Vista del Plano

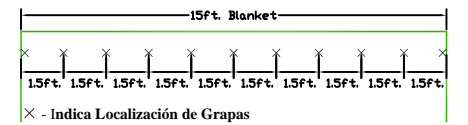
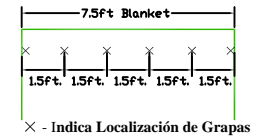


Figura E - Vista del Plano



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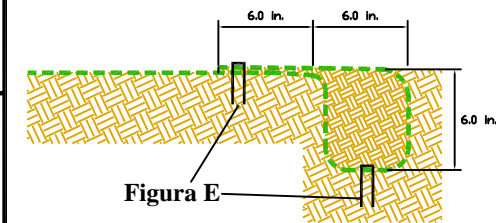


Figura F - Vista de Perfil

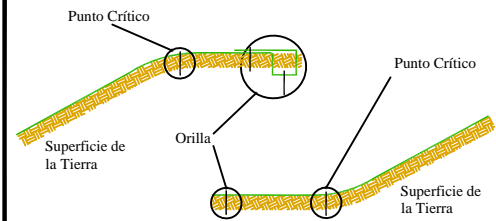


Figura G - Sujeción de Puntos Críticos



Instalación en Canal

Instrucciones EXCEL SS-2™

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Paso 2 - Semilla

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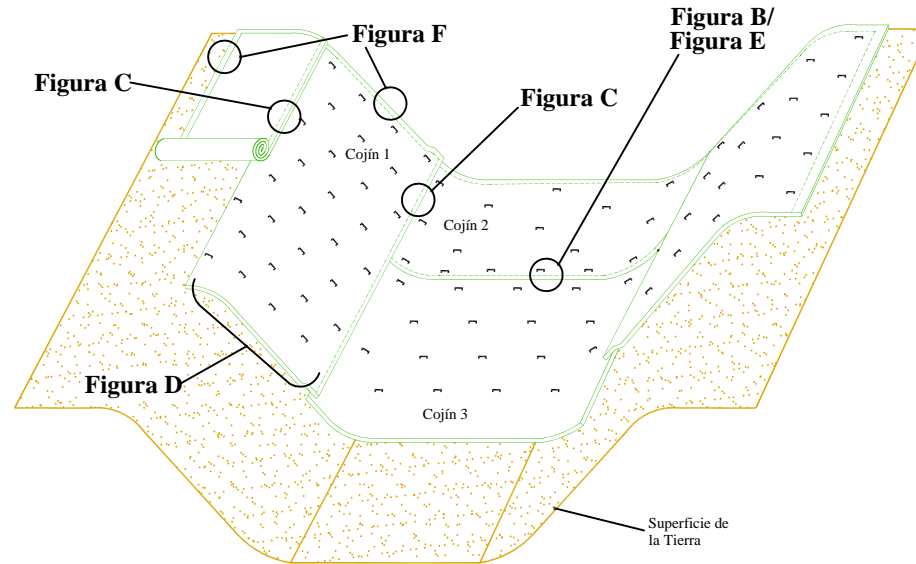


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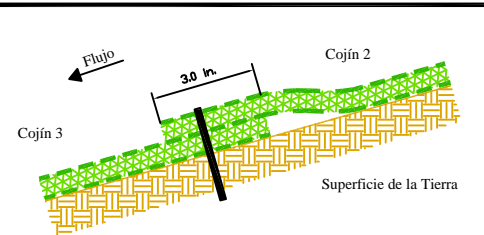


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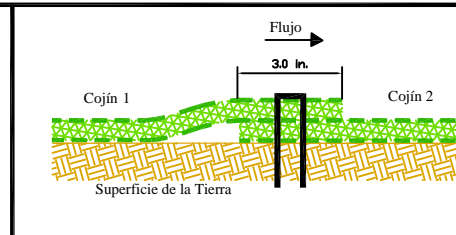


Figura C - Corte de Vista Transversal

Aplicación del Producto/Especificaciones de Equivalencia

Excel SS-2 es producido por Western Excelsior y consiste de un Producto en Rollo para Control temporal de la Erosión (PCER), formado de una matriz de paja de agricultura certificada 100% libre de hierbas unida mecánicamente (cosida) entre dos redes sintéticas fotodegradables (parte superior e inferior). La vida útil del EXCEL SS-2 es aproximadamente 12 meses. (La vida útil real depende del campo y de las condiciones climáticas). El Excel SS-2 se fabrica para incluir propiedades físicas suficientes para proporcionar la vida útil y rendimiento esperado. Las especificaciones del producto se encuentran en el documento WE_EXCEL_SS2_SPEC y la información de rendimiento se puede encontrar en el documento WE_EXCEL_SS2_PERF. Todos los documentos están disponibles en Western Excelsior Technical Support (Soporte Técnico de Western Excelsior) o en www.westernexcelsior.com. Además de lo anterior, los productos equivalentes a Excel SS-2 deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios idénticos a Excel SS-2:

1. Consistente en paja de agricultura libre de basura y certificada 100% libre de hierbas unida entre dos redes sintéticas fotodegradables (superior e inferior).
2. Suficiente fuerza de tensión, grosor y cobertura para mantener su integridad durante la instalación y asegurar el rendimiento del material.
3. Incluido en la base de datos AASHTO NTPEP.
4. Cumplir especificación ECTC para productos de categoría 2D.

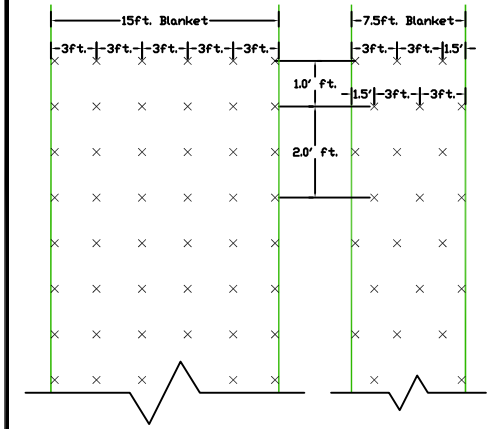


Figura D - Vista del Plano

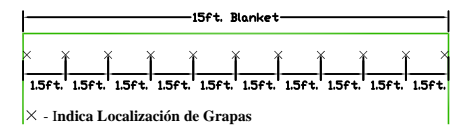


Figura E - Vista del Plano

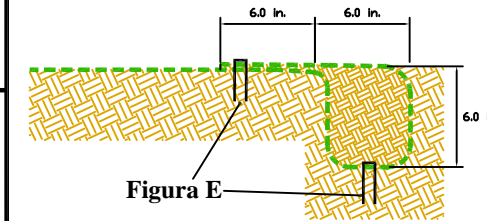
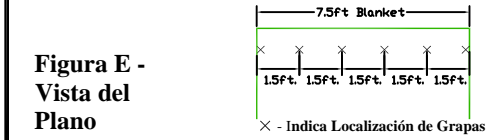


Figura F - Vista de Perfil

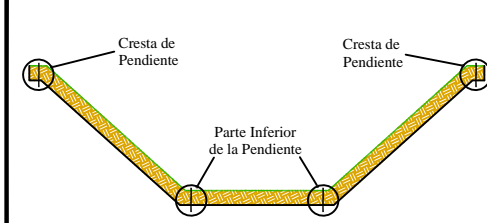


Figura G - Sujeción de Puntos Críticos