

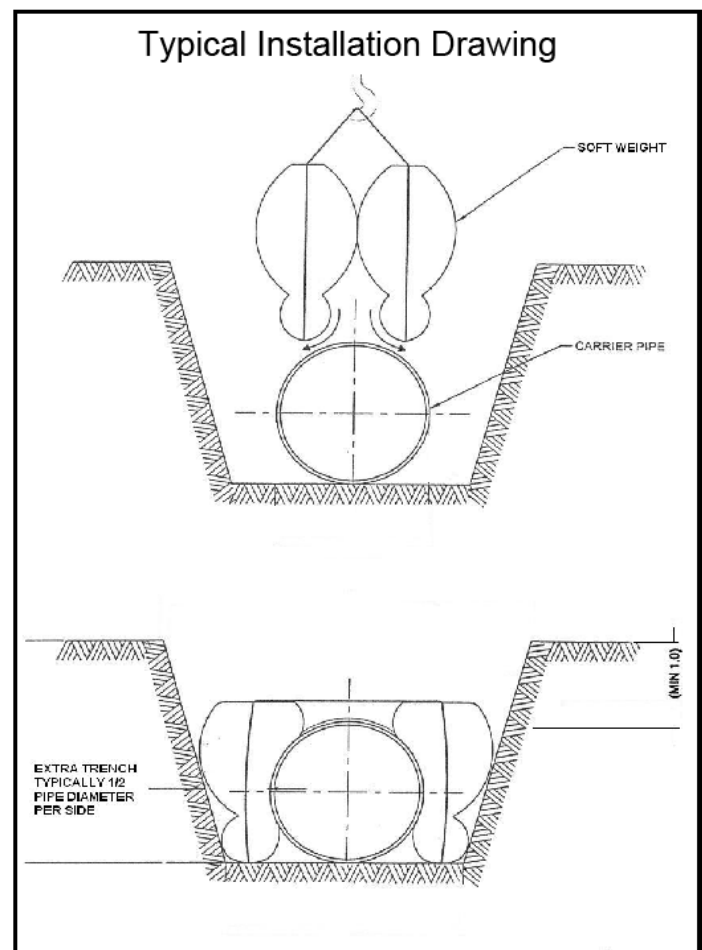
Depth of Cover and the PipeSak® Geotextile Fabric Weight

For good reason, pipeline installation specifications often call for a pipelines depth of cover to be taken from the top of pipe or other 'appurtenances'.

Like mainline valves, fittings, etc., **concrete pipeline weights** are often considered an *appurtenance* to the pipeline since they are solid and if ever struck from above, could react as if attached to the pipeline. Over the life of a pipeline, if anything from the surface (i.e. a farmer's plow, 3rd party excavators, etc.) were ever to come in contact with a concrete weight there is a real likelihood the pipeline would get damaged.



PipeSak® style weights are **soft** with only the top webbing and fabric exposed to any potential contact from the surface. If a plow or excavator was ever to mistakenly come in contact with a **PipeSak®** there is nothing that would get *driven* into the pipeline. In fact, a case can be made that a **PipeSak®** acts as a soft, **advance warning** for anyone digging near a hot line – serving a similar purpose as caution tape.



The **PipeSak® Buoyancy Control System** allows for a shallower trench and helps owners, engineers and pipeline contractor's benefit with safer, less expensive installations.