DuPont Packaging & Industrial Polymers





Appeel® resins Product Data Sheet

Description

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DuPont™ Appeel 20D867 is a modified ethylene acrylate resin designed to function as a sealing layer for lidding applications. It is most often suggested to provide peelable seals over a broad temperature range to a number of container materials including PET, PVC, PS and PP. Appeel 20D867 is available in pellet form for use in conventional extrusion and coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

Restrictions

Material Status

Developmental: Active

Typical Characteristics

Uses

Lidding Sealant

Typical Properties

Nominal Values Physical Test Method(s) * Density () 0.941 g/cm³ ASTM D792 ISO 1183 Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg) 9.1 g/10 min **ASTM D1238** ISO 1133 Thermal **Nominal Values** Test Method(s) * Melting Point (DSC) 90°C (194°F) **ASTM D3418** ISO 3146 Vicat Softening Point 47°C (117°F) **ASTM D1525** ISO 306 **Heat Seal Evaluation**

The performance of any sealant resin should be evaluated within the context of the application. The sealant is designed to bond to particular substrate(s). Many variables can affect seal strength, including the physical properties of the substrate being sealed to, thickness, flange or surface design, heat seal temperature, dwell time and pressure. The condition and type of the sealing equipment used, such as roller sealers versus platen seal mechanisms can make a significant difference.

In most cases sealant peel strength is used as a measure of performance. Although this is a convenient test, peel strength is affected not only by substrate adhesion but also by peel angle, separation rate, ambient temperature, tensile and modulus properties of the materials, and often by the time elapsed since the formation of the bond

If sealant peel strength is used as a measure of sealant performance, it is imperative that peel strength be evaluated not only at the time of initial heat sealing the lid to the substrate, but throughout the life of the product and under all the conditions to which the sealant will be exposed. Only then does peel strength provide a reliable indication of adhesive performance in the specific application.

Processing Information

General

Maximum Processing Temperature
 General Processing Information

300°C (572°F)

If the process is stopped for short periods of time, the screw for the Appeel® extruder should be kept turning at a low rpm to keep material flowing.

After processing Appeel®, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the Appeel® resin in use. The "Disco Purge Method" is suggested as the preferred purging method, as this method usually results in a more effective purging process. Information on the Disco Purge Method can be obtained via your DuPont Sales Representative.

Never shut down the extrusion system with Appeel® in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the Appeel® with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

Blown Film Processing

Nominal Values

Blown Film Processing Information

Blown Film: In blown film coextrusion processes the temperature of the Appeel® 20D867 should be maintained in the 160 - 185° C range. It is also important that the Appeel® 20D867 be supported with materials having sufficient melt strength.

Additive package: For blown film processing, it is suggested to add 3% to 5% of DuPont Elvax CE9619-1, a special slip and antiblock masterbatch. This masterbatch addition facilitates better web handling and roll formation.

Following is an example of a suggested temperatiure profile for blown film processing. Adjustments would then be made to suit the individual process and applications needs.

 Feed Zone
 140°C (284°F)

 Second Zone
 150°C (302°F)

 Third Zone
 160°C (320°F)

 Fourth Zone
 180°C (356°F)

 Fifth Zone
 180°C (356°F)

 Adapter Zone
 180°C (356°F)

 Die Zone
 170°C (338°F)

Extrusion Coating/Lamination Processing

Nominal Values

Extrusion Coating / Lamination Processing

Extrusion Coating: The melt temperature of Appeel® 20D867 should be maintained in the 235 - 285°C range in extrusion coating processes. Selection of a specific melt temperature will depend on screw configuration, potential power limitations, and the need to match melt viscosities. However, melt temperatures above 300C (572F) should be avoided because of possible thermal degradation of the resin.

Use of a CoF modifier may be necessary depending upon the end-use application. DuPont has several additive packages for use with Appeel. For an extrusion coating application with this grade, please contact your DuPont representative for information on the Conpol series of slip and antiblock masterbatches which are compatible with Appeel.

Examples include, Conpol 20S1, 20S2, 13B, AC-S and AC-B.

Following is an example for suggested temperature profile on the high side of the processing range. Lower temperatures in the final metering zone, adapter and die are suggested if compatible with the process and application.

 Feed Zone
 160°C (320°F)

 Second Zone
 210°C (410°F)

 Third Zone
 260°C (500°F)

 Fourth Zone
 285°C (545°F)

 Fifth Zone
 285°C (545°F)

 Adapter Zone
 285°C (545°F)

FDA Status Information

APPEEL® 20D867 Lidding Sealant Resin complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1340 - - Ethylene-methyl acrylate copolymer resins, subject to the limitations and requirements therein. This Regulation describes polymers that may be used in contact with food, subject to the finished food-contact article meeting the extractive limitations under the intended conditions of use, as shown in paragraph (d) of 21 CFR 177.1330.

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Safety & Handling

For information on appropriate Handling & Storage of this polymeric resin, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet..

A Product Safety Bulletin, Material Safety Data Sheet, and/or more detailed information on extrusion processing and/or compounding of this polymeric resin for specific applications are available from your DuPont Packaging and Industrial Polymers representative.

Read and Understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before using this product

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