



## Installation Guide

GrassMat® is a tough, flexible, long lasting extruded polyethylene mesh. Supplied in two roll sizes (6.56' x 65.6' & 3.28' x 32.8'), GrassMat® can be effectively employed onto stable ground by unrolling and pinning adjacent and successive lengths using metal U-pins or plastic spikes. After time the grass grows through the mesh and reaches a convenient height to be mown. The area quickly adopts a natural appearance with the grass plants intertwined with the mesh to provide permanent protection against wear. Installation is best carried out during the growing season to allow a strong interlock between mesh and grass, although GrassMat® can be installed throughout the year as appropriate.

### A. EXISTING GRASSED AREA

1. The surface must be reasonably flat, level, firm and free-draining enough to sustain the proposed traffic. Fill shallow depressions with free draining sandy soil. Level and consolidate. Apply seed before or after mesh installation as preferred. Alternatively, lift turf locally, fill the low area with sandy soil, consolidate and replace turf to level.
2. Prior to permanent fixing of the mesh, it is advisable to unroll it and pin loosely at each corner to allow the mesh to relax and regain its natural flatness for a minimum of one hour prior to permanent fixing. Ambient temperature variations will influence the time period required for the mesh to relax and lay flat.
3. Fixing Pins (50 per bag) – For the most effective pinning, a single roll will require a minimum two bags (100 pins).
4. All outer edges of mesh will require pins at 12 - 14" maximum centers. Pins in the middle of the roll will be in three equally offset rows in a chevron type pattern at 12" apart (roll width) and at maximum 60" centers (roll length). On multi-roll installations the edge pins will overlap and fix two adjacent butted edges. Pins should be inserted parallel to the mesh and flush within the structure to avoid exposure at the surface. Try to avoid inserting pins across and above the top strand of mesh.
5. Position the mesh where required on the prepared surface. Starting from a corner of the roll and maintaining the mesh as taut and straight as possible at all times, fix the first edge (length) and then go back to the start and fix one end of the roll using the metal U-Pins or plastic spikes. Do not fix both ends or both edges at this stage. Always work in the same direction along the mesh length to keep the mesh taut and to avoid ripples.
6. Working progressively along and across the mesh and away from the first pinned corner, insert three more rows of pins down the center of the roll in the chevron type layout as described (rows at 12" apart & at 60" centres down the length). Continue this until all pins are in place except for the leading edge and the roll end.
7. For single roll installations, fix the leading edge (length) and the final roll end to complete the operation.
8. For multi-roll installations, position the next roll for fixing. Adjacent rolls must be butt jointed and not overlapped. For sites with variations in temperature, it is recommended to leave a gap between rolls for heat expansion (See Notes). Continue across the site using this method until fully installed. Additional pins may be required as determined by specific site and weather conditions and to secure any bridged or raised/tented sections of mesh where evident. Installation in cold weather conditions may benefit from fixing adjacent rolls approximately 1/2" apart to allow for thermal expansion in hot weather.

#### APPLICATIONS

Vehicle access routes • Overflow car lots • Pedestrian and ADA accessibility • Golf cart paths • Walkways Boat access • Light aircraft taxiways/parking • Slope stabilization *(determined by ground conditions)*



Mesh unrolled



Secured with U-pins



Mesh 'Butt' joined



Mesh after installation



After installation - grass grows through quickly



9. When satisfied that the mesh is laid flat and fixed securely, a brushing of free-draining sandy topsoil may assist in levelling any minor low spots, but is not essential. It is not advisable to completely fill or cover the mesh with soil. A dressing of seasonal fertilizer and any appropriate irrigation will encourage new grass growth to be made more rapidly through the mesh.
10. Best results are obtained by restricting trafficking until after the grass has thoroughly established through the mesh and the grass has been cut several times. This process normally takes six to eight weeks during the growing season and early use will affect grass establishment. The area can be trafficked immediately if necessary, but exposed mesh may present reduced traction in wet or frosty conditions and advisory sig-nage to this effect may be required.
11. Mowing can be carried out as normal, but blades should be set higher for the first three to four cuts to enable the grass to grow through and fully intertwine with the structure.
12. After installation and establishment, warm weather conditions may cause localized raised 'tented' mesh areas to become apparent through expansion. These localized raised areas can be further secured by placing additional U-pins / spikes as required.

## B. NEWLY SOWN LANDSCAPED AREAS

1. A seeded surface will require significantly longer for the grass to establish through the GrassMat® mesh. GrassMat® can be installed directly onto newly installed turf.
2. The site must be clear of debris, reasonably flat and level, well consolidated and free-draining enough to enable it to sustain the proposed traffic.
3. Having prepared the seedbed, grass seed can be sown before or after the mesh installation. Turfed areas are prepared and installed as normal.
4. Continue with points two through twelve above.

### NOTES:

- Where weak and / or waterlogged ground conditions exist, these must be improved prior to placement of GrassMat®.
- Advice on suitability for specific applications is available from ACCESSREC Technical advisors.
- Expansion and contraction in hot climates: For installations where there may be broad +/- day to night temperature variations or where installations are carried out in spring and summer, it is recommended that 1/2" gap is left between adjacent rolls and that rolls are pinned individually.

## GRASSMAT INSTALLATION PICTURES:



*\*Manufacturing tolerances (maximum +/-) to length and width apply to the final dimensions of this product. Length & Width +/- 0.2%. Specification data is obtained from routine production sampling, therefore figures are nominal and may not necessarily be representative of the product supplied but will be within manufacturing tolerances.*

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