

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION  
FILTER SOCKS**

**Section 621** of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Edition of 2014, is hereby amended as follows:

The following is added to **Subsection 621.01**:

**(p) Filter Socks.** This item shall consist of furnishing, installing, maintaining, and removing filter socks at locations indicated on the plans or as otherwise directed by the Engineer. Filter socks consist of filter media (compost or non-treated wood) encased in a three-dimensional fabric tube for the purposes of filtering silt, sediment, and other pollutants out of stormwater.

The following is added to **Subsection 621.02**:

**(o)** Compost or non-treated wood used for filter sock filter media shall be weed, disease, and pathogen free and derived from a clean source of woody organic matter. The media shall be free of any refuse, contaminants, or other materials toxic to plant growth. Test methods for the parameters shown in Table 621-2 should follow the recommendations provided in the AASHTO Standard Practice for Compost for Erosion and Sediment Control (R 51). Compost products must be supplied with a Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) by the U.S. Composting Council from the manufacturer. The Engineer may request a sample for approval prior to being used and materials must comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.

Table 621-2  
Filter Sock Media Parameters

Parameters	Reported as (units of measure)	Test Method	Required Value
pH	pH Units	AASHTO R 51	5.0-8.5
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	AASHTO R 51	<60%
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	AASHTO R 51	>30%
Particle Size	% passing a selected mesh size, dry weight basis	AASHTO R 51	99% passing a 2" sieve <40% passing a 3/8" sieve
Physical Contaminates (man-made inert material)	%, dry weight basis	N/A	<1%

Filter sock containment shall be produced from 5-mil-thick continuous high density polyethylene (HDPE) filament or multi-filament polypropylene (MFPP), woven or knitted into a tubular mesh netting. Openings in the mesh shall range from 1/8<sup>th</sup> to 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch. This tube shall then be filled to the specified diameter of the sock with filter media which meets the specifications outlined in Table 621-2. Filter sock fabric shall have a minimum functional longevity of 9 months.

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Furnish filter socks with a diameter of 8-9, 12, 18, or 24 inches in diameter in variable lengths as directed by the Engineer.

Use 2" by 2" hardwood stakes of a length which will allow them to be driven at least one foot into the soil while leaving at least 3" projecting above the sock after installation. In rocky or other difficult locations steel stakes may be used if directed by the Engineer. Sandbags may be used as necessary to anchor the filter sock for installation on paved surfaces. Placement shall be as directed by the Engineer.

The following is added to **Subsection 621.03**:

**(q)** Trenching of filter socks is not required but woody vegetation shall be cut at ground level or otherwise removed, and uneven or rocky surfaces shall be graded or raked to ensure the socks uniformly contact the ground. The socks shall be secured with stakes driven through the center of the devices or installed as recommended by the manufacturer. For perimeter control or on slopes, stakes shall be installed on a maximum of 10 foot centers and the ends of the socks shall be directed upslope to prevent storm water from running around the end of the sock. For ditch checks and drop inlets, stakes shall be installed on a maximum of 4 foot centers. Additional stakes may be necessary as directed by the Engineer. Filter socks may be laid end to end or overlapped according to the manufacturer's directions.

Routinely maintain the socks in good condition (including staking, anchoring, etc.) Accumulated sediment shall be removed when the sediment reaches one-half the height of the sock or as directed by the Engineer. Sediment removed shall be deposited and stabilized as described in Section 110 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Edition of 2014. Repair of or complete replacement of torn or damaged socks shall be performed as required or as directed by the Engineer. Filter socks shall be carefully removed and replaced as required to facilitate construction operations.

When the required work has been completed, the area has been stabilized, and the filter socks are no longer required as approved by the Engineer, the containment material shall be cut and the core material shall be evenly distributed on the surrounding ground area. Containment shall be removed and disposed of.

The following is added to **Subsection 621.04**:

**(q)** Filter Socks will be measured by the linear foot (meter) complete in place; measurement will be made along the centerline of the top of the filter sock. No payment will be made for overlap. No payment will be made for additional length beyond that approved by the Engineer.

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The following is added to **Subsection 621.05**:

(q) Filter Socks completed and accepted and measured as provided above will be paid for at the contract unit price bid per linear foot (meter) for Filter Socks, which price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials; for installation and maintenance of filter socks; for temporarily removing and replacing filter socks as required to facilitate construction operation; for removal and disposal of the filter socks as directed; and for all labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

The following is added as the last Pay Item in **Subsection 621.05**:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Filter Sock (____")	Linear Foot (Meter)