

# GEOHERMAL GROUT™

## ENHANCED THERMALLY CONDUCTIVE GROUT



### DESCRIPTION

GEOHERMAL GROUT is a specially blended high solids bentonite that can be mixed with sand in a two-part thermally conductive grouting material to improve the performance of ground source heat loop applications. GEOHERMAL GROUT is an easy pumping grout that has been carefully developed to efficiently suspend solids (silica sand) for enhanced thermal conductivity. GEOHERMAL GROUT can be mixed to meet a range of thermal conductivity (TC) from 0.40 to 1.40 Btu/hr/ft/F. *TC values can be measured with a variety of testing methods and values can vary widely based on the differing methodologies as well as the quality of the sand added.* The table at the bottom of this page states values based on 2 different testing methods for comparison. GEOHERMAL GROUT is certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals - Health Effects.

### ADVANTAGES

GEOHERMAL GROUT improves the efficiency and performance of ground source heat loop systems by matching the thermal conductivity of the surrounding soil and creating a permanent flexible seal to prevent aquifer contamination. Depending on site soil conditions, GEOHERMAL GROUT can be mixed and adjusted to meet individual thermal conductivity requirements, improving the transfer of heat between the fluids circulated in the loop and the surrounding soil for optimum system performance.

### TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Batch Yield	16.4 - 43.5 gal/batch
Grout Weight	10.2 - 14.6 lb/gal
Max Particle	<300 µm
Percent Solids	30.0 - 71.0%
Permeability	<5.2x10 <sup>-9</sup> cm/s
Specific Gravity	2.62 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Thermal Conductivity	0.4 - 1.40 Btu/hr/ft/F <i>(TC values will vary depending on testing method and the quality of sand used)</i>

### MIXING AND APPLICATION

Place freshwater in a paddle-mixing tank of a commercial grout mixer. Start the grout mixer paddle, and add one 50-lb bag of GEOHERMAL GROUT to the water. Mix for about 1 minute. Add silica sand at a steady rate (1 to 2 minutes), and continue mixing for about 2 minutes to obtain a consistent mixture. Pump with a positive displacement piston pump through a tremie pipe at a rate of 5 to 15 gallons per minute.

Btu/hr/ft/F (D-5334)	Btu/hr/ft/F (C-518)	Silica lb	Water gal	Yield gal	Weight lb/gal	Total Solids
0.40	0.53	0	14	16.4	10.2	30.0%
0.85	1.00	200	16	28.0	13.7	65.2%
0.90	1.05	250	17	31.3	14.1	68.0%
0.95	1.10	300	19	35.7	14.2	69.0%
1.00	1.25	350	20	39.1	14.5	70.5%
1.05	1.40	400	22	43.5	14.6	71.0%

Thermal conductivity values are based on ASTM D-5334 and C-518 procedures. Testing performed by the CETCO Laboratory uses the D-5334 method. (see page 3)

### PACKAGING

50 lb bag, 48 per pallet. All pallets are plastic-wrapped.

<b>GEOHERMAL GROUT</b>					
<b>Grout Volume Requirement Table</b>					
<b>Nominal Borehole Size (in)</b>	<b>U-Bend Pipe Size<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>Gallons of Grout/ Linear Foot with Single U-Bend (2 Pipes)</b>	<b>Batches/100' of Bore (@ 65-70% Solids)</b>	
	<b>Nominal O.D. (in)</b>	<b>Actual O.D. (in)</b>		<b>200 lb</b>	<b>350 lb</b>
4.50	3/4	1.050	0.7362	2.68	1.88
	1	1.315	0.6851	2.51	1.76
	1 1/4	1.660	0.6013	2.18	1.54
4.75	3/4	1.050	0.8306	3.03	2.13
	1	1.315	0.7794	2.84	2.00
	1 1/4	1.660	0.6957	2.54	1.78
5.00	3/4	1.050	0.9300	3.38	2.38
	1	1.315	0.8789	3.21	2.26
	1 1/4	1.660	0.7951	2.90	2.04
	1 1/2	1.900	0.7254	2.64	1.85
5.50	3/4	1.050	1.1442	4.18	2.93
	1	1.315	1.0931	3.98	2.80
	1 1/4	1.660	1.0093	3.67	2.59
	1 1/2	1.900	0.9396	3.42	2.41
6.00	3/4	1.050	1.3788	5.03	3.53
	1	1.315	1.3277	4.84	3.40
	1 1/4	1.660	1.2439	4.53	3.19
	1 1/2	1.900	1.1742	4.28	3.01
6.50	1	1.315	1.5827	5.77	4.05
	1 1/4	1.660	1.4989	5.47	3.84
	1 1/2	1.900	1.4292	5.22	3.67

**Note:** U-Bend Pipe Sizes based on ASTM D-3035 and ASTM D-2447 (Polyethylene, IPS-OD)

**How to use this table using #2 Recipe with 200 lbs silica sand:**

Example: 100 bores, each 250' deep with a 5" diameter and a 1" U-bend assembly installed.

1. Find the bore diameter on the left side of the table (5.00").
2. Next, find the U-bend Pipe Size, Nominal O.D. in the next column (1").
3. Looking across this row, notice these bores will require 0.8789 gallons of grout per linear foot.
4. Calculate total batches of *GEOHERMAL GROUT* required for each bore.  
 $3.21$  (from the far right column)  $\times 2.50$  (250' deep/100) = 8.03 batches per bore
5. Calculate the total batches of *GEOHERMAL GROUT* required for the entire project.

8.03 (from step 4 above)  $\times$  100 (total number of bores) = 803 total batches required

**SAND REQUIREMENTS**

In order to comply with manufacturer's *GEOHERMAL GROUT* specifications, the silica sand used must meet the following criteria. To minimize freight cost it is recommended that the sand portion be obtained locally for most projects, following the sand specifications above for grain mesh size. *GEOHERMAL GROUT* can be used with a wide variety of sand sizes. Some suggested specifications are listed below.

<b>Silicon Dioxide: 99%</b>	<b>Grain Shape: Rounded</b>	<b>Moisture: &lt;0.1%</b>
<b>Grain Mesh Size</b>	<b>% Retained</b>	<b>% Cumulative</b>
#40	30-36%	41%
#100	5-6%	94%
#140	4-5%	98%

## **GEOHERMAL GROUT TEST POLICIES**

### **THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY (TC)**

TC testing as required can be performed in the CETCO Laboratory free of charge for the distributor or contractor purchasing the GEOHERMAL GROUT.

- a) CETCO will perform the testing using ASTM D-5334 - *Determination of Thermal Conductivity of soil and Soft Rock by Thermal Needle Probe Procedure*. Testing using ASTM C-518 - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus, can be performed at an outside test facility for an additional charge.
- b) The sample container(s) shall be a minimum of four inches in diameter by at least five inches deep.
- c) The container should be completely filled to the top and covered to prevent moisture loss.
- d) The container should be rigid to semi-rigid and packaged appropriately so no disturbance takes place when shipped for analysis.
- e) CETCO can provide the contractor with a list of laboratories qualified to conduct the TC testing according to acceptable ASTM standards.
- f) Test results will be reported as they become available to the supervising engineer, the installation contractor and CETCO.
- g) CETCO will not be financially responsible for charges billed by independent labs and charges will be billed directly to the supervising engineering firm, CETCO distributor, or installation contractor.

### **SAND**

Sand quality has a direct effect on the TC achieved by enhanced bentonite grouts. Sand quantity needed may vary depending on characteristics. CETCO suggests that sand being considered for enhancing the thermal conductivity of GEOHERMAL GROUT be submitted to CETCO for laboratory analysis prior to commencement of the project. This service is free of charge for the distributor or contractor purchasing the GEOHERMAL GROUT. TC testing as required can be performed in the CETCO lab free of charge for the distributor or contractor purchasing the GEOHERMAL GROUT. The following procedures and policies should be adhered to in order to achieve desired results.

- a) Sand samples should be sent directly to the CETCO lab by the manufacturer.
- b) Sand should be accompanied by a description and sieve analysis from the manufacturer.
- c) Quality of the sand will be analyzed to confirm silica content, roundness, and size.
- d) CETCO will mix the sand into a lab batch with GEOHERMAL GROUT using the same proportions of sand typically required to achieve the thermal conductivity (TC) desired.
- e) TC testing results will determine the quantity of sand required for the job specification.
- f) Results and recommended mix proportions will then be reported to the responsible party.

### **PERMEABILITY TESTING**

Permeability testing as required can be performed in the CETCO Laboratory for \$205.00 per sample for the distributor or contractor purchasing the GEOHERMAL GROUT.

- a) CETCO will perform the testing using ASTM D-5084—*Measurement of Hydraulic Conductivity of Saturated Porous Materials Using a Flexible Wall Permeameter*.
- b) The sample(s) shall be a minimum of five inches in diameter and two inches deep and covered prior to shipment.
- c) Sample container should be rigid to semi-rigid in construction.
- d) If independent testing is required, CETCO can provide the contractor with a list of qualified labs.
- e) Test results will be reported as they become available to the supervising engineer, the installation contractor and CETCO.
- f) CETCO will not be financially responsible for charges billed by independent labs and charges will be billed directly to the supervising engineering firm, CETCO distributor, or installation contractor.