

Product Information

Glass fibre reinforced injection moulding grade e.g. for internal gas pressure applications such as steering column switch, automobile mirror housings and wheels of mountain bikes.

Physical form and storage

The product is supplied in the form of granules with a bulk density of approx. 0.7 g/cm³. Standard packs are bag and bulk container (octagonal IBC=intermediate bulk container made from corrugated board with a liner bag). Other packaging materials and shipping in road or rail silo wagons are possible by agreement. The containers should only be opened immediately before processing or drying. To ensure that the delivered product absorbs as little moisture as possible, the containers should be stored in dry rooms and always carefully closed again after partial quantities have been withdrawn. In principle, the product can be stored for a long period of time. Containers stored in cold rooms should be equalized to ambient temperature before opening in order to avoid condensation on the granules. Regardless of the storage conditions, the product should be pre-dried according to our recommendations and the machine should preferably be loaded using a closed conveyor system.

Product safety

In case processing is done under conditions as recommended (cf. processing data sheet) melts are thermally stable and do not generate hazards by molecular degradation or the evolution of gases and vapors. Like all thermoplastic polymers the product decomposes on exposure to excessive thermal load, e.g. when it is overheated or as a result of cleaning by burning off. Further information is available from the safety data sheet.

Note

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Processing Data Sheet

	Test method	Unit	Values
Properties			
Polymer abbreviation	-	-	PA6-GF15
Density	ISO 1183	kg/m ³	1230
Melt volume rate MVR 275 °C/5 kg	ISO 1133	cm ³ /10min	40
Drying			
Moisture, recommended ¹⁾	-	%	0.03 - 0.06
Dryer temperature ²⁾	-	°C	80
Drying time ³⁾	-	h	4
Injection molding			
Melt temperature range	-	°C	270 - 290
Melt temperature, optimal	-	°C	280
Mold temperature range	-	°C	80 - 90
Mold temperature, optimal	-	°C	80
Residence time, max.	-	min	10
Machine Settings			
Temperature hopper throat	-	°C	80
Cylinder temperature 1 (feed zone)	-	°C	260
Cylinder temperature 2 (compression)	-	°C	270
Cylinder temperature 3 (metering-zone, in front of the screw)	-	°C	280
Cylinder temperature 4 (nozzle)	-	°C	280
Peripheral screw speed	-	m/s	0.3
Shrinkage			
Processing shrinkage, constrained, longitudinal (TM = %, TW = 280 °C) ⁴⁾	-	%	0.55

Footnotes

- 1) Excessive drying of the granules may lead to an increase of melt viscosity during processing.
- 2) Dry air dryer; drying time is dependent on the initial moisture content of the granules, drying temperature and the dew point of the dried air.
- 3) In case of improper storage (e.g. open packages) drying time may have to be extended.
- 4) Model housing with central sprue, measures of the base: 107 x 47 x 1.5 mm.

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