

The Hills Turf Underlay

The Hills Turf Underlay is a superior mix that creates a thriving lawn environment. It is specially developed for the use in both residential and amenity turf areas. The mix contains minerals and inorganic components, as well as a percentage of organic product for better structure and nutrition. The Hills Turf Underlay has high permeability which creates a free draining environment to decrease the chance of fungal growth.

The Hills Turf Underlay is tested to **Specification C1** – Passive Amenity Turf from the text Soil for Landscape Development by **Leake and Haege**. It is also tested for Bulk Density, Saturated Bulk Density & Environmental Compliance as special requests outside the general Australian Standard suite.



TEST RESULTS:

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Physical Properties	Unit	Target Range	Results	Comments
2.0 mm (fine gravel)	% retained by mass	< 10	9.2	Acceptable
1.0 mm (very coarse sand)	% retained by mass	< 10	7.8	Acceptable
0.5 mm (coarse sand)	% retained by mass	10 - 30	11	Low
0.25 mm (medium sand)	% retained by mass	20 - 40	52	High
0.1 mm (fine sand)	% retained by mass	10 - 30	11	Acceptable
0.05 mm (very fine sand)	% retained by mass	5 - 15 (max 25% combined of vfs, si +cl)	2.5	Low
<0.05 mm (fine particles)	% retained by mass	3 - 10	4.8	Acceptable
Large Particles	% by mass	2 - 20mm = < 10% > 20mm = 0%	7.75 <0.01	Acceptable Acceptable
Organic matter content	% w/w	2 to 8	11	High - due to ash content
Permeability	mm/h	> 30 (@ 16 Drops)	1394	Acceptable
Wettability (AS4419)	mm/min	> 5	16	Acceptable
Dispersibility in water	Category	1 or 2 (AS4419)	2	Acceptable
Chemical Properties	Unit	Target Range	Results	Comments
pH in water (1:5)	pH units	5.4 - 8.0	6.48	Acceptable
pH in CaCl2 (1:5)	dS/m	5.2 - 7.5	6.17	Acceptable
Electrical conductivity (1:5)	mg/L	< 0.5	0.71	High
Exchangeable Na percentage	mg/L	< 7	7.9	High
Exchangeable Ca:Mg ratio	mg/L	3 - 9	3.2	Acceptable
Available phosphorus	-	50 - 150 20 - 50	53.6 -	Acceptable
Available nitrogen (NO ₃)	mm	20 - 60	0.63	Low



Bulk Density 0.75kg/L. Saturated Bulk Density 1.2kg/L

"We consider the material fit for purpose as a turf underlay in all but high grade sportsfield situations provided the turf is fertilised once established as is normal practice" **SESL Australia.**