

Technical Data Sheet

Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester

Applications

- Medical equipment
- Medical housings and hardware

Key Attributes

- Color retention after disinfection
- Ease of processing
- Excellent Notched Izod impact strength before and after disinfection
- Excellent chemical resistance to a wide variety of hospital disinfectants and wipes
- Excellent hydrolytic stability
- Excellent toughness
- Fast cycle times
- Fast drying times

Product Description

Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester is an amorphous material. Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester contains a mold release derived from vegetable based sources. Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester has many outstanding features that include excellent toughness, hydrolytic stability, heat resistance, chemical resistance, and melt flowability. Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester has been formulated for medical devices. Eastman™ MXF221 copolyester has passed FDA/ISO 10993 testing for cytotoxicity, skin sensitization, and intracutaneous reactivity.

Typical Properties

Property ^a	Test Method ^b	Typical Value, Units ^c
General Properties		
Specific Gravity	D 792	1.19
Mold Shrinkage	D 955	0.003-0.006 mm/mm (0.003-0.006 in./in.)
Mechanical Properties		
Tensile Stress @ Yield	D 638	47 MPa (6800 psi)
Tensile Stress @ Break	D 638	50 MPa (7300 psi)
Elongation @ Yield	D 638	5 %
Elongation @ Break	D 638	132 %
Tensile Modulus	D 638	1671 MPa (2.42 x 10 ⁵ psi)
Flexural Modulus	D 790	1847 MPa (2.68 x 10 ⁵ psi)
Rockwell Hardness, R Scale	D 785	111
Izod Impact Strength, Notched @ 23°C (73°F)	D 256	1077 J/m (20.2 ft-lbf/in.)
Impact Strength, Unnotched @ 23°C (73°F)	D 4812	NB
Optical Properties		
Total Transmittance ^d	D 1003	81 %
Haze ^d	D 1003	2 %
Thermal Properties		
Deflection Temperature @ 0.455 MPa (66 psi)	D 648	90 °C (194 °F)
@ 1.82 MPa (264 psi)	D 648	76 °C (169 °F)
Flammability		
@ Thickness 1.5 mm	UL 94	V2
@ Thickness 3.0 mm	UL 94	V2

Typical Processing Conditions	
Drying Temperature	88 °C (190 °F)
Drying Time	4-6 hrs
Processing Melt Temperature	240-290 °C (464-555 °F)
Mold Temperature	24-66 °C (75-150 °F)

^aUnless noted otherwise, all tests are run at 23°C (73°F) and 50% relative humidity.

^bUnless noted otherwise, the test method is ASTM.

^cUnits are in SI or US customary units.

^dThese properties can be modified by adjustment to melt temperature and melt residence time.

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Comments

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