

**GEOMATERIALS**  
foam glass gravel

# MORE REASONS TO FEEL GOOD.

LIGHT LOAD-BEARING MATERIAL WITH  
THERMAL INSULATION PROPERTIES.



Made from recycled glass and extremely high quality.  
**STRONG. WARM. DURABLE.**

Is there an insulation material, which is lightweight, instantly load bearing, moisture resistant, totally thermal insulating and rot proof? Suitable for almost any type of terrain and easy to process? A building material that is both economically and environmentally sound?

The answer is yes! **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is a high quality insulation material made of 100% recovered glass, meeting all requirements of a lightweight aggregate with the best characteristics.

**GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** takes over the draining function, is load bearing and functions simultaneously as a thermal insulation for covered construction components. This is a brilliant solution for a thermal bridge-free floor construction in one easy step.

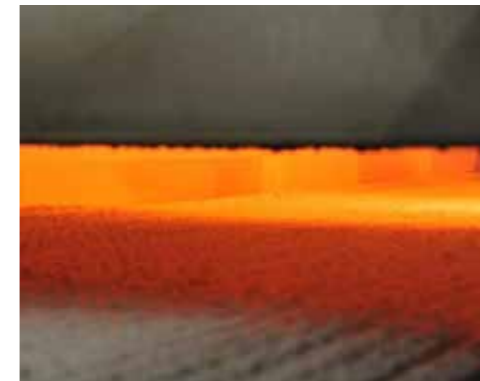


**THE 7 MAIN ADVANTAGES**

- ➔ **High Thermal Insulation**
- ➔ **Load Bearing**  
the load-capacity can be controlled by the compression ratio
- ➔ **Non-Capillary**  
prevents moisture from rising and percolates water
- ➔ **Permanently Stable**  
resistant against aging, rotting, fire, bacteria, frost, acids, bases, moisture and rodents
- ➔ **Environmentally friendly**  
made from 100% recycled glass, energy efficient in manufacturing, harm- less to soil, inert and pH neutral
- ➔ **Saving Time and Money**  
due to efficiency and speed of installation
- ➔ **Sustainable**  
no consumption of raw materials as it is made from recycled material



Production of **GEOMATERIALS** foam glass gravel  
**USED GLASS AS A RAW MATERIAL**



At approx. 900°, glass powder is expanded to foam glass.

Upon cooling, the foam glass cake breaks through tension cracks into foam glass gravel.

Recycled glass is crushed into extremely fine powder and blended with foaming agents. This process reuses valuable raw materials and saves energy initially required for the production of glass. Due to this, the energy used in producing **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is significantly reduced.

**THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS**

**GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is sintered at high temperatures. Foam glass occurs out of glass powder during an expansion process in the latest conveyor ovens at a temperature of approximately 900°C. The foam glass cake comes out of the kiln on the conveyor belt to cool down. During this cooling process, tension cracks occur and so it breaks down into our foam glass gravel. This activity results in the **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** having a closed cell structure, which is evenly distributed.

The finished **GEOMATERIALS foam glass** stands for sustainability through recycling. This makes it particularly environmentally friendly.



APPLICATION  
NEW BUILDING

Structural  
engineering load  
bearing insulation  
beneath the ground  
slab

A HIGH QUALITY GLASS PRODUCT

without strip footing (no basement)  
DIN EN ISO 13793



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**GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is revolutionizing the conventional floor structure and replaces gravel, sub base and extruding rigid foam panels. Due to a circumferential insulation of the foundation-/ cellar plate, a closed umbrella-shaped insulation results. Therefore, the conventional and time-consuming strip foundation can be omitted. **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** forms a homogeneous exterior insulation without thermal bridges.

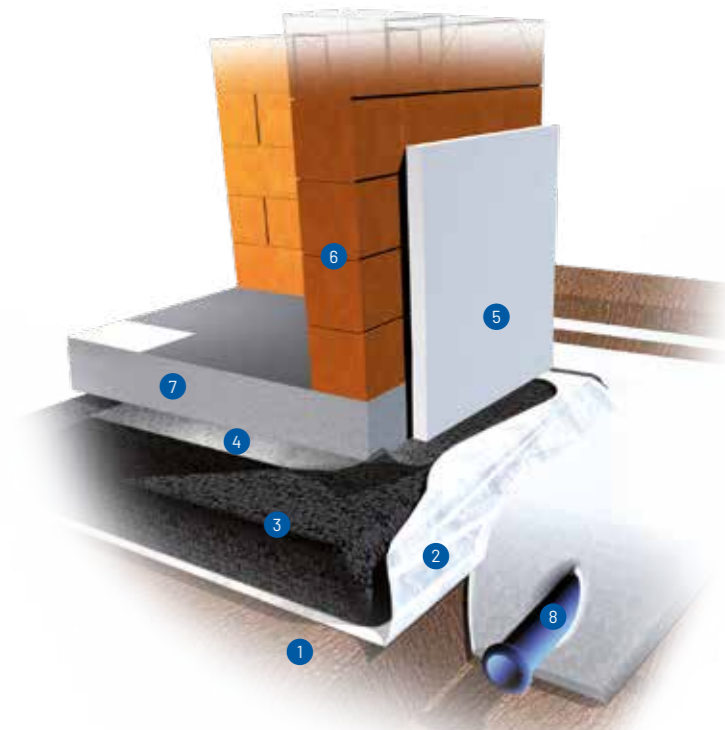
### STATIC CALCULATIONS

Support structure planning and construction physics-static constructive processing. Please look at our references (QR Code) to get details to this project as well as detailed static calculations of the floor slab with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**.

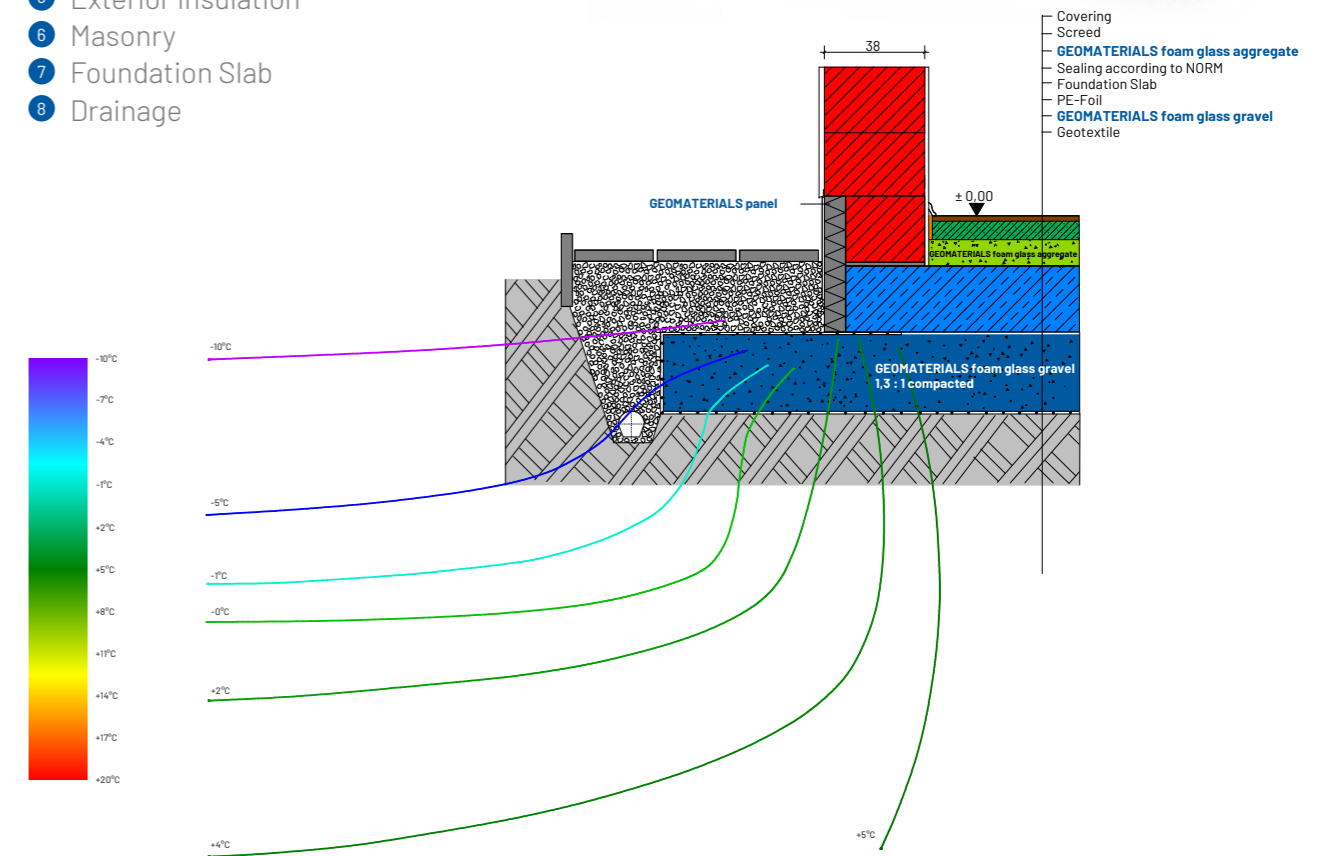
## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

### ADVANTAGES

- Suitable for the thermal insulation beneath the ground slab of single-family houses, production halls, schools and industrial building
- **Higher compressive strength** than other materials at a more simple and cost-effective installation technology
- Operations, such as grading excavation, installation of gravel-, grit- and fine sand ground up to lean concrete layer can be eliminated
- **Strip-foundation can be eliminated.**



- 1 Sub-grade
- 2 Geotextile as required
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- 4 PE-Foil
- 5 Exterior Insulation
- 6 Masonry
- 7 Foundation Slab
- 8 Drainage





Structural  
engineering load  
bearing insulation  
beneath the floor slab

with strip footing (no basement)



Picture: Ingo Novak, GEOMATERIALS



Ground slabs with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** are typically executed without strip footing. Should the constructional requirements need a strip footing (slope, rising level), **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** presents the perfect thermal insulation between foundations. As a bulk material, **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is significantly easier and quicker to install compared to insulating boards. No cutting, just dumping, distributing and vibrating.

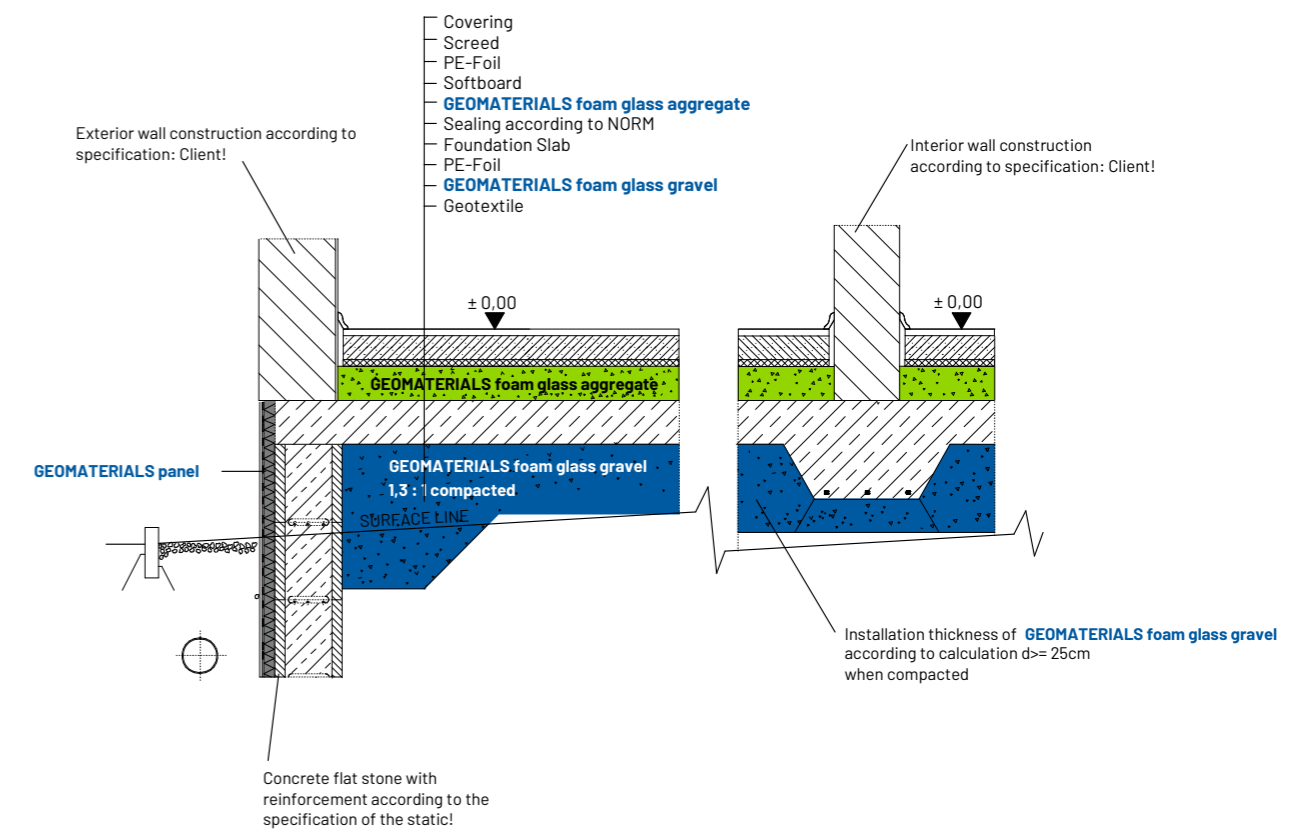
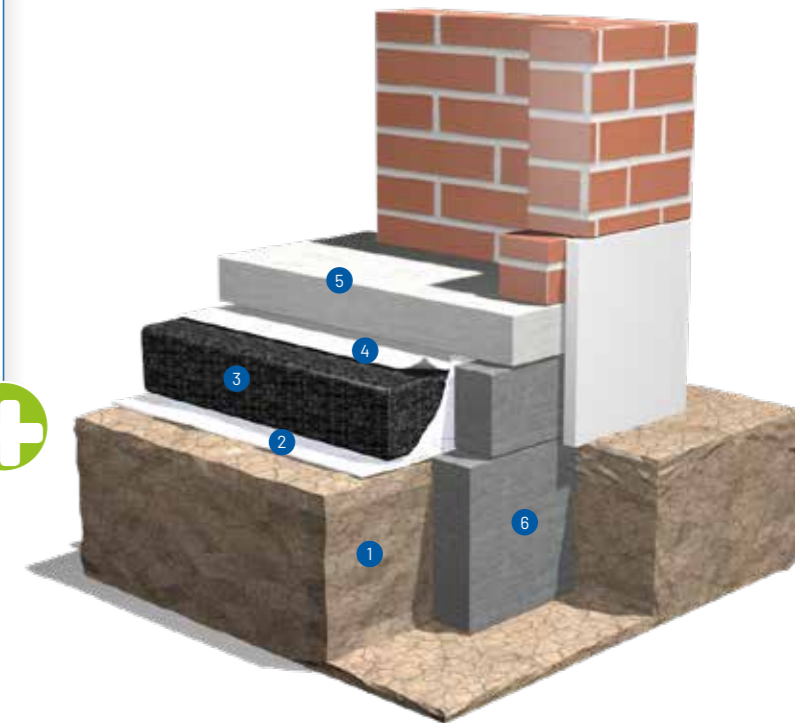
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- Operations, such as grading excavation, installation of gravel-, grit- and fine sand ground up to lean concrete layer can be eliminated
- Draining and thermal insulation in one step



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- 2 Geotextile if required
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- 4 PE-Foil
- 5 Foundation Slab
- 6 Strip Footing





## Floor construction without ground slab

Floor renovation with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** without a screed



The floor construction with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is suitable for new constructions and renovations.

Especially in the application of renovation of floor systems of old buildings where the construction height is limited. **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** combines a draining layer and thermal insulation in one product and thus reduces the construction height. Furthermore, you can do without ground slabs, if you make the floor structure with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**. With diffusible structures, additional sealing and subbase is not necessary - this is an enormous saving of work time and effort (under consideration of DIN/ÖNORM)!

## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

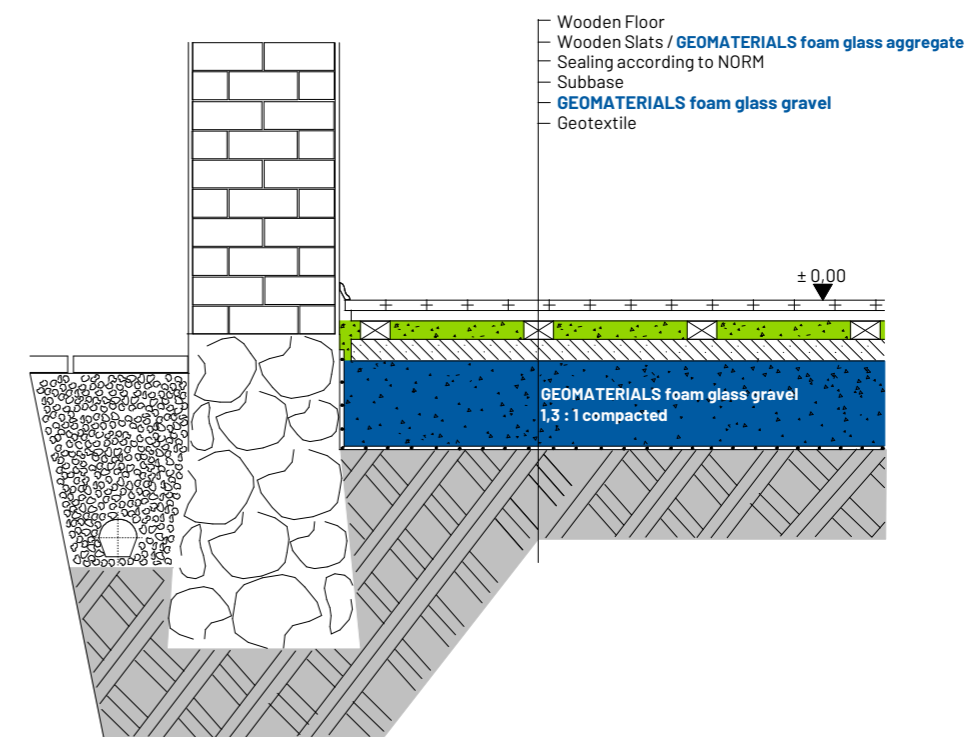
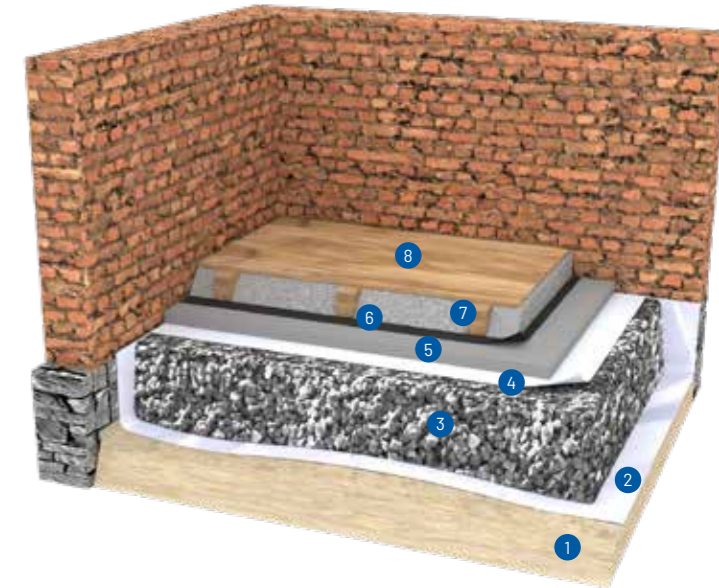
### ADVANTAGES

- Suitable for **new constructions** and **renovation of old buildings**
- No requirement of foundation slabs, gravel and subbases
- Significant lower construction height with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- **Environmentally harmless** and thus perfectly suited for living areas



- 1 Sub-grade
- 2 Geotextile if necessary
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- 4 PE-Foil
- 5 Granular Subbase\* / **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate\***
- 6 Compaction according to DIN / ÖNORM\*
- 7 Wooden Joists
- 8 Floor

\*can be eliminated





## Floor construction without ground slab

Floor renovation with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** with a reinforced screed



Picture: Renovation Funnix Grashaus in Wittmund-Funnix/Germany  
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With **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**, a significantly lower construction height can be realized. Due to the systematic construction with, i.e. 30 cm compacted **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**, you can achieve a perfect floor construction in combination with the subsequent screed layer.

## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

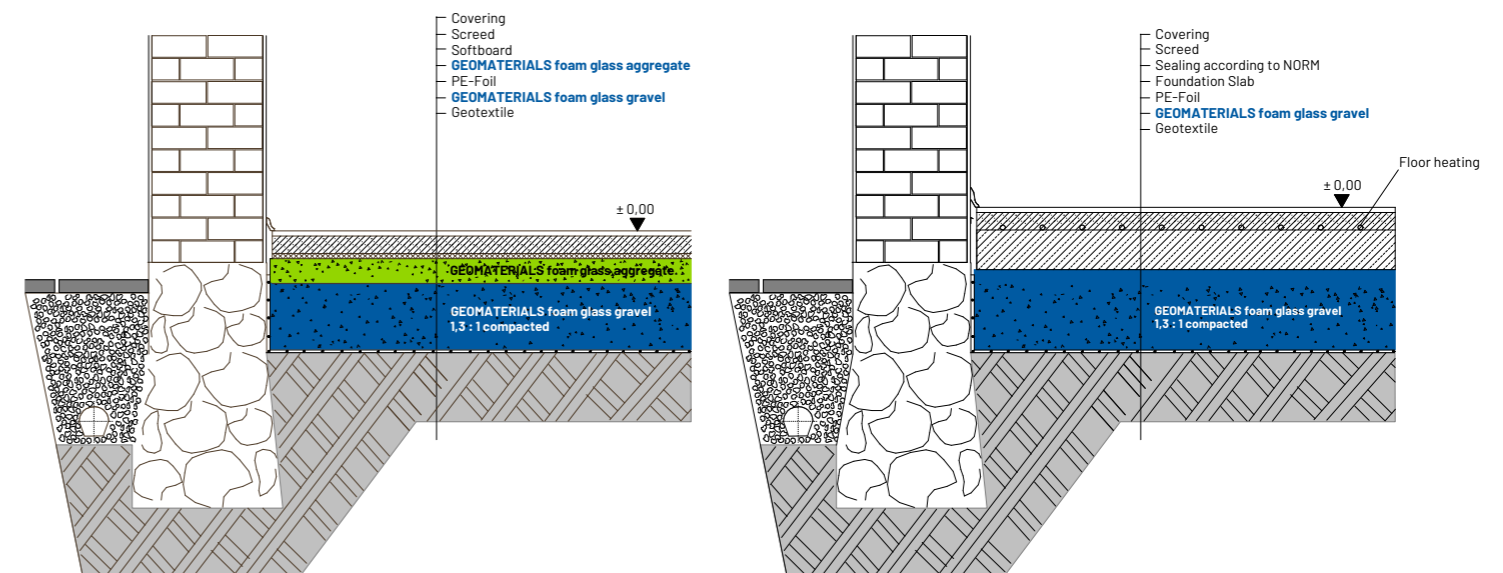
### ADVANTAGES

- Suitable for the **renovation of old buildings**
- Foundation slabs and gravel are not required
- Ideal floor construction in combination with a screed layer
- **Significant lower construction height**
- **Environmentally harmless** and thus perfectly suited for living areas



- 1 Sub-grade
- 2 Geotextile if required
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- 4 PE-Foil
- 5 Separation Layer\* / **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate**\*
- 6 Compaction according to DIN / ÖNORM\*
- 7 Screed (proven screed)
- 8 Exterior Insulation
- 9 Masonry

\*can be eliminated





## Floor construction without ground slab

Floor renovation- combination of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** and **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate**



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Foam glass aggregate cement-bounded,  
Yard Mittergroßefehn, Germany

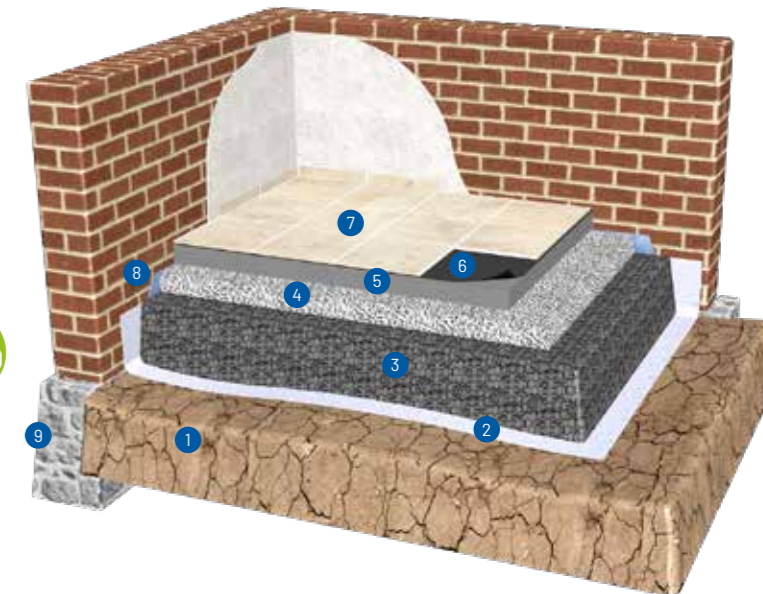
When using **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** in combination with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate** – renovation of floors is made easy.

In combination with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**, which is used for rough level compensation, this is an easy, dry, moisture resistant and incombustible solution for the rebuilding of floor systems.

## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

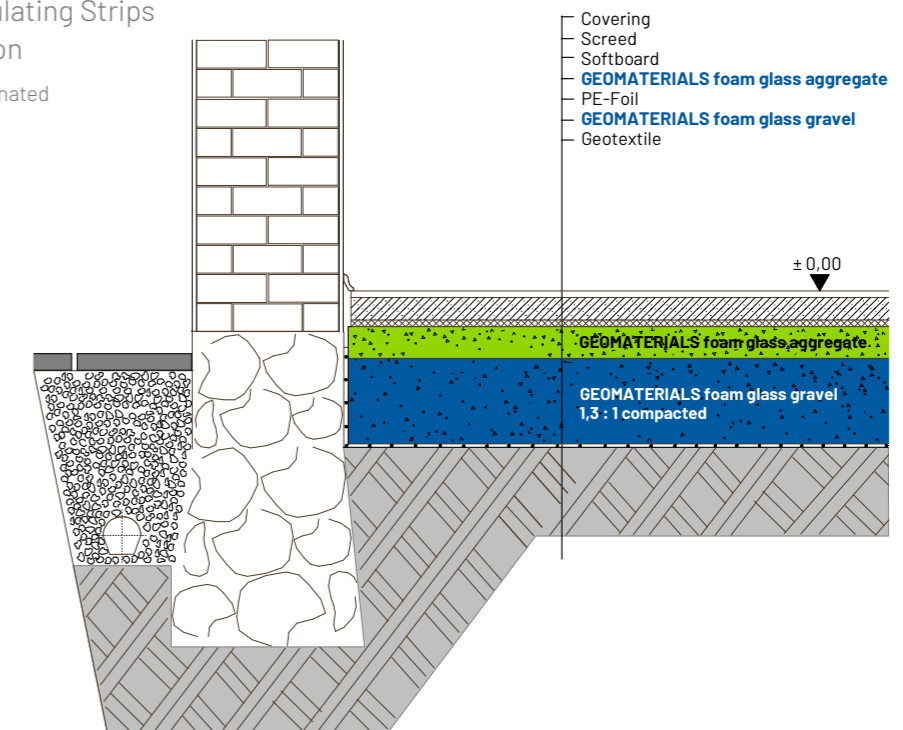
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- Ideal floor construction in combination with a screed layer
- **Significant lower construction height**
- **Environmentally harmless** and thus perfectly suited for living areas
- **Light as a feather**



- 1 Sub-grade
- 2 Geotextile
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** possible to use a fleece or PE-foil
- 4 Granular subbase\* / **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate** mineral-bounded / cement-bounded
- 5 Screed
- 6 Compaction according to DIN / ÖNORM\*
- 7 Ceramic Cover
- 8 Edge Insulating Strips
- 9 Foundation

\*can be eliminated





## Insulation of vaults

with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** and/or  
**GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate**



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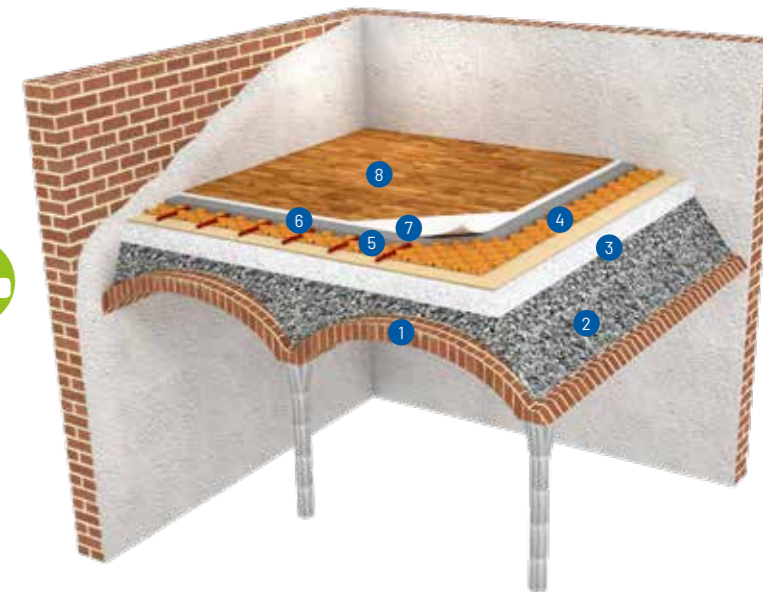
### Light and moisture resistant: **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** relieves old vaults

Reducing weight and a slim floor structure is the key when it comes to the insulation of old vaults. It is desirable to introduce as little additional humidity as possible. **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is extremely light and allows for a dry and extremely simple installation. In combination with a plug and play system for underfloor heating, **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** allows an ultra-thin floor structure at the highest ecological quality of living.

## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

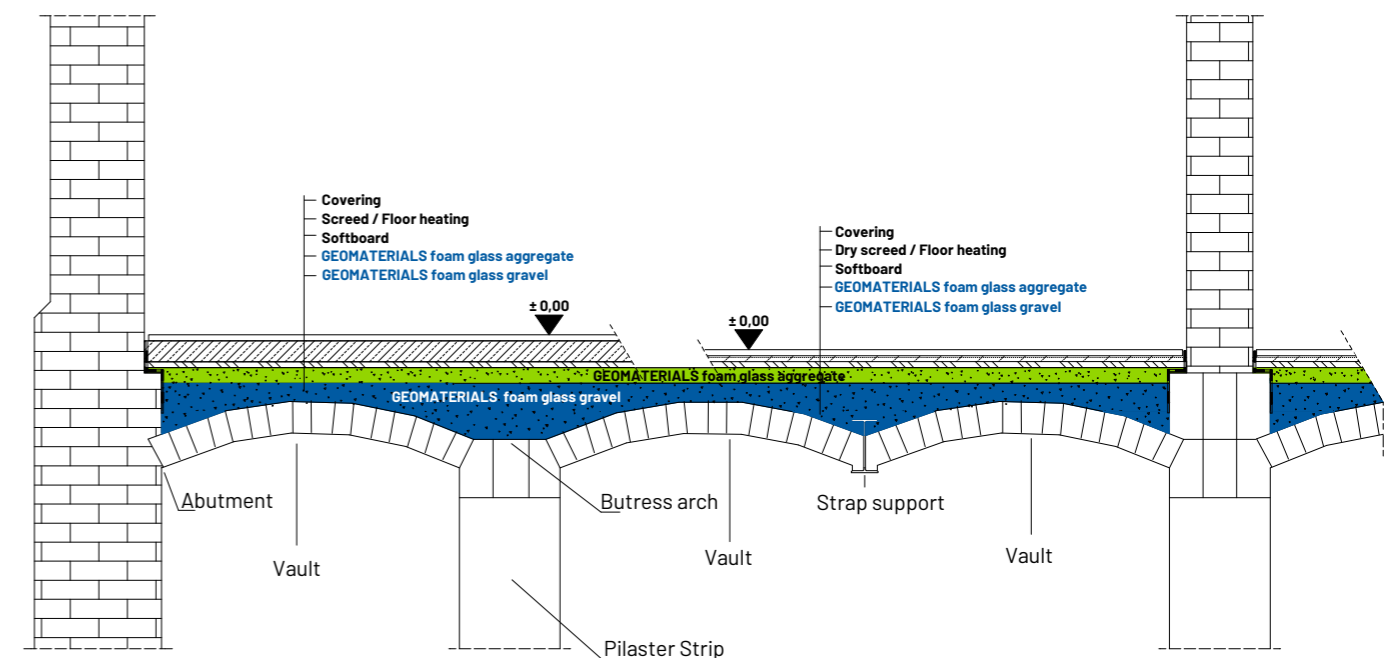
### ADVANTAGES

- **Light as a feather** and hardly burdens old constructions
- Suitable for **over-insulation** of old buildings
- **Extremely low floor structure** at the highest ecological living quality
- **Moisture resistant: GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** absorbs almost no water and dries out quickly



- 1 Vault
- 2 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** manually compacted
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass aggregate** mineral-bounded / cement-bounded PE-Foil\*
- 4 Footfall Sound Insulation
- 5 Floor heating
- 6 Screed
- 7 Fleece (Footfall Insulation)
- 8 Covering

\*can be eliminated





## Vertical wall- and drainage fill

with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**



Exposing the masonry and making a drain



Filling in the working pit and compressing **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** in layers

Picture: SYnergie Bau KG, GEOMATERIALS

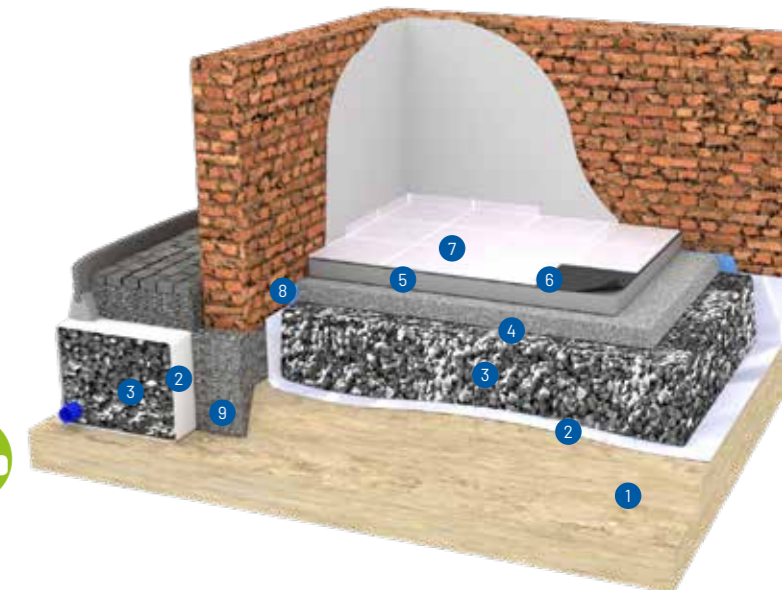


Old and humid walls require a controlled humidity exchange. In addition to the creation of a working drain, backfilling with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is a suitable method to dry-out walls.

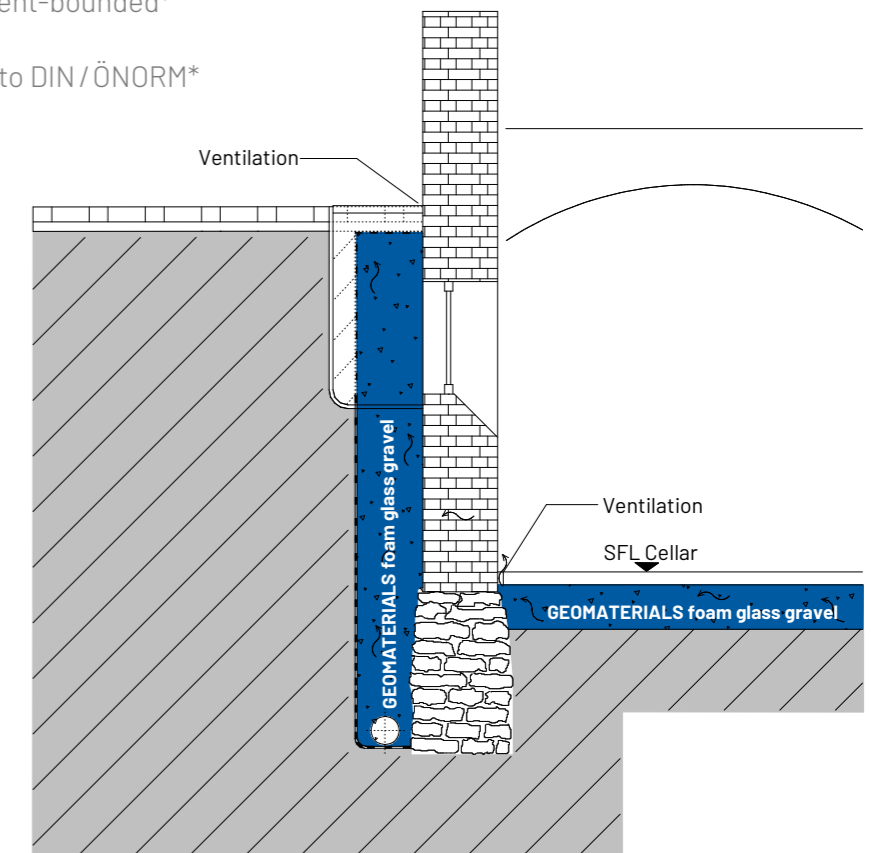
## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

### ADVANTAGES

- **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is **diffusible**. Humid walls can dry again
- **Perfect drainage** even in slopes
- Extremely rapid, simple and safe installation
- **Moisture resistant**
- Environmentally friendly and energy efficient
- Incombustible A1
- **Resistant** against aging, rotting and rodents



- 1 Sub-grade
  - 2 Geotextile
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  - 9 Foundation
- \*can be eliminated





# Pipeline construction

with **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**



Through its special properties, **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** suits brilliantly for distant and local heating pipes with sub-terrain tanks, i.e. water reservoir or bio-gas plant, transmission stations and distributors. **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** offers as a substructure of pipelines at poor floors a solid basis and reduces thermal losses.

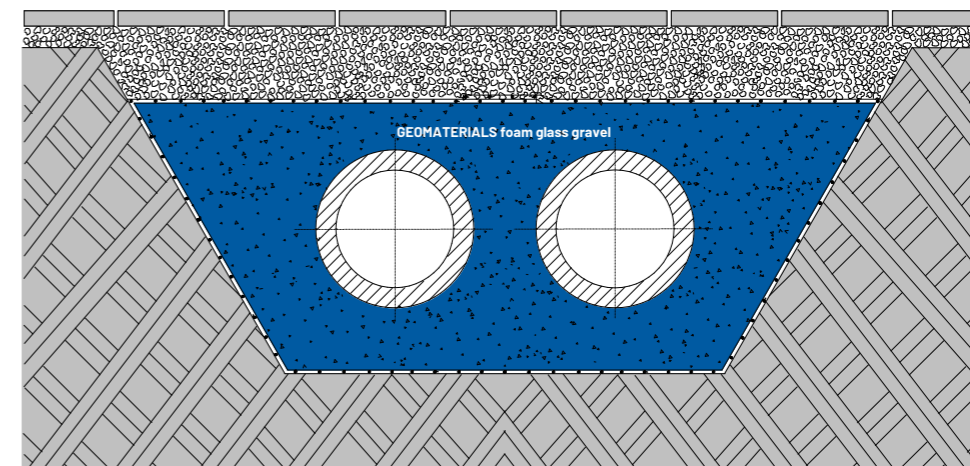
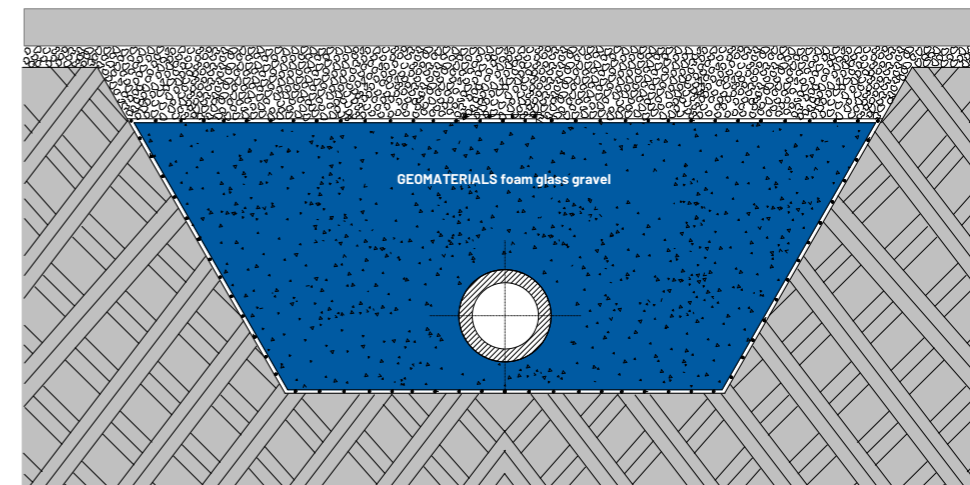
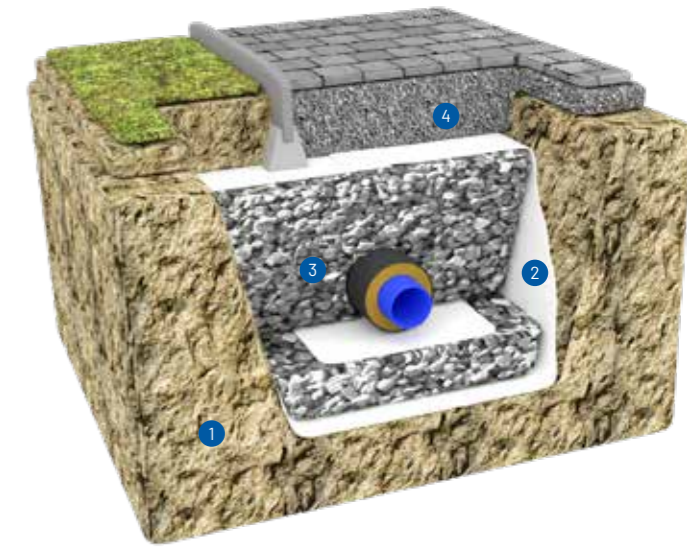
# GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

## ADVANTAGES

- Weight stabilization
- High draining function, cross- and alongside draining
- Reduce thermal losses
- Can be modelled

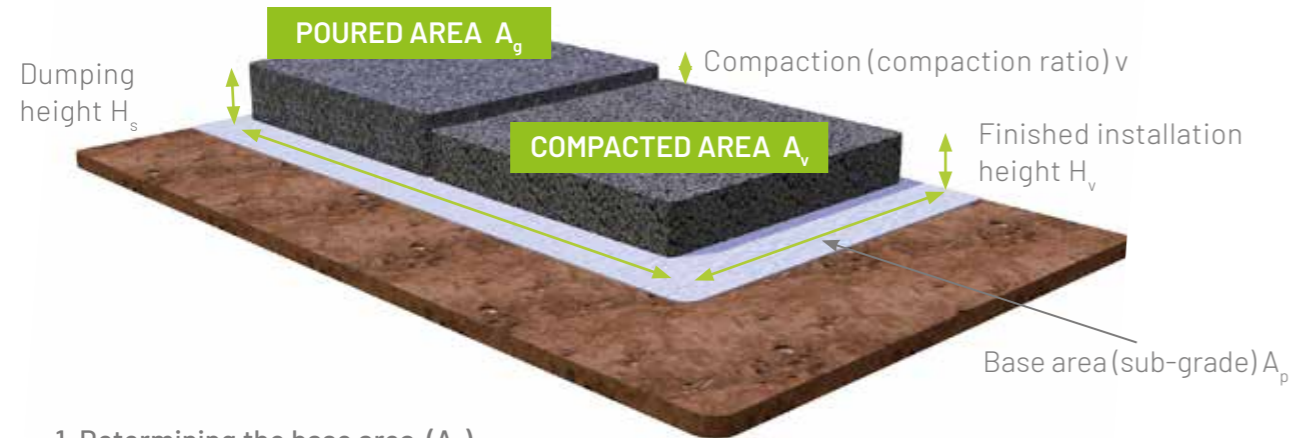


- 1 Sub-grade
- 2 Geotextile
- 3 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**
- 4 Frost case





## What you should know before installation



### 1. Determining the base area ( $A_p$ )

The base area is the area on which **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** must be installed. Please consider the vertical protrusion above the ground slab.

### 2. Determining the delivery quantity (L)

The necessary quantity results out of the product of base area, finished installation height and compaction ratio.

$$L = A_p \cdot H_v \cdot v$$

- L Quantity delivered [ $m^3$ ]
- $A_p$  Base are [ $m^2$ ]
- $H_s$  Dumping height [m]
- $H_v$  Finished install. height [m]
- $v$  Compression ratio

#### Calculation example:

$$A_p = 125 \text{ m}^2$$

$$H_v = 0,30 \text{ m}$$

$$v = 1,3$$

$$L = 125 \cdot 0,30 \cdot 1,3 \sim 49 \text{ m}^3$$

The dumping height  $H_s$  is  $0,30 \cdot 1,3 = 0,39 \text{ m}$

### 3. Information regarding the construction site

Depending on the accessibility of the construction site, we offer various options for the installation of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**. Please contact your GEOMATERIALS consultant to determine the ideal delivery form for your construction site.

## Correct compaction



**1,3 : 1**

After a compaction of 1,3:1 **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** should look like this.

#### U-Value Calculation:

$$\frac{\lambda}{\text{Thickness (in m)}} = \text{U-Value}$$

## Recommended equipment for installation of GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel

SMALLER AREAS		Lightweight vibratory plate with a strong propulsion
LARGER AREAS		Moderate, non-self-propelled and self-propelled rollers
EXTENSIVE INSTALLATION		Vibrating plate compactor

The proposed equipment gives insight into machinery alternatives for compaction, especially the manually operated plate vibrator that gives the required propulsion for a good compaction result.

#### TIP

**Please do not hesitate to contact your GEOMATERIALS consultant for the best delivery or the best compaction machine for your construction site!**

Delivery on schedule, direct discharge at the installation site and precise installation without transshipment as well as the correct selection of equipment saves time and money.



It's so easy!

## GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel installation step by step

**Please note:** The use of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** in the capillary fringe of ground-water or water source areas is not allowed. The natural ground must be well permeable to water. In the presence of cohesive or stratified soils, where accumulation or stratum water can occur, a drainage according to DIN 4095 has to be provided.



### Excavation

Excavate immediately prior to the introduction of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** to meet flatness and compressive strength in accordance with the object-related requirements. Unless otherwise specified, the requirements for flatness and compressive strength should be based on the principles of ZTVE - StB 94. Lay sewage pipes in pipe trenches and fill with sand on sub-grade level.



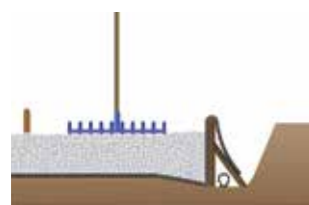
### Lay the GEOTEXTILE

Set up the formwork for **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** and lay out the flat surface with geo-textile (150g/m<sup>2</sup>) overlapping. Provide sufficient overhang so that the finished fill can be completely packed later. Position splice bars marking the compacted (final) height of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**, at regular intervals.



### Install **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**

If **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** is delivered loose, it is offloaded directly into the excavated pit. Above the installation site, the Big Bags have to be lifted and opened from below with the help of an excavator or crane.



### Distribute **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**

At smaller sites, level **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** uniformly to the marked height using an excavator shovel and rakes. For larger construction sites a mechanical distribution is carried out before the head by a charger or a shovel. Driving over the uncompacted material should be avoided, as pre-compaction increases material consumption.



### Compact **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel**

For small sites, compacting shall be performed by a lightweight vibration plate (weight: 80-100 kg, frequency: 85-100 Hz, supporting area: 50 cm, straight running). For areas > 200 m<sup>2</sup> you can use a soil compactor. A compression exceeding the specifications, results in a higher material consumption, but does not have any negative impact on the technical properties. For design thickness greater than 30 cm, **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** must be dumped in two layers and each layer has to be compacted. The flatness of the surface has to be made before the compacting process, so that at least a flatness tolerance of +/- 3 cm in relation to a length of 4 m is achieved.

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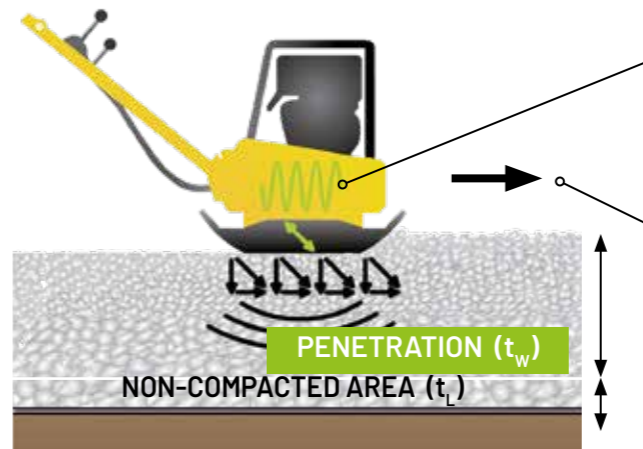
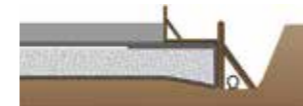
### Lay the separation layer

After completion of compression, the Geotextile is wrapped-up laterally and the entire **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel layer** is covered with a PE-foil to protect against cement residue.



### Install formwork for foundation slab

Place the formwork for the floor slab directly on the prepared surface and create the floor slab according to the specification. The ring drainage (sewer pipes) is laid around the pit after the formwork has been removed.

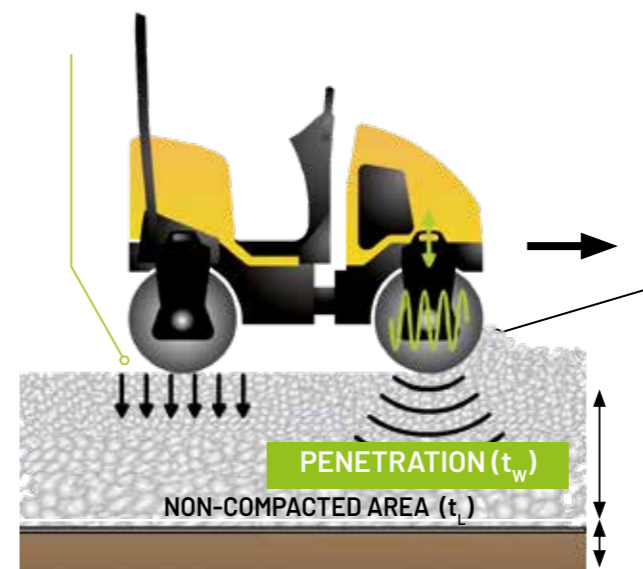


### COMPACTION WITH A VIBRATORY PLATE

Generation of the dynamical compaction energy depending on the dwindling mass. Frequency [Hz] Centrifugal Force [kN]

Working direction and working speed activated through the exciter system.

Static line load (p) through operation weight



### COMPACTION WITH A ROLLER

Working direction and working speed activated through the exciter system.

Amplitude (a) through exciter frequency

THIS IS HOW IT IS COMPACTED:  
Static load (operating weight) + dynamical compaction energy

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**Tips for  
extensive  
installation**

**LEGEND**

Working direction  
of the manual  
whacker



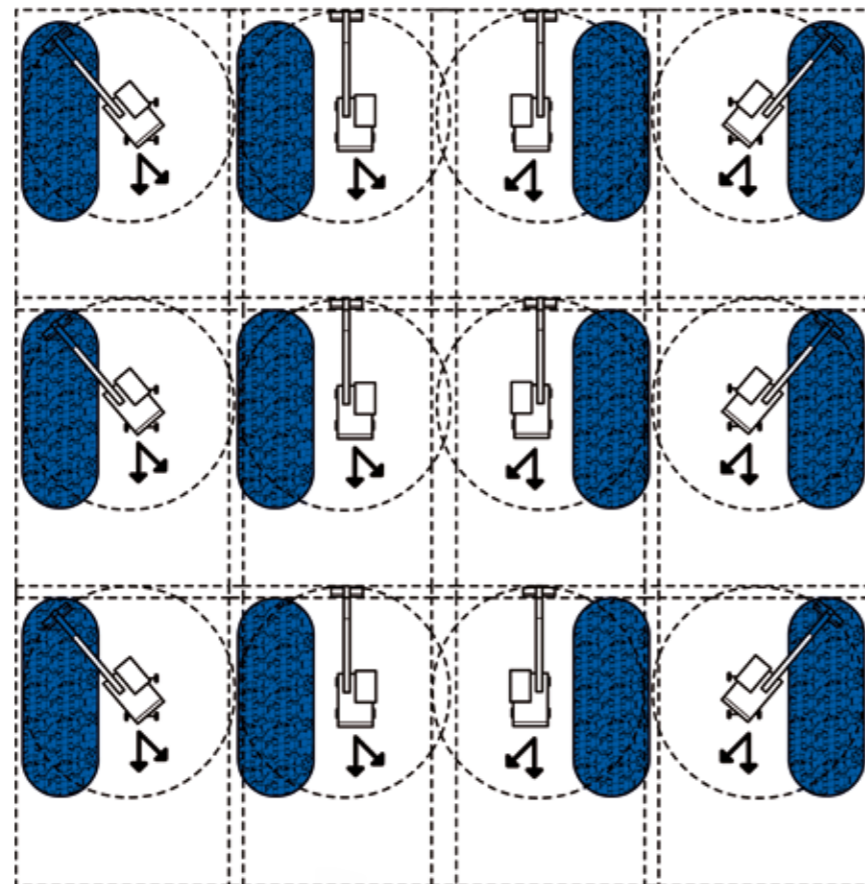
Angle of repose after  
offloading trough a  
walking floor truck



Manual whacker  
<= 12 t  
Shovel  
>= 1,8 m<sup>3</sup>  
without teeth



Precalculated  
area on which the  
loading volume  
should be  
distributed



Extensive installation of **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** for a production hall

**Possibilities for delivery and installation**



**Delivery of bulk material with a walking floor truck**

This form of delivery is suitable for construction sites, which can be easily reached. A walking floor truck cannot tilt, but rather shuffles the material with its moving floor from back to front.

Typical dimensions: LxWxH = 18 x 4 x 2,8 m  
Loading capacity: 85 - 95 m<sup>3</sup> depending on type of truck  
Non steerable axles!



**Delivery of bulk material with a container truck**

This form of delivery is suitable for narrow access roads. The bulk material is divided into the towing vehicle and a trailer. Therefore the material can be brought step by step. Please mind: through the minimized quantity and the additional expense, we charge an extra container surcharge.

Typical dimensions towing vehicle: LxWxH = 9 x 4 x 2,8 m  
Loading capacity: 76 - 80 m<sup>3</sup> depending on type of truck



**Delivery packed in Big Bags**

We also offer the material in packaged form (disposable packaging):

- GEOMATERIALS Schaumglas** Big Bag 1,5 m<sup>3</sup>
- GEOMATERIALS Schaumglas** Big Bag 2 m<sup>3</sup>
- GEOMATERIALS Schaumglas** Big Bag 3 m<sup>3</sup>



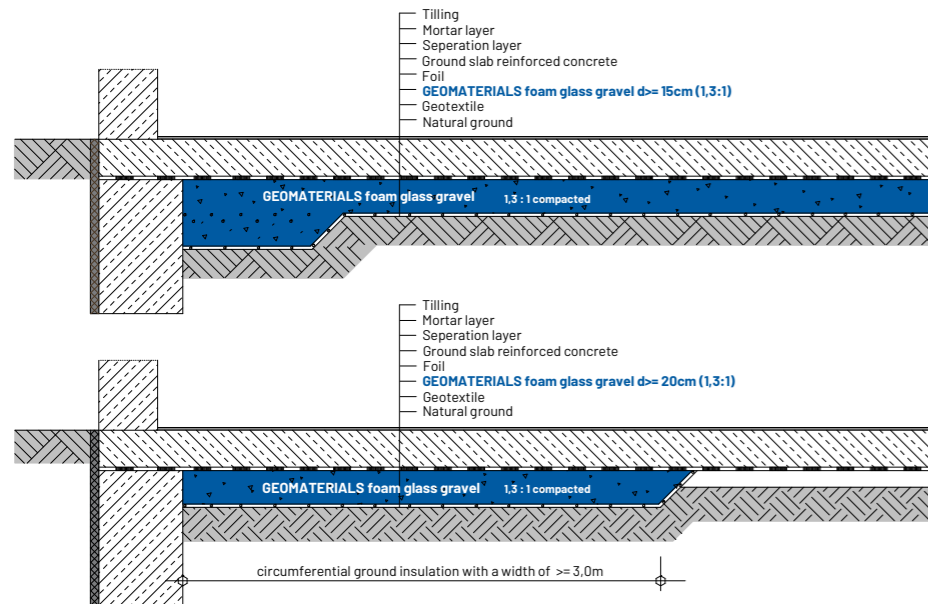
**Installation with a dispensation-towel**

Especially for stepped, impassable areas, there is the possibility to install the bulk material with the help of a dispensation-towel. The material is conveyed from the walking floor truck into the towel, spread on the ground with a capacity of 12 m<sup>3</sup>. The dispensation-towel can be moved with a crane. The distribution of the material happens through the outlet spigot. We gladly provide the dispensation-towel for a daily fee.



**Extensive application**

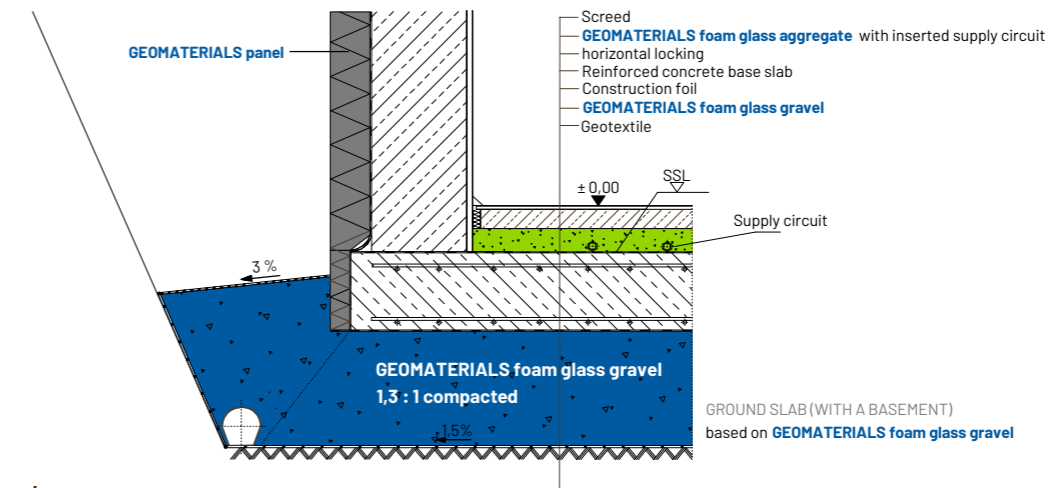
For business and industrial objects



**Surface insulation of a warehouse.**

**Fringe insulation**  
surrounding floor insulation  
with a width of  $\geq 3$  m

**Concrete floor slab with a basement/slope**



Pictures: Nursery School, Salzweg, Germany, Architects office Oliver Krinninger

**HIGH THERMAL INSULATION:**  
Full surface exterior thermal insulation

**NON-CAPILLARY:**  
Replaces the capillary-breaking layer



**LOAD BEARING:**  
Highly resistant in industrial construction

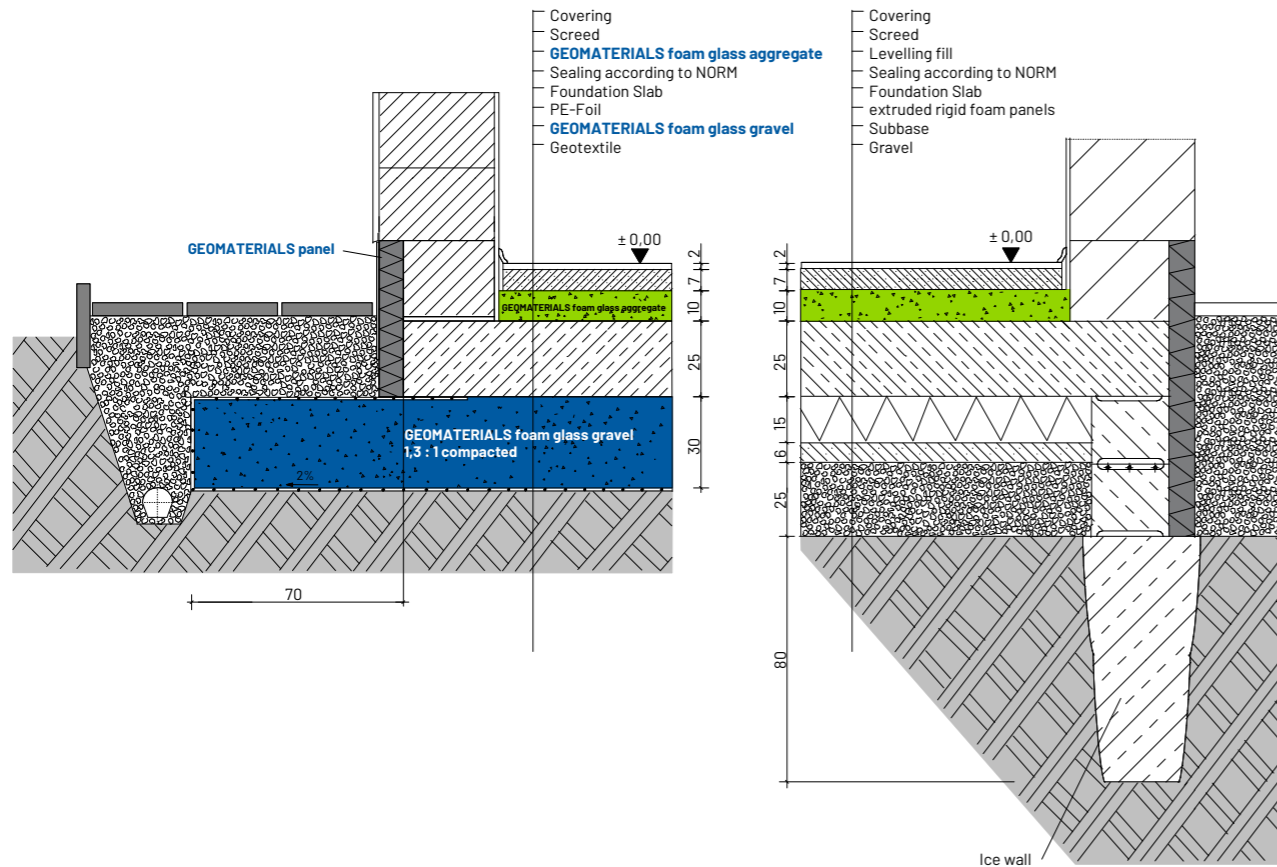
**COST AND ENERGY SAVING:**  
Especially in extensive installation





Saving construction costs

with GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel



- Load bearing insulation with high sustainability
- No gravel necessary
- Strip-foundation can be eliminated significantly lower construction height with
- **GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel** saving working time
- Thermal bridge free construction
- Possibility for a component-activated ground slab (with a screed)

GEOMATERIALS foam glass gravel – the fundamentally better alternative for all applications



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