

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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P-TTC (PETROCHEM - THIXOTROPIC CEMENT POWDER)

TECHNICAL DATA

• Gypsum cement used in isolation or in combination with Portland cement can be used for capping a gravel plug back, protecting a bridge plug, a temporary plug or similar repairs on gas and oil wells. In situations where openings for effective bridging or squeeze work, gypsum cement can be used to attempt to seal off lost circulation zones. It is also used for killing a well, repairing holes in pipe to set a short surface, or conductor pipe. Neat gypsum cement has a slight water solubility and should not be used where high strength plugs or permanent seals are required. The primary use of gypsum cement is for temporary remedial plugs. Gypsum cement has high gel strength and is a quick setting cement. Accelerators, retarders and temperature significantly affect the thickening time of gypsum cement. Compressive strengths are generally low, but can be increased by adding Portland cement.

EXPANSION

• The Expansion of cement allows penetration into irregular spaces to form tight seals. Gypsum has a linear expansion of 0. 3 % after it has set.

THICKENING TIME

• Gypsum cement is thixotropic in nature and as such develops rapid gel strength once motion stops. This gives it the ability to seal off the channels to which the slurry was previously being lost. Gypsum cement should not be used in wells with temperatures in excess of 180°F as it will not set properly. Pumpability is possible for 80% of the thickening time of gypsum cement. It is important to note however that an increase in temperature significantly reduces thickening time. Several different accelerators and retarders also affect the thickening time of gypsum cement.

STRENGTH

• Within three hours of setting, gypsum achieves a compressive strength of 2500 psi, thus giving it the ability to withstand the weight of a cement or mud column at an early age (See Table). To attain extra strengths in excess of 2500 psi, a 50:50 ratio of Class A Cement and gypsum should be blended. See Table II.

PROPERTIES

- Appearance: Off White (Powder)
- Specific Gravity: 2.70
- Temperature Range: < 180°F

PACKAGING

• P-TTC is packaged in 40 x 50 lb. Sacks / Pallet.

SAFETY

• Read the SDS before use.



TABLE I NEAT GYPSUM 15.0 LB/GAL Compressive Strength, psi

THICKENING TIME **BHCT°F** 3 HRS 8 HRS **24 HRS HRS/MINS** 80 1:15 2800 2750 2900 100 1:00 2850 2900 2950 120 1:05 2800 2850 3000 140 1:05 2800 2800 2850 160 1:00 2400 2350 2250 180 2:35 1100 2150 1050

TABLE II 50/50 CLASS A + GYPSUM

Composition: 47 LB Cement, 50 LB Gypsum, 4.7 Gal Water Slurry Properties: 15.6 lb./gal. 1.16 ft³/sack

Compressive Strength, psi

BHCT°F %	P-LTRL	THICKENING TIME HRS/MINS	3 HRS	8 HRS	24 HRS
80	0.0	0:30	1800	2650	3550