

# Technical Information



## Python Pre-Split

### Continuous Pre-split Product

#### Description

Python Pre-Split is a watergel explosive presented in a continuous cartridge form. It's design application is trim blasting perimeter walls ahead of the main shot. Initiated by a detonator, it has application specific 11 g/m detonating cord running internally through the entire length of the product. This ensures complete functioning of the length of the cartridge.

#### Application

Python Pre Split is designed specifically for use in pre split blasting. It is most suited to hard rock operations where smaller diameter holes are drilled. The inhibited version of the product is suitable for reactive ground conditions.

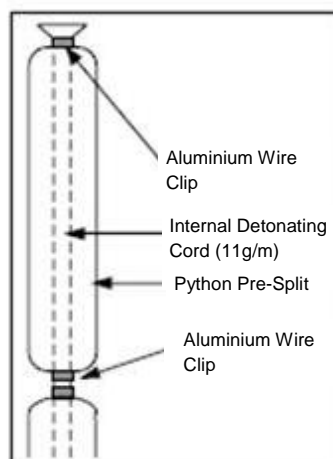
#### Features

- The continuous cartridge form results in complete lateral decoupling in the borehole.
- The internally located detonating cord provides a high VOD with low volumes of gas generated, thus perfectly suited to the design requirements of a pre split shot.
- The range of product diameters available covers most hard rock pre split designs.
- Available in standard and "inhibited" formulations (for reactive ground conditions).

#### Properties

Explosives Class: 1.1D	U.N. No: 0241
Density (g/cc)	1.15
Velocity of Detonation <sup>1</sup>	
Watergel(m/s)	4300
Detonating Cord (m/s)	6500
Water Resistance	Excellent

<sup>1</sup>VOD of product is dependent on VOD of detonating cord



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## Recommendations

Use – Presplit shots need to be drilled such that the resulting explosive distribution suits local geological conditions. Python pre Split is available in standard and “inhibited” formulations for reactive ground conditions.

Priming - A minimum No. 8 strength detonator is required for reliable initiation.

Water Resistance – Python Pre-Split product has excellent water resistance.

Temperature Range - Recommended for use in ambient temperatures up to 55°C.

Shelf Life – Python Pre-Split has a design shelf life of one (1) year, when transported and stored under ideal conditions.

Sleep Time - The maximum sleep time is dependent on ground conditions, however the sleep times of other explosives used in the shot may be the limiting factor overall.

## Packaging

Python Pre-Split is produced in 19kg cases. All weights quoted include the internal 11g/m detonating cord.

Diameter Mm	Charge Kg/m	Quantity m/case	Case Weight Kg
26	0.6	27.0 m (nom)	19
32	0.9	17.6 m	19
38	1.3	TBA	19

## Safe handling, transportation & storage

First Aid – Please refer to the relevant EMS Material Safety Data Sheet.

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