

# GEOPRIME® dBX™

## Technical Information



## High Performance Pentolite Premium Seismic Energy Source



### Product Description

GEOPRIME dBX is a high energy, high performance pentolite seismic explosive researched and engineered to increase elastic waves through improved coupling between the explosive energy and the earth. In a new approach to explosives application in geophysical exploration, GEOPRIME dBX offers high detonation velocity and superior low post-detonation gas production. GEOPRIME dBX produces improved seismic energy across the usable bandwidth for superior final stack data as well as improved signal-to-noise ratios. Designed by geophysicists and Dyno Nobel explosives engineers, GEOPRIME dBX is the next generation of seismic explosives.

### Application Recommendations

- **NEVER** use Dyno Nobel seismic explosive products and/or components with explosive products and/or components made by other manufacturers.
- **ALWAYS** use Dyno Nobel's DiPED or Electric Super Seismic high strength detonator for optimum results.
- Recommended temperature range is -40° C to 65° C (-40° F to 150° F). GEOPRIME dBX is unaffected by extremely low temperatures but detonators produce less energy below -40° C (-40° F).
- **ALWAYS** use built-in cap wells for seismic detonators. Two detonators are recommended to minimize environmental issues with abandoned charges.
- **ALWAYS** use two Electric Super Seismic or DiPED Super Seismic detonators. A broken wire is the primary cause of abandoned seismic charges so protect your investment, increase performance and minimize liability. Require all personnel who handle or come into contact with explosive materials to be fully trained in the proper storage, handling and use of explosive products.
- GEOPRIME dBX maximum water depth is limited by the initiation system used.

## Properties

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Energy <sup>a</sup> (cal/g)	2,100
Gas Volume <sup>a</sup> (moles/kg)	16.0
Velocity <sup>c</sup> (m/sec)	7,400
(ft/sec)	24,250
Detonation Pressure <sup>c</sup> (Kbars)	236
Density (g/cc)	1.76
Water Resistance	Excellent

<sup>a</sup> All Dyno Nobel Inc. energy and gas volume values are calculated using PRODET™, the computer code developed by Dyno Nobel Inc. for its exclusive use. Other computer codes may give different values.

<sup>c</sup> Unconfined 57 mm diameter x 2 kg charge.

### IMPORTANT!

#### Ignoring these warnings may result in injury or death!

- **ALWAYS** exercise extreme caution when approaching a shothole that has not vented. Venting gases after detonation are common. BLOWOUTS CAN INJURE OR KILL.
- **NEVER** attempt to alter the product by cutting, sawing or disassembly of the package.
- **NEVER** drop load explosive into a borehole.
- **NEVER** attempt to dislodge explosives by pushing with a drill stem.
- **NEVER** unshunt electric detonators prior to use except to test with blasting galvanometer.
- **ALWAYS** shunt electric detonators and/or the blast circuit after testing and keep shunted until connected to blasting machine.
- **NEVER** use Geoseis Cut-to-Fit (2 grams/meter; 10 grains/foot) detonating cord to prime GEOPRIME dBX.
- **ALWAYS** ask if you don't know before proceeding.

### Hazardous Shipping Description

Boosters, 1.1D, UN 0042



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- **ALWAYS** use 10.8 grams/meter (50 grains/foot) or higher core load detonating cord. Consult with your local Dyno Nobel representative for recommended procedures when using detonating cord.
- **NEVER** use Geoseis® Cut-to-Fit detonating cord (2 grams/meter; 10 grains/foot).

### Transportation, Storage and Handling

- GEOPRIME dBX must be transported, stored, handled and used in conformity with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations. Stock should be rotated. Use older stock first. For recommended good practices in transporting, storing, handling and using this product, see the booklet "Prevention of Accidents in the Use of Explosive Materials" packed inside each case and the Safety Library Publications of the Institute of Makers of Explosives. As with all high explosives, cool, dry, well ventilated storage is recommended.
- GEOPRIME dBX has a substantially unlimited shelf life when stored between -40°C and 38° C (-40° F and 100° F) provided the product has not been submerged in water. Product older than five years old should be inspected by a qualified Dyno Nobel representative prior to use.

### Undetonated Explosives

- Dyno Nobel's policy is to provide the highest quality and most reliable explosives products and initiation systems possible for seismic exploration. To assure our customers of the best commercial explosive products, Dyno Nobel has implemented

manufacturing processes and controls. Dyno Nobel recommends the use of two Electric Super Seismic or DiPED™ Super Seismic detonators. A broken detonator leg wire is the prime cause of undetonated seismic charges. Protect your investment in seismic exploration by requiring training on the proper use of explosive materials for all who handle, use or have contact with explosive materials.

- The user of this product (or any other explosive product) should not abandon undetonated charges in the ground. Abandoning undetonated charges constitutes misuse of the product for which Dyno Nobel and its subsidiaries are not responsible.

### Bioremediation Technology

The Ensign-Bickford Company developed and patented the bioremediation technology which involves casting millions of freeze-dried microorganisms (along with nutrients for those microorganisms) directly into the GEOPRIME dBX seismic booster during production. When these naturally occurring organisms are submerged in water, they become activated, as designed, and begin to slowly biotransform the undetonated GEOPRIME dBX. When the biotransformation is complete, the compounds are no longer explosive. Complete and continuous submersion in water is required to sustain the bioremediation process. In addition, the process is dependent on various other factors and environmental conditions. For these reasons, Dyno Nobel makes no claim as to the effectiveness of the biotransformation process or the duration of time required to complete it.

### Packaging

GEOPRIME dBX is packaged in highly visible plastic cartridges with positive coupling available where increased charge weights are desired.

Dyno Nobel Part Number*	Nominal Unit Size	Package Style	Case Count Units per Case	Case Weight	Case Dimensions	
					Centimeters	Inches
DB0165	36 mm (1.43 in) x .165 kg (0.36 lb)	Paper	95	15.4 kg / 34 lb	42 x 33 x 14	16.5 x 13.25 x 5.5
DB0250	41 mm (1.6 in) x .25 kg (0.55 lb)	Paper	72	18.6 kg / 41 lb	42 x 33 x 14	16.5 x 13.25 x 5.5
DB0500	57 mm (2.3 in) x 0.5 kg (1.1 lb)	Plastic	30	16 kg / 35 lb	85.75 x 32.4 x 12.7	33.75 x 12.75 x 5
DB1000	57 mm (2.3 in) x 1.0 kg (2.2 lb)	Plastic	20	21 kg / 46 lb	85.75 x 32.4 x 12.7	33.75 x 12.75 x 5
DB2000	57 mm (2.3 in) x 2.0 kg (4.4 lb)	Plastic	10	21 kg / 46 lb	85.75 x 32.4 x 12.7	33.75 x 12.75 x 5
DB2500	57 mm (2.3 in) x 2.5 kg (5.5 lb)	Plastic	10	26 kg / 57 lb	85.75 x 32.4 x 12.7	33.75 x 12.75 x 5

\* For Canadian part numbers, add a "C" at the end (i.e., DB0500C)

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