

# Product Information

## Automotive and Transportation



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# Multiflex® GT 40 A 450 NAT 18553 Thermoplastic Elastomer

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Thermal Resistance
- Compatibility: PP/PE

## APPLICATIONS

- Multiflex® GT 40 A 450 NAT 18553 is designed for use in injection molding/extrusion

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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Test*	Property	Unit	Result
ISO 868	Hardness	Sh.A	40
ISO 1183/A	Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.05
MDA 179	Spiral flow condition A	cm	> 85
MDA 179	Spiral flow condition C	cm	58
ISO 37 Type 1 v = 500 mm/min	Tensile strength at 100% elongation cross direction	MPa	1.2
ISO 37 Type 1 v = 500 mm/min	Tensile strength at break cross direction	MPa	5.7
ISO 37 Type 1 v = 500 mm/min	Elongation at break cross direction	%	700
ISO 37 Type 1 v = 500 mm/min	Tear strength cross direction	kN/m	23
MDA 129	Compression set 24h/23°C without annealing	%	9
MDA 129	Compression set 24h/70°C without annealing	%	27

\*ISO: International Standardization Organization

MDA (Méthode d'Analyse): Issued from ISO Standards

## GUIDELINES FOR INJECTION MOLDING

Drying		Not needed
Barrel temperature °C	Feed Zone	150 +/- 10
	Transition	170 +/- 10
	Front	190 +/- 10
	Nozzle	200 +/- 10
Melt temperature °C		200 +/- 10
Back Pressure bars		10 +/- 5
Injection Speed		70 +/- 10% max
Holding Pressure		30 +/- 10% of Max Injection Pressure
Mold Temperature °C		40 +/- 20
Hot runner °C		180 +/- 10

## GUIDELINES FOR EXTRUSION

Drying		Not needed
Temperature °C	Feed Zone	150 +/- 10
	Zone 1	170 +/- 10
	Zone 2	180 +/- 10
	Adaptator/Die	190 +/- 10
Melt temperature °C		190 +/- 10

### PROCESSING GUIDE

*Multiflex*® brand GT are styrenic thermoplastic elastomers, designed for a wide range of applications. Compatibility with polyolefin enables bi-material parts (continuous process or cold insert).

Please find below some indications to follow to transform the product. This does not replace molder experience, every mold having its own specificity, but this document is useful for initial parameter choice.

#### Background

*Multiflex*® GT can be transformed between 160°C to 220°C. In this temperature range, materials are stable, above, thermal degradation occurs, resulting in yellowing and significant odor emanation.

#### Pre-drying

As *Multiflex*® GT are not humidity sensitive, Pre-drying is not needed. In case of “incident”, pre-drying at 60°C during 6 hours is sufficient.

#### Machinery cleaning

High flow thermoplastic must be used, PEHD, PELD or PP.

#### Coloring

*Multiflex*® GT are easily colorable by using color masterbatch based on PP, PE or ethylene copolymers (EVA).

#### Recycling

*Multiflex*® GT are 100% recyclable without properties loss. We recommend a maximum level of 10% of recycling material in virgin material.

### INJECTION

On a general point of view, viscosity of SEBS based material is principally dependent of applied shear, so *Multiflex*® GT must be injected with high injection speed. Due to their high fluidity, easy mold feeding for single or multiple cavities geometries are possible.

#### Processing parameters

Screw:

Geometry: standard injection machine, L/D > 20, compression rate 2:1 to 3:1 (if higher, risk of thermal degradation). A screw speed between 100 to 150 rpm, combined with a high counter-pressure ensures thorough melting of the material without excessive temperature generation. Start with 120 rpm.

#### Back pressure

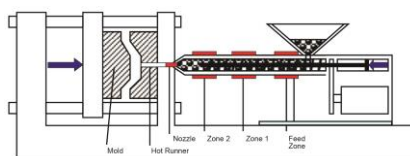
Must be between 7 and 15 bars. This will ensure a uniform melt without severe shear heating.

#### Temperatures (°C)

See Figure 1.

- Feed Zone: 150 +/- 10
- Zone 1: 170 +/- 10
- Zone 2: 190 +/- 10
- Nozzle: 200 +/- 10

**Figure 1: Injection molding processing temperatures**



#### Injection speed

Injection speed and fill time are highly dependent on part geometry, complexity and gate design. Faster speeds typically result in easier mold filling, while lower speeds result in better surface appearance but needs high injection pressure. High injection speed, around 70% of maximum injection speed should be used initially.

#### Holding pressure

Start with a pressure equivalent to 30% of maximum injection pressure. Excessive holding pressure can result in distortion in the area of the gate due to elastomeric characteristics of the material.

#### Holding time

Three seconds can be used to start to ensure sufficient time for gate freeze off. Holding time can be slowly reduced until changes in part appearance or weight occur.

#### Mold

Use conventional mold design (venting, finish, draft) with temperatures from 10 to 60°C, but typically chosen in the range of 40°C gives good results.

#### Hot Runners

Apply a temperature of 180°C +/- 10.

### EXTRUSION

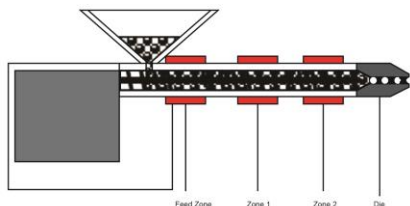
*Multiflex*® GT can be processed on all extrusion machines for PVC, polyolefin. A screw, with a compression ratio of 3 is recommended.

## Temperatures (°C)

See Figure 2.

- Feed Zone: 150 +/- 10
- Zone 1: 170 +/- 10
- Zone 2: 180 +/- 10
- Die: 190 +/- 10

**Figure 2: Extrusion processing temperatures**



## HANDLING

### PRECAUTIONS

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Refer to product label for storage temperature conditions. Containers

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## PACKAGING INFORMATION

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This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

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