

# Installation guide

## INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENT

### Installation outline

#### 01 EXCAVATION

- A. Before excavating, call all the local utility companies (e.g., phone, gas, electrical) to ensure that the area in which you plan to dig is clear of underground cables or wires. If any are found, please notify the appropriate companies before you begin.
- B. When excavating, it is important to achieve a slope in increments of 1.5% ( $\frac{3}{16}$ " per ft/5 mm per 300 mm), which will allow for proper drainage. The excavation should mirror the final grade of pavement.
- C. The width of the base behind the edge should be equivalent to the thickness of the base.
- D. Using a rake, grade the bottom of the excavated area. If the natural soil is granular or sandy, we recommend that you compact the soil with a vibrating plate. If the soil is clay-like, change the soil with a blend of lime and crushed stone prior to compaction. Next, cover it with a layer of geotextile fabric to prevent the contamination of the base (clay and  $0\frac{3}{4}$ " [0-20 mm] crushed stone). Refer to the table "Thickness of the Granular Foundation" (on next page) to find the minimum thickness of foundation required.

#### 02 FOUNDATION

- A. Install a  $0\frac{3}{4}$ " (0-20 mm) crushed stone base, in 4" (100 mm) lifts with a minimum 5,000 lbf (22 kN) vibrating plate compactor.
- B. To facilitate compacting, wet the base material thoroughly and compact with a vibrating plate proceeding in all directions. Continue this process until you have achieved the desired height. At this stage, you can verify the final height with the help of a paver.
- C. Base tolerance  $\pm \frac{3}{8}$ " (10 mm) for every 10' (3-m) increment.

#### 03 THE SETTING BED

- A. On the compacted crushed base, install two pipes with an outside diameter of 1" (25 mm). Grade the concrete sand with the help of a straight edge (or Quick-E leveler). If the base is not properly graded and smooth, imperfections will be evident in the finishing grade of the pavement.
- B. Bedding sand should not be compacted until all paving stones have been laid down. Passing the vibrating plate over the paving stones causes them to settle approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (10 mm) into the bedding sand.

#### 04 INSTALLATION OF PAVING STONES

- A. Once the choice of paving stones and the design have been finalized, we recommended that you start installing the pavers at a 90-degree angle. To do so, proceed as follows: measure a first horizontal line of 3' (1-m) and a second line of 4' (1.2 m) perpendicular to the first. Connect a third straight line of 5' (1.5 m) which will form a triangle. The result will be a perfect 90-degree angle. While installing the paving stones, walk on the installed pavers, and fill in gaps caused by the pipes with concrete sand.
- B. It is always recommended that you use more than two cubes at a time in order to maximize the color blend. Furthermore, you should proceed with the cubes from top to bottom.
- C. You may use a chalk line to mark the stones to be cut along the borders, using a guillotine or a concrete saw. When cutting paving stones, we recommend that you wear protective ear and eyewear.
- D. Once you finish installing the paving stones, you can then install Tundra, Avignon, Belgik or Pietra curbstone on the granular base. To keep curbs in place, add mortar along the back to form a 45-degree angle between the ground and the curbstone or, when available, using the plastic retention system. In a vehicular traffic application, the mortar must be reinforced using steel rods.

#### 05 FILLING IN JOINTS

- A. Spread out the polymer stabilizer sand on the paving stones and sweep in between joints in all directions.
- B. Pass a vibrating plate in all directions to allow sand to penetrate between the joints.
- C. Sweep once more and remove excess sand. Follow the instructions exactly as indicated on the polymer stabilizer sand packaging.