

## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

# ULTRAFINE VX™

## CEMENTITIOUS GROUT

#### **DESCRIPTION**

**Ultrafine VX** cementitious grout is composed of a finely ground mixture of Portland cement, pumice pozzolan, and dispersant. **Ultrafine VX** has an average particle size of three microns, in stark contrast to typical particle sizes of 60 to 70 microns in conventional cements. **Ultrafine VX** grout is formulated with a polycarboxylate-based superplasticizer for minimal bleed and high compressive strengths in soil permeation applications.

## **APPLICATION**

- · Stabilizing weak soils
- Sealing seepage in mines, dams, and tunnels
- · Low permeability grout curtaining
- · Hazardous waste containment
- · Oil well squeeze cementing

## **FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- Smaller particle size will penetrate smaller fractures and finer soils
- Stable North American source of supply
- · Composed of non-hazardous materials
- Lower permeability, means reduced hydraulic conductivity and extended longevity when compared to ordinary Portland cement

## **GROUTING TECHNIQUES**

- · Probe Grouting
- Curtain Grouting

## **HOW IT WORKS**

The chemical synergy created by combining OPC with highly reactive natural pumice pozzolan and polycarboxylate-based superplasticizer allows for a confident design with minimal bleed and high compressive strengths.

## **OPTIONAL ADDITIVES**

- USG Super Superplasticizer only used with Ultrafine VX
- Additional additives may be used based on contractor field tests and project parameters.

## **PACKAGING**

- 44 lb. (20 kg) bags
- 2,000 lb. (900 kg) Super Sacks

## **SHIPPING**

- Motor Class 55
- Non-Hazardous
- Air freight is NOT available

## **MIX PROCEDURE**

These precise mixing instructions must be followed for best results:

- 1. Mixer should be a high-shear "colloidal" mixer.
- 2. Recommended Water/dry grout ratio is 0.8/1 by weight.
- 3. Add water to mixer and set unit on high speed.
- 4. Add pre-determined amount of PC based superplasticizer to water
- 5. Slowly add dry grout to mixer.
- 6. Mix at high speed for two to three minutes.

## **CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Use water with light detergent.

## **PROPERTIES - DRY**

Superplasticizer\*\*: 0.125% by weight Color: Cement gray

Color: Cement gray Visual Particle Size: 90% < 8 microns, SediGraph 5100

average 3 microns

15,110 cm<sup>2</sup>/gram ASTM C-204

Surface Area: 15,110 cm²/gram Loose Unit Weight: 0.497 grams/cc

Specific Gravity: 2.70 grams/cm³ Accupyc 1330

Dry Weight/Wet Volume: 1.01 kg/liter Blaine Fineness: 1.00 – 1400 m²/kg

PROPERTIES – WET (With Addition of .9% USG Super by Weight)
Water/Dry Grout\*\*: 0.8/1 by weight

Specific Gravity\*: 1.54 grams/cc API RP 13B-1 Initial Viscosity\*: 35 ~ 60 seconds API RP 13B-1 Internal Cohesion\*: 1.22 Pascals Lombardi Plate Initial Gelation\*: 2.5 ~ 5.0 hours Wally Baker Shear Vane Final Gelation\*: 4.5 ~ 7.0 hours Wally Baker Shear Vane

Initial Vicat Needle Set\*: 9.33 hours ASTM C-191
Final Vicat Needle Set\*: 9.83 hours ASTM C-191

Period of Workability\*: 2.5 ~ 5.0 hours

Shrinkage\*: -0.0260% ASTM C-490, C-596, C-157

Bleeding\*: 0.50% ASTM C-940
Hydrational Heat\*: 31°C Adiabatic Chamber
Pressure Filtration\*: 0.100 ~ 0.103 min<sup>-1/2</sup> API Filter Press
Sulfate Resistant: Resistant to attack
Permeability\*: 1x10E<sup>-14</sup> cm/sec Tustom Equipment of

Atomic Energy of Canada

## PERFORMANCE

This grout is thixotropic which means it will become stiff if allowed to remain at rest. This is true of all ultrafine cement grouts. The material will re-liquefy when a pressure slightly in excess of the materials internal cohesion is applied. In practice, the grout is kept in motion through the use of a continuous loop grouting setup.

## STORAGE

Store in sealed bags only. Partially used, open bags will take on ambient moisture. Product should be stored in a covered, dry area to avoid exposure to moisture. There are no specific ambient temperature restrictions for storage, however, sudden dramatic changes in temperature that may promote moisture condensation should be strictly avoided.

## SAFETY

Always use OSHA-approved personal protective equipment (PPE). Refer to the SDS for complete safety precautions. The SDS is available by request or via download at avantigrout.com.

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<sup>\*</sup>Varies with water/cement ratio and superplasticizer content

<sup>\*\*</sup>Recommended starting mix