VOLTEX® & VOLTEX DS®
BENTONITE GEOTEXTILE WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

For Cast-in-place Concrete Applications
WHAT IS SODIUM BENTONITE?

Sodium bentonite is a non-toxic material of volcanic origin which can be found in various geographical locations. Bentonite is specially processed by CETCO to achieve the highest possible performance for all of our waterproofing products. CETCO also manufacturers a contaminant resistant bentonite to assure optimum performance in moderate saline or contaminated water. Bentonite prevents water intrusion by forming a dense monolithic membrane upon contact with water. The specially processed bentonite expands under confinement, forming an impervious membrane that will be maintained for the life of the structure.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

VOLTEX® is a highly effective waterproofing composite comprised of two polypropylene geotextiles and sodium bentonite. The two geotextiles are interlocked by a patented needlepunching process which encapsulates and confines the bentonite. VOLTEX DS® integrates a polymer liner bonded to the outside surface of the nonwoven geotextile. The polymer liner provides extremely low permeabilities for water vapour transmission.
Installation of VOLTEX® is fast and easy. Simply position the product into place and fasten. VOLTEX® can be installed on green concrete, in virtually any weather, without the need for primers or adhesives. VOLTEX® can be easily cut on site to form around corners and penetrations. The result is always a consistent self-sealing membrane.

**DURABILITY**

The VOLCLAY® sodium bentonite in VOLTEX® is uniformly encapsulated between two high-strength woven and non-woven geotextiles. CETCO’s state-of-the-art needlepunching process interlocks the geotextiles, preventing the displacement of bentonite prior to, during, and after installation. The geotextiles provide superior protection from inclement weather and construction-related damage, without requiring to use a protection course.

**SUPERIOR ADHESION**

When concrete is poured against VOLTEX®, a tenacious mechanical bond is created with VOLTEX®’s high strength geotextile. Independent laboratory testing conducted in accordance with ASTM D903 (mod.) (Peel Adhesion to Concrete), yields an average adhesion value of 2.6 kN/m. The mechanical bond will hold VOLTEX® in intimate contact with the concrete should any ground settlement occur, thereby preventing water migration between the waterproofing and the concrete.

**COST EFFECTIVE AND TIME EFFICIENT**

VOLTEX® is designed to be installed on a properly prepared subgrade, without the need to pour a working slab. The product’s inherent flexibility allows for easy installation on irregular surfaces and rough property line forming. VOLTEX® can be installed as soon as the forms are stripped; there is no waiting for the concrete to cure.

**ASSOCIATED SYSTEM PRODUCTS**

**WATERSTOP-RX®** – expanding concrete joint waterstop used around penetrations and applicable concrete joints. Swells upon hydration.

**AQUADRRAIN** – foundation drainage composite consisting of a moulded profile core and a filter fabric. Includes sheet drainage and base drain collection.

**ACCESSORIES**

**BENTOSEAL®** – trowel grade mastic used to detail around penetrations, corner transitions and terminations.

**CETSEAL** – single-component polyether general sealant and adhesive.

**VOLCLAY GRANULES®** – active granular material used at detail areas that require additional protection.

**SEAMTAPE®** – premium tape used to seal overlapped membrane edges of VOLTEX DS®.

**AKWASWELL** – caulk grade hydrophilic waterstop.

**TERMINATION BAR** – Min. 25 mm wide aluminum or stainless steel bar with pre-punched holes on 300 mm centring for fastening.

**CEMENTITIOUS BOARD** – 12 mm thick cementitious wall board for protection of waterproofing during the removal of steel soldier pile cap and top lagging boards.

**CETBIT 300** – self-adhering flashing membrane used for ground level flashing.


**LIMITATIONS**

VOLTEX® should only be installed after substrate preparation has been properly completed and is suitable to receive the waterproofing system. Concrete work should use conventional cast-in-place forms that produce a smooth surface. Do not use stay-in-place concrete forming; use removable forming products only.

VOLTEX® is designed for below-ground waterproofing applications where the product is properly confined. VOLTEX® products should not be installed in standing water or over ice. If ground water contains strong acids, alkalies, or is of a conductivity of 2,500 μmhos/cm or greater, water samples should be submitted to the manufacturer for compatibility testing. ULTRASEAL may be required if contaminated ground water or saltwater conditions exist.

VOLTEX® is designed for use under reinforced concrete slabs 100 mm thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. VOLTEX® requires a minimum 150 mm thick reinforced concrete slab if installed over concrete blinding. VOLTEX® is not designed for split-slab plaza deck construction.

VOLTEX® is not designed to waterproof expansion joints. Do not use VOLTEX® on masonry block foundation walls. Consult CETCO for special installation guidelines that apply to shotcrete and precast concrete construction.

In this manual, the product name “VOLTEX” is used generically in the installation and application guidelines for the applicable products: VOLTEX®, VOLTEX CR®, VOLTEX DS® and VOLTEX DSCR®. Refer to the table on the back page for product descriptions and roll sizes. Illustrations are not shown to scale.
VOLTEX® & VOLTEX DS®
BENTONITE GEOTEXTILE WATERPROOFING

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES
Before installing VOLTEX® read this installation manual to gain familiarity with specific procedures and applications. For applications not covered in this manual, contact CETCO for specific installation guidelines.

SECTION 1
UNDERSLAB INSTALLATION

VOLTEX® is engineered for use under reinforced concrete slabs 100 mm thick or greater on a compacted earth/gravel substrate. VOLTEX® requires a minimum 150 mm thick reinforced concrete slab if installed over concrete blinding. VOLTEX CR® or VOLTEX DSCR® is used in contaminated conditions as determined by a CETCO water sample test.

For hydrostatic conditions, VOLTEX® should be installed under footings and ground beams as shown in Figures 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8. For non-hydrostatic conditions, VOLTEX® should be installed around footings and ground beams as shown in Figures 1.9, 1.10 and 1.11.

Prior to installing VOLTEX® the substrate must be properly prepared. Complete all required elevator pit, sump pit, ground beam and piling work prior to installing VOLTEX® under main slab area. These areas must be correctly tied into the underslab waterproofing to form a monolithic seal.

1.1 SUBSTRATE PREPARATION
Substrate may be concrete, earth, sand, or crushed stone. Earth and sand substrates should be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor density. Crushed stone should be no larger than 19 mm in size. Substrate should be smooth and without sharp deflections or pockets.

1.2 INSTALLATION
Install VOLTEX® or VOLTEX DS® over the properly prepared substrate with the dark gray (woven) geotextile side up. Overlap all adjoining edges a minimum of 100 mm and stagger sheet ends a minimum of 300 mm (Figure 1.1). Nail or staple edges together as required to prevent any displacement before and during concrete placement (Figure 1.2).

When the slab is poured in sections, VOLTEX® should extend a minimum 300 mm beyond the slab edge (Figure 1.3). This enables VOLTEX® to be properly overlapped for subsequent slab section pours. WATERSTOP-RX® should be installed in all applicable slab construction joints (Figure 1.3).
**WATERSTOP-RX®**
75 mm min. coverage

Reinforced concrete slab
a minimum 100 mm thick

**VOLTEX®**
Compacted Substrate

**DARK GRAY (WOVEN) GEOTEXTILE SIDE UP**

Figure 1.4 – VOLTEX® installed directly over compacted earth/gravel substrate requires a minimum 100 mm slab

**DARK GRAY (WOVEN) GEOTEXTILE SIDE UP**

Figure 1.5 – VOLTEX® installed over concrete blinding requires a minimum 150 mm thick reinforced slab
HYDROSTATIC CONDITIONS

Figure 1.6 – Slab on footing detail (hydrostatic)

Figure 1.7 – Raised slab detail with concrete blinding (hydrostatic)

Figure 1.8 – Flush slab detail property line wall (hydrostatic)

NON-HYDROSTATIC CONDITIONS

Figure 1.9 – Slab on footing detail (non-hydrostatic)

Figure 1.10 – Raised slab detail with concrete blinding (non-hydrostatic)

Figure 1.11 – Flush slab detail backfilled wall (non-hydrostatic)
1.3 PILE CAPS AND GROUND BEAMS

VOLTEX® is typically not installed over pile caps but cut to fit tightly around pile caps. Then apply a minimum 19 mm thick fillet of BENTOSEAL® at intersection of VOLTEX® and the piling (Figure 1.12) with VOLCLAY GRANULES under VOLTEX® at the piling edge. BENTOSEAL® should extend onto VOLTEX® and piling a minimum of 50 mm at 19 mm thickness. WATERSTOP-RX® should be installed on top surface of pile cap around reinforcing steel (Figure 1.12).

Detail ground beams the same as pile caps (Figure 1.14) with a non-hydrostatic condition. For hydrostatic conditions, VOLTEX® should be installed under the entire ground beam (Figure 1.15). Line the ground beam formwork with VOLTEX® prior to placement of reinforcing steel. Leave a minimum 300 mm of VOLTEX® at the top of the form to tie into below slab waterproofing.
1.4 SLAB PENETRATIONS

Cut VOLTEX® to closely fit around penetrations (Figure 1.16). Trowel a minimum 19 mm thick fillet of BENTOSEAL® around the penetration to completely fill any void area between VOLTEX® and the penetration (Figure 1.16). The BENTOSEAL® should extend up the penetration about 38 mm and extend onto VOLTEX®. In areas where multiple penetrations are close together, it may be impractical to cut VOLTEX® to fit around each penetration. Pour VOLCLAY GRANULES a minimum 6 mm thick around the penetrations covering the entire sub-strate area. With gravel substrate, install minimum 200 mm collar of VOLTEX® around penetration prior to placing VOLCLAY GRANULES. Then apply a thick layer of BENTOSEAL® around each penetration as detailed (Figure 1.18).

Figure 1.16 – BENTOSEAL® troweled around penetrations

Figure 1.17 – Slab penetration cross section detail

Figure 1.18 – Multiple pipe penetrations. Trowel BENTOSEAL® around pipes and covering area between the pipes
1.5 ELEVATOR PITS

VOLTEX® should be placed on vertical surfaces and on the substrate below the slab to form a continuous envelope around the elevator pit (Figure 1.19). If the vertical soil cut is smooth and stable, VOLTEX® may be installed directly against the soil. Contain unstable soils with concrete backblinding. Install VOLTEX® directly against the concrete backblinding. Due to various elevator piston plunger designs, consult CETCO for specific installation and detailing for piston plungers that penetrate the pit slab.

Figure 1.19 – VOLTEX® under elevator pit slab and on excavation cut walls

1.6 EDGE OF SLAB, BACKFILLED WALLS

When the installation reaches the outer edge of the slab, continue VOLTEX® up to the top edge of the forms inside surface (Figure 1.20) or extend the VOLTEX® sheet out the top of the form a minimum of 300 mm (Figure 1.21). At the slab corner, VOLTEX® should remain in contact with the substrate and the inside surface of the concrete form.

When the slab edge form is removed, any undamaged portion of VOLTEX® extended outside the form should be positioned and secured to the top of the concrete footing. Damaged material outside the form should be cut off and disposed of. Overlap the secured VOLTEX® edge on top of the footing a minimum 150 mm with the succeeding wall waterproofing. Install BENTOSEAL® fillet (min 38 mm x 38 mm) at wall-to-footing corner prior to installing overlapping wall waterproofing.

WATERSTOP-RX® should be installed in the perimeter wall/slab intersection joint as illustrated in Figure 1.22.
1.7 EDGE OF SLAB, PROPERTY LINE CONSTRUCTION

Where property line retaining walls, such as soldier pile and lagging, are used as the outside form, continue the underslab VOLTEX® installation up the retaining wall a minimum 300 mm above the top edge of the slab or footing (Figure 1.22). The extra 300 mm sheet extension is very important since there is no access to the outer edge of the footing after it is poured.

**Slab to Wall Corner Transition:** Install VOLTEX® or VOLTEX DS® sheet horizontally oriented (dark gray woven geotextile facing installer) with a minimum 300 mm of the sheet extending out onto the horizontal substrate. The top edge of the sheet must extend a minimum 300 mm above the finished slab surface. Secure VOLTEX® sheet to lagging wall with washer-head fastener maximum 600 mm on centre. Overlap edges of adjacent VOLTEX® sheets a minimum 100 mm.

If the slab thickness is greater than 600 mm, install a second full sheet or cut strip of VOLTEX®, horizontally oriented, to meet the 300 mm requirement above the slab. Overlap top edge of previous sheet and edges of adjacent sheets a minimum 100 mm.

**Base Wall Course:** Install first VOLTEX® sheet course on the shoring wall horizontally oriented (dark grey woven geotextile facing installer) over the corner transition sheet, with the bottom edge extending down to the wall/slab transition corner as shown in Figure 1.22. Secure VOLTEX® sheet to lagging wall with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm on centre.Overlap edges of adjacent VOLTEX® sheets a minimum 100 mm.

Install underslab VOLTEX® membrane extending to corner transition, overlapping the 300 mm sheet tail of the corner transition sheet installed at the wall base. Secure corner edge with fasteners 300 mm on centre.

For steel sheet piling shoring walls, first install the VOLTEX® corner transition sheet horizontally oriented with the bottom edge extending minimum 300 mm out onto the substrate. Cut the bottom edge of the corner transition sheet at piling transition angles to allow the bottom edge to lay flat onto the substrate. Pour 38 mm continuous fillet of VOLCLAY GRANULES along base of shoring wall. Then install underslab VOLTEX® sheet cut to fit contours of steel sheet piling. Finally, install the base shoring wall VOLTEX® sheet (horizontally oriented) overlapping the corner transition sheet.

**Figure 1.22 – SLAB-TO-WALL TRANSITION – VOLTEX® corner transition sheet should extend past the height of the top of the finished slab level a minimum 300 mm and extend under the slab 300 mm**

**Figure 1.23 – AQUADRAIN 100BD DISCHARGE PIPE – Connect AQUADRAIN 100 BD to water discharge pipes using 100 BD accessory connections**
The use of construction techniques described in this section allow the exterior building dimensions to coincide with the property line, thereby maximizing use of available land for building. VOLTEX®/VOLTEX DS® has been proven to be one of the most effective and widely used means for waterproofing property line construction. Cast-in-place property line construction methods include soldier pile & lagging, steel sheet piling, earth formed shotcrete retention walls, and secant / contiguous piled walls.

For all property line construction methods, VOLTEX® is installed to the shoring wall prior to concrete placement. Install VOLTEX® or VOLTEX DS® with the dark grey (woven) geotextile inward, facing the installer, away from the shoring wall. Refer to each applicable construction method in Section 2 for specific substrate preparation and detailing installation guidelines.

AQUADRAN® sheet and 100BD base drain composite system should be connected to an operative water discharge system (sump pump or gravity to daylight discharge).

Protect bentonite waterproofing products from hydrating before material is contained with concrete or backfill. After any precipitation, standing water should be pumped off waterproofing as soon as possible.

Shoring Wall: Excavation work should provide shoring wall in good condition to receive waterproofing system. Wood lagging shoring should extend to the lowest level of the waterproofing installation with any voids or cavities exterior of the lagging filled with compacted soil or cementitious grout. Voids or cavities at tie-backs should be filled with grout or compacted soil prior to VOLTEX® installation. Interior surface of lagging timbers should be monolithic and tight together with gaps less than 25 mm. Gaps in excess of 25 mm should be completely filled with cementitious grout or other solid material.

Cut rock excavations and concrete secant / contiguous piled retaining walls must be sufficiently planar. Typically a shotcrete or grout layer is required to provide acceptable surface to install VOLTEX®.

Employ construction methods to stop water flowing through shoring wall prior to waterproofing installation. If only water seepage, install polyethylene sheeting over the seepage area prior to installing VOLTEX®. Polyethylene sheeting should extend from seepage elevation to base of wall to protect entire waterproofing installation at that area.

Figure 1.24 – RAISED SLAB CONDITION – Connect AQUADRAN® 100BD to water discharge pipes using 100BD accessory connectors

Figure 1.25 – Steel sheet piling to slab transition detail
2.1 PROPERTY LINE WALL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

After the slab-to-wall corner transition sheet and bottom wall sheet course have been installed per Section 1.7 Page 10, VOLTEX® sheets can be installed either vertically or horizontally oriented. Fasten the VOLTEX® into position with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm on centre around the sheet edge. Install succeeding VOLTEX® sheet overlapping the previous sheet edge 100 mm. (Note: Shingle lap seams so that the bottom edge of the upper sheet is over the lower sheets top edge).

Continue installation up wall until ground level termination detail, or as specified, staggering all sheet ends of adjacent rolls a minimum 300 mm. Do not allow sheet overlap joints to occur at same elevation as concrete construction joints. Plan by chalk lining the location of construction joints.

Penetrations: Install a cut collar of VOLTEX® tightly around the penetration; extending a minimum 300 mm radius. Apply BENTOSEAL® over VOLTEX® collar around penetration; extending BENTOSEAL® a minimum 75 mm radius at 6 mm thickness. Then install main course of VOLTEX® membrane tightly around the penetration. Finally, detail around penetration with 19 mm thick fillet of BENTOSEAL®. With sleeved pipes, the concrete work should include filling the gap between the pipe and the sleeve with non-shrink cementitious grout, mechanical seal by others and install WATERSTOP-RX® to outside of sleeve.

Tie-Back Covers: Select appropriate size TB-Boot to fit over tie-back plate and allow proper cast-in-place concrete coverage per project requirements. TB-Boot should fit over entire tie-back head without the tie-back plate or cables in direct contact with the TB-Boot. Prior to TB-Boot installation, fill voids in retention wall substrate and tie-back head assembly with spray foam (min. 1.38 bar) or non-shrink grout. For non-hydrostatic conditions, install and secure AQUADRAIN drainage composite course per manufacturer’s guidelines to soil retention wall prior to installing TB-Boot. For hydrostatic conditions, install TB-Boot prior to VOLTEX® membrane. With soldier piles, strip piles with waterproofing membrane prior to TB-Boot placement.

Fill pre-formed shape of TB-Boot with 2-part urethane spray foam (min. 1.38 bar) and place over tie-back head before foam sets up. Secure TB-Boot to soil retention system using washer head fasteners along the outside edge of the flat base. Apply 6 mm thick by minimum 75 mm wide continuous ring of BENTOSEAL® onto the flat base just outside of the 12 mm raised collar. Install 1.2 m by 1.2 m piece of VOLTEX® (with precut hole in centre to fit tight around the 12 mm raised collar) over the entire flat base with outside edges fastened to the retaining wall. Secure inside VOLTEX® edge around raised collar with washer-head fasteners that pass through the BENTOSEAL® ring; typical fastener spacing 150 mm. Do not install fasteners or puncture TB-Boot inside of the 12 mm raised collar. Apply counter flashing of BENTOSEAL® along VOLTEX® sheet edge around raised collar. Then install VOLTEX® field sheet overlapping outer membrane edge minimum 100 mm.
**Soldier Pile Stripping:** Install a strip of VOLTEx® over all soldier piles with raised lagging hanger bolts, form tie rods, or other irregular surface. VOLTEx® strip should extend a minimum 150 mm to both sides of the piling. Apply BENTOSEAL® 6 mm x 50 mm to VOLTEx® strip surface along both edges of each soldier pile (Figure 2.6).

**Cementitious Board:** Prior to installing VOLTEx®/VOLTEx DS® to finished ground level, install 12 mm thick cementitious wall board centred over steel soldier pile from finished ground elevation to specified depth that the top of steel soldier pile and wood lagging will be removed (Figure 2.10).

**Ground Termination:** Terminate VOLTEx® membrane 300 mm below final ground elevation with washer-head fasteners maximum 300 mm on centre. Install CETBIT 300 flashing to primed concrete substrate with bottom edge overlapping top edge of VOLTEx® membrane minimum 100 mm. Overlap all roll ends a minimum 100 mm to form a continuous flashing. Height of flashing shall be per project details and specifications. Install a rigid termination bar along top edge of CETBIT 300; fastened maximum 300 mm on centre. Complete ground level termination detail with tooled bead of CETSEAL along the top edge, at all penetrations through the flashing, and all exposed overlap seams.

Where lagging timbers and the top end of steel soldier piles are removed, repair any waterproofing damaged by the excavation and removal of the retention wall system. Secure all excavated VOLTEx® overlap seams with washer-head fasteners maximum 600 mm on centre; with VOLTEx DS® also apply Seamtape centred along overlap seams. Backfill shall be placed and compacted to minimum 85% Modified Proctor density promptly after waterproofing installation. Backfill should consist of compactable soil or angular aggregate 19 mm or less) free of debris, sharp objects, and stones larger than 19 mm. See termination details (Figures 3.11 and 3.12, page 22).
2.2 SOLDIER PILE & LAGGING RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install VOLTEX® following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

**Preparation:** Gaps between the wood lagging must be no wider than 25 mm. If the gaps between lagging are in excess of 25 mm, the gaps should be completely filled with cementitious grout, wood, extruded polystyrene (min. 2.75 bar) or compacted soil (Figure 2.4). If water is flowing through the lagging, a thin polyethylene sheeting can be installed over the area before VOLTEX® is installed.

In areas with large gaps (up to 63 mm) between lagging, AQUADRAIN sheet drainage composite can be installed over the lagging to provide a uniform surface to mount VOLTEX® (Figure 2.5). Securely fasten AQUADRAIN to the lagging surface with washerhead nails before installing VOLTEX®. Gaps larger than 63 mm between lagging should be completely filled with grout, wood, extruded polystyrene (min. 2.75 bar) or compacted soil even if AQUADRAIN is installed prior to VOLTEX®. Do not use plywood or other surface treatment over large lagging gaps that leaves the cavity void. Details 2.7 through 2.9 on page 15 illustrate the installation of VOLTEX® over the different wood lagging positions relative to the soldier piling.

**Figure 2.4 – VOLTEX® installed directly to wood lagging with gaps filled.** (Cast-in-place concrete wall)

**Figure 2.5 – AQUADRAIN used to cover gaps in lagging less than 63 mm.** (Cast-in-place concrete wall)

**Figure 2.6 – Install VOLTEX® onto soldier pile and wood lagging retaining wall prior to cast-in-place concrete wall**

**INSTALL VOLTEX® OR VOLTEX DS® WITH DARK GRAY (WOVEN) GEOTEXTILE SIDE FACING INSTALLER**
Wood lagging
Steel piling
VOLTEX® main course
VOLTEX® strip over pile prior to main course
WATERSTOP-RX® (75 mm min. coverage)
BENTOSEAL®
Cast-in-place concrete wall

Figure 2.8 – Lagging secured to inside surface of front pile flange. Install VOLTEX® strip to cover mounting plates and bolts prior to main course. (Plan View)

Figure 2.7 – Lagging secured to outside surface of front pile flange providing smooth surface. (Plan View)

Wood lagging
Steel piling
WATERSTOP-RX® (75 mm min. coverage)
BENTOSEAL®
Cast-in-place concrete wall

Figure 2.10 – WALL EXCAVATION AT GROUND LEVEL – Cementitious board protects waterproofing during excavation and removal of steel pile top and wood lagging.

Figure 2.9 – Lagging secured to inside surface of back pile flange. Install BENTOSEAL® and VOLTEX® strip prior to main VOLTEX® course and inward BENTOSEAL® fillet. (Plan View)

VOLTEX®
Cementitious board
Wood lagging
Steel H-pile, top removed with excavation work
AQUADRAIN sheet drain
Cast-in-place concrete wall

Any void area must be filled with wood or solid material

Plate & bolts secure lagging
Retained earth
Fill gap with solid material

Figure 2.10 – WALL EXCAVATION AT GROUND LEVEL – Cementitious board protects waterproofing during excavation and removal of steel pile top and wood lagging.

Figure 2.10 – WALL EXCAVATION AT GROUND LEVEL – Cementitious board protects waterproofing during excavation and removal of steel pile top and wood lagging.

Wood lagging
Steel piling
VOLTEX® main course
BENTOSEAL® between sheets of VOLTEX®
VOLTEX® strip over pile prior to main course
Fill gap with solid material
WATERSTOP-RX® (75 mm min. coverage)

Figure 2.9 – Lagging secured to inside surface of back pile flange. Install BENTOSEAL® and VOLTEX® strip prior to main VOLTEX® course and inward BENTOSEAL® fillet. (Plan View)

Any void area must be filled with wood or solid material

Figure 2.7 – Lagging secured to outside surface of front pile flange providing smooth surface. (Plan View)
2.3 STEEL SHEET PILING RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install VOLTEX® following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13. Special knurled washer-head fasteners are recommended to secure VOLTEX® to the steel sheet piling.

**Preparation:** Trowel a 12 mm thick layer of BENTOSEAL® along all sheet piling knuckles. Fill voids or cavities at tieback plates with cementitious grout or compacted soils. If excessive water is penetrating the sheet piling knuckles, BENTOGROUT® can be injected to the outside of the knuckle to stop water flow (Figure 2.11). Consult CETCO for BENTOGROUT® applications and installation guidelines.

**Alternate Plywood Method**

Alternatively, 12 mm plywood may be fastened to the sheet piling to create a flat surface upon which VOLTEX® is fastened. All void spaces between the plywood and sheet piling must be filled with compacted earth or concrete. Apply VOLTEX® to plywood following “Property Line Construction” Guidelines in Section 2, Page 11.

Figure 2.11 – Sheet pile interlock detail

Figure 2.12 – Install VOLTEX® onto steel sheet piling retaining wall with washer-head fasteners
2.4 EARTH FORMED SHOTCRETE RETAINING WALL

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install VOLTEX® following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

**Preparation:** The surface of the earth formed diaphragm wall must be sufficiently planar to provide an adequately smooth surface to apply VOLTEX®. VOLTEX® can be applied over large, relatively shallow indentations. The surface should not contain voids or sharp protrusions in excess of 25 mm. Fill all voids with cementitious grout and remove protrusions prior to installing VOLTEX® (Figure 2.15).

- **Figure 2.13** – Grout void area and remove protrusions to provide smooth surface for VOLTEX®
- **Figure 2.14** – Earth formed concrete retention wall with concrete pile supports (Plan View)
- **Figure 2.15** – VOLTEX® installation over an earth formed shotcrete retention wall prior to cast-in-place concrete wall

**Example Diagram:**

- Shotcrete retaining wall (non-structural)
- WATERSTOP-RX® (75 mm min. coverage)
- Grout irregular areas
- VOLTEX®
- Cast-in-place concrete wall
**2.5 SECANT / CONTIGUOUS PILED WALLS**

Verify the following substrate preparation work has been completed. Then install VOLTEX® following the property line installation guidelines in Section 2.1 on page 12 and 13.

**Preparation:** The surface of secant / contiguous piled and cut rock excavation walls must be sufficiently planar to provide an adequately smooth surface to apply VOLTEX®. VOLTEX® can be applied over large, relatively shallow indentations where VOLTEX® can conform tight against the surface. The surface should not contain voids or sharp protrusions in excess of 25 mm. Fill all large recesses between piles with cementitious grout prior to installing VOLTEX® (Figure 2.17). Cut rock excavations typically require shotcrete or grout work to provide acceptable surface to install VOLTEX® (Figure 2.16).

![Figure 2.17 – Fill in recesses between cast piles with grout to provide smooth surface (Plan View)](image)

![Figure 2.16 – Cut Rock excavation with shotcrete applied to provide a smooth surface for waterproofing installation](image)

![Figure 2.18 – Property Line Contiguous Piled Wall Detail](image)
Install VOLTEX® or VOLTEX DS® with the dark gray (woven) geotextile side against the concrete wall on cast-in-place concrete foundation walls prior to backfilling. VOLTEX® may be applied as soon as the forms are removed. It is not necessary to wait for the concrete to completely cure. Use VOLTEX® with concrete cast with conventional forms that produce smooth surface.

### 3.1 SURFACE PREPARATION

Footing should be swept clean of silt, rocks and debris to provide VOLTEX® with direct contact to the concrete in the application area. The wall surface must be properly prepared before VOLTEX® is installed. Areas of surface honeycombing or voids should be filled with cementitious grout or BENTOSEAL®. Protrusions of over 6 mm should be knocked off smooth with the concrete surface. Concrete work should include completely filling taper-tie holes with non-shrink cementitious grout and a piece of WATERSTOP-RX® centred in the wall (Figure 3.1). Apply BENTOSEAL® over exterior grouted surface of all form tie holes (Figure 3.1).

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

Before installing the first course of VOLTEX®, install BENTOSEAL fillet (min 38 mm x 38 mm) at the wall/footing inside corner (Figure 3.2).

Beginning at the bottom corner of the wall, install VOLTEX® horizontally oriented with 1.5 m on one wall and the remainder around the corner on the other wall surface (Figure 3.2). Cut the bottom edge of VOLTEX® at the corner a minimum of 150 mm so that VOLTEX® can be extended onto the footing. Fasten VOLTEX® into position with washer head fasteners maximum 600 mm on centre. Then cut and install a VOLTEX® section over the uncovered footing corner area. Apply BENTOSEAL® at the VOLTEX® section to VOLTEX® overlaps. (Figure 3.2).

Install adjacent VOLTEX® rolls of the bottom course horizontally oriented. Each roll should overlap the preceding roll a minimum 100 mm and should extend onto the footing a minimum 150 mm. At vertical inside corners apply a continuous 19 mm fillet of BENTOSEAL® directly in the corner prior to installing VOLTEX® (Figure 3.3). Stagger all vertical overlap joints a minimum of 300 mm (Figure 3.4). When hydrostatic conditions exist, the vertical wall VOLTEX® should cover the entire footing and overlap the underslab waterproofing a minimum 150 mm (Figure 3.6). Tape all VOLTEX DS® membrane overlap seams with CETCO Seamtape.
Figure 3.4 – VOLTEX® installed on cast-in-place backfill wall, overlap edges 100 mm and stagger vertical end laps

**Backfill:** The excavated area should be backfilled and compacted promptly after VOLTEX® is installed. Use placed backfill as a platform in applying succeeding VOLTEX® courses. The backfill must be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor density. Backfill should consist of compactible soils or angular aggregate (19 mm or less) free of debris, sharp objects, and stone larger than 19 mm. When backfill cannot be placed immediately protect membrane from precipitation and debris by sealing edges to concrete substrate with CETCO SEAMTAPE or tooled bead of CETSEAL. This temporary termination can be left in place covered by subsequent membrane overlap.

Figure 3.5 – Minimum VOLTEX DS® overlap detail; tape VOLTEX DS® seams

**Figure 3.6 – Step by step detail of outside wall base corner installation (hydrostatic condition)**
3.3 BACKFILLED WALL PENETRATIONS

Cut VOLTEX® to closely fit around penetrations. After installing VOLTEX®, trowel a minimum 19 mm thick fillet of BENTOSEAL® around the penetration to completely fill any space between the penetration and the VOLTEX® edge. The BENTOSEAL® should extend onto the penetration 38 mm and cover VOLTEX®'s edge (Figure 3.7). In areas where multiple penetrations are close together, it may be impractical to cut VOLTEX® to fit around base of each penetration. Therefore, apply a 19 mm thick fillet of BENTOSEAL® around each penetration and cover the entire surface between the penetrations (Figure 3.8). Extend BENTOSEAL® 38 mm onto the penetrations.

Figure 3.7 – Single penetration cast-in-place wall detail

Figure 3.8 – Cut VOLTEX® to fit around penetrations

Figure 3.9 – Close multiple penetrations. Trowel BENTOSEAL® around and between penetrations

Figure 3.10 – Install VOLTEX® between penetrations with accessibility. Trowel BENTOSEAL® around penetrations
3.4 GROUND LEVEL TERMINATIONS

Terminate VOLTEX® membrane 300 mm below finished ground level with washer-head fasteners maximum 300 mm on centre. Install CETBIT 300 flashing to primed concrete substrate with bottom edge overlapping top edge of VOLTEX® membrane minimum 100 mm. Overlap all roll ends a minimum 100 mm to form a continuous flashing. Height of flashing shall be per project details and specifications. Install a rigid termination bar along top edge of CETBIT 300; fastened maximum 300 mm on centre. Complete ground level termination detail with tooled bead of CETSEAL along the top edge, at all penetrations through the flashing, and all exposed overlap seams. Ground level terminations are illustrated in Figures 3.11 and 3.12.

3.5 MASONRY BLOCK WALLS

VOLTEX® is not recommended for waterproofing masonry block walls. Consult with CETCO regarding recommended products and installation guidelines for masonry block walls.

4.1 PRECAST CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

Consult CETCO regarding products and special installation guidelines for precast concrete plank decks, precast earth covered roofs, and precast wall construction.

4.2 CONTAMINATED CONDITIONS

Where contaminated ground-water conditions exist, use VOLTEX CR®/VOLTEX DSCR® with contaminant resistant sodium bentonite. VOLTEX CR®/VOLTEX DSCR® resist higher levels of the following contaminants: nitrates, phosphates, chlorides, sulfates, lime and organic solvents. Verify suitability of product by submitting a site water sample to CETCO for Water Compatibility Testing prior to installation. Contact CETCO for further details.

For compatibility testing, provide two (2) litres of site groundwater in a clean, unbreakable container. Ship water sample to: Birkenhead Road, Wallasey, UK CH44 7UB (OR) Szczyno 12-100, Korpele 13A – Strefa, Poland (OR) Cheste (Valencia) 46380, Crta.CV-50, Spain, ATTN: BMG Field Services. Upon analysis, CETCO will provide a written report evaluating the water’s compatibility with VOLTEX® and recommend any special product and/or installation requirements.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR SHOTCRETE, PRECAST CONCRETE, EXPANSION JOINTS AND OTHER APPLICATIONS NOT COVERED IN THIS MANUAL, CONTACT CETCO FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INSTALLATION GUIDELINES.
The information and data contained herein is believed to be accurate and reliable. Specifications and other information contained herein supersede all previously printed material and are subject to change without notice. Manufacturer’s warranty of installed system is available. Contact seller for terms and sample documents including all limitations.

All goods sold by seller are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship. The foregoing warranty is in lieu of and excludes all other warranties not expressly set forth herein, whether expressed or implied by operation of law or otherwise including but not limited to any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness.

Seller shall not be liable for incidental or consequential losses, damages or expenses, directly or indirectly arising from the sale, handling or use of the goods, or from any other cause relating thereto, and seller’s liability hereunder in any case is expressly limited to the replacement (in the form originally shipped) of goods not complying with this agreement or at seller’s election, to the repayment of, or crediting buyer with, an amount equal to the purchase price of such goods, whether such claims are for breach of warranty or negligence.

Any claim by buyer with reference to the goods sold hereunder for any cause shall be deemed waived by buyer unless submitted to seller in writing within thirty (30) days from the date buyer discovered or should of discovered, any claimed breach.

Materials should be inspected and tested by purchaser prior to their use if product quality is subject to verification after shipment. Performance guarantees are normally supplied by the applicator.

Note: VOLTEX® waterproofing system is not an expansion joint material.

**LIMITED WARRANTY**

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Contact CETCO for verification of specification and installation requirements to comply for eligibility of HydroShield Warranty.