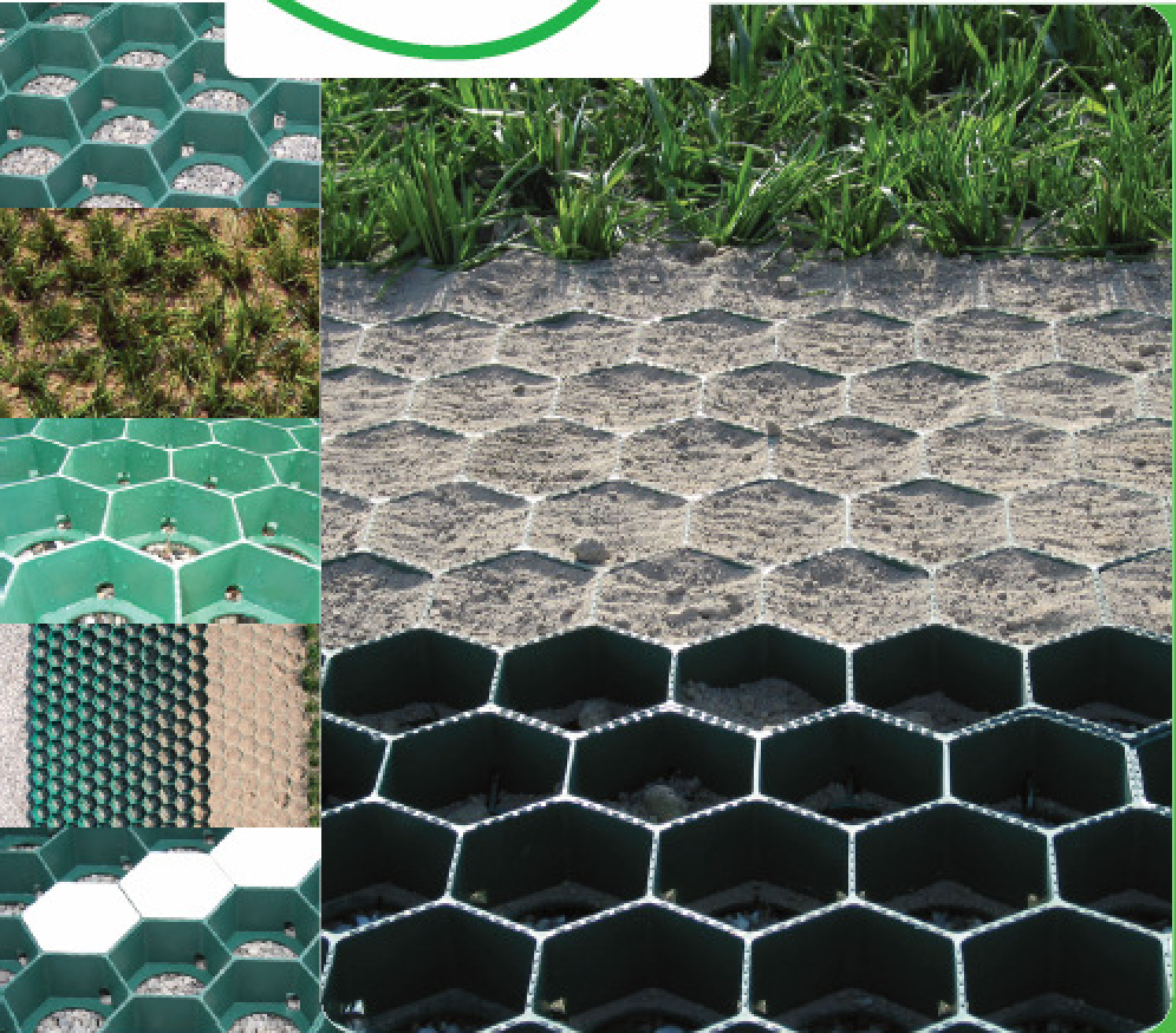




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The PRATEX logo features the word "PRATEX" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. A green swoosh underline starts under the 'P' and ends under the 'X'. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the 'X'. The logo is set against a white rounded rectangular background.

# PRATEX

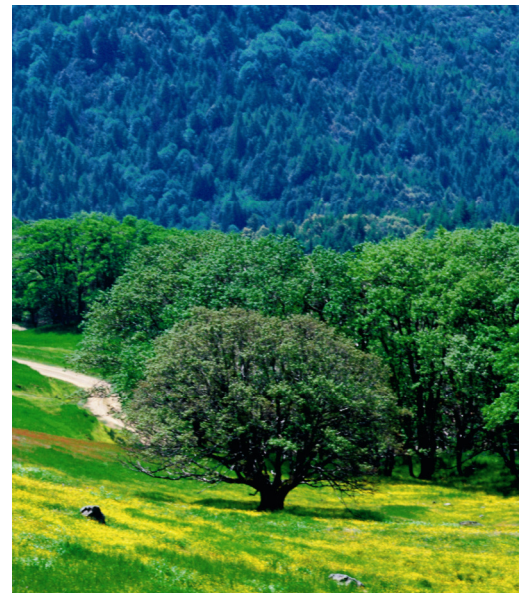
## The friendly sustainable alternative to pavement

The lakes, streams, rivers and ponds are becoming polluted. Vehicle access ways or pavements such as roads, streets, driveways, lanes, residential and commercial parking lots, etc. are a major source of pollutants. Autos spend most of their time in parking lots and driveways, dripping the various petrochemical fuels, fluids and additives onto the pavement. When it rains, the pollutants are washed into the storm sewers and into our waterways. PRATEX can provide the solution and is better for our lakes, rivers and streams because it is water-permeable. Unlike paved surfaces, it does not funnel rainfall into storm sewers. Instead, PRATEX allows the passage of rainfall into the soil, where Mother Nature filters it naturally.

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**PRATEX provides pervious surface construction and its use may be exempt from many communities' Construction restrictions. Such set-aside programs could make the construction Project prohibitively expensive, unless PRATEX is used instead of pavement.**

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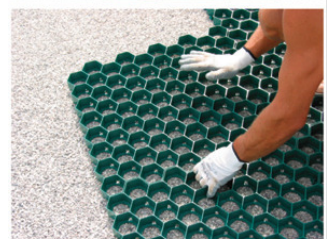
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## There are many uses for PRATEX

- Driveways
- Lawn areas next to driveways and roads, for temporary parking
- Parking Areas
- Patios
- Pathways through the lawn
- Carport floors
- Garden paths
- Utility areas (i.e. under trash containers)
- Storage areas (i.e. vehicles, implements and machinery, etc.)
- Subsoil stabilization on hills (i.e. under sod, e.g., to prevent walking on saturated lawns, on hills)
- Around gates and entrances, where high traffic tears up the grass
- Equestrian uses (paddocks and turnouts, dry lots, barn interior flooring, stalls, etc.)



**Healthier for the environment:** by anchoring the soil into place, Pratex reduces both soil erosion and chemical or waste runoff into the ecosystem

**Healthier for Livestock:** by maintaining a dry paddock, Pratex reduces hoof-related syndromes

**For pedestrian greenbelts or footpaths:** Pratex prevents erosion due to traffic, rainfall or rutting and potholes leaving a level surface

**Extreme Ease of use around the home:** prevents unsightly muddy traffic areas around gates, entrances, loading areas, etc.

**Provides a Suitable public access control method:** easily accommodates the use of bicycles, wheel chairs, strollers and carts, yet discourages unauthorized recreational activities such as skateboarding, roller blades, etc.

**Pratex will reduce hazards** eliminating saturated lawns or earthen surfaces on slopes

**Provides Traction:** permits lawn care equipment to be maneuvered on sloped lawn surfaces without destroying the lawn

**Strength:** can support heavy vehicles on either grass or stone surfaces

**Superior alternative to paving:** when using Pratex for driveways, parking lots or vehicular access

**Pratex requires significantly less stone,** less harmful environmental impact while saving time and money. Simplifies the foundation phase by requiring less material, labour and equipment. Does not require significant roadbed construction for non-public roadways and prevents the intermingling of the stone with the soil underneath it by creating a permanent, water-permeable barrier

**Stabilizes gravel driveways:** keeping them free of ruts and erosion potholes, minimizing maintenance

**Adaptable:** May be filled with either soil, sand, crushed stone, stream pebbles, or grass

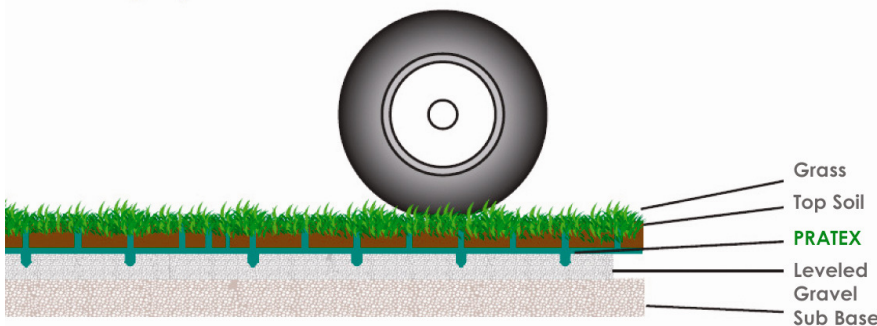
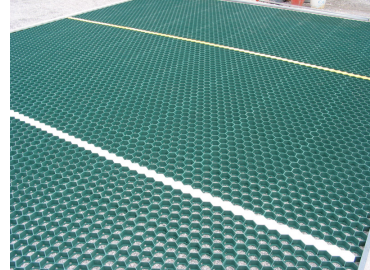
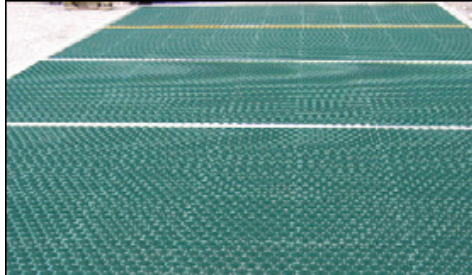
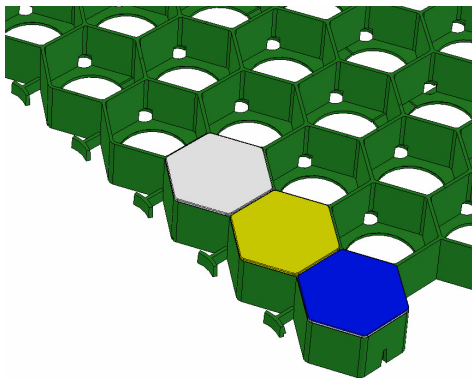
**Various sporting applications:** for example, golf courses (cart paths) and equestrian centers, fairgrounds, sport fields sidelines, outdoor show and exhibition areas, public gathering areas, etc.

**Water-resilient and non-corrosive:** will not crack under normal usage and conditions



# Accessories

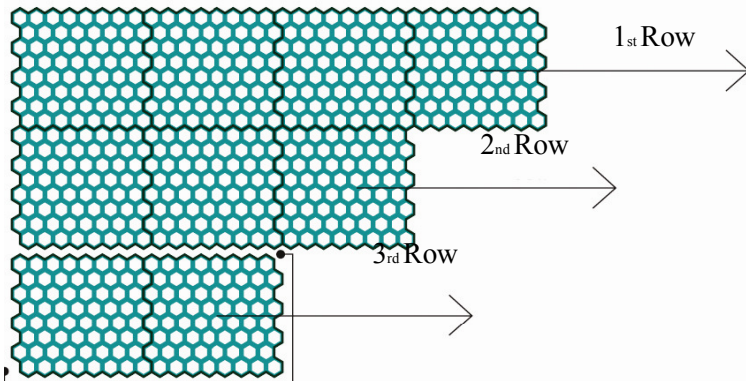
Edge caps are inserted in PRATEX cells to mark driveway or parking lines. Installation of caps is very simple and they are available in white, yellow and blue.



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## Installation

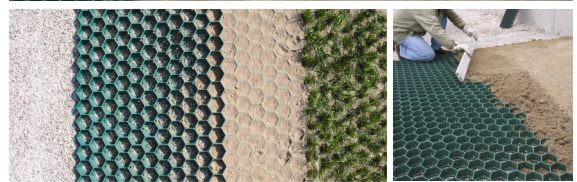


EXPANSION JOINT

Commence installation on first row from left to right. Repeat on all other rows and secure the interlocking clips of each element.

**Simplicity and Speed  
are the main  
characteristics of PRATEX.**

**On average, 2 laborers  
install 65 m<sup>2</sup> (700 sq.ft)  
per hour.**



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PRATEX is a lightweight, polyethylene, honeycomb cells element that when installed with on-site fill material or on a granular sub-base, it creates an economical expedient structural base.

## PRATEX remains strong and flexible, even in extreme climates.

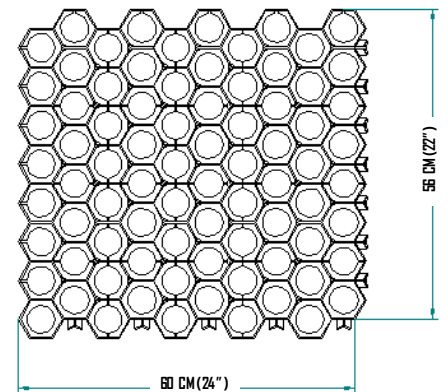
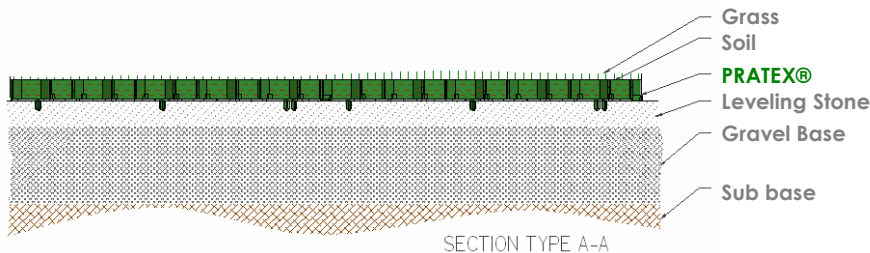
-30° to + 70° Centigrade (-25° to + 180° Fahrenheit). Unlike pavement, it is not subject to winter ground surges during winter freezes. No more cracked or unlevelled pavement every spring, requiring patching or replacement.

### Specifications:

<u>Dimensions:</u>	56cm (22") x 60cm (24") x 4cm (1.5")
<u>Unit Weight:</u>	1.3 kg (2.86lb)
<u>Material:</u>	100 % High Density Polyethylene with UV resistant additives
<u>Load Bearing:</u>	300 Tonnes/sq.m. (61,000lb/sq.ft.)
<u>Concentrated Load:</u>	15 Tonnes - 30 x 30 cm (1sq.ft)
<u>Colour:</u>	Green
<u>Soil Consumption:</u>	0.038 m3/m2
<u>Packaging:</u>	Single use pallet w/228 pcs for a coverage of 76 sq.m (765 sq.ft)

### Installation Instructions:

- ◇ Prepare the sub base of leveled gravel before the PRATEX grid is snapped into place;
- ◇ Drop, align, snap into place PRATEX. The safety Grid-Locking Tabs allow for quick, safe and accurate installation;
- ◇ Power tools may be used to trim around edges, posts or other structures;
- ◇ Fill the cells with stone or top soil and spread evenly over the PRATEX grids;
- ◇ When top soil is used instead of stone, PRATEX allows for the prepared area to be seeded and watered, to create pervious grass parking lots or driveways.



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