



Questions to ask before specifying

# TRENCH GRATES

- What **design** are you interested in? ADA compliant ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " max opening) or **heel proof** ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " max opening)?
- Will grates be installed in **other manufacturer's drain body**?  
-If so, what is the drain manufacturer and model?
- If a **custom pattern** is requested, are there drawings or artwork that can be shared?
- What is the (nominal) **width** of the grate?
- How many **lineal feet** of trench are needed?
- What **material** and **finish** is required?  
-Will grates be installed around pools, fountains, salt water or marine areas?  
-Is iron oxidation a concern?  
-Do grates need to be lightweight?
- If the project requires frames by Iron Age, what **frame type** is needed?  
-Note: For "SOR" for pavers on a MORTAR bed – we need thickness of paver + mortar to quote accurately  
-Note: For "SOE" or "SOC" for pavers on a SAND bed – we need thickness of paver + sand to quote accurately  
-Note: Please specify if "split" mounting style is required + the differing conditions on either side of the trench
- How many **runs** are there?  
-Are there specific run lengths (which may require cut grates), or can we round up to nearest whole grate length?  
-For more complex projects, are there drawings showing dimensions and/or run lengths?
- What type of **loads** are you expecting on these grates/frames?
- What is the **project status** (i.e. out for bid, design phase, contractor has the work, customer ready to order, etc.)?
- What is the **PROJECT NAME, LOCATION** (City, State, Zip) and **SPECIFIER**?
- What is the **"SHIP TO" LOCATION** (City, State, Zip)?  
-Are the grates being delivered to a JOBSITE, LIMITED ACCESS, or RESIDENTIAL location?  
-Is a liftgate needed?