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Enviro Liner® 6000HD is a fortified polyolefin alloy technology. The process of fortifying a geomembrane requires that a geomembrane be manufactured with special prime grade resins blended with a highly stabilized and advanced UV antioxidant formulation. This provides the geomembrane with superior physical, mechanical, and endurance properties.

Enviro Liner® 6000HD builds on the strength of the original Enviro Liner® 6000 formulation, which was developed in the 1990s and is still one of the leading flexible polyolefin geomembranes in North America.

Enviro Liner® 6000HD is fortified with our advanced Ultra Violet/Anti Oxidant (UV/AO) package that provides exceptional UV resistance. It is designed for long term exposed applications and is certified by the U.S. National Sanitation Foundation for drinking water system components (NSF 61). This material also offers very good chemical resistance. It is an excellent product choice for applications such as landfill caps, secondary containment of hydrocarbons, frac produced water and brine storage, potable water, and waste water containment. Enviro Liner® 6000HD series is manufactured by Layfield in North America and is available in 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 80 mils (0.5, 0.75, 1.0, 1.25, 1.5, 2.0 mm) thicknesses.

Every step in the production of an Enviro Liner® 6000HD geomembrane is completed to our ISO 9001 quality management system. The Enviro Liner® 6000HD series has been tested extensively for various key performance properties and the results of the tests have been documented in this booklet. For the black styles of the Enviro Liner® 6000HD series (at 30, 40, 50, 60 and 80 mil) (0.75, 1.0, 1.25, 1.5, 2.0 mm) both a standard and extended UV weathering warranty is available on approved applications.

In addition to being NSF 61 certified, Enviro Liner® 6000HD complies with the Australian water standard AS/NZS 4020 for compatibility with drinking water. Enviro Liner® 6000HD geomembranes are fish safe for ponds a with capacity over 1000 liters (280 gallons).
# PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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**Notes:**
- <sup>1</sup>This product meets or exceeds GRI-GM 17 specifications
- <sup>2</sup>Tested at 20 inches/min
- <sup>3</sup>Measured with a gage length of 1.5 inches
- <sup>4</sup>This test measures out of plane response of a material to a force that is applied perpendicular to the initial plane of geomembrane sample.
- <sup>5</sup>This test simulates the relative puncture resistance of a geomembrane when subjected to gradually increasing loads.
- <sup>6</sup>Measured on 30 mil thickness
- <sup>7</sup>Layfield recommends testing EL 6000<sup>HD</sup> series before use to ensure it’s compatibility with the specific aquatic species.
Definitions for Material Properties

Index Properties

Index properties characterize a geomembrane in its manufactured state. These properties are tested to ensure quality control during manufacturing of a geomembrane. Index properties define a geomembrane’s characteristics and physical properties. Examples of index properties include:

- Thickness
- Density
- Tensile Strength at break
- Elongation at break
- Trapeziodal tear
- Puncture resistance

Performance Properties

These are the properties that are tested to simulate important field conditions. They provide a more accurate indication of how a geomembrane will perform in the field. Examples of performance properties include:

- Hydrostatic Burst Strength
- Axi-Symmetric Strain
- Large Scale Puncture Test
- Dynamic Puncture test
- Barrier Properties/ Chemical Resistance
- Geomembrane Flexibility
- Multi-Axial Stress Strain Test
- Improved Surface Friction Properties
- Potable Water Certifications

Endurance Properties

These are the properties that are tested to establish the long-term aging performance of a geomembrane. These properties provide an indication of longevity. Examples of endurance properties include:

- Weathering Resistance
- High Pressure Oxidative Induction Test
- Brine Resistance Testing
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INDEX PROPERTIES

Tensile Strength

The Enviro Liner® 6000™ formulation yielded higher tensile strength compared to HDPE without compromising the flexibility of the geomembrane. The improved formulation increased the tensile strength by almost 15% compared to our Enviro Liner® 4000 series which is manufactured in accordance with GRI GM 17. Enviro Liner® 6000™ consistently yields higher tensile strengths compared to equivalent thickness of standard HDPE and LLDPE geomembranes. The 30 mil (0.75 mm) Enviro Liner® 6030™ yields a tensile strength of 141 ppi (25 N/mm).

![Tensile Strength Figure](image)

Tear Strength

Tear strength is an important property of geomembranes. Small scale tear tests taken from the film industry such as ASTM D1004 do not model field tearing conditions. In order to more closely model field conditions Enviro Liner® 6000™ materials are tested using the trapezoidal tear test which is part of the ASTM D751 test methods.

The major difference between the two tests is the length of test specimen exposed to tear propagation across the specimen as shown in the figures below. For both ASTM D1004 and ASTM D751 the specimen is held between the grips of a tensiometer and pulled to see the resistance of material to tear propagation. In the trapezoidal tear test a small slit is made on one of the edges as shown in the picture below.

The specimen is placed between the jaws so that narrow side of the trapezoid forms a straight line with the edge of the clamp and the angled sides of trapezoid are lined up with the clamp. Since the ASTM D751 uses a wider specimen it provides a more accurate estimate of field behavior.

![Tear Strength Figures](image)

Standard Puncture Test (ASTM D4833)

Standard puncture tests such as ASTM D4833 show increased puncture resistance as the tensile strength of the material increases. This test involves pushing an 8 mm diameter metal rod through a 45 mm diameter geomembrane. Figure 5 shows the metal rod and specimen mounting area on the test equipment. The ASTM D4833 is regarded as a quality control test rather than a performance test. This test does not simulate actual conditions of a geomembrane in service. Large scale puncture testing was developed to better simulate field conditions.

![Standard Puncture Test Equipment](image)
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Barrier Properties/Chemical Resistance

Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> materials are resistant to a wide range of chemicals. Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> is resistant to most inorganic chemicals and a large number of organic chemicals. The hydrocarbon resistance of Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> is very good and hence is suitable for a large number of oilfield applications where oil resistance is important. Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> can be used for crude oil, drilling sumps, frac/produced water, and produced sand storage as well as ecology pits and secondary containment. Another important application is containment of brine solution in large ponds for storage of natural gas. Layfield has performed extensive brine testing at accelerated conditions to determine performance of the material to saturated salt solutions at elevated temperatures.

Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> is suitable for secondary containment of combustible liquids and primary containment of mine tailings, potable and waste water applications. Please refer to Section 8 for a complete list of major applications.

In several occasions we encounter unique, proprietary, or mixed chemicals that need to be contained with geomembranes. With only a few hundred chemical tests available for reference and many thousands of chemicals in use there will inevitably be chemicals for which we will not have geomembrane compatibility test data. To address this issue, Layfield has developed a test container that can be shipped to the client’s location pre-loaded with a variety of geomembrane samples. The client pours their liquid chemical into the container and exposes the geomembrane samples for 7 to 30 days (depending on the application). After chemical exposure the chemical is drained and the container and geomembrane samples are cleaned. The cleaned container is returned to Layfield for evaluation and testing. Layfield will then report on the compatibility of the geomembrane. Based on the many chemicals available today and potential exposure to varying pH levels and temperatures, it is important that the owner confirms chemical compatibility. Ask your Layfield representative for more details of this testing.

Solvent Vapor Permeability

Solvent Vapor Permeability is a measure of the rate at which chemicals diffuse through the geomembrane over a period of time. In critical containment applications this is a key property. Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> is tested against common industry chemicals to substantiate its use as a secondary containment liner. The tests were designed to measure the solvent vapor permeability and the ASTM D814 method was used as a procedural guide.

Methane Permeability

Layfield tested methane permeability in accordance with ASTM D1434, (Procedure V). The permeability of polymers to gases is mainly a function of sheet density and the molecular structure of the polymer. Our Enviro Liner® 6000HD shows excellent resistance against methane and shows lower values when compared to geomembrane products like High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) 40 mil (1.0 mm), Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) 30 mil (0.75 mm) and Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) 40 mil (1.0 mm) . Values for HDPE 40 mil (1.0 mm), PVC 30 mil (0.75 mm) and LLDPE 40 mil (1.0 mm) were extracted from a research paper on methane gas migration through geomembranes. (Stark et al, 2005)
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Water Vapor Permeability

Water vapor permeability with geomembranes operates in a completely different manner than water permeability in clay liners. The movement of water in clay is actually as a liquid between the particles of clay while the movement of water vapor in a geomembrane is actually molecule-by-molecule between the molecules of the plastic. This makes comparison between the two systems difficult. We are often asked if our geomembrane meets the requirements of 1 x 10^-7 cm/sec which is the speed of movement of water through a clay. Our Enviro Liner® 6000HD material was tested using ASTM F1249, which is a standard test method for “Water Vapor Transmission Rate through Plastic Film and Sheeting”. This test determines the rate of water vapor transmission through flexible barrier materials. Our Enviro Liner® 6000HD yielded a permeation rate of 3x10^-13 cm/sec which is over one million times lower than a typical clay liner at 1x10^-7 cm/sec, and about a ten thousand times lower than a geosynthetic clay liners at 1x10^-9 cm/sec.

Puncture Resistance

Large Scale Puncture Test

There are two large scale puncture performance tests that have been performed on Enviro Liner® 6000HD. These are the Truncated Cone Puncture and the Dynamic Puncture tests.

The Truncated Cone Puncture (ASTM D5514) test simulates the relative puncture resistance of a geomembrane when subjected to gradually increasing loads over a relatively large area of the specimen. The test equipment is a pressure vessel that is designed to deliver a hydrostatic pressure of up to 100 psi (690 kPa). The truncated cones are designed to simulate rocks in the field and are tapered to a 45 degree angle on top to give a sharp edge. The hydrostatic pressure is increased in the vessel until geomembrane rupture is observed.

A modification of this test is to determine the Critical Cone Height (CCH) of a geomembrane. The CCH is a height of cone above the subgrade where an increase in pressure will not puncture the geomembrane. Typically a geomembrane would be able to resist puncture from a rock of a similar size up to 100 psi (690 kPa, about 230 ft, or 70 m of water volume). In our recent tests the CCH was found to be low for stiffer material like HDPE, with values around 35 mm/1.37”. The more flexible Enviro Liner® showed higher CCH values around 50 mm (2”). Previous studies on geomembranes using large scale testing have suggested that stiffer materials tend to fail at smaller cone heights. In previous studies HDPE demonstrated cone heights as low as 10 mm/0.4”. A technical report on the truncated cone testing is now available. Please contact Layfield for a copy.

The second large scale puncture test is the Dynamic Puncture Test. This test was developed by an engineering firm specializing in Heap Leach Mining and is used to validate geomembranes for use in Heap Leach projects.

The Dynamic Puncture test measures the resistance of a geomembrane to fill materials at very high confining loads. Layfield has worked closely with an industry accredited geosynthetics laboratory to measure puncture resistance of Enviro Liner® 6000HD 40mil (1.0 mm) and 60 mil (1.5mm) at 306 PSI (2,117 kPa), 460 PSI (3,176 kPa), and 560 PSI (3,881 kPa). We also measured Enviro Liner® 6000HD 40 mil (1.00mm) with a 200 g/m² geotextile. This test is very relevant to the simulation of load conditions in heap leach mining applications. A steel pressure vessel with an inside dimension of 305 mm x 305 mm and a height of 153 mm and capable of applying vertical pressures of up to 4,000 kPa was used for testing. A subgrade material was placed in the lower half of the test cell at a specified dry density and moisture content to simulate the field conditions. The geomembrane...
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A specimen was placed on this prepared soil and then covered with an overliner (select fill) material. The select fill for the overliner material was taken from an actual heap leach project and is representative of this type of application. The pressure was applied in increments of 70 kPa per minute until a pressure of 3881 kPa was reached. It was then held constant for 48 hours. A visual inspection was done after removal of the geomembrane sample. The sample was then placed in a vacuum box to observe punctures.

Flexibility

The flexibility of geomembranes is important for installation and handling in the field. To date geomembrane flexibility has been a subjective term as different people have different perceptions on material flexibility. One material may appear to be more flexible than another based on handling. As a geomembrane manufacturer and fabricator, the challenge for us was to measure the point where a material fatigues upon exposure to constant flexing. Results from this test would compare material flexibility with other materials commonly used as geomembranes. One way of doing this was to determine the fatigue behavior in geomembrane materials when exposed to cyclic loading. Plastics, as well as other materials, subjected to cyclic loading will fail at stress levels well below their tensile or compressive strengths. We applied this theory to test some common geomembrane products; stress levels were kept even for all materials throughout the test and the number of cycles to reach the fatigue strength was determined. To determine geomembrane flexibility, Layfield researched available test standards that measured material flexibility; we found ASTM D6182 test that we could use to closely simulate the cyclic loading in a geomembrane. ASTM D6182 is “Standard Test Method for Flexibility and Adhesion of Finish on Leather”. In this test a specimen is flexed and an endpoint is determined by rating the degree of damage after a fixed number of flexes. The specimens are subjected to flexing at 100 cycles per minute.

Applications where flexibility is desirable in a geomembrane:

- Interim and permanent landfill cap
- Floating Covers
- Tanks and Pond Liners
- Baffle walls in municipal clear wells
- Geomembranes exposed to a high degree of soil deformation
- Prefabricated Products
- Flexible Membrane Liners
- Floating Covers
- Baffle Curtains

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Table 3. Flex cycles for various geomembranes before material deterioration

Figure 7. Specimens mounted and tested on the flexibility test equipment
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Multi-axial Stress-Strain Test

This test measures the out of plane response of a geomembrane to a force that is applied perpendicular to the initial plane of geomembrane sample. Test results showed a substantially improved strain values for our Enviro Liner®6000HD. This property is desirable in landfill cap applications where large concentration of gases can develop against the liner and push it upwards.

In 2007, Layfield installed an interim landfill cap utilizing Enviro Liner® 6030HD geomembrane to prevent infiltration and the runoff entering the landfill which would potentially increase the amount of leachate that has to be treated before disposal. Subsidence and settlement of waste can occur as the waste decomposes over the period of time leaving the liner to withstand the out-of-plane deformations beneath the cover. The picture Figure 8b. show Enviro Liner® 6030HD exposed to full landfill gas swells. (Simpson et al, 2009)

Improved Surface Friction Properties

Surface friction properties of a liner material can be improved during manufacturing by using a process called texturing. Enviro Liner® 6000HD can be textured on one or both sides to improve the interface friction properties. A smooth geomembrane with lower interface friction will have poor interaction with the soil cover and increases the concern of slope stability. When installing geomembranes on steep side slopes, the geomembrane should prevent sloughing of backfill material off of the slopes. Layfield tested our textured liner at an accredited geosynthetics laboratory to determine the interface friction angles between the soil and geomembrane. The data clearly shows that surface texturing can significantly improve the interface shear between the geomembrane and soil. Another advantage of having a textured surface is having a safe work environment. Smooth liners can get slippery due to precipitation, frost and ice build-up. Smooth geomembranes when wet act like a slide and can cause serious injury and can drastically reduce the output in such environments. Using a textured surface can increase installation safety in certain applications.

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Table 4. Interface friction properties of textured Enviro Liner 6000™ to soils & geotextile
Low Temperature Behavior

Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) retains its flexibility at low temperatures and does not become stiff even at temperatures as low as -40°C/-40°F. This feature is particularly important as it enables the geomembrane to be installed during extreme weather conditions. The practical handling temperature for our Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) is -25°C/-13°F which means we can install Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) in extreme environments. For more information on low temperature behavior, please refer our cold temperature handling guide which is available on our website.

Potable Water Certifications

Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) has been tested and certified by the US National Sanitization Foundation (NSF) to be used in potable water applications. Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) was also tested by the Australian Water Quality Centre in accordance with AS/NZS 4020:2005 standard for contact with drinking water. The AS/NZS 4020:2005 standard requires that the product not affect the taste or appearance of water; not support the growth of micro organisms; and not release cytotoxic or mutagenic compounds or metals when immersed in, or exposed to, test water in accordance with extraction procedures as outlined for each of the tests. Extraction is allowed to proceed for a period of time, the final extract is then analyzed in accordance with the test requirements for each test. Layfield’s Enviro Liner® 6000\(^{HD}\) met all test requirements and conforms to the AS/NZS 4020:2005 standard.

Figure 10: Enviro Liner® 6040\(^{HD}\) defined sump floating cover for a potable water reservoir in Australia
ENDURANCE PROPERTIES

Weathering Resistance

Enviro Liner® 6000HD series geomembrane formulation has a unique UV and anti-oxidant package. In 2009 we presented a research paper titled “Long-Term Weathering Stability and Warranty Implications for Thin Film Geomembranes”. (Mills et al, 2009). This paper describes our testing methodology and compares our EnviroLiner® with HDPE 60 mil under similar test conditions. This extended long term UV test tested a sample of our 0.75 mm (30 mil) black polyolefin material and a 1.5 mm (60 mil) HDPE material out to 30,000 hours. The exposure for these samples was 10 hours of UV light at 60°C followed by a 2 hour condensation cycle at 50°C. UVB bulbs were used with an irradiance of 0.80 W/m²/nm (at 313 nm). Recent laboratory studies on the degradation of exposed polyethylene geomembranes in Texan weather conditions have shown significant improvements in the service life of geomembrane liners that contain high loading of anti-oxidants (Islam, 2011). Layfield in the past has carried out similar tests and reported the advantages of fortifying a geomembrane.

In our study, our Enviro Liner® 6000HD fortified geomembrane showed excellent resistance to UV weathering after 30,000 hrs. The results showed that our Enviro Liner® 6000HD series retained almost 90% of strength after 30,000 hrs of UV exposure. Presence of antioxidants in the material means increased survivability. The surface of the material oxidizes primarily in presence of air, water and light. The process of oxidation can occur in both exposed and backfilled applications; it is relatively faster for exposed liner applications. Once the antioxidants start to diminish from the surface layer, the oxidation process is accelerated and the material degrades at an exponential rate (Martin, 2005). Enviro Liner® 6000HD series contains high loading of antioxidant additives sufficient to achieve a High Pressure Oxidative Induction Time (HPOIT) level of more than 2,000 minutes. This significantly exceeds the industry standard of 400 minutes, the highest HPOIT performance of any polyolefin geomembrane liner. For this reason, polymer scientists describe Enviro Liner® 6000HD as a fortified geomembrane (Schiers, 2009).
Resistance to Brine Solution

There are a number of developing geomembrane applications where hot salt water needs to be contained over the long term. One application is hydraulic fracturing (fracking) where the flow back water that comes up from underground is high in saline concentration. Brine can include reservoir water, injected water, and chemicals added during the production and treatment process. Brine containment may also be needed to contain highly saline “produced water” or “formation water” extracted along with oil and gas during exploration and production. A second brine containment application is the bypass water from reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment systems. Both of these applications create high salt content water which needs to be stored. Salt water storage applications become more critical when the salt water needs to be stored for an extended period of time. Determining long term performance requires accelerated test methods.

To investigate these hot salt water containments we used two test methods. One of these methods used stressed specimens at a single temperature while the other method used unstressed specimens at multiple temperatures. The stressed specimen method immerses the samples in a hot salt solution in a bent strip arrangement. After immersion the bent strips are removed and the antioxidant levels are measured with the HPOIT test. For the unstressed condition, the specimens were cut with a die and immersed as is in the hot salt solution.

In both the stressed and unstressed test, a salt solution with the following composition was used:

- 100 g/L NaCl Sodium Chloride
- 62 g/L NaHCO3 Sodium Bicarbonate
- 50 g/L NaCO3 Sodium Carbonate

The samples in this test were placed in stressed condition in a hot brine solution with samples taken after 150 hours, 300 hours, 600 hours, 1200 hours, and 2400 hours of immersion time (the actual time may vary but these are the targeted immersion times). At the end of each of these immersion periods the samples were visually inspected to see if any cracking had occurred. Then the samples were sent for antioxidant testing. After 2400 hours of immersion time the Enviro Liner® 6000HD material maintained an HPOIT test result of greater than 1000 minutes. In the stressed specimen test the Enviro Liner® 6040HD material started with a typical high value of HPOIT. After an initial loss of antioxidant the HPOIT slowed significantly. After 2400 hours of immersion in a stressed state, the material still showed over 1000 minutes of HPOIT which is still 2.5 times higher than the standard for geomembranes.

The unstressed specimen test did not show the same antioxidant loss but did show some small tensile strength changes over 1000 hours of immersion. The tensile changes were not clear enough to establish a trend. Other physical measurements of the unstressed specimens did not show any significant changes. This testing indicates that Enviro Liner® 6000HD will retain antioxidant stability which will result in long term UV and chemical resistance. The Enviro Liner® 6000HD material is recommended for long term salt water containment in ambient temperatures. Please request a full technical report on this testing from your Layfield Representative.

Graph 4. Salt Solution Immersion Test Results for Enviro Liner® 6040HD
Effects of Solar Irradiance

Exposure to solar radiation has been shown to increase the surface temperature of black colored geomembranes resulting in thermal expansion of the material. Liner materials that show higher coefficient of liner thermal expansion are prone to dimensional change during service. Geomembranes with light colors have lower surface temperatures when they are exposed to sunlight. Previous research shows how the geomembrane surface temperature between white and black can be very significant over a period of time.

Layfield carried out a study to simulate the effect of solar irradiance were specimens were exposed to UV light in a climatic chamber. Layfield used ASTM D4355 as a procedural guide to set up the test. Both black and white geomembrane specimens were exposed to Xenon arc lamps emitting an irradiance of 0.19 W/m²nm, 340 nm while the chamber temperature was set to 40 ºC/104 ºF. By comparison an irradiance of 0.11 W/m²nm is equivalent to a UV index of 7 which would be typical of a sunny day in Southern Ontario, Canada in July. It was concluded that the white surface resulted in 46% reduction in surface temperature compared to the black surface. Enviro Liner® 6000HD is manufactured with our state-of-the art multi layer co-extrusion technology. Layfield offers our geomembranes in black, white and tan skin colors. Light skin colors ensure lower geomembrane surface temperature and have the following benefits:

1. Lower expansion/contraction
2. Greater Resistance to long term degradation
3. Increased protection of soil subgrade from desiccation
4. Prevent heat build up under floating covers

Figure 12: White Surfaced Floating Cover-Enviro Liner® 6030HD evaporation control cover for a winery in Australia
### Section 4

#### Comparative Physical Properties

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**Notes:**
1. In accordance with GRI GM 17 specification, Test Method, Test Properties for LLDEPE Smooth and Textured Geomembrane.
Prefabricated geomembrane liners are usually made of flexible liner materials that are thermally welded together to form large geomembrane panels that can be deployed very quickly in the field. On prefabricated panels all of the seams are manufactured in a controlled environment. Installation of prefabricated panels reduces the number of field seams and significantly improves overall efficiency and economics.

Field assembled geomembranes are typically stiffer and are not designed to be prefabricated in a factory environment. Field assembled geomembranes are designed to be assembled in the field and are subject to the variability of the weather.

Our Enviro Liner® 6000HD series has been formulated to overcome flexibility issues related with field fabricated geomembranes such as HDPE. HDPE’s very crystalline structure makes it stiffer and produces lower elongation at yield compared to Enviro Liner® 6000HD, which is flexible with exceptional elongation behavior. For the same reason we do not fabricate HDPE into large panels as it is too stiff to fold and roll. Even in the field, HDPE liners have to be laid smooth on the ground with no creases; backfilling over the creases may cause permanent deformation in those areas with significant loss in strength leading to geomembrane failure. Prefabricated panels also minimize field welding increasing quality control and reducing dependance on weather elements. Prefabricated panels are welded in a controlled environment compared to seam fabrication in field, ensuring high seam integrity.

Another important benefit of using prefabricated liners is described in the figures below. Figure 13a. shows panel layout using roll stock material assembled in field. Figure 13b. involves prefabricated panels made from more flexible materials like Enviro Liner® 6000HD. In this example, the containment area is approximately 350' (106.7 m) wide x 500' (152.4 m) long x 10' (3 m) deep with a 4 (horizontal) to 1 (vertical) slope.

The following observations and conclusions can be derived from these two typical panel layouts in Figure 13a & b:

- Prefabricated geomembranes require fewer panels: approximately eight Enviro Liner® 6030HD (30 mil) (0.75 mm) panels versus approximately sixty-five HDPE (60 mil) (1.5 mm) panels
- Prefabricated panels require approximately 80% less field seams: approximately 1550 linear feet/475 linear meters of onsite seams for Enviro Liner 6030HD (30 mil)(0.75 mm) versus approximately 8000 linear feet/2438.4 linear meters of onsite seams for HDPE (60 mil) (1.5 mm)

Other considerations of prefabricated panels:

- Prefabricated panels are manufactured in a controlled environment
- Less dependency on weather elements during construction
- Shorter on-site time
- Panels can be prefabricated between 20,000 ft²/1,860m² to 100,000 ft²/9,290m²
- Smaller jobs can be supplied in one prefabricated panel
SECTION 6

GEOMEMBRANES THICKNESS

At Layfield we strongly believe that the thickness of materials should be a function of the containment design taking into consideration site specific conditions. There are a number of thickness standards that are often quoted. One of the most quoted standards is the USEPA RCRA Subtitle D for landfills*. That document requires a minimum material thickness of 30 mil (0.75mm) for the base liners of landfills. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has Conservation Practice Standard 521A that requires a minimum thickness of 40 mil (1.00 mm) for waste water and 30 mil (0.75 mm) for clear water ponds (unsupported materials). In the 6th edition of Designing with Geosynthetics (Table 5.13) Robert Koerner ties thickness to survivability in the designations: Low 25 mil (0.63mm), Medium 30 mil (0.75mm), High 35 mil (0.88mm), and Very High 40 mil (1.0 mm). Therefore, the actual standard for the thickness of geomembranes is clearly between 30 mil (0.75mm) and 40 mil (1.0 mm).

One important aspect to consider is that thickness is not a key property of a geomembrane. The performance properties of a geomembrane need to be examined against the requirements of the project. For example Enviro Liner® 6000HD has better UV resistance than other materials twice its thickness. Selecting the thinner material in this case can help you retain UV resistance while adding other properties such as flexibility and the increased speed of installation of a prefabricated liner. With a number of commodity grade liner materials, 60 mil (1.50 mm) and 80 mil (2.00 mm) thick products actually have worse yield, elongation and critical cone height puncture properties compared to more flexible 30 mil (0.75 mil) and 40 mil (1.00 mm) Enviro Liner®6000HD products.

SECTION 7

WARRANTY

Ultra Violet (UV) Weathering

Enviro Liner® 6000HD comes with a standard 15 year UV weathering warranty for all Enviro Liner® 6000HD products in thicknesses ranging from 30 mil (0.75 mm) to 80 mil (2.0 mm). Extended warranty periods up to 25 years are available on preapproved applications. Our warranty is backed by natural and accelerated weathering tests. For further details on weathering warranties and testing, please ask your Layfield representative for our technical paper “Long Term Weathering Stability and Warranty Implications for Thin Film Geomembranes”.

Warranty Terms

1. The warranty is a pro-rated limited UV weathering warranty. It confirms that the Enviro Liner 6000HD will be free from manufacturing defects and, if properly installed and maintained, shall withstand normal weathering for the term of the warranty.

2. The warranty does not cover any damage to the liner, or defects in the liner, resulting from conditions beyond the reasonable control of Layfield, including misuse, abuse, fire, acts of God, abnormal weather conditions of all types, improper installation or maintenance, excessive stress from any source, improper handling during transportation, unloading, storage or installation, floating debris, damage due to machinery, damage from exposure to chemicals harmful to the liner, foreign objects or animals.

3. A failure of a geomembrane is considered to be a breach (holes or blistering) or if the tensile strength falls below a level of 50% of the original specification.

4. As a condition of the warranty, the liner will be installed following Layfield recommended procedures.

5. A claim for breach of warranty needs to be presented to Layfield in writing within 30 days of the discovery of the possible defect. Layfield with then have the opportunity to inspect and determine the cause of the possible defect and take appropriate steps to repair or replace the Liner if a defect exists.

*For the complete warranty terms and conditions please contact your nearest Layfield representative.
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Major Applications

Oil and Gas
- Frac/ Flowback Water
- Brine/ Produced Water
- Oilfield Pit Liners
- Tank liners
- Remediation liners and covers
- Secondary containment of hydrocarbons and chemicals
- Evaporation floating covers

Mining
- Heap leach pads and ponds
- Tailings ponds
- Raincoat covers
- Dam face waterproofing
- Remediation liners and covers

Water and Wastewater
- Potable water
- Municipal utilities
- Waste water treatment ponds
- Sewage Lagoons
- Manure Lagoons
- Industrial waste water
- Stormwater Management Ponds
- Aquaculture
- Decorative Ponds
- Irrigation Canal Liners

Solid Waste Containment
- Hazardous Waste
- Landfill caps (temporary and permanent)
- Landfill liners
- Soil remediation liners
- Sludge dewatering

Floating Covers
- Algae control
- Evaporation control
- Prevent waterfowl from landing
- Insulated covers
- Odor control
- Biogas covers
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Oil and Gas

Enviro Liner® 6000® is used extensively in the Oil & Gas sector for environmental containment. The product’s excellent chemical resistance, long term UV stability, mechanical strengths and flexibility make it an ideal choice in multiple upstream, midstream and downstream applications. In upstream applications Enviro Liner® 6000®’s ability to withstand high concentrations of brine, a wide range of operating temperatures and varying PH levels makes it well suited for the containment of produced water in reserve pits and frac tanks. It is also commonly used in a multitude of secondary containment applications from hydrocarbons, crude oil, gas liquids, and condensates. A quickly emerging application in warmer and windier climates is as a floating cover for evaporation control for water and fluids used for hydraulic fracturing.

For water storage and waste water treatment applications, Enviro Liner® 6000® provides excellent UV resistance and high levels of anti-oxidant protection, which makes it a very good choice for long term exposed applications such as brine and salt evaporation ponds. The product’s ability to be prefabricated in a custom large size factory panels allows it to be mobilized for fast turnarounds, helping reduce construction costs. In midstream transportation applications, Enviro Liner® 6000® is commonly used for secondary containment applications for temporary storage and transfer facilities for crude oil, liquid bitumen, diluents and many other industry chemicals. It is also an excellent choice for brine water storage ponds. In downstream applications Enviro Liner® 6000® is commonly specified for secondary containment of liquid hydrocarbons for petro chemical facilities, refineries and above ground bulk storage.

Figure 19. Enviro Liner® 6040® lining a Brine Storage Pond in Ontario, Canada

Figure 20. Enviro Liner® 6030® Frac Tank Liner, West Texas.

Figure 21. Enviro Liner® Frac Fluid Evaporation control cover, Texas.

Figure 22. Secondary containment system in Alberta, Canada
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Mining Applications

Heap Leaching

A geomembrane is a vital component for heap leach pad construction in mining applications. The geomembrane system contains the heap leaching fluids which allows the target mineral to be recovered through a chemical extraction process. The geomembrane also ensures that the environment is protected by preventing the release of the heap leaching chemicals. When selecting a geomembrane for heap leach pad construction it is important to consider both the mechanical and chemical properties of the material. We have discussed chemical resistance of Enviro Liner® 6000HD in detail in previous sections of this booklet. In this section, we emphasize the importance of puncture resistance and interface friction properties of Enviro Liner® 6000HD in the challenging application of heap leaching.

Dynamic Puncture Tests and its relevance to Heap Leach Applications

A typical heap leaching process involves placing the geomembrane on a prepared subgrade and then placing a select fill material (in this example called the “over liner” material) on top of the liner for protection. Once the over liner layer is in place the ore is placed on the heap leach pad to the required operating height.

The gradation for the over liner material used in this example is shown in Table 7 and is a combination of soil fines and crushed rock. The over liner material is screened from crushed materials on site and contains ≤ 5% of soil fines to encourage drainage of the heap leach chemicals. The select fill (over liner) material in this test was from an actual heap leach project. The over liner material is designed to protect the geomembrane from the pressure of the heap leach ore which in a heap leach pad can reach up to 100 meters (300’) high. Evaluating whether a geomembrane will be able to withstand these types of ore pressures is done with the Dynamic Puncture test.

The Dynamic Puncture test replicates the high pressures in a heap leach pad using a steel vessel and a hydraulic press. The steel pressure vessel has an inside dimension of 305 mm x 305 mm and a height of 153 mm and is capable of applying vertical pressures of up to 4,000 kPa (580 psi - shown in Figure 22). Pressure is typically applied in increments of 70 kPa every minute up to a pressure of 3881 kPa (equivalent to 200 m of ore). The pressure was then held constant for 48 hours. Enviro Liner® 6000HD performed very well in this Dynamic Puncture Test and the results are shown in Table 8.

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Table 7. Soil Liners and Over Liner Gradation

Figure 23. Mining schematic showing placement of geomembrane
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Interface Friction Test and its relevance to Heap Leach Applications

Another important aspect of heap leach construction is the stability of the heap leach pads. This requires that the friction angle between the over liner and the geomembrane is clearly understood. Since most interface friction tests with geosynthetics are done at low normal stresses, the values are not always appropriate to heap leaching applications. Once again using a lab specializing in heap leach studies the Layfield Enviro Liner® 6000 HD was tested for interface friction values at high normal stresses with two soil types. The two soil types used in this testing were the select fill material (over liner) that was used in the Dynamic Puncture test and a fill material representative of the prepared subgrade of the heap leach pad (called the soil liner material). The soil liner material has a high fines content while the over liner material has a very low fines content. Soil gradations for both materials are shown. Below is the table showing the results of friction angle testing for the smooth and textured Enviro Liner® 6000HD.

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Table 8. Results of Dynamic Puncture Test

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Table 9. Friction Angles with Over Liner

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Table 10. Friction Angles with Soil Liner

Test Conditions:

- Normal Loads: 100 kPa (2000 PSF), 200 kPa (4000 PSF), 400 kPa (8000 PSF) and 800 kPa (16,000 PSF)
- Asperity Height of the Geomembrane: 12 mils, 0.012” (0.305 mm)

Soil Gradation: Soil Liner and Over Liner
Water and Waste Water Applications

Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** is a potable water grade geomembrane that is certified to the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 61 (NSF 61) and the Australian water standard AS/NZ 4020 for compatibility with drinking water. Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** has excellent long-term resistance to chlorines and other disinfectants (in typical concentrations for potable water) and is commonly specified in potable water applications. In wastewater applications, Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** can contain many variants of waste water from municipal sewage to agricultural manure and commercial waste water. Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** is heavily fortified with advanced stabilizers and a proprietary UV inhibitor / antioxidant additive package that makes it very suitable for exposed long-term floating cover applications. In drinking water applications, Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** can help protect the water from contamination from external sources.

Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** can also be used to fabricate evaporation control covers in a number of agricultural and industrial applications. In wastewater applications, Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** floating covers help prevent odors, collect biogas, and prevent the build-up of algae. Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** has a High Pressure Oxidative Induction Time (HPOIT) level of more than 2,000 minutes which allow us to offer an industry leading 25-year exposed service weathering warranty on the black side of the geomembrane. Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** can also be placed with the white side exposed to help reduce the surface temperature of the geomembrane which results in lower expansion/contraction cycles and prevents heat build-up under floating covers.

Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** has high multi axial stress strain values. This property is desirable for biogas collection covers or other applications where large concentrations of gases can develop against the liner and push it upwards. Another important property of Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** is its flexibility. Enviro Liner® 6000**HD** can be thermally welded together to fabricate very large panels, thus reducing the number of field seams in large municipal water and wastewater projects.
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Subgrade Preparation

1. Ensure subgrade is compacted and surface finished to not impair installed geomembrane.

2. Subgrade to provide firm, unyielding surface with no sharp changes or abrupt breaks in grade.

3. A smooth drum rolled surface is preferable.

4. Ensure surfaces to be lined are smooth, free of foreign and organic material, sharp objects, or debris of any kind.

5. If a suitable sub-grade is not available then a cushion layer of 100 mm (4 inches) of clean sand LP8 non woven geotextile shall be placed prior to liner placement.

6. Excavate anchor trench to line, grade, and width indicated on drawings, prior to liner placement. Provide slightly rounded corners in the trench to avoid sharp bends in the geomembrane.

7. Prepare mechanical attachments according to ASTM D6497 Standard Guide for Mechanical Attachment of Geomembrane to Penetrations or Structures.

8. All concrete surfaces to which the liner will attach shall have “smooth trowel” finish. All the corners should have radius to a minimum 25mm (1 inch) as per the drawing.

9. Compaction at pipe penetrations and areas of mechanical attachment will be inspected carefully as these are areas where differential settlement can occur.

10. A certificate of subgrade acceptance will be prepared by the liner installation contractor prior to liner installation.

Geomembrane Installation

1. Installation of the geomembrane shall be performed in a logical sequence.

2. Place panels according to the drawings, the panel layout, and the label on each panel.

3. Sufficient thermal slack shall be incorporated during placement to ensure that harmful stresses do not occur in service.
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4. Weather Conditions at Time of Installation:
   • Site welding may proceed at any temperature providing a suitable qualification weld can be prepared at site conditions using the operator, equipment, and materials intended for the project.
   • Installation of geomembrane in winds above 20 km/h (12 mph) can proceed only if the installer can demonstrate that the liner will not be at risk of damage.
   • Do not install the geomembrane during precipitation or in the presence of excessive moisture.
   • Do not install in weather conditions that may be detrimental to the function of the geomembrane.

5. Ensure personnel working on geomembrane do not use damaging footwear.

6. Protect completed panels from damage; handle carefully to avoid damaging the liner.

7. Equipment and methods used to unroll liner panels should not damage the prepared subgrade.

8. Ballast used to prevent uplift by wind must not damage the geomembrane. A continuous load is recommended along the edges of panels to eliminate the risk of wind uplift.

9. Qualification Seams:
   • A qualification seam will be run prior to any field seams.
   • A qualification seam is made with separate pieces of geomembrane using the same material and equipment that will be used for production welding.
   • Machine conditions, and operator used for welding must be the same as those used for the qualification weld.
   • Qualification seam must be tested in shear and peel, and meet the specified requirements for the material as stated in the materials section.
   • A qualification seam must be rerun whenever the operator is changed, the equipment adjusted, or at least every 4 hours.

10. Field Seams:
    • Field seams will be sampled for testing in a way that does not compromise the installed liner
    • One sample to be tested for every 150 m (500 ft) of field seam.
    • Test samples are to be removed from the ends of seams, from the anchor trench, or other location that does not introduce a defect into the liner
    • Samples to be approximately 100 mm (4 inches) long to permit testing of one shear and two peel specimens (ASTM D6392).
    • Test samples immediately after seaming.
    • Record date, location and pass/fail description.
    • A written record will be maintained for all field seam tests.
    • All completed field seams will be 100% non-destructively tested using an air lance test (ASTM D4437 method 7.2).
Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> series REVOC<sup>®</sup> Floating Cover Specification Summary

Product Description

REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Covers are manufactured using our fortified Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup>. These covers use floats and weights to create rainwater collection sumps in the cover and to accommodate changes in water level. The REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump system is ideal for larger floating cover applications. A defined sump system can be fairly simple, or can be exceptionally complex depending on site conditions. REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Covers are used for all floating cover applications including potable water storage, odor control, evaporation control and contamination/dilution protection. A REVOC<sup>®</sup> defined sump cover is the most versatile cover system and can be used in any floating cover application especially large ponds, or ponds with an irregular shape. Layfield’s REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Cover design, installation techniques, and inspection/maintenance protocols fully meet the requirements of local regulations, such as the AWWA M25 Lining and Floating Cover Guidelines and AWWA California-Nevada Reservoir Floating Cover Guidelines. Layfield designs, installs, and maintains all types of floating covers.

Installation

All REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Covers made with Enviro Liner® 6000<sup>HD</sup> must be installed by a Layfield crew operating under a clearly defined contract. Much of the installation of a REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Cover is accomplished by skilled technicians in the field. The layout and fitting of a defined sump cover system requires significant field skill and experience. REVOC<sup>®</sup> Defined Sump Covers are almost always installed in a dry pond. After the pond liner is complete and inspected the cover panels are placed and welded to fit into the containment. The layout and installation of sumps is done on site according to the final cover geometry. Our skilled installers locate where each sump should be on the cover and then attach the floats and weights around the sump as required. Final installation of fittings such as hatches, walkways, steps, vents, sumps, and pumps complete the cover installation.

Maintenance

Floating Covers, including pumps and auxiliary equipment, should be inspected at least once per year for damage, stress, or any other detrimental condition. Layfield provides complete floating cover maintenance services including cleaning, repairs, and disinfection of potable water covers.
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Enviro Liner® Welding Gun:

The Enviro Liner® Welding Gun is a portable welder designed to make permanent repairs to Enviro Liner® products, including Enviro Liner® 6000HD. The Enviro Liner® Welding Gun is a low cost, manually operated, extrusion welder for small repairs in thermoplastic geomembranes. The Enviro Liner® Welding Gun will repair all Enviro Liner® brand geomembranes. The Enviro Liner® Welding Gun will also repair other polyolefin materials if compatible welding sticks are available.

Following items are required to perform a repair with this welding gun:

- The Welding Gun itself
- Power source (grounded)
- Welding Sticks (compatible with the geomembrane)
- Enviro Liner® welding tape (for tacking weld
- Repair material (left over materials from site or order new material)

Maintenance

1. Inspect seams and non-seam areas for defects, holes, blisters, undispersed raw materials.
2. Identify any sign of foreign matter contamination.
3. Repair all through-thickness defects.
4. Defective Seams: Cap strip or replace.
5. Small Holes: Repair by extrusion welding using a bead of extruded material over hole. Patch if hole is larger than 6 mm (1/4 inch).
6. Tears: Patch and seal round sharp ends of tears on slope or stressed area prior to patching.
7. Repair blisters, large cuts and undispersed raw materials with patch.
8. Secure Patches by Extrusion Welding (Enviro Liner® Welding Gun) or Hot Air Welding:
   - Extrusion Welding
     - Clean area to be patched.
     - Tack patch in place with hot air welding or with double sided tape.
     - Prepare patch area by roughening with a wire brush.
     - Extrude all the way around patch.
     - More than one extrusion bead can be laid side-by-side on Enviro Liner® 6000HD materials. A maximum of three extrusion beads can be laid side-by side on Enviro Liner® 6000HD.
   - Hot Air Welding
     - Hand hot air welding is permitted for patching Enviro Liner® 6000HD.
     - Clean area to be patched.
     - Hand weld the patch with a hot air gun and suitable roller.
9. Patches: Round or oval, of same geomembrane. Extend minimum 75 mm (3 inches)
10. beyond the edge of the defect.
11. Verification of Repairs: All repairs to be non-destructively tested using:
    - Air Lance Test, ASTM D4437 Method 7.2
    - Vacuum Box Test ASTM D5641
12. Redo failed repairs and re-test.
13. Keep records of all repairs and the test results.
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Anchor Trench

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Mechanical Attachment to Concrete – Angle Bar Detail

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Thermoformed Boot

VENTED PIPE ELBOW
GW BIRD SCREEN
PIPE BOOT CONNECTION
GEOMEMBRANE CONNECTION TO VENT
GEOMEMBRANE
BACKFILL
VENT LAYER
(GEONET OR SAND)
PIPE PERFORATED
BELOW GEOMEMBRANE
CONCRETE SUPPORT
FOR PIPE

PREPARED SUBGRADE
FIELD WELD
THERMOFORMED PIPE BOOT
STAINLESS STEEL BAND CLAMP

Vent Detail
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Pipe Penetration on Slope
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