

Permeable Pavement Design

- Benefits
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- Construction Considerations

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Permeable Pavement Benefits

- Space efficient detention and parking occupy same space
- Safety reduced surface icing (Lund Institute of Technology, University of New Hampshire)
- Reduced frost heave (Lulea Univ of Technology)
- Can eliminate need for storm sewers & inlets
- Reduces surface runoff volumes and increases groundwater recharge
- Water quality benefits (See Tech Standard)
- Longevity (paver systems)
- Aesthetics (paver systems)



Water Quality Benefits

- Event runoff coefficient ~ 0.8 and annual C~0.5 for lined permeable pavement system (Nottingham Trent University)
- Reduced runoff temperature (subsurface) 5 to 7° C (9 to 13° F) relative to asphalt (University of Guelph)
- Microbial digestion of petroleum based hydrocarbons (Coventry University)
- >95% removal of metals within gravel base (HydroCon GmbH, Hameln, Germany)
- Elimination of sealants (pavers and concrete)
- University of New Hampshire found 70% reduction in deicing salt usage.

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Site Analysis

• Soils

- Depth to groundwater at least three feet (varies by state)
- Avoid highly expansive clay soils
- Avoid contaminated soils unless lined
- California Bearing Ratio
- Soil permeability
- Location
 - Avoid high sediment yielding areas
 - Avoid locations of contaminated runoff or risk of spills
 - Avoid significant run-on that could clog paving
 - Provide proper setback or waterproofing for building foundations
 Provide proper setback from wells (varies by state)
- Traffic Loading
 - Pavers most suitable for parking lots
 - Limit paver use to streets with speeds < 30 mph
 - May need to provide weight restrictions for porous asphalt or concrete

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Hydrologic Design

- Surface drainage capacity
 - Up to 100 in/hr for new permeable paver systems
 - 10 in/hr minimum for WDNR Tech Standard
 - Use 2-3 in/hr* for mature permeable paver installations
- Maximum subsurface drain time to prevent loss of subgrade strength based on CBR
- Provide perforated pipe drains if necessary to achieve drain time
 - Locate drain at bottom of base for low permeability soils

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 Locate drain above bottom to provide retention on moderate permeability soils























Engineering Design

- Edge Restraint (permeable pavers)
 - Necessary to maintain interlock between pavers
 - Concrete curb or soldier course set in concrete
- Surface slope as low as 0.5% to 1%
- Open graded, crushed, clean stone for all courses
- Subgrade compaction minimum necessary
- Woven <u>monofilament</u> geotextile between subgrade and subbase

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- Reduced blinding
- Lower elongation
- Select high permeability (permittivity > 1.2/s)







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