G3-CELL™
SLOPE PROTECTION SYSTEM
INSTALLATION GUIDELINE
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NOTE: The following installation techniques and recommendations may require an evaluation by Presto Geosystems to determine applicability of use for individual project requirements.

**Site Preparation**

- Remove existing vegetation from the proposed slopes.
- Excavate and shape the slope section.
- Place, compact and shape required earth fill.
- Dig toe-in trenches at the crest and perimeter of the slope as required.

![Figure 1 Slope Preparation](image)

**Geotextile Separation Layer**

- If required, install the specified geotextile over the prepared slope. See Figure 2.
- Adequately overlap adjacent sections and pin per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Ensure geotextile is placed in perimeter toe-in trenches.
- Pin the edges of the geotextile sections to inhibit movement.

![Figure 2 Geotextile Placement](image)

**Installation of G3-Cell™ Sections**

- Drive a row of anchor stakes along the upper edge of the proposed slope protection area. Space the stakes at pre-determined single cell centers. See G3-Cell™ Anchor Spacing Charts for guidance.
- Partially expand the G3-Cell™ section and place the end cell of the section over its corresponding edge stake. When ATRA® Anchors are used, ensure the ATRA® Clip arm is hooked through the slot hole, or the anchor is placed over the cell wall. See Figure 3.

![Figure 3 ATRA® Stake Edge Restraint](image)
• Expand the G3-Cell™ section down the slope to the section’s specified length. See Figure 4.

• Hold the fully expanded sections open using one of the following:
  a) ATRA® Anchors, straight stakes or J-Pins (permanent or temporary). Specialized driving tools are available through Presto Geosystems’ authorized distributors and representatives to speed driving of ATRA® anchors. See Figure 5.
  b) Infill several peripheral cells.
  c) Other acceptable methods may be used.

• Align and interleaf edges of adjoining G3-Cell™ sections, ensuring that the upper surfaces of adjoining sections are flush.
• Fasten G3-Cell™ sections together with the ATRA® key connection device. Position the ATRA key through the slots of overlapping sections (side-to-side), or where cells connect (end-to-end), and turn key to “lock” in position. See Figure 6.

• When G3-Cell sections are connected end-to-end, under-expand a few rows of the adjoining section to allow easy placement of the ATRA keys before fully expanding the connecting section. For easiest placement, insert the key completely through one cell before inserting through the adjoining cell. Adjoining sections should also be fully connected prior to infilling.

• The use of the ATRA key device will reduce construction time significantly and offers cost-savings compared to stapling operations.

• G3-Cell sections may also be connected with pneumatic staplers either side-to-side or end-to-end.

• The ATRA key connection device and pneumatic staplers and staples are available through Presto Geosystems and their authorized distributors/representatives.

## Installation of G3-Cell™ Sections on Curved or Irregular Surfaces

**Method 1:** G3-Cell™ sections can be readily adapted to cover curved areas by varying the degree of cell expansion across the width of individual sections. See Figure 7.

**Method 2:** Progressively vary the degree of cell expansion along the length of a section. See Figure 8.
Method 3: Field cut an expanded section to give the required degree of taper. See Figure 9.

Limiting Vertical Curvature of G3-Cell™ Sections

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>G3-Cell™ Cell Depth</th>
<th>Minimum Radius Expansion Direction</th>
<th>Minimum Radius Cross Section Direction</th>
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<tr>
<td>75 mm (3 in)</td>
<td>400 mm (16 in)</td>
<td>600 mm (24 in)</td>
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<td>100 mm (4 in)</td>
<td>600 mm (24 in)</td>
<td>1000 mm (40 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>150 mm (6 in)</td>
<td>900 mm (36 in)</td>
<td>1500 mm (60 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>200 mm (8 in)</td>
<td>1200 mm (48 in)</td>
<td>2000 mm (80 in)</td>
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Preparation of Tendoned G3-Cell™ Sections

- G3-Cell™ sections are supplied with tendon slots. Tendons should be threaded through the appropriate cells that will provide the best distribution of the number of tendons per design.
- Individual tendons are typically cut to a total length equal to:
  1.15 x expanded G3-Cell™ section length
  + 1.0 m (3 ft) to allow for loops, etc. and
  + 0.15 m (6 in) for each ATRA Clip used per Figure 16 Moore Hitch Non-Slip Connection.
- Feed individual tendons through tendon slots in the collapsed G3-Cell™ sections prior to section expansion. See Figure 10.
**Special Tendon Insertion Methods:**

- Use a short length of 2.5 mm (12 gauge) wire with an elongated loop at one end as a threading needle to pull the leading end of the tendon through the G3-Cell™ section. See Figure 11.
- Insert a short length of thin-wall metal tubing as a smooth guide for the tendon. Once the tendon has been fed through the collapsed G3-Cell™ section, the tube is removed. See Figure 12.

**Terminating and Anchoring Tendons**

There are two standard methods of terminating tendons at an outer edge of G3-Cell™ sections. See Figure 13 and Figure 14.

1. Double-loop knot with stop washer – normally used at the toe of the slope.

![Figure 11 Threading Tendons](image)

![Figure 12 Use of Guide Tubes](image)

![Figure 13 Termination of Integral Tendons](image)
2. Knotted loop - used to attach tendons to a crest or toe anchor. The ATRA® Anchor or ATRA® Clip when used as a restraining device is recommended. Loop the tendon around and under the arms of the ATRA® Clip.

**Figure 14  End Anchorage of Tendons**

**Internal Anchoring**

- Drive additional ATRA® Anchors within selected cells of the expanded G3-Cell™ section at the specified spacing. See Figure 15.
- Ensure the tendon is under the arm of the ATRA® Clip and drive the anchor flush with the base of the cell.
- Final driving of the anchors along a single tendon should progress in sequence from the initial edge anchor (generally at the crest). The trailing length of tendon should remain un-restrained to avoid over-tensioning of the tendon.
- The un-restrained tendon end should be terminated as illustrated above.

**Figure 15  Internal Anchors**
Non-Slip Tendonized Internal Anchorage

- G3-Cell™ sections can be effectively supported on steep slopes with an array of internal anchors that are attached to the integral tendon system. Typical internal anchors include:
  a) ATRA® Anchors
  b) J-pins
  c) Steel reinforcing rods
  d) Duckbill® cable anchors
  e) Wooden stakes
- The recommended method of attachment uses the ATRA® Anchor and a mooring hitch Presto Geosystems refers to as the “Moore Hitch”. See Figure 16.

Crest Anchorage of Tendonized G3-Cell™ Systems

- Load transfer to crest anchorage is required when a driven anchor array is impractical (e.g. when a geomembrane or impervious material is present). See Figure 17.
- ATRA® restraining clips transfer load from the G3-Cell sections to the tendons in such cases. See Figure 18.
- With tendons inserted, expand the G3-Cell™ section into position and attach the ATRA® Clips at pre-determined cell spacing.
- Attachment of ATRA® restraining clips can progress in either an up-slope or down-slope direction.
- Pre-anchor the end of the tendon from which the ATRA® Clip attachment commences.
- Remove all internal slack from tendons as the ATRA® Clips are attached.
- Precut tendons must be long enough to allow for attachment knots at each clip. Refer to recommendation on page 4.
  Attaching ATRA® restraining clips at the required spacing can be accomplished while the G3-Cell™ section is pre-expanded on a flat surface. The section can then be re-collapsed, attached to crest anchorage, and deployed onto the slope. This method facilitates the installation of sections on extremely steep slopes.
  **NOTE:** Use a small electrical tie to secure the ATRA® Clip to the tendon before collapsing the G3-Cell section. This will prevent the clip from falling off the tendon.
Placement of Infill

- Infilling of G3-Cell™ sections can begin when anchoring work is complete.
- A range of equipment types can be used as illustrated in Figure 19 – Figure 23.
  1. Hydraulic Excavator (Backhoe)
  2. Front-end Loader
  3. Conveyor
  4. Crane-mounted skip
  5. Mixer Chute
- Limit drop-height of infill material to 1 m (3 ft) maximum.
- Infill from the crest of the slope to the toe.
- Controlled overfilling of cells is required to allow for consolidation and compaction of the infill.
- Ensure that infill will be flush with the upper surface of the cells at the completion of the installation.

Figure 19  Excavator
Figure 20  Loader
Figure 21  Mobile Conveyor
Figure 22  Skip
Figure 23  Chute
Dimensions and Weights of Palletized G3-Cell™ Sections

G3-Cell™ sections are normally tri-folded and palletized for shipment to the site. Table 2 provides typical pallet dimensions and weights for a range of section and cell sizes.

Table 2: G3-Cell™ Shipping Dimensions and Weights

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<tr>
<th>Cell Depth</th>
<th>Pallet Dimensions</th>
<th>Minimum Weight</th>
<th>Maximum Weight</th>
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<tr>
<td>75 mm (3 in)</td>
<td>1070 mm x 1070 mm (42 in x 42 in)</td>
<td>390 kg (860 lb)</td>
<td>710 kg (1,560 lb)</td>
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<tr>
<td>100 mm (4 in)</td>
<td>1070 mm x 1070 mm (42 in x 42 in)</td>
<td>400 kg (880 lb)</td>
<td>730 kg (1,600 lb)</td>
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<td>150 mm (6 in)</td>
<td>1070 mm x 1070 mm (42 in x 42 in)</td>
<td>360 kg (800 lb)</td>
<td>660 kg (1,450 lb)</td>
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<tr>
<td>200 mm (8 in)</td>
<td>1070 mm x 1070 mm (42 in x 42 in)</td>
<td>400 kg (880 lb)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Volume (m³/100 m² of area)</td>
<td>7.5 m³</td>
<td>10.0 m³</td>
<td>15 m³</td>
<td>20.0 m³</td>
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<td>Volume (yd³/100 yd² of area)</td>
<td>8.3 yd³</td>
<td>11.1 yd³</td>
<td>16.7 yd³</td>
<td>22.2 yd³</td>
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Tools and Equipment

Installation efficiency is greatly improved by the appropriate choice of construction equipment and tools. The following guidelines apply to most G3-Cell™ system applications. Non-standard tools and equipment may provide additional benefits in some situations.

Table 4: Standard Construction Tools for Installation of the G3-Cell™ System

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<th>G3-Cell™ Components</th>
<th>Power Tools</th>
<th>Concrete Finishing</th>
<th>Surveying Equipment</th>
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<tr>
<td>ATRA® Clips/Anchors</td>
<td>Heavy-duty drill</td>
<td>Bull floats</td>
<td>Surveyor’s auto-level</td>
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<td>ATRA® Connection Device</td>
<td>Circular saw</td>
<td>Hand floats</td>
<td>Tripod and rod</td>
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<td>Hand Tools</td>
<td>Percussion hammer</td>
<td>Steel trowels</td>
<td>Laser beacons</td>
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<td>Shovels and spades</td>
<td>Stanley-Bostitch stapler</td>
<td>Poker vibrators</td>
<td>Audio target receiver</td>
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<td>Rakes and screed bars</td>
<td>SB103020 wire staples</td>
<td>Tamping rods</td>
<td>Survey stakes</td>
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<td>Sledge hammers</td>
<td>Gas generator</td>
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<td>Markers + spray cans</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crowbars</td>
<td>Air compressor</td>
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<td>String-lines + spirit level</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utility knives</td>
<td>Electric Impact Hammer</td>
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<td>Spikes, nails + lumber</td>
<td>ATRA® Anchor Driving Tool and Gad.</td>
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<td>Templates</td>
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Excavation and Materials Handling Equipment

Conventional excavators, front-end loaders, mini-excavators and skid-steer loaders, equipped with smooth-edged buckets, are normally employed for the installation of G3-Cell™ systems. Infilling of G3-Cell™ sections can also be carried out with conveyors, chutes and skips. As a rule, the overall rate of installation relates directly to the speed and efficiency of infill placement and compaction.

Compaction Equipment

Compaction of slope surfaces prior to installation of the G3-Cell™ system is normally carried out with: 1) vibratory plate compactor attachments for backhoes, 2) a mobile winch assembly at the slope crest to support a roller or plate compactor, or 3) manual tamping. Slope pre-compaction is primarily intended to minimize sloughing of loose surface topsoil or aggregate fill materials.

Limited Warranty

Presto Geosystems warrants each G3-Cell™ section which it ships to be free from defects in materials and workmanship at the time of manufacture. Presto’s exclusive liability under this warranty or otherwise will be to furnish without charge to Presto’s customer at the original f.o.b. point a replacement for any section which proves to be defective under normal use and service during the 5-year period which begins on the date of shipment by Presto. Presto reserves the right to inspect any allegedly defective section in order to verify the defect and ascertain its cause.

This warranty does not cover defects attributable to causes or occurrences beyond Presto’s control and unrelated to the manufacturing process, including, but not limited to, abuse, misuse, mishandling, neglect, improper storage, improper installation, improper alteration or improper application.

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