

## SECTION 07 55 65

### EXTENSIVE GREEN ROOF SYSTEM

(ZinCo "Sedum Carpet" with Floradrain FD 25-E - extensive)

#### PART 1 GENERAL

##### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. This sample specification serves as a guideline to the specifier. It shall be adapted to each project by either choosing from several suggestions or by adjusting the text to project specific and site conditions, such as type of roof construction, roof slope, insulation, water proofing, local climate, design goals, and other.
- B. This specification is prepared in accordance with the CSI format and shall be included as separate section under DIVISION 7 – Thermal and moisture protection.

##### 1.2 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Extensive green roof system including the following:
  - 1. Vegetation layer according to project specific plant list:  
**(Note to specifier: please select according to project requirements)**
    - a. Pre-cultivated vegetation mats.
    - b. Plug plants.
    - c. Sedum cuttings.
  - 2. Growing media.
  - 3. Filter layer.
  - 4. Inspection chambers.
  - 5. Drainage layer.
  - 6. Protection layer / separation layer.
  - 7. Root barrier.
  - 8. Related products.

##### 1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Division 07 Section "Waterproofing" for waterproofing systems under vegetated roof system.
- B. Division 07 Section "Roofing" for roofing systems under vegetated roof system.
- C. Section 07 Section "Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim" for coordination with flashing.

##### 1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Green roof: Multi-layered exterior system of growing media and plant materials for installation over membrane roofing and waterproofing systems.
- B. Extensive green roof: Vegetated ecological protection layer that is lightweight, has shallow growing media depths, uses diverse and drought resistant plant communities, with low maintenance requirements.
- C. System build-up "Sedum Carpet" with Floradrain FD 25-E - extensive: An attractive landscape with a large variety of sedum species that can act as ecological protective layer. Requires little care and attention.

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## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Division 01 Section "Submittal Procedures".
- B. Product data: Submit manufacturer's current published data including component materials, dimensions, standard details, and installation instructions.
- C. Shop drawings: Include the following:
  - 1. Details of green roofing system, plantings, and paving.
  - 2. Relationship to substrate, perimeter, and penetrating items.
  - 3. Location of roof drains and slopes.
  - 4. Average weight of green roof system.
- D. Range Samples: Full size sample of each planting selection in trays minimum 1 x 1 feet by full thickness.
- E. Closeout Submittals: Maintenance instructions and warranties.

## 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Qualifications:
  - 1. Manufacturer qualifications: Minimum ten years' experience producing green roof systems of the size with the production facilities capable of meeting the project schedule.
  - 2. Installer qualifications: Minimum 2 years' experience with green roof systems and acceptable to the manufacturer, with adequate equipment and skilled workers.
- B. Pre-Installation meeting: Convene on project site min. one week before beginning work to:
  - 1. Verify project requirements and site logistics.
  - 2. Coordinate between trades.
  - 3. Assess integrity of the roofing system and building structure.
  - 4. Review manufacturer's installation instructions and warranty requirements.

## 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Coordinate delivery schedule to minimize on-site storage. Verify roofing installation system is tested and accepted prior to delivery. Do not overload roof.
- B. Store materials in a dry area, out of direct sunlight, protected from freezing, staining, contamination, or damage.
- C. Water plants and expose plant materials to daylight. Unpack trays for even daylight distribution.

## 1.8 WARRANTY

- A. Manufacturer's warranty: Provide manufacturer's 5-year limited warranty against deficiencies in materials or fabrication.
- B. Installer's warranty: Provide installer's 2-year growing warranty which provides periodic inspections and maintenance service to ensure vegetation is properly installed, is becoming established, and is of sufficient density over the roof area.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Basis-of-Design: "Sedum Carpet" with Floradrain FD 25-E - extensive Extensive Green Roof System by  
ZinCo USA, Inc.  
401 VFW Drive  
Rockland, MA 02370  
Telephone: 866-766-3155  
Website: www.zinco-usa.com.

### 2.2 COMPONENTS

**(Note to specifier: select applying components for standard roof / inverted roof.)**

- A. Vegetation layer:  
Sedum species, sizes, and qualities according to project specific plant list. Delivery and appropriate installation in growing media, incl. suitable watering regime after installation.  
**(Note to specifier: please select according to project requirements.)**
1. Pre-cultivated vegetation mats: ZinCo Sedum Carpet. Tightly rooted outdoor pre-grown mat with approved mix of sedum on carrier, including min. 6 durable sedum varieties.
  2. Plug plants: ZinCo Sedum Carpet. Plug Plants with approved mix of sedum. Minimum 1.5 plants per sq. ft. (16 plants/ m<sup>2</sup>) of 72-count plug trays.
  3. Sedum cuttings: Cuttings of various sedum species. Minimum approx. 12.5 lbs / 1000 sq. ft. (approx. 60 g/m<sup>2</sup>).
- B. Growing media:  
Engineered growing media purpose made for extensive green roofs.  
Zincoblend E, typical for extensive green roofs. Average depth according to the requirements of selected species and according to drawings, for sedum cuttings or plug plants approx. 2.5 in. (approx. 60 mm), for vegetation mats approx. 1.75 in. (approx. 45 mm). Delivery and installation on the filter layer.
- C. Filter layer:  
ZinCo Filter Sheet SF made of non-rotting thermally strengthened polypropylene. UV-stabilized, chemically and biologically neutral. Color: black. Thickness: approx. 0.04 in. (approx. 1.14 mm). Weight approx. 0.02 lbs/sq. ft. (approx. 109 g/m<sup>2</sup>). Water flow rate according to ASTM D4491: approx. 160 gpm/sq. ft. (approx. 6519 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>). Apparent opening size according to ASTM D4751: approx. 70 US Sieve (approx. 0.212 mm). Delivery and installation on the drainage layer.
- D. Inspection chambers:  
**(Note to specifier: please select according to project requirements.)**
1. ZinCo Inspection Chamber KS 6, made of plastic-coated aluminum with lateral slots for water passage. Detachable cover made of galvanized, plastic-coated steel with two finger holes. Color: old silver-antique. Height: approx. 2.4 in. (approx. 60 mm) (H). Outer dimension of the Chamber (at transportation): approx. 11.8 x 11.8 in. (approx. 300 x 300 mm) (O). Dimension including flange (extended, including chamber): approx. 11.8 x 20.9 in. (approx. 300 x 530 mm) (F). Aperture dimension: approx. 9.4 x 9.4 in. (approx. 240 x 240 mm) (A). Slot width: approx. 0.1 in. (approx. 3 mm). Weight: approx. 5.7 lbs (approx. 2.6 kg). Delivery and installation on the drainage elements above the roof outlets to ensure accessibility of the outlets at any time.
  2. ZinCo Inspection Chamber KS 10, made of plastic-coated aluminum with lateral slots for water passage. Detachable cover made of galvanized, plastic-coated steel with two finger-holes. Color: old silver-antique. Height: approx. 3.9 in. (approx. 100 mm) (H). Outer dimension of the Chamber (at transportation): approx. 11.8 x 11.8 in. (approx.

300 x 300 mm) (O). Dimension including flange (extended, including chamber): approx. 11.8 x 20.9 in. (approx. 300 x 530 mm) (F). Aperture dimension: approx. 9.4 x 9.4 in. (approx. 240 x 240 mm) (A). Slot width: approx. 0.1 in. (approx. 3 mm). Weight: approx. 6.2 lbs (approx. 2.8 kg). Delivery and installation on the drainage elements above the roof outlets to ensure accessibility of the outlets at any time.

E. Drainage layer:

ZinCo Floradrain FD 25-E. Drainage and water retention element made of thermoformed recycled polyolefin, with water retaining troughs and openings for ventilation and evaporation as well as a multidirectional drainage channel system on the underside. Color: dark grey. Height: approx. 1.0 in. (approx. 25 mm). Weight: approx. 0.3 lbs/sq. ft. (approx. 1.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Biologically neutral. Max. compressive strength (without filling): approx. 40 psi (approx. 270 kN/m<sup>2</sup>). Water retention capacity: approx. 0.1 gal/sq. ft. (approx. 3 l/m<sup>2</sup>). Delivery and installation on the protection layer / separation layer.

F. Protection layer / separation layer:

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1. For standard roof:

ZinCo Protection Mat SSM 45. Water and nutrient retention as well as a protection layer. Non-rotting, UV stabilized fiber mat made of polypropylene, with fleece backing. Color: black. Thickness approx. 0.15 in. (approx. 3.8 mm). Weight approx. 0.11 lbs/sq. ft. (approx. 543 g/m<sup>2</sup>). Compatible with bitumen and polystyrene; biologically neutral. Delivery and installation on top of the root barrier or root resistant waterproofing.

2. For inverted roof:

ZinCo Separation Membrane TGV 21 made of thermally bound, water repellent polypropylene. Non-rotting. Color: black. Thickness approx. 0.02 in. (approx. 0.55 mm); Weight approx. 0.02 lbs/sq. ft. (approx. 80 g/m<sup>2</sup>). Compatible with bitumen and polystyrene, resistant to acids and alkalizes, biologically and chemically neutral, air and vapor permeable. Vapor opening size  $s_d \leq 0.03$  ft. ( $s_d \leq 0.01$  m). Delivery and installation on top of the thermal insulation.

G. Root barrier:

**(Note to specifier: please select, if non root resistant waterproofing is used.)**

ZinCo Root Barrier WSF 40. Seamless tarp of high-pressure polyethylene (PE-LD). UV-stabilized. Color: black. Thickness approx. 0.01 in. (approx. 0.34 mm). Weight: approx. 0.06 lbs/sq. ft. (approx. 320 g/m<sup>2</sup>). Compatible with bitumen and polystyrene; no chemical softeners; resistant to humic acids; partially resistant to oil and petrol. Delivery and installation on top of the waterproofing.

H. Related products:

**(Note to specifier: please select, if required)**

1. Provide gravel for non-vegetated areas, including roof edges, flashing, and roof penetrations: smooth, washed, clean, well rounded gravel.
2. Provide aluminum or stainless steel L-shaped profile between gravel and growing media.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

A. Verification of Conditions:

1. Confirm work by others is installed per the project requirements. Do not cover work by others prior to inspection or acceptance.
2. Inspect seams, penetrations and details. Identify defects in writing to the Architect.

B. Do not proceed until unacceptable conditions are corrected.

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### 3.2 INSTALLATION

**(Note to specifier: select applying components for standard roof / inverted roof.)**

A. General:

Install green roof system in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions and in proper relationship with adjacent materials and the following.

1. Root barrier:

**(Note to specifier: please select, if required.)**

Install the Root Barrier WSF 40 above the non root resistant waterproofing with an overlap of min. 5.0 ft. The root barrier shall be taken above the growing media along edges and at roof penetrations. Cut the root barrier in situ at roof penetrations. Consider an allowance for overlap and wastage of approx. 20–30 %.

2. Protection layer / separation layer:

a. For standard roof:

Install the Protection Mat SSM 45 above a waterproofing or root barrier with an overlap of approx. 4.0 in (approx. 100 mm). The protection mat shall be taken above the growing media along edges and at roof penetrations. Cut the protection mat in situ at roof penetrations. Consider an allowance for overlap and wastage of approx. 10–15 %.

b. For inverted roof:

Install the Separation Membrane TGV 21 above the thermal insulation with an overlap of approx. 4.0 in (approx. 100 mm). Cut the slip sheet in situ at roof penetrations. Consider an allowance for overlap and wastage of approx. 10–15 %.

3. Drainage layer:

Install the drainage element Floradrain FD 25-E on the protection layer or separation layer. The drainage elements are installed butt jointed with the evaporation holes facing up. Cut the drainage element in situ at roof penetrations. Consider an allowance for wastage of approx. 3 %.

4. Inspection chambers:

Cut holes into all layers of the build-up in the size of the drain. Then install the inspection chamber KS 6 or KS 10 on top of the drainage layer above the drain. Install the Filter Sheet SF by rolling it over the inspection chamber and cutting it, ensuring that all slots of the inspection chamber remain uncovered, but the flanges remain covered. Surround with a gravel strip.

5. Filter layer:

Install the Filter Sheet SF with an overlap of approx. 8 in. (approx. 200 mm) above the drainage element. The filter sheet shall be taken above the growing media along edges and at roof penetrations. Cut the filter sheet in situ at roof penetrations. Consider an allowance for overlap and wastage of approx. 15–25 %.

6. Growing media:

Install the Growing Media Zincoblend E on the filter sheet equally in the required depth, according to the requirements of selected species and according to drawings. Check the depth in several places to ensure a continuous thickness. A tolerance of approx. 0.5 in. (approx. 13 mm) is acceptable. Consider a settlement factor of 1.2.

7. Vegetation layer:

**(Note to specifier: please select according to project requirements.)**

- a. Pre-cultivated vegetation mats: Level growing media Zincoblend E, apply coated slow release fertilizer, roll out vegetation mat and install on growing

media with tight butt joints pressing together seams to avoid gaps. Do not stretch. After installation, thoroughly water the vegetation mats. Mat joints can be covered with growing media Zincoblend E to ensure seamless installation. Vegetation mats shall be installed immediately upon delivery. Avoid delivery and installation of vegetation mats during periods of frost or hot weather conditions.

- b. Plug plants: Apply plug plants at recommended application rate and according to the project specific plant list and drawings. Water and fertilize as required by the specific plant lists and local climate.
  - c. Sedum cuttings: Apply sedum cuttings at recommended application rate. Observe handling instructions. Water and fertilize as required by the specific plant lists and local climate.
8. Related products:  
**(Note to specifier: please select, if required.)**
- a. Install gravel in non-vegetated areas, including roof edges, flashing, and roof penetrations: smooth, washed, clean, well rounded gravel.
  - b. Install aluminum or stainless steel L-shaped profile between gravel and growing media.

### 3.3 CLEANING

- A. Remove all debris from the project site in accordance with the owner's construction waste management requirements.

### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Protect green roof planting and components from dirt and damage caused by subsequent construction activities.

### 3.5 MAINTENANCE

- A. Initial irrigation: Ensure the plants have sufficient water to root successfully immediately after installation. Irrigation regime depends on weather, location, and project specific plant material. Automated irrigation for the initial period is recommended. Minimum duration: planting – 3 to 4 weeks, vegetation mats – 4 to 5 weeks, seeding – 6 to 8 weeks (avoid any drying out after germination). Irrigation in intervals is recommended. Unclosed vegetation results in evaporation losses from the growing media. Minimum duration of interval irrigation may vary from region to region.
- B. Initial fertilization: An initial fertilization with a slow release fertilizer is recommended. Fertilization regime depends on weather, location, project specific plant list.
- C. Monitor the first two growing seasons carefully. Replace dead plants to ensure full-vegetation coverage and prevent weed growth. Remove coarse or unwanted plants and tree seedlings.
- D. General maintenance: includes but is not limited to the removal of unwanted plants and the seedlings of trees, keeping the vegetation zone free from unwanted plants, visual inspection and cleaning of the outlets, and fertilization of the vegetation with a slow release fertilizer, replacing plant material that dies, plant specific irrigation.

END OF SECTION