**Performance Media for Water Filtration**

**Removes iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, arsenic and radium.**

GreensandPlus™ is a black filter media used for removing soluble iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, arsenic and radium from groundwater supplies.

The manganese dioxide coated surface of GreensandPlus acts as a catalyst in the oxidation reduction reaction of iron and manganese.

The silica sand core of GreensandPlus allows it to withstand waters that are low in silica, TDS and hardness without breakdown.

GreensandPlus is effective at higher operating temperatures and higher differential pressures than standard manganese greensand. Tolerance to higher differential pressure can provide for longer run times between backwashes and a greater margin of safety.

Systems may be designed using either vertical or horizontal pressure filters, as well as gravity filters.

GreensandPlus is a proven technology for iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, arsenic and radium removal. Unlike other media, there is no need for extensive preconditioning of filter media or lengthy startup periods during which required water quality may not be met.

GreensandPlus has the WQA Gold Seal Certification for compliance with NSF/ANSI 61.

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Packaging is available in 1/2 cubic foot bags or 1 metric ton (2,205 lbs) bulk sacks.
**Physical Characteristics**

**Physical Form**
Black, nodular granules shipped in a dry form

**Apparent Density**
88 pounds per cubic foot net (1410.26 kg/m³)

**Shipping Weight**
90 pounds per cubic foot gross (1442.31 kg/m³)

**Specific Gravity**
Approximately 2.4

**Porosity**
Approximately 0.45

**Screen Grading (dry)**
18 X 60 mesh

**Effective Size**
0.30 to 0.35 mm

**Uniformity Coefficient**
Less than 1.60

**pH Range**
6.2-8.5 (see General Notes)

**Maximum Temperature**
No limit

**Backwash Rate**
Minimum 12 gpm/sq. ft. at 55°F (29.4 m/hr @ 12.78°C) (see expansion chart)

**Service Flow Rate**
2 -12 gpm/sq. ft (4.9 m/hr - 29.4 m/hr)

**Minimum Bed Depth**
15 inches (381 mm) of each media for dual media beds or 30 inches minimum (762 mm) of GreensandPlus alone.

**METHOD OF OPERATION CO**

GreensandPlus: Catalytic Oxidation (CO)

Catalytic Oxidation (CO) operation is recommended in applications where iron removal is the main objective in well waters with or without the presence of manganese. This method involves the feeding of a predetermined amount of chlorine (Cl₂) or other strong oxidant directly to the raw water before the GreensandPlus Filter.

Chlorine should be fed at least 10-20 seconds upstream of the filter, or as far upstream of the filter as possible to insure adequate contact time. A free chlorine residual carried through the filter will maintain GreensandPlus in a continuously regenerated condition.

For operation using chlorine, the demand can be estimated as follows:

\[ \text{mg/L Cl}_2 = (1 \times \text{mg/L Fe}) + (3 \times \text{mg/L Mn}) + (6 \times \text{mg/L H}_2\text{S}) + (8 \times \text{mg/L NH}_3) \]
SUGGESTED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Bed Type
Dual media: anthracite 15-18 in. (381 mm - 457 mm) and GreensandPlus 15-24 in. (381 mm - 610 mm)

Capacity
700-1200 grains of oxidized iron and manganese/sq.ft. of bed area based on oxidant demand and operation to iron break through or dp limitations.

Backwash
Sufficient rate using treated water to produce 40% bed expansion until waste water is clear, or for 10 minutes, whichever occurs first.

Air/Water Scour
Optional using 0.8-2.0 cfm/sq. ft. (15 m/hr - 7 m/hr) with a simultaneous treated water backwash at 4.0-4.5 gpm/sq. ft. (9.8 m/hr -11.03 m/hr).

Raw Water Rinse
At normal service flow rate for 3 minutes or until effluent is acceptable.

Flow Rate
Recommended flow rates with CO operation are 2-12 gpm/sq. ft. (4.9 m/hr - 29.4 m/hr). High concentrations of iron and manganese usually require lower flow rates for equivalent run lengths. Higher flow rates can be considered with very low concentrations of iron and manganese. For optimizing design parameters, pilot plant testing is recommended. The run length between backwashes can be estimated as follows:

What is the run length for a water containing 1.7 mg/L iron and 0.3 mg/L manganese at a 4 gpm/sq. ft. service rate:

Contaminant loading
\[ = (1 \times \text{mg/L Fe}) + (2 \times \text{mg/L Mn}) \]
\[ = (1 \times 1.7) + (2 \times 0.3) \]
\[ = (2.3 \text{ mg/L or } 2.3/17.1 = 0.13 \text{ grains/gal. (gpg)} \]

At 1,200 grains / sq. ft. loading ÷ 0.13 gpg
\[ = 9,230 \text{ gal./sq. ft.} \]

At 4 gpm / sq. ft. service rate 9,230/4
\[ = 2,307 \text{ min.} \]

The backwash frequency is approximately every 32-38 hours of actual operation.

GENERAL NOTES

pH
Raw waters having natural pH of 6.2 or above can be filtered through GreensandPlus without pH correction. Raw waters with a pH lower than 6.2 should be pH-corrected to 6.5-6.8 before filtration. Additional alkali should be added following the filters if a pH higher than 6.5-6.8 is desired in the treated water. This prevents the possible adverse reaction and formation of a colloidal precipitate that sometimes occurs with iron and alkali at a pH above 6.8.

Initial Conditioning of GreensandPlus
GreensandPlus media must be backwashed prior to adding the anthracite cap. The GreensandPlus backwash rate must be a minimum of 12 gpm/sq. ft. @ 55°F.

After backwashing is complete, the GreensandPlus must be conditioned. Mix 0.5 gal. (1.9 L) of 6% household bleach or 0.2 gal (0.75 L) of 12% sodium hypochlorite for...
Initial Conditioning of GreensandPlus

every 1 cu. ft. (28.3 L cu. m) of GreensandPlus into 6.5 gallons (25 L) of water.

Drain the filter enough to add the diluted chlorine mix. Apply the diluted chlorine to the filter being sure to allow the solution to contact the GreensandPlus media. Let soak for a minimum of 4 hours, then rinse to waste until the “free” chlorine residual is less than 0.2 mg/L. The GreensandPlus is now ready for service.

Radium and Arsenic Removal Using GreensandPlus

The GreensandPlus CO process has been found to be successful in removing radium and arsenic from well water. This occurs via adsorption onto the manganese and/or iron precipitates that are formed. For radium removal, soluble manganese must be present in or added to the raw water for removal to occur. Arsenic removal requires iron to be present in or added to the raw water to accomplish removal. Pilot plant testing is recommended in either case.

REFERENCES

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City of Mason City, IL
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International

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The manufacturing of GreensandPlus is an ongoing, 24/7 process to ensure the highest quality water treatment media.