

Product Evaluation

RE: Review of BX 3030 Bi Axial Geogrid

PRODUCT

The BX 3030 Bi-Axial Geogrid is manufactured by Alliance Geosynthetics located in Galt, California and distributed by GPEC-Green Patch Environmental Consulting Ltd located in Edmonton, Alberta.

VENDOR CLAIMS AND INFORMATION

CLAIMS:

BX 3030 Bi-Axial Geogrid are plastic, grid like products produced in roll form. This product features high stiffness at low strain with excellent resistance to installation damage and environmental effects. The geogrid is manufactured such that their ribs and apertures form an integral structure. This facilitates mechanical interlock as larger aggregate particles partially penetrate through the geogrids apertures. When the overlying aggregate is compacted the effect is to provide an efficient means to transfer dynamic loads to the geogrid and thereby form a composite material with increased stiffness, for better performance when trafficked. Product website: <http://alliancegeo.com/>

DESCRIPTION:

BX 3030 Bi Axial Geogrid is manufactured using polypropylene which features high stiffness at low strain and excellent resistance to installation damage and environmental effects (UV chemical, biological attack, etc).

POTENTIAL USAGE:

BX 3030 Bi Axial Geogrid is typically used for subgrade base course reinforcement in roadway applications. BX geogrids can be used to reduce the required aggregate thickness by up to 60% on unpaved roads and optimize (cost saving of 10 to 20%) the pavement section in both flexible and rigid pavements that incorporate a granular layer within the main pavement structure.

STANDARDS:

1 – Roll Values (MARV) in accordance with ASTM D4759-01
2 – Direct Caliper Measurement
3 – Resistance to in-plane rotational movement measured by applying a 20 KN-cm moment to the central junction of a 9" X 9" sample retained along its perimeter in accordance with the US Army Corps of Engineers prescribed methodology for the measurement of torsional rigidity product type: Integrally formed biaxial geogrid polymer: polypropylene Load Transfer Mechanism: Positive mechanical interlock Standard Roll Size: 13' wide by 164' long.

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

EXPERIENCE:

Alberta Transportation has no experience with this specific product.

APPLICATION STANDARDS:

Alberta Transportation does not have a standard for geogrid. All geogrid applications must be properly designed by a Professional Engineer (full registration with APEGGA).

RECOMMENDATIONS:



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BX 3030 Bi Axial Geogrid be listed as a Potential Product under Alberta Transportation Products List, Geosynthetics – Geogrids - BI-AXIAL GEOGRIDS – Proprietary, based on the information provided. Final acceptance as a proven product will be based on field performance.

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