

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF EXFOLIATED VERMICULITE



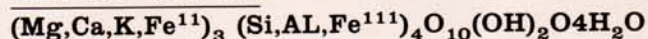
Color:	Light to dark brown
Shape:	Accordion-shaped granule
Bulk density(a):	64-160 kg/cu m 4-10 lb/cu ft
Moisture loss @110°C (230°F):	4-10%
pH (in water):	6-9
Combustibility:	Non-combustible
Sintering temperature:	1150-1250°C 2100-2280°F
Fusion point:	1200-1320°C 2200-2400°F
Cation exchange capacity (b):	50-150 me/100g
Specific heat:	0.84-1.08 kJ/kgK 0.20-0.26 kcal/kgK 0.20-0.26 Btu/lb°F
Waterholding capacity (a):	200-325% by wt 20-50% by vol

TYPICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS



<u>Element</u>	<u>Percent by Weight</u>
SiO ₂	38-46%
AL ₂ O ₃	10-16
MgO	16-35
CaO	1-5
K ₂ O	1-6
Fe ₂ O ₃	6-13
TiO ₂	1-3
H ₂ O	8-16
Other	0.2-1.2%

Chemical Formula



Thermal conductivity at different bulk densities

<u>Bulk densities</u>		<u>Thermal conductivity values</u>	
Kg/cu m	lb/cu ft	Lambda (λ)W/mK	Btu in/sq ft h°F
56-64	3.5-4.0	0.058	0.40
80-96	5.0-6.0	0.064	0.44
160-192	10-12	0.071	0.49

Notes:

- Bulk density and water holding capacity vary with particle size.
- Exchangeable ions are Mg⁺² and Ca⁺², sodium acetate saturation/ammonium acetate substitution method.

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WHITTEMORE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product: Whittemore Vermiculite

Grade: A-4

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 4-7 lbs per cubic foot (loose)

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus 4	Plus 8	Pan
50-75	75-95	0-15

Market Applications: Industrial (Packaging, Absorbent), Construction (Insulation), Horticultural (Lt. Wt. Soil Amendment)

Handling: Respiratory protection, additional information available upon request.

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Plus 6	Plus 16	Pan
15-40	75-95	0-15

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Grade: A-2

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 4-8 lbs per cubic foot (loose)

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus 8	Plus 20	Pan
0-10	75-95	0-15

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WHITTEMORE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product: Whittemore Vermiculite

Grade: A-1

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 4-8 lbs per cubic foot (loose)

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus 8	Plus 20	Pan
0-10	75-95	0-15

Market Applications: Industrial (Packaging, Absorbent), Construction (Insulation, Concrete Aggregate), Horticultural (Lt. Wt. Soil Amendment, Seed Topping)

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WHITTEMORE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product: Whittemore Vermiculite

Grade: D-3

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 6-8 lbs per cubic foot (loose)

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus	-8	Pan
8	20	
0-10	90-100	0-10

Market Applications: Industrial (Packaging, Absorbent), Construction (Insulation, Construction Aggregate), Horticultural (Lt. Wt. Soil Amendment, Seed Topping)

Handling: Respiratory protection, additional information available upon request.

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WHITTEMORE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product: Whittemore Vermiculite

Grade: Masonry Fill Insulation

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 4-8 lbs.

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus 4	Plus 6	Plus 16	Pan
0-15	15-40	75-95	0-25

Market Applications: Construction (Insulation, Concrete Block Fill)

- Complies with **ASTM C 516-02**, Type I Classification, as Standard Specification for Vermiculite Loose Fill Thermal Insulation.
- **Masonry Fill Insulation**-Product Application and Marketing Brochure is available from Whittemore Company, upon request.

Handling: Respiratory protection, additional information available upon request.

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Grade: D-4

Composition: Hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate, which resembles mica in appearance.

Density: 6-8 lbs per cubic foot (loose)

PH Range: 6-9 (in water)

Sieve Analysis (% retained)

Plus	-16	-50	Pan
16	50	100	
0-5	60-98	90-100	0-10

Marketing Applications: Industrial (Packaging, Absorbent), Construction (Insulation, Concrete Aggregate)

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