

Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL) Technical Specifications		
Parameter Category	Technical Specification	Test Method
Physical Properties		
Material Composition	Sodium bentonite clay (≥ 5.0 kg/m ²) encapsulated between geotextiles/polymeric membranes	ASTM D5993
Unit Weight	3.8–5.2 kg/m ² (varies by thickness)	ASTM D792
Thickness	5.0–7.5 mm (under 2 kPa normal stress)	ASTM D5199
Roll Dimensions	Width: 4.0–5.8 m; Length: 30–60 m per roll	Manufacturer specs
Hydraulic Properties		
Hydraulic Conductivity	$\leq 5 \times 10^{-11}$ m/sec (after 100h hydration under 20 kPa)	ASTM D5887
Swell Index	≥ 24 mL/2g (free swell in distilled water)	ASTM D5890
Water Holding Capacity	$\geq 400\%$ (by dry weight of bentonite)	GRI-GCL3
Mechanical Properties		
Peel Strength	≥ 65 N/100mm (geotextile-to-geotextile)	ASTM D6496
Grab Tensile Strength	≥ 800 N (machine direction)	ASTM D4632
Shear Strength	≥ 20 kPa (internal under 100 kPa normal stress)	ASTM D6243
Puncture Resistance	≥ 400 N (CBR puncture)	ASTM D6241
Chemical Resistance		
pH Tolerance	2–13 (long-term chemical stability)	ASTM D6141
Cation Exchange Capacity	≥ 70 meq/100g (bentonite quality)	ASTM D7503
Permeability to Chemical Solutions	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-9}$ m/sec (with 0.025M CaCl ₂ solution)	EPA 9100
Durability		
UV Resistance	$\leq 10\%$ strength loss after 500h UV exposure	ASTM D4355
Freeze-Thaw Stability	$\leq 15\%$ swell index reduction after 12 cycles	ASTM D5564
Wet-Dry Cycling	$\leq 20\%$ mass loss after 12 cycles	GRI-GCL8
Installation Parameters		

Overlap Requirement	Minimum 150mm side/end laps (300mm for critical applications)	IGS Guidelines
Anchorage Length	≥600mm in trenches	EPA LINER-98
Seaming Method	Bentonite paste or powder supplementation	GRI-GCL4