

Preliminary information for experimental product ELASTOLLAN® EXP N 1165 D 13U001



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Characteristic:

Elastollan EXP grades are new developed products or variations of existing trading products within experimental phase for evaluation of applicability, processability or new properties. Adjustments of this product for improving properties should be expected without prior information. After evaluation phase it will be decided if this product if commercialized with new trading name.

Thermoplastic Polyether-Polyurethane, based on renewable resources, with excellent mechanical properties and chemical resistance, outstanding wear resistance, high tear and tensile strength. UV-stabilized.

| Property | Unit | Value | Test method according to |
|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Hardness | Shore D | 65 | DIN ISO 48-4 (3s) |
| Density | g/cm ³ | 1.176 | DIN EN ISO 1183-1-A |
| Tensile strength | MPa | 50 | DIN 53504-S2 |
| Elongation at break | % | 310 | DIN 53504-S2 |
| Tear strength | kN/m | 190 | DIN ISO 34-1Bb |
| Abrasion loss | mm ³ | 60 | DIN ISO 4649-A |
| biobased carbon (%on total organic carbon) | % | 14 | ASTM D 6866 |
| biobased content per weight * | % | 14 | DIN EN 16785 |

The plaques are manufactured by injection moulding from pre-dried granules (water content less 0,02%). Test plaques are aged 20 hrs at 100°C. Specimens are cut from test plaques. The test conditions: 23°C ± 2°C and 50% ± 6% rel. humidity.

* calculated value, EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001 is 100 % organic based

These are preliminary orientation data and no statement regarding specific properties.

Delivery form and packing:

Pellets; the packaging dependent upon grade and agreement.

Drying:

Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001 is hygroscopic.

Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001 must be dried before processing for 3-4 hours at 100-110°C in a dehumified air dryer.

Additives have to be dried with the granules. The water content of the granules should not exceed 0,02%.

Injection moulding:

When injecting the melt should be bubble and foam free, if not we recommend to adjust the drying temperature accordingly.

Following temperatures are guide values, showing the tendency of temperature profile. These may vary depending on kind of machine and mould design.

| Feeding [°C] | Zone1 [°C] | Zone2 [°C] | Zone3 [°C] | Zone4 [°C] | Die [°C] | Melt-temp [°C] | Mould-temp. [°C] |
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| 40 | 200-220 | 205-225 | 210-230 | 215-235 | 220-240 | 215-235 | 15-70 |

General Recommendations:

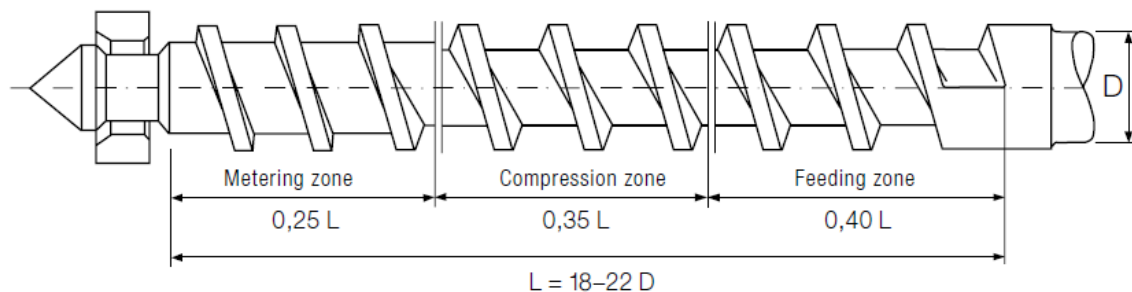
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| Circumferential speed (screw speed) | | < 0,2 m/s 12 m/min | | | |
| Specific back pressure | | 50-150 bar | | | |
| Injection speed | | rel. low | | | |
| Retention time of melt (including hot-runner) | | < 10 min | | | |
| Screw speed | d _{screw} [mm] | 30 | 45 | 50 | 60 |
| | n _{max} [min ⁻¹] | 135 | 85 | 70 | 60 |

Ejectors should be two or three times larger than used for harder thermoplastics.

To facilitate demoulding mould surface with a roughness height of approx. 25-30 µm are recommended.

Machine Design:

The injection moulding machines with single-flighted, 3-zone screws are suitable for the processing of Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001. Short compression-zone screws are not suitable. The compression ratio should be around 1:2 and should not exceed 1:3. A check ring (shut-off ring) should be incorporated.



Extrusion:

Following temperatures are guide values, showing the tendency of temperature profile. These may vary depending on kind of machine and mould design.

| Feeding [°C] | Zone1 [°C] | Zone2 [°C] | Zone3 [°C] | Zone4 [°C] | Adaptor [°C] | Gead [°C] | Die [°C] |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| cooled* | 150-170 | 160-180 | 170-190 | 180-200 | 185-205 | 185-205 | 180-200 |

*in case of using a grooved feeding zone

General Recommendations: circumferential speed 0,15m/s max.

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Screw speed | d _{screw} [mm] | 30 | 45 | 50 | 60 |
| | n _{max} [min ⁻¹] | 80 | 60 | 50 | 45 |

For start-up use screw-speed of about 0,05m/s and starve feeding in order to control screw torque and engine power consumption.

Machine Design:

Single screw extruder with a compression ratio of 1:2 to 1:3, preferably 1:2,5, are recommended for processing Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001. BASF experience shows that three section screws with L/D ratio of 25 to 30 are most suitable. Three-section screws should have continued constant pitch of 1D. The radial clearance between screw and barrel should be 0,1 to 0,2mm. For processing Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001, multizone screws, e.g. barrier screws, have also proven suitable. Short screws with high compression ratio are unsuitable for Elastollan®.

**Storage and Processing:**

In cool and dry storage conditions and in the original, undamaged and sealed containers, the products are processable for at least 18 months from delivery date. Thereafter, we do not give any warranty or guarantee regarding the processability of the products. Warranties regarding buyer's rights in case of defects remain unaffected hereby.

Storage:

Elastollan® EXP N 1165 D 13 U 001 is hygroscopic, therefore storage in dry conditions and original container is recommended. Additional information about drying, processing temperatures and post-treatment are given in our product brochure "Thermoplastic Polyurethane Elastomers (TPU) Elastollan®-Processing Recommendations".

Hazard indication:

No particular hazards known. Please have a look at the Material Safety Data Sheet before handling.

Waste Disposal:

More detailed information is provided in our country-specific pamphlet and the Material Safety Data Sheet.

3 D Printing Applications and hazards:

3 D printing is becoming a popular method for rapid prototyping. Please note that 3-D-printers apply various process mechanisms and it is possible that hazardous vapors and gases might be emitted during the printing process depending on the respective processing conditions. Furthermore, it might be possible that in the process of 3-D-printing, hazardous materials in respect of dermal contacts are used or created. Based on this, we strongly advise against using our product in private 3-D-printing processes. However, as the processes are manifold and not under our control, we regret that BASF Polyurethanes GmbH cannot recommend or give a more detailed indication as to concrete measures to assure a safe handling of our products in 3-D-printing processes. This lies entirely in the responsibility of the respective customers when using or selling our product for 3-D-printing applications.

Important Information:

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Please notice that this product is not intended for food contact applications.

To determine the suitability of this BASF Polyurethanes GmbH product for certain applications a thorough evaluation by the processor(s), manufacturer(s) and/or distributor(s) is required. National and international laws and regulations have to be considered producing medical devices or consumer articles including but not limited to articles with skin contact or toys.

Where specific regional regulations do not exist, the current legal EU and US requirements as well as globally accepted standards for consumer articles and medical devices should be used as reference.

Please contact BASF Polyurethanes GmbH Sales Office and our Ecology and Product Safety department in case of further questions.

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