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Marlex[®] ALN-120

Polypropylene Impact Copolymer, High Impact Strength, Lubricated

Applications:

- Returnable Packaging: Trays, Crates, Tote Boxes and Pallets

Agency Information:

- Meets FDA Regulation 21 CFR 177.1520 and may be safely used as articles for use in contact with food except for articles used for packing or holding food during cooking.

ASTM Nominal Properties

Property	English	SI	Method
Density	0.89 g/cc	0.89 g/cc	ASTM D1505
Melt Flow Rate, @ 230°C	12 g/10min	12 g/10min	ASTM D1238
Tensile Strength at Yield, 50 mm/min	3340 psi	23 MPa	ASTM D638
Flexural Modulus, Tangent, 13 mm/min	160,000 psi	1100 MPa	ASTM D790
Flexural Modulus, Secant, 1.3 mm/min	140,000 psi	965 MPa	ASTM D790
Notched Izod Impact Strength, @ 23°C	No Break	No Break	ASTM D256
Notched Izod Impact Strength, @ 0°C	2 ft*lb/in	107 J/m	ASTM D256
Notched Izod Impact Strength, @ -30°C	1.2 ft*lb/in	64 J/m	ASTM D256
Heat Deflection Temperature, @ 0.455 MPa	194 °F	90 °C	ASTM D648
Heat Deflection Temperature, @ 1.82 MPa	125 °F	52 °C	ASTM D648
Rockwell Hardness, R Scale	83	83	ASTM D785
Shore D Hardness	57	57	ASTM D2240

Mechanical property testing has been performed on injection molded specimens molded per ASTM D4101.

The nominal properties reported herein are typical of the product but do not reflect normal testing variance and therefore should not be used for specification purposes.

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ISO Nominal Properties

Property	SI	Method
Density	0.89 g/cc	ISO 1183
Melt Flow Rate, @ 230°C	12 g/10min	ISO 1133
Tensile Strength at Yield, 50 mm/min	22 MPa	ISO 527
Flexural Modulus, 2.0 mm/min	965 MPa	ISO 178
Notched Izod Impact Strength, @ 23°C	45 kJ/m ²	ISO 180
Notched Izod Impact Strength, @ -40°C	4 kJ/m ²	ISO 180
Heat Deflection Temperature, @ 0.455 MPa	81 °C	ISO 75
Heat Deflection Temperature, @ 1.82 MPa	50 °C	ISO 75
Rockwell Hardness, R Scale	83	ISO 2039
Shore Hardness, D Scale	57	ISO 868

Physical property testing performed on injection-molded specimens.

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Nominal Shrinkage, Injection Molding

Shrinkage Factors:

The shrinkage values provided below were obtained with simple plaques and are reported as nominal values. These values should be considered estimates given that resin shrinkage is influenced by several factors including part geometry, mold design, molding conditions, part cooling during and after molding. Consequently, the values given below cannot be used as absolute.

Shrinkage Verification:

Given that shrinkage is affected by many factors, it is the user's responsibility to verify the shrinkage for their own mold design and molding conditions before cutting tool steel. If a similar tool is already present, run the material on this tool with normal process and handling conditions and determine the shrinkage. If such a tool is not available, finish only one core and cavity using estimated shrinkage values, staying steel safe. Based on the shrinkage measurements of parts from this core/cavity combination, make the necessary adjustments to the shrinkage factor before cutting additional cores and cavities. Remember to wait at least 48 hrs before measuring shrinkage. Also, be aware the heat aging (or annealing) after molding can affect shrinkage.

Conditioning after Molding:

- 48 hr at 23°C

Nominal Shrinkage:

- 1.3 to 1.5% (0.013 to 0.015 in/in)

The above test results are based on 150 x 90 x 3mm edge gated plaques (1 mm gate).

Molding Guidelines

General Processing Conditions for: Injection Molding

- Rear Temperature: 350 - 390°F (145 - 200°C)
Middle Temperature: 410 - 455°F (210 - 235°C)
Front and Nozzle Temps: 410 - 455°F (210 - 235°C)
Stock Temperature: 400 - 500°F (205 - 260°C)
Mold Temperature: 73 - 120°F (23 - 50°C)
- Suggested shot size: 50 to 70%
First stage injection pressure: Maximize
Screw speed: 30 to 60%
Packaging pressure: Minimize
Back Pressure: 50 to 150 psi

Other Molding Considerations:

Dispersion of color concentrates is improved when using a screw with a mixing zone or a mixing nozzle. Even though specific applications may require conditions outside of the given general guidelines, melt temperature above 500°F (260°C) may cause resin degradation and changes to resin properties.

For guidelines regarding other fabrication processes, please contact your Phillips Sumika technical service representative.

