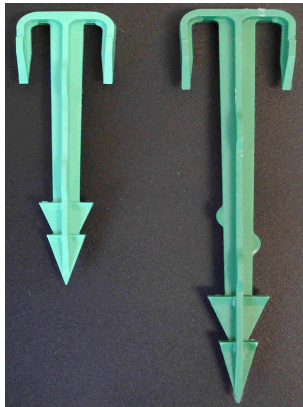


# E-Staple®

A New, 100% Biodegradable Anchoring Staple and installation system



American Excelsior Company offers E-Staple®, a 100% biodegradable turf staple, which is not just another turf staple. E-Staple is the result of years of research and development that has produced the most unique turf staples available today.

## Typical Applications

- Environmentally sensitive projects
- Mowing applications
- Use with Curlex® NetFree™ for a 100% biodegradable project
- Airport construction
- Wetland and irrigation areas
- Coastal projects
- Golf course construction

## Biodegradation / Certifications

- E-Staples biodegrade by a surface attack mechanism triggered by soil microbes naturally present in the soil.
- E-Staples will biodegrade faster in more fertile soil because that means there are more microbes breaking down the material.
- E-Staples biodegrade in cold (43 °F) to hot (180 °F) conditions and do not require a pre-hydrolytic reduction in molecular weight for degradation to begin.
- Pre-hydrolytic reduction generally requires a hot (140 °F – 149 °F) and moist composting step, which is not a common condition for soils where turf staples are used.
- E-Staples will biodegrade completely from the soil in 8-24 months depending on site conditions.
- 100% biodegradation from bacteria in accordance to ASTM 5338 and ASTM 5271

## Material Characteristics

- E-Staple’s unique composition sets it apart from other 100%biodegradable staples.
- E-Staples are comprised of a natural plastic that originates from materials that are abundantly grown in the United States.
- E-Staple composition is Polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) plastic that is made from plant sugars and oils. “Natural plastics” eliminate the use of petroleum-based materials, which ultimately helps reduce our dependency on oil.
- This innovative composition produces unique and unmatched physical and chemical features and benefits.
- All of these features and benefits, along with the independent pull-out testing results vs. other turf staples, are detailed in the E-Staple TechNote.

## Stapler Features

- Greatly expedites installation of 4 and 6 inch E-STAPLES
- Light weight and easy to use
- Should be used for best results in hard soils



## Installation / Packaging

- E-Staples may be installed by hand; however, the E-Stapler™ mechanical applicator greatly expedites E-Staples installation and should be used for best results in hard soils.
- Available in 4 and 6-inch lengths
- Carton of 500 or 1,000



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