

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

The PREMIERE® line of kaolin clays is designed to maximize performance in pressed and extruded ceramic processes. A composition of fine and medium grained kaolinite, these clays will produce excellent plasticity characteristics over a wide moisture range. Their consistency also provides necessary control over thermal expansion, dimensional accuracy and fired color in structural and decorative ceramic wares. Suitable for either fast or conventional firing schedules, these kaolins are equally successful in glaze batches in the role of rheological controllers and sources of alumina.

These materials are excellent in operations where fired color and plastic properties need to be optimized.

The PREMIERE line is ideally suited for ceramic processes which require excellent plasticity, including dinnerware, and floor, wall, and porcelain tile. An absence of oxidation sources also means minimal disturbance to glazed surfaces, in either single or twice fired processing.

All PREMIERE grades are mined, processed and sized under Covia QIP<sup>SM</sup> statistical quality assurance programs. The result is consistent chemistry and uniform particle size distribution for a controlled casting rate and predictable firing performance.

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

*Typical Mean Values. These Do Not Represent A Specification.*

Typical Mean Percent By Weight on Oxide Basis	
	K-CR
Silicon Dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	45.00
Aluminum Oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	38.70
Titanium Dioxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	1.70
Iron Oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	0.30
Calcium Oxide (CaO)	0.03
Magnesium Oxide (MgO)	0.10
Potassium Oxide (K <sub>2</sub> O)	0.10
Sodium Oxide (Na <sub>2</sub> O)	0.08
Loss on Ignition (LOI)	13.70

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

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PREMIERE® Pressing Clay	
M.B.I. (meq/100g)	2.1
SSA m <sup>2</sup> /g	11.2
pH @10% Solids	5.0

## PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS

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	Microns	K-CR
% Finer	<20	96
	<10	88
	<5	74
	<2	53
	<1	38
	<0.5	22

## SHIPPING/ORDERING INFORMATION

- Shipping Point: Hephzibah, GA
- Originating Carrier: Norfolk Southern
- Availability: Bulk, IBC  
Truck and Rail

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

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