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ROOT RESISTANCE TESTING

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**Root Resistance Testing**

*Based on testing to - DD CEN/TS 14416:2005 “Resistance to Roots”*

Concrete Canvas® GCCM (Geosynthetic Cementitious Composite Mat) products have been independently tested by BICS Laboratories Ltd, UK, to assess the Material’s resistance to root penetration on 5mm Concrete Canvas® GCCM (CC5™). The test method used is based on DD CEN/TS 14416:2005 “Determination of the Resistance to Roots”.

The test method involves placing a fully cured sample of CC5™ of diameter 100mm and thickness 5mm, including a typical overlap joint, into soil into which plant seeds are sown. The joint was a standard ‘adhesive sealant’ overlap joint bonded using a single 6mm bead of ‘CT1 sealant’. The plants are then grown over a 10 week period. At the end of the test the samples were examined to see whether the barrier or joints have been penetrated by the roots of the growing plants.

**Summary of Results**

![Figure 1: Upper surface after test. No root penetration](image1)

![Figure 2: Joint after test. No root penetration](image2)

Both the exposed (top) side and underside of the material was examined and in all cases there was no evidence of root penetration through either the material or the joint.
Report Date: 05/08/2014  
Client: Concrete Canvas Ltd, Pontypridd, CF37 5SP  
Contact: William Crawford  
Contract Reference: N/A  
Client PO/Ref No: TBA  
Material Tested: 5mm Concrete Canvas  
Date Received: 23/05/2014  
Sample IDs: CC5-1, CC5-2 & CC5-3 {Overlap Sections}  


If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Report Authorisation:

Ryan Hackney  
Laboratory Manager  
05/08/2014
Material: 5mm Concrete Canvas  
Sample ID: CC5  

1.0 Method

Three samples of CC5 overlap sections (Figure 1) were placed in soil into which seeds of lupin were sown. The seeds were grown during the period 23/05/2014 - 01/08/2014. At the end of the test the samples were examined to see whether the barrier/joints had been penetrated by the roots of the young plants.

2.0 Results

Both the exposed (top) side of the barrier and the underside of the barrier have been inspected, and there is no evidence of penetration (either through the material or the joint) from the roots on any of the samples tested. Photographs have been taken to show both surfaces and joints of the test samples.
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3.0 Photographs

Figure 3. CC5-1 Before the test (upper surface)
Figure 4. CC5-1 Before the test (lower surface)

Figure 5. CC5-1 After the test (upper surface), no root penetration
Figure 6. CC5-1 joint after the test, no root penetration

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Figure 7. CC5-2 Before the test (upper surface)

Figure 8. CC5-2 Before the test (lower surface)

Figure 9. CC5-2 After the test (upper surface), no root penetration

Figure 10. CC5-2 joint after the test, no root penetration

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Figure 11. CC5-3 Before the test (upper surface)

Figure 12. CC5-3 Before the test (lower surface)

Figure 13. CC5-3 After the test (upper surface), no root penetration

Figure 14. CC5-3 joint after the test, no root penetration