



# SGI TESTING SERVICES

A GEORGIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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Subject: Laboratory Test Results Transmittal  
Connection Strength Testing  
CTMGGU 40, CTMGGU 60, and CTMGGU 80 Geogrids between  
9 inch Deep Omega Blocks

Dear Mr. Agarwal,

SGI Testing Services, LLC (SGI) is pleased to present the attached test results for the above-mentioned testing program. The note section below addresses sample preparation, sample disposal and a disclosure statement.

SGI appreciates the opportunity to provide laboratory testing services to CTM Technical Textiles Ltd. Should you have any questions regarding the attached document(s), or if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Laboratory Manager

## Attachments

### NOTES:

- (1) Unless otherwise noted in the test results the sample(s)/specimen(s) were prepared in accordance with the applicable test standards or generally accepted sampling procedures.
- (2) Contaminated/chemical samples and all related laboratory generated waste (i.e., test liquids, PPE, absorbents, etc.) will be returned to the client or designated representative(s), at the client's cost, within 60 days following the completion of the testing program, unless special arrangements for proper disposal are made with SGI.
- (3) Materials that are not contaminated will be discarded after test specimens and archived specimens are obtained. Archived specimens will be discarded 30 days after the completion of the testing program, unless long-term storage arrangements are specifically made with SGI.
- (4) The reported results apply only to the materials and test conditions used in the laboratory testing program. The results do not necessarily apply to other materials or test conditions. The test results should not be used in engineering analysis unless the test conditions model the anticipated field conditions. The testing was performed in accordance with general engineering testing standards and requirements. The reported results are submitted for the exclusive use of the client to whom they are addressed.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**PARTICLE SIZE CURVE OF AASHTO #57 STONE  
AND TEST PHOTOS**



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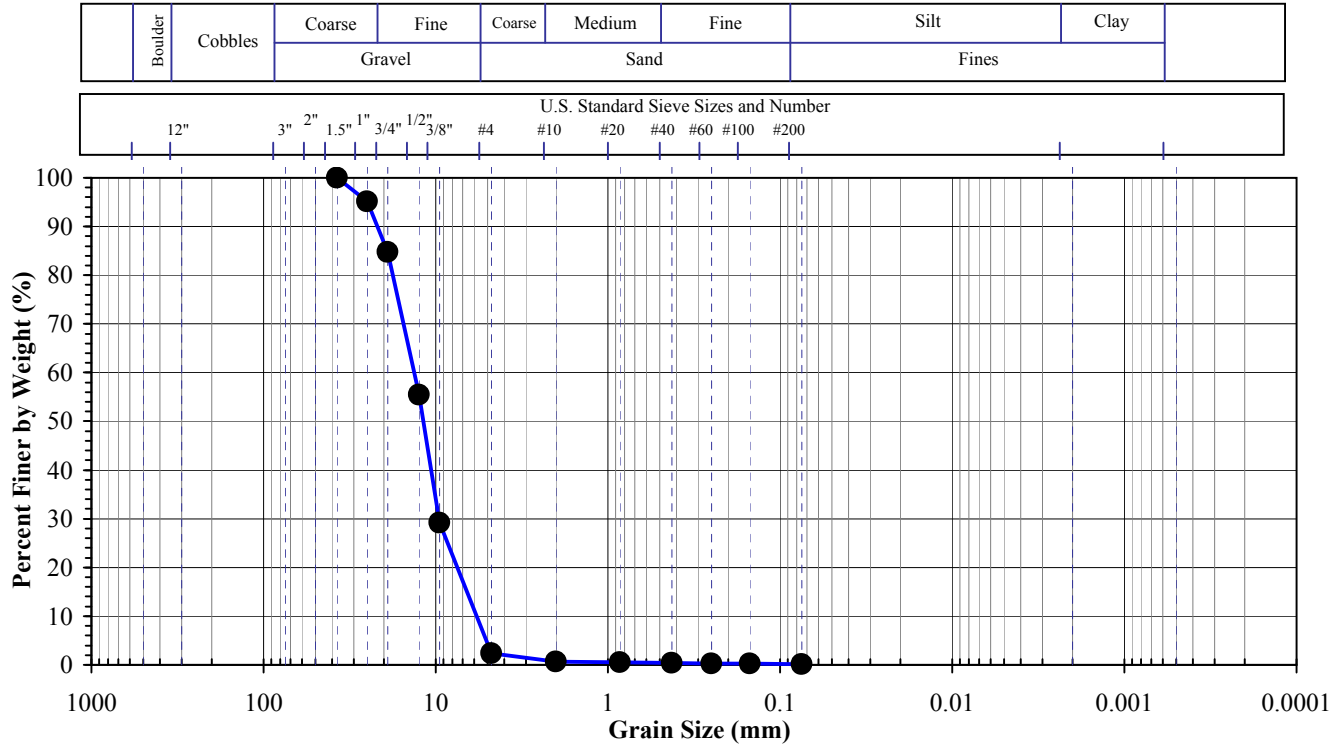
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Project Name: Connection Testing  
 Project No: SGI12036  
 Client Sample ID: AASHTO #57 Stone  
 Lab Sample No: S11651

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 C 136, D 4318, D 2487

## SOIL INDEX PROPERTIES

Moisture Content, Grain Size, Atterberg  
 Limits, Classification

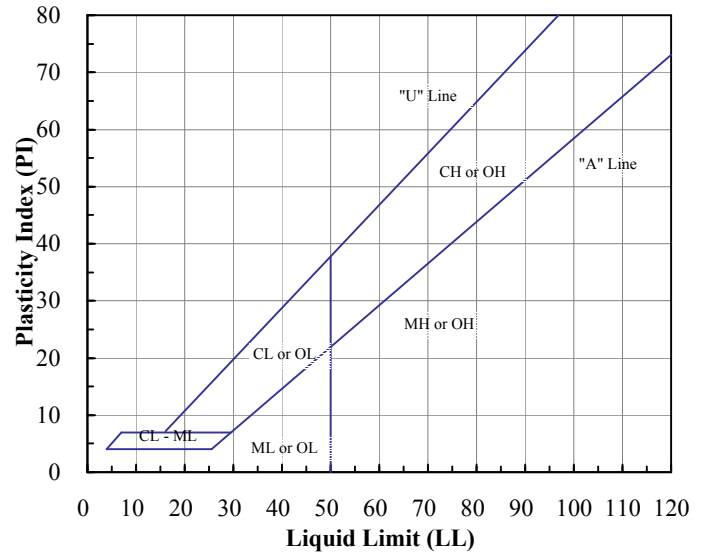


Sieve No.	Size (mm)	% Finer
3"	75	
2"	50	
1.5"	37.5	100.0
1"	25	95.2
3/4"	19	84.8
1/2"	12.5	55.4
3/8"	9.5	29.2
#4	4.75	2.3
#10	2.00	0.7
#20	0.850	0.5
#40	0.425	0.3
#60	0.250	0.3
#100	0.150	0.3
#200	0.075	0.1

Hydrometer Particle Diameter (mm)	% Finer
0.0500	
0.0200	
0.0050	
0.0020	
0.0012	

Gravel (%):	97.7
Sand (%):	2.2
Fines (%):	0.1
Silt (%):	0.1
Clay (%):	

Coeff. Unif. (Cu):	-
Coeff. Curv. (Cc):	-



Client Sample ID.	Lab Sample No.	Moisture Content (%)	Fines Content < No. 200 (%)	Atterberg Limits			Engineering Classification
				LL (%)	PL (%)	PI (-)	
AASHTO #57 Stone		-	0.1	NP	NP	NP	GP (Poorly Graded Gravel)

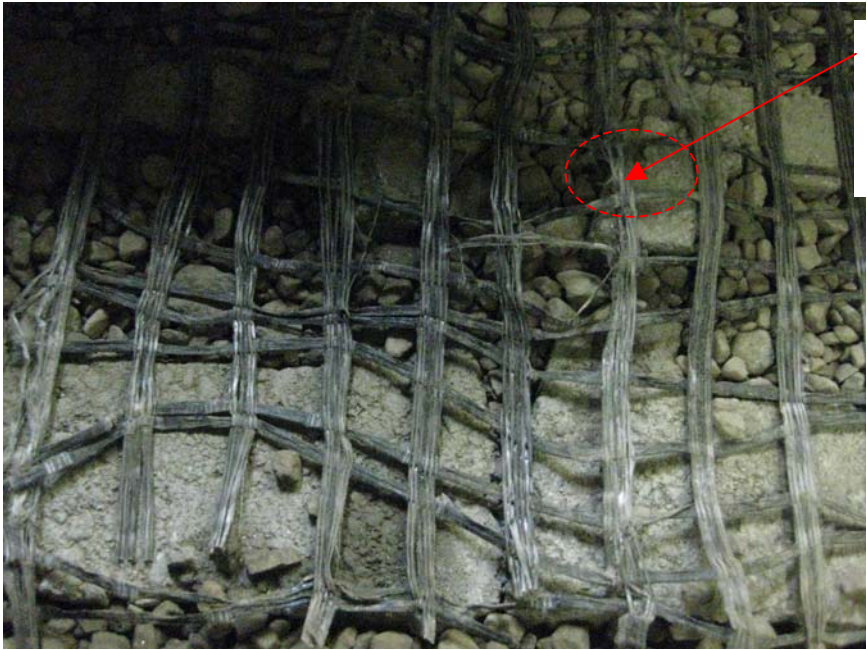
Note(s):



Figure A-2. Connection test setup.



Shear keys



Rupture of a geogrid rib against shear key

Figure A-3. Typical failure mode: sliding of XD ribs (junction failure), abrasion damage to, and rupture of geogrid ribs.



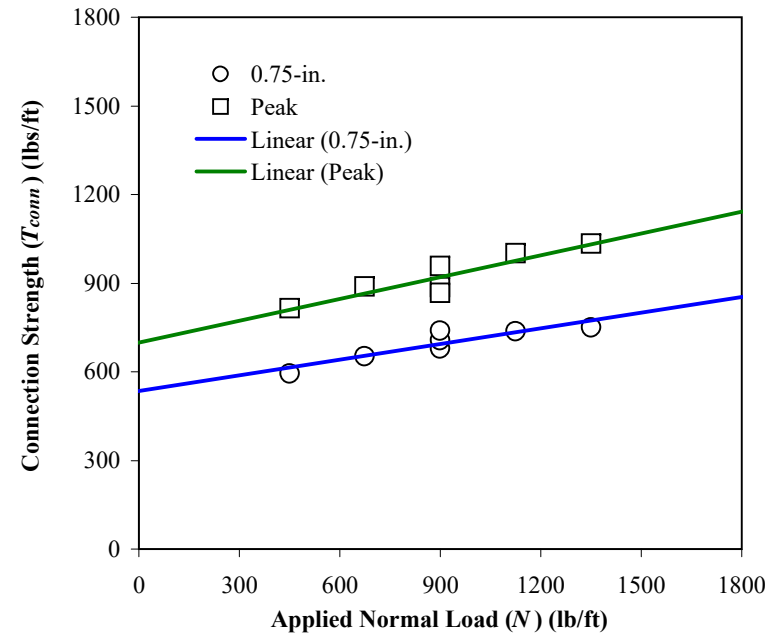
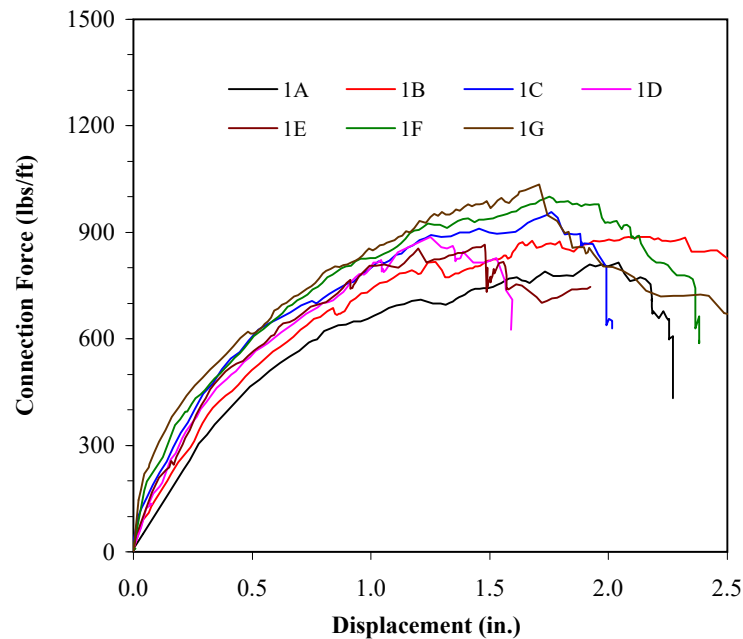
Figure A-4. Junction failure (sliding of a XD rib along MD ribs) of CTMGGU 60 geogrid at the completion of test #2C at 1125 lbs/ft normal load.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**CONNECTION TEST RESULTS**

**CTM TECHNICAL TEXTILES LTD.  
CONNECTION STRENGTH TESTING (ASTM D 6638)**

TEST SERIES NO. 1: CTMGGU 40 geogrid in machine direction between two courses of 9" deep Omega blocks with compacted AASHTO #57 stone in block cores and spaces between blocks



Test No.	Geogrid Specimen Width <i>W</i> (in.)	Test Normal Stress $\sigma_n$ (psi)	Equivalent Normal Load <i>N</i> (lb/ft)	Approximate No. of Blocks <i>n</i>	Approximate Wall Height <i>h</i> (ft)	0.75-in. Strength $T_{0.75-in}$ (lb/ft)	Peak Strength $T_{peak}$ (lb/ft)	Connection Strength Equations (Strength assumed to be linearly related to <i>N</i> )
1A	32.0	4.2	450	8	5.0	593	814	$T_{0.75-in.} = 535 + (N) \tan ( 10^\circ )$ $T_{peak} = 700 + (N) \tan ( 14^\circ )$
1B	32.0	6.3	675	11	7.5	651	888	
1C	32.0	8.3	900	15	10.0	679	957	
1D	32.0	8.3	900	15	10.0	707	886	
1E	32.0	8.3	900	15	10.0	739	866	
1F	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	736	1001	
1G	32.0	12.5	1350	23	15.0	749	1034	

**NOTES:**  
 Nominal Dimensions of Block: 18" wide x 9" deep x 8" thick  
 Weight of Full-Size Block: 70 lbs  
 Average Unit Weight of Facing: 120 pcf.  
 Failure Mode: Rupture of MD geogrid ribs against shear keys in each test.

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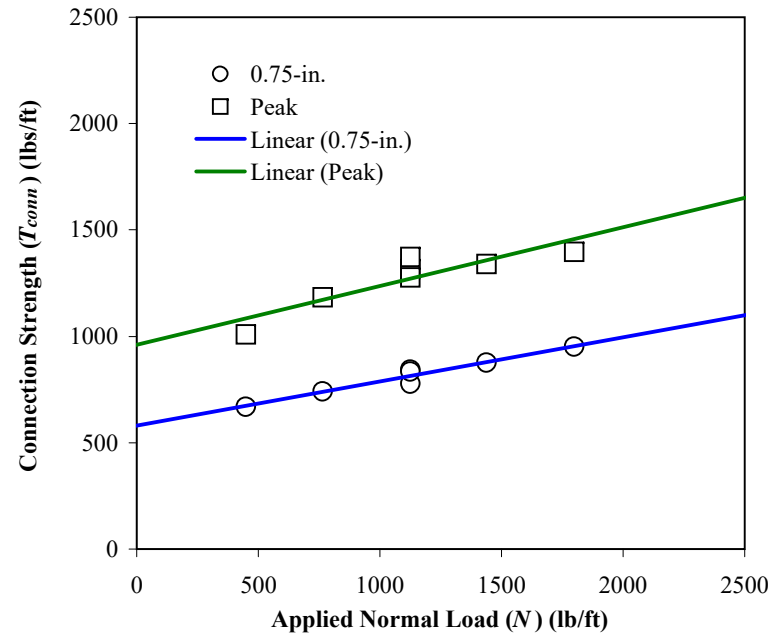
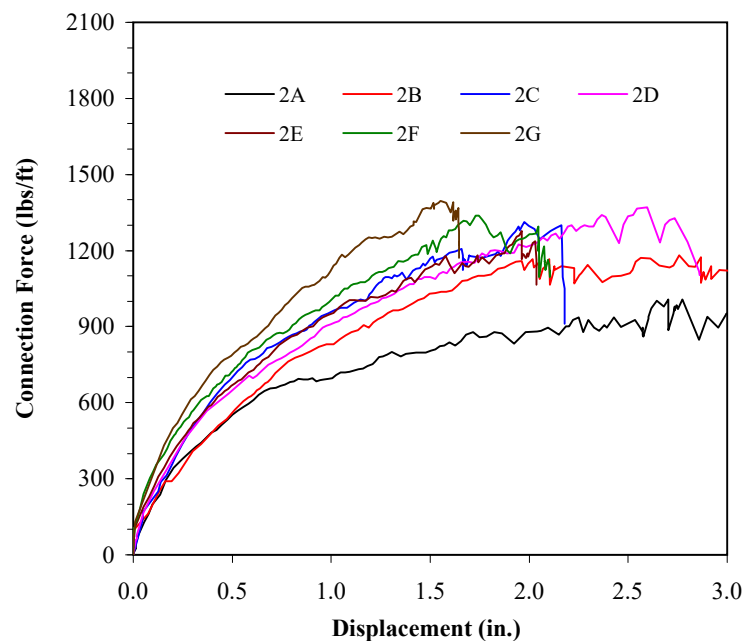


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TEST SERIES NO. 2: CTMGGU 60 geogrid in machine direction between two courses of 9" deep Omega blocks with compacted AASHTO #57 stone in block cores and spaces between blocks



Test No.	Geogrid Specimen Width $W$ (in.)	Test Normal Stress $\sigma_n$ (psi)	Equivalent Normal Load $N$ (lb/ft)	Approximate No. of Blocks $n$	Approximate Wall Height $h$ (ft)	0.75-in. Strength $T_{0.75-in}$ (lb/ft)	Peak Strength $T_{peak}$ (lb/ft)	Connection Strength Equations (Strength assumed to be linearly related to $N$ )
2A	32.0	4.2	450	8	5.0	668	1007	$T_{0.75-in.} = 580 + (N) \tan ( 12^\circ )$ $T_{peak} = 960 + (N) \tan ( 15^\circ )$
2B	32.0	7.1	765	13	8.5	740	1181	
2C	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	843	1313	
2D	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	776	1371	
2E	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	834	1276	
2F	32.0	13.3	1440	24	16.0	875	1337	
2G	32.0	16.7	1800	30	20.0	950	1395	

**NOTES:**  
 Nominal Dimensions of Block: 18" wide x 9" deep xx 8" thick  
 Weight of Full-Size Block: . 70 lbs  
 Average Unit Weight of Facing: 120 pcf.  
 Failure Mode: Rupture of MD geogrid ribs against shear keys in each test.

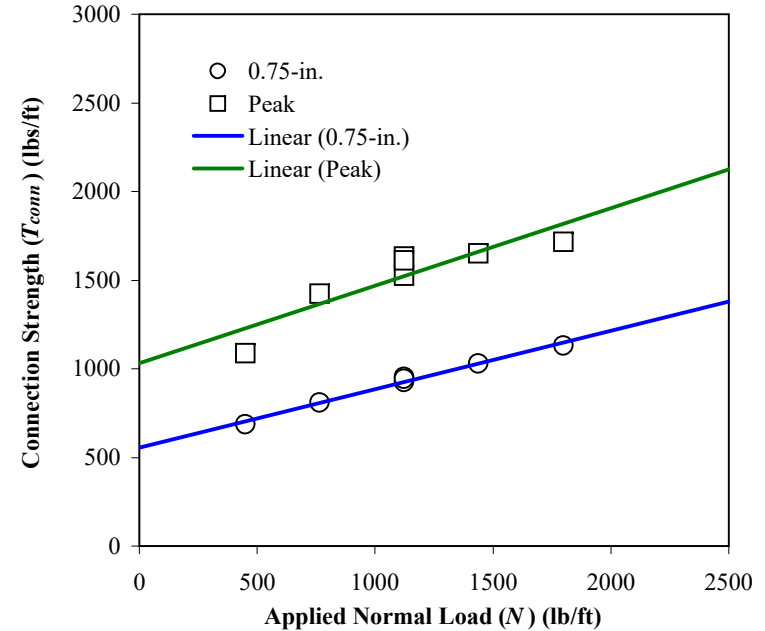
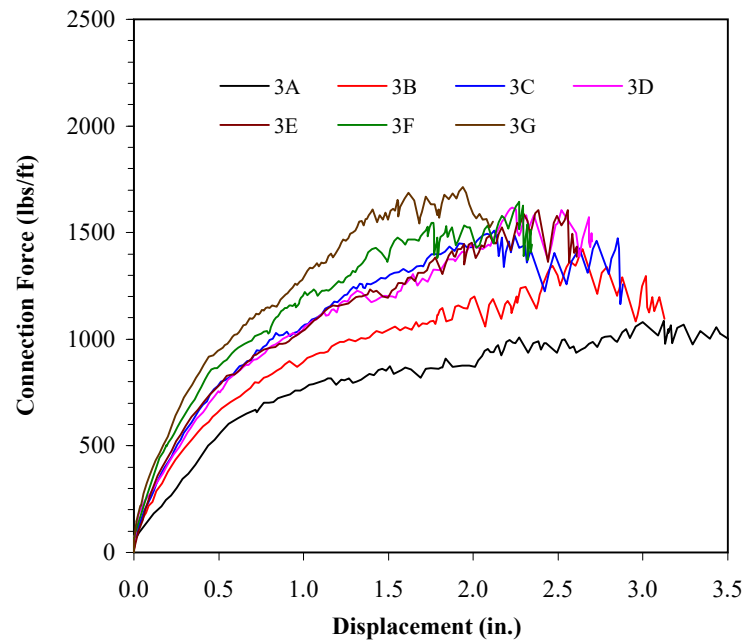
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CONNECTION STRENGTH TESTING (ASTM D 6638)**

TEST SERIES NO.3: CTMGGU 80 geogrid in machine direction between two courses of 9" deep Omega blocks with compacted AASHTO #57 stone in block cores and spaces between blocks



Test No.	Geogrid Specimen Width $W$ (in.)	Test Normal Stress $\sigma_n$ (psi)	Equivalent Normal Load $N$ (lb/ft)	Approximate No. of Blocks $n$	Approximate Wall Height $h$ (ft)	0.75-in. Strength $T_{0.75-in}$ (lb/ft)	Peak Strength $T_{peak}$ (lb/ft)	Connection Strength Equations (Strength assumed to be linearly related to $N$ )
3A	32.0	4.2	450	8	5.0	685	1087	$T_{0.75-in.} = 555 + (N) \tan ( 18^\circ )$ $T_{peak} = 1030 + (N) \tan ( 24^\circ )$
3B	32.0	7.1	765	13	8.5	807	1422	
3C	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	953	1525	
3D	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	923	1632	
3E	32.0	10.4	1125	19	12.5	943	1611	
3F	32.0	13.3	1440	24	16.0	1028	1649	
3G	32.0	16.7	1800	30	20.0	1130	1713	

**NOTES:**  
 Nominal Dimensions of Block: 18" wide x 9" deep xx 8" thick  
 Weight of Full-Size Block: . 70 lbs  
 Average Unit Weight of Facing: 120 pcf.  
 Failure Mode: Rupture of MD geogrid ribs against shear keys in each test.

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