



BORE-GEL[®]

Boring Fluid System – U.S. Patent Number 5,723,416

Description BORE-GEL[®] single-sack boring fluid system is specially formulated for use in horizontal directional drilling (HDD) applications. BORE-GEL fluid system is a proprietary blended product using high-quality Wyoming sodium bentonite. When BORE-GEL fluid system is mixed with fresh water, it develops an easy-to-pump slurry with desirable fluid properties for HDD.

Applications/Functions

The use of BORE-GEL fluid system promotes the following:

- Optimum gel strength for cuttings suspension and transport
- Pumpable slurry with minimal viscosity
- High reactive solids concentration for improved borehole stability in poorly consolidated/cemented sands and gravel formations
- Reduced filtration via a thin filter cake with low permeability
- Lubrication of pipe in microtunneling operations

Advantages

- Minimizes the number of boring fluid products required
- Easy to mix and fast to yield
- Low viscosity minimizes pump pressures
- Provides lubricity for pulling product line
- Can be used in Water Wells in unconsolidated formations or when additional gel strengths are required to compensate for low annular velocity
- NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certified

Typical Properties

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| • Appearance | Tan to gray powder |
| • pH (4% slurry or 15 lb/bbl) | 10.2 |
| • Bulk density, lb/ft ³ | 68 to 72 (compacted) |

Recommended Treatment

Add slowly and uniformly through a high-shear, jet-type mixer over one or more cycles of the volume of slurry. Continue to circulate and agitate the slurry until all unyielded bentonite is dispersed.

Approximate amounts of BORE-GEL[®] fluid system added to fresh water		
<i>Boring Application</i>	lb/100 gal	kg/m³
Normal boring conditions	25 – 35	30 – 42
Poorly consolidated sand/gravel	35 – 60	42 – 72
Lubrication fluid for microtunneling	50 – 60	60 – 72

Packaging

BORE-GEL boring fluid system is packaged in a 50-lb (23-kg) multiwall paper bag.

Availability

BORE-GEL boring fluid system can be purchased through any Baroid Industrial Drilling Products Retailer. To locate the Baroid IDP retailer nearest you contact the Customer Service Department in Houston or your area IDP Sales Representative.

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