

# SWPPP CUT SHEET

## 6.1.2 Inlet Protection - Compost Filter Sock

### PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION

**Filtrex SiltSoxx<sup>®</sup> (Soxx) compost filter sock** is a three-dimensional tubular sediment control and stormwater runoff filtration device typically used for storm drain **Inlet Protection** of sediment on and around construction activities.

### APPLICATION

**Drain inlets** are located in areas that receive runoff from surrounding lands, often exposed and disturbed soils, and are located at a low point, or in a sump. Inlet protection used around drain inlets (or *rain* inlet protection) should completely enclose the circumference of the drain and where possible should not be placed on a grade or slope. Inlet protection used around drain inlets should never be the only form of site sediment control and should be accompanied by erosion control/slope stabilization practices, such as compost erosion control blankets or rolled erosion control blankets. Inlet protection should never be placed where they divert runoff flow from the drain inlet, or on top of the inlet, which can cause flooding. Under high runoff and sediment loading conditions placement of 1-2 in (25-50 mm) diameter rock (AASHTO #2) may be placed around the outer circumference of the inlet protection up to ½ the height of the inlet protection. This will help slow runoff velocity as it contacts the inlet protection and will reduce sediment build-up and clogging of the inlet protection.

**Curb inlets** are generally located on paved surfaces and are designed to rapidly drain storm runoff from roadways to prevent flooding that poses a hazard to vehicular traffic. Inlet protection devices should be placed in a manner which intercepts runoff prior to entering the inlet, but does not block or divert runoff from the inlet. To prevent diversion of runoff, inlet protection used around curbs (or *curb* inlet protection) should be used in low points, or sumps, and minor slopes or grades. Inlet protection should never be placed in or on the curb inlet drain, or placed in a manner that obstructs vehicular traffic. Inlet protection height should be at least 1 in (25 mm) lower than top of curb inlet to allow for overflow into the drain and not over the curb. Maximum sediment removal efficiency occurs when minor ponding exists behind inlet protection but should never lead to flooding.

**Curb sediment containment systems** are used to reduce the sediment and pollutant load flowing to a curb inlet. They are generally placed on paved surfaces perpendicular to runoff flow and should be lower than the height of the curb. Curb sediment containment systems should never cause flooding or placed where they are a hazard to vehicular traffic. Inlet protection used for curb sediment containment (or *curb sediment containment* inlet protection) can be placed on a grade but should never be placed directly upslope from curb inlet where it may inadvertently divert runoff from entering curb inlet.

### INSTALLATION

1. Inlet protection used to reduce sediment entering storm drains shall meet Filtrex Soxx Mesh Material and Filtrex Certified FilterMedia specifications.
2. Call Filtrex at 877-542-7699 or visit [www.filtrex.com](http://www.filtrex.com) for a current list of installers and distributors of Filtrex products.
3. Inlet protection shall be placed at locations indicated on plans as directed by the Engineer. Inlet protection should be installed in a pattern that allows complete protection of the inlet area.
4. Installation of curb inlet protection will ensure a minimal

overlap of at least 1 ft (300mm) on either side of the opening being protected. Inlet protection will be anchored to the soil behind the curb using staples, stakes or other devices capable of holding the inlet protection in place.

5. Standard inlet protection for curb inlet protection and curb sediment containment will use 8 in (200mm) diameter inlet protection, and drain inlets on soil will use 12 in (300mm) or 18 in (450mm) diameter inlet protection. In severe flow situations, larger inlet protection may be specified by the Engineer. During curb installation, inlet protection shall be compacted to be slightly shorter than curb height.
6. If inlet protection becomes clogged with debris and sediment, they shall be maintained so as to assure proper drainage and water flow into the storm drain. In severe storm events, overflow of the inlet protection may be acceptable in order to keep the area from flooding.
7. Curb and drain inlet protection shall be positioned so as to provide a permeable physical barrier to the drain itself, allowing sediment to collect on the outside of the inlet protection.
8. For drains and inlets that have only curb cuts, without street grates, a spacer is required in order to keep the inlet protection away from the drain opening. This spacer should be cinder blocks or a hog wire screen bent to overlap the grate opening and keep the sock from falling into the opening. Use at least one spacer for every 4 ft (1.2m) of curb drain opening. The wire grid also prevents other floatable waste from passing over the inlet protection.
9. Stakes shall be installed through the middle of the drain inlet protection on 5 ft (1.5m) centers, using 2 in (50mm) by 2 in (50mm) by 3 ft (1m) wooden stakes.
10. Staking depth for sand and silt loam soils shall be 12 in (300mm), and 8 in (200mm) for clay soils.

**Table 2.3** Spacing for Curb Sediment Containment Systems.

Grade (%)	Spacing (ft)	Spacing (mm)
0.5	100	30
1.0	50	15
2.0	25	8
3.0	16	5
4.0	13	4
5.0	10	3

Source: Fifield, 2001.

### INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE

Routine inspection should be conducted within 24 hrs of a runoff event or as designated by the regulating authority. Inlet protection should be regularly inspected to make sure they maintain their shape and are producing adequate hydraulic flow-through. If ponding becomes excessive, additional inlet protection may be required or sediment removal may be necessary. Inlet protection shall be inspected until contributing drainage area has been permanently stabilized and construction activity has ceased.

1. The Contractor shall maintain the inlet protection in a

functional condition at all times and it shall be routinely inspected.

2. If the inlet protection has been damaged, it shall be repaired, or replaced if beyond repair.
3. The Contractor shall remove sediment at the base of the upslope side of the inlet protection when accumulation has reached 1/2 of the effective height of the inlet protection, or as directed by the Engineer. Alternatively, for drain inlet protection, a new Soxx may be placed on top of the original increasing the sediment storage capacity without soil disturbance.
4. Inlet protection shall be maintained until disturbed area above or around the device has been permanently stabilized and construction activity has ceased.
5. Regular maintenance includes lifting the inlet protection and cleaning around and under them as sediment collects.
6. The FilterMedia will be removed from paved areas or dispersed on site soil or behind curb once disturbed area has been permanently stabilized, construction activity has ceased, or as determined by the Engineer.
7. Permanent vegetated filter strips will be left intact.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For other references on this topic, including additional research reports and trade magazine and press coverage, visit the Filtrexx website at [filtrexx.com](http://filtrexx.com)

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**Figure 2.1.** Engineering Design Drawing for Curb and Drain Inlet Protection

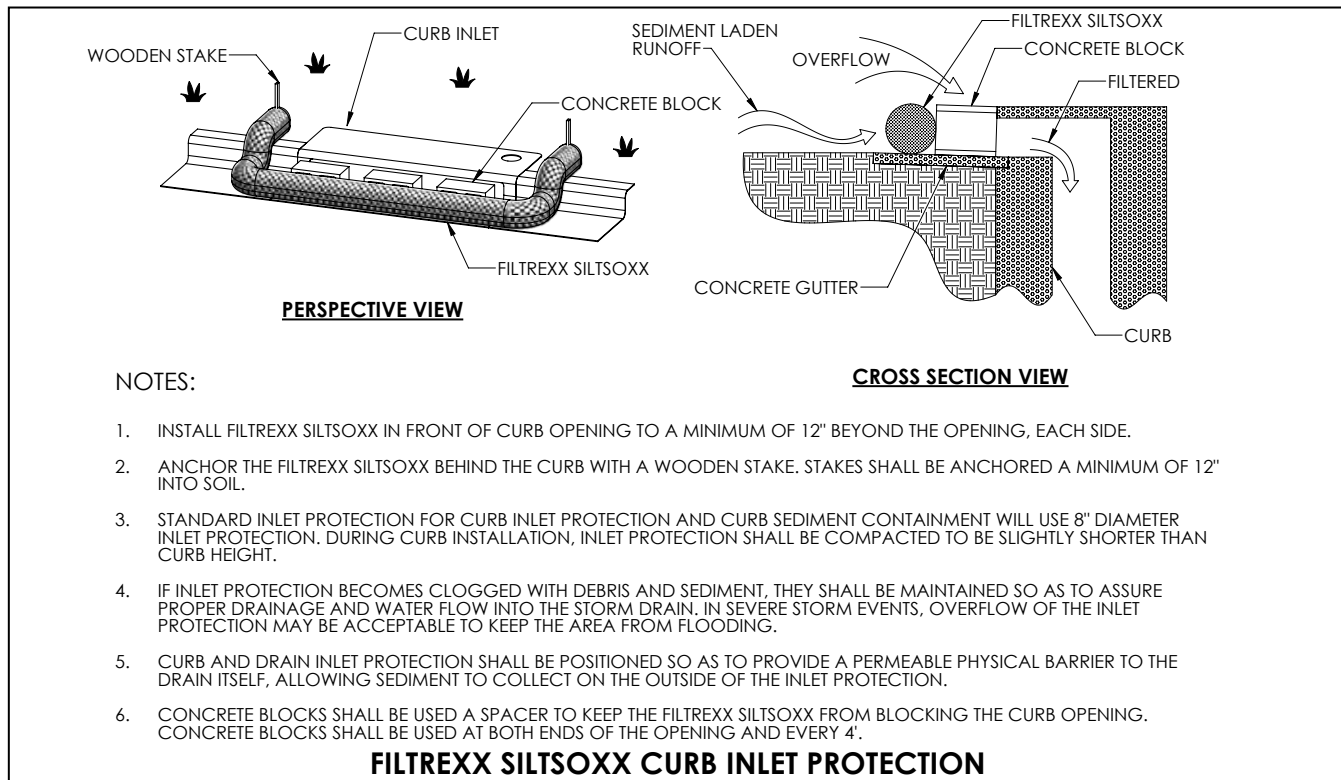
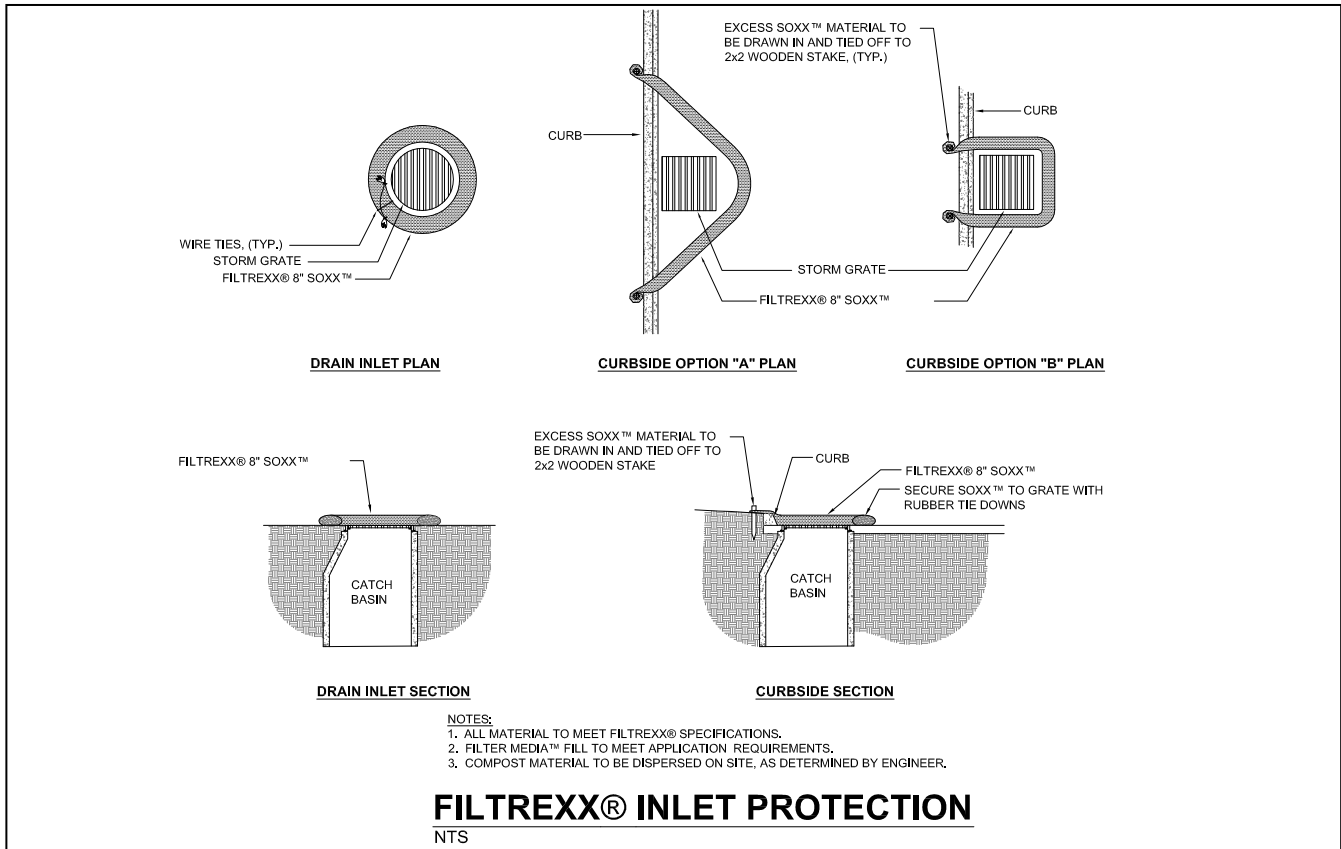


Figure 2.2. Engineering Design Drawing for Curb Sediment Containment Inlet Protection

