## **GEOGRID CONNECTION DESIGN PARAMETERS**

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Test Methods:	ASTM D6638 & NCMA SRWU-1
Geogrid Type:	Miragrid 5XT
Block Type:	Positive Connection (PC) Block

Test Facility: Test Date:

Bathurst, Clarabut Geotechnical Testing, Inc.
 February 17, 2011



#### **CONNECTION STRENGTH TEST DATA**<sup>(a)</sup>

Test	Normal	Peak	Observed
No.	Load, lb/ft	Connection, lb/ft	Failure
1	2,236	5,040	Rupture
2	775	4,860	Rupture
3	5,165	4,444	Rupture
4	2,242	4,343	Rupture
5	1,649	4,658	Rupture
6	3,123	4,680	Rupture
7	2,236	4,838	Rupture
8	3,991	4,444	Rupture

Peak Connection (a	average)	=	4,663	lb/ft
Peak Connection	95% confidence level)	=	4,460	lb/ft <sup>(b)</sup>

#### **CONNECTION DESIGN DATA**

Miragrid 5XT Ultimate Tensile Strength (MARV)	T <sub>ult</sub> =	4,700 I	lb/ft	
Ultimate Connection Strength	T <sub>ultconn</sub> =	4,460 I	lb/ft	
Ultimate Tensile Strength of Geosynthetic Test Sample	T <sub>lot</sub> =	5,334 I	lb/ft	~
Connection Strength / Sample Strength	$T_{ultconn} / T_{lot} =$	0.84		
Short-term Ultimate Connection Strength Reduction Fac	ctor $^{(c)}$ CR <sub>u</sub> =	0.84		
Creep Reduction Factor				
75-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(75)</sub> =	1.56		the constant
100-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(100)</sub> =	1.58		
Durability Reduction Factor <sup>(d)</sup>	RF <sub>D</sub> =	1.15		The second se
Long-term Connection Strength Reduction Factor				
75-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(75)</sub> =	0.54		
100-Year Design	$CR_{cr(100)} =$	0.53		
Nominal Long-term Geosynthetic Connection Strength				
75-Year Design	T <sub>ac(75)</sub> =	2,201 I	lb/ft	
100-Year Design	T <sub>ac(100)</sub> =	2,173 I	lb/ft	

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Geogrid Type:	Miragrid 8XT
Block Type:	Positive Connection (PC) Block

Test Facility: Test Date:

Bathurst, Clarabut Geotechnical Testing, Inc. December 16, 2011

#### CONNECTION STRENGTH TEST DATA<sup>(a)</sup> Normal Peak Test Observed Load, lb/ft Connection, lb/ft Failure No 7,995 1 1,960 Rupture 2 241 7,949 Rupture 7,904 3 1,125 Rupture 4 2.036 7,949 Rupture 2,914 8,269

Peak Connection (average)	=	8,098	lb/ft
Peak Connection (95% confidence level)	=	7,928	lb/ft <sup>(b)</sup>

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#### CONNECTION DESIGN DATA

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Miragrid 8XT Ultimate Tensile Strength (MARV) Ultimate Connection Strength Ultimate Tensile Strength of Geosynthetic Test Sample Connection Strength / Sample Strength Short-term Ultimate Connection Strength Reduction Fact	$T_{ult} =$ $T_{ultconn} =$ $T_{lot} =$ $T_{ultconn} / T_{lot} =$ tor <sup>(c)</sup> CR <sub>u</sub> =	7,400 lb/ft 7,928 lb/ft 8,055 lb/ft 0.98 0.84	
Creep Reduction Factor 75-Year Design 100-Year Design Durability Reduction Factor <sup>(d)</sup>	RF <sub>CR(75)</sub> = RF <sub>CR(100)</sub> = RF <sub>D</sub> =	1.56 1.58 1.15	
Long-term Connection Strength Reduction Factor 75-Year Design 100-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(75)</sub> = CR <sub>cr(100)</sub> =	0.54 0.53	
Nominal Long-term Geosynthetic Connection Strength 75-Year Design 100-Year Design	$T_{ac(75)} = T_{ac(100)} =$	3,465 lb/ft 3,421 lb/ft	

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Normal Load, lb/ft

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Test Methods:ASTM D6638 & NCMA SRWU-1Geogrid Type:Miragrid 10XTBlock Type:Positive Connection (PC) Block

Test Facility: Test Date: Bathurst, Clarabut Geotechnical Testing, Inc. November 28, 2011

#### 10,000 ٠ Peak Connection Strength, Ib/ft 8,000 Tultconn = 8,681 lb/ft 6,000 4,000 2,000 0 1,000 2.000 3.000 4.000 5,000 0 6,000 Normal Load, lb/ft

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#### CONNECTION STRENGTH TEST DATA<sup>(a)</sup>

Test	Normal	Peak	Observed
No.	Load, lb/ft	Connection, lb/ft	Failure
1	1,990	9,046	Rupture
2	228	8,452	Rupture
3	1,147	8,589	Rupture
4	2,067	9,365	Rupture
5	2,918	8,863	Rupture
6	3,830	9,594	Rupture
7	2,067	9,000	Rupture
8	6,000	9,046	Rupture

Peak Connection (average)	=	8,994	lb/ft
Peak Connection (95% confidence )	evel) =	8,681	lb/ft <sup>(b)</sup>

#### **CONNECTION DESIGN DATA**

Miragrid 10XT Ultimate Tensile Strength (MARV)	T <sub>ult</sub> =	9,500 lb/ft	
Ultimate Connection Strength	T <sub>ultconn</sub> =	8,681 lb/ft	
Ultimate Tensile Strength of Geosynthetic Test Sample	T <sub>lot</sub> =	10,635 lb/ft	
Connection Strength / Sample Strength	T <sub>ultconn</sub> / T <sub>lot</sub> =	0.82	
Short-term Ultimate Connection Strength Reduction Factor	tor $^{(c)}$ CR <sub>u</sub> =	0.82	IIII
Creep Reduction Factor			
75-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(75)</sub> =	1.56	
100-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(100)</sub> =	1.58	
Durability Reduction Factor <sup>(d)</sup>	$RF_{D} =$	1.15	A
Long-term Connection Strength Reduction Factor			
75-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(75)</sub> =	0.53	
100-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(100)</sub> =	0.52	
Nominal Long-term Geosynthetic Connection Strength			
75-Year Design	T <sub>ac(75)</sub> =	4,342 lb/ft	
100-Year Design	$T_{ac(100)} =$	4,287 lb/ft	



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### **MIRAGRID 10XT CONNECTION STRENGTH**

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Test Methods:	ASTM D6638 & NCMA SRWU-1
Geogrid Type:	Miragrid 20XT
Block Type:	Positive Connection (PC) Block

Test Facility: Test Date: Bathurst, Clarabut Geotechnical Testing, Inc. December 16, 2011

## CONNECTION STRENGTH TEST DATA<sup>(a)</sup> Test Normal Peak Observed

No.	Load, lb/ft	Connection, lb/ft	Failure
1	2,608	13,797	Rupture
2	802	13,980	Rupture
3	1,654	13,934	Rupture
4	2,521	14,299	Rupture
5	3,527	12,837	Rupture
6	4,302	13,797	Rupture
7	2,573	14,345	Rupture
8	5,196	13,706	Rupture

### MIRAGRID 20XT CONNECTION STRENGTH



#### **CONNECTION DESIGN DATA**

Miragrid 20XT Ultimate Tensile Strength (MARV)	T <sub>ult</sub> =	13,705 lb/ft			
Ultimate Connection Strength	T <sub>ultconn</sub> =	13,447 lb/ft			
Ultimate Tensile Strength of Geosynthetic Test Sample	T <sub>lot</sub> =	16,397 lb/ft			
Connection Strength / Sample Strength T <sub>ult</sub>	<sub>conn</sub> / T <sub>lot</sub> =	0.82			
Short-term Ultimate Connection Strength Reduction Factor (c	<sup>:)</sup> CR <sub>u</sub> =	0.80			
Creep Reduction Factor					
75-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(75)</sub> =	1.56			
100-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(100)</sub> =	1.58			
Durability Reduction Factor <sup>(d)</sup>	$RF_{D} =$	1.15			
Long-term Connection Strength Reduction Factor					
75-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(75)</sub> =	0.51			
100-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(100)</sub> =	0.51			
Nominal Long-term Geosynthetic Connection Strength					
75-Year Design	T <sub>ac(75)</sub> =	6,111 lb/ft			
100-Year Design	$T_{ac(100)} =$	6,034 lb/ft			

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Geogrid Type:	Miragrid 24XT
Block Type:	Positive Connection (PC) Block

Test Facility: Test Date: Bathurst, Clarabut Geotechnical Testing, Inc. February 29, 2012



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#### CONNECTION STRENGTH TEST DATA<sup>(a)</sup>

Test	Normal	Peak	Observed
No.	Load, lb/ft	Connection, lb/ft	Failure
1	4,046	20,375	Grid Rupture
2	4,362	22,020	Grid Rupture
3	665	22,568	Grid Rupture
4	2,538	20,832	Grid Rupture
5	1,713	21,746	Grid Rupture
6	5,248	21,837	Block & Grid
7	2,539	18,913	Grid Rupture
8	4,063	21,015	BlockRupture

Peak Connection (average)	=	21,163	lb/ft
Peak Connection (95% confidence level)	) =	20,199	lb/ft (b)

#### **CONNECTION DESIGN DATA**

Miragrid 24XT Ultimate Tensile Strength (MARV)	T <sub>ult</sub> =	27,415 lb/ft	
Ultimate Connection Strength	T <sub>ultconn</sub> =	20,199 lb/ft	
Ultimate Tensile Strength of Geosynthetic Test Sample	T <sub>lot</sub> =	29,130 lb/ft	
Connection Strength / Sample Strength	$T_{ultconn} / T_{lot} =$	0.69	
Short-term Ultimate Connection Strength Reduction Fac	ctor $^{(c)}$ CR <sub>u</sub> =	0.69	
Creep Reduction Factor			Ŵ
75-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(75)</sub> =	1.56	
100-Year Design	RF <sub>CR(100)</sub> =	1.58	
Durability Reduction Factor <sup>(d)</sup>	$RF_{D} =$	1.15	
Long-term Connection Strength Reduction Factor			
75-Year Design	$CR_{cr(75)} =$	0.44	
100-Year Design	CR <sub>cr(100)</sub> =	0.44	
Nominal Long-term Geosynthetic Connection Strength			
75-Year Design	T <sub>ac(75)</sub> =	10,544 lb/ft	
100-Year Design	$T_{ac(100)} =$	10,411 lb/ft	
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**MIRAGRID 24XT CONNECTION STRENGTH**