

# Senatel™ Powerfrag™



## Description

Senatel™ Powerfrag™ packaged emulsion explosive is a robust, high strength, detonator sensitive explosive. The explosive is white in colour with a firm putty-like consistency.

## Application

Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is a water resistant packaged explosive designed for priming applications, and as a medium density column explosive, in surface and underground mining and general blasting.

The high detonation velocity and the robust nature of Senatel™ Powerfrag™ make it an ideal primer for the initiation of ANFO columns.

## Key Benefits

- Senatel™ Powerfrag™ delivers excellent fragmentation with improved digability.
- Post-blast fumes are reduced with Senatel™ Powerfrag™, improving turnaround time in underground mines.
- Senatel™ Powerfrag™ reduces the potential for sulphide dust explosions
- Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is highly water resistant, which minimises leaching and reduces environmental impact.

## Technical Properties

Nominal Density	1.21g/cc
Relative Effective Energy <sup>1</sup>	
Relative Weight Strength	121%
Relative Bulk Strength	
▪ to ANFO @ 0.8g/cc	183%
▪ to ANFO @ 0.95g/cc	139%
Minimum Velocity of Detonation <sup>2</sup>	3.4km/s
CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>3</sup>	184 kg/t

## Packaging

Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is packaged in white plastic film, colour highlighted in blue. Standard cartridge sizes are as follows:

Diameter (mm)	Nominal Length (mm)	Nominal Mass (g)
25	200	110
25	700	400
32	200	185
32	700	640
45	400	750
55	300	830
65	300	1175
80	400	2275

## Recommendations for Use

### Blasthole Depth

Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is suitable for use in holes of any practical depth providing contained water does not exceed 20m depth.

### Priming and Initiation

Either an electric No.8\* or an Exel™ detonator can reliably initiate Senatel™ Powerfrag™ at temperatures higher than -20°C.

Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is not recommended for use in hot ground blasting applications. Orica offer a range of solutions for hot ground blasting - consult an Orica sales or technical representative for further information.

Use of detonating cord to initiate Senatel™ Powerfrag™ is not recommended.

### Charging

In small diameter blastholes the maximum energy per metre of blasthole can be achieved by tamping the explosive with a wooden tamping rod appropriate to the hole diameter. No metal instrument should be used to tamp explosives. The primer cartridge containing a detonator must not be tamped.

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### Sleep Time Within Blastholes

In dry blastholes, given the explosives packaging is undamaged, *Senatel™ Powerfrag™* may be charged and fired several months later (provided the product remains within its recommended shelf life). If the explosives packaging is damaged, the sleep-time in a blasthole is influenced by the extent of damage to the packaging and by the nature of any water present. Even with full length slitting of cartridges, the explosive will give good performance after two weeks immersion.

### Storage And Handling

#### Product Classification

Authorised Name: *Senatel™ Powerfrag™*  
 Shipping Name: Explosive, Blasting, Type E  
 UN No: 0241  
 Class Code: 1.1D

All regulations pertaining to the handling and use of such explosives apply.

#### Storage

Store *Senatel™ Powerfrag™* in a suitably licensed magazine for Class 1.1D explosives. The cases should be stacked in the manner designated on the cases.

*Senatel™ Powerfrag™* has a storage life of up to 12 months in an approved magazine, however exposure to hot or cold extremes may cause the product to deteriorate prematurely.

*Senatel™ Powerfrag™* is best stored at temperatures above -20°C.

#### Disposal

Disposal of explosive materials can be hazardous. Methods for safe disposal of explosives may vary depending on the user's situation. Please contact a local Orica representative for information on safe practices.

#### Safety

The post detonation fume characteristics of *Senatel™ Powerfrag™* make it suitable for both underground and surface blasting applications. Users should ensure that adequate ventilation is provided prior to re-entry into the blast area.

*Senatel™ Powerfrag™* can be initiated by extremes of shock, friction or mechanical impact. As with all explosives, *Senatel™ Powerfrag™* should be handled and stored with care. *Senatel™ Powerfrag™* does not burn easily, but it must be kept clear of flame and excessive heat.

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#### Notes

1. REE is the Effective Energy relative to ANFO at a density of 0.8g/cc. ANFO has an effective energy of 2.30 MJ/kg. Energies quoted are based on ideal detonation calculations with a 100MPa cut-off pressure. Non-ideal detonation energies are also available on request. These take account of blasthole diameter, rock type and explosive reaction behaviour.
2. VOD will depend on application including explosive density, blasthole diameter, temperature and degree of confinement. The minimum VOD quoted is based on unconfined test firing data.
3. Carbon dioxide is the main greenhouse gas produced. The output is calculated assuming ideal detonation.