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# Rubber and Ceramic Lagging



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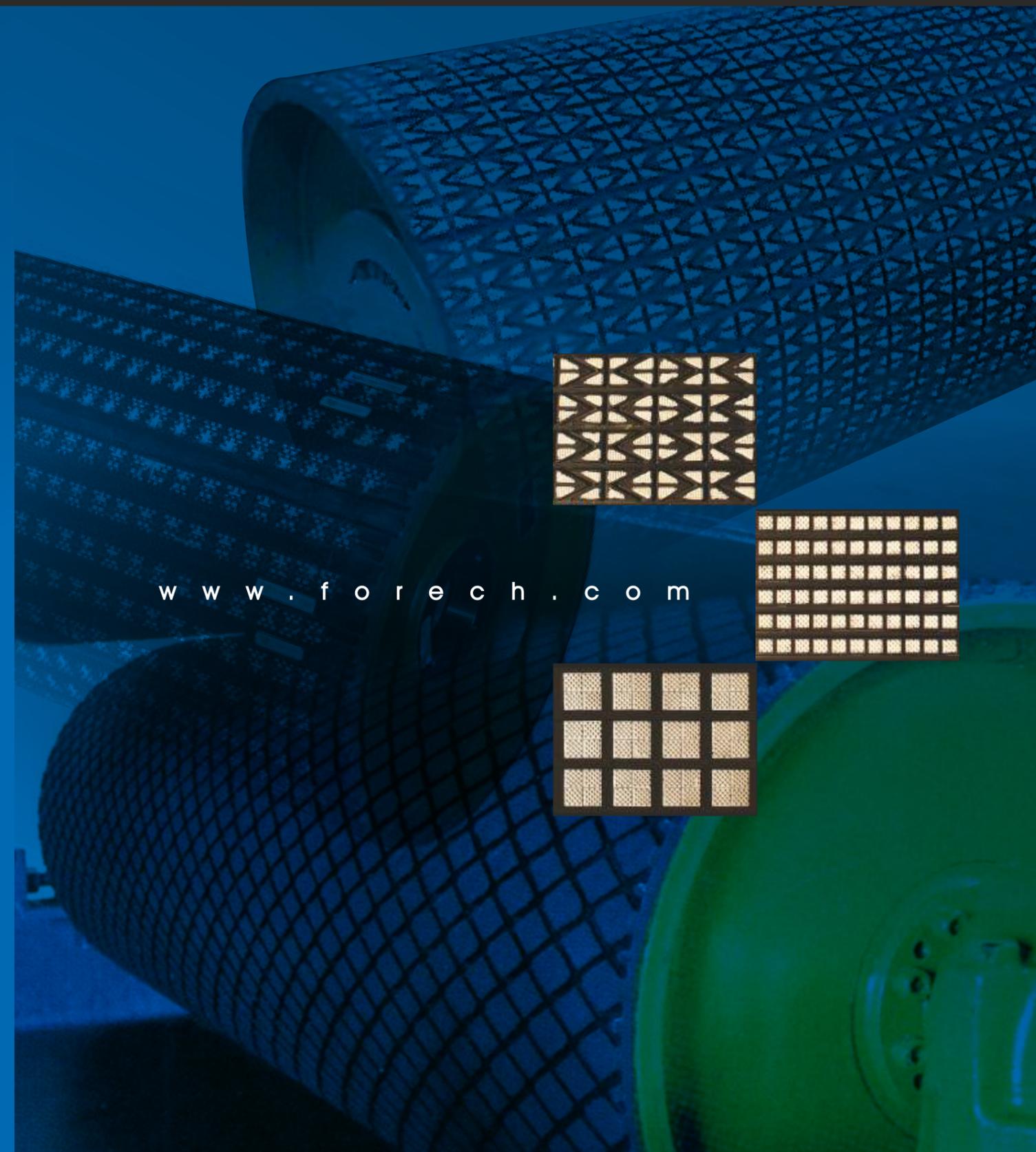
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### Why Pulley Lagging?

- Prevents slippage-reduces pulley wear
- Prevents material build up on pulley
  - Reduces chances of mistracking
- Reduces damage to the conveyor belt
- Allows for easy drainage of water and slurry

Conveyor Belt when slips causes significant damage to the drive pulley and the belt. Such damages are not only expensive to repair, but also time consuming and cause enormous loss due to down time.

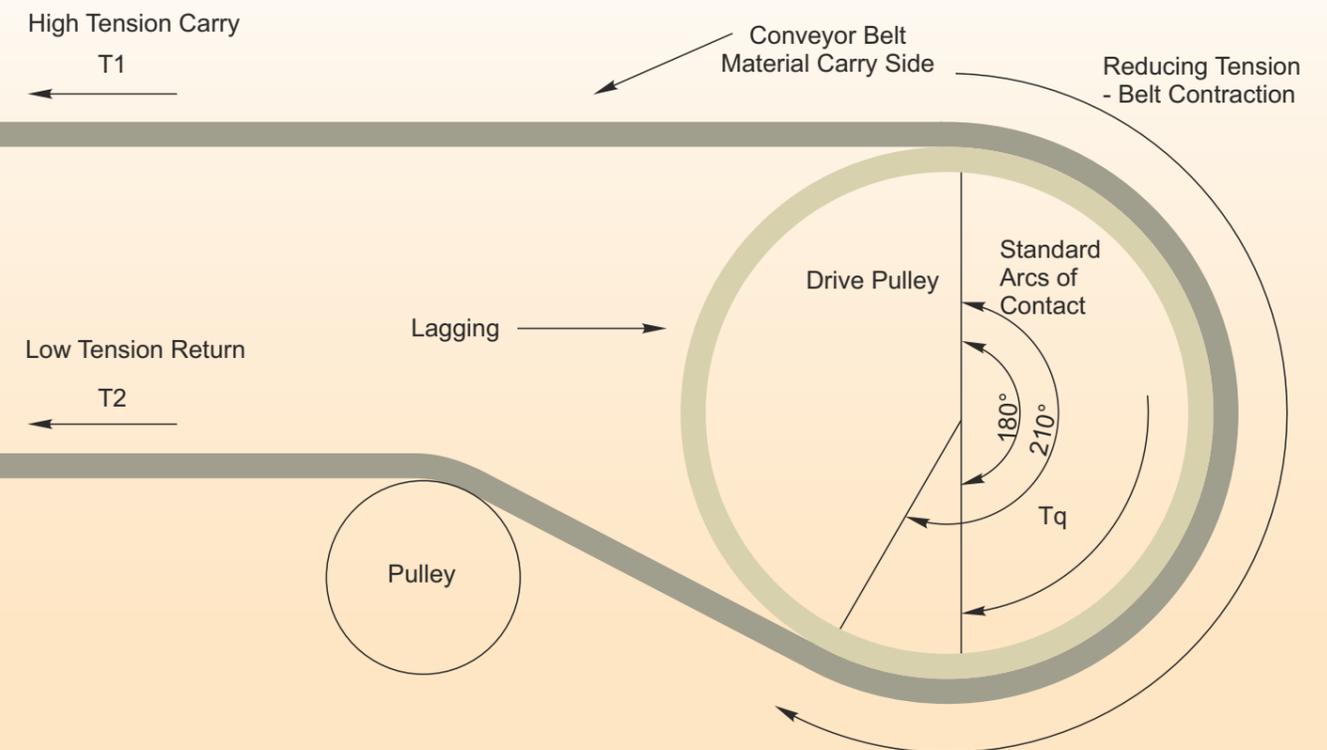
Belts need good traction with the drive pulley to prevent slips that can cause major damage.

The life span of a conveyor system primarily depends on its being suitably equipped for the specific application and the standard of servicing and maintenance. The

conveyor systems often have to perform in the most difficult conditions. For example, rain and sludge, which cause slippage between the conveyor belt and pulleys because of the low friction co-efficient between the two.

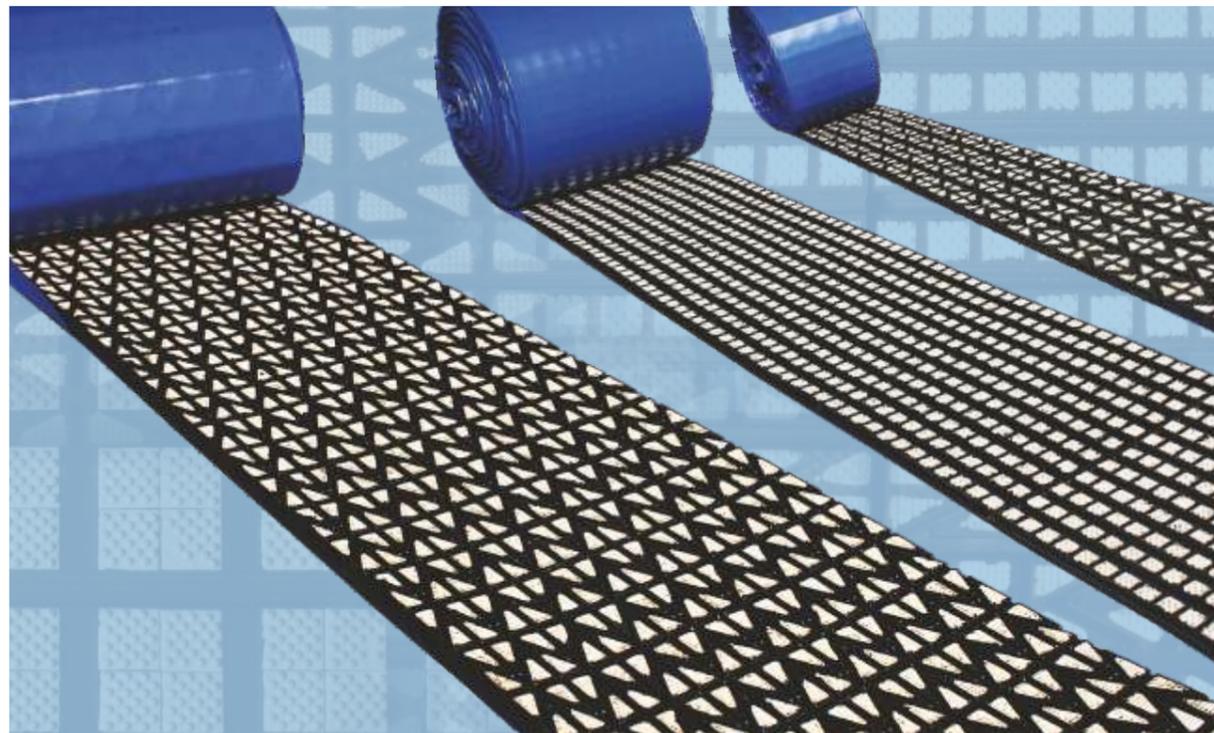
Forech offers both plain and patterned pulley lagging with specially developed rubber materials and their plain and patterned surfaces have proved to be very effective in water shedding, preventing material build up and controlling belt slippage. All lagging products can be provided with a Bonding Layer for easy installation with cold glues. In addition, Forech also offers a buffed and plain surface to suit your particular needs and budget.

A very special range of ceramic pulley lagging is offered by Forech to provide very high levels of drive and wear resistance for conveyor pulleys that operate in medium to heavy duty applications in wet and muddy conditions.





# Ceragrip Ceramic Lagging



Typical conditions suited to the use of **Forech CeraGrip ceramic lagging** include wet and dirty conditions where belt slippage is a problem or high tension applications where the wear life of plain rubber lagging is limited.

Forech ceramic pulley lagging provides the best grip for your drive pulley. The ceramic inserts in the lagging surface provide both high friction and high wear resistance-providing the best protection for your pulley and belt in the most demanding conditions. Ceramic pulley lagging is ideally suited for wet and muddy conditions where belt slippage can be a major problem.

The high co-efficient of friction of the ceramic tile inserts with the belt also allows for belt tension to be reduced. This also improves the life of the belt, as well as that of the other belt components as they come under less stress.

The surface of the lagging is profiled similar to that of profiled rubber pulley lagging. This allows for effective drainage.

*Forech Ceramic Lagging is offered as easy to install strips. These come with a bonding layer backing, or a buffed surface as per your needs and budget.*

*Ceramic tiles embedded in rubber, are also supplied in Fire Resistant Anti Static (FRAS) approved grades of rubber compound for underground applications.*

# Coefficient of Friction

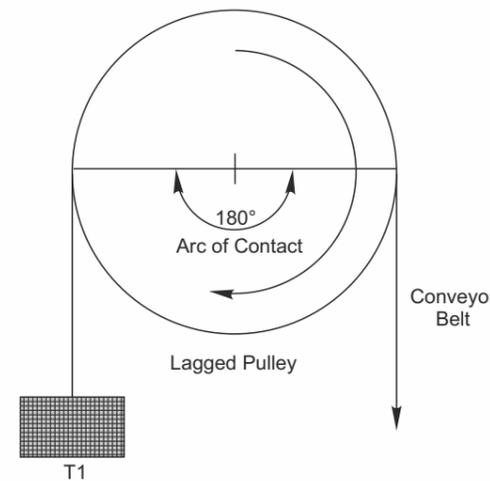
The maximum tension T1, generated in any conveyor belt is the tension which is required to be imparted on the belt in order to transmit, through traction, at the belt-pulley interface, the tension, Te, necessary to overcome all the system resistances and convey the desired through put at stipulated operating parameters in the diagram. The residual tension T2, is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the belt run and limits the inter-idler sag of the belt to permissible limits. The three tension values are related through mathematical equations, namely.

$$T1 - T2 = Te, \text{ and } T1/T2 = e^{\mu\theta}$$

$\mu$  = Coefficient of friction between belt and pulley,  $\theta$  = Arc of contact between belt and pulley

The value of  $\mu$  is determined using the dynamic test rig as shown below. A section of belt is wrapped around a pulley (180 degree Arc of Contact) with a constant load on one end. A motor applies a torque force to the pulley. At a threshold torque the pulley begins to rotate.

Test Rig for Determining Coefficient of Friction



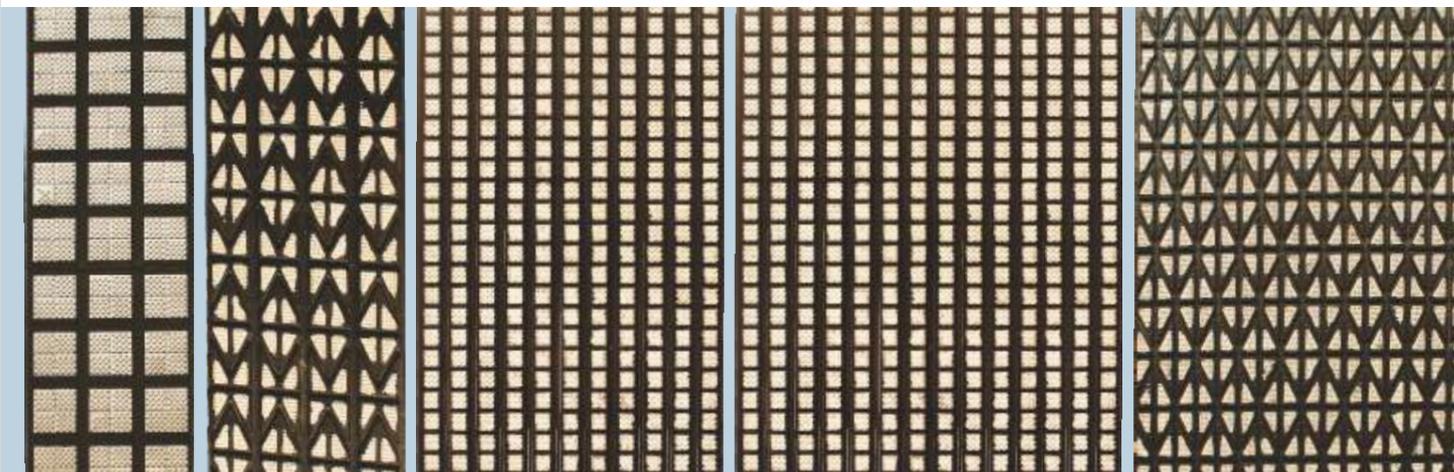
From the second relationship in the diagram ( $T1/T2 = e^{\mu\theta}$ ) we see that the tension on the belt (T1) increases significantly as coefficient of friction ( $\mu$ ) increase. Increasing the coefficient of the friction therefore has the following benefits:

- Reduced belt tension required
- Reduced slip and therefore less wear on belt and lagging.
- Reduced load on shaft and bearings

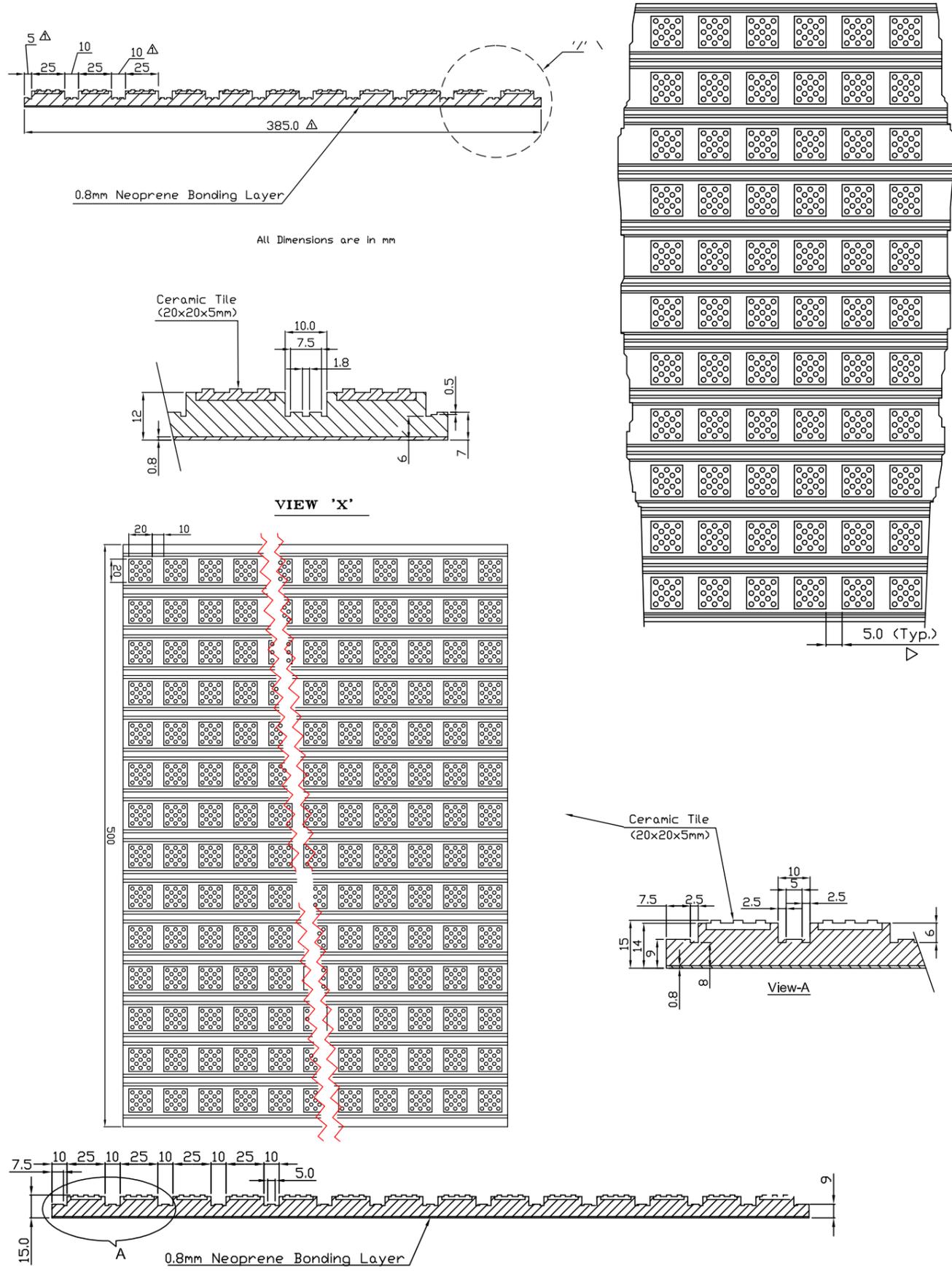
The frictional force is significantly increased in the ceramic lagging due to the mechanics of the dimples. However care has been taken that this does not damage the conveyor belt.

Comparison Table for Co-efficient of friction

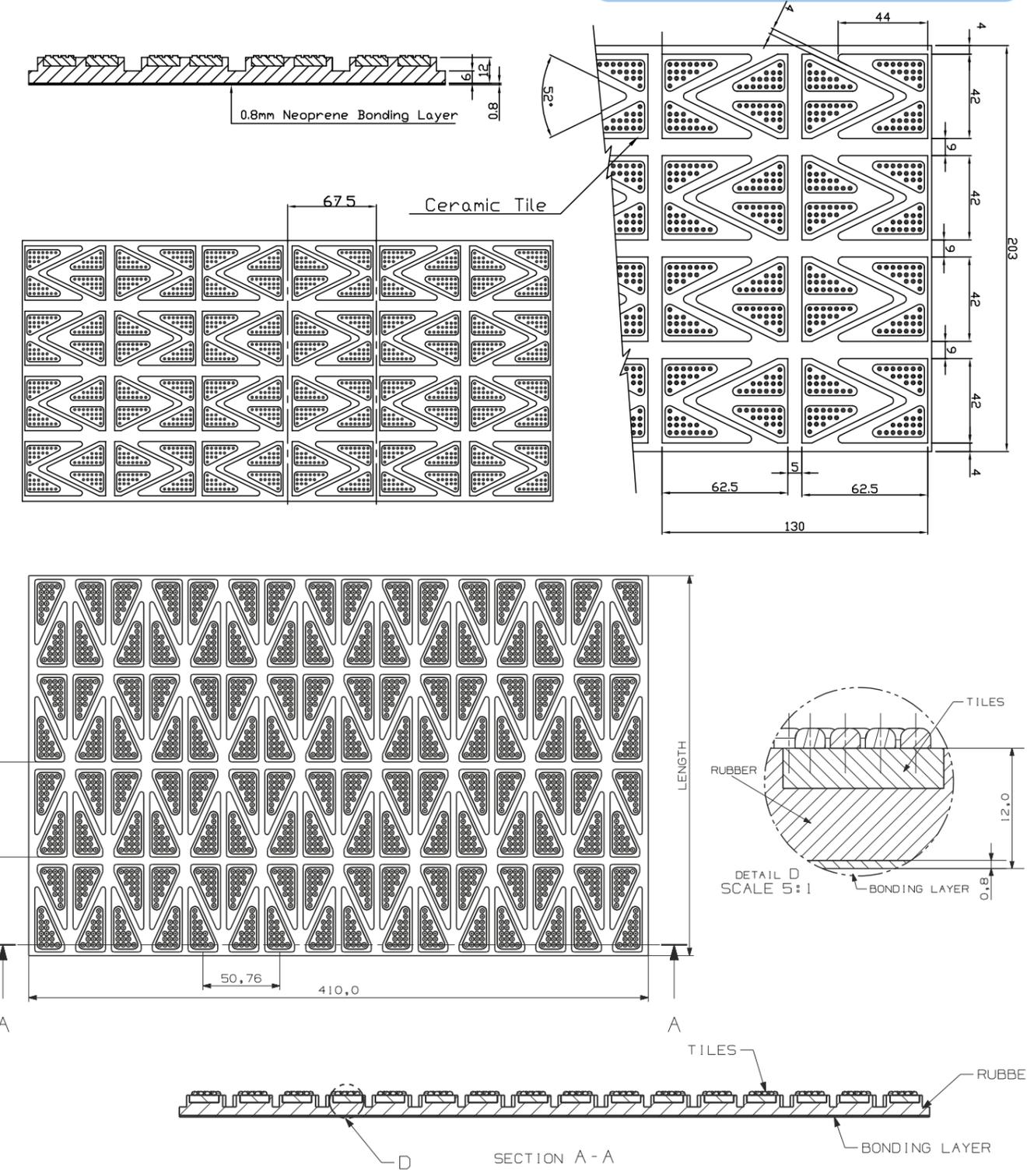
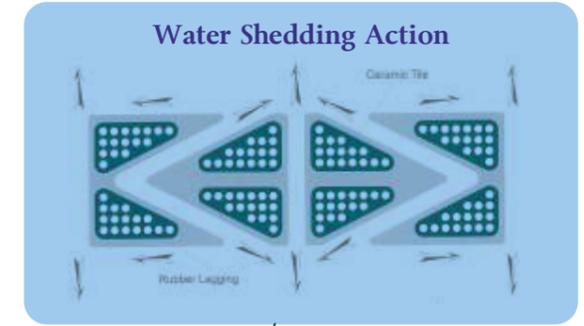
Co-efficient of Friction	Bare Steel Pulley	Rubber Lagging	Ceramic Lagging
Dry	0.25	0.50	0.75
Wet	0.15	0.35	0.55



### Ceragrip Lagging with Square Ceramic Tiles Profile



### Ceragrip Lagging with triangular Ceramic Tiles Profile

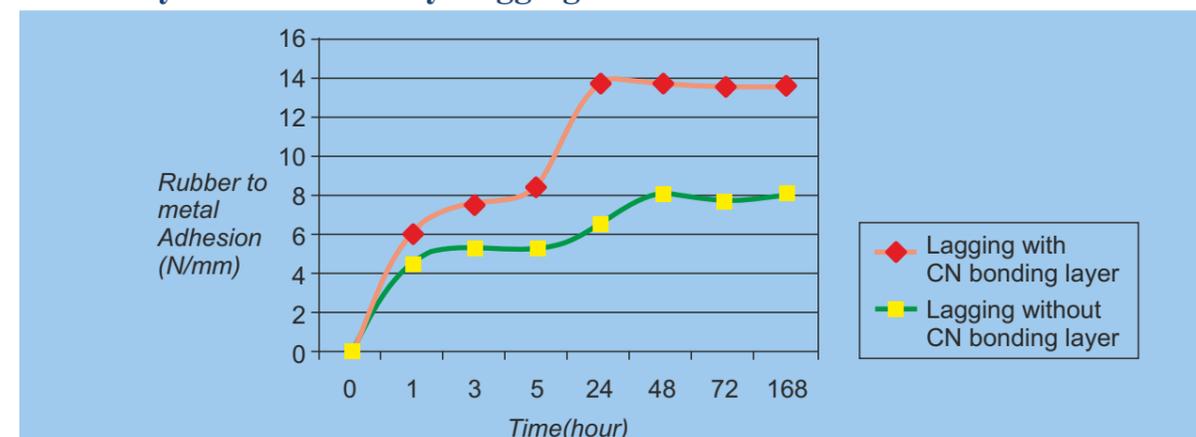


CeraGrip Ceramic Lagging Features:	CeraGrip Ceramic Lagging Benefits:
✓ Square/Triangular Tiles with Raised Dimples	Improved traction as dimples grip belt Improved belt tracking due to positive grip Reduced belt tension required due to increased coefficient of friction.
✓ 92% Aluminium Oxide tile material	Extreme wear resistance
✓ Rubber Compound blended with CN polymers	Outstanding adhesion: - Rubber to Ceramic - Rubber to Metal - Rubber to Rubber
✓ Low Sulphur rubber compound	Minimal change in rubber hardness with age
✓ Ceramic Tiles fully encapsulated and chemically bonded to rubber on 5 sides	Tiles more resistant to cracking or "pull out"
✓ Special Rubber compound to meet FRAS and MSHA requirements	Suitable for use in underground mines
✓ Supplied in 205, 385 and 418mm wide Strip forms with bonding layer and buffed back surfaces	Easy to install with less joints
✓ Supplied in continuous rolls of upto 10 metres long or as ordered	One product suits all pulley face widths
✓ Can be supplied as individual strips with rubber section at each end of Ceramic section	For customers who prefer a rubber edged pulley lagging

Ceramic Tile Specifications	
Aluminium Oxide (min) Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	92%
Density (g/cc)	3.65
Hardness (R 45 N)	79 min.
Cold Crushing Strength (Mpa)	2050 min.
Flexural Strength at Room Temp. (Mpa)	240 min.
Water absorption	0%
Test	Specification
Abrasion by impingement	0.05 grams max.
Abrasion by Rubbing	0.1grams max.

Base Rubber Specification	
Compound Code	R-1608
Polymer	SBR
Specific Gravity	1.13 +/- 0.03
Shore Hardness °A	60 +/- 5
Elongation at break % Min.	450%
Tensile Strength	17.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Abrasion Loss	150 mm <sup>3</sup> at 10N

### Summary Results of Pulley Lagging Adhesion Tests



Pulley Lagging Selection Chart				
Criteria	Plain Sheet Lagging	Diamond Sheet Lagging	Rubber Strip Lagging	Ceramic Strip Lagging
Dry Performance	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Wet Performance	Average	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent
Wear Life	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent
Ease of Installation	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Fire Resistance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drainage Grooves	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Hot Bonding of precured Rubber & Ceramic Lagging

Forech Lagging is also available, and is specially manufactured strips that allows it to be hot bonded onto pulleys. This unique innovation allows for press cured strip lagging to now have the additional advantage of hot bond to the steel pulley. The high physical properties that are achieved from a press-cured sheet, manufactured under heavy tonnage, can now be incorporated in a hot bond application, thereby achieving the greatest possible bond strength.