

Technical Information Sheet



SkyScape™ Intensive Growing Media

Item Description

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SkyScape Intensive Growing Media is a high-performance engineered soil, designed especially for vegetative roofs with 6" (25 mm) or more of growing media. Blended according to Forschungsgesellschaft Landschaftsentwicklung Landschaftsbau (FLL) guidelines from an engineered combination of organic and inorganic components, SkyScape Growing Media is designed for highly effective water management and creates a dynamic and thriving environment for plant growth. Our proprietary blends of SkyScape Intensive Growing Media are created using regionally-sourced materials to ensure that the products used are optimal for each project's location within the USDA Hardiness Zone Map.

Method of Application

1. SkyScape Intensive Media may be applied using blower trucks or 1.5 yd³ (1.15 m³) super sacks. Application by blower truck may be requested through Holcim Estimating Services at the time of project quotation; otherwise, application by super sacks will be quoted. Application by blower truck is performed by the truck operator.
2. Install all SkyScape Drainage, Edge Flashing, and any related components, according to their application instructions.
3. Crane super sacks and bring them to hover within 3 – 5 vertical feet (0.9 – 1.5 vertical meters) of the vegetative roof area.
4. Cut the bottom of the sack using a box cutter and allow the Media to deposit on the drainage materials.
5. Evenly spread the SkyScape Intensive Growing Media to the desired depth by lightly raking the media across vegetative roof area.
6. Specifications list the final, compacted depth of the media. Compact the media using a landscape roller or other method to the required height.
7. To help protect the vegetative roof system from weed contamination, install plants immediately after growing media is installed.

Storage

- Deliver and store products in original packaging with Manufacturer's labels and materials list intact and signed off.
- Store Products in designated weather protected areas and protected from environmental damage.
- Protect growing Media stored at ground level from contamination by other soils, pollen, airborne seeds, excessive moisture, etc., by tarping the ground where the Media will be stored prior to storing it, and by tarping over the media.

Shelf Life

60 days

Clean-Up

- Gather and dispose all debris upon completion of work.
- Clean all surfaces and inspect final assembly for approval.

Precautions

Wash hands, arms, and any exposed skin thoroughly after installation.

LEED® Information

Post-Consumer Recycled Content: 0%

Post Industrial Recycled Content: 0%

Manufacturing Location: Varies with regional location of project

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Typical Properties			
Property	Test Method	Value	Performance
3/8"-3/16" (9.5 – 4.8) Hydrocks Rotary Kiln Expanded Clay	ASTM C 29 ASTM C 127 ASTM C 127 ASTM C 136	Dry Loose Unit Weight Specific Gravity Absorption Sieve Analysis	28 lb/cf to 34 lb/cf (449 kg/m ³ – 545 kg/m ³) 1.12 to 1.20, SSD 25% to 33% #3/8 to 0
Plant Nutrients	TMECC 4.02D TMECC - Calculation TMECC - Calculation TMECC 4.05 TMECC 4.05 TMECC 5.07-A	Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium Calcium Magnesium Organic Matter Content	>1.2% dry weight >0.50% dry weight >0.50% dry weight >0.90% dry weight >0.20% dry weight >50% dry weight
Soluble Salts	TMECC 4.08-A	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	<4.0
Particle Size	TMECC 2.02-B	% under 9.5 mm	95% or greater
Stability Indicator (respirometry)	TMECC 5.08-F777	CO2 Evolution (mg CO2-C/g OM/day)	<2
Maturity Indicator (bioassay)	TMECC 5.05-A	Percent Emergence Relative Seedling Vigor	85 % or greater

Typical Properties Continued

Select Pathogens	US EPA Class A, 40 CFR 503.32(a)	Pass/Fail	Pass
USGA Sand (5-30% by volume)	Sand Component	Particle Diameter	Recommendation (by weight)
	Fine Gravel	2.0-3.4 mm	Not more than 3%
	Very Coarse Sand	1.0-2.0 mm	Not more than 10%
	Coarse Sand	0.5-1.0 mm	Minimum 60% Total Coarse-Medium
	Medium Sand	0.25-0.50 mm	Minimum 60% Total Coarse-Medium
Maximum Acceptable Weights	ASTM E 2399	Saturated Density	Loose = 76 pcf wet weight Rodded = 82 pcf wet weight
		Drained Density	Loose = 42 pcf wet weight Rodded = 51 pcf wet weight
Permeability	ASTM D 2434	inches per hour	40 in/hr or greater
Organic Matter	N/A	N/A	4.0% rate or better
Soil pH	N/A	N/A	6.0 – 7.0
Cation Exchange Capacity	N/A	N/A	7.5 or better
Estimated Nitrogen Release	N/A	N/A	Medium or higher as tested by soil analysis
Potassium	N/A	N/A	
Magnesium	N/A	N/A	
Calcium	N/A	N/A	

TMECC = Test Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost, US Department of Agriculture

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