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#### NONWOVEN GEOTEXTILE COMPOSITES WITH BENTONITE

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Commercial geotextile composites that contain bentonite as a sorption layer are made by binding dry bentonite in powder or granular form between two woven and/or nonwoven (NW) layers. Binding can be performed by sandwiching bentonite between textile layers by needling and/or stitching or adhering bentonite layers to textile surfaces by water-based adhesive. In this paper, the possibility of synthesizing composite by embedding bentonite particles into NW structures was investigated. The composites were synthesized from commercial needlepunched polypropylene and polyester NW and domestic bentonite clays with previously defined physical-chemical and textural properties. Bentonite was applied on NW in the form of suspensions in water solution of adhesive based on modified cellulose soluble in water. Suspensions of bentonite with particle size less than 75 um were used in synthesis. Composite structure was microscopically examined and image analysis was performed. The absorption capacity and liquid retention ability of starting NW and final composites were measured according to EDANA (European Disposables and Nonwovens Association) recommendations. The mechanical properties of obtained composites were tested according to JUS regulations. The composite materials have improved mechanical properties in comparison with starting nonwovens.

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## ELECTRODEPOSITION OF NIMO ALLOY COATINGS AND THEIR CHARACTERIZATION AS CATHODES FOR HYDROGEN EVOLUTION IN SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

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The hydrogen evolution reaction on electrodeposited NiMo alloy coatings, as well as their electrochemical properties in NaOH solutions have been investigated by polarization measurements, cyclic voltammetry and EIS technique. It is shown that NiMo alloy coatings electrodeposited from pyrophosphate-sodium bicarbonate bath possess high catalytic activity for hydrogen evolution in NaOH solutions. Their stability in 1M NaOH at 25 °C under the condition of reverse polarization is shown to be very good, while in 33% NaOH at 85 °C (conditions of industrial electrolysis) electrodeposited NiMo alloy coatings exhibit also high catalytic activity, but low stability, as a consequence of massive dissolution of alloy coatings under the condition of reverse polarization.