# Recommended Construction Tolerances for Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements

Permeable interlocking concrete pavements comprise a system of unique components providing durable pedestrian and vehicular surfaces in all climates. This document provides achievable construction tolerances that contribute to structural and hydrologic performance that support stormwater management objectives.

Note: This guide does not apply to standard interlocking concrete pavements





The following are basic guidelines for permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP) installations. Review related ICPI Tech Specs for specific details. These tolerances and recommendations are applicable to most PICP products, but allowances may be required for tumbled, embossed or other unique products. Consult manufacturer's recommendations.

# Minimum offsets

#### Attribute

Wells and surface water Foundations Water table and bedrock

# Paver and bedding layer

#### Attribute

Paver joint width Paver surface flatness Lippage at catch basins/drains Lippage between individual pavers Top of bedding surface variation

#### Attribute

Paver aspect ratio (length : thickness)

#### Paver thickness

Bond lines Surface Slope Cut pavers<sup>1</sup>

Paver laying pattern<sup>2</sup> Joint fill depth

Joint aggregate gradation Bedding layer thickness Bedding aggregate gradation Infiltration rate

### **ICPI recommendation**

100 ft. (30 m) 10 ft. (3 m) unless protected by waterproofing and underdrains 24 in. (600 mm)

#### **Tolerance** (see page 4 detail)

Min.  $^{3}/_{16}$  in. (4.5 mm) to max.  $^{1}/_{2}$  in. (13 mm)  $\pm^{3}/_{8}$  in. (10 mm) over a 10 ft. (3 m) straight edge (non cumulative) Min.  $^{1}/_{8}$  in. (3 mm) to max.  $^{1}/_{4}$  in. (6 mm) for ADA compliance or max.  $^{3}/_{8}$  in. (10 mm) for non-ADA Max.  $^{1}/_{8}$  in. (3 mm)  $\pm$   $^{3}/_{8}$  in. (10 mm) over 10 ft. (3 m)

#### **ICPI recommendation**

Max. 3:1 for streets, parking and driveways
Max. 4:1 for pedestrian
Min. 3 1/8 in. (80 mm) for streets, parking & driveways
Min. 2 3/8 in. (60 mm) for pedestrian
Max. ±1/2 in. (13 mm) over a 50 ft. (16 m) taut stringline
Typically 0% to 5%
Min. 1/3 of full-size unit for vehicular application
Min. 2 in. (50 mm) long for all other applications
Acceptable for application
Max. depth of 1/4 in. (6 mm) measured from the bottom of the chamfer, or the top surface of the
paver if no chamfer, at the time of final inspection
Washed ASTM No. 8, 89 or 9 stone or CSA Group II 10-5 or 5-2.5 Coarse Aggregate
2 in. (50 mm) nominal
Washed ASTM No. 8 stone or CSA Group II 10-5 Coarse Aggregate
Minimum 100 in./hr (2,540 mm/hr) at the time of final inspection per ASTM C1781

<sup>1</sup>The contractor should have the discretion on making cuts less than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> paver size. Sometimes it is not possible to adjust the cuts to less than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> paver size without adjusting laying pattern, and sometimes it is not possible to adjust laying pattern with certain shapes. <sup>2</sup>Paving layer pattern: ICPL recommends herringhous laying patterns for all vehicular applications.

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Base and subbase layer			
Attribute Top of base surface variation Top of subbase surface variation	<b>Tolerance (see page 4 detail)</b> ± 1/2 in. (13 mm) over 10 ft. (3 m) ± 2 in. (50 mm) over 10 ft. (3 m)		
Attribute Base layer thickness Base aggregate gradation Base thickness variation <sup>3</sup> Compaction Base Extensions	ICPI recommendation4 in. (100 mm) used in vehicular applications except residential drivesWashed ASTM No. 57 stone or CSA Group II 28-14 Coarse Aggregate+ 3/4 in. to -1/2 in. (+20 mm to -13 mm)Max. 0.5 mm deflection measured with LWD per ASTM E2835Base ThicknessBase Extension12 in. (300 mm) or less6 in. (150 mm)Greater than 12 in. (300 mm)1/2 base thickness		
Subbase layer thickness <sup>4</sup> Subbase aggregate gradation Geosynthetics	Minimum 6 in. (150 mm) Washed ASTM No. 2, 3 or 4 stone or CSA Group II 80-40, 56-28, 40-20 coarse aggregate Geotextile, geocells, geogrids or geomembrane as specified		
Subgrade			
Attribute Subgrade compaction Subgrade slope	<b>ICPI recommendation</b> As specified 0% to 2% without check dams. 2% to 5% may require check dams. Greater than 5% requires check dams.		
Edge restraint/curb			
Attribute No movement Proper restraint	<b>ICPI recommendation</b> Firmly secured in place to resist anticipated loads Acceptable for application (see "Guide References" on reverse)		
<b>Site Details</b> Surrounding Area Signage	Stabilize soil and prevent washing onto PICP As specified		
Maintenance			
Attribute Routine Maintenance	ICPI recommendation To prevent clogging. See ICPI Tech Spec 23 on PICP Maintenance		

Routine Maintenance Restorative Maintenance Other Surface Distresses

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<sup>3</sup> Base thickness variation: An example of an acceptable variation is 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. to 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. (90 to 120 mm) for a 4 in. (100 mm) required base thickness. The surface of the excavated soil subgrade should have the same slope and contouring as the final surface profile.

<sup>4</sup> Subbase thickness: Structural and hydrologic analysis may require thicker subbases for weaker soils or greater storage volumes.

## **Tolerance Measurement Guidance**



Joint widths are measured with a ruler from inside edge of paver to inside edge paver between adjacent pavers



Lippage is measured from the top of a paver to the top of the adjacent paver



Base extension is measured from the outside of the edge restraint to the edge of the base/subbase



Paver surface flatness and top of base surface variation are measured with a straight edge for simple slopes and with a transit for complex contours

# **Guide References**

#### **Specification and design references**

ASCE 68-18 Design, Construction and Maintenance of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement

*ICPI Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition): Design, Specifications, Construction, Maintenance

#### **Pavement system references**

ASTM C936 Standard Specification for Solid Interlocking Concrete Paving Units

ASTM C1781 Standard Test Method for Surface Infiltration Rate of Permeable Unit Pavement Systems

CSA A231.2 Precast Concrete Pavers

ICPI Tech Spec 1–Glossary of Terms for Segmental Concrete Pavement

ICPI Tech Spec 18—Construction of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement

ICPI Tech Spec 23—Maintenance Guide for Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements

# Base, subbase, bedding and joint aggregate references

ASTM D448 Standard Classification for Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction

(Note: Gradations in AASHTO M-43 *Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction* are identical to ASTM D448.)

ASTM E2835 Standard Test Method for Measuring Deflections using a Portable Impulse Plate Load Test Device

CSA 23.1/23.2 Concrete materials and methods of concrete construction / Test methods and standard practices for concrete

#### Edge restraint references

*ICPI Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition): Design, Specifications, Construction, Maintenance

#### **Geosynthetics references**

AASHTO M-288—Standard Specification for Geosynthetic Specification for Highway Applications Tech Spec 22—Geosynthetics for Segmental Concrete Pavements