HydroTec ™ >> Installation Guide

The following should be used as a guide only. Always consult local codes for specific requirements regarding trench drain installation in your area before beginning.

Use caution. Wear gloves, safety glasses, and other protective equipment during handling and installation.



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Basic Principles of Laying Drainage Channels

The type of drainage channel to be installed depends on the location of the installation, anticipated traffic loads, and the intended surface materials. Traffic loads are organized in classes: A 15 to F 900 by the EN 1433 standard. For Class C and above, grating must be anchored for safety. The foundation of the drainage channel must always be suitable to bear the traffic load.

Any horizontal loads arising from traffic or thermal behavior of the surface layer must be supported by sufficiently dimensioned concrete encasement of the channel sections. Expansion joints that run parallel to the channel must be installed, especially when adjoining concrete surfaces. Installation of the channel should be generally opposite to the direction of flow – starting at the outlet point, and working "upstream".

Finished/settled adjacent surfaces must be approx. 3/16" higher than the top edge of the grate or edge rails.

Where extreme horizontal forces are expected at right angles to the channel, e.g. on railway crossings, ramps or highways, the drainage channels should be secured laterally with reinforced decking concrete.

Load Classes per DIN EN 1433



Class A 15 Test Load: 3,372 Lbs Walkways, pedestrian/cycle paths





Class C 250 Test Load: 56,202 Lbs Curb areas, Car and Truck parking



Class D 400 Test Load: 89,924 Lbs Forklift traffic, road surfaces



Class E 600 Test Load: 134,885 Lbs Industrial/military applications, high wheel loads



Class F 900 Test Load: 202,328 Lbs

Airport surfaces, docks, extreme wheel loads

Type I vs. Type M Systems



Type I Drainage channel does not require a concrete encasement for bearing the loads. Foundations are only required to distribute the exerted vertical and horizontal forces.



Туре М

Drainage channel requires a foundation and encasement of concrete that can transfer all vertical and horizontal loads into the foundation after installation

Concrete Encasement: Concrete used for trench drain encasement must be minimum 4,000 PSI compressive strength

Channel Layout

During installation, always layout the channels opposite to the direction of flow - Starting at the outlet, and working "upstream".



Options for Pipe Connection



Catch Basins

Drainage from a single channel or two channels can be directed into a catch basin. Galvanized steel debris baskets included.



Bottom Outlets

Connect drain piping to channel sections with bottom outlet openings. Gasket seals for a watertight joint.

Installation Diagrams



HydroBlock[™] D 400 - F 900



HydroTec[™] A 15 - F 900



3 Load-bearing substructure 4 Concrete | 5 Expansion joint 6 Frost-proof, load-bearing substructure

Dimensions - X Z (calculated)

A 15 4" concrete² B 125 / C 250 6" concrete² D 400 8" concrete² E 600 / F 900 10" concrete²

HydroLine[™] C 250 - F 900



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Dimensions - Z (calculated)

C 250	6" concrete ²
D 400	8" concrete ²
E 600 / F 900	10" concrete ²

HydroTec[™] A 15 - C 250



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Aluminum Channel Mastic Asphalt



1 Liquid sealant 2 Mastic asphalt 3 Load bearing substructure 4 Asphalt sheeting (5 mil) 5 Two-Part epoxy adhesive Note: Concrete according to calculation of the intended load class.

1 Pavers set against the channel body must be bonded to the concrete bed to ensure that dynamic forces do not affect the channel sides. Depending on paver orientation, up to three courses adjacent the channel should be bonded in this manner. Subsequent paver courses can be set on a compacted base according to specifications.

2 4,000 PSI compressive strength

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