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GEM Ground Enhancement Material

Power Utilities

Ground Enhancement Material (GEM) is a superior conductive material that solves your toughest grounding problems. It is the ideal material to use in areas of poor conductivity, such as rocky ground, mountain tops and sandy soil. GEM dramatically reduces earth resistance and impedance measurements. Furthermore, GEM may reduce the size of the grounding system where conventional methods are unsatisfactory. Once installed, GEM is maintenance-free, not requiring periodic charging or the presence of water to maintain its conductivity.

Third-party testing has been completed to verify that GEM conforms to IEC® 62561-7. This standard introduces a benchmark for electrical performance and corrosion of earth enhancement materials that has been absent from the industry to date.

nVent ERICO offers GEM Calculator software that provides resistivity values for common GEM applications and can help estimate the amount of GEM required for an installation. It operates in four languages - English, Spanish, French and German - and performs calculations in Imperial or Metric units. The GEM Calculator is available for download on our website at erico.com.

FEATURES

- Maintains constant resistance for the life of the system once in its set form
- Performs in all soil conditions even during dry spells
- Does not require periodic charging treatments or placement
- Does not require the continuous presence of water to maintain its conductivity
- Fully sets within 3 days, fully cures within 28 days
- Does not dissolve, decompose, or leach out with time
- Non-corrosive
- Reduces vandalism and theft since conductors are hard to remove from concrete
- Easy-to-handle 25 lb (11.3kg) bags or buckets
- Requires only one person to install
- Exceeds IEC® 62561-7 which sets the benchmark for corrosion, leaching, sulfur content, and other environmental regulations

Complies to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), EPA test method 1311

Can be installed using trench or ground rod backfill methods

SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Weight: 11.360 kg

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Catalog Number	Article Number	Packaging
GEM25A	163670	Bag with handles
GEM25ABKT		Plastic bucket with locking lid

Estimated Linear Feet of Ground Conductor Covering with Each Bag of GEM

Trench Width	Total Thickness of GEM		
	10.2 cm	12.7 cm	15.2 cm
10 cm	1.0 m	0.8 m	0.7 m
15.2 cm	0.7 m	0.5 m	0.4 m
20.3 cm	0.5 m	0.4 m	0.3 m
25.4 cm	0.4 m'	0.3 m	0.3 m
30.5 cm	0.3 m	0.3 m	0.2 m

Suggested Specifications

Parameter	Recommended Values	Test Method
Standards Compliance		Full compliance to IEC 62561-7 EPA Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), test method 1311
Leaching	Arsenic < 1.5 mg/L, Barium < 60 mg/L, Cadmium < 0.15 mg/L, Chromium < 3.0 mg/L, Lead < 1.5 mg/L, Mercury < 0.06 mg/L, Selenium < 1.0 mg/L	EC 62561-7 EN 12457-2
Sulfur Content	< 2%	ISO 14869-1
Resistivity	<2 Ω-cm for powder <20 Ω-cm for mixed and cured material	Compressed powder according to ASTM G187-12 Mixed and cured per ASTM D991-89
Corrosion Performance	For copper-plated earth electrodes, the polarization resistance shall be > 8 Ω x m2 for aggressive environments For galvanized earth electrodes, the polarization resistance shall be > 7.6Ω x m2 for aggressive environments	IEC 62561-7, Sec 5.5, aggressive environment
Flexural Strength	300-450 psi [2070-3100 kPa]	ASTM C293
Compressive Strength	100-200 psi [690-1390 kPa] after 672 hours curing time	ASTM C109

Estimated Bags of GEM for Backfilling Around Ground Rods to a Density of 63.5 lb/ft ³ (1,017 kg/m³)													
Diameter of Hole		ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m	ft	m
Inches	Centimeters	5	1.5	6	1.8	8	2.4	10	3	15	4.6	20	6.1
4	10.2	2		2		2		3		4		5	
6	15.2	3		3		4		5		8		10	
8	20.3	5		6		8		9		14		18	
10	25.4	7		9		12		14		21		28	
12	30.5	10		12		16		20		30		40	

WARNING

nVent products shall be installed and used only as indicated in nVent's product instruction sheets and training materials. Instruction sheets are available at www.nvent.com and from your nVent customer service representative. Improper installation, misuse, misapplication or other failure to completely follow nVent's instructions and warnings may cause product malfunction, property damage, serious bodily injury and death and/or void your warranty.

⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including silica and hexavalent chromium, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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