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Description

Impact resistant PLA (Polylactic acid) with a stabilization package for injection moulding designed also for processing with a cold mould (30-40 °C) with a reduced cycle time

Features

- Good impact resistance also when processed with a cold mould
- Stabilization package further improves long term properties and weather resistance of the material
- Good surface quality and colourability
- Biocontent 88 %

Applications

- Alternative for ABS
- Housings and other technical applications where good impact properties are needed
- Suitable for outdoor conditions

Property, Test Condition	Standard	Unit	Values
Mechanical Properties			
Flexural Strength, 23 °C	ISO 178	MPa	85 (80)
Flexural Modulus, 23 °C	ISO 178	MPa	3300 (2900)
Izod Notched Impact Strength, 23 °C	ISO 180/A	kJ/m ²	55 (17)
Izod Unnotched, 23 °C	ISO 180/U	kJ/m ²	NB (NB)
Charpy Notched Impact Strength, 23 °C / -30 °C	ISO 179/1eA	kJ/m ²	60 / - (20 / 12)
Charpy Unnotched, 23 °C / -30 °C	ISO 179/1eU	kJ/m ²	NB / - (NB / 94)
Tensile Stress at Yield, 23 °C	ISO 527	MPa	46 (50)
Tensile Strain at Yield, 23 °C	ISO 527	%	2 (2)
Tensile Stress at Break, 23 °C	ISO 527	MPa	30 (7)
Tensile Strain at Break, 23 °C	ISO 527	%	>5 (>5)
Tensile Modulus	ISO 527	MPa	3250 (2850)
Ball Indentation Hardness	ISO 2039-1	N/mm ²	178 HB 961 (155 HB 358)
Thermal Properties			
Vicat Softening Temperature VST/B/50 (50N, 50 °C/h)	ISO 306	°C	82 (57)
Heat Deflection Temperature A; (1.8 MPa) *	ISO 75	°C	60 (51)
Heat Deflection Temperature B; (0.45 MPa)	ISO 75	°C	73 (53)
Other Properties			
Density	ISO 1183	g/cm ³	1,2
Melt Flow Rate [200 °C/ 5 kg]	ISO 1133	cm ³ /10min	12

Typical values for uncolored products. The properties stated above are not for specification purposes.

* Mould temperature 110°C (30 °C)

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Processing

ArcBiox™ materials must be always dried before processing with dehumidifying dryer, due to fact that insufficient drying before processing will cause loss of mechanical properties. Please note that a combination of a very long drying time and high temperature may cause degradation and agglomeration of pellets and may cause yellowing.

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Linear Mould Shrinkage (Note 1.)	ISO 294-4	%	0,1-0,3
Melt Temperature Range		°C	180-200
Feed Throat		°C	30-50
Feed Temperature		°C	170-190
Compression Section		°C	180-200
Metering Section		°C	180-200
Nozzle		°C	180-200
Mould Temperature Range; amorphous, cooling time according to part		°C	20-40
Mould Temperature Range; crystalline, total cycle time min. 50s		°C	100-120
Injection Velocity		mm/s	medium
Back Pressure		bar	10-20
Drying Temperature, Dew point -40°C (Note 2.)		°C	80
Drying Time		h	5

Note 1. Shrinkage value is measured from a test part (4x70x150mm) that is moulded at 30°C mould temperature.

Note 2. Moisture content less than 0.025% (250 ppm) is recommended to prevent loss of mechanical properties.

Change-over point should be always checked visually by setting holding pressure to 0 bar/MPa to avoid over filling and flashes. Part should be 95 – 98% filled before changing to holding pressure.

Use low MFR Polypropylene to clean the screw and barrel.

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