

VOLCLAY VOLTEX®

BENTONITE GEOTEXTILE WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION

Voltex is a highly effective waterproofing composite of high strength geotextiles and 1.10 pounds of sodium bentonite per square foot. The high swelling, low permeable sodium bentonite is encapsulated between a non-woven and woven geotextile. A proprietary needlepunch process interlocks the geotextiles together forming an extremely strong composite that maintains the equal coverage of bentonite, as well as, protects it from inclement weather and construction related damage. Once back-filled, Voltex hydrates and forms a monolithic waterproofing membrane. Voltex contains zero VOC, can be installed in almost any weather condition to green concrete, and most importantly, has proven effective on both new and remedial waterproofing projects worldwide.

Voltex works by forming a low permeability membrane upon contact with water. When wetted, unconfined bentonite can swell up to 15 times its dry volume. When confined under pressure the swell is controlled, forming a dense, impervious waterproofing membrane. The swelling action of Volclay can self-seal small concrete cracks caused by ground settlement, concrete shrinkage, or seismic action; problems over which there is normally no control. Voltex forms a strong mechanical bond to concrete when the geotextile fibers are encapsulated into the surface of cast-in-place concrete.

APPLICATIONS

Voltex is designed for below-grade vertical and horizontal structural foundation surfaces. Typical cast-in-place concrete applications include backfilled concrete walls, earth-covered roofs, structural slabs, tunnels, and property line construction. Property line construction applications include soldier pile and lagging, metal sheet piling, shotcrete and stabilized earth retention walls. Applications may include structures under continuous or intermittent hydrostatic pressure.

Where contaminated ground-water or saltwater conditions exist, use Voltex CR with contaminant resistant sodium bentonite. Voltex CR resists higher levels of the following contaminant's: nitrates, phosphates, chlorides, sulfates, lime and organic solvents.



Certified to
ANSI/NSF 61

Voltex is certified by NSF International to conform with the requirements of NSF Standard 61 - Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects. Voltex is certified as an external protective barrier material for potable water concrete tanks with a 1,000 gallon (3.785 l) capacity or greater.

INSTALLATION

General: Installation guidelines herein are for cast-in-place concrete applications. For shotcrete, precast concrete, and other applications not covered herein, refer to specific Voltex literature or contact CETCO for applicable installation guidelines. Install Voltex in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation guidelines using accessory products as required. Also, use Voltex CR as required for contaminated conditions. Install Voltex with the dark gray (woven) geotextile toward the concrete to be waterproofed. Install Waterstop-RX in all applicable horizontal and vertical concrete construction joints. Schedule waterproofing material installation to permit prompt placement of concrete or compacted backfill. **STORAGE:** Keep Voltex and all accessory products dry prior to backfill or concrete placement.

Preparatory Work: Under Slab: Substrate should be smooth and compacted to a minimum of 85% Modified Proctor density. Concrete Walls: Concrete should be free of voids and projections. Surface irregularities should be removed before installation. Apply Bentoseal to form-tie pockets, construction joints and honeycombs. Tapered form-tie holes extending through the wall should be completely filled with non-shrink grout and a piece of Waterstop-RX centered in the wall. Property Line Shoring Walls: Install Voltex only after proper substrate preparation has been completed and is suitable to receive the waterproofing.

UNDER CONCRETE FLOOR SLABS

Voltex is recommended for use under structural reinforced concrete slabs 4" (100 mm) thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. A minimum 6" (150 mm) thick reinforced slab, if installed over a mud slab. Where hydrostatic conditions exist, install Voltex under footings and grade beams.

Place Voltex over the properly prepared substrate with the dark gray (woven) geotextile side up. Overlap all adjoining edges a minimum 4" (100 mm) and stagger sheet ends a minimum 12" (300 mm). Staple or nail edges together as required to prevent any displacement before and during concrete placement.

Cut Voltex to closely fit around penetrations and pile caps. Install Waterstoppage under cut Voltex edge at detailing and then apply a minimum 3/4" (18 mm) thick fillet of Bentoseal to top of cut Voltex edge at penetrations, pile caps, grade beams, and other detailing. Extend Bentoseal onto Voltex and detail a minimum of 2" (50 mm). For hydrostatic conditions, Voltex should be installed under grade beams and footings. Extend Voltex onto footing a minimum 6" (150 mm) when required to tie into vertical wall waterproofing.

Where property line retaining walls, such as soldier pile and lagging, are used as the outside concrete form, install a Voltex transition course at the base of the wall per "Shoring Wall Transition" instructions within the "Property Line Construction" section herein. Continue the underslab Voltex installation up to the retaining wall overlapping the transition course a minimum 12" (300 mm).

BACKFILLED CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE WALLS

Before installing the first course of Voltex, place Hydrobar Tubes® at the wall/footing transition corner. Butt the ends of Hydrobar Tubes together to form a continuous line.

Beginning at the bottom corner of the wall, install Voltex horizontally oriented with 5-ft. (1.5 m) on one wall and the remainder around the corner on the other wall surface. Cut the bottom edge of Voltex at the corner a minimum of 6" (150 mm) so that Voltex can be extended onto the footing. Fasten Voltex into position with washer headed fasteners a minimum of 24" (600 mm) on center. Then cut and install a Voltex section over the uncovered footing corner area. Apply Bentoseal at the Voltex section to Voltex overlap at the corner.

Install adjacent Voltex rolls of the bottom course horizontally oriented. Each roll should overlap the preceding roll a minimum 4" (100 mm) and should extend onto the footing a minimum 6" (150 mm). At inside wall corners apply a continuous 3/4" (18 mm) fillet of Bentoseal directly in the corner prior to installing Voltex. Stagger all vertical overlap joints a minimum of 12" (300 mm). For hydrostatic conditions, the vertical wall Voltex should cover the entire footing and overlap the underslab waterproofing a minimum 6" (150 mm).

Cut Voltex to closely fit around penetrations. After installing Voltex, trowel a minimum 3/4" (18 mm) thick fillet of Bentoseal around the penetrations to completely fill any space between the penetration and the Voltex edge. Extend Bentoseal onto the penetration and over the Voltex edge 1-1/2" (38 mm). In areas where multiple penetrations are close together, it may be impractical to cut Voltex to fit around each penetration. Therefore, apply a 3/4" (18 mm) thick fillet of Bentoseal around base of each penetration and cover the entire area between the penetrations. Extend Bentoseal 1-1/2" (38 mm) onto the penetrations.

Terminate Voltex at finished grade with a rigid termination bar fastened 12" (300 mm) on center. Embed top edge of Voltex in 2" (50 mm) wide, by 1/2" (12 mm) thick layer of Bentoseal. Backfill should be placed and compacted immediately after Voltex is installed. Backfill should consist of compactible soils, pea gravel, or crushed stone (3/4" or less). Avoid backfill with aggregate larger than 1-1/2" (38 mm). Compact soils to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor density.

NOTE: Voltex is not recommended for masonry block walls. Contact CETCO regarding products and installation guidelines for masonry block foundation walls.

PROPERTY LINE CAST-IN-PLACE CONSTRUCTION

Use Voltex to waterproof various types of cast-in-place property line construction, including: metal sheet piling, soldier pile and lagging, auger cast caisson, and stabilized-earth shoring walls. Following guidelines outline the installation of Voltex on soldier pile and lagging walls. For other property line shoring wall applications refer to the "Voltex Cast-In-Place Product Manual" or consult CETCO. For Shotcrete applications refer to the "Voltex Shotcrete Application Manual" for installation guidelines.

Lagging Wall Preparation: Remove all projections and fill all voids in the retaining wall larger than 1" (25 mm) with non-shrink grout or compacted soil. Aquadrain® drainage composite can be installed over lagging gaps up to 2-1/2" (63 mm) to provide a uniform surface to mount the Voltex. Gaps larger than 2-1/2" (63 mm) should be completely filled with grout, wood, extruded polystyrene (40 psi min.) or compacted soil even if Aquadrain is installed prior to Voltex. Do not use plywood or other surface treatment that leaves the lagging gaps void.

Shoring Wall Transition: At base of shoring wall, install Voltex sheet horizontally oriented (dark gray woven geotextile facing installer) with the bottom edge extending out onto the horizontal substrate a minimum 12" (300 mm) and the top edge of the sheet extending a minimum 12" (300 mm) above the finished slab elevation. Secure Voltex sheet to shoring wall with washer-head fasteners maximum 24" (600 mm) on center. Overlap edges of Voltex sheets a minimum 4" (100 mm). If the slab thickness is greater than 24" (600 mm), install a second full sheet or cut strip of Voltex on the shoring wall to meet the 12" (300 mm) requirement above of the top slab elevation. Overlap top edge of previous sheet and edges of adjacent sheets a minimum 4" (100 mm).

Shoring Wall Installation: Starting at the base corner, install course of Voltex (horizontally oriented) to lagging wall over the previously installed corner transition sheet; with the bottom edge extending down to the wall/slab transition. Secure sheet edges to shoring wall with washer-head fasteners maximum 24" (600 mm) on center. After the bottom horizontal course, Voltex sheets can be installed either vertically or horizontally oriented. Continue Voltex installation up wall to finished grade elevation overlapping adjacent Voltex sheet edges a minimum 4" (100 mm) and staggering all sheet roll ends of adjacent courses a minimum 12" (300 mm). Do not allow Voltex overlap joints to run at same elevation as the concrete pour lift joints; extend membrane past a minimum 6" (150mm).

Prior to installing Voltex at grade, install 1/2" (12mm) thick cementitious wall board (Durock) centered over metal soldier pile from finished grade elevation to specified depth of soldier pile and lagging removal. Remove cement wall board during excavation to terminate system at grade.

Tie-Back Heads: Cut and secure Voltex to fit tightly around all tie-back heads. Then install a Volclay TB-Boot preformed EPDM cover over tie-back heads and other applicable retaining wall anchorage. TB-Boot will cover tie-back heads up to approximately 6" (150mm) diameter. Prior to installing TB-Boot cover, fill cavity of boot with a 50/50 mix of Bentoseal mastic and Waterstoppage (granular bentonite). Install TB-Boot over tie-back head and secure perimeter flange of TB-Boot with fasteners to shoring wall. Cut and secure an extra section of Voltex around the TB-Boot cover; installing the Voltex section over the boot perimeter flange and extending outward from the boot a minimum 12" (300 mm) radius. Finally, install 3/4" (18 mm) cant of Bentoseal around the base of the TB-Boot cover, extending onto surface of Voltex cut section.

Field Fabricated Tie-Back Covers: Depending on the shoring wall construction and size of tie-back heads, site specific field fabricated sheet metal covers (minimum 26 ga.) may be required in lieu of Volclay TB-Boots for tie-back head covers. Field fabricated covers will need to be used over large tie-back heads and where irregular (non-planar) shoring wall conditions exist. Follow TB-Boot installation instructions above using 50/50 mix in cavity of the metal sheet cover and 12" (300 mm) Voltex section around the radius of the tie-back head cover.

Penetrations: Cut and secure Voltex sheet tightly around pipe penetrations. Then cut and secure an extra sheet section around the penetration; extending outward from the penetration a minimum 12" (300 mm) radius. Detail around penetration with 3/4" (18 mm) thick cant of Bentoseal mastic. Extend Bentoseal outward over membrane a minimum 3" (75 mm) radius at minimum 1/4" (6 mm) thickness. With sleeved penetrations, Division 3 work should include filling the gap between the pipe and the sleeve with non-shrink cementitious grout and install Waterstop-RX to both sides of sleeve.

Soldier Pile Stripping: Install a strip of Voltex over all soldier piles with raised lagging hanger bolts, form tie rods, or other irregular surface. Voltex strip should extend a minimum 6" (150 mm) to both sides of the piling. Apply Bentoseal 1/4" x 2" (6mm x 50 mm) to Voltex strip surface along both edges of each soldier pile.

Cementitious Board: Prior to installing Voltex to finished grade, install 1/2" (12 mm) thick cementitious wall board centered over steel soldier pile from finished grade elevation to specified depth that the top of steel soldier pile and lagging will be removed.

Grade Termination: Terminate Voltex at grade with a rigid termination bar fastened 12" (300 mm) on center. A 12" (300 mm) wide strip of UV resistant flashing is recommended to be installed with the termination bar. Embed the top edge of Voltex and termination bar in a 2" (50 mm) wide by 1/2" (12 mm) thick bead of Bentoseal. Coordinate with excavation and backfill operations conducted under Division 2 Work to remove the top few wood lagging timbers and top end of the metal soldier piles per local building code or as specified in the contract documents. Identify and repair any waterproofing damaged by excavation and removal of soldier piling and lagging. Division 2 backfill Work should follow generally accepted practices for backfilling and compaction. Backfilled soils should be added in 6" to 12" (150 - 300 mm) lifts and compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor density.

LIMITATIONS

Voltex should only be installed after proper substrate preparation has been properly completed and is suitable to receive the waterproofing system. Backfilled wall concrete work should use conventional cast-in-place forms that produce a smooth surface.

Voltex is designed for below-grade waterproofing applications where the product is properly confined. Volclay products should not be installed in standing water or over ice. If ground water contains strong acids, alkalies, or is of a conductivity of 2,500 µmhos/cm or greater, water samples should be submitted to the manufacturer for compatibility testing. Volclay Ultraseal SP may be required if contaminated ground water or saltwater conditions exist.

Voltex is designed for use under reinforced concrete slabs 4" (100 mm) thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. Voltex requires a minimum 6" (150 mm) thick reinforced concrete slab if installed over a mud slab. Voltex is not designed for split-slab plaza deck construction.

Voltex is not designed to waterproof expansion joints. Expansion joints are the responsibility of others. Do not use Voltex on masonry block foundation walls. Consult CETCO for special installation guidelines that apply to shotcrete and precast concrete construction.

Voltex installation guidelines contain herein are for cast-in-place concrete applications and do not cover shotcrete or precast concrete applications. Refer to Voltex Product Manuals for additional property line shoring wall construction technique applications. Consult CETCO for applicable products and installation guidelines for applications not covered herein.

TECHNICAL DATA

Property	Test Method	Typical Value
Bentonite Mass Per Unit Area	ASTM D 3776 (mod.)	1.10 lbs. / sq. ft.
Peel Adhesion to Concrete	ASTM D 903 (mod.)	15 lbs./in. (2.6 kN/ m min.)
Hydrostatic Pressure Resistance	ASTM D 5385 (mod.)	231 ft. (70 m)
Permeability	ASTM D 5084	1 x 10 ⁻⁹ cm/sec.
Grab Tensile Strength	ASTM D 4632	95 lbs. (422 N)
Puncture Resistance	ASTM D 4833	100 lbs. (445 N)
Low Temperature Flexibility	ASTM D 1970	Unaffected @ -25°F (-32°C)

SIZE AND PACKAGING

Voltex is available in 4-ft x 15-ft (1.2 x 4.5 m) rolls. Typical roll weight is approximately 70 lbs. (31.7 kg). Voltex is packaged 35 rolls per pallet (2,100 sq. ft. (195 sq. m.)).

ACCESSORY PRODUCTS - Volclay Voltex accessories include:

BENTOSEAL®: patented trowel grade sodium bentonite compound used as a detailing mastic around penetrations and corner transitions. Bentoseal is packaged in 3 gallon pails (36 lbs. (16.34 Kg)).

HYDROBAR TUBE®: 2" (50 mm) diameter x 24" (600 mm) long, water soluble plastic tube filled with Volclay granular bentonite. It is used as a convenient method of adding extra bentonite at the footing/wall intersection. Hydrobar Tube is packaged 32 ft. (9.7 m) per case.

WATERSTOPPAGE®: pure granular Volclay bentonite used to detail critical areas that may require extra Volclay protection. Waterstoppage is packaged in 50 lb. (22.70 Kg) bags.

TB-BOOT®: flexible, premolded EPDM boot for detailing small tie-back head rods and plates. Packaged 10 boots per case.

CEMENTITIOUS BOARD: 1/2" (12 mm) thick cementitious wall board for protection during the removal of steel pile heads of lagging walls at grade.

ASSOCIATED SYSTEM PRODUCTS

AQUADRAIN®: subsurface drainage composite consisting of a heavy filter fabric adhered to a high-strength plastic drainage core. Aquadrain is available in 4 ft. x 52 ft. sheet rolls and a high flow capacity base drain.

WATERSTOP-RX®: expanding bentonite-based concrete joint strip waterstop for use in non-moving concrete construction joints. Waterstop-RX is manufactured in flexible strips that are adhered into place around applicable penetrations with Volclay WB-Adhesive.

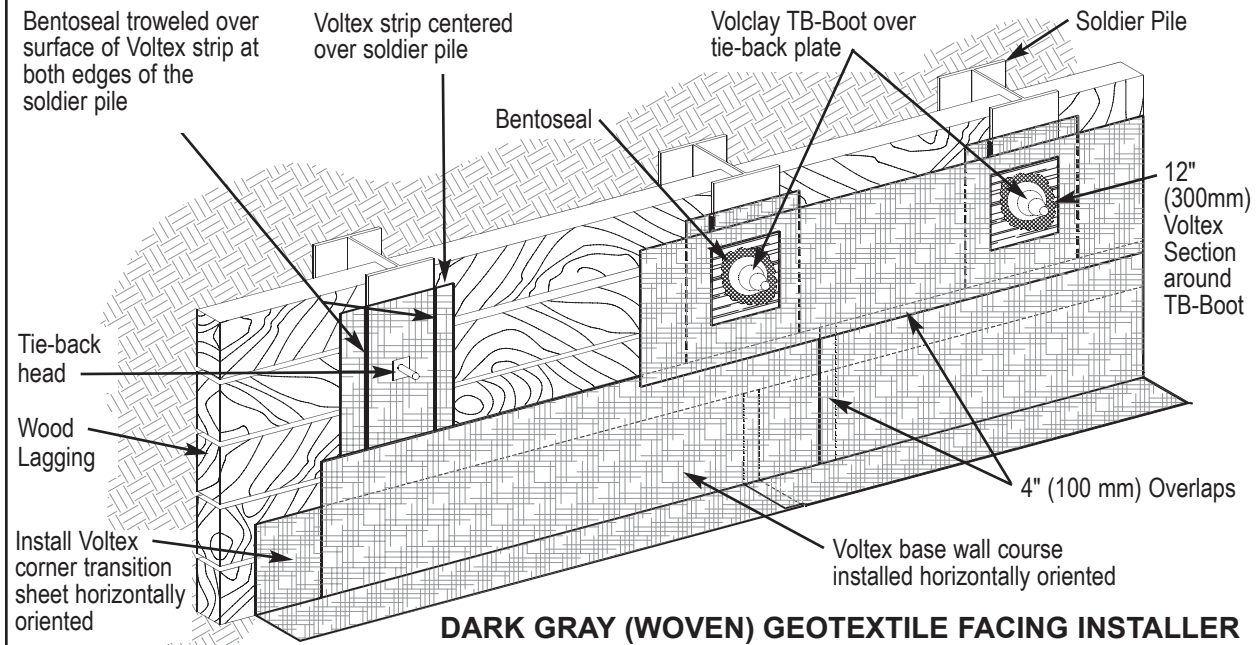
IMPORTANT NOTICE:

CONTACT CETCO FOR VERIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLY WITH ISSUANCE OF VOLCLAY SYSTEM WARRANTY.

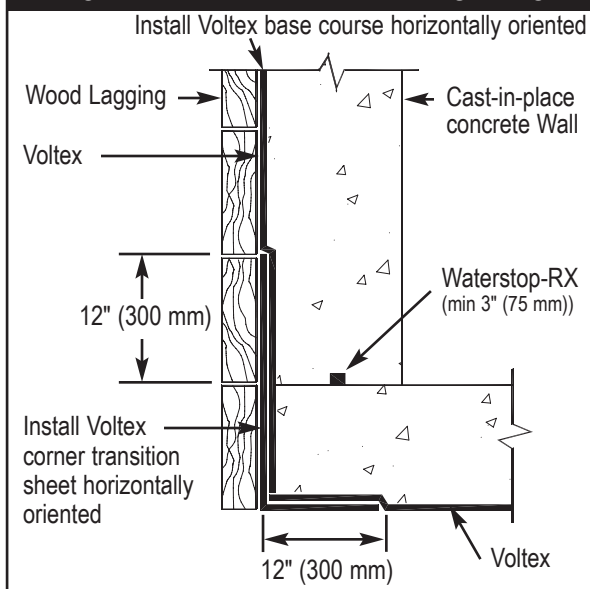
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GENERAL APPLICATION DETAILS

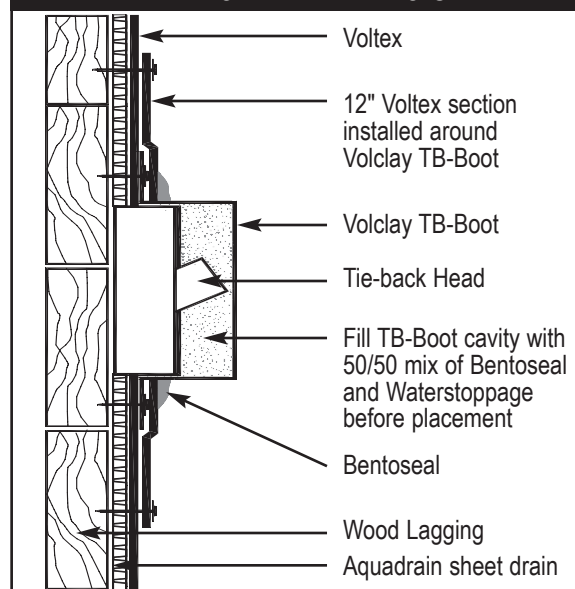
PROPERTY LINE SOLDIER PILE & LAGGING WALL DETAIL



PROPERTY LINE TRANSITION



TIE-BACK HEAD COVER



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(Supersedes All Previous Versions)

The information contained herein supersedes all previous versions printed prior to September 2004, and is believed to be accurate and reliable. CETCO warrants that the product conforms to the specifications published in this literature. Contact CETCO for limitations to the warranty. CETCO reserves the right to update information without notice.

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