Technical Data Sheet

Alathon M5040

High Density Polyethylene

Product Description

Alathon M5040 is a copolymer with broad molecular weight distribution with good processability for injection molding.

Regulatory Status

For regulatory compliance information, see *Alathon* M5040 Product Stewardship Bulletin (PSB) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

Status	Commercial
Availability	North America
Application	Containers
Market	Rigid Packaging
Processing Method	Injection Molding
Attribute	High ESCR (Environmental Stress Cracking Resistance)

Typical Properties	Nominal Value	English Units	Nominal Value	SI Units	Test Method
Physical					
Melt Flow Rate, (190 °C/2.16 kg)	4.0	g/10 min	4.0	g/10 min	ASTM D1238
Density, (23 °C)	0.950	g/cm³	0.950	g/cm³	ASTM D1505
Bulk Density	37-39	lb/ft³	593-625	kg/m³	ASTM D1895
Spiral Flow	11.2	in	27.4	cm	LYB Method
Mechanical					
Flexural Modulus					
(1% Secant)	151000	psi	1040	MPa	ASTM D790
(2% Secant)	125000	psi	862	MPa	ASTM D790
Flexural Young's Modulus	163000	psi	1120	MPa	ASTM D790
Tensile Modulus, (1% Secant)	100000	psi	689	MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile Stress at Break, (23 °C)	2050	psi	14.1	MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile Stress at Yield, (23 °C)	3720	psi	25.6	MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile Elongation at Break, (23 °C)	120	%	120	%	ASTM D638
Tensile Elongation at Yield, (23 °C)	13	%	13	%	ASTM D638
Impact					
Notched Izod Impact Strength, (23 °C)	0.73	ft-lb/in	39	J/m	ASTM D256
Unnotched Impact Strength, (-18 °C)	No Break		No Break		ASTM D4812
Hardness					
Shore Hardness, (Shore D, max)	71		71		ASTM D2240
Thermal					
Vicat Softening Temperature	255	°F	124	°C	ASTM D1525
Low Temperature Brittleness, F_{50}	<-105	°F	<-76	°C	ASTM D746
Deflection Temperature Under Load, (66 psi, Unannealed)	151	°F	66	°C	ASTM D648
Melting Temperature	262.8	°F	128.2	°C	ASTM D3418

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Crystallization Temperature	236.8 °F	113.8 °C	ASTM D3418

Notes

Conditions of Tensile Stress and Elongation values are: 50 mm/min, Type IV specimen.

Conditions of Flexural Modulus values are: 0.5 inches/min or 12.5 mm/min.

Spiral Flow measures the number of inches of flow produced when molten resin is injected into a long, spiral channel (0.0625" insert), at a constant injection pressure of 1000 psi with a melt temperature of 440 °F.

Deflection Temperature Under Load and Low Temperature Brittleness data are for control and development work and are not intended for use in design or predicting performance at elevated or sub-ambient temperatures.

These are typical property values not to be construed as specification limits.

Processing Techniques

Specific recommendations for resin type and processing conditions can only be made when the end use, required properties and fabrication equipment are known.

Company Information

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