

Thank you for purchasing ARMORMAX<sup>®</sup> for Erosion Control or Slope Stability by Propex Operating Company, LLC (Propex). This document provides installation and maintenance guidelines for ARMORMAX used as slope armoring to improve earthen slope resiliency and slope stability. ARMORMAX provides permanent erosion protection of an earthen slope, promotes vegetation, and improves slope stability, consists of two components:

- PYRAMAT<sup>®</sup> - High Performance Turf Reinforcement Mat (HPTRM)
- Engineered Earth Anchor (Anchor)

Temporary securing pins (pins) are used during installation to hold ARMORMAX in place while installing anchors. Pins also promote vegetation establishment keeping ARMORMAX in intimate contact with the soil.

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### BEFORE INSTALLATION BEGINS

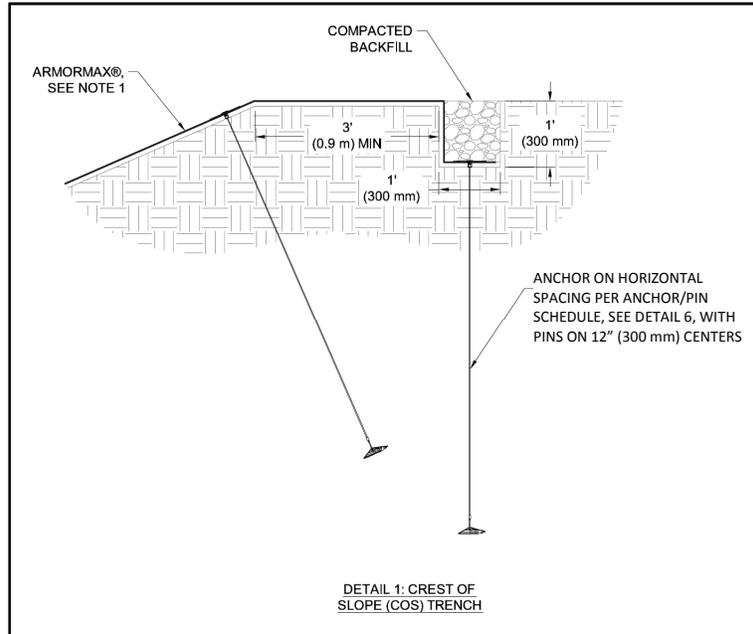
- *Coordinate with a Propex Representative:* A pre-construction meeting is suggested with the construction team and a representative from Propex. This meeting should be scheduled by the contractor with at least a two week notice.
- *Gather the Tools Needed:* Tools that you will need to install ARMORMAX include a pair of industrial shears, tape measure, percussion hammer (sized appropriately for the anchors), ground rod driver compatible with the percussion hammer, drive steel compatible with the anchor, setting tool to set and load-lock the anchor, and wire/bolt cutters to cut the cable tendon of the anchor. If anchors will be load tested during construction, additional testing equipment may be necessary. Consult the “Anchor Load Test Manual” from Propex for further guidance. Available for purchase from Propex are drive steel, JackJaw<sup>®</sup> Setting Tools, wire cutters, and a gas powered anchor driver.
- *Determine how to Establish Vegetation:* The method of vegetation establishment should be determined prior to the start of installation.
- Different vegetation establishment methods require different orders of installation. Refer to *VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT* for further guidance.

## INSTALLATION OF ARMORMAX ON SLOPES

### PREPARE THE SITE

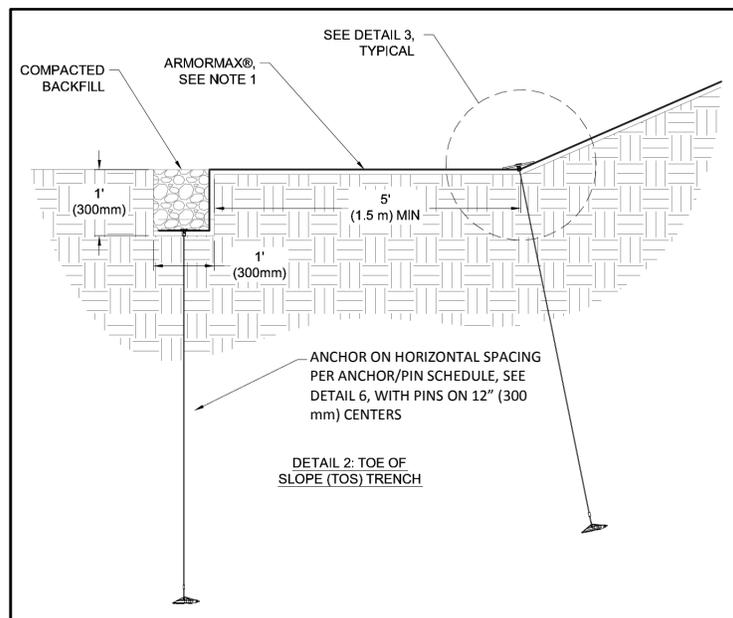
It is recommended during all stages of site preparation that disturbed soils remain unprotected for not more than a single day. Depending on project size this may require progressive site preparation during installation.

1. Grade and compact the area on the slope where ARMORMAX will be installed. The slope surface should be uniform and smooth, having all rocks, clods, vegetation or other objects removed so that during ARMORMAX **LAYDOWN**, ARMORMAX comes in direct, intimate contact with the slope surface.
2. Prepare the area to be armored with ARMORMAX by loosening the topsoil to promote better vegetation establishment. This may be accomplished with a rotary tiller on slopes 3:1 or flatter. For slopes greater than 3:1, prepare topsoil in a safe manner.



**Figure 1: Crest of Slope (COS) Trench**

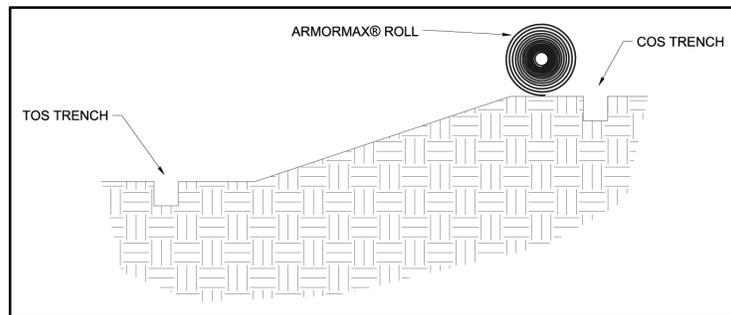
3. Excavate a Crest of Slope (COS) trench 12 in x 12 in (300 mm x 300 mm) minimum at a distance of 3 ft (900 mm) from the crest of the slope. (Figure 1).
4. Excavate a Toe of Slope (TOS) trench 12 in x 12 in (300 mm x 300 mm) minimum at a minimum distance of 5 ft (1.5 m) from the toe of the slope. (Figure 2)
5. If seeding, refer to *VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT* for additional considerations during site preparation.



**Figure 2: Toe of Slope (TOS) Trench**

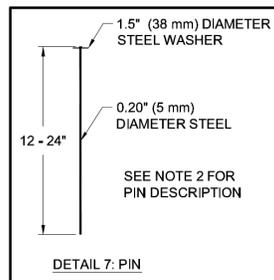
## ARMORMAX LAYDOWN

1. Begin the **ARMORMAX LAYDOWN** process by starting with the downstream / downwind end of the site. To ensure proper anchoring of the overlapped areas the proceeding roll width must be laid out before the current roll width can be anchored with exception to the final roll width. For straight sections of a slope, ARMORMAX panel lengths should be long enough to construct COS and TOS trenches while also covering the surface of the slope being armored (Figure 12). Panel edges should rest approximately perpendicular to the slope center line. For best results, panels of ARMORMAX should be continuous and free from seams or roll end overlaps that are parallel to the centerline of the slope. Panel edge overlapping should follow a pattern of placing each proceeding panel's edge overtop the previous panel edge, shingling the panels in the direction of the water flow or prevailing wind.
2. Starting at the COS trench, lay ARMORMAX roll so that the roll ends points towards the crest of the slope (Figure 3), with a 3 inch (75 mm) overlap created at adjacent panel edge locations. Ensure that adjacent panel edges maintain a minimum 3 inch overlap during **ARMORMAX LAYDOWN** (Figure 8).



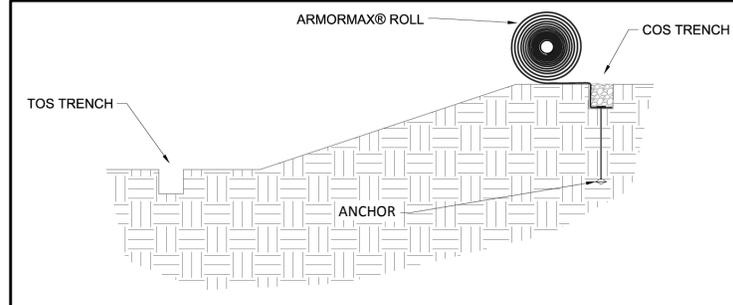
**Figure 3: Crest of Slope (COS) Trench Alignment**

3. Secure ARMORMAX with pins and Secondary anchors in the COS trench. Pins should be made of steel with a 0.20 in (5 mm) minimum diameter, having a 1.5 in (38mm) diameter washer at the head, and a length between 12 and 24 in (300-600 mm) with sufficient ground penetration to resist pullout (Figure 4). Longer pins may be required for looser soils. Heavier metal stakes may be required in rocky soils. Suggested placement of pins and Secondary anchors for the COS trench is along the bottom of the trench with pins on 12 in (300 mm) centers in between Secondary anchors on 4 ft (1.2 m) centers. Secondary anchors should also be installed on panel edge overlaps in the COS trench.



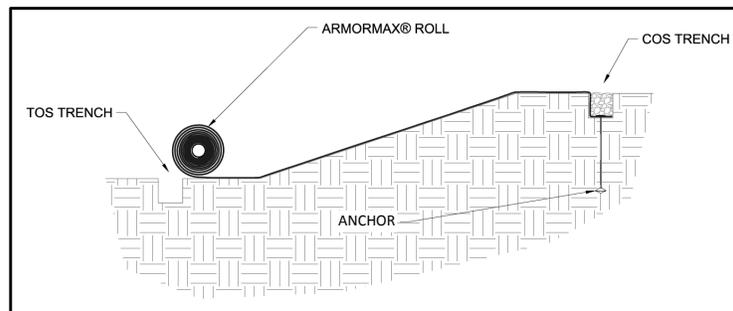
**Figure 4: Securing Pin**

4. Backfill and compact the COS trench in the location of the first ARMORMAX panel only (Figure 5).



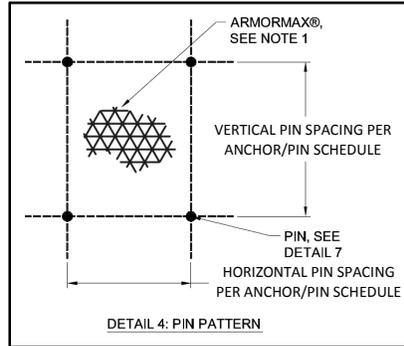
**Figure 5: Crest of Slope (COS) Trench Placement**

5. Unroll the ARMORMAX roll on the slope surface in the area to be armored (Figure 6). Ensure that ARMORMAX has intimate contact with the ground and all irregular surfaces beneath ARMORMAX are removed.

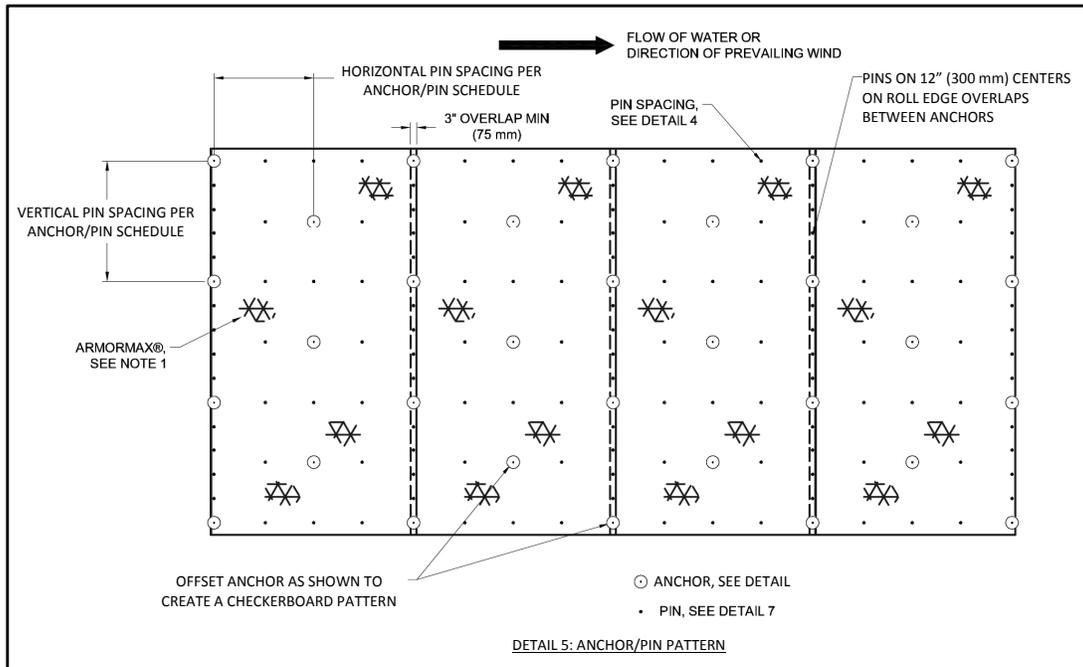


**Figure 6: Placement of ARMORMAX across Slope**

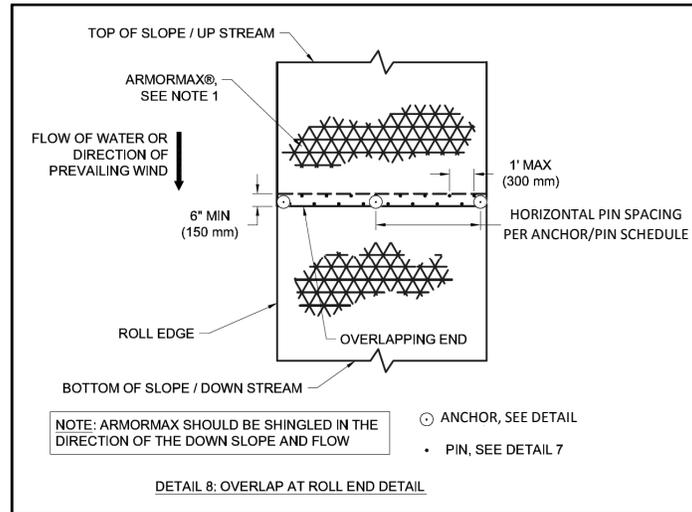
6. Secure ARMORMAX panels in place using pins, Primary anchors, and anchors across the slope surface according to the project's engineered design. Pin and anchor placement should reflect a staggered checkerboard pattern across the slope surface for best results (Figure 7 and Figure 8).
  - The leading edge of the first ARMORMAX panel should be secured on the Slope Armoring Edge (SAE) with pins on 12 in (300 mm) centers in between anchors on intervals based on the slope stability analysis.
  - Roll edges shall be overlapped a minimum of 3 in (75 mm) with pins placed on 12 in (300 mm) centers in between anchors on intervals based on the slope stability analysis (Figure 8).
  - Roll ends shall be overlapped a minimum of 6 in (150 mm) with upstream / upwind panel on top. Secure roll end overlaps with two rows of pins staggered 6 in (150 mm) apart on 12 in (300 mm) centers and with one row of anchors on intervals based on the slope stability analysis (Figure 9)
  - For slope lengths greater than 45 ft (13.7 m), install simulated check slots. This method includes placing two rows of pins 12 in (300 mm) apart on 12 in (300 mm) centers and one row of anchors between the rows of pins on 4 ft (1.2 m) centers at 45 ft (13.7 m) maximum intervals or across the midpoint of the slope for slope lengths less than 60 ft (18.2 m) (Figure 10).
  - At the break in slope interface towards the TOS, it is suggested that anchors be installed on intervals based on the slope stability analysis (Figure 11).



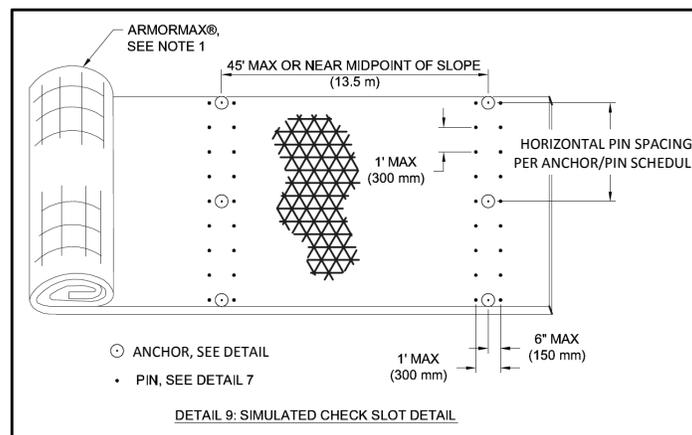
**Figure 7: Example Pin Pattern**



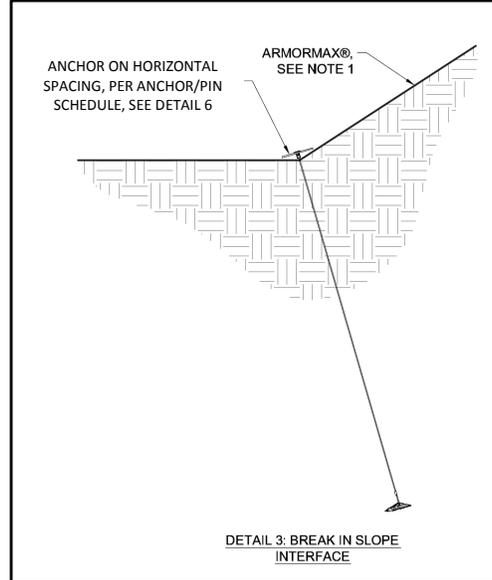
**Figure 8: Example of Anchor Pattern - 0.5 Anchors/yd<sup>2</sup>**



**Figure 9: Roll End Overlap**

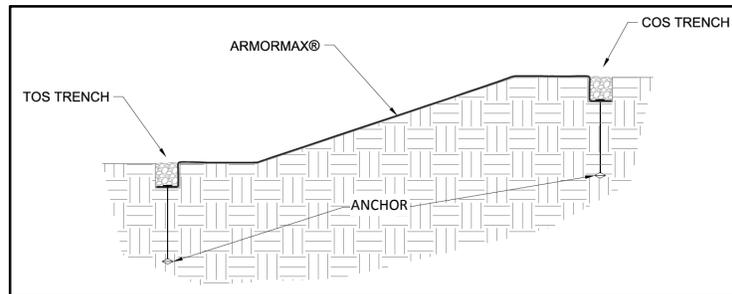


**Figure 10: Simulated Check Slot**



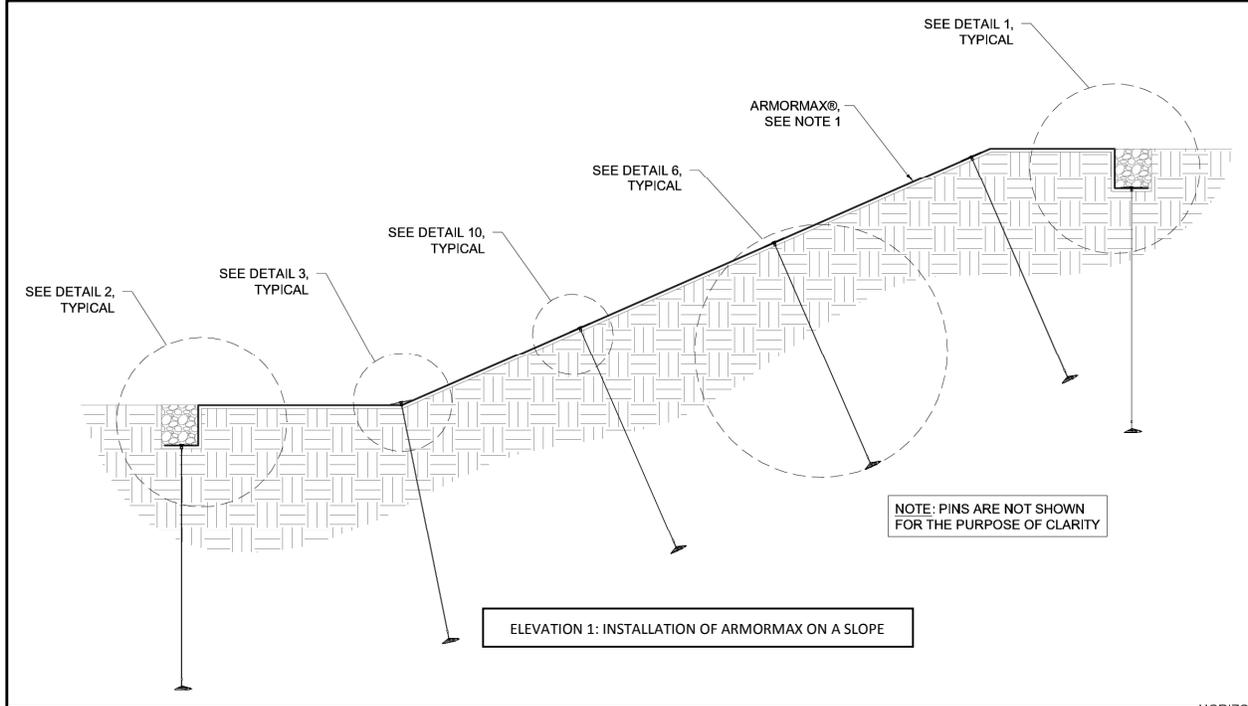
**Figure 11: Break in Slope Interface**

7. Secure ARMORMAX with pins and anchors in the TOS trench. Suggested placement of pins and anchors for the TOS trench is along the bottom of the trench with pins on 12 in (300 mm) centers in between anchors on 4 ft (1.2 m) centers (Figure 12).



**Figure 12: Crest of Slope (COS) Trench and Toe of Slope (TOS) Trench Complete**

8. Backfill and compact the TOS trench. (Figure 12)
9. Continue to work down the length of the slope by repeating steps 1 through 8 overlapping each adjacent ARMORMAX panel by 3 inches (75 mm) (Figure 8). The last ARMORMAX panel should terminate on the Slope Armoring Edge (SAE) with pins on 12 in (300 mm) centers in between anchors on intervals based on the slope stability analysis. At a minimum, ARMORMAX panels should be pinned entirely across the slope surface, pins and anchors should be installed in the trenches, and the trenches should be backfilled and compacted at the end of each day to minimize rework in the case of a major rain event. Specific project conditions may warrant further evaluation of installation order for ease. An example elevation view (Figure 13) of a slope armored with ARMORMAX can be seen below for overall reference. Consult Propex Engineering Services at (800) 621-1273 with any questions that you may have.



**Figure 13: Completed Slope Isometric View**

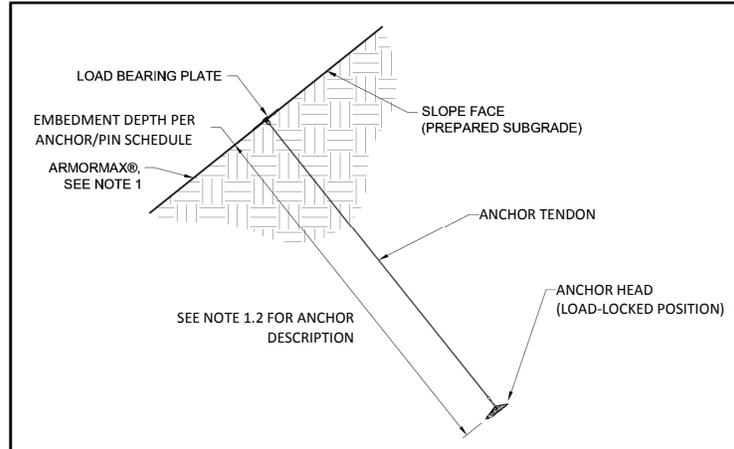
## INSTALL ANCHORS

The ARMORMAX anchor typically consists of an anchor head, a flexible cable tendon, and a load bearing plate. For quality control purposes and warranty claims, anchors should be delivered to the jobsite fully assembled and ready for installation.

Anchors are to be installed in locations specified for the project, and are typically installed in conjunction with *ARMORMAX LAYDOWN*. There are several options available from Propex for different types of anchors. For optimal performance with the greatest risk reduction, it is important to select the proper anchor and perform the installation in accordance with the pattern designed for required resiliency and long term durability of the slope. Understanding the mechanics behind installing the anchor component of ARMORMAX will result in a quality ARMORMAX installation.

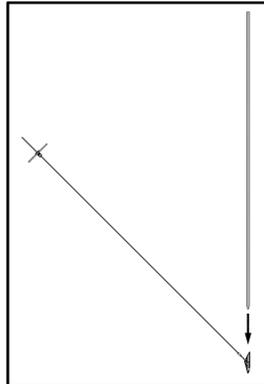
## TYPE B1 & B2 ANCHOR

The installation of either Type B1 or Type B2 Anchor (Figure 14) is described below. The tools that you will need are a percussion hammer, a ground rod driver and drive steel compatible with the anchor and percussion hammer, a JackJaw setting tool, and wire cutters.

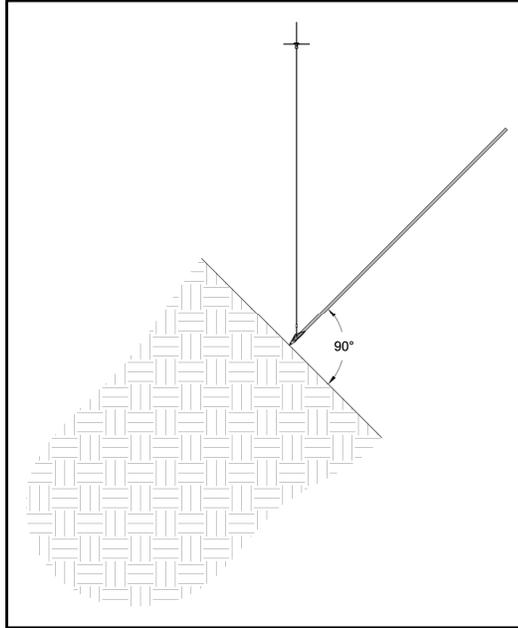


**Figure 14: Anchor Detail**

1. Use one piece drive steel or assemble segmental drive steel to the appropriate length in order to drive the anchor to the specified embedment depth.
2. Insert the tapered end of the drive steel into the hollow cavity of the anchor head. Position the anchor head/ drive steel tip above the ground at the drive location (Figure 15 and Figure 16).

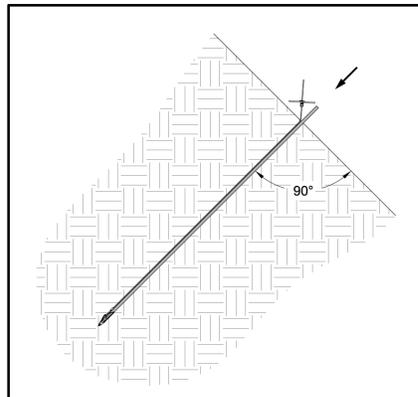


**Figure 15: Insert Drive Steel into Anchor**



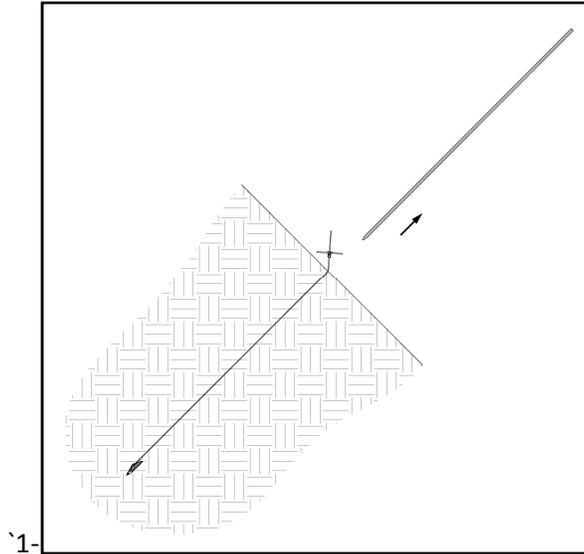
**Figure 16: Position Anchor Head / Drive Steel Tip**

3. Using a percussion hammer, guide the drive steel into the ground perpendicular to the slope surface at a smooth pace. Continue driving until the desired embedment depth is reached (Figure 17).



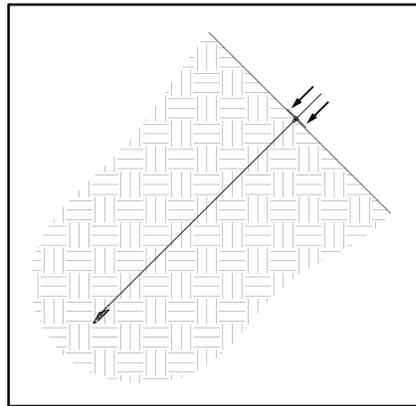
**Figure 17: Drive Steel to Drive the Anchor into the Ground**

4. Remove the drive steel from the ground. (Figure 18) Depending on soil conditions, this may require the use of a setting tool or leverage device.



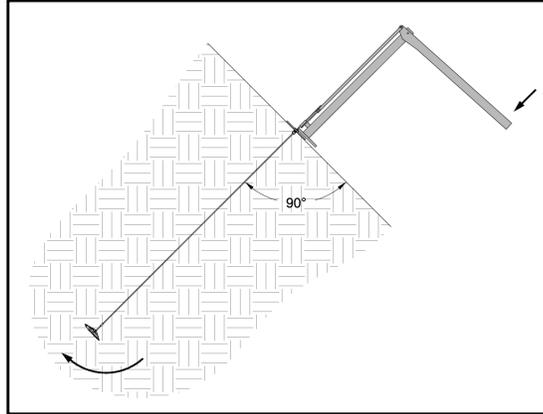
**Figure 18: Remove Drive Steel from Ground**

5. Slide the load bearing plate down the anchor tendon towards the slope surface using your hands (Figure 19).



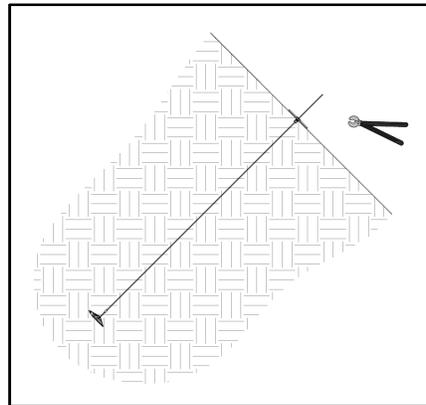
**Figure 19: Slide Plate**

6. Once the plate is close to the slope surface, place the JackJaw Setting Tool on the anchor plate and place the top of the anchor tendon into the grips, keeping the anchor tendon perpendicular to the slope surface (Figure 20). With gentle force, slowly start to press down on the JackJaw lever – towards the slope surface - causing the anchor tendon to start to move out of the ground (displace). During this step, the anchor head will turn in the ground – a process known as “anchor setting”. The change in embedment depth to set a Type B1 Anchor can be up to 6 inches and up to 8 inches for Type B2 depending on soil conditions. When the anchor is set, there will be a noticeable change in the amount of force needed to displace the anchor any further. This is a good indication that the anchor head is now perpendicular to the anchor tendon and the anchor is ready to be load-locked.

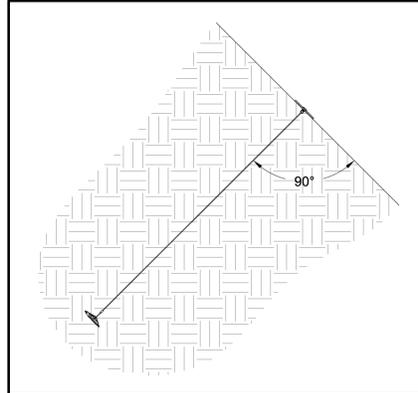


**Figure 20: Use JackJaw Setting Tool to Set Anchor**

7. To load-lock an anchor, continue to apply tension to the anchor tendon using the JackJaw Setting Tool creating a slight depression on the slope surface. Visually, anchors across ARMORMAX will look similar to buttons across a mattress top when anchors have been properly load-locked.
8. Conduct anchor load tests when required for quality assurance during installation. Refer to the document entitled “Anchor Load Test Manual” by Propex for further details.
9. Once anchors have been load-locked, cut off the excess anchor tendon flush to the plate at the slope surface using wire cutters (Figure 21 and Figure 22).



**Figure 21: Trim Extra Cable Flush to Plate**



**Figure 22: Complete Anchor Installation**

## VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT

Vegetation can be established with ARMORMAX by broadcast seeding, hydraulic seed application (hydroseeding), or sodding. Seed application rate, seed type, sod type, and irrigation rate should be selected based on local or site specific knowledge and time of year. For best results, consider having a site specific soil test performed to help determine what soil amendments, such as lime and fertilizer, need to be incorporated into the soil to promote healthy vegetation.

Irrigate as necessary to establish and maintain vegetation until 75% of vegetation has established and has reached a height of 2 inches. Frequent, light irrigation will need to be applied to seeded areas if natural rain events have not occurred within two weeks of seeding. While watering seeded areas use a fine spray to prevent erosion of seeds or soil. Do not over irrigate. Proper irrigation guidance is provided under the Maintenance portion of this document.

## PROJECT SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. For applications that require special transitions (i.e. connections to riprap, concrete, T-walls, etc.), refer to the project specific drawings or consult with Propex Engineering Services at (800) 621-1273.
2. A deeper terminal trench and/or hard armoring may be required when slopes have severe scour potential at the toe location.
3. For installing ARMORMAX panels around curved sections of a slope, trim panels at an angle so that no more than two layers of ARMORMAX overlap at any point in time. Additional pins and anchors may be needed to secure panel edges towards the toe of the slope depending upon the radius of the curved slope. Install pins or anchors as necessary to securely fasten ARMORMAX to the ground.
4. Allowable Vehicle Traffic:
  - A. If using equipment on ARMORMAX, it should be of the rubber-tired type and should avoid sharp turns. Tracked equipment is not permitted to drive over the ARMORMAX without vegetation at any time.
  - B. Avoid any traffic over ARMORMAX if loose or wet soil conditions exist.
5. Disturbed areas should be reseeded. If ruts or depressions develop for any reason, rework soil until smooth and reseed such areas.

## SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF ARMORMAX

The purpose of this section is to provide some general guidelines for performing short-term and long-term maintenance of ARMORMAX with respect to maintaining vegetation reinforced with ARMORMAX, and patching of ARMORMAX (in the event it needs to be removed or replaced). These procedures are to be considered minimum guidelines for proper maintenance, and further maintenance techniques may be appropriate considering local practices and procedures.

### ARMORMAX PROTECTED SLOPES

For ARMORMAX to be most effective, it is important to ensure that it is properly maintained both during construction and after construction. Identifying trouble areas is easy with ARMORMAX, and it can make identifying potential threats much simpler and manageable. Look for areas with sparse, dying, or no vegetation as these are obvious signs that ARMORMAX is losing intimate contact with the slope surface. If loss of ground surface occurs, ARMORMAX will need to be removed and reinstalled as described in *PATCHING AND REPAIRS* section after the eroded area is backfilled with compacted soil that is similar to material of the slope. After ARMORMAX is reinstalled, re-establish vegetation on the newly installed ARMORMAX and disturbed areas. Monitor the sites to determine if frequent watering may be required to establish vegetation.

To minimize exposure to unwanted maintenance and repair, ARMORMAX armored slopes should be free of unauthorized vehicular traffic. Routine maintenance and slope inspections should be performed with rubber tired vehicles. Tracked equipment such as skid steers, excavators, or dozers should only be allowed to traffic over ARMORMAX in times of emergency after vegetation establishment is complete. Failure to control unauthorized traffic can result in ARMORMAX being damaged resulting in erosion below ARMORMAX during storm events. In addition, routine mowing maintenance should be used to keep the protected area free of unwanted brush, saplings, and trees. Selective herbicides that target only the unwanted plants can be used as long as the vegetation established with ARMORMAX is not impaired. Failure to control the sapling and tree growth can result in the trees being uprooted during a flood.

### MAINTAINING VEGETATION

Good vegetative cover will ensure maximum performance of ARMORMAX. Vegetative cover care starts before a project is complete and is ongoing until all ARMORMAX is installed. Vegetative cover should be given every opportunity to grow and establish well. This will require that a contractor periodically fertilize, water, and mow the grasses as needed until a project is complete in the short-term, with the owner of the slope fulfilling the maintenance of the slope in a similar fashion for the long-term. For the entire lifecycle of ARMORMAX, every effort must be made to prevent unauthorized encroachments, grazing, vehicle traffic, the misuse of chemicals, or burning during inappropriate seasons.

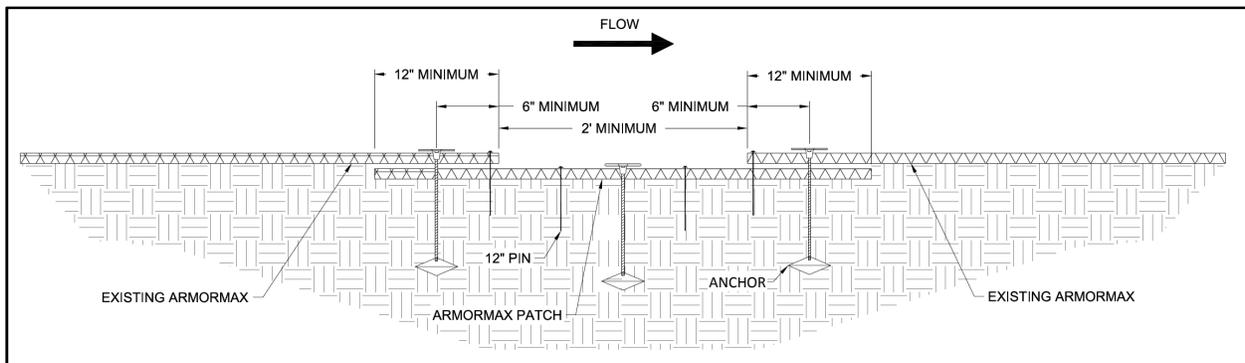
1. After the installation of vegetation is complete, immediately water and soak the entire area using a fine spray to prevent erosion and loss of seeds. A suggested amount of water is identified below. Prior to installation if using sod, the sod pads in storage should be kept moist at all times and not stored for more than 24 hours from site arrival to installation. Warmer weather will necessitate more frequent applications than listed below.
  - A. For each reach/segment of installed vegetation, watering shall be conducted immediately after each installation or the day's work.
  - B. First 30 days, completed segments shall be watered daily with a minimum of 0.75 and a maximum of 1.0 inches per square foot per day (20,364 gallons minimum, 27,152 gallons maximum per acre per day).
  - C. Second 30 days, the watering may be reduced to 0.50 inches per square foot per day (13,576 gallons maximum per acre per day) or as required based upon the condition of the sod.
  - D. Avoid excessive application of water, so that surface runoff does not occur. Runoff should be prohibited. However, additional watering may be required for repaired or damaged areas.

2. Initial fertilizing should be applied 14 days after vegetation is placed, using 25-lbs per acre ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate. Post-fertilization should be conducted 30 to 45 days after installation, using an application rate of 25-lbs per acre (ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate). Application example: in order to apply ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate at a rate of 25-lbs per acre, 75 lbs of 33-0-0 is required.
3. Implement best practices for mowing over ARMORMAX. While ARMORMAX is designed to withstand non-hydraulic stresses such as mowing, there are procedures to minimize exposure to unwanted damage.
  - A. Immediately after installation, signage and post shall be installed stating that "Vehicles and Pedestrians are Prohibited from Access" on the slopes and the newly installed vegetation. Signage shall be posted every 1,500 lineal feet.
  - B. Vegetated areas should be mowed to a height no less than 6 inches and no greater than 12 inches from natural ground after a period of 60 days of growth. The excessive grass clippings created from mowing shall be evenly spread on the slope section outside of the armored area. Periodic and final grass mowing should be performed until final inspection and acceptance of slope work. Monitor the vegetated areas throughout winter months and generate reports as needed, noting any issues that should be addressed. Minimum mowing heights will depend on the vegetation density and should be as follows:
    - i. 6" with 0 – 30% vegetation establishment
    - ii. 4" with 30 – 70% vegetation establishment
    - iii. 3" with 70 – 100% vegetation establishment
  - C. To prevent damage to the newly established vegetation, the mowing tractor should be fitted with 3-rib agriculture tires. Note that tractors with 8-foot flail mowers provide best results. Tractors with 15-foot brush hogs should avoid sharp turns up the slope to prevent damage to vegetation.
  - D. Mowing should not take place for a minimum of 48 hours after a rainfall event of 2 inches or more to minimize the potential for rutting and/or damage to the slope surface. Maintenance mowing of the slope should be done on a consistent basis to prevent vegetation growing to more than 3 feet in height. This will minimize thatch thickness and potential damage to ARMORMAX. If turn-around pads are present, operate mowing equipment utilizing the turn-around pads to the fullest extent. The mowing blade height over ARMORMAX should be a minimum of 8 inches. However, should vegetation grow to more than 3 feet in height, the mowing blade height for the condition should be a minimum of 12 inches.
4. Some special circumstances may exist. When mowing the crown of a slope with a crown or crest equal to or exceeding 20%, it should be mowed with an articulating arm mower to minimize the potential for the mower blades to catch ARMORMAX at the slope surface. The articulating arm mower should be level on the surface with the articulating arm extending over the crown. **Pay close attention to areas where the slope changes.** The mower blades should be set at a minimum height of 8 inches. If ARMORMAX is damaged by the mowing blades at any time, mowing should stop immediately and further direction should be obtained to continue activity. Repair the damaged area as described in the *PATCHING AND REPAIRS* section below.
5. ARMORMAX protected slopes are not as susceptible to animal burrowing due the tenacity of the ARMORMAX; however, inspections to detect the presence of burrowing animal activity are generally most effective immediately after the slope has been mowed. Animal burrows that are identified should be thoroughly excavated and inspected, backfilled with compacted soil that is similar to material of the slope, and vegetation re-established. This will avoid the possibility of water piping through unfilled portions of the burrows. Should ARMORMAX be damaged, it is to be repaired as described *PATCHING AND REPAIRS* section below.

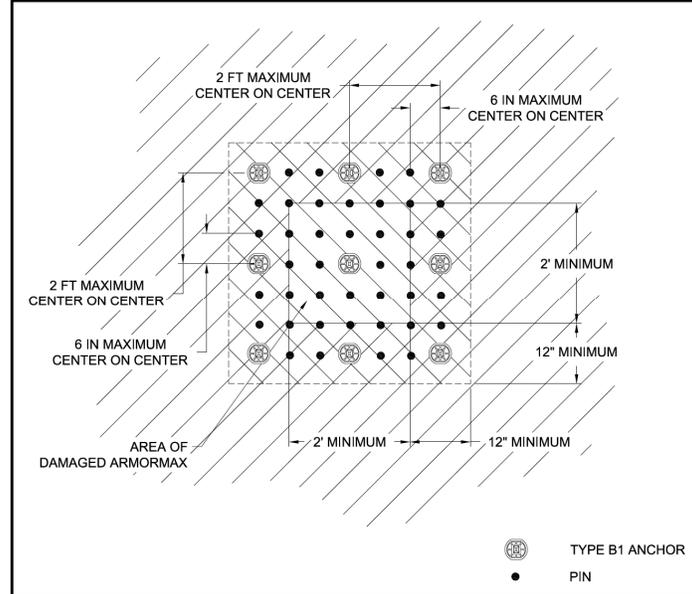
## **PATCHING AND REPAIRS**

ARMORMAX may require localized repair at times. For emergency repairs, an adequate supply of ARMORMAX should be maintained in inventory with the necessary tools to install. This will allow for a timely, initial repair of the system.

1. In order to identify areas in need of repair, the site should be patrolled immediately after mowing and after rain events of 2 inches or more. When patrolling look for areas of sparse vegetation, exposed edges of ARMORMAX, and areas where direct contact between ARMORMAX and the slope surface is compromised. ARMORMAX should be rated as *Acceptable*, *Minimally Acceptable*, or *Unacceptable* during inspection.
  - A. *Acceptable (A)* - The rated area is in satisfactory, acceptable condition, and will function as designed and intended during the rain event. ARMORMAX has no exposed edges, is installed tightly by maintaining direct contact to the slope surface with no rilling beneath, and has over 90% vegetation cover. There is no noticeable damage present.
  - B. *Minimally Acceptable (M)* - The rated area has a minor deficiency that needs to be corrected. The minor deficiency will not seriously impair the functioning of the area during the next rain event; however, the overall reliability of the project will be lowered because of the minor deficiency. ARMORMAX has 75% vegetation cover with un-vegetated patches as large as one square yard. Edges of ARMORMAX are exposed with noticeable damage. Minimal erosion has occurred underneath ARMORMAX.
  - C. *Unacceptable (U)* - The rated area is unsatisfactory. The deficiency is so serious that the area will not adequately function in the next rain event. ARMORMAX has been physically torn, ripped, or lifted from the slope surface. Less than 75% vegetation cover is present with un-vegetated patches being greater than 1 square yard, and there is evidence that erosion is occurring beneath ARMORMAX.
2. Repair any raised or exposed edges of ARMORMAX by driving existing and additional pins or anchors along the edges as necessary to securely fasten to the ground. Inspect areas where the vegetation is not growing on top of ARMORMAX. Many times this is an indicator that ARMORMAX has lost contact with the ground beneath. Check for voids beneath ARMORMAX and fill any holes, gullies, etc. with compacted fill material if possible. Replace ARMORMAX as described below.
3. To repair ARMORMAX, cut out and remove damaged areas in a square configuration a minimum size of 2 ft by 2 ft. Remove all vegetation and debris atop of ARMORMAX. Loosen the top 1 to 2 in of soil in the patch area then seed. The subgrade of area to be patched shall be prepared to be smooth and uniform and transition smoothly into the in-situ area. Cut a square ARMORMAX patch a minimum of 12 in greater than the damaged area for all four sides of the patch. Overlap the patch area in all directions a minimum of 12 in. The patch overlaps shall be tucked under the existing damaged ARMORMAX material (Figure 23 and Figure 24).



**Figure 23: ARMORMAX Patch Cross Section**



**Figure 24: ARMORMAX Patch Plan View**

4. Install anchors on 2 ft (600 mm) (max) centers, and pins on 6 in (150 mm) (max) centers. For larger areas of damage, anchors should be installed to match existing anchor pattern and type. Once ARMORMAX is in place, vegetate per project specifications.

## SUMMARY

Maintenance should consist of watering and weeding, repair of all erosion, and any re-seeding as necessary to establish a uniform stand of vegetation during construction and beyond. A minimum of 70% of the armored area should be covered with no bare or dead spots greater than 10 ft<sup>2</sup> (1 m<sup>2</sup>). Establishing vegetation should not be mowed prior to 70% vegetative density and a minimum grass growth of 4 in (100 mm). Throughout the duration of the project, the contractor should be responsible for mowing to facilitate growth and should not let the vegetation in the armored areas exceed 18 in (450 mm). In addition, the Contractor should water all grassed areas as often as necessary to establish satisfactory growth and to maintain its growth throughout the duration of the project. After the project is complete, it is the responsibility of the Owner to maintain and upkeep all ARMORMAX installed areas for long term performance and best results as described herein for superior slope armoring.