Technical Data Sheet

Moplen EP548L

Polypropylene, Impact Copolymer

Product Description

Moplen EP548L is a heterophasic copolymer suitable for production of beverage closures using both compression and injection moulding technologies. This resin offers a good balance of stiffness and impact strength. The resin is nucleated and additivated with both slip and antistatic agent. Other injection moulding applications may include housewares and medium size containers.

Regulatory Status

For regulatory compliance information, see *Moplen* EP548L Product Stewardship Bulletin (PSB) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

Status	Commercial: Active
Availability	Africa-Middle East; Asia-Pacific; Australia and New Zealand; Europe
Application	Caps & Closures; Housewares; Sports, Leisure & Toys
Market	Consumer Products
Processing Method	Compression Molding; Injection Molding
Attribute	Good Impact Resistance; Good Stiffness; Nucleated

Typical Properties	Nominal Value	Units	Test Method
Physical			
Melt Flow Rate, (230 °C/2.16 kg)	6	g/10 min	ISO 1133-1
Density	0.90	g/cm³	ISO 1183-1
Mechanical			
Tensile Modulus, (23 °C)	1500	MPa	ISO 527-1, -2
Tensile Stress at Yield, (23 °C)	30	MPa	ISO 527-1, -2
Tensile Strain at Break	>50	%	ISO 527-1, -2
Tensile Strain at Yield	7	%	ISO 527-1, -2
Impact			
Charpy Impact Strength - Notched			
(23 °C, Type 1, Edgewise, Notch A)	5.5	kJ/m²	ISO 179
(0 °C, Type 1, Edgewise, Notch A)	3.5	kJ/m²	ISO 179
(-20 °C, Type 1, Edgewise, Notch A)	2.5	kJ/m²	ISO 179
Hardness			
Ball Indentation Hardness	64	MPa	ISO 2039-1
Thermal			
Vicat Softening Temperature, (A50)	151	°C	ISO 306
Heat Deflection Temperature B, (0.45 MPa, Unannealed)	100	°C	ISO 75B-1, -2

Notes

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.

Health and Safety:

The resin is manufactured to the highest standards, but special requirements apply to certain applications such as food end-use contact and direct medical use. For specific information on regulatory compliance contact your local representative.

Workers should be protected from the possibility of skin or eye contact with molten polymer. Safety glasses are suggested as a minimal precaution to prevent mechanical or thermal injury to the eyes.

Molten polymer may be degraded if it is exposed to air during any of the processing and off-line operations. The products of degradation may have an unpleasant odor. In higher concentrations they may cause irritation of the mucus membranes. Fabrication areas should be ventilated to carry away fumes or vapours. Legislation on the control of emissions and pollution prevention should be observed.

The resin will burn when supplied with excess heat and oxygen. It should be handled and stored away from contact with direct flames and/or ignition sources. While burning, the resin contributes high heat and may generate a dense black smoke.

Recycled resins may have previously been used as packaging for, or may have otherwise been in contact with, hazardous goods. Converters are responsible for taking all necessary precautions to ensure that recycled resins are safe for continued use.

For further information about safety in handling and processing please refer to the Safety Data Sheet.

Conveying:

Conveying equipment should be designed to prevent production and accumulation of fines and dust particles that are contained in polymer resins. These particles can under certain conditions pose an explosion hazard. Conveying systems should be grounded, equipped with adequate filters and regularly inspected for leaks.

Storage:

The resin is packed in 25 kg bags, octabins or bulk containers protecting it from contamination. If it is stored under certain conditions, i. e. if there are large fluctuations in ambient temperature and the atmospheric humidity is high, moisture may condense inside the packaging. Under these circumstances, it is recommended to dry the resin before use. Unfavorable storage conditions may also intensify the resin's slight characteristic odor.

Resin should be protected from direct sunlight, temperatures above 40°C and high atmospheric humidity during storage. Higher storage temperatures may reduce the storage time.

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