

Designer Notes: Insert into contracts with INLET FILTERS.

INLET FILTERS (BDE)

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Revise the first paragraph of Article 1081.15(h) of the Standard Specifications to read:

"(h) Inlet Filters. An inlet filter shall consist of a steel frame with a two-piece geotextile fabric bag or a single reinforced geotextile fabric bag attached with a stainless steel band and locking cap that is suspended from the frame. A clean, used bag and a used steel frame in good condition meeting the approval of the Engineer may be substituted for new materials. Materials for the inlet filter assembly shall be according to the following."

Revise Article 1081.15(h)(3) of the Standard Specifications to read:

"(3) Geotextile Fabric Bag. The sediment bag shall have a minimum silt and debris capacity of 2.0 cu. ft. (0.06 cu. m). The sediment bag shall also meet one of the following options.

a. OPTION 1. Two-piece geotextile fabric bag.

The inner filter bag shall be constructed of a polypropylene geotextile fabric according to the following.

Inner Filter Bag		
Material Property	Test Method	Minimum Average Roll Value
Grab Tensile Strength	ASTM D 4632	100 lbs. (45 kg)
Grab Tensile Elongation	ASTM D 4632	50%
Puncture Strength	ASTM D 4833/ ASTM D 6241	65 lbs. (29 kg)
Trapezoidal Tear	ASTM D 4533	45 lbs. (20 kg)
UV Resistance	ASTM D 4355	70% at 500 hours
Apparent Opening Size	ASTM D 4751	No. 70 (212 μ m) sieve
Permittivity	ASTM D 4491	2.0/sec
Water Flow Rate	ASTM D 4491	145 gpm/sq. ft. (5,900 Lpm/sq m)

The outer reinforcement bag shall be constructed of a polyester mesh material according to the following.

Outer Reinforcement Bag		
Material Property	Test Method	Value
Content	ASTM D 629	Polyester
Weight	ASTM D 3776	4.55 oz/sq. yd. (155 g/sq. m) $\pm 15\%$
Apparent Opening Size	ASTM D 4751	No. 30 (600 μm) sieve
Water Flow Rate	ASTM D 4491	225 gpm/sq. ft. (9150 Lpm/sq. m)
Burst	ASTM D 3786/ ASTM D 3787	120 psi (830 kPa) min.
Thickness	ASTM D 1777	0.040 ± 0.0050 in. (1.0 ± 0.1 mm)

b. OPTION 2. Reinforced geotextile fabric bag.

The filter bag shall be constructed of a polypropylene geotextile fabric reinforced with continuous filament fiberglass according to the following.

Reinforced Filter Bag		
Material Property	Test Method	Value or Minimum Average Roll Value
Weight	ASTM D 3776	5.00 oz/sq. yd. (170 g/sq m) $\pm 15\%$
Grab Tensile Strength	ASTM D 4632	200 lbs. (90 kg)
Grab Tensile Elongation	ASTM D 4632	50%
Puncture Strength	ASTM D 4833/ ASTM D 6241	95 lbs. (42 kg)
Trapezoidal Tear	ASTM D 4533	70 lbs. (31 kg)
Burst Strength	ASTM D 3786/ ASTM D 3787	325 psi (2240 kPa)
UV Resistance	ASTM D 4355	70% at 500 hours
Apparent Opening Size	ASTM D 4751	No. 70 (212 μm) sieve
Permittivity	ASTM D 4491	2.0/sec.
Water Flow Rate	ASTM D 4491	145 gpm/sq. ft. (5900 Lpm/sq. m)

(4) Certification. The manufacturer shall furnish a certification with each shipment of inlet filters, stating the amount of product furnished and that the material complies with these requirements."