Installation Guide Access Covers



GENERAL

The installation of cast iron access covers and mild streel grates and frames are relative to the specific use of the product.

Light Duty Applications	Medium Duty Applications	Heavy Duty Applications
– Class B	– Class C	– Class D
Private and shared residential property. Suitable for vehicles accessing driveways and footways. Low speed only. Purpose – residential driveways. Unit sites. Parklands. Residential car parks.	Residential roads and car parks trafficable to vehicles. Purpose – areas with slow moving traffic and minor roads.	Major roads including freeway and motorway shoulders. Warehouses and loading docks. Purpose – major roads.
Nominal wheel loading ¹ 2670kg	Nominal wheel loading ² 5000kg	Nominal wheel loading ³ 8000kg

STEP

1. Preparation

Ensure the Class of product suits the traffic application.

2. Position Cover in Frame

- Clean all cover and frame matching surfaces to ensure they are free of excess dirt.
- Cover and frame edges must be level.
- Installation bolts must be identified and removed just prior to infilling the covers.
- Ensure the frame is flat and level with the finished surface level required.
- Ensure the frame is square around the cover and that the cover does not rock.
- Fit plastic plugs into keyholes.

3. Pour Concrete

- Concrete must be of at least 32Mpa.
- Ensure all concrete is free of voids.
- Ensure that concrete is vibrated, particularly under the frame, and the concrete both under the frame and inside the cellular frame structure reaches the same Mpa as the base concrete.
- Screed of excess concrete to a neat finish (cover ribs and edges should be visible).
- Allow to cure before attempting to remove cover as early movement may distort the frame and affect the seal.

4. Strip & Seal

- After curing period, remove cover.
- Strip out formwork.
- Ensure concrete FULLY supports the frame and is free from all voids.
- Clean and apply heavy grease to all mating surfaces before returning cover to its original position.

¹ AS3996:2019 Access covers and grates, Table 3.1.

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