



# GLS 481-120 Natural

## Thermoplastic Elastomer

### Key Characteristics

Product Description	
GLS 481-120 Natural is a custom TPE compound	
General	
Material Status	• Commercial: Active
Regional Availability	• Africa & Middle East • Europe • Asia Pacific • Latin America • North America
Features	• Good Adhesion • Vibration Damping
Uses	• Consumer Applications • Overmolding • General Purpose • Soft Touch Applications
RoHS Compliance	• RoHS Compliant
Appearance	• Natural Color
Forms	• Pellets
Processing Method	• Extrusion • Injection Molding

### Technical Properties <sup>1</sup>

Physical	Typical Value (English)	Typical Value (SI)	Test Method
Specific Gravity	1.06	1.06	ASTM D792
Elastomers	Typical Value (English)	Typical Value (SI)	Test Method
Tensile Strength <sup>2, 3</sup> (Break, 73°F (23°C))	800 psi	5.52 MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Elongation <sup>2, 3</sup> (Break, 73°F (23°C))	570 %	570 %	ASTM D412
Hardness	Typical Value (English)	Typical Value (SI)	Test Method
Durometer Hardness (Shore A, 10 sec)	54	54	ASTM D2240
Fill Analysis	Typical Value (English)	Typical Value (SI)	Test Method
Apparent Viscosity			ASTM D3835
392°F (200°C), 1340 sec <sup>-1</sup>	70.0 Pa·s	70.0 Pa·s	

### Processing Information

Injection	Typical Value (English)	Typical Value (SI)
Drying Temperature	125 to 140 °F	51.7 to 60.0 °C
Drying Time	3.0 to 4.0 hr	3.0 to 4.0 hr
Suggested Max Moisture	0.030 %	0.030 %
Suggested Max Regrind	20 %	20 %
Rear Temperature	340 to 360 °F	171 to 182 °C
Middle Temperature	360 to 410 °F	182 to 210 °C
Front Temperature	370 to 420 °F	188 to 216 °C
Nozzle Temperature	380 to 430 °F	193 to 221 °C
Mold Temperature	55.0 to 85.0 °F	12.8 to 29.4 °C
Back Pressure	0.00 to 50.0 psi	0.00 to 0.345 MPa

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**Injection Notes**

Color concentrates based on GLS 481-120 Natural are most suitable for coloring GLS 481-120 Natural. Typical loadings for color concentrates are 1% to 4% by weight. Concentrates based on PVC should not be used. A high color match consistency can be obtained by using precolored compounds available from GLS. The final determination of color concentrate suitability should be determined by customer trials.

Purge thoroughly before and after use of this product with a low flow (0.5 - 2.5 MFR) polyethylene (PE) or polypropylene (PP).

Regrind levels up to 20% can be used with GLS 481-120 Natural with minimal property loss, provided that the regrind is free of contamination. To minimize losses during molding, the melt temperature should remain as low as possible. The final determination of regrind effectiveness should be determined by the customer.

GLS 481-120 Natural has excellent melt stability. Maximum residence times may vary, depending on the size of the barrel. Generally, the barrel should be emptied if it is idle for periods of 8 - 10 minutes or longer.

Suggested Dewpoint: -40°F

Injection Speed: 0.5 to 2 in/sec

1st Stage - Boost Pressure: 500 to 1000 psi

2nd Stage - Hold Pressure: 20-60% of Boost

Hold Time (Thick Part): 2 to 4 sec

Hold Time (Thin Part): 1 to 2 sec

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Typical values are not to be construed as specifications.

<sup>2</sup> Die C

<sup>3</sup> 2 hr

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