Duraslot® Installation, Assembly & Field Cut Guide

Duraslot’s installation and backfill conditions will vary depending on the slotted pipe’s diameter and expected loading application. Read through this guide to account for additional incidental materials required to complete the installation. Detailed burial depth and backfill information should be determined before beginning construction.

Duraslot Installation Guidelines

1. Excavate the pipe trench corresponding to the site plans (Figure 1).
   • If not provided, assume a trench width 12” wider than the pipe diameter to be installed.
   • When calculating excavation depths be sure to account for:
     o Slot riser recess (R) below the finished pavement grade (E).
       ▪ ¼” (6 mm) for pedestrian traffic
       ▪ ¼” - ½” (6 mm – 13 mm) for H20 traffic
     o Pipe corrugation height or pipe wall thickness (T). Invert elevations are from the inside diameter (ID) and do not account for wall thickness below the flowline.
     o Additional depth of any base material (B) required.

2. As required, place base material level in the bottom of the trench.

3. Place and assemble the Duraslot pieces in the bottom of the trench.
   • Refer to the “Duraslot Assembly Guide” on the following pages for hardware assembly instructions.
   • If not connecting to a Nyloplast basin, a Duraslot adapter is required to connect to the outlet pipe or structure.

• Installation Tip: Grate anchor assemblies can be installed before lowering these pieces into the trench.
• Installation Tip: Duraslot can be field cut to a desired length. Refer to the “Duraslot Field Cut Instructions” on the following pages.

Figure 1

S = 3” TO 6”
4. Cover the slot riser opening to prevent debris from entering the system (Figure 2).
   • Installation Tip: Run a thin piece of plywood over the grate and use duct tape to hold it in place. This method can also function as a form for concrete to cure around to ensure the slot riser is properly recessed into the pavement.

5. Brace the Duraslot so that it remains secure in place (Figure 3).
   • Installation Tip: Braces recommended every 5’. Slot heights over 24” tall (610 mm) may require more bracing.
   • Stake rebar or wood in bottom of trench to cradle the pipe (these will remain in the trench after installation).
   • Insert 2x4s vertically into the soil alongside of trench and span 2x4s across Duraslot’s slot riser so that it is flush with the slot riser.
   • Angle braces can then be attached to the middle of this lateral bracing to keep the slot from tipping.

6. Backfill the trench with the appropriate material per the loading requirements of the application.
   • H-20 traffic or heavier loading applications must be backfilled in concrete.
   • Backfill material should be placed simultaneously on both sides of the slot to prevent the Duraslot from shifting.
   • Installation Tip: The backfill may have to be done in two or more lifts, depending on site requirements (Figure 4).
   • Additional concrete may be needed to reinforce the outlet pipe if installed above the product’s minimum burial depth.

7. Remove the bracing around the slot riser.
   • If the backfill material is concrete, allow it to cure solid before removing bracing.
   • Be careful not to damage the exposed slot before the next backfill is complete (i.e., driving over it). Safety cones or similar may be setup to mark the exposed slot.
8. Backfill any remaining part of the trench to final grade (Figure 5)
   • The top of the slot should be recessed ¼” (6 mm) into the pavement for pedestrian applications and ¼” - ½” (6 mm - 13 mm) for H-20 applications, below the finished grade.
   • A mason’s tool can be used to knurl the edges of the slot recess after the cover placed over the slot has been removed.

2. Wrap coupler band (C) around the end of the Duraslot pipe (1) leaving the bolt holes (G) in the metal past the end of the pipe’s slot.
3. (Figure 7) Slide grate connector (D) under the grate on Duraslot pipe (1).
4. Screw the first pan head screw (A) with washer (B) through hole (C) into the grate at point (E).
5. (Figure 6) Position the next piece of Duraslot pipe (2) so that the grate connector (D) slides under grate.
6. Insert hex head screws (D) with washers on both sides through the holes (G) in the coupler band (C) and tighten the hex head nut (E).
7. (Figure 7) Screw the second pan head screw (A) with washer (B) through hole (C) into the grate at point (E).

**Duraslot Assembly Guide**

**Note:**
- Before beginning assembly, check inside the Duraslot pipe for Coupler Bands
- Duraslot coupler bands, end caps, and adapters will include all hardware required to complete an assembly.

**Coupler Assembly (Grated)**

1. (Figure 6) Put the first section of Duraslot pipe (1) into the excavated trench.

**Grate Anchor Assembly**

At the end of each run of Duraslot drains, a grate anchor should be installed to close off the end of the slot and hold the grate in tension. These are provided with ends caps and adapters, and may be used in conjunction with Nyloplast.
(Figure 8) To assemble, put metal tab (C) under the end of the Duraslot pipe grate so that grate anchor (D) extends into the area where concrete will be poured. Screw pan head screw (A) and washer (B) through hole (C) to secure to the grate.

**Coupler Assembly (Open Top)**

1. Refer to (Figure 6) Put the first section of Duraslot pipe (1) into the excavated trench.
2. Wrap the coupler band (C) around end of the Duraslot pipe (1) leaving the bolt holes (G) in metal past the end of the pipe’s slot.
3. Position the next piece of Duraslot pipe (2) into the coupler band.
4. Insert hex head screw (D) with washers on both sides through the bottom hole (G) in the coupler band (C) and tighten hex head nut (E).
5. (Figure 9) Set band flanges (A) over the joint.
6. Insert hex head screw (B) with washers on both sides through the top hole and tighten the hex head nut (C).

**Slot Cap Assembly**

(Figure 10) At the end of each run of Duraslot drains, a slot cap should be installed to prevent debris from entering the end of the slot. These are provided with ends caps and adapters, and may be used in conjunction with Nyloplast.

To assemble, press-fit the slot cap over the end of the slot. Duct tape may be used to help hold in place.
Duraslot Field Cut
Instructions

1. Determine the length of pipe required and mark where the pipe/slot needs to be cut.
   • *Installation Tip:* It is best to cut the piece of Duraslot furthest from the outlet.
   • If the cut is near a vertical spacer (located inside the slot), leave at least a 1½” gap between the cut and the spacer. This will ensure the grate anchor and end cap will attach properly.

2. Use a reciprocating saw to cut through the aluminum slot and pipe.

3. Attach the grate anchor and end cap assembly to the open end of the aluminum slot.
   • See the “Duraslot Assembly Guide” for more information.

4. Proceed with the installation requirements per “Duraslot Installation Guidelines”. 
12"-24" Duraslot System Assembly with Grate

A. End Cap
B. Pipe
C. Adapter
D. N-12 Pipe
E. Coupler Band
F. Grate Anchor

G. 1/4" SPHS x 1" Long w/ Washer
H. Grate Connector
I. Hex Head Assembly:
   5/16" Hex Head Screw x 3-1/2" Long
   w/ (2) Washers & 5/16" Hex Nut

NOTE: Each Cap (A) & Adapter (C) comes with an Anchor (F). Each Coupler Band (E) comes with hardware.
4"-24" Duraslot System Assembly with Open Top

C. End Cap  
D. Duraslot Pipe  
E. Adapter  
F. N-12 Pipe  
G. Coupler Band  
H. Slot Cap

NOTE: Each Cap (A) & Adapter (C) comes with a Slot Cap (F). Each Coupler Band (E) comes with hardware.