

**General Purpose
Granular**

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VOLCLAY® GPG 55

General Description	Fine granular sodium bentonite with an average particle size ranging between 20 and 200 mesh.																		
Functional Use	Multi-purpose product noted for rapid dispersion in water. Employed in a wide variety of industrial applications.																		
Purity	Hydrous aluminum silicate comprised principally of the clay mineral montmorillonite. Contains minor amounts of feldspar, calcite, and gypsum.																		
Chemical Formula	Diocahedral smectite, an expanding layer silicate: $(\text{Na,Ca})_{0.33}(\text{Al}_{1.67}\text{Mg}_{0.33})\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$																		
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Moisture	Maximum 12% as shipped.																		
Dry Particle Size	45-55% retained on 50 mesh (typical).																		
Wet Particle Size	Minimum 94% finer than 200 mesh (74 microns). Minimum 92% finer than 325 mesh (44 microns).																		
pH	8.0 - 10.5 @ 5% solids.																		
Viscosity	8-30 cps @ 6.25% solids.																		
Packaging	50 or 100 pound multi-wall paper bags, or bulk.																		