

Vamac® Ultra DX for Wire & Cables

Ethylene Methylacrylate Elastomer

Vamac® ethylene acrylic elastomer, introduced in 1975, has been successfully used for many years in demanding automotive applications, where excellent resistance to heat, engine and transmission fluids or Blow-By is required. Our latest manufacturing technology allows production of enhanced AEM grades that have significantly improved compared to the existing standard Vamac® elastomers. These grades, designated and sold as Vamac® Ultra, provide a step-change improvement in processability, performance and customer value for targeted applications, including for peroxide cure E/MA dipolymer grade with Vamac® Ultra DX (formerly VMX2122).

Bale size is nominally: 560 x 370 x 165 mm

Major Performance Properties and Applications

Higher viscosity is the major difference between the standard AEM grades and the Vamac® Ultra family of polymers. Four Terpolymers of the Ultra grades, cured by Diamine curatives, are now commercial. Vamac® Ultra DX is a high viscosity version of Vamac® DP. It provides improved mold release, and is comparable to Vamac® Ultra Terpolymers.

Increased green strength of compounds helps to avoid collapse during extrusion processes, and may help in applying reinforcement layers without cutting the inner tube by filaments. The optimized polymer structure ensures gains in physical properties, resulting in improved performance of rubber parts such as cables, seals, gaskets or extruded hoses.

Best physical properties of Vamac® Ultra DX are obtained in rubber parts having a hardness range between 50 and 90 Shore A.

Compound and Vulcanisate Properties

Compounds of Vamac® are formulated and processed by customers to meet their own specific performance requirements. Many of the highest-performing compounds are vulcanizates of Vamac® are proprietary, and cannot be published. We have independently formulated a wide variety of Vamac® compounds for its own short- and long-term properties testing programs.

A typical compound of Vamac® Ultra DX for halogen-free, flame retardant Wire & Cable applications is reviewed below. Vulcanizate performance test data are given to help endusers evaluate the potential fitness of similar compounds for their own applications.

Sample Compound, Vamac® Ultra DX for HFFR W&C applications

Ingredients	Parts
Vamac® Ultra DX	100
Antioxidant: Naugard® 445	1
Martinal® OL-111 LE	160
Dynasylan® 6490	1
Release agent: Armeen® 18D (octadecylamine)	0.5

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Perkadox® 14-40B-GR	4.5
Rubber chem HVA-2	1
Total Parts	269

Polymer and Compound Mooney are higher for Vamac® Ultra DX than Vamac® DP. The tighter crosslink network and faster cure lead to slightly higher Hardness, with higher Tensile Strength, and still slightly higher Elongation at Break. After Heat Ageing, Vamac® Ultra DX maintains its properties better than Vamac® DP. For more information regarding Vamac® for Wire & Cable applications please refer to the Technical Data Sheet "Vamac® for Halogen Free Flame Retardant (HFFR) Applications".

Product information

Colour	Clear	
Viscosity, Mooney, ML 1'+4' at 100°C	28	ISO 289-1-2
Volatiles	≤0.4 %	EN 1400 / EN 14350-2
Maximum Service Temperature	175 °C	

Rheological properties

Viscosity, Mooney, compound, ML 1'+4' at 100°C	46	ISO 289-1-2
Moving Die Rheometer at 180°C, torque	48 - 1800 Nmm	ISO 6502
Moving Die Rheometer at 180°C, t(50)	1.3 min	ISO 6502
Moving Die Rheometer at 180°C, t(90)	4.3 min	ISO 6502

Cure conditions

Cure time	15 min
Cure temperature	180 °C

Typical mechanical properties

Stress at 100% strain	7 MPa	ISO 527-1/-2
Stress at break	12 MPa	ISO 527-1/-2
Strain at break	270 %	ISO 527-1/-2
Shore A hardness	79	ASTM D 2240
Tear strength, parallel	38 kN/m	ISO 34-1

Thermal properties

Glass transition temperature, 10°C/min	-28 °C	ASTM D 3418
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Additional information

Compression molding

Handling Precautions

Because Vamac® Ultra DX contains small amounts of residual methyl acrylate monomer, adequate ventilation should be provided during storage and processing

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to prevent worker exposure to methyl acrylate vapor. Additional information may be found in the Vamac® Ultra DX Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and our bulletin, Safe Handling and Processing of Vamac® (VME-A10628), available on our website.

Mixing

Vamac® Ultra DX has higher viscosity than Vamac® DP which permits better and faster dispersion of fillers and other compounding ingredients. Due to the general good scorch safety of peroxide cured compounds, changes in mixing cycle due to higher viscosity are not considered necessary.

Chemical Media Resistance

Mineral oils

- ✓ SAE 10W40 multigrade motor oil, 23°C
- ✓ SAE 10W40 multigrade motor oil, 130°C
- ✓ SAE 80/90 hypoid-gear oil, 130°C
- ✓ Insulating Oil, 23°C
- ✓ Motor oil OS206 304 Ref.Eng.Oil, ISP, 135°C
- ✓ Automatic hypoid-gear oil Shell Donax TX, 135°C
- ✓ Hydraulic oil Pentosin CHF 202, 125°C

Symbols used:

- ✓ possibly resistant
Defined as: Supplier has sufficient indication that contact with chemical can be potentially accepted under the intended use conditions and expected service life. Criteria for assessment have to be indicated (e.g. surface aspect, volume change, property change).
- ✗ not recommended - see explanation
Defined as: Not recommended for general use. However, short-term exposure under certain restricted conditions could be acceptable (e.g. fast cleaning with thorough rinsing, spills, wiping, vapor exposure).