

ecoflex® Batch SL05

Masterbatch with slip agent erucamide for ecoflex® and ecovio®

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Product description

ecoflex® is our certified compostable, aliphatic-aromatic copolyester typically for film extrusion.

ecoflex® Batches are also based on ecoflex®, in order to have a biodegradable and compostable matrix for this special masterbatch. Masterbatches based on ecoflex® will enable you to qualify your application for certificates according to world wide existing standards.

Slip agents are primarily used together with antiblocking agents e.g. ecoflex® Batch AB1 to reduce the surface friction during film extrusion of ecoflex® or ecovio® and in subsequent processes as printing or bag making. In any application we need to add an antiblocking agent e.g. ecoflex® Batch AB1. The fatty acid amide, Erucamide is a very effective slip agent added during film extrusion. During the cooling phase of the extruded film the amide molecules migrate to the film surface to form a thin lubricant layer:

Batch	Agent	Content	Dosage
ecoflex® Batch SL05	Erucamide	5 %	1 - 4 %

The second reason to use a slip agent is to reduce the water vapour permeability of ecoflex® films. 1 % ecoflex® Batch SL05 is the minimum slip level in ecoflex® film. It has a high water vapour permeability of 86 g/m² · d measured according to DIN 53122. A very high amount of slip Agent SL05 of 5 % results in a reduction of the water vapour permeability by 35 %. An additive system with 30 % fine chalk (50 % AB 1) and 2 % SL05 reduces the water vapour permeability by 60 % versus the original level with 1 % SL05.

Before printing with alcohol based inks it is not necessary in most cases to use corona treatment if ecoflex® Batch SL05 is used.

ecoflex® or ecovio® exhibits an excellent compatibility to other biodegradable polymers e.g. in dry blends with polylactic acid, biodegradable aliphatic polyesters or starch compounds. The processing of ecoflex® or ecovio® on extrusion lines depends on the formulation, the extrusion technology and processing conditions (e.g. predrying). The additive system needs to be adapted to the composition of the blend and the requirements of the application. Therefore trials are always recommended to assess the quality of the final product.

In general the choice and dosage of the slip agents depends on the requirements of the application, the composition of the blend as well as the machinery being used. Examples for different film formulations can be obtained from our actual ecoflex® and ecovio® brochure. They should only serve as starting points for first trials. Individual recommendations can be obtained directly from the ecoflex®-Team of BASF upon request.

Food Regulatory Status

ecoflex® Batch SL05 can be used as a blend component for ecoflex® and ecovio® grades. Provided that ecoflex® Batch SL05 is used in amounts as specified in the food contact certificate or the technical information, the composition of the resulting blend complies with the requirements of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 of 14 January 2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food as well as with the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 CFR for the use in single-use polyester films, coatings, and molded articles. Specific limitations and further details concerning the food contact compliance status of this product can be obtained upon request via a local BASF representative or by contacting plastics.safety@basf.com. The suitability of the article for the application concerned must be ensured in each case by the person who places any finished food contact article on the market.

Form supplied and storage

ecoflex® slip masterbatches are supplied as pellets in 25 kg bags. Temperatures during transportation and storage may not exceed 70 °C at any time.

Quality Control

ecoflex® slip masterbatches are produced on state of the art compounding machines according to DIN EN ISO 9001. The density and the moisture content have been defined as specified parameters for quality control of ecoflex® slip masterbatches. A certificate can be provided with each lot number upon request. Other data given in our literature are typical values, which are not part of our product specification for ecoflex® slip masterbatches.

Applications

ecoflex® and our ecovio® film products have been developed for the conversion to flexible films using a blown film or cast film process. Typical applications are packaging films, agricultural films and compost bags. In view of numerous factors influencing functionality and shelf life of ecoflex® or ecovio® films and finished articles made thereof these parameters have to be tested by the converters before utilisation.

We supply technical service information concerning the blown or cast film process with ecoflex®, ecovio® and ecoflex® masterbatches on demand.

Note

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