



## Root Guiding

The GreenMax Tree Root Guide was designed to prevent root growth from lifting and damaging paving. Its panels feature special guide ribs which redirect tree roots deeper into the soil. The Root Guide can be used within two metres of the tree. Conventional root barriers do not guide roots and therefore offer no stability and limit the growing space.

Research shows that some right-angled 90 degree guide ribs are effective enough to prevent against rotating roots and guide the roots downwards instead. To prevent roots lifting the panels, horizontal ground anchors fix the panels in place. Our panels meet all requirements of root guidance. In addition, the TRG panels are also equipped with a double top edge. The rim prevents root growth over the panels and prevents cracking entry of the screens.

Root guidance has been in use since 1976, invented by the then founder of DeepRoot. The system has proved itself being in thousands of projects ever since. However, it is still essential to use the product in the correct way, which is very simple.

### Material

#### TRG30, TRG45, TRG60, TRG90, TRG105 and TRG120:

- Recycled PP (100% recycled material)
- Injection moulded copolymer polypropylene
- Manufactured in ISO 9002 certified factories
- 90° ribs guide tree roots downwards
- Reinforced double top rib, resistant to repeated foot traffic and against spring roots to prevent overgrowth
- UV-stabiliser additive to prevent adverse effects of sunlight
- Ground anchors to prevent the panel from being pushed up out of the soil
- Produced in Europe

#### TRG30, TRG45 and TRG60:

- Panels are 60 cm wide

#### TRG90, TRG105, and TRG120:

- These panels can be interlinked in order to bridge any cables or piping encountered
- Panels are 75 cm wide



### Dimensions panel

Type	Panel height	Width	Thick-ness	Per box	Per m <sup>1</sup>
TRG30/LR30	30 cm	60 cm	2 mm	40 PCS	24 m <sup>1</sup>
TRG45/DR45	45 cm	60 cm	2 mm	26 PCS	15,6 m <sup>1</sup>
TRG60/DR60	60 cm	60 cm	2 mm	20 PCS	12 m <sup>1</sup>
TRG90/LR90	90 cm	75 cm	2 mm	Deliverd by piece	0,75 m <sup>1</sup>
TRG105/LR105	105 cm	75 cm	2 mm	Deliverd by piece	0,75 m <sup>1</sup>
TRG120/LR120	120 cm	75 cm	2 mm	Deliverd by piece	0,75 m <sup>1</sup>



Proven since  
**1976**

**50 years  
warranty**





**Application of Root Guiding Panels all around installation:**

**Type TRG45 Angle 90°, TRG60 Angle 90°**

Protect the surrounding hard landscaping on all 4 sides of the tree with root guide panels. Use the maximum available space within the tree pit to ensure maximum uncompacted soil and free root space for the tree, and a good quality root guidance. Take enough space for the trunk flair as the tree grows to reach its mature size.

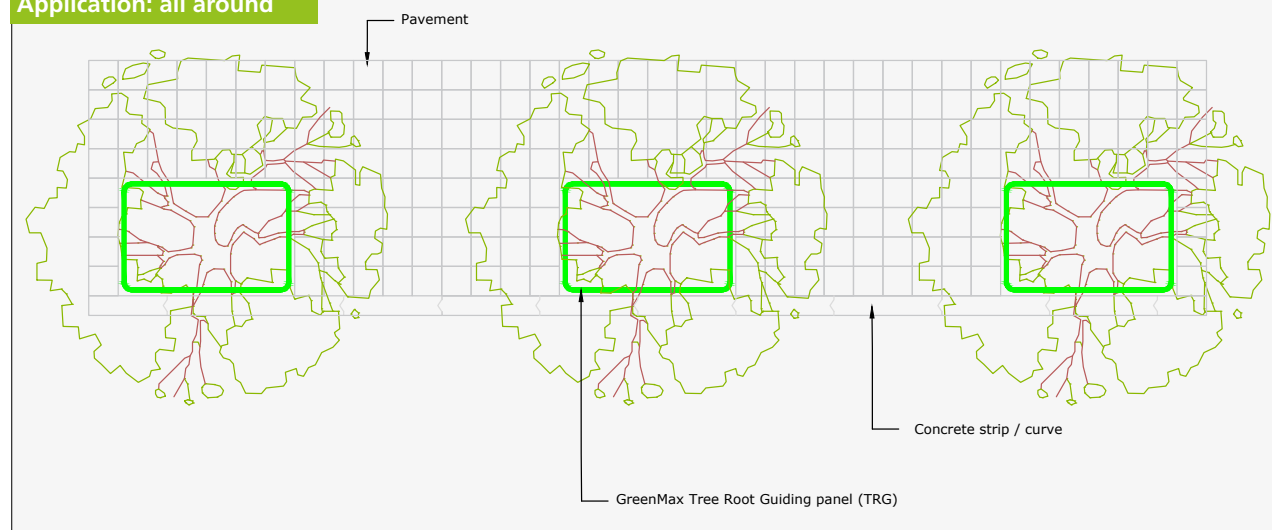


*A Tree Root Guiding panel in an angle of 90 degrees. The corner can be pulled in and out and can be connected on both sides to a Tree Root Guiding Panel so it can be used at all projects of any tree pit dimension.*

**Dimensions panel**

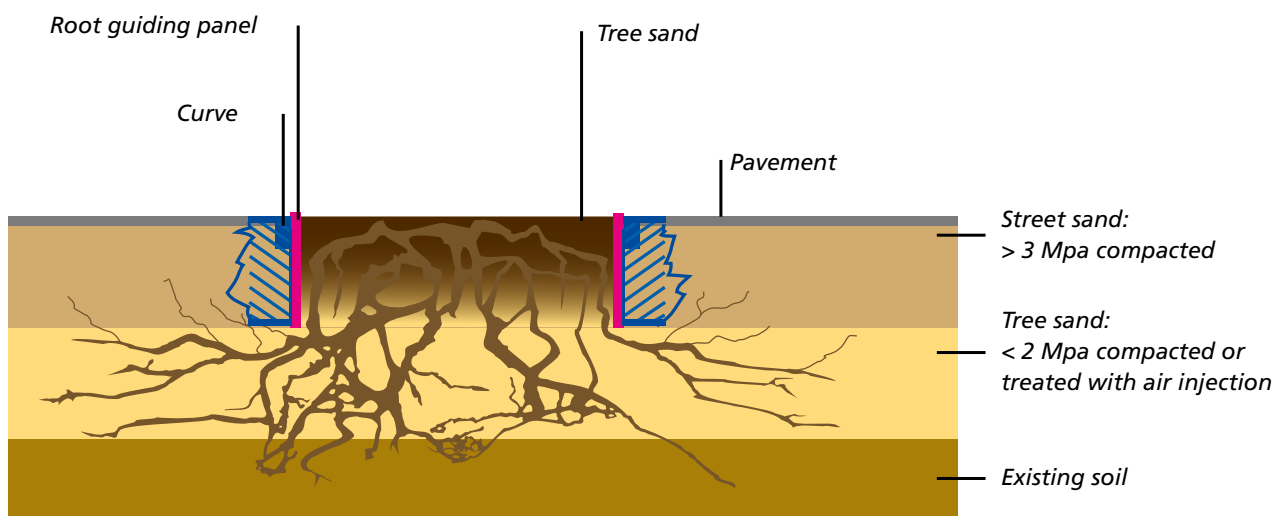
Panel height	Type	Width	Thick-ness	Per box
45 cm	TRG45 Angle 90°	From 48 till 85 cm	2 mm	8 angles per box (suitable for 2 tree pitts)
60 cm	TRG60 Angle 90°	From 48 till 85 cm	2 mm	8 angles per box (suitable for 2 tree pitts)

**Application: all around**





Application of low panels (30, 45 or 60 cm height)



Also applicable in tree granulate



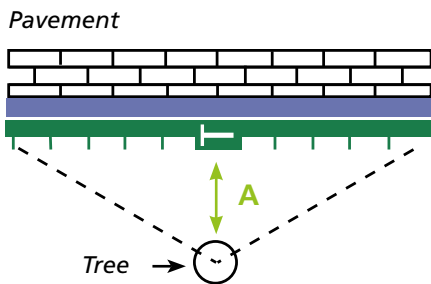
## Application of Root Guiding Panels linear installation:

### Linear installation (all types)

With Tree Root Guiding you ensure maximum protection of the hard landscaping. By using a linear application you give the tree maximum available root space and stability, therefore improving the health of the tree. To protect the hard landscaping the root guiding can be placed directly alongside of the pavement. For cables and pipes, we use the 90, 105 and 120 cm high panels to prevent tree roots from possibly damaging these cables and / or pipes. These types are therefore applied if the trees are too close to cables and pipes. The Root Guiding panels allow the roots to grow deeper into the soil, giving the tree more stability. The roots will no longer grow under the panel when the high panels (90, 105 and 120 cm) are used, so that the cables and pipes remain well protected.



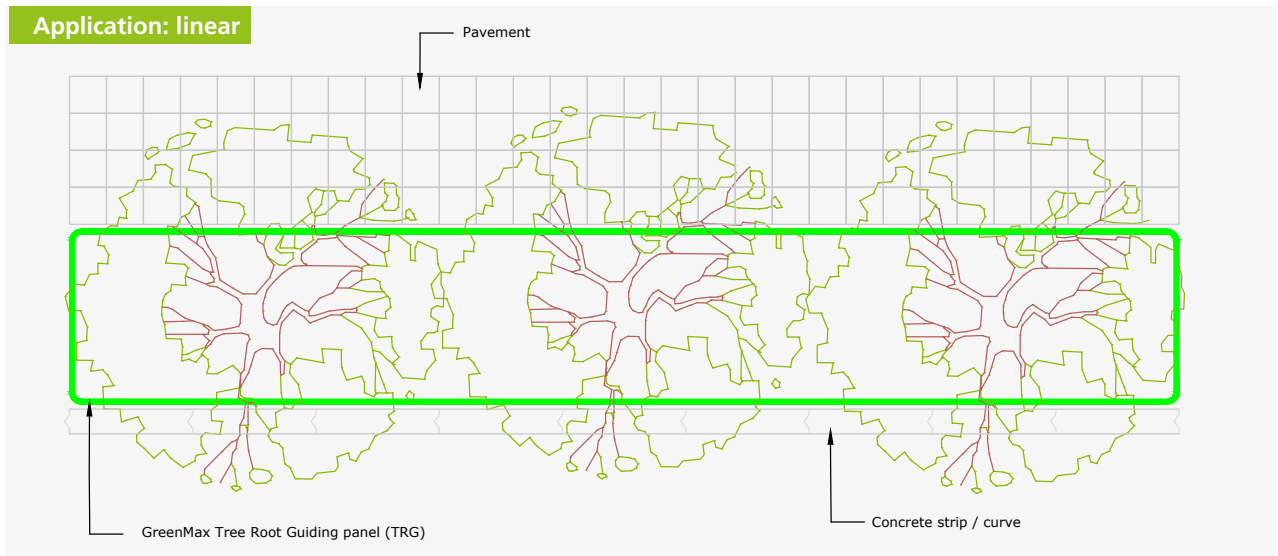
### Tree Root Guide linear installation



Minimum length of panels = 4 x A

Linear installation

### Application: linear





Applications of high panels (90,105 and 120 cm height)

### Other applications root barriers:

#### Root pruning during renovation work

By some pruning of existing tree roots and the use of a TRG Root Guide you can prevent the tree eventually being removed; reducing the need for future root pruning time after time.

Using a Tree Root Guiding system means future damage to the hard landscaping will be a thing of the past. There may be the requirement for the removal of some roots, leading to a temporary decrease in stability. We recommend to seek the advice of a tree specialist or gardener, if this is necessary.

#### Special applications

Root Guidance can also be a solution, for protection against root damage at exceptional situations such as tennis courts, slopes, cemeteries, retaining walls etc. Because of the different dimensions GreenMax TRG panels can be used in different areas with different groundwater levels.

#### RootBlock®

If the wall is positioned more than 2 metres from the tree, you can also opt for a root protection wall to block tree roots. In some cases, it may be more desirable to just block tree roots by means of a root protection screen like RootControl® or RootBlock®, see pages 26-29 in our catalogue for more information.

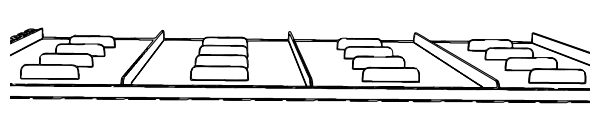


## Functional requirements of root guiding panels:

### 1 Top view of vertical guide ribs on the panel

Only a right-angle with a height of at least 10 mm will prevent roots from continuing their way horizontally along the screen. Vertical 90° guide ribs are perpendicular to the wall at a 90-degree angle. Research has shown that guide ribs at exactly 90 degrees lead the roots downwards; this is not the case with other angles.

Source: James Urban USA 1989



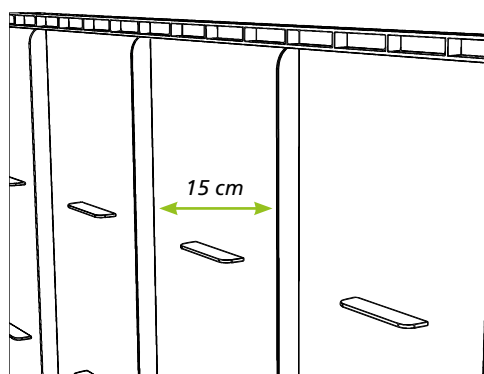
### Vertical ribs exactly 90 degrees



Top view: roots will be guided down vertically

### 2 Horizontal distance between ribs 15 cm at most, uninterrupted downwards

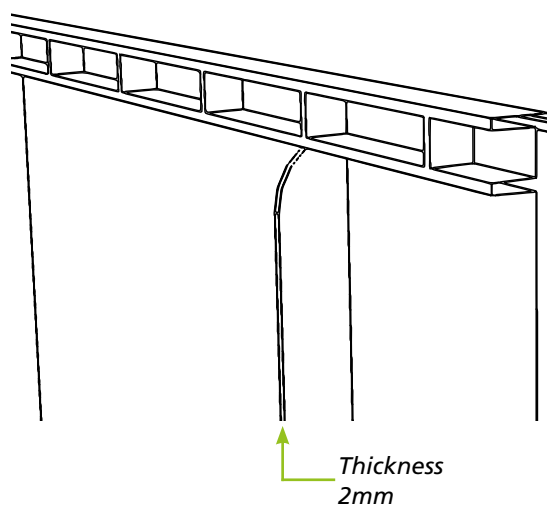
Research has shown that the effect is guaranteed at a distance of approximately 15 cm between the guide ribs; this guarantee has not been proven for other distances. At the end of the ribs, the root continues in its usual way. The ribs must therefore be uninterrupted from top to bottom.



Vertical distance for ribs 15 cm  
Uninterrupted ribs from top to bottom

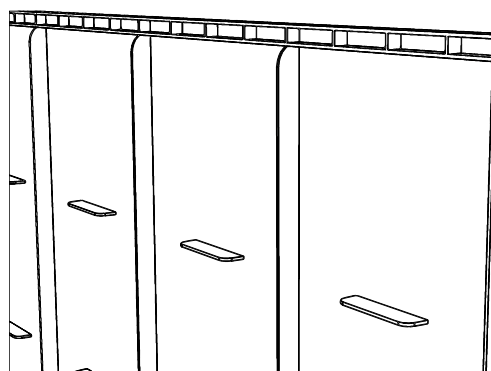
### 3 Thickness of at least 2 mm

Root guide must be at least 2 mm thick to be guaranteed to withstand root penetration.



#### 4 Ground (root) anchors ensure that the screen is not pushed up

Root growth around the horizontal ribs prevents the guide screen from being pushed upwards. The roots hold the panel, as it were. It is important that these horizontal ribs are perpendicular to the flat surface of the screen and have sufficient surface area, so that the panel does not shoot past the roots when pulled or pushed. The panel, with the side of the guide ribs and root anchors, must always face the tree. It is important for the surface (the surface that prevents it from pushing upwards) of the root anchors to be high enough and distributed across the screen. Multiple smaller anchors have proven to be more effective than a few large anchors.

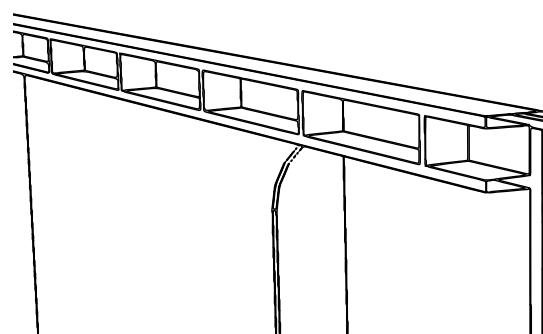


*Root anchors > 40 pieces per m<sup>2</sup> Total surface area of root anchors > 200 cm<sup>2</sup> per m<sup>2</sup> Right angle to the flat surface*

#### 5 A double edge at the top side, to prevent root overgrowth

Root guide screens should ensure that the roots push themselves deeper into the profile. It is therefore important that the screens are always placed high enough (just visible above ground level), so that roots cannot grow over them. The panel sticks out above ground level and the sturdy double edge allows for a visually clean and tidy installation. Research (1985 USA) shows that a double edge is most effective.

A sufficiently wide edge at the top already gives a reduced chance of the roots overgrowing the screen. This edge also ensures that, when walking on the screens, the edge will not be damaged, broken or cut. A broken screen provides instant escape for the roots, reducing the screen's functionality.



*Double top edge at least 10 mm wide and 5 to 10 mm apart*