

## POROSITY CALCULATION OF COMPACTED SALT SAMPLE USING VACUUM SEALING METHOD

**Scope:** To determine the bulk specific gravity & porosity of specimen of compacted salt sample

**Apparatus used:** Corelok InstronTek, Inc

**Test Specimen:**

Sample ID: 175\_13 (Oven dried)

Sample Type: Salt, Core (Center)

Shape: Cylindrical

Figure 1: Salt Sample 175\_13  
(Center)



**Calculation:**

Sample (Oven dried) weight in air,  $W_1 = 1014.200 \text{ g}$

Membrane (InstronTek provided) weight,  $W_p = 13.230 \text{ g}$

Sample weight in water (Submerged),  $W_2 = 535.910 \text{ g}$

Density of Water ( $\text{g/cm}^3$ ) for  $20.9^\circ\text{C}$  (recorded)  $0.998$

Bulk Specific Gravity of the sample,  $G_b = 2.134$

Using CoreGravity (Software)

So, bulk density,  $D_b = 2.130 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Sample volume,  $V = 476.210 \text{ cm}^3$

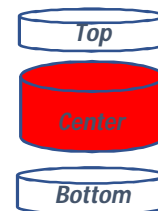


Figure 2: Sample identification

Maximum Specific gravity,  $G_m = [W_1 / (W_1 - W_3)] \times \rho_s = 2.157$

(Based on calculation for Sample 90\_05, where  $W_3$  = sample weight in Silica oil- pores filled with same fluid)

Hence we will assume,  $G_m = 2.157$

% Porosity =  $(1 - G_b / G_m) \times 100 = 1.07\%$

**Results:**

Therefore the sample volume =  $476.210 \text{ cm}^3$

Bulk Specific Gravity,  $G_b = 2.134$

And calculated Porosity =  $1.07\%$