

Description

Kraton® IR-310 polymer is a solution polymerised polyisoprene with a high cis-1,4 content. It has a high molecular weight as indicated by its limiting viscosity number of 8.0 dl/g.

A non-staining stabiliser is added at the typical value of 0.15%.

Kraton IR-310 polymer is an easy-processing version of Kraton IR-307 polymer.

Kraton IR-310 polymer is used as a replacement for natural rubber in a wide range of compounds, offering advantages of light colour, uniformity and low levels of impurities. Its good flow characteristics produce improvements in mixing and moulding behaviour. It is used for food and pharmaceutical packaging and seals, baby bottle teats and health care, adhesives, chemical derivatives of rubbers, and very light coloured or transparent articles.

Kraton IR-310 polymer is manufactured to the highest standards but special requirements apply to certain sensitive applications such as food contact and pharmaceuticals. Reference should always be made to local legislation regulating these applications.

The following shows the compound recipe for the preparation of the vulcanised test pieces used for the measurement of the specified mechanical performances:

Test formulations (ISO 2303)

	Parts by mass
Polymer	100.0
IRB7 industry reference oil furnace carbon black	35.0
Zinc Oxide	5.0
Sulphur	2.25
Stearic Acid	2.0
N-tert-butyl-2-benzothiazile sulphenamidine (TBBS)	0.7

Sales Specifications

Property	Test Method	Units	Sales Specification Range
Raw polymer			
Cis-1,4 content	KM32	%	≥90
Volatile matter	ASTM D5668	%mass	≤0.5
Ash	ASTM D5667	%mass	≤0.1
Stabiliser	KM31	% mass	0.1 - 0.3
Limiting viscosity number	KM33	dl/g	6.5 - 9.5
Mooney viscosity	ASTM D1646	MU	40 - 50
Test compound			
Tensile strength ^[a]	ISO 2393 / ISO 37	Mpa	≥21.6
Elongation at break ^[a]	ISO 2393 / ISO 37	%	≥428
Modulus 300% ^[a]	ISO 2393 / ISO 37	Mpa	7.3 - 12.2

^[a] Cure:40mins at 135 °C

Packaging

Kraton IR-310 polymer is supplied in bales weighing ca. 25kg. Bales are wrapped in 80 micron polyethylene film. Thirty bales (nominal 1 MT) are packed in a wooden crate (Flotainer).

Storage

Kraton IR-310 polymer should be stored in an adequately ventilated area where it will no be subjected to sunlight, extreme temperatures or sources of ignition. Under correct conditions IR-310 should have a storage life of at least two years from the date of production.

End Use Requirements

If the finished article is intended for use in food contact and packaging applications, toys, or human contact areas, manufacturers of the final product should observe all relevant regulations. Some of these regulations require tests to be carried out on the final product, e.g. migration. These are the responsibility of the final product manufacturer..

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Kraton Polymers products' and compounds can accumulate electrostatic charges when rubbed, chafed or abraded. Processing and storage equipment for use with Kraton Polymers' products should provide a means of dissipating any charges that may develop.

When processing Kraton Polymers' products, maintain a fire watch if the material reaches 225°C (437°F) for Kraton IR and Kraton D (polymers and compounds), and 280°C (536°F) for Kraton G (polymers and compounds). The temperatures listed above are indicated only for safety reasons (risk of fire and product degradation) and are not necessarily recommended for processing. Degradation of the polymer (polymer breakdown) will start at lower temperatures depending on the specific processing conditions. Therefore, operating below these temperatures does not guarantee the absence of product degradation.

Kraton Polymers' products (the neat resin or the base product) are high molecular weight polymers which by all accounts are non-toxic and biologically inactive.

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