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RE: Certificate of Conformance: *Excel SS-2 Rapid Go*<sup>™</sup>

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to certify that Western Excelsior manufactures the Rolled Erosion Control Product (RECP) marketed as EXCEL SS-2 Rapid Go. Each blanket is subjected to Western Excelsior’s Quality Assurance Program and is manufactured to the specifications listed in document number WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_SPEC. Further, Western Excelsior utilizes industry standardized test procedures to develop performance references for Excel SS-2 Rapid Go. Document number WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_PERF presents the industry standardized testing and results. Installation instructions are provided in document numbers WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_SII and WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_CII for hill slope and channel installations, respectively. A copy of document number WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_SPEC is attached; all other documentation may be obtained by calling Western Excelsior Technical Services at 1-800-967-4009, at [www.westernexcelsior.com](http://www.westernexcelsior.com) or by email at [wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com](mailto:wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad M. Lipscomb".

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## Material Properties and Dimensions



### Description

Western Excelsior manufactures a full line of Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECPs). Excel SS-2 Rapid Go temporary Erosion Control Blanket (ECB) is composed entirely of a straw matrix mechanically (stitch) bonded on two inch centers between two photodegradable, synthetic nets. The netting of the SS-2 Rapid Go ECB is treated to accelerate the degradation process. The straw matrix consists of certified weed free agricultural straw. Excel SS-2 is recommended for use in channels or slopes requiring erosion protection for a period forty-five to ninety days. Actual field longevity is dependent on soil and climatic conditions.

### Specifications

Each roll of EXCEL S-2 Rapid Go is manufactured under Western Excelsior's Quality Assurance Program to ensure a continuous distribution of fibers and consistent thickness. Verified values are provided in Table 1 and product characteristics are provided in Tables 2 and 3. Values provided in Tables 1, 2 and 3 represent expected values at the time of manufacture. Installation instructions and performance data are available from Western Excelsior's Technical Support Division.

Tested Property	Test Method	Value	Units
Tensile Strength	ASTM D6818	10.7 (MD), 6.2 (TD)	lb/in
Elongation	ASTM D6818	20 (MD), 26 (TD)	%
Mass per Unit Area	ASTM D6475	8.0	oz/yd <sup>2</sup>
Thickness	ASTM D6525	7.0	mm
Light Penetration	ASTM D6567	22	% open
Water Absorption	ASTM D1117	450	%

Top Net	Synthetic Rapid Photodegradable
Bottom Net	Synthetic Rapid Photodegradable
Top Net Opening	0.50 in x 0.50 in (Nominal)
Bottom Net Opening	0.50 in x 0.50 in (Nominal)

Style	Narrow	Wide
Roll Width	7.5 ft	15.0 ft
Roll Length	120 ft	120 ft
Coverage	100 yd <sup>2</sup>	200 yd <sup>2</sup>
Roll Weight	55 lbs	110 lbs

Document # WE\_EXCEL\_SS2RG\_SPEC. This document has been developed to provide the characteristic properties of the product described. For questions, to request performance data or installation recommendations, contact Western Excelsior at 800-967-4009 or wexcotech@westernexcelsior.com. Updated 2/09.