



Short Term Bonded Fiber Matrix Mat-Super Plus® Specifications

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

This section specifies hydraulically applied short term Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) composed of long strand, thermally processed wood fibers, polysaccharide tackifiers and synthetic fibers. The short term BFM may require a curing period to achieve maximum performance. The curing time will vary based on soil type & weather conditions at the time of application. Once cured the short term BFM forms an intimate bond with the soil surface to create a continuous, absorbent, flexible erosion resistant blanket that allows for rapid germination and accelerated plant growth.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data and installation instructions. Include required substrate preparation, list of materials, and application rate.

B. Certifications: Manufacturer shall submit a letter of certification that the products meets or exceeds all physical property, endurance, performance and packaging requirements.

1.03 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

Deliver materials and products in UVI weather resistant factory labeled packages. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Protect from damage from weather, excessive temperatures, and construction operations.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 ACCEPTABLE MANUFACTURER

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2.02 MATERIALS

The short term BFM Mat-Super Plus™ as manufactured by Mat, Inc. and/or Mat-NuWood, LLC, shall conform to the following typical property values when applied at a rate of 3,000 lb/ac (3400kg/ha).

	TEST METHOD	ENGLISH	SI
Physical			
Mass Per Unit Area	ASTM D-6566	12.9 oz/yd ²	440 g/m ²
% Ground Cover	ASTM D-6567	96.9%	96.9%
Water Holding Capacity	ASTM D-7367	1273%	1273%
Cure Time	Observed	0-24 hr	0-24 hr
Color (fugitive dye)	Observed	Green	Green
Endurance			
Functional Longevity	Observed	30-90 days	30-90 days
Performance			
Cover Factor	ASTM D-6459	0.001 (min)	0.001 (min)
Germination	ASTM D-7322	713%	713%
%Effectiveness	ECTC Test Method 2	99.9% (min)	99.9% (min)

One minus Cover Factor multiplied by 100% equals % effectiveness.

2.3 COMPOSITION

All components of the short term BFM shall be pre-packaged by the manufacturer to assure material performance and compliance with the following typical values.

Thermally processed wood fibers (moisture content 12%±3%).....>93%±2%
 Polysaccharide Tackifiers <4%±2%
 Synthetic fiber content <1%
 Trade secret1%

2.04 PACKAGING

Bags: Net Weight – 50 lb.-UVI weather-resistant plastic bags,
 Pallets: Weather-proofed-plastic capped and stretch-wrapped.

PART 3 EXECUTIONS

3.01 SUBSTRATE AND SEEDBED PREPARATION

A. Examine substrates and conditions where materials will be applied. Apply product to geo-technically stable slopes that have been designed and constructed to divert runoff away from the face of the slope. Do not proceed with installation until satisfactory conditions are established.

B. Depending upon project sequencing and intended application, prepare seedbed in compliance with:

- Section 01570 – Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control
- Section 02300 – Earthwork; Establishment of Subgrade
- Section 02370 – Erosion and Sediment Control
- Section 02920 – Lawns and Grasses

3.02 INSTALLATION

A. Strictly comply with manufacturer's installation instructions and recommendations. For optimum pumping and application performance use approved mechanically agitated, hydraulic seeding/mulching machines with a fan-type nozzle (50-degree tip). Apply short term BFM from opposing directions and to achieve best soil coverage.

B. Erosion Control and Revegetation: For maximum performance, apply short term BFM in a two-step process:

Step One; Mix and apply seed and soil amendments with small amount of BFM for visual metering.

Step Two: Mix and apply short term BFM at a rate of 50 lb. per 100 gallons of water over freshly prepared surfaces. Confirm loading rates with equipment manufacturer. Do not leave seeded surfaces unprotected especially if precipitation is imminent.

Depending upon site conditions short term BFM may be applied in a one-step process where all components may be mixed together in single tank loads. Consult with manufacturer for further details.

Do not apply on saturated soils or substrates. Do not apply if precipitation is anticipated within 24-48 hours. Minimum curing temperature is 40°F (4°C). Best results and more rapid curing are achieved at temperatures exceeding 60°F (15°C). Curing times may be accelerated in high temperature, low humidity conditions with product applied on dry soils.

Over-application of product may inhibit germination and plant growth.

C. Mixing: A mechanically agitated hydraulic-application machine is recommended:

- i. Fill tank to middle of agitator shaft or tank about 1/3 full of water. Turn on pump to wet or purge lines. Begin agitating. Keep adding water slowly while adding the short term BFM at a steady rate.
- ii. Consult application and loading charts to determine number of bags to be added. Mix at a rate of 50 lbs. of short term BFM per 100 gallons of water. Contact equipment manufacturer to confirm optimum short term BFM mixing rates.
- iii. All short term BFM should be loaded when the tank is approximately ¾ full.
- iv. Fertilizer should be added once the tank is nearly full.
- v. Before applying, mix the slurry for at least 10 minutes after adding the last amount of short term BFM. This is very important to attain proper viscosity.
- vi. Turn off recirculation valve to minimize potential for air entrainment within the slurry.
- vii. Refer to manufacturer guide for more detailed information.

D. Application: Use a fan-type nozzle (50-degree) whenever possible for best soil surface coverage. Apply short term BFM from opposing directions to soil surface, reducing the "shadow effect" and assuring a minimum of 95% soil surface coverage. Slope interruption devices or water diversion techniques are recommended when slope lengths exceed 50 feet (15m). Install materials at the following minimum application rates:

Condition	English	SI
≤5H to 1V or flatter	2500 lb/ac	2802 kg/ha
>4H to 1V and ≤3H to 1V	3000 lb/ac	3362 kg/ha
>3H to 1V and ≤2H to 1V	3500 lb/ac	3923 kg/ha

Increase application rates on highly erosive soils or chiseled disked, furrowed or tracked slopes.

Material should not be applied in channels, swales or other areas where concentrated flows are anticipated, unless installed in conjunction with a temporary erosion control blanket or non-degradable turf reinforcement mat.

After application, thoroughly flush the tank, pumps and hoses to remove all short term BFM material. Wash all material from the exterior of the machine and remove any slurry spills. Once dry, the short term BFM will be more difficult to remove.

3.03 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

Clean spills promptly. Advise owner of methods for protection of treated areas. Do not allow treated areas to be trafficked or subjected to grazing.



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