INSTALLATION GUIDE FOR 500, 600, DURAGUARD, 700 SERIES HARDNOSE, AND 800 SERIES DRAIN SYSTEMS







## **INSTALLATION TIPS**

- Lay POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> channels alongside the excavation prior to placement.
- Excavate to ensure at least 4" of concrete (or amount equal to slab thickness, <u>whichever is greater</u>) under all POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> channels.
- Make the proper piping connections on the catch basin after it is supported in the excavation and then
  pour the bedding concrete.
- The DURAGUARD<sup>®</sup> frames, if used, will float off the channel unless they are properly secured in place with a grating and locking device.
- Remove all cutouts by pre-drilling the cutouts, spacing the holes as close as possible, then use a cold chisel to remove the bridges between the holes.
- Begin the installation at the discharge (deepest) end of each run (i.e. highest numbered channels) and proceed upstream.
- Set the channel using POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> Installation Chairs (Part No. DA0633). Installation Chairs require the use of #4 rebar by others.
- Caulk the joints with appropriate sealant if corrosive solutions will be carried in the channels (silicone not recommended).
- POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> grates must be in place during concreting (remember to cover the grates first to ease cleanup and ensure easy removal of grates).
- Be sure to secure the channels to prevent "floating" during concrete placement.
- Do not utilize the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> channels as expansion, control or construction joints and do not groove the concrete next to the channel.
- Stagger grates across channel joints to aid in channel alignment.
- For sanitary sewer conditions, the channels may be edge sealed with an appropriate semi-rigid epoxy
  or polyurethane joint filler. Filler must be installed in such a way as not to leave the edge of the channels
  unsupported against the traffic.
- Prolonged exposure to ambient, service or surface temperatures of 120°F or greater requires the use of Vinyl Ester channels.

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**POLYCAST®** Presloped Trench Drain is easy and economical to install!

- For new construction
- Industrial/commercial retrofit
- Eliminates the need for expensive and time consuming on-site forming
- Results in reduced labor cost and downtime

A positive slope built into the channel sections ensures proper drainage. Pipe connections are easily made with the use of the built-in pipe cutouts, drain end caps and catch basins. The following photographs and installation methods will assist you in completing your POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> installation quickly and easily.

SPECIAL NOTE: When the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> Drain System is being installed, care must be taken to assure that the structural integrity of the slab is maintained. Bedding concrete dimensions and/or reinforcing steel requirements must be specified by a structural engineer.

## **POLYCAST® 500 Series Installation**

NOTE: Begin installation at the outlet (deepest) end.



## Step 1

Place all the required system components next to the desired location. Next, set level and alignment strings to indicate the installed location of the top of the drainage system.



## Step 2

Attach end caps using duct tape. They will be permanently held in place by the concrete. (1) Installation chair should be attached at every joint and (1) at each end of the run. These will help maintain channel alignment and help prevent the channels from being separated during concreting. If a bottom outlet is to be utilized, remove the outlet area from the channel and place it over the outlet drain stub-in.



## Step 3

Secure a 1/2" diameter rod into screed pads. The rods should not be taller than the grade of slab. Using a field approved method, secure screed pad assemblies to the slab, spacing them 48" (24" if using half channels) x 7 5/8" on center. This will match the spacing of the installation chairs. (Note: The channels may also be "wet set" in a continuous grout bed instead of using screed pads.)



#### Step 4

Adjust channels to the desired height and, using the supplied hex head bolts, tighten the installation chair straps against the rods.



## Step 5

The grates may be wrapped in plastic or masked prior to installation to facilitate clean-up after concreting. Either the grates or spacers of equivalent dimensions must be in place while the concrete is poured around the channels to assure proper alignment.



## Step 6

After the grates are installed and the channels are secured in place, concreting may begin.



#### Step 7

Remove the grate covering after the concrete has hardened. Secure grate to channels using supplied hardware.

## **New Construction Installation**

#### NOTE: BEGIN INSTALLATION AT OUTLET (DEEPEST) END

#### Step 1. Excavation and System Layout

The sub-base must be excavated sufficiently to ensure a minimum of 4" of concrete cover underneath (or an amount equal to the slab thickness, <u>whichever is greater</u>) and on both sides of the finished drain system. Slope the edges of the excavation to provide a smooth transition to the slab subgrade. Slope the bottom of the excavation to approximately follow the slope of the POLYCAST® channels. The excavation should be made along the center lines of all the proposed drainage runs. Prepare a deeper excavation for all appropriate catch basins (if used) to ensure a minimum of 4" of bedding concrete underneath. Once the excavations are complete, place all of the required POLYCAST® components (in the correct order) next to the excavation. It is often helpful at this point to set an alignment "string line" over the proposed trench run to indicate the finished grade elevation.

## Step 2. Catch Basin Installation

The catch basin should be located near the discharge piping stub-in. Carefully drill out the cutouts which correspond to the desired pipe size to be used. Make the appropriate discharge pipe connections. Place the catch basin into the excavation and support it with bricks. Place the bedding concrete into the catch basin and level it to the correct surface elevation.

**NOTE:** Remove the appropriate catch basin channel and end cap cutouts at this time.

## **Step 3. Channel Installation**

Begin the installation of the channels at the discharge end of the trench run with the deepest (highest number) channel. If a catch basin is being used at the discharge point, connect this channel to the catch basin (arrows always point downstream). If a catch basin is not being used, attach the proper end cap to the discharge end of the channel. If a channel "bottom cutout" is being used, remove the appropriate size and install the channel over the outlet drain stub-in. The succeeding channels should be installed with the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> Installation Chair under the channel at the channel joints being connected. Tighten the chair alignment bolts into channel dimples. Place the pre-cut rebar (minimum 1/2" diameter #4) through rebar connecting clamps. Drive the rebar into the subgrade enough to provide stability and prevent floating during concreting. Adjust the chair, raising the channel to the string line height, and secure the rebar clamps.

**NOTE:** The top of the rebar should be a minimum of 2" below the finished grade. If Extender Panels are to be used, refer to Drawing Details.



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## Step 4. Grate/Frame Installation

The proper POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> grate must be secured in the channels prior to concreting to prevent the channels from flexing inward from the pressure of the wet concrete. Grates should be wrapped in plastic prior to installation (2 wraps of 6 mil. visqueen is recommended) to facilitate cleanup after concreting and to provide adequate spacing for grate removal. Care must be taken not to spread the channel walls.

**NOTE 1:** Set the grates (and frames, if applicable) into the channel and install the locking devices.

**NOTE 2:** The DURAGUARD<sup>®</sup> frames, if used, will float off the channel unless they are properly secured in place with a grating and locking device.

## Step 5. Concreting

After the placement of the system at the proper grade has been completed, check to ensure that the channels will not "float" when the concrete is placed. When installed properly the POLYCAST® Installation Chair will prevent "floating" by its positive engagement into the sides of the channels. Consideration should be given for the use of reinforcing steel in the concrete beam which encases the POLYCAST® system. The type of reinforcing must be determined by the slab designer. When placing the concrete, be sure it is placed under the channels and is properly consolidated. The concrete that is placed under and around the channels may be placed as part of a monolithic slab pour.

**NOTE:** The DURAGUARD<sup>®</sup> frames, if used, will float off the channel unless they are properly secured in place with a grating and locking device.

## **NOTE:** The POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> drain system must not be utilized as an expansion joint, control joint or construction joint.

Parallel slab joints should be formed no closer than 6" from the edge of the system or a distance equal to the slab thickness, <u>whichever is greater</u>. When expansion joints are perpendicular to and intersect the system, an expansion joint must be incorporated in the drain system. Use the installation chairs to support the ends of the channels at this location, but do not engage the alignment bolts (it takes 2 chairs at the expansion joint). After completing the slab pour, concrete finishing should proceed in the usual manner.

**NOTE:** DO NOT tool finish or radius the edge of the concrete along the drain channels. Finish-trowel only to the top edge of the drain channels.

#### Step 6. Clean-Up

After the concrete slab is hard enough to walk on, remove the wrapping from the grates. Remove the appropriate catch basin channel and end cap cutouts at this time.





**NOTE:** Clean out any debris in the system and be sure that the outlet pipes are clear. Install accessories such as strainers, trash baskets, etc. Reset and lock down all grates in the proper position. The system is now ready for service.

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## **POLYCAST® 800 Series Installation**

NOTE: Begin installation at the outlet (deepest) end.

## Step 1

An excavation must be provided that will ensure a minimum of 4" of concrete under and on both sides of the finished drain system (consult slab designer). In every case, the excavation should be deep and wide enough to provide concrete cover equal to the slab thickness or 4", whichever is greater. Slope the edges of the excavation to provide a smooth transition to the slab upgrade. Place all of the required system components next to the excavation. Next, set level and alignment strings over the trench to indicate the installed location of the top of the drainage system.



## Step 2

Begin at the discharge end of the run and place the channel on two 4" tall concrete blocks. These blocks should be 4" from each end of the channel to allow the proper amount of concrete embedment along and under the entire length of each channel.

## Step 3

Proceeding upstream, install next channel on bricks at the joints, locking it into the grooves of the proceeding channel. Be sure to place bricks 4" from end of channel. Adjust for alignment.



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## Step 4

With channels aligned, drive two rebar stakes at the upstream end and at the joint of the next succeeding channel.



## Step 5

With tie wire, secure rebar together to ensure a set alignment and to prevent the possibility of floating. See Detail 1.

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## **POLYCAST® 800 Series Installation**

#### Step 6

Whether draining out of an outlet end cap or into a catch basin, the proper drain connections should be made at this time. If using an end cap, it should be glued.



## Step 8

Grates may be wrapped in plastic or masked prior to installation to facilitate clean-up after concreting. Grates must be in place while the concrete is poured around the channels to assure proper alignment.



## Step 7

After repeating steps 4 and 5 until the last channel of the run is installed, attach appropriate end cap and secure into place.



## Step 9

After the system is in place, rigidly anchored and at the correct line and grade, concreting may commence. Concrete should be worked well under the channels and properly vibrated with a finger vibrator. Once the concrete begins to set, the rebar stakes holding the channels in place should be pulled out. The stake hole may be filled by tamping with the stake as it is removed.

**NOTE:** *POLYCAST*<sup>®</sup> *drain channels <u>must</u> <i>be* 

isolated from slab movement, and <u>must</u> <u>not</u> be used as construction joints, control joints

or expansion joints.

## Step 10

When pouring the slab, a slope of 1/8" or more per foot is preferred for 2' on each side of the channel to ensure complete drainage of the slab. After slab has cured, grates should be unwrapped and, if necessary, bolted to channel.

## **Retrofit Installation**







## Step 1

When installing the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> system for a retrofit application, the trench drain channels can be installed by suspending the system within the excavated trench. This can be accomplished by cutting the existing slab a minimum of 14" wide to ensure at least 4" of working room around the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> system.

#### Step 2

Excavate the trench deep enough to ensure a minimum of 4" or an amount equal to the slab thickness of concrete below each channel. The channels can now be suspended by using 2" x 4" boards approximately 30" in length to span the width of the trench and be supported by the existing slab. A slab designer should be consulted to determine if concrete reinforcing steel will be required.

## Step 3

Drill a 1/2" hole into the 2" x 4"s along the center line of the new trench. Then insert a 3/8" - 16UNC x 4-1/2" bolt and washer (supplied by others) through the 2" x 4"s and thread into the locking bar (available from Polycast).

#### Step 4

The channels may then be lifted into place and fastened by inserting the locking bars into the channel locking bar pockets. To prevent birdbaths next to the channel, place a shim between the top of the channel and the  $2^n \times 4^n$  to ensure that the channel will be **slightly** lower than the existing slab.

## Step 5

The bolts can now be tightened, and the 2" x 4"s must be fastened down to **prevent the channels from floating**. Gratings should be wrapped with 6 mil. visqueen (for ease of clean-up), placed between the 2" x 4"s and installed into the channels to prevent the wet concrete from squeezing the channel sidewalls inward.

## Step 6

Place the concrete, using industry standards, and remove the 2" x 4"s once the concrete has reached initial set. Finish concrete to match existing floor finish and reinstall gratings and locking devices.

#### NOTE: DO NOT groove the concrete along the channels!

Joint sealant may be applied during installation if required by specification or local code. Single part urethanes or Vinyl Ester sealants are recommended.

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**NOTE:** Use of 1/2" shims at the channel, as illustrated, will help to prevent water ponding adjacent to the drain channels.

**NOTE:** Use of 1/4" shims at the floor, as illustrated, facilitates concrete finishing.

## Accessories

#### **System Turns and Intersections**

The POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> drain system may be assembled with right turns, tee intersections and angled turns in either of two ways:

- 1) **Pipe Outlet Caps:** Outlet end caps fit 4" Schedule 40 PVC pipe and are available to fit all channels ending with a 5, 0, N or H.
- 2) Channel Miters and Tees: Turns and tees in the system may also be accomplished by sawing the channels and assembling them directly. A right turn is made by sawing the two channels involved with a miter cut and then bonding them together with an epoxy adhesive. Tee intersections require both channels being joined to be cut. On the side of the channel being entered, make two vertical saw cuts 5-1/4" apart from the top of the channel to the bottom of the tongue on the entering channel. Then cut horizontally across the bottom of the two vertical cuts. Remove the piece just formed with a hammer. Make two vertical cuts on the entering channel, 1" from the end down and 2" down. Remove the two small pieces with a hammer and fit the two channels together. Epoxy grout can be used on the rough edges of these joints after assembly is complete.





#### **Piping Connections**

Cutouts are designed into various components of the polymer concrete POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> drain system for connection of PVC or ductile iron pipe to catch basins, pipe to channels, and channels to catch basin transitions. For piping connections, the connecting pipe butts against the recessed lip in the cutout/flange. Remove the cutouts by pre-drilling (1/4" masonry drill bit recommended) closely spacing the holes. Remove the bridges between the holes using a hammer and cold chisel. Bridges can be smoothed by grinding or carefully chipping with a hammer. Fit the pipe into place and fill the gap between the pipe stub and flange using urethane caulk or a 2-part epoxy grout.



## Accessories

#### **Locking Devices**

Locking devices are available to prevent grate chatter and damage to channels. The locking device, a flat bar twisted into the offset pockets inside each channel and bolted to the grate, can be easily removed to clean the channels.





## **POLYCAST® Installation Chair**

The POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> Installation Chair supports the ends of the channels, aligns and locks the joint rigidly together, prevents the channels from floating and allows for the easy adjustment of channel elevation. The Chair is attached under the channels being joined by tightening the alignment bolts into the channel "dimples". Two pieces of rebar are set every 4' to correspond with the channel joints, placed through the rebar connecting clamp on the alignment chair and driven into the sub-base. The channels are then aligned and adjusted to achieve the proper elevation.

## **Extender Panels**

Part No. 660 for 48" lg. and

Part No. 660H for 24" Ig.

The Extender Panel Set provides additional design flexibility in meeting requirements of extended run lengths and/or higher flow capacities. The Extender Panel adds an additional depth of 7-13/16". All 600, 700 and 800 frame and grate systems are available. Extender Panels are available in 48" and 24" lengths.

**NOTE:** It is sometimes easier to set the channels slightly high. Then lower the channel to the proper height by tapping the rebar down. Channel elevations can be checked with a laser level or string line.



#### **Catch Basins**

Catch Basins are available for collection points, drain run transitions and interceptors to collect solid debris. They are designed to accommodate all drain channel sizes.



## **End Caps**

Solid end caps, drain inlets and outlets in a variety of sizes are available for pipe connections with the 500, 600, DURAGUARD<sup>®</sup>, 700 HARDNOSE, and 800 Series.

#### NOTE: Trim end caps to top of grating.







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- 2. Spacers must be installed between the grate and the POLYCAST® channel on one side prior to pouring concrete to alleviate tight fitting
- 3. All reinforcement bar details and expansion joints are to be developed by the slab designer. Parallel expansion joints should be no closer than
- 4. The average slope of each sloped channel is 0.64%.
- 5. In the event that any non-pneumatic tire traffic or traffic which exceeds 20 mph is to occur on any part of the drain surface or grate, 700 Series HARDNOSE channels must be used for these areas.
- 6. Prolonged exposure to ambient, service or surface temperatures of 120°F or greater requires the use of vinyl ester channels.
- 7. For specific chemical and temperature requirements, refer to Polycast's Corrosion Resistance Guide for Polymer Concrete.
- 8. Miter cuts shown are to be field cut by others.



#### DETAIL 12 **CORDED 600 SERIES CHANNELS**

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## **Detail Drawings**



## **800 Detail Drawings**





CHANNEL EVACUATION DETAILS

#### NOTES

- 1. The grates must be secured with the lock down mechanism when the system is in use.
- Spacers must be installed between the grate and the POLYCAST<sup>®</sup> channel on one side prior to pouring concrete, to alleviate tight fitting grates.
- All reinforcement bar details and expansion joints are to be developed by the slab designer. Parallel expansion joints should be no closer than 6" from side of drain channel.
- 4. When the fluid is expected to be above 120° F, a polyester channel is not recommended, vinyl ester should be considered.
- 5. For specific chemical and temperature requirements, refer to the Polycast Chemical Guide.
- 6. Miter cuts shown are to be field cut by others.

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