Granular sodium bentonite GCL

0.50 mm LDPE laminate

Needle-punched GCL specifying sodium bentonite granules with no polymer addition and PE bonded to the cover nonwoven. Codes below carry the HDL-GCL prefix.

Specified supply requirements. Confirm the exact grade, source and production evidence before supply. Independent qualification of the finished laminates remains pending.

Property	Test method or basis	Unit	Standard 37 S37U-050	Standard 40 S40U-050	Heavy Duty 37 H37U-050	Heavy Duty 40 H40U-050
GCL components and PE laminate						
Cover nonwoven PP mass	ASTM D5261	g/m²	≥200			
Carrier woven PP mass	ASTM D5261	g/m²	≥100			
Carrier nonwoven PP mass	ASTM D5261	g/m²	Not included		≥200	
Total carrier mass	Component minima	g/m²	≥100		≥300	
Dry bentonite mass at 0% moisture[1]	ASTM D5993 and records	g/m²	≥3,700	≥4,000	≥3,700	≥4,000
PE film thickness and resin	Nominal construction	mm	0.50 LDPE			
Bentonite properties						
Polymer addition	Formulation declaration	-	None			
Swell in reagent water[2]	ASTM D5890	mL/2 g	≥24			
Fluid loss[2]	ASTM D5891	mL	≤18		≤16	
Moisture content	ASTM D5993	%	≤13			
GCL properties						
Tensile strength MD and CMD	ASTM D6768	kN/m	≥10 / ≥10			
Internal GCL peel strength	ASTM D6496	N/m	≥360			
Static puncture strength CBR	EN ISO 12236	N	≥1,600		≥2,500	
Hydrated peak internal shear at 10 kPa normal stress	ASTM D6243	kPa	≥30		≥35	
PE to cover peel in bonded areas	Agreed PE/NW procedure	N/m	≥300			
Hydraulic properties of the GCL core[3]						
Hydraulic conductivity in fresh water	ASTM D5084 GCL setup	m/s	$\leq 5.0 \times 10^{-11}$		$\leq 3.0 \times 10^{-11}$	
Fresh water index flux q10[4]	ASTM D5887	m³/m²/s	$\leq 2.7 \times 10^{-9}$			
Longitudinal joints and supply dimensions						
Released PE zone at long edges	Specified edge detail	mm	400			
Direct GCL contact and PE overlap	Separate minimum widths	mm	≥300 / ≥300			
Roll width and length	Common supply format	m	5 × 30			

1 Specified lower and upper limits, not MARV. Dry bentonite excludes polymer, geotextiles, adhesive and PE; verify the clay fraction. Film thickness is nominal. Verify each construction; added clay mass does not establish higher performance.

2 ASTM D5890: reagent water (distilled/deionised), at least 16 h after the final increment; extend/report as the method requires. Sodium bentonite identity and no polymer addition require source and batch declarations. Saline swell and saline conductivity are not declared.

3 GCL core values exclude PE and joints. Agree confinement, gradient, hydration, liquid and equilibrium criteria. For chemicals, use ASTM D6766 within scope and report adaptations. Durability, cycling and protection qualification is pending. Landfill compliance is not declared.

4 The Standard-grade fresh-water flux limit is adopted from Heavy Duty on a same-bentonite assumption and requires ASTM D5887 verification. Hydraulic behaviour also depends on construction and confinement.

Select for compatible low-salinity rainwater or subgrade moisture. Consider the polymer grade for greater drying resistance or aggressive hydration liquids, with formulation-specific testing. Cover promptly; permanent exposed service requires separate design.

The 0.50 mm manufacture and extrusion sealing require qualification for the actual film, filler and assembly. No wedge welding. Use issued end-joint and repair details. GM13/GM17 compliance is not declared. Agree order dimensions and cores.