

General information

Designation

Phenol formaldehyde (Woodflour Filled, Molding)

Tradenames

Bakelite; Durez; Ferroreg; Fiberite; Norsophen; Plaslok; Plenco; Polychem; Reliapreg; Resinoid; Texolite; Trolitan; Vyncolite

Typical uses

Adhesives for automotive brake linings; Binders for wood-particle board; Water-resistant adhesive for plywood; Impregnating paper for electrical laminates; Hardening elastomers

Composition overview

Compositional summary

PF + woodflour

Material family	Plastic (thermoset)		
Base material	PF (Phenol formaldehyde resin)		
% filler (by weight)	* 30	- 60	%
Filler/reinforcement	Wood		
Filler/reinforcement form	Particulate		
Polymer code	PF-NX45		

Composition detail (polymers and natural materials)

Polymer	* 40	- 70	%
Woodflour / cellulose	* 30	- 60	%

Price

Price	* 1.08	- 1.2	USD/lb
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Physical properties

Density	0.0495	- 0.0527	lb/in^3
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Mechanical properties

Young's modulus	0.801	- 1.7	10^6 psi
Yield strength (elastic limit)	* 4	- 7.21	ksi
Tensile strength	5	- 9.01	ksi
Elongation	* 0.7	- 0.8	% strain
Compressive modulus	* 0.801	- 1.7	10^6 psi
Compressive strength	* 24.9	- 31	ksi
Flexural modulus	0.998	- 1.2	10^6 psi
Flexural strength (modulus of rupture)	7.01	- 14	ksi
Shear modulus	* 0.298	- 0.631	10^6 psi
Bulk modulus	* 1.22	- 1.28	10^6 psi
Poisson's ratio	0.33	- 0.36	
Shape factor	14		
Hardness - Vickers	* 8.3	- 14.9	HV
Hardness - Rockwell M	90	- 110	
Hardness - Rockwell R	* 119	- 131	
Fatigue strength at 10^7 cycles	* 2	- 3.6	ksi
Mechanical loss coefficient (tan delta)	* 0.00715	- 0.0121	

Impact & fracture properties

Fracture toughness	* 1.11	- 1.86	ksi.in^0.5
Impact strength, notched 23 °C	6.73e-4	- 0.00196	BTU/in^2

Impact strength, unnotched 23 °C

0.00341 - 0.00454 BTU/in²

Thermal properties

Glass temperature

338 - 518 °F

Heat deflection temperature 0.45MPa

* 343 - 423 °F

Heat deflection temperature 1.8MPa

300 - 370 °F

Maximum service temperature

288 - 316 °F

Minimum service temperature

* -45.4 - 44.6 °F

Thermal conductivity

0.0965 - 0.194 BTU.ft/hr.ft².°F

Specific heat capacity

* 0.327 - 0.34 BTU/lb.°F

Thermal expansion coefficient

30 - 45 µstrain/°F

Electrical properties

Electrical resistivity

3.3e15 - 3e16 µohm.cm

Dielectric constant (relative permittivity)

5.8 - 6

Dissipation factor (dielectric loss tangent)

0.085 - 0.095

Dielectric strength (dielectric breakdown)

259 - 399 V/mil

Comparative tracking index

125 - 225 V

Optical properties

Transparency

Opaque

Magnetic properties

Magnetic type

Non-magnetic

Bio-data

RoHS (EU) compliant grades?

✓

Absorption & permeability

Water absorption @ 24 hrs

0.3 - 1.2 %

Processing properties

Polymer injection molding

Acceptable

Polymer extrusion

Unsuitable

Polymer thermoforming

Unsuitable

Linear mold shrinkage

0.4 - 0.9 %

Melt temperature

331 - 399 °F

Mold temperature

302 - 338 °F

Molding pressure range

2 - 20 ksi

Durability

Water (fresh)

Excellent

Water (salt)

Excellent

Weak acids

Excellent

Strong acids

Limited use

Weak alkalis

Unacceptable

Strong alkalis

Unacceptable

Organic solvents

Excellent

Oxidation at 500C

Unacceptable

UV radiation (sunlight)

Good

Flammability

Slow-burning

Primary production energy, CO2 and water

Embodied energy, primary production

* 2.13e4 - 2.35e4 BTU/lb

CO2 footprint, primary production	* 3.16	- 3.48	lb/lb
NOx creation	* 0.0126	- 0.0139	lb/lb
SOx creation	* 0.0377	- 0.0417	lb/lb
Water usage	* 2.1e4	- 2.32e4	in^3/lb

Processing energy, CO2 footprint & water

Polymer molding energy	* 6.87e3	- 7.59e3	BTU/lb
Polymer molding CO2	* 1.2	- 1.32	lb/lb
Polymer molding water	* 317	- 476	in^3/lb
Coarse machining energy (per unit wt removed)	* 758	- 838	BTU/lb
Coarse machining CO2 (per unit wt removed)	* 0.132	- 0.146	lb/lb
Fine machining energy (per unit wt removed)	* 5.74e3	- 6.35e3	BTU/lb
Fine machining CO2 (per unit wt removed)	* 1	- 1.11	lb/lb
Grinding energy (per unit wt removed)	* 1.13e4	- 1.25e4	BTU/lb
Grinding CO2 (per unit wt removed)	* 1.97	- 2.18	lb/lb

Recycling and end of life

Recycle	✗		
Recycle fraction in current supply	0.1		%
Downcycle	✓		
Combust for energy recovery	✓		
Heat of combustion (net)	* 1.04e4	- 1.09e4	BTU/lb
Combustion CO2	* 2.22	- 2.33	lb/lb
Landfill	✓		
Biodegrade	✗		

Geo-economic data for principal component

Principal component	Phenol formaldehyde		
Annual world production	9.35e6	- 1.03e7	ton/yr
Reserves	2.34e8	- 2.59e8	l. ton

Links

ProcessUniverse

Producers

Reference

Shape