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(in philosophical) to have pedigree.

(in general use) a class of things which have common characteristics and which can be divided into subordinate kinds.

Next Generation Structural Underground Access Chambers & Covers

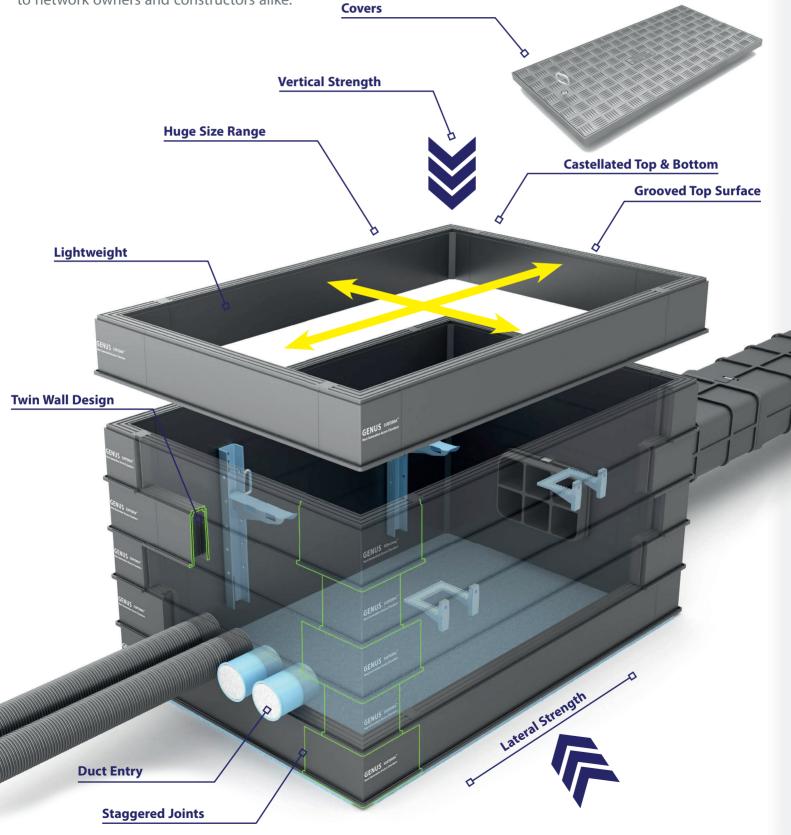
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GENUS SubTerra[™] has been developed from a deep understanding and knowledge of many years experienced in the design, production and most importantly; use, of underground access chambers.

It brings in the next generation of Pre-formed, Structural design, offering many benefits to network owners and constructors alike.



Key Features



Hybrid System Enhancements

PP and GRP sections.



Light Weight

Sections are easy to handle without lifting equipment.



Twin Wall Design

Provides for structural chamber walls, with loads up to 60 Tonnes.



Castellated Top & Bottom

Provides for a positive interlock between each section.



Grooved Top Surface

For bedding of the surface frame and covers.



Vertical Strength

Tested up to 90 Tonnes.



Staggered Joints

The Staggering of the corner sections and sidewalls creates a very strong 'brick-worked' effect.



Lateral Strength

Tested up to 50kN/m².



Huge Size Range

From 150mm² to over 6 metres side walls.

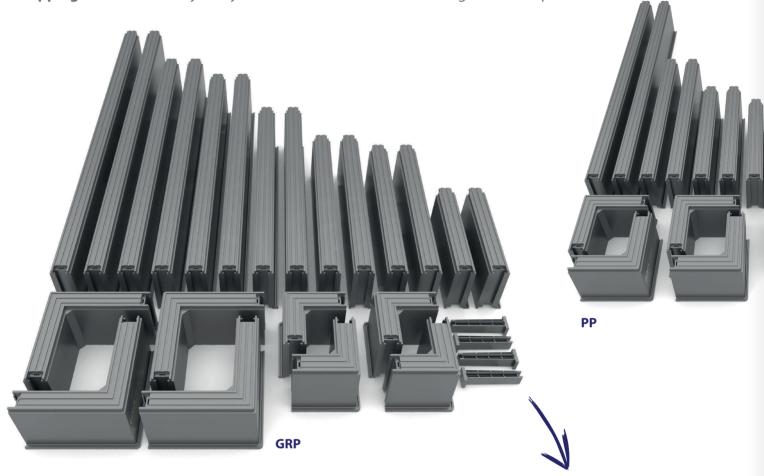


Duct Entries

Are easily made on site with a hole saw or factory fitted, capped and ready for use. (See more under accessories).



GENUS SubTerra[™] is a component-based stacking ring section chamber system. This offers users a huge size range and the ability for our distribution partners to ship around the world at little cost of transport or shipping. Sections are very easily made from four corners and straight sidewall pieces.



Feature Focus - Only one connector needed per side wall

Design & Innovation Each sidewall has a male and a female end that slide together to form a strong connection without the need for glue or fixings. Then when fitting to the corners, which are both female ends; one connector per sidewall is used; drastically cutting down on the number of connectors required in other systems.

SubTerra™- A Component based system



"GENUS SubTerra™ is the perfect balance between High End Technical performance and Commercial Competitiveness."

Available in two, totally compatible and interchangeable materials each offering its own advantages when used to construct a single material chamber.

When these are combined in a single Hybrid unit; these individual advantages can be used to create a chamber that has the perfect balance in strength and cost.

Add in the additional N-Force GFRP Profile Beams and Designers have a complete solution for tailoring Pre-Formed Access chambers to their needs.

Why GRP & PP?	GRP	PP
Chemical Resistance	Excellent	Excellent
Fire Resistance	Yes	Can be made to be
Temperature Stability	Highly Stable	Stable
UV Stability	Excellent	Very Good
Stiffness	Very High	Medium
Recycled Materials	No, but high level of fillers	Yes
Recyclable	Yes	Yes

Glass Re-enforced Polyester Resin (GRP)

Commonly known as GRP; brings excellent stability and strength to the SubTerra™

Ideal for use in chambers from 1 metre clear openings and above it excels all the way up to over 4 metre sidewall lengths. Providing for minimum 40 tonnes vertical loads up to 90 tonnes, without the need to surround with concrete,

Lateral load resistance is also excellent; designed to support 50kN/m² and higher; which represents heavy surface surcharge loadings and surrounding ground weight.

When used in combination with the PP version it can significantly increase the lateral resistance capability for medium sized chambers with a 900mm side wall and longer.

I'm made from GRP

Great for side wall loadings on large chambers or long wall lengths.



SubTerra[™]: Why is it better?

N-Force



Re-enforcement Piece

Unlike steel - it will not corrode or degrade over time.

N-Force

Feature Focus

Where many or large duct entries are to be made; the N-Force can also be used as a 'lintel' to protect the entry point from vertical load transference. Produced from continuous Glass Fibre Re-enforced Polyester; the N-Force profile beams can be used on any chamber to provide un-paralleled lateral loading capabilities, where site conditions require an enhancement in sidewall resistance.

Designed to interlock with the castellation of either top or bottom of ring sections; the profile is coloured to draw attention to installers where they are to avoid drilling for duct entries or wall furniture.

An added feature of the N-Force beam is that it can be used to attach a base unit or alternatively; at the top of the chamber it offers a means of increasing depth in small increments.

Foamed Polypropylene; PP

When used in the twin wall structural design; it offers a low-cost way of constructing small to medium chambers.

Whilst not as strong as GRP: With minimum 40 tonnes unsupported vertical loading capability; the PP version is by no means inferior and it will readily provide a strong alternative to building chambers in concrete.

When used in combination with the GRP version it can significantly reduce the cost of medium sized chambers from 900mm in side wall and longer.



I'm made from PP

Still very strong but I can reduce the cost of your chamber significantly in areas where side load is not as great, for example, the shorter ends of big chambers or sandwiched by GRP above and below.

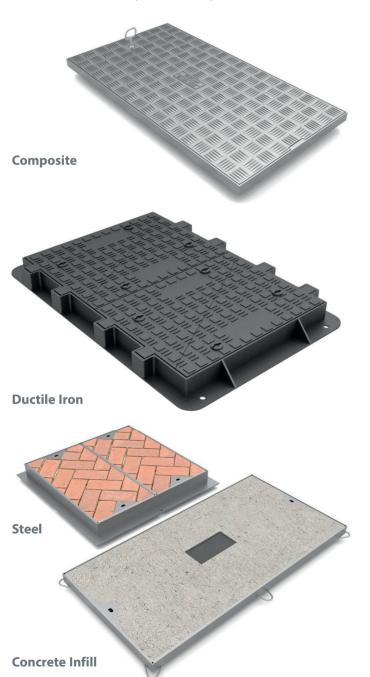


The innovative chamber body is only part of the system; with a range of surface covers and accessories available the GENUS system is complete. Providing network owners and installers with peace of mind that everything is covered whilst saving time during planning, through logistics and during installation.

NB* Please refer to our DATA Sheet CM002 for Full Details on Surface Covers & Frames

Surface Covers

Conforming to EN124 for Manhole Tops and Gully Grates, our surface covers are available in various materials to suit customer requirements and in loading classes from A15 (1.5 Tonnes pedestrian loads) up to F900 (90 Tonnes for areas imposing particularly high wheel loads, for example Aircraft Aprons).



Cover & Frame Options

Surface Frames are available in many formats to suit site conditions

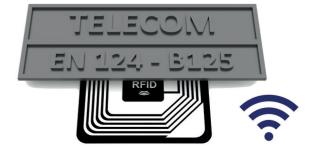


Security can be provided up to Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB) Levels. From our unique 'Slam it & Forget' lock to security heads and bolts, to full sub surface & surface security covers.





Badging to suit generic sector requirements to RF tagged customer specific badges are available to comply with BIM.

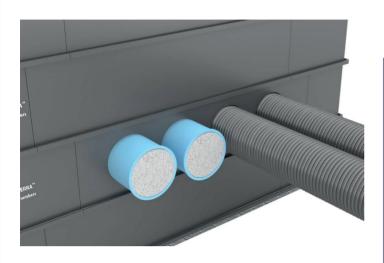


GENUS SubTerra™ Accessories

NB* Please refer to our DATA Sheet CM003 for Full Details on Chamber Accessories

Duct Entry Accessories

Duct entry Knock-outs / Pre-made duct entry holes



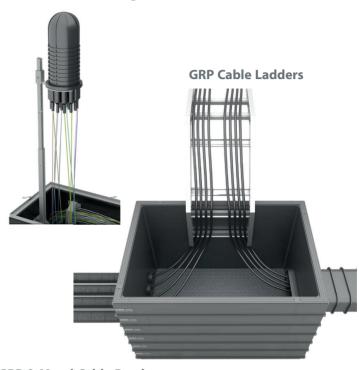
Base Units and Floors

Non-Slip Base SRV 63



Cable Management

GRP Fibre Joint Managers



GRP & Metal Cable Brackets



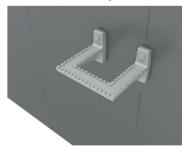


Access Products

GRP Access Ladders



Metal Access Steps





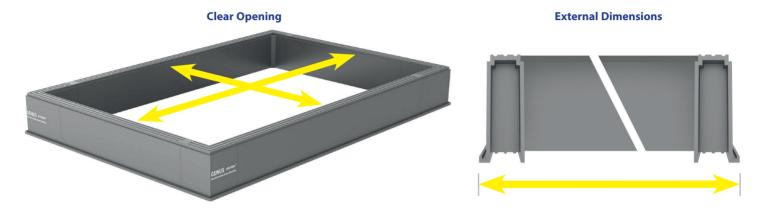
Kit-Out Service

Simply dig the hole, install the chamber, plug in the pipes or ducts and set the surface covers; everything else is already done; wall furniture fitted, duct entries made and flooring complete.



When sizing SubTerraTM the key dimensions are the Clear Opening size and the External Dimensions. Clear Opening is the internal measurement across both internal widths and/or lengths from side wall to side wall.

External dimensions should also be noted to assist with the size of hole to dig out (plus the recommended backfill within our Installation Guide). This is simply the Clear Opening PLUS 70mm (x2) to the outside horizontal rib(s).



End User? - We can specify your section make-up.

Measure your clear opening size (as above) and provide us with this information.

Distributors / Network Designers? - Want to see the full size range?

Simply use the tables of information below, and follow our three steps to create your section make-up.



Choose a corner pair combination.



Choose the side wall pieces to add to the corners.



Add 1 & 2 together to give you your clear opening size.

SubTerra [™] GRP Components					
Corner Pair combination resultant length	200mm	100mm + 200mm 300mm	200 _{mm} + 200 _{mm}		
Sidewalls					
300 _{mm}	500 _{mm}	325mm	700 _{mm}		
500 _{mm}	700 _{mm}	375mm	900 _{mm}		
550 _{mm}	750 _{mm}	525mm	950 _{mm}		
700 _{mm}	900 _{mm}	600 _{mm}	1100 _{mm}		
900 _{mm}	1100mm	675mm	1300 _{mm}		
1000mm	1200mm	850 _{mm}	1400 _{mm}		
1200 _{mm}	1400mm	1300 _{mm}	1600mm		

SubTerra [™] PP Components					
75mm + 75mm 150mm	75mm + 150mm 225mm	150 _{mm} +150 _{mm}			
250 _{mm}	325mm	400mm			
300 _{mm}	375mm	450mm			
450mm	525mm	600mm			
525mm	600mm	675mm			
600 _{mm}	675mm	750 _{mm}			
775mm	850 _{mm}	925mm			
1225mm	1300 _{mm}	1375mm			
	75mm + 75mm 150mm 250mm 300mm 450mm 525mm 600mm 775mm	75mm + 75mm 75mm + 150mm 150mm 225mm 250mm 325mm 300mm 375mm 450mm 525mm 525mm 600mm 600mm 675mm 775mm 850mm			



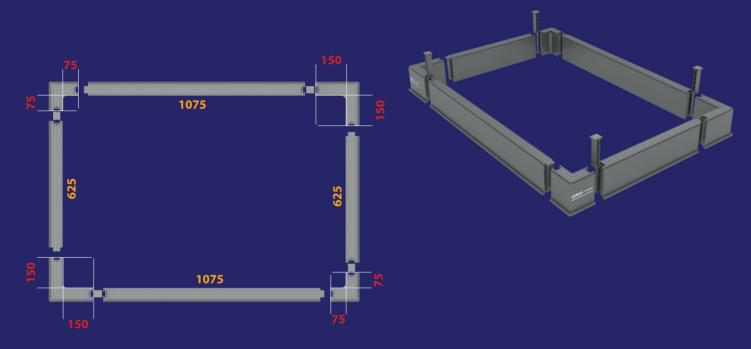
You can use more than one side wall piece to make longer lengths as shown in Example 2 opposite.

Create your section clear opening

Example 1 1300mm x 850mm (UK Motorway Communications 'A' Chamber)

PP Corners (75mm + 150mm) = 225mm + PP Sidewall of 1075mm = 1300mm Clear Opening

PP Corners (75mm + 150mm) = 225mm + PP Sidewall of 625mm = 850mm Clear Opening

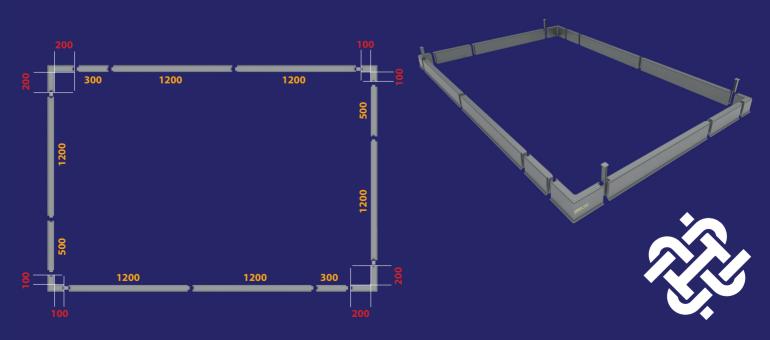


Example 2 3000mm x 2000mm (Power Networks Joint Chamber)

GRP Corners (100mm + 200mm) = 300mm + GRP Sidewalls of 1200mm + 1200mm + 300mm = 3000mm Clear Opening

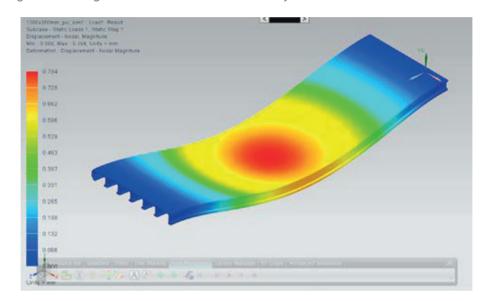
GRP Corners (100mm + 200mm) = 300mm + GRP Sidewalls of 1200mm + 500mm

2000mm Clear Opening





GENUS SubTerra[™] was born out of a deep understanding and experience in the field of Pre-formed Access Chambers. Taking initial concept ideas that were based on over 30 years in the field by the pioneers in the design of pre-formed access chambers and optimising them through the use of Finite Element Analysis.



When the product became a physical reality, it was put through its paces at a state of the art Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre endorsed by Boeing.



We don't just say 'its a strong product'; we can prove it!

...but PLURA will not stop until we bring World Class real world testing to an area that has been too laboratory lead for too long.

Enter; our new 'real world testing facility'; access chambers and covers tested in a live environment, where we can not only apply loads into any area of the chambers' structure but we can also cycle these loads both through independently accredited apparatus but also through just driving big things over them!

Through the use of strain gauges, we record the long term impact of backfill materials, surface make up and other such nuances that can affect an installed chambers performance and life.







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