

# GEOMALLAS

Una Solución Tecnológica  
para los Pavimentos del  
Futuro

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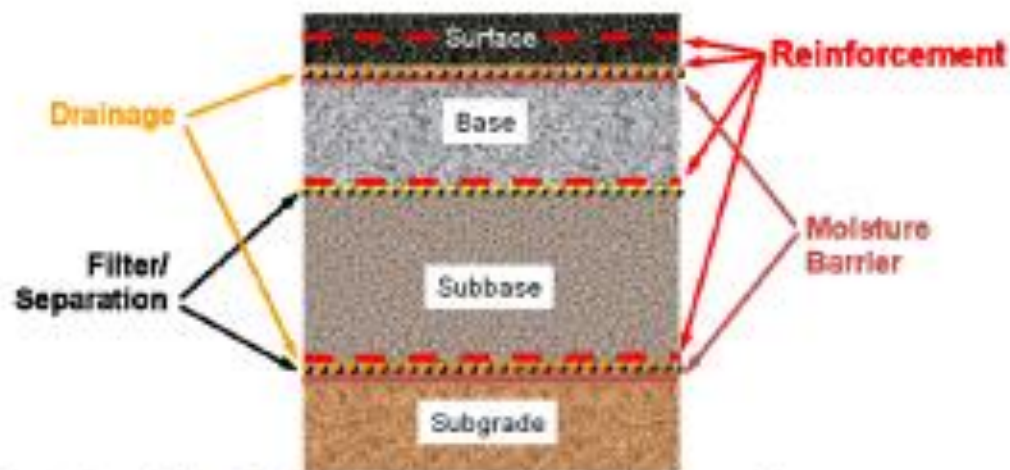


Figure S-1. Potential applications of geosynthetics in a layered pavement system

# Agenda

- **Introducción**
- **MSL – Estabilización Mecánica**
- **Evolución de la tecnología**
- **Casos de aplicación**
- **Preguntas**





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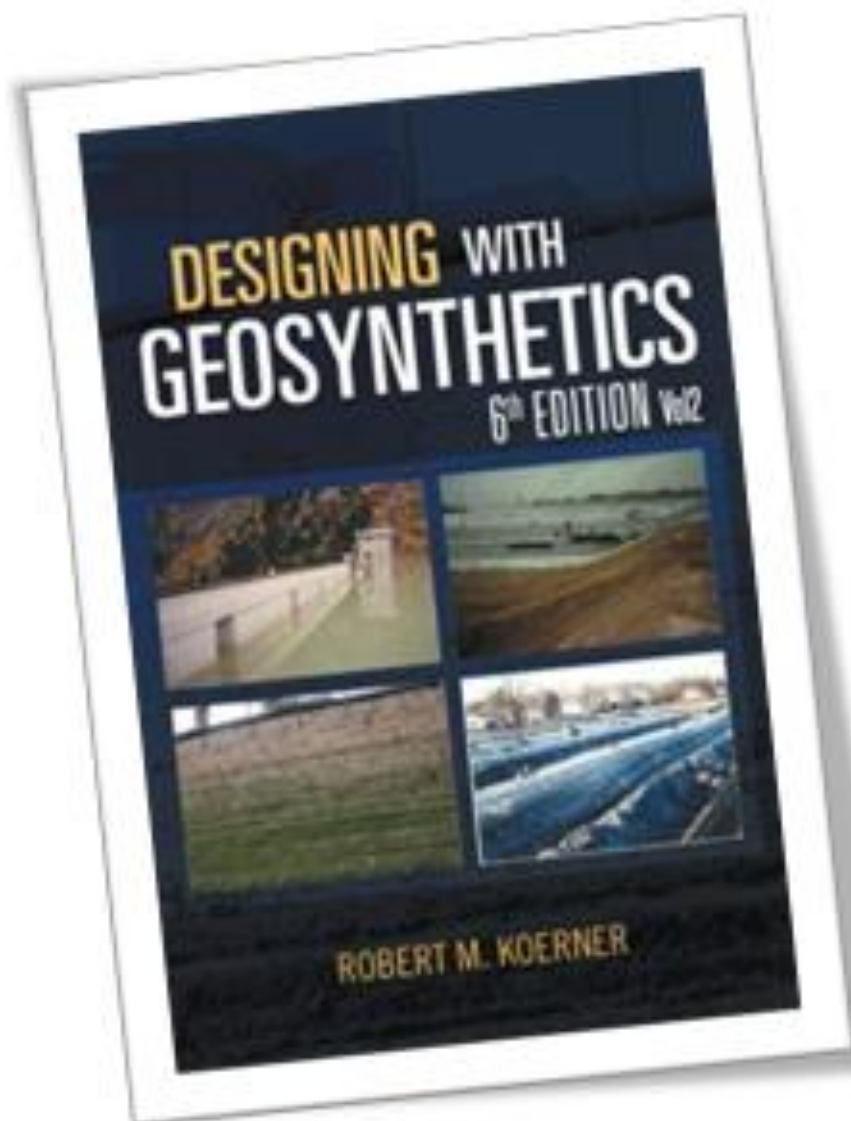
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According to ASTM D4439, a geosynthetic is defined as follows:

**geosynthetic, n**—a planar product manufactured from polymeric material used with soil, rock, earth, or other geotechnical engineering related material as an integral part of a human-made project, structure, or system.

**"GEOSINTETICO: producto planar, fabricado a partir de materiales poliméricos, que se usa con suelo, roca, tierra u otros materiales relacionados con la ingeniería geotécnica, como parte integral de un proyecto, estructura o sistema hecho por el hombre".**

# Funciones principales de los Geosinteticos

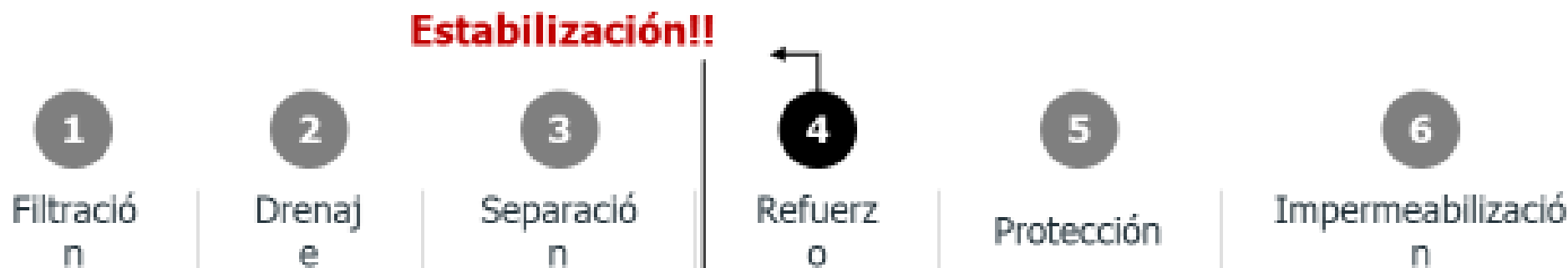


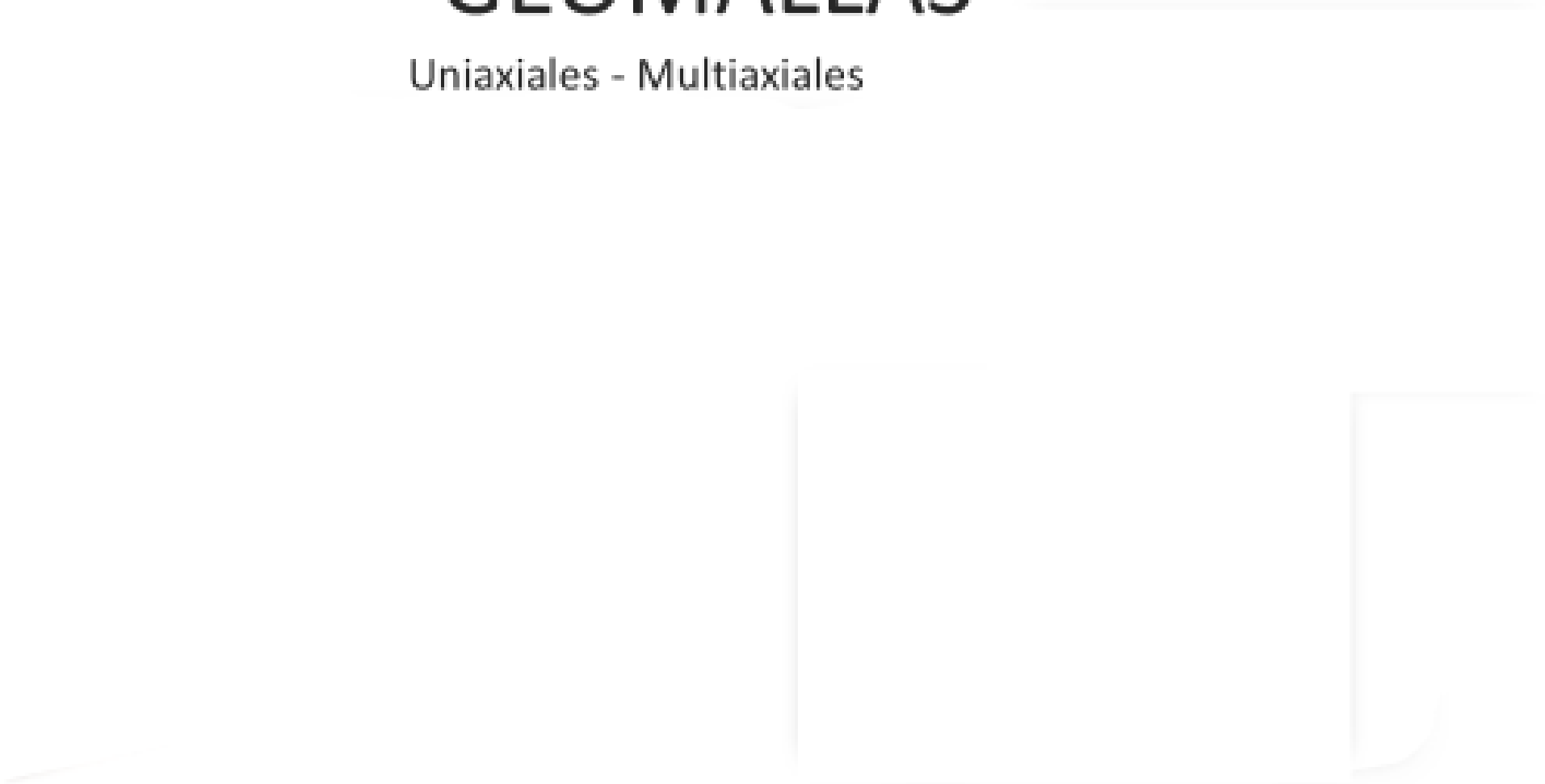
TABLE 1.1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE USUAL PRIMARY FUNCTION FOR EACH TYPE OF GEOSYNTHETIC

Type of Geosynthetic (GS)	Primary Function					Chapter in Book
	Separation	Reinforcement	Filtration	Drainage	Containment	
Geotextile (GT)	✓	✓	✓	✓		2
<b>Geogrid (GG)</b>		✓				3
Geonet (GN)				✓		4
Geomembrane (GM)					✓	5
Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL)					✓	6
Geopipe (GP)				✓		7
Geofoam (GF)	✓					8
Geocomposite (GC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9

Note: This table will be referred to in every chapter of this book.

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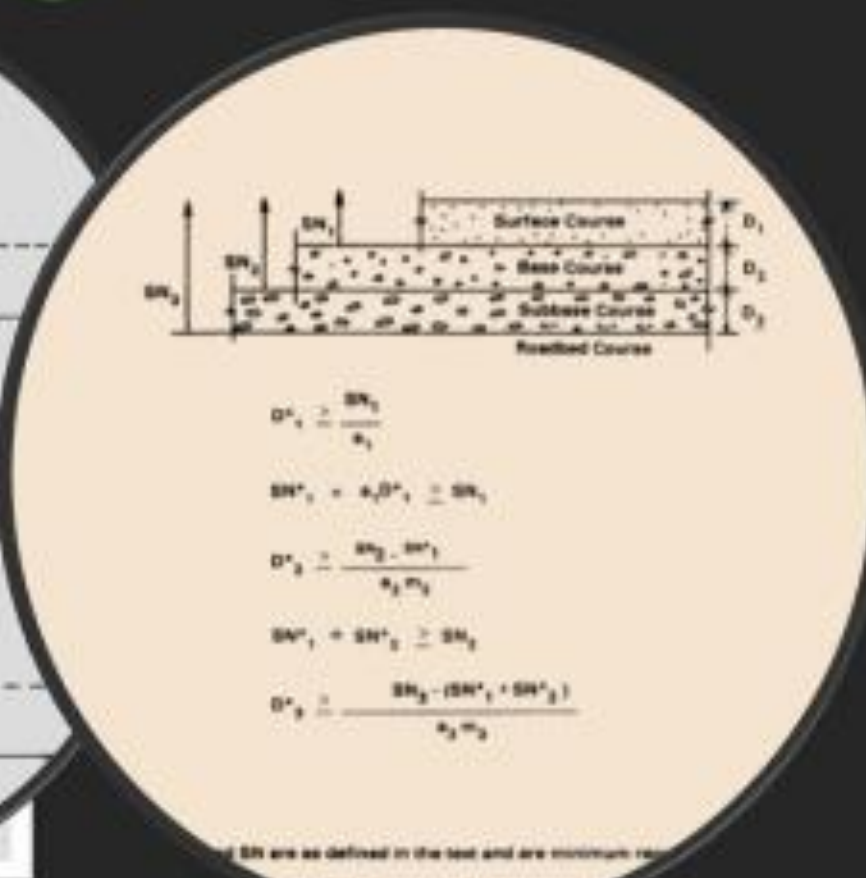
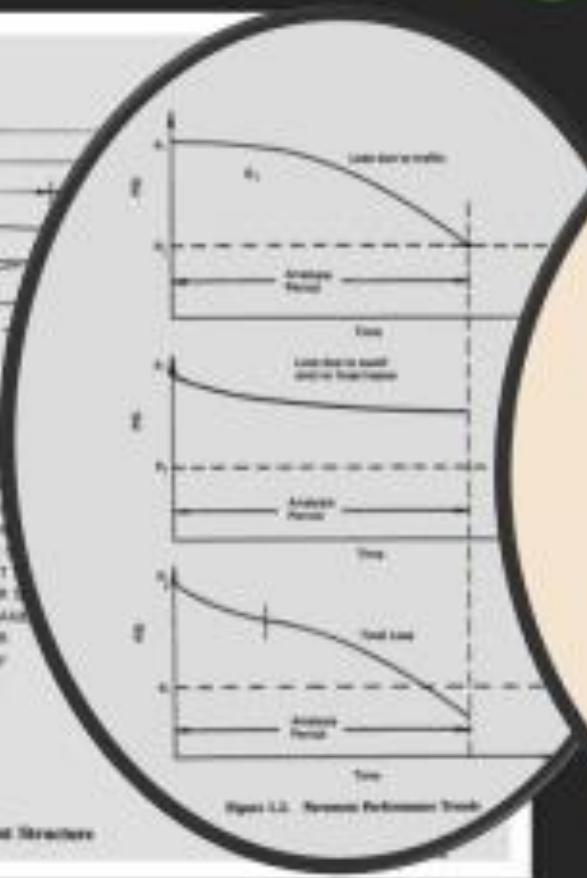
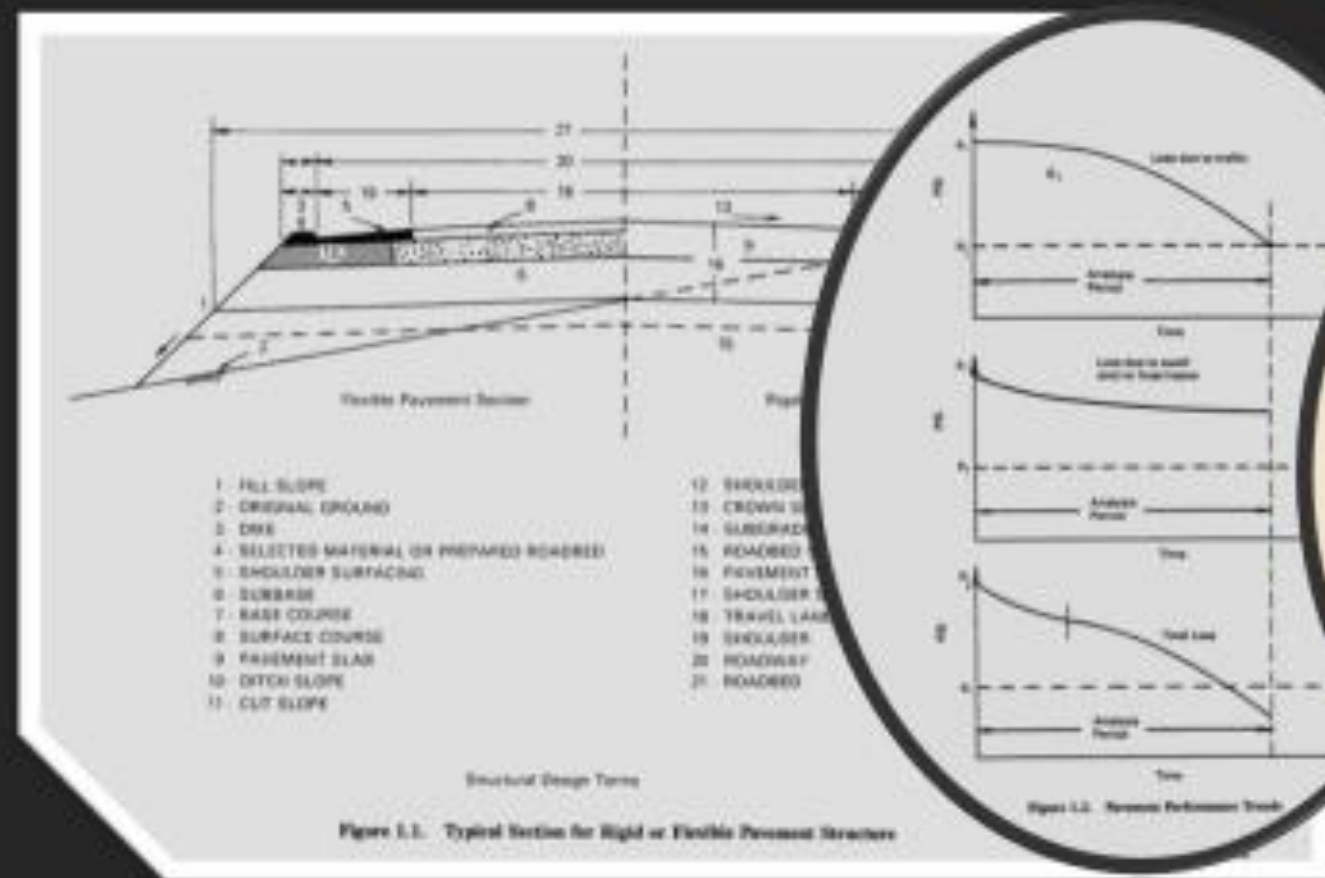
Uniaxiales - Multiaxiales







$$\log_{10}(W_{18}) = Z_R S_o + 9.36 \log_{10} (SN + 1) - 0.20 + \frac{\log_{10} \left[ \frac{\Delta PSI}{4.2 - 1.5} \right]}{0.40 + \frac{1094}{(SN + 1)^{5.19}}} + 2.32 \log_{10} M_R - 8.07$$



$$D^1 = \frac{SN_1}{k_1}$$

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$$D^2 = \frac{SN_2 - SN^1}{k_2 m_2}$$

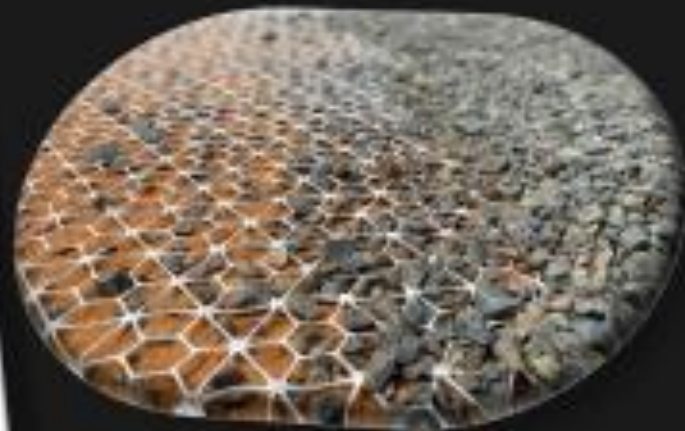
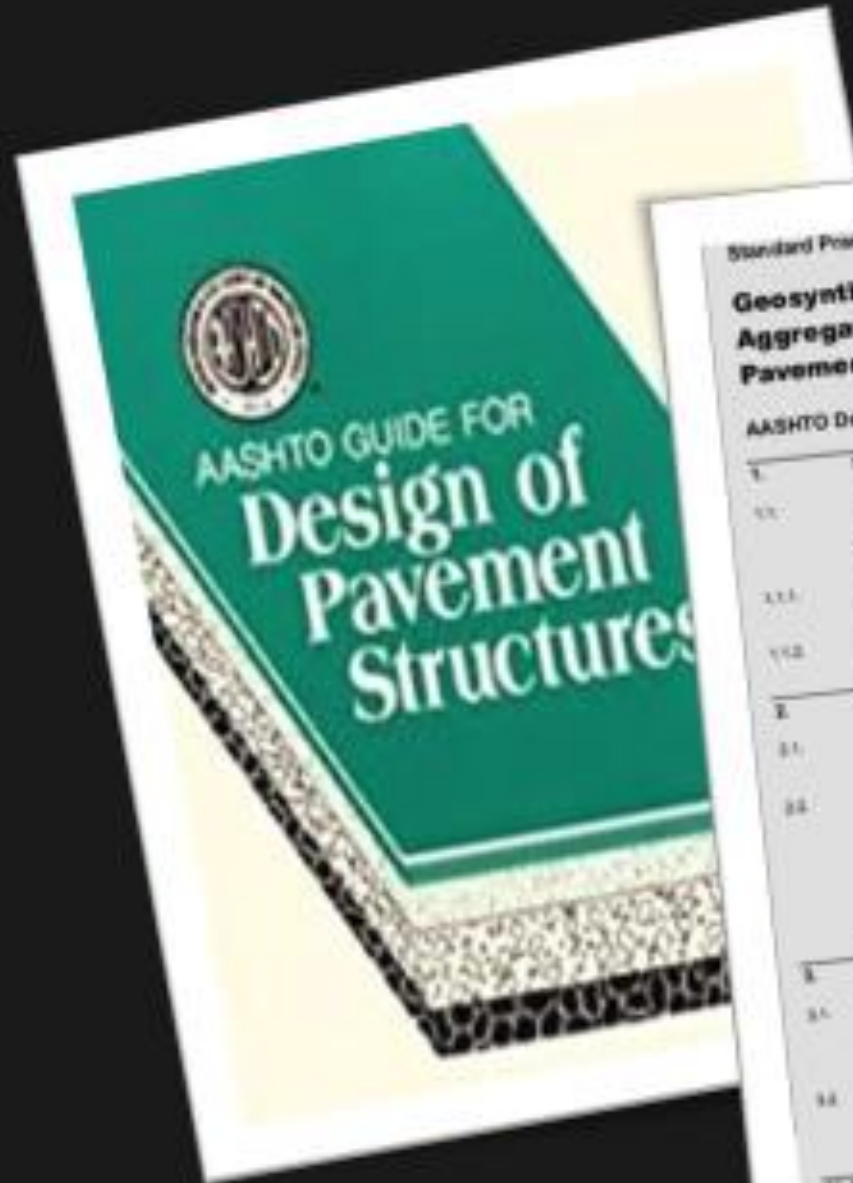
$$SN^1 + SN^2 = SN_2$$

$$D^2 = \frac{SN_2 - (SN^1 + SN^2)}{k_2 m_2}$$

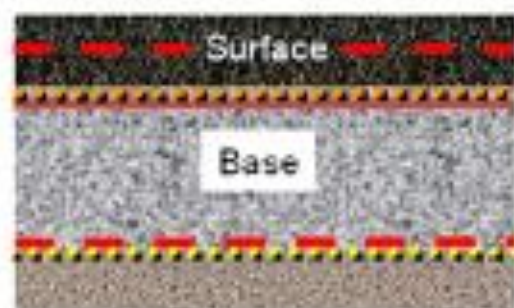
SN are as defined in the text and are minimum values

SN indicates that it represents the required strength

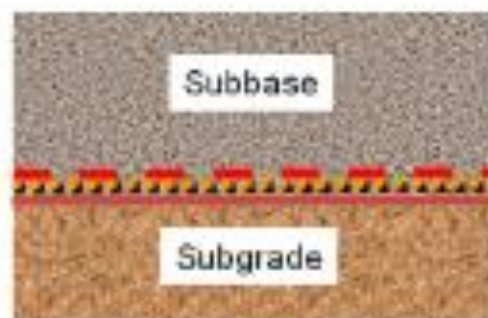
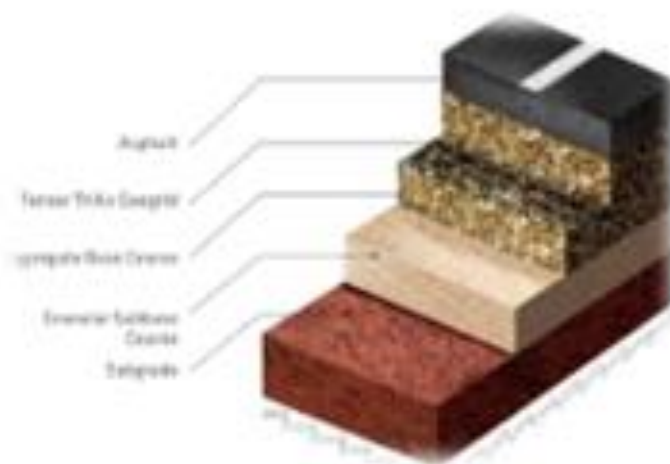




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Optimizar la sección de la estructura de pavimento.



• Estabilizar los suelos blandos y construir sobre una fundación firme

# **Mecanismos de Trabajo**



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Según el documento ETL1110-1-189 del Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército de los Estados Unidos, existen varios tipos de geomallas: geomallas extrudidas (extruded), geomallas tejidas (woven), geomallas soldadas (welded) y compuestas de geomallas (geogrid composites). Las geomallas extrudidas son formadas de láminas de polímero las cuales son perforadas, calentadas y estiradas en dos direcciones para mejorar sus propiedades físicas. Las geomallas tejidas son fabricadas de fibras de polímero tejidas y luego recubiertas para aumentar su resistencia a la abrasión. Las geomallas soldadas son fabricadas soldando las uniones de una malla de cintas extrudidas de polímero. Finalmente, los compuestos de geomalla son geomallas formadas en combinación con otro geosintético para resolver una aplicación geotécnica en particular. De acuerdo a la experiencia internacional, las geomallas extrudidas han tenido un mejor comportamiento estructural en aplicaciones de refuerzo de pavimentos.

Se han identificado tres mecanismos de refuerzo de las geomallas en el refuerzo de suelos y pavimentos: confinamiento lateral de las partículas, mejoramiento de la capacidad portante del terreno natural y el efecto membrana tensionada (ETL 1110-1-189).

#### Confinamiento Lateral

Este mecanismo se logra a través de la trabazón de las partículas granulares con el refuerzo. Las geomallas aumentan el módulo de la capa reforzada al confinar las partículas e impedir su movimiento natural ante la aplicación de las cargas vehiculares. La trabazón mecánica aumenta la rigidez de la base reduciendo las deformaciones verticales en la interfase inferior y los asentamientos en la superficie de rodadura.

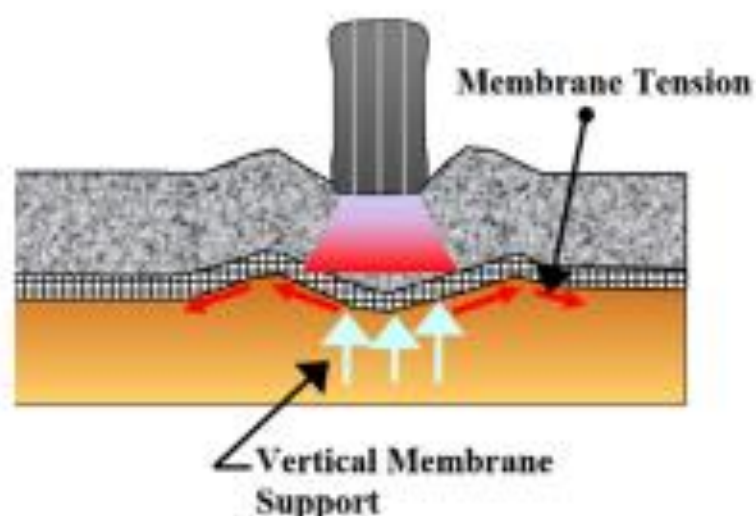






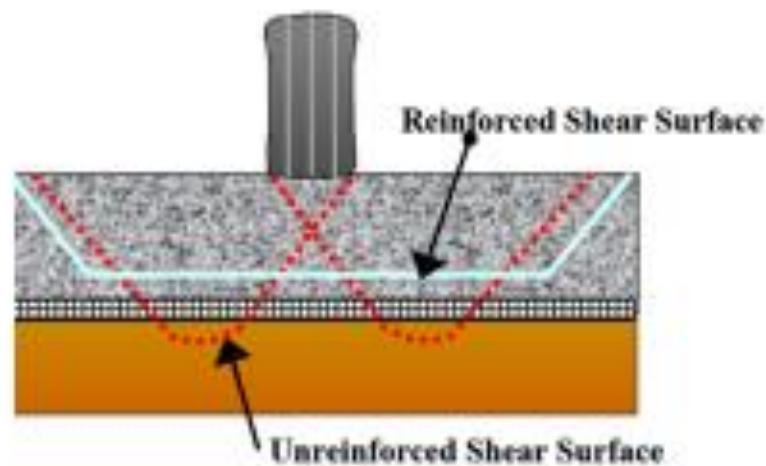
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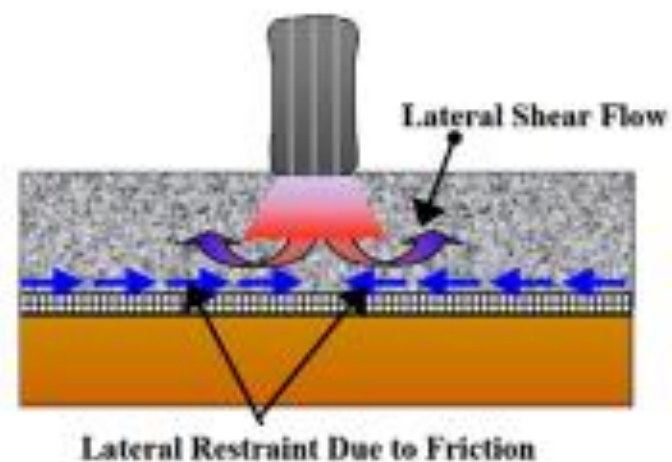
Mecanismo de membrana  
tensionada

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Mecanismo de mejora de la  
capacidad de carga

1



Mecanismo de restricción lateral

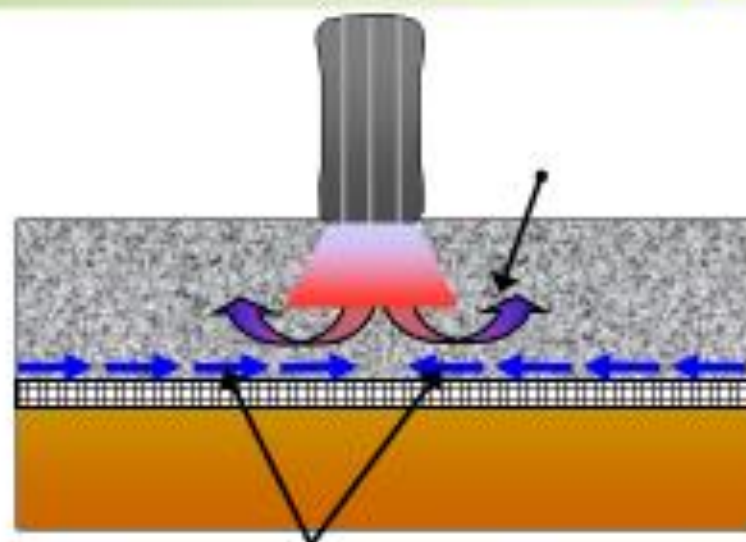




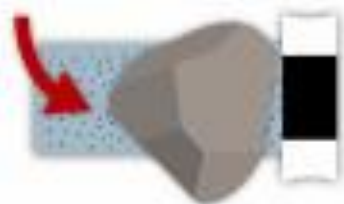
Geotextile



**Interacción: Fricción**



**Restricción lateral y trabazón con el agregado (Confinamiento)**



**Interacción: Trabazón**





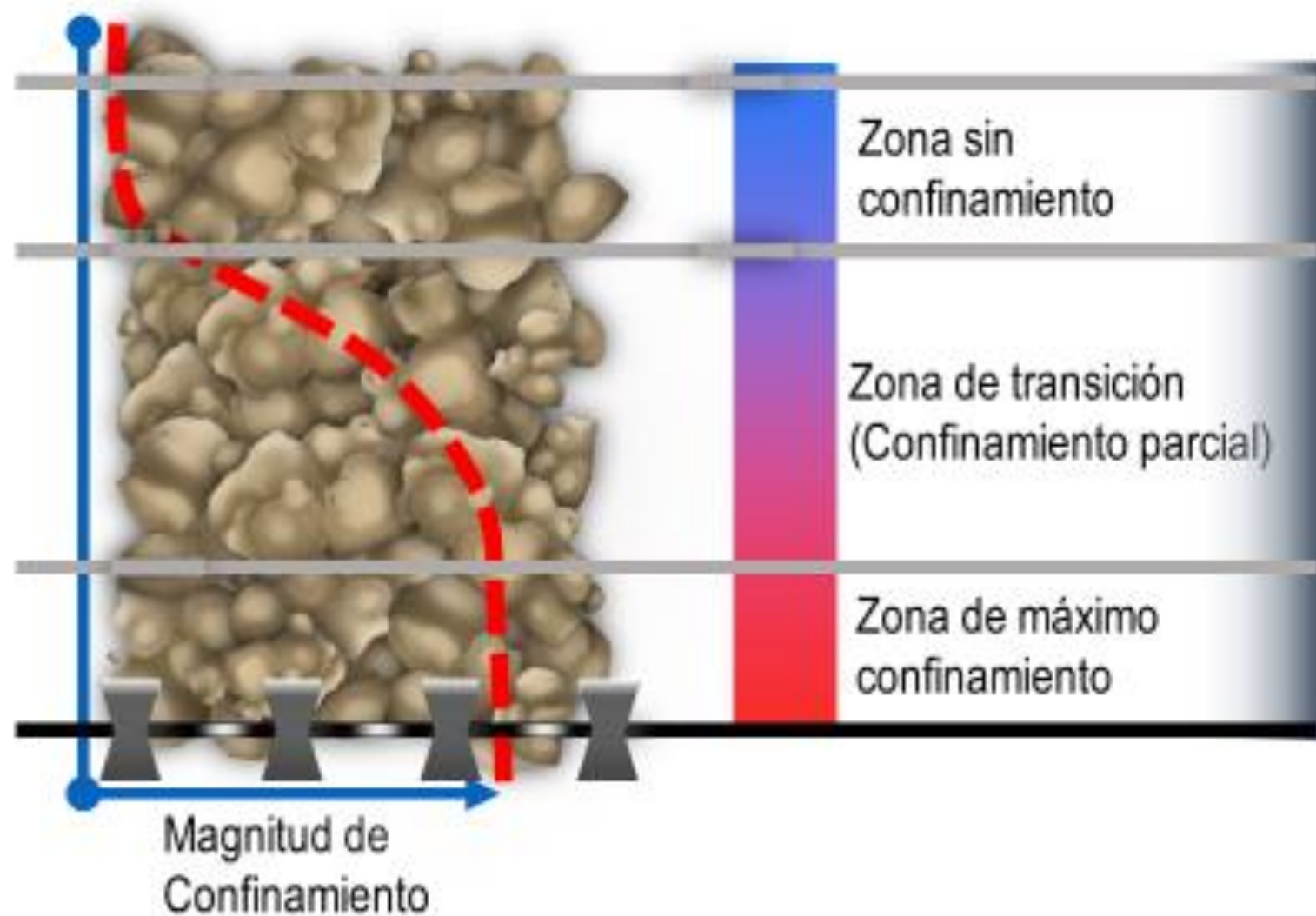
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Geogrid

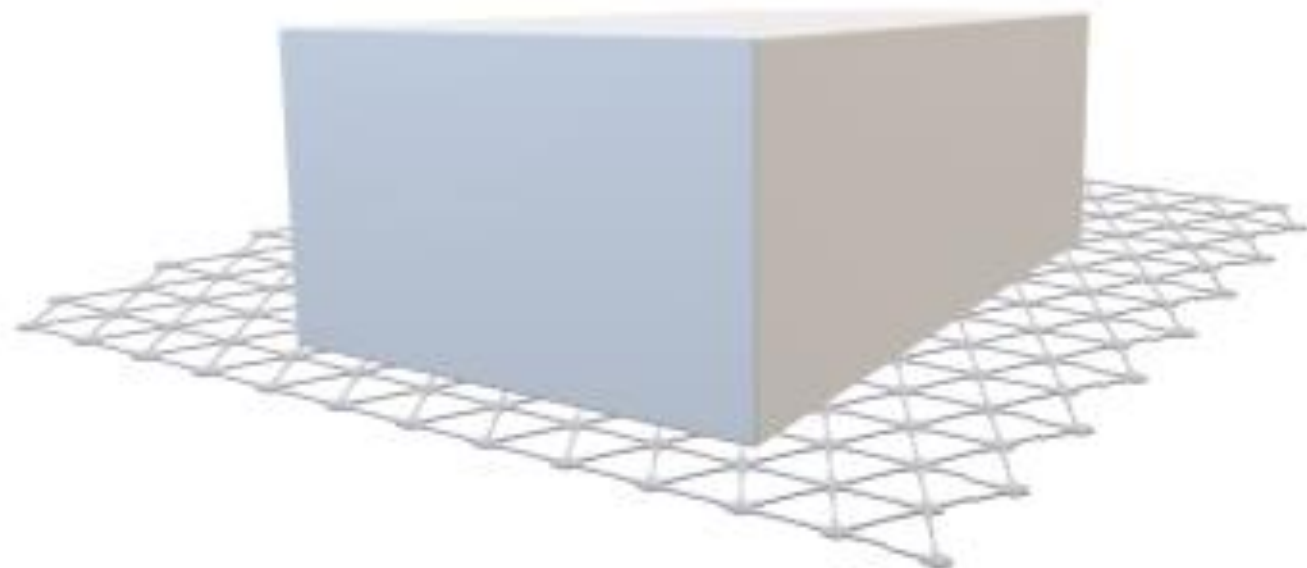


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Soft Subgrade

Soft Subgrade





**Mechanically Stabilized Layer (MSL)**







## AASHTO Standard Practice

Standard Practice for

### Geosynthetic Reinforcement of the Aggregate Base Course of Flexible Pavement Structures

AASHTO Designation: R 50-09<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. SCOPE

- 1.1. This standard practice provides guidance to pavement designers interested in incorporating geosynthetic reinforcement for the purpose of stabilizing the aggregate base course of flexible pavement structures. Geosynthetic reinforcement is intended to provide structural support of traffic loads over the life of the pavement.
- 1.1.1. For the purpose of this guide, base reinforcement is the use of a geosynthetic within or directly beneath the aggregate base course.
- 1.1.2. When referring to geosynthetic, the discussion is limited to geotextiles, geogrids, or geogrid/geotextile composites.

#### 2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

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  - National Highway Institute (NHI) Technical Products—Geosynthetic Design and Construction Guidelines, April 1999. Available at [www.nhi.gov](http://www.nhi.gov)

#### 3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. Because the benefits of geosynthetic reinforced pavement structures may not be derived from strictly horizontal use, it is necessary to derive load's stabilization. Studies have shown that determining the value added by a geosynthetic to a pavement structure. These studies, necessarily limited in scope, cannot be used for design or for full.
- 3.2. This standard practice is not intended to define and use such applications already demonstrated to be useful. The practitioners will need to conduct the assessment and make a sound



- Guía para diseño incorporando geosintéticos.
- Geosintético en contacto con la BG
- Geosintético: Estabilización
- Los beneficios no se derivan teóricamente, se obtienen exclusivamente de pruebas a gran escala



**Transportation Geotechnics**

**Effect of geogrid on railroad**

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**ABSTRACT**

This research investigated the effect of geogrid on the stability of railroad embankment. The effect of geogrid on the stability of railroad embankment was studied by using the 3-D printed test specimens. The results show that the geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil.

**KEYWORDS**

Geogrid  
Railroad embankment  
Stability  
3-D printed test specimens

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Railroad embankment is a common type of highway structure. It is used to support the railroad tracks. The stability of railroad embankment is very important. The geogrid is a common type of reinforcement material. It is used to improve the stability of soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil.

**2. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM**

The experiment was conducted using 3-D printed test specimens. The test specimens were made of a material that simulates the properties of soil. The test specimens were subjected to a lateral load. The lateral displacement of the test specimens was measured. The results show that the geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil. The geogrid can improve the stability of railroad embankment by increasing the lateral resistance of the soil.

**3. CONCLUSIONS**

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Figure 2: 3-D printed test specimens

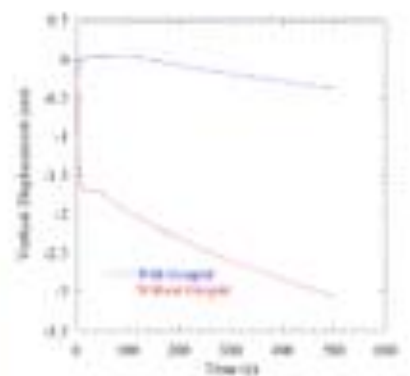


Figure 4: Vertical Displacement

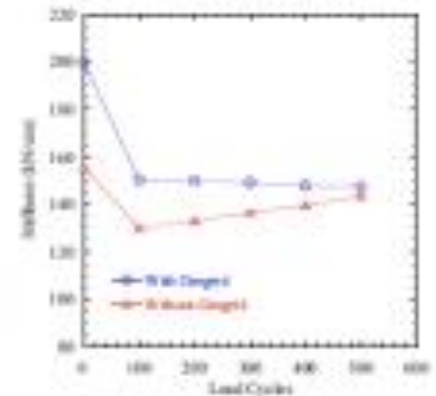
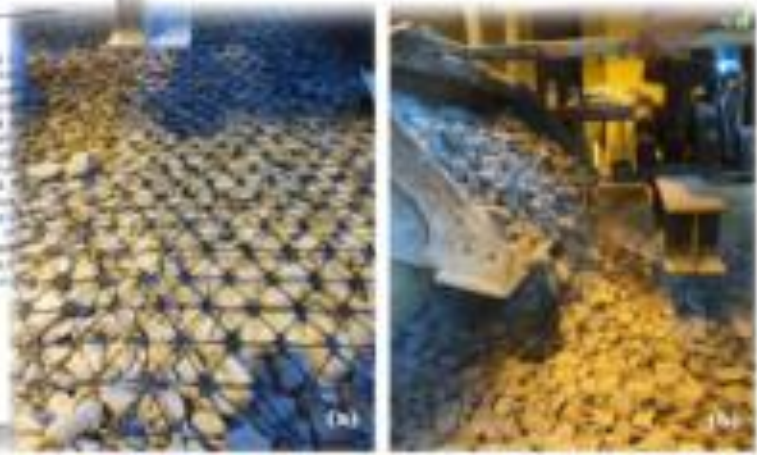


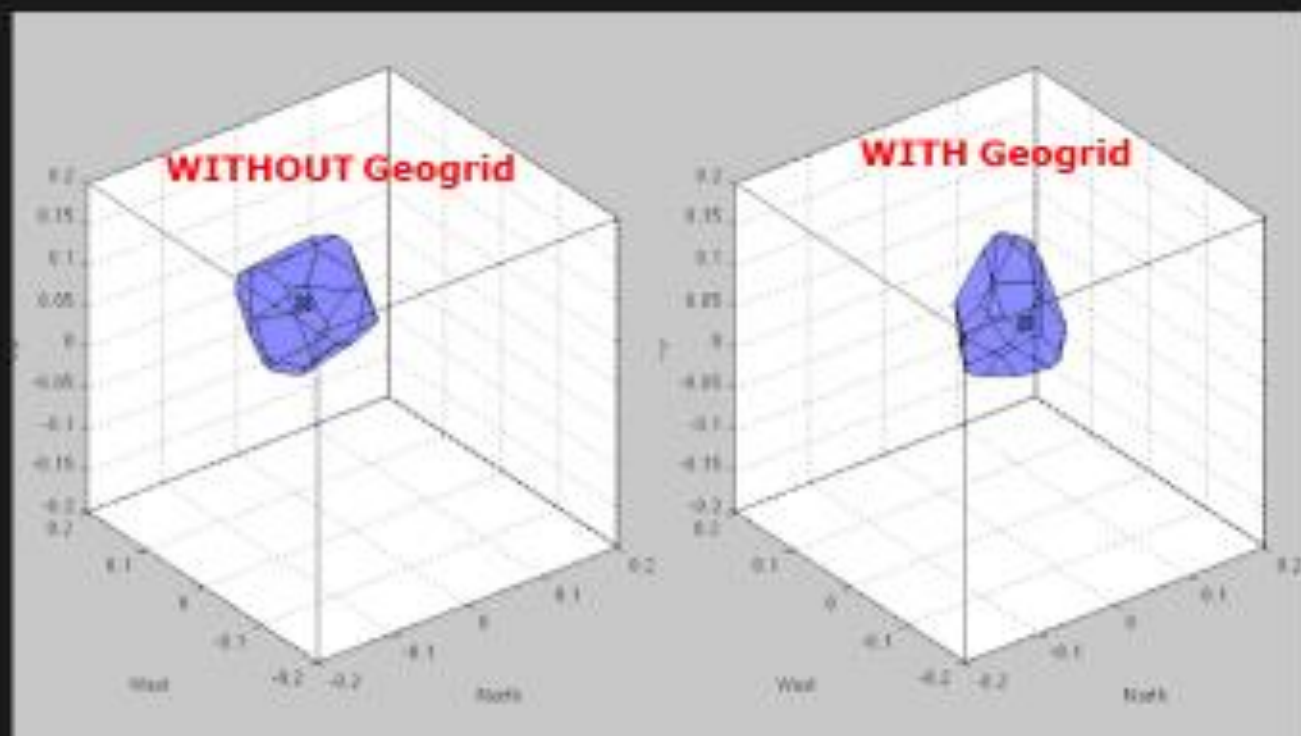
Fig. 6. Difference of failure type in load cycles



## Laboratory setup



## Movimiento visualizado de SmartRock en el balasto



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# Full-Scale Accelerated Testing of Multi-axial Geogrid Stabilized Flexible Pavements

Constructed over Very Stiff Soils



Accelerated Pavement Testing

## Full-Scale Accelerated Testing of Multi-axial Geogrid Stabilized Flexible Pavements

Constructed over Very Soft Soils

### Scope

- Construction, instrumentation and trafficking of test sections with TriAx stabilized bases and compare them to a control section.
- Testing to be conducted using highly controlled and monitored Accelerated Pavement Testing (APT) to gather response data, limit the risk of variability and ensure proper comparisons.



Control Section  
(Unstabilized)



Geogrid 1



Geogrid 2

## Automated Plate Load Test (APLT)

### Cyclic stress test

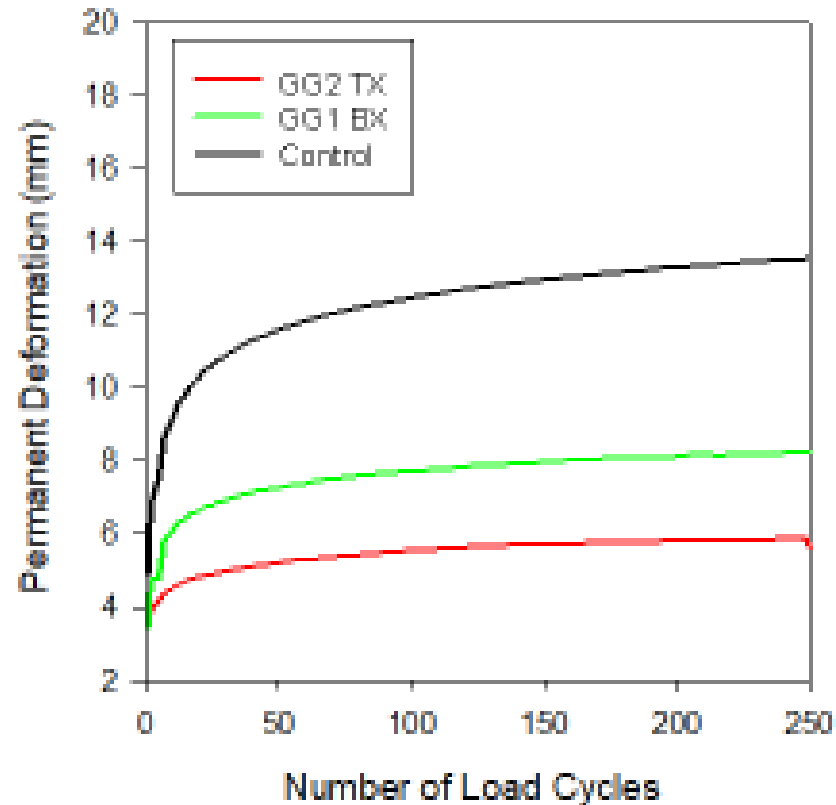
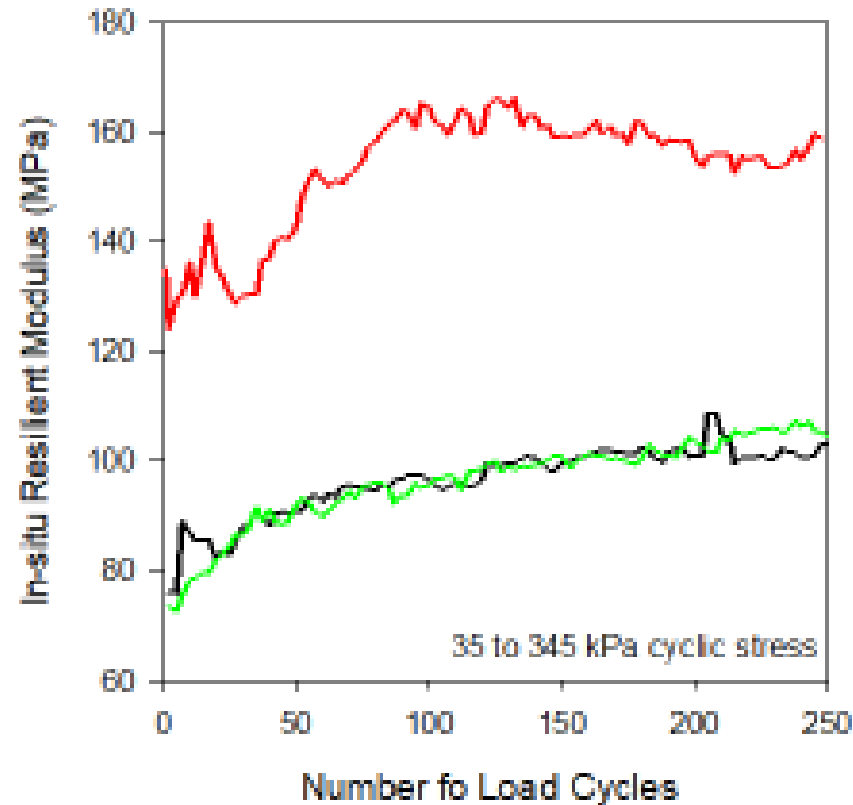
- Preconditioning: 50 cycles of high stress (550kPa)
  - Simulates construction traffic loading
- 10,000 cycles of moderate stress (310 kPa).
  - Simulates in service traffic loading





# In-situ Resilient Modulus

Test Program A. Influence of load cycles



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### In situ performance verification of geogrid-stabilized aggregate layer: Route-39 El Carbón-Bonito Oriental, Honduras case study

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#### ABSTRACT

Pavement surface roughness, one of the indicators of pavement performance, is affected by the structural stability of the pavement layers. Some commonly used indices of surface roughness are Present Serviceability Rating (PSR) and International Roughness Index (IRI). In the last decade, several advanced techniques were introduced to measure IRI cost-effectively and rapidly. This paper describes the use of smartphone-based technology for measuring IRI of pavements. A section of Highway Route-39 between El Carbón and Borito Oriental in Olancho and Colón, Honduras was constructed with a mechanically stabilized aggregate base course layer. Such mechanical stabilization was achieved by using a multi-axial triangular aperture geogrid. Mechanical stabilization contributes to preserving material stiffness for an extended service period and offers an opportunity to pavement designers to optimize pavement layers to attain the same or higher targeted pavement life. The conventional design of pavement with a layer of aggregate base over a cement-

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# Conclusion

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