Concrete Canvas® GCCM

What is it?
Concrete Canvas® is part of a revolutionary new class of construction materials called Geosynthetic Cementitious Composite Mats (GCCMs). It is flexible, concrete impregnated fabric, that hardens on hydration to form a thin, durable, water proof and fire resistant concrete layer. Essentially, it’s concrete on a roll. Concrete Canvas® GCCM (CC) allows concrete construction without the need for plant or mixing equipment: just add water.

CC consists of a 3-dimensional fibre matrix containing a specially formulated dry concrete mix. A PVC backing on one surface of the CC ensures the material is completely water proof. CC can be hydrated either by spraying or by being fully immersed in water. Once set, the fibres reinforce the concrete, preventing crack propagation and providing a safe plastic failure mode. Concrete Canvas® GCCM is available in 3 thicknesses: CC5™, CC8™ and CC13™, which are 5, 8 and 13mm thick respectively.

Concrete Canvas® GCCM User Benefits

Rapid Install
CC can be laid at a rate of 200sqm/hour, up to 10 times faster than conventional concrete solutions.

Easy to Use
CC is available in man portable rolls for applications with limited access. The concrete is pre-mixed so there is no need for mixing, measuring or compacting.

Lower Project Costs
The speed and ease of installation mean Concrete Canvas® GCCM is more cost-effective than conventional concrete, with less logistical complexity.

Eco-friendly
CC is a low mass, low carbon technology which uses up to 95% less material than conventional concrete for many applications.

Concrete Canvas® GCCM Key Properties

Water Proof
The PVC backing on one surface of the CC ensures that the material has excellent impermeability.

Strong
The fibre reinforcement prevents cracking, absorbs energy from impacts and provides a stable failure mode.

Durable
CC is twice as abrasion resistant as standard OPC concrete, has excellent chemical resistance, good weathering performance and will not degrade in UV.

Flexible
CC has good drape characteristics and will closely follow the ground profile and fit around existing infrastructure. Unset CC can be cut or tailored using basic hand tools.
Concrete Canvas® GCCM Applications

**Ditch Lining**
CC can be rapidly unrolled to form a ditch or channel lining. It is significantly faster, easier and less expensive to install than conventional concrete ditch lining and requires no specialist equipment. The matting can be laid at a rate of 200sqm/hour by a 3 person team.

**Slope Protection**
CC can be used to stabilise and protect slopes as a replacement for shotcrete and steel mesh. It is typically faster to install, more cost effective, requires less specialist plant equipment, and eliminates the risks associated with shotcrete rebound and debris.

**Bund Lining**
CC provides a cost-effective alternative for lining secondary containment bunds. It acts as an effective weed suppressant, reducing maintenance costs as well as providing additional levels of impermeability and fire protection. Its ability to be installed quickly reduces time on site, whilst the availability of man-portable rolls allows for installation in areas with reduced access.

**Remediation**
CC can be used to rapidly reline and refurbish existing concrete structures suffering from environmental degradation and cracking.

**Culvert Lining**
CC can be used as a cost-effective alternative to bitumen spraying or re-building damaged culverts, whilst offering a durable means of providing erosion protection.
Concrete Canvas® GCCM Physical Properties*

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Pre-Set Concrete Canvas® GCCM Properties

Setting

**Working Time**
1-2 hours subject to ambient temperature
CC will achieve 80% strength at 24 hours after hydration.

Method of Hydration

Spray the fibre surface with water until it feels wet to touch for several minutes after spraying.

Re-spray the CC again after 1 hour if:
- Installing CC5™
- Installing on a steep or vertical surface

Notes:
- An excess of water is always recommended. CC will set underwater and in seawater.
- CC must be actively hydrated. For example do not rely on rainfall or snowmelt.
- Use a spray nozzle for the best results (see CC equipment list). Do not jet high pressure water directly onto the CC as this may wash a channel in the unset CC.
- CC has a working time of 1-2 hours after hydration. Do not move or traffic CC once it has begun to set.
- Working time will be reduced in hot climates and increased in very cold climates.
- CC will set hard in 24 hours but will continue to gain strength over time.
- If CC is not sufficiently wetted, or dries out in the first 5 hours, the set may be delayed and strength reduced. If the set is delayed avoid trafficking the material and re-wet with an excess of water.

Refer to the Concrete Canvas Hydration Guide for installation in low temperatures or drying conditions.

- Low Temperature Conditions occur the ground surface temperature is between 0 and 5°C and rising or is expected to fall below 0°C in the 8 hours following hydration.
- Drying Conditions occur when there is one or more of: high air temperature (>22°C), wind (>12km/h), strong direct sunlight or low humidity (<10%).

Post Set Concrete Canvas® GCCM Properties

Based on Concrete Canvas GCCM® hydrated in accordance with the Concrete Canvas® Hydration Guide.

Strength

Very high early strength is a fundamental characteristic of CC. Typical strengths and characteristics are as follows:

- Compressive tests based on ASTM C109 – 02 (initial crack) - 10 day compressive failure stress (MPa) 40
- Bending tests based on BS EN 12467:2004 (initial crack) - 10 day bending failure stress (MPa) 3.4

Tensile data (initial crack)

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Reaction to Fire

CC has achieved Euroclass B certification:
BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009 B-s1, d0
Flame Resistance: MSHA ASTP-5011

Age Testing (minimum 50 year expected life)

- Freeze-Thaw testing (ASTM C1185) 200 Cycles
- Freeze-Thaw testing (BS EN 12467:2004 part 7.4.1) Passed
- Soak-Dry testing (BS EN 12467:2004 part P.5.5) Passed
- Heat-Rain testing (BS EN 12467:2004 part 7.4.2) Passed
- Water impermeability (BS EN 12467:2004 part 5.4.4) Passed**

Other

- Abrasion Resistance (ASTM C-1353) Approximately 7.5x greater than 17MPa OPC Passed
- Manning’s Value (ASTM D6460) n = 0.011 Passed
- Root Resistance (DD CEN/TS 14416:2005) Passed
- Chemical Resistance (BS EN 14414):
  - Acid (pH 1.0) (56 day immersion at 50°C) Passed
  - Alkaline (pH 13.0) (56 day immersion at 50°C) Passed
  - Hydrocarbon (56 day immersion at 50°C) Passed
  - Sulfate Resistance (28 day immersion at pH 7.2) Passed
- Impact Resistance of Pipeline Coatings
  - ASTM G13 (CC13™ only) Passed
- Permissible Shear & Velocity CC8™ (ASTM D-6460):
  - Shear (Pa) 1200
  - Velocity (m/s) 10.7

Product exceeded large scale testing capabilities and was not tested to failure.

To achieve these permissible values, the CC material must be properly anchored with a system designed to meet or exceed these values.

Other Information

- Occasionally there will be a Beam Fault (fabric imperfection under 100mm wide running across the width of a Bulk Roll). This fault is unavoidable due to the manufacturing process and the fault will be clearly marked with a white label. There will be a maximum of (1) one Beam Fault in any Bulk Roll. A joint may need to be made on site where there is a Beam Fault as the material at a fault will not reach the performance specified in this Data Sheet. The maximum un-useable material due to any Beam Fault will be 100mm. There are no beam faults in standard batched rolls.
- Other Information:
  - Indicative values
  - **For containment applications it is recommended to use CC Hydro™

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