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Kraton® MD6917ES polymer

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Description

Kraton® MD6917ES polymer is a clear linear triblock copolymer based on styrene and ethylene/butylene, S-E/B-S, with bound styrene of 32.9% mass. It is supplied from Europe as fluffy crumb dusted with amorphous silica.

Kraton MD6917ES polymer is used as a base material for compound formulations and as a modifier of thermoplastics. The inherent stability of the mid block suggests the use of MD6917ES in applications that must withstand weathering and high processing temperatures. In addition, Kraton MD6917ES offers the advantages of a high molecular weight polymer at lower melt viscosities.

Kraton MD6917ES polymer is a development grade manufactured in tonnage quantities. Some of its characteristics may be modified and therefore MD6917ES will be supplied initially according to a **preliminary sales specification**.

Sales Specifications

Property	Test Method	Units	Sales Specification Range
Bound styrene ^[a]	BMS0407	%mass	31.9 - 33.9
Volatile matter	KM04	%mass	0.5 max.
Total extractables	KM05	%mass	1.6 max.
Antioxidant content	KM08	%mass	0.03 min.

^[a] Measured on the polymer before hydrodgenation

Typical Properties (These are typical values and may not routinely be measured on finished product)

Property	Test Method	Units	Typical Value
Ash	BMS 0425	%m/m	0.8
Solution viscosity ^[b]	BMS0380	Pa.s	1.3
Specific gravity	ISO 2781	Mg/m ³	0.91
Bulk density	ASTM D1895 method B	Mg/m ³	0.21

^[b] Measured on 15% m/m solution in toluene at 25°C using a Brookfield viscometer LVT model

Packaging

Kraton Polymers are available in a number of different pack types. For information specific to this grade please contact your local Kraton Polymers representative.

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.
Information on the food packaging clearances of individual products is available from Kraton Polymers.

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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 are non-toxic and biologically inactive.

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