

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

# **BENTOMAT® CL**

# **GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER**

## **DESCRIPTION**

BENTOMAT CL GCL is a reinforced geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) consisting of a layer of sodium bentonite between a polypropylene woven geotextile and a polypropylene nonwoven geotextile, which are needle-punched together and laminated to a polyethylene geofilm.



### **TESTING DATA**

| PHYSICAL PROPERTIES                               |                          |  |   |
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| MATERIAL PROPERTY                                 | TEST METHOD              | TEST FREQUENCY                                   | REQUIRED VALUES   |
| Bentonite Swell Index <sup>1</sup>                | ASTM D5890               | 1 per 50 tonnes                                  | 24 mL/2g min.   |
| Bentonite Fluid Loss <sup>1</sup>                 | ASTM D5891               | 1 per 50 tonnes                                  | 18 mL max.  |
| Bentonite Mass/Area <sup>2</sup>                  | ASTM D5993               | 40,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (4,000 m <sup>2</sup> )   | 0.75 lb/ft² (3.7 kg/m²) min.                                |
| GCL Grab Strength <sup>3</sup>                    | ASTM D6768               | 200,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (20,000 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 45 lbs/in (78 N/cm) MARV                                    |
| GCL Peel Strength <sup>3</sup>                    | ASTM D6496               | 40,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (4,000 m <sup>2</sup> )   | 3.5 lbs/in (6.1 N/cm) min.                                  |
| GCL Hydraulic Conductivity <sup>4</sup>           | ASTM D5887               | Periodic   | 5 x 10 <sup>-10</sup> cm/s max.                             |
| GCL Index Flux <sup>4</sup>                       | ASTM D5887               | Periodic   | 1 x 10 <sup>-9</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> /s max. |
| GCL Hydrated Internal Shear Strength <sup>5</sup> | ASTM D5321<br>ASTM D6243 | Periodic   | 500 psf (24 kPa) typical                                    |

#### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bentonite property tests performed at a bentonite processing facility before shipment to CETCO's GCL production facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bentonite mass/area reported at 0% moisture content.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All tensile strength testing is performed in the machine direction using ASTM D 6768. All peel strength testing is performed using ASTM D 6496. Upon request, tensile and peel results can be reported per modified ASTM D 4632 using 4 inch grips.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ASTM D5887 Index flux and hydraulic conductivity testing with deaired distilled/deionized water at 80 psi (551 kPa) cell pressure, 77 psi (531 kPa) headwater pressure and 75 psi (517 kPa) tailwater pressure. Reported value is equivalent to 92 gal/acre/day. This flux value is equivalent to a permeability of 5x10-10 cm/sec for typical GCL thickness. ASTM D 5887 testing is performed only on a periodic basis because the membrane is essentially impermeable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Peak value measured at 200 psf (10 kPa) normal stress for a specimen hydrated for 48 hours. Site-specific materials, GCL products, and test conditions must be used to verify internal and interface strength of the proposed design.