



WESTERN AUSTRALIA SPECIFICATION

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PAVEMENT DRAINS

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Details are provided below outlining the clauses amended from the Council edition of this AUS-SPEC Specification Part. The clause numbering and context of each clause are preserved. New clauses are added towards the rear of the specification part as special requirements clauses. Project specific additional script is shown in the specification as italic font.

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SPECIFICATION 232 : PAVEMENT DRAINS

GENERAL

232.01 SCOPE

1. This Specification covers the installation of Sub-Pavement Drains and Edge Drains.
2. Pavement drains shall be constructed where and as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent. **Location**
3. This Specification should be read in conjunction with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL. **Associated Specification**
4. Requirements for quality control and testing, including maximum lot sizes and minimum test frequencies, are cited in the Specification Part for Quality Requirements. **Quality**

232.02 TERMINOLOGY

1. Sub-Pavement Drains are intended for the drainage of the pavement layers where the subbase is not a macadam crushed rock. **Sub-Pavement Drains**
2. Edge Drains are intended for the drainage of rigid pavements. **Edge Drains**

232.03 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

1. Documents referenced in this specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated. **Documents Standards Test Methods**

(a) Council Specifications

213	-	Earthworks
230	-	Subsurface Drainage - General
242	-	Flexible Pavements
245	-	Asphaltic Concrete

(b) Australian Standards

AS 1289.3.3.1	-	Calculation of the plasticity index of a soil
AS 1289.5.4.1	-	Compaction control test - Dry density ratio, moisture variation and moisture ratio.

232.04 ORDER OF CONSTRUCTION

(a) Sub-Pavement Drains

1. Sub-pavement drains shall be constructed as soon as possible after necessary earthworks are completed in the area of the drain. Where stabilisation of the subgrade is required, sub-pavement drain shall be constructed after completion of stabilisation except that where excessive ground water is encountered, sub-pavement drains may be constructed prior to stabilisation of the subgrade. **Timing of Construction**

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2. Where a Selected Material Zone is specified and excessive ground water is encountered, sub-pavement drains may be installed in two stages as follows:

**Stage
Construction**

Stage 1: Standard sub-pavement drains installed below the base of the cutting prior to placement of select material in the Selected Material Zone.

Stage 2: Extension of sub-pavement drain to top of the Selected Material Zone after placement of selected material.

(b) Edge Drains

1. Edge Drains shall be constructed after the construction of the rigid pavement and before the placement and compaction of verge material.

**Timing of
Construction**

CONSTRUCTION

232.05 SUB-PAVEMENT DRAINS

(a) Excavation

1. Trenches 300mm wide shall be trimmed to the required line and to a depth of 600mm below the bottom of the subbase or below the base of the cutting where two stage construction of the Sub-Pavement Drain is required.

**Trench
Dimensions**

2. The bottom of the trench shall be to the same grade as the design pavement surface except where the grade of the roadway is less than 0.5 per cent, in which case the depth of the trench shall be increased to provide a grade of 0.5 per cent in the trench. The bottom of the trench shall be excavated so that no localised ponding of water occurs.

Trench Grade

3. Where two stage construction of the sub-pavement is required, excavation for Stage 2 shall be carried out after placement and compaction of the Selected Material Zone. The Stage 2 trench shall be to the same line and width as Stage 1 and to a depth sufficient to provide a clean, full contact with the previously placed filter material. All excavated material shall be disposed to waste or incorporated into fills.

**Two-Stage
Construction**

(b) Laying of Pipe

1. A bed of filter material 50mm in compacted thickness and shall be laid to the required line and grade. This action constitutes a **HOLD POINT**. The Superintendent's approval to the compacted bedding is required prior to the release of the hold point.

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2. The type of filter materials shall be as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent.

Filter Material

3. The 100mm diameter corrugated slotted plastic piping, complying with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL, shall be laid on the compacted bed to the specified line and level. The pipe shall not deviate from the specified line by more than 100mm at any point.

Filter Bed

4. Joints in the pipeline shall be kept to the minimum number and, where required, shall be made using a suitable external joint coupling. The inlet end of the pipe shall be fitted with a PVC cap.

**Joins and
Capping**

(c) Backfilling

1. The trench shall be backfilled with filter material to the level specified. The type of filter material shall be as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent.

Filter Material

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The filter material shall be placed and compacted in layers with a maximum compacted thickness not exceeding 300mm. Tamping around and over the pipe shall be done in such a manner as to avoid damage or disturbance of the pipe.

2. The filter material shall be compacted for its full depth to a relative compaction of not less than 100 per cent (Standard compaction) as determined by AS 1289.5.4.1. **Compaction**

3. On the outlet section of pipes discharging through the fill batters the trench shall be backfilled with the nominated filter material to a depth of 50mm above the pipe. The balance of trench shall be backfilled with earth backfill material of maximum particle size of 50mm and shall be compacted for the full depth to a relative compaction of 95 per cent (Standard compaction) as determined by AS 1289.5.4.1. **Pipe Outlet**

4. In the case of sub-pavement drains of two stage construction, when it is not practical to place the Pavement Layers or the Selected Material Zone immediately after the construction of Stage 1, the filter material placed to the top of Stage 1 shall be protected from scour and/or contamination by covering with a 50mm thick plug of compacted select fill material having a maximum particle size of 25mm and Plasticity Index of not more than twelve as determined by AS 1289.3.3.1. This plug, any contaminated filter material and any select material covering shall be removed and replaced with the nominated filter material and compacted immediately ahead of the placement of the pavement layer. All excavated material shall be disposed to waste or incorporated in fills. **Temporary Plug over Filter Material**

(d) Cleanouts

1. Cleanouts are to be provided at the commencement of each run of sub-pavement drain line and at intervals of approximately 60m or as shown on the Drawings. **Location**

2. Details of the required cleanout construction are shown on the Drawings. **Details**

(e) Outlets

1. Outlets are to be provided as shown on the Drawings or at maximum intervals of 150m. Sub-pavement drains shall discharge into gully pits and other stormwater drainage structures. Outlets shall be constructed of unslotted plastic pipe of the same diameter as the main run when outside the pavement area. An outlet structure in accordance with the Drawings shall be constructed at the discharge end. **Location**

3. The outlet shall be located so that erosion of the adjacent area does not occur, or shall be protected by the placement of selected stone in the splash zone of the outlet. **Erosion Control**

232.06 RESERVED

232.07 EDGE DRAINS

(a) Excavation


1. The verge material shall be trimmed to subgrade level and to the minimum width shown on the Drawings. The bottom of the trench is to be constructed at the same grade as the roadway and in such a manner that localised ponding of water does not occur. **Width and Level**

2. Where the grade of the roadway is less than 0.5 per cent the trench shall be excavated to provide a minimum grade of 0.5 per cent. **Trench Grade**

3. When the pipe is to discharge through the fill batter a suitable trench shall be excavated to provide the required grade. **Discharge Pipe**

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(b) Laying of Pipe

1. Generally, 65mm diameter slotted corrugated plastic pipe enclosed in seamless tubular filter fabric, complying with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL, shall be used for edge drains unless shown otherwise on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent. **Slotted Plastic Pipe**
2. Where any part of a shoulder consists of material other than concrete, slotted thick walled unplasticised PVC pressure pipe, complying with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL shall be used. **Slotted UPVC Pressure Pipe**

4. The pipe shall be laid on a prepared bed to the specified line and level. The pipe shall not deviate from the specified line by more than 100mm at any point. **Prepared Bed**
5. Joints in the pipe shall be kept to a minimum number and shall be made using an external joint coupling approved by the Superintendent. **Jointing**
6. The inlet end of the pipe shall be fitted with a cap complying with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL. **Inlet Cap**
7. The outlet section of a pipe from the vertical face of the rigid pavement to an outlet in the embankment batter shall be unslotted and the pipe joints in this length of pipe shall be sealed with mastic. **Outlet Pipe**

(c) Backfilling

1. The pipe shall be covered with Type B filter material, complying with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL, to the dimensions shown on the Drawings. **Filter Material**
2. Mechanical compaction of this filter material is not required, however after placement of the filter material it shall be soaked with water. Where necessary additional filter material shall be added and soaked to provide the final dimensions shown on the Drawings. **Soaking of Filter Material**
3. Backfilling over the edge drain shall be done in such a manner as to avoid damage or disturbance of the pipe. Backfill material shall be selected material as required for verges and in accordance with the requirements of the Specification for EARTHWORKS. Backfilling shall be compacted to a relative compaction of not less than 100 per cent (Standard compaction) as determined by AS 1289.5.4.1. **Procedure and Compaction**

(d) Cleanouts

1. Cleanouts shall be provided at the commencement of each run of edge drain line and at intervals of approximately 60m or as shown on the Drawings. **Location**
2. Details of the required cleanout construction are shown on the Drawings. The standard CI caps as shown on the Drawings shall be supplied by the Contractor. **Construction Details**

(e) Outlets

1. Outlets are to be provided as shown on the Drawings or at maximum intervals of 150m. Edge drains shall discharge into gully pits and other stormwater drainage structures. Outlets shall be constructed of unslotted plastic pipe of the same diameter as the main run when outside the pavement area. An outlet structure in accordance with the Drawings shall be constructed at the discharge end. **Location**

3. The outlet shall be located so that erosion of the adjacent area does not occur, or shall be protected by the placement of selected stone in the splash zone of the outlet. **Erosion Control**

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

232.08 RESERVED

LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

232.09 SUMMARY OF LIMITS AND TOLERANCES

1. The limits and tolerances applicable to the various clauses in this Specification are summarised in Table 232.1 below.

Item	Activity	Limits/Tolerances	Spec Clause
1.	Excavation Trench Grade	≥0.5%	232.05(a) 232.07(a)
2.	Sub-Pavement Drain Laying of Pipe Alignment	Deviation <100mm from specified line at any point.	232.05(b)
	Backfill		
	(a) Layer thickness	300mm max	232.05(c)
	(b) Compaction (Relative)		
	Filter material	100% (Standard compaction)	232.05(c)
	Backfill material	>95% (Standard compaction)	232.05(c)
3.	Cleanout Spacing	60m approx	232.05(d) 232.07(d)
4.	Outlet Spacing	150m max	232.05(e) 232.07(e)
5.	Edge Drains		
	(a) Alignment	Deviation <100mm from specified line at any point.	232.07(b)
	(b) Compaction (Relative)		
	Backfill material	100% (Standard compaction)	232.07(c)

Table 232.1 - Summary of Limits and Tolerances

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

232.10 PAY ITEMS

1. Pay Items shall be made for all the activities associated with completing the work detailed under this Specification on a schedule of rates basis in accordance with Pay Items 232(a), 232(b) and 232(c).
2. A Lump Sum price for any of these items will not be accepted.
3. If any item, for which a quantity of work is listed in the Schedule of Rates, has not been priced by the Contractor, it shall be understood that due allowance has been made in the prices of other items for the cost of the activity which has not been priced.
4. Filter material and outlet structures are measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL.
5. Subbase material, including spreading, compacting and trimming, is measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for either FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS or ASPHALTIC CONCRETE as appropriate.
6. Selected material backfill to edge drains is measured and paid in accordance with the Specification for EARTHWORKS.

Pay Item 232(a) EXCAVATION

1. The unit of measurement shall be the cubic metre measured as bank volume of excavation.
2. The width of trench shall be as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent. The depth and length of excavation shall be based on the Superintendent's instructions and shall be determined at the time of excavation.
3. The schedule rate shall cover all types of material and separate rates shall not be included for earth or rock. The rate is deemed to include:
 - setting out and associated survey work;
 - replacement for overexcavation for any reason;
 - control of stormwater run-off, temporary drainage and erosion and sedimentation control.
4. The disposal of material from drain excavation shall be included in the schedule rate for excavation.
5. The schedule quantity is a provisional quantity.

Pay Item 232(b) SUBSOIL DRAIN PIPE

232(b)(i)	100mm dia slotted corrugated plastic pipe.
232(b)(ii)	58mm dia thick walled unplasticised PVC pressure pipe.
232(b)(iii)	65mm dia slotted corrugated plastic pipe.

1. The unit of measurement for Pay Items 232(b)(i), 232(b)(ii) and 232(b)(iii) shall be the linear metre measured along the length of the pipe. Any unslotted pipe required for outlets shall be included in the length.
2. The schedule rate shall cover the supply, laying and securing of the subsoil pipe.
3. The rate shall include connections, fittings and seamless tubular filter fabric where specified.
4. The schedule quantity is a provisional quantity.

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Pay Item 232(c) CLEANOUT STRUCTURES

1. The unit of measurement shall be 'each' cleanout structure constructed in accordance with the Drawings.
2. The schedule rate shall include the supply and installation of lids and the recording of cleanout locations in accordance with the requirements of the Specification for SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE - GENERAL.
3. The schedule quantity is a provisional quantity.