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#### Elvax® resins Product Data Sheet

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**Product Description** 

DuPont™ Elvax® 40L-03 is an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer resin for use in industrial applications.

The melt index is consistent because resin molecular weight distribution is controlled to within a relatively narrow range. The molecular weight is high for this family of copolymers, so finished products will be relatively resistant to mechanical damage and elevated temperatures.

Compared with other ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymers, Elvax® 40L-03 contains extremely low amounts of gel, or high-molecular-weight polymer, that can cause undesirable characteristics in finished products.

Because Elvax® 40L-03 is somewhat crystalline, it is free flowing and does not mass during handling.

#### Restrictions

Material Status

· Commercial: Active

Availability

Globally

## **Typical Characteristics**

Uses

Industrial Applications
 Wire & Cable Applications
 Wire Jacketing

Composition

40 % By Weight Vinyl Acetate comonomer content

Thermal Stabilizer: BHT antioxidant

Features

High Molecular Weight, High Viscosity

Applications

Elvax® resins can be used in a variety of applications involving molding, compounding, extrusion, adhesives, sealants, and wax blends. For additional information and properties associated with specific applications, please refer to the Grade Selector Guides found on the Elvax® website for industrial applications: http://www2.dupont.com/Elvax/en\_US/tech\_info/index.html

Elvax®40L-03 is especially well suited for use in jacketing compounds for automotive ignition and low-smoke cables, and as strippable semiconductive shields for power cables

In these applications, the relatively narrow molecular weight distribution and the low gel properties help ensure that compounds will be consistent and finished products will be smooth-surfaced. Smooth, glossy surfaces are desirable because they can imply quality, while uniformity can enhance long-term performance.

Power cable semiconductive shields made with Elvax®40L-03 also benefit from the consistency of their compounds and low gel content. Any inconsistency in shields can

lead to cable failure.

Typical Properties				
Physical	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)		
* Density ()	0.967 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D792	ISO 1183	
* Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg)	3 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	IS0 1133	
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test Met	Test Method(s)	
<ul><li>Melting Point (DSC)</li></ul>	58°C (136°F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146	
Freezing Point (DSC)	26°C (79°F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146	

#### Processing Information

#### General

Maximum Processing Temperature
General Processing Information

230°C (446°F)

Elvax® resins can be processed by conventional thermoplastic processing techniques, including injection molding, structural foam molding, sheet and shape extrusion, blow molding and wire coating. They can also be processed using conventional rubber processing techniques such as Banbury, two-roll milling and compression molding.

Elvax® can be used in conventional extrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins. However, corrosion-protected barrels, screws, adapters, and dies are recommended, since, at sustained melt temperatures above 446°F (230°C), ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) resins may thermally degrade and release corrosive by-products.

#### **FDA Status Information**

ELVAX® 40L-03 EVA Resin complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1350(d) - - Ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, subject to the limitations and requirements therein. This Regulation describes polymers that may be used to make articles (film) for use in contact with food, subject to the finished food-contact film meeting the extractive limitations, as shown in paragraph (e)(2) of the Regulation.

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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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