

MATERIALS PROPERTIES APPLICATIONS









COMPANY PROFILE

Dotmar Engineering Plastics Ltd, a privately owned business focused on the technical application of thermoplastic materials in engineering environments.



Originally established in Auckland New Zealand in 1974 with branches in Palmerston North, Christchurch and Auckland, has now become the leading manufacturer, importer and distributor of semi-finished and finished Engineering thermoplastics and components in New Zealand. Dotmar Engineering Plastics Ltd pride itself in its ability, through its strong network of international Engineering partners to stay at the "leading edge" in relation to the latest developments in product and technology in its field.

Dotmar comprises three focused areas of business...







...each supplying high performance products to specific markets.

Dotmar Engineering Plastics Ltd handles a comprehensive range of Engineering thermoplastic materials and has machining facilities and design and application skills to support OEMs and the maintenance and manufacturing sectors of industry, together with a range of products related to printing and signage applications.

Each branch is autonomous in its approach to the market and its products but is supported by Central Administration and Finance. Commitment across the business is to developing close and sustainable relationships with customer partners through Service, Quality Products, Quality Practice and a high level of Technical Support.

Dotmar and its associated companies have a long-standing reputation in their chosen markets and they are proud to represent the highest quality international brand names together with proprietary products in their chosen fields of expertise.

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NYLON

Within the polyamides, commonly referred to as 'nylons', we distinguish different types. The most important ones are: PA 6 and PA 66.

POLYAMIDES (PA)

The differences in physical properties which exist between these types are mainly determined by the composition and the structure of their molecular chains.

STANDARD GRADES

NYLON 6 EXTRUDED PA 6

This material offers an optimal combination of mechanical strength, stiffness, toughness, mechanical damping properties and wear resistance. These properties, together with a favourable electrical insulating ability, and a good chemical resistance make NYLON 6 Extruded a 'general purpose' grade for mechanical construction and maintenance.

NYLON 66 natural (cream) / black PA 66

Material with a higher mechanical strength, stiffness, heat and wear resistance than NYLON 6. It also has a better creep resistance but its impact strength and mechanical damping ability are reduced. Well suited for machining on automatic lathes.

NYLON 66-C natural (white) PA 66/6

NYLON 66-C, a modified polyamide 66, offers a well balanced combination of the remarkable properties of PA 6 and PA 66:

- toughness and impact strength (PA 6)
- stiffness and heat deflection resistance under load (PA 66)

NYLON 6 CAST natural (ivory) PA 6G

The characteristics of this cast nylon grade come very close to those of NYLON 66. Its production method (direct polymerization in the mould) offers the possibility of manufacturing large-sized stock shapes as well as custom castings which require only minimal machining.

SPECIAL GRADES

NYLON 4.6 (reddish brown) PA 66

Compared with the conventional nylons, NYLON 4.6 (STANYL*) features a better retention of stiffness and creep resistance over a wide range of temperatures as well as a superior heat ageing resistance. Therefore, applications for NYLON 4.6 are situated in the 'higher temperature area' (80-150°C) where stiffness, creep resistance, heat ageing resistance, fatigue strength and wear resistance of PA 6, PA 66, POM and PETP fall short.

NYLOIL (green) PA 6G + OIL

NYLOIL is an internally lubricated cast nylon 6 which is self lubricating in the real meaning of the word. NYLOIL, specifically developed for unlubricated moving parts applications, yields a considerable enlargement of the application possibilities of nylons. This is because of its reduced coefficient of friction (-50%) and improved wear resistance (up to x 10).

NYLON 6 MOLY (grey/black) PA 6G + MoS₂

NYLON 6 MOLY contains finely divided particles of molybdenum disulphide to enhance its bearing and wear behaviour without impairing the impact and fatigue resistance inherent to unmodified cast nylon grades. It is a very commonly used grade for gears, bearings, sprockets and sheaves.

NYLON 66 MOLY (grey/black) PA 66 + MoS₂

The addition of MoS₂ renders this material somewhat stiffer, harder and dimensionally more stable than Nylon 6 Moly, but results in some loss of impact strength. The nucleating effect of the molybdenum disulphide results in an improved crystalline structure enhancing bearing and wear properties.

NYLON 6 HEAT STABILISED (black) PA 6G

NYLON 6 HEAT STABILISED is a heat stabilised cast nylon 6 with a very dense and highly crystalline structure. It offers better technical properties than conventional extruded or cast nylons: superior resistance to creep and wear, better heat ageing performance and excellent machinability. NYLON 6 HEAT STABILISED is particularly recommended for bearings and other mechanical parts subject to wear which are operating at temperatures above 60°C.

NYLON 66-GF30 (black) PA66-GF30

Compared with virgin PA 66, this 30% glass fibre reinforced nylon grade offers increased strength, stiffness, creep resistance and dimensional stability whilst retaining an excellent wear resistance. It also allows higher max. service temperatures.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- high mechanical strength, stiffness hardness and toughness
- · good fatigue resistance
- · high mechanical damping ability
- · good sliding properties
- excellent wear resistance

APPLICATIONS

NYLON are used for a wide range of industrial components both for Original Equipment Manufacturing and maintenance.

Some examples: sleeve and slide bearings, wear pads, support and guide wheels, conveyor rollers, tension rollers, sleeves for wheels and rollers, pulleys and pulley-linings, cams, buffer blocks, hammer heads, scrapers, gear wheels, sprockets, seal-rings, feed screws, starwheels, cutting and chopping boards, insulators, etc.

^{*} STANYL is a registered trade mark of DSM

ACETAL POLYACETAL (POM)

STANDARD GRADE

ACETAL C natural (white) / black POM-C ACETAL H natural (white) POM-H

These are standard virgin grades copolymer (POM-C) and homopolymer (POM-H) acetal grades. The acetal copolymer is more resistant against hydrolysis, strong alkalis and thermal-oxidative degradation than the acetal homopolymer. The latter, however, has higher mechanical strength, stiffness, hardness and creep resistance as well as a lower thermal expansion rate and very often it also presents a better wear resistance.

ACETAL is very well suited for machining on automatic lathes and is particularly recommended for mechanical precision parts.



ACETAL scraper blades on a gelatine extruder

SPECIAL GRADE

ACETAL H-TF (deep brown) POM-H

ACETAL H-TF is a DELRIN* AF Blend, a combination of fibres evenly dispersed in a DELRIN* acetal resin. Much of the strength that is inherent in ACETAL H is retained. Some properties are changed due to the addition of fibre which is softer, less stiff and slipperier than virgin acetal resin.

Compared with ACETAL C and H, this material offers superior sliding properties. Bearings made of ACETAL H-TF show low friction, long wear and are essentially free of stick-slip behaviour.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- · high mechanical strength, stiffness and hardness
- excellent resilience
- good creep resistance
- high impact strength, even at low temperatures
- · very good dimensional stability
- · good sliding properties
- excellent machinability
- physiologically inert (suitable for food contact)

APPLICATIONS

- gear wheels with small modulus
- cams
- heavily loaded bearings and rollers
- bearings and gears with small clearances
- valve seats
- snapfit assemblies
- all kinds of dimensionally stable precision parts for machine construction
- insulating components for electrical engineering
- parts which operate continuously in water of 60 80°C (ACETAL C)



ACETAL stock shapes

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PETP

Stock shapes made of crystalline thermoplastic polyester, are marketed under the trade names PETP (virgin grade) and PETP TX (filled grade).

STANDARD GRADE

PETP natural (white)/black PETP

The specific properties of this virgin PETP make it specially suitable for the manufacture of mechanical precision parts which have to sustain high loads and/or are subject to wear.

SPECIAL GRADE

PETP TX (pale grey) PETP

PETP TX is a polyethylene terephtalate based compound incorporating a uniformly dispersed solid lubricant. Its specific formulation yields a premium internally lubricated bearing-grade.

PETP TX has not only an excellent wear resistance but offers, in comparison with PETP an even lower coefficient of friction as well as higher Pressure-Velocity capabilities.

POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTALATE (PETP)

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- · high mechanical strength, stiffness and hardness
- · very good creep resistance
- · low and constant coefficient of friction
- excellent wear resistance (comparable with the one of nylons)
- very good dimensional stability (better than polyacetal)
- physiologically inert (suitable for food contact)

APPLICATIONS

- heavily loaded bearings: bushings, thrust washers, guides, etc.
- dimensionally stable parts for mechanisms of precision: bushings, slideways, gears, rollers, pump components etc
- · insulating components for electrical engineering



PETP camrollers on can filling machine

PC 1000

POLYCARBONATE (PC)

PC 1000 natural (clear, translucent) PC

A non-UV-stabilised polycarbonate stock shape marketed under the name PC1000. It is a 'non-optical' industry quality.

APPLICATIONS

- · components for precision engineering
- safety glazing
- · insulating parts for electrical engineering
- · articles in contact with foodstuffs
- · components for medical and pharmaceutical devices

Main Characteristics

- · high mechanical strength
- good creep resistance
- very high impact strength, even at low temperatures
- stiffness retention over a wide range of temperatures
- very good dimensional stability
- translucent
- physiologically inert (suitable for food contact)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE ENG

- +: measured on dry test specimens
- ++: measured on test specimens in equilibrium with the standard atmosphere 23°C/50% RH (mostly derived from literature)
- (1) According to method 1 of ISO 62 and done on discs ø 50 x 3mm.
- (2) The figures given for these properties are for the most part derived from raw material supplier data and other literature
- (3) Values for this property are only mentioned for amorphous materials and not for semi-crystalline ones.
- (4) Only for short time exposure (a few hours) in applications where no or only a very low load is applied to the material.
- (5) Temperature resistance over a period of 5,000/20,000 hours. After these periods of time, there is a decrease in tensile strength of about 50% as compared with the original value. The temperature values given here are thus based on the thermal-oxidative degradation which takes place and causes a reduction in properties.

 Note, however, that, as for all thermoplastics, the maximum allowable service temperature depends in many cases essentially on the duration and the magnitude of the mechanical stresses to which the material is subjected.
- (6) Impact strength decreasing with decreasing temperature, the minimum allowable service temperature is practically mainly determined by the extent to which the material is subjected to impact. The values given here are based on unfavourable impact conditions and may consequently not be considered as being the absolute practical limits.
- (7) These <u>estimated</u> ratings, derived from raw material supplier data, are not intended to reflect hazards presented by the materials under actual fire conditions. There are no UL-yellow cards available for these stock shapes.
- (8) The figures given for the properties of dry material (+) are for the most part average values of tests run on test specimens machined out of rods o 40 60 mm. Considering the very low water absorption of ACETAL, PETP and PC 1000, the values for the mechanical and electrical properties of these materials can be considered as being practically the same for dry (+) and moisture conditioned (++) test specimens.
- (9) Test speed: Type 1 B
- (10) Test speed: 20mm/min (5 mm/min for NYLON 66-GF30, ACETAL H-TF and PETP TX).
- (11) Test speed: 1mm/min.
- (12) Test specimens: cylinders (ø 12 x 30 mm)
- (13) Pendulum used: 15 J.
- (14) 10 mm thick test specimens.
- (15) Electrode configuration: 25/75mm coaxial cylinders; in transformer oil according to IEC 296; 1 mm thick natural coloured test specimens. It is important to know that the electric strength of black extruded material (NYLON 6 SA, NYLON 66 SA, ACETAL and PETP) can be as low as 50% of the value for natural material. Possible micriporosity in the centre of polyacetal stock shapes also significantly reduces the electric strength.
- (16) The property-values given below do not apply to the PETP sheets.
- This table is a valuable help in the choice of a material. The data listed here fall within the normal range of product properties, but they should not be used to establish material specification limits nor used alone as the basis of design.
 - It has to be noted that NYLON 66-GF30 is a fibre reinforced, and consequently anisotropic material (properties differ when measured parallel and perpendicular to the extrusion direction).

PROPERTIES		TEST METHODS ISO/(IEC)	UNITS	NYLON 6 EXTRUDED	NYLON 66	NYLON 66-C	NYLON 4.6
Colour		-	-	natural	natural	natural	reddish
Density			1183	(white)/black	(white)/black	(white) 1.14	brown 1.18
Water absorption:			1103	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.10
• after 24/96 h immersion in water of 23°C (1)		62	mg	86/168	40/72	65/120	90/180
		62	%	1.28/2.50	0.60/1.07	0.97/1.79	1.30/2.60
- at saturation in air of 23°C / 50% RH			%	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.8
 at saturation in water of 23°C 		-	%	9	8	8.5	9.5
THERMAL PROPERTIES (2)							
Melting temperature			°C	220	255	240	295
Glass transition temperature (3) Thermal conductivity at 23°C			°C W/(K.m)	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.30
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion:			vv/ (IV.111)	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.30
average value between 23 and 60°C		-	m/(m.K)	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	80 x 10 ⁻⁶	85 x 10 ⁻⁶	80 x 10 ⁻⁶
• average value between 23 and 100°C		-	m/(m.K)	105 x 10 ⁻⁶	95 x 10 ⁻⁶	100 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10 ⁻⁶
Temperature of deflection under load:							
• method A: 1.8 MPa	+	75	°C	70	85	75	160
Max. allowable service temperature in air:			0.5	160	100	170	200
• for short periods (4)			℃	160 85/70	180 95/80	170 90/75	200 155/135
 continuously: for 5000/20000 h (5) Min. service temperature (6) 		•	C	85//0 -40	95/80 -30	90/75 -30	155/135 -40
Flammability (7):				TU	30	30	TU
"Oxygen Index"		4589	%	25	26	24	24
 according to UL 94 (3/6mm thickness) 		-	-	HB/HB	HB / V-2	HB/HB	HB/HB
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C (8)							
Tension test (9):				=2.1		04.1	40-1
tensile stress at yield / tensile strength at break (10)		527	MPa MPa	76/-	90 / -	86/-	100 / -
tensile strain at break (10)	++	527 527	MPa %	45 / - > 50	55 / - > 40	50 / - > 50	55 / - 25
· terisiie strain at bican (10)	++	527	% %	> 100	> 40	> 100	> 100
• tensile modulus of elasticity (11)	+	527	MPa	3250	3450	3300	3300
, , ,	++	527	MPa	1400	1650	1450	1300
Compression test (12):							
• compressive stress at 1 / 2 / 5 % nominal strain (11)	+	604	MPa	24/46/80	25/49/92	24/47/88	23/45/94
Creep test in tension (9):		000	MPa	10	20	10	22
• stress to produce 1% strain in 1000 h (O1/1000)	++	899 899	MPa MPa	18 7	20 8	19 7.5	22 75
Charpy impact strength - Unnotched (13)	+	179/1eU	kJ/m ²	no break	no break	no break	no break
Charpy impact strength - Notched	+	179/1eU	kJ/m²	5.5	4.5	5	8
Izod impact strength - Notched	+	180/2A	kJ/m²	5.5	4.5	5	8
	++	180/2A	kJ/m²	15	11	13	25
Ball indentation hardness (14)	+	2039-1	N/mm ²	150	160	155	165
Rockwell hardness (14)	+	2039-2	-	M 85	M 88	M 87	M 92
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C Electric strength (15)	+	(243)	kV/mm	25	27	26	25
Licente such gui (13)	++	(243)	KV/IIIII KV/mm	16	18	17	15
Volume resistivity	+	(93)	Ohm.cm	>10 ¹⁴	>10 ¹⁴	>1014	>1014
	++	(93)	Ohm.cm	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012
Surface resistivity	+	(93)	Ohm	>1013	>1013	>1013	>1013
0.1.0	++	(93)	Ohm	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012
Relative permittivity: • at 100 Hz	+	(250)	-	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8
• at 1 MHz	++	(250) (250)		7.4 3.3	7.4 3.3	7.4 3.3	7.4 3.4
• at 1 IVII 12	++	(250)	-	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Dielectric dissipation factor tan 8: • at 100 Hz	+	(250)	-	0.019	0.013	0.013	0.009
	++	(250)	-	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
• at 1 MHz	+	(250)	-	0.021	0.020	0.020	0.019
	++	(250)	-	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	+	(112)	-	600	600	600	400
	++	(112)	-	600	600	600	400
Note: 1 a/cm3 - 1000 ka/m3 · 1 N/mm2 - 1 MDa · 1 kV/mm - 1 MV/							

Note: 1 g/cm³ = 1000 kg/m³ ; 1 N/mm² = 1 MPa; 1 kV/mm = 1 MV/m.

SINEERING PLASTIC STOCK SHAPES

NYLON	NYLON	NYLON 6	NYLOIL	SUSTASPEED	NYLON 6	NYLON 66	ACETAL	ACETAL	ACETAL	PETP	PETP	SAFEGUARD
66-GF30	6 CAST	HEAT STABILISED	NILOIL	KB2	MOLY	MOLY	C	Н	H-TF	(16)	TX	SAFEGOARD
black	natural (ivory)/black	black	green	blue	grey-black	grey-black	natural (white)/black	natural (white)/black	deep brown	natural (white)/black	pale grey	natural (clear, translucent)
1.29	1.15	1.15	1.135	1.15	1.16	1.15	1.41	1.43	1.50	1.39	1.44	1.20
30/56	44/83	47/89	44/83	49/93	52/98	46/85	20/37	18/36	16/32	6/13	5/11	13/23
0.39/0.74	0.65/1.22	0.69/1.31	0.66/1.24	0.72/1.37	0.76/1.43	0.68/1.25	0.24/0.45	0.21/0.43	0.18/0.36	0.07/0.16	0.06/0.13	0.18/0.33
1.7	2.2	2.2	2	2.3	2.4	2.3	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.25	0.23	0.15
5.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.7	7.8	0.85	0.85	0.72	0.50	1.47	0.35
255	220	220	220	220	220	255	165	175	175	255	255	- 150
0.30	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.29	.029	0.21
50 x 10 ⁻⁶	80 x 10 ⁻⁶	110 x 10 ⁻⁶	95 x 10 ⁻⁶	105 x 10 ⁻⁶	60 x 10 ⁻⁶	65 x 10 ⁻⁶	65 x 10 ⁻⁶					
60 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10⁻⁵	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	90 x 10 ⁻⁶	125 x 10 ⁻⁶	110 x 10 ⁻⁶	120 x 10 ⁻⁶	80 x 10 ⁻⁶	85 x 10 ⁻⁶	65 x 10 ⁻⁶
150	80	80	75	80	80	85	105	115	105	75	75	130
240	170	180	165	170	170	180	140	150	150	160	160	135
120/110 -20	105/90 -30	120/105 -30	105/90 -20	105/90 -30	105/90 -30	95/80 -20	115/100 -50	105/90 -50	105/90 -20	115/100 -20	115/100 -20	125/115 -60
	-	25	25	-	25	25	26	15	15	-	25	25 25
HB / HB	HB/HB	HB/HB	HB/HB	HB / HB								
-/100	85 / -	83 / -	70 / -	81 / -	78 / -	92 / -	68/-	78 / -	-/55	90 / -	-/76	70 / -
-/75	55/-	55 / -	45 /	50 / -	50 / -	55 / -	68 / -	78 / -	-/55	90 / -	-/76	70/-
5	25	25	25	35	25	20	35	35	10	15	7	> 50
12 5900	> 50 3500	> 50 3400	> 50 3000	> 50 3200	> 50 3300	> 50 3500	35 3100	35 3600	10 3200	15 3700	7 3450	> 50 2400
3200	1700	1650	1450	1550	1600	1675	3100	3600	3200	3700	3450	2400
28/55/90	26/51/92	26/51/92	22/43/79	24/47/86	25/49/88	25/49/92	19/35/67	22/40/75	20/37/69	26/51/103	24/47/95	18/35/72
26 18	22 10	22 10	18 8	21 9	21 9	21 9	13 13	15 15	13 13	26 26	23 7 23	1 17
≥50	no break	no break	o ≥50	no break	no break	no break	≥150	≥200	≥30	20 ≥50	23 ≥30	no break
6	3.5	3.5	4	3.5	3.5	4	7	10	3	2	2.5	9
6	3.5	3.5	4	3.5	3.5	4	7	10	3	2	2.5	9
11	7	7	7	7	7	9	7	10	3	2	2.5	9
165 M 76	165 M 88	1 65 M 87	145 M 82	160 M 85	160 M 84	165 M 88	140 M 84	160 M 88	140 M 84	170 M 96	160 M 94	120 M 75
IVI 70	IVI OO	IVI O7	IVI OZ	IVI OJ	101 04	IVI OO	IVI O T	IVI OO	IVI 04	IVI 50	IVI 24	IWI 75
30	25	29	22	25	24	26	20	20	20	22	21	28
20	17	19	14	17	16	17	20	20	20	22	21	28
>10 ¹⁴ >10 ¹³	>10 ¹⁴ >10 ¹²	>10 ¹⁴ >10 ¹⁴	>10 ¹⁴ >10 ¹⁴	>10 ¹⁴ >10 ¹⁴	>10 ¹⁵ >10 ¹⁵	>10 ¹⁵ >10 ¹⁵	>10 ¹⁵ >10 ¹⁵					
>10.3	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1013	>1012	>1013	>10	>1013	>1013	>1013	>1015
>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1012	>1013	>1013	>1013	>1014	>1014	>1015
3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4	3
6.9	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.6	7.4	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.4	3
3.6 3.9	3.2 3.7	3.2 3.7	3.1 3.6	3.2 3.7	3.2 3.7	3.3 3.8	3.8 3.8	3.8 3.8	3.6 3.6	3.2 3.2	3.2 3.2	3
0.012	0.012	0.015	0.015	0.012	0.012	0.013	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.001
0.19	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.001
0.014	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.020	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.014	0.014	0.008
0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.014	0.014	0.008
475 475	600 600	350 (225) 350 (225)										
7/3	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	JJU (ZZJ)

PPSBG®

PPSBG® (deep blue) PPS

PPSBG® is a reinforced, internally lubricated semicrystalline polymer developed to close the gap both in performance and price between the standard thermoplastic materials (eg. PA, POM, PETP, ...) and the high end Advanced Engineering Plastic Products (eg. PBI, PI, PAI, PEEK, ...).



Machined parts of PPSBG

POLYPHENYLENE SULPHIDE (PPS)

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- very high max. allowable service temperature in air (220°C continuously going up to 260°C for short periods of time)
- high mechanical strength, stiffness and hardness, also at elevated temperatures
- · excellent chemical and hydrolysis resistance
- · excellent wear and frictional behaviour
- excellent dimensional stability
- excellent resistance to high energy radiation (Gamma-rays and X-rays)
- · very good UV resistance
- · inherent low flammability
- good electrical insulating and dielectric properties

APPLICATIONS

PPSBG® is recommended for use in demanding applications requiring at the same time high temperature resistance, low creep, resistance to wear and to hostile chemical environments; or in other words where many other engineering plastics such as PA, POM, PETP, PEI, PPSU and PSU fall short. In less demanding high-tech applications, PPSBG® can also offer a very good, economic alternative to PEEK, PAI or PI.

PVDF

POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)

PVDF natural (white) **PVDF**

PVDF is highly crystalline unreinforced fluoropolymer combining good mechanical, thermal and electrical properties with excellent chemical resistance. It also shows excellent resistance to high energy radiation.

Additionally, the composition of the waw material used for the production of PVDF stock shapes complies with the EU/FDA regulations concerning plastics materials intended to come into contact with food-stuffs.

PVDF is a versatile engineering material especially suitable for the manufacture of components for the petro-chemical, chemical, metallurgical, foot, paper, textile, pharmaceutical and nuclear industries.

APPLICATIONS

Its property profile makes PVDF a versatile engineering material, specially suitable for the manufacture of components for the petro-chemical, chemical, metallurgical, pharmaceutical, food, paper, textile and nuclear industries.

Main Characteristics

- high maximum allowable service temperatures in air (150°C for PVDF 1000)
- · excellent chemical and hydrolysis resistance
- outstanding UV-and weather resistance
- · good mechanical strength, stiffness and creep resistance
- · good sliding properties and wear resistance
- inherent low flammability
- · good electrical insulating properties



Machined parts of PVDF

PEEK • PEEK-BG • PEEK-GF30 • PEEK-CA30 POLYETHERETHERKETONE (PEEK)

There are 4 different grades.

PEEK natural (brown/grey)/blk PEEK

PEEK stock shapes are produced from virgin polyetheretherketone resin and offer the highest toughness and impact strength of all PEEK grades. Both PEEK natural and black can be sterilised by all conventional sterilisation methods (steam, dry heat, ethylene oxide and gamma irradiation). Additionally, the composition of the raw materials used for the production of PEEK natural stock shapes complies with the directives of the European Union and the American FDA regulations with respect to food compatibility as well as to the USP-standard class VI (United States Pharmacopoeia) with respect to biocompatibility. These features make this grade very popular in medical, pharmaceutical and food processing industries.

PEEK-BBG (black) PEEK BG

The addition of PTFE, graphite and carbon fibres results in a PEEK "Bearing Grade". Its excellent tribological properties (low friction, long wear, high PV-limits) make this grade the ideal material for wear and friction applications.

PEEK-GF30 natural (brown/grey) PEEK-GF30

This 30% glass fibre reinforced grade offers a higher stiffness, strength and creep resistance than PEEK and has a much better dimensional stability. This grade is ideal for structural applications supporting high static loads for long periods of time at elevated temperatures. The use of PEEK-GF30 is not recommended for sliding parts since the glass fibres tend to abrade the mating surface.



PEEK protection cap for oil measuring probe



PEEK gears for pneumatic hand drill

PEEK-CA30 (black) PEEK-CA30

This 30% carbon fibre reinforced grade combines even better mechanical properties (higher E-modulus, mechanical strength and creep resistance...) than PEEK-GF30 with an optimum wear resistance. Moreover, the carbon fibres provide 3.5 times higher thermal conductivity than unreinforced PEEK - dissipating heat from the bearing surface faster.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- very high max. allowable service temperature in air (250°C continuously going up to 310°C for short periods of time)
- high mechanical strength, stiffness and hardness, also at elevated temperatures
- excellent chemical and hydrolysis resistance
- · excellent wear and frictional behaviour
- very good dimensional stability
- outstanding UV resistance
- excellent resistance to high energy radiation (gamma-rays and X-rays)
- inherent low flammability and very low levels of smoke evolution during combustion

APPLICATIONS

Applications include gears, pump components, valve seats and bearings, and can be found in the aerospace, nuclear, chemical, automotive and electrical industries, as well as in all kinds of military equipment.

PEI PPSU PSU

POLYETHERIMIDE (PEI) POLYPHENYLSULPHONE (PPSU) POLYSULPHONE (PSU)

These unreinforced amorphous thermoplastic materials have a lot of features in common and all offer a combination of excellent mechanical, thermal and electrical properties.

PEI natural (amber, translucent) PEI

PEI stock shapes are produced from ULTEM® resin. This advanced polymer features a combination of outstanding thermal, mechanical and electrical properties, together with very low flammability and low levels of smoke evolution furing combustion making it extremely suitable for electrical/ electronic insulators and a variety of structural components requiring high strength and rigidity at elevated temperatures. Thanks to the good hydrolysis resistance of polyetherimide and because the raw material used for the production of PEI stock shapes is USP Class VI compliant, medical devices and analytical instrumentation are obviously important application fields.

PSU natural (yellow, translucent) PSU

PSU stock shapes are produced from non-UV-stabilised polysulphone resin. It offers excellent radiation stability, low ionic impurity levels and good chemical and hydrolysis resistance. Compared to PEI, it has a lower property profile, often replacing polycarbonate whenever higher temperature resistance and improved chemical resistance are required. PSU is commonly used in food processing equipment (milk machines, pumps, valves, filtration plates, heat exchangers) and for medical components subject to cleaning and sterilisation.

PPSU (black) PPSU

PPSU stock shapes are produced from RADEL® R resin. This material offers a better impact strength and chemical resistance than PSU and PEI. PPSU also has superior hydrolysis resistance as measured by steam autoclaving cycles to failure. In fact, this material has virtually unlimited steam sterilisability. This factor makes it an excellent choice for medical devices which are subjected to repeated steam autoclaving. Additionally, the raw material used for the production of PPSU stock shapes is USP Class VI compliant making it a very popular material for medical and pharmaceutical industries (eg. sterilisation trays, dental and surgical instrument handles, orthopaedic implant trials and fluid handling coupling and fitting applications).

APPLICATIONS

Parts machined from these materials are used in the electrical industries (coil bobbins, insulating bushings, housings), in process equipment (milking machines, pumps, valves, filtration plates, heat exchangers) and in the food processing / medical industries (components subject to repeated cleaning and sterilization).

*ULTEM is a registered trade mark of General Electric Co. USA *RADEL is a registered trade mark of Amoco Polymers The price/performance ratio of these materials slots between the conventional engineering plastics and premium materials like PEEK.



PEI clamp on video display unit



Machined part of PSU

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- high maximum allowable service temperatures in air (180°C, 170°C and 150°C continuously for PPSU, PEI and PSU respectively)
- high mechanical strength and stiffness over a wide temperature range
- excellent hydrolysis resistance (suitable for repeated steam sterilisation)
- physiologically inert (suitable for food contact)
- very good dimensional stability
- translucent non-optical quality (except for PPSU which is black)
- · good UV resistance
- very good resistance against high energy radiation (Gamma-rays and X-rays)
- good electrical insulating and dielectric properties

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES (Indicative values°)

PROPERTIES	Test methods ISO / (IEC)	Units	PEEK	PEEK-BG	PEEK-GF30	PEEK-CA30	PPSBG	PPSU	PEI	PSU	PVDF
Colour	-	-	natural (brownish	black	brownish	black	deep blue	black	natural (amber,	natural (yellow, translucent)	natural (white)
Density	1183	g/cm³	grey)/ black 1.31	1.45	grey 1.51	1.41	1.43	1.29	translucent) 1.27	1.24	1.79
Water absorption:	1103	g/ciii	1.51	1.73	1.51	1.71	1.13	1.27	1,27	1,27	1.75
• after 24/96 h immersion in water of 23°C (1)	62	mg	5/10	4/9		-	1./2	26 / 55	20 / 41	23 / 44	1/3
	62	%	0.06/0.12	0.05/0.11	-	-	0.01/0.03	0.35/0.72	0.26/0.54	0.32/0.61	0.01/0.03
• at saturation in air of 23°C / 50% RH		%	0.20	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.03	0.60	0.75	0.40	0.05
• at saturation in water of 23°C	-	%	0.45	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.09	1.20	1.35	0.85	0.05
THERMAL PROPERTIES											
Melting Point	-	°C	340	340	340	340	280	-	-	-	175
Glass transition temperature (2)	-	°C	-	-	-	-	-	220	215	190	-
Thermal conductivity at 23°C	-	W/(K.m)	0.25	0.24	0.43	0.92	0.30	0.35	0.22	0.26	0.19
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion:		// 10	50 - 10-h	20 10-6	2010-6	25 10-6	FO 10-6	FF 10-6	45 10-6	co10-6	12010
• average value between 23 and 100°C	-	m/(m.K)	50 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶	50 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	45 x 10 ⁻⁶	60 x 10 ⁻⁶	130 x 10
• average value between 23 and 150°C	-	m/(m.K)	50 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶	60 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	45 x 10 ⁻⁶	60 x 10 ⁻⁶	145 x 10
• average value above 150°C	-	m/(m.K)	110 x 10 ⁻⁶	65 x 10 ⁻⁶	65 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	80 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	45 x 10 ⁻⁶	-	-
Temperature of deflection under load: • method A: 1.8 MPa	75	°C	160	195	230	230	115	200	190	170	105
Max. allowable service temperature in air:	73	C	100	193	230	230	113	200	190	170	103
• for short periods (3)		°C	310	310	310	310	260	210	200	180	160
• continuously: for min. 20000 h (4)	-	°C	250	250	250	250	220	180	170	150	150
Flammability (5):											
• "Oxygen Index"	4589	%	35	43	40	40	47	44	47	30	44
• according to UL 94 (1.5 / 3 mm thickness)	-	-	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	V-0 / V-0	HB/HB	V-0 / V-0
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C											
Tension test (6):											/
• tensile stress at yield / tensile strength at break (7)	527	MPa	110/-	-/75	-/90	-/130	-/75	76/-	105 / -	80 / -	50/-
tensile strain at break (7) tensile modulus of elasticity (8)	527 527	% MPa	20 4400	5 5900	5 6300	5 7700	5 3700	30 2500	10 3400	10 2700	> 20 2300
• tensile modulus of elasticity (8) Compression test (9):	32/	IVIPd	4400	3900	0300	7700	3700	2500	3400	2/00	2300
• compressive stress at 1% strain (8)	604	MPa	29	34	41	49	28	18	25	20	17
compressive stress at 2% strain (8	604	MPa	57	67	81	97	55	35	49	39	32
Charpy impact strength - Unnotched (10)	179/1eU	kJ/m ²	no break	25	35	35	25	no break	no break	no break	no break
Charpy impact strength - Notched	179/1eA	kJ/m ²	3.5	2.5	4	4	3.5	10	3.5	4	10
Ball indentation hardness (11)	2039-1	N/mm ²	230	215	270	325	180	-	170	155	110
Rockwell hardness (11)	2039-2	-	M 105	M 85	M 99	M 102	M 84	M 80	M 114	M 91	M 75
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C											
Electric strength (12)	(243)	kV/mm	24	-	24	-	24	-	27	30	18
Volume resistivity	(93)	Ohm.cm	10 ¹⁶	-	1015	10 ⁵	10 ¹⁵	10 ¹⁵	10 ¹⁸	10 ¹⁷	10 ¹⁵
Surface resistivity	(93)	Ohm	10 ¹⁶	-	1015	-	10 ¹⁵	10 ¹⁵	10 ¹⁷	10 ¹⁷	10 ¹⁶
Relativite permittivity: • at 100 Hz	(250)	-	3.2	-	3.2	-	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	7.4
• at 1 MHz	(250)	-	3.2	-	3.6	-	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.0	6.0
Dielectric dissipation factor tan δ: • at 100 Hz	(250)	-	0.001	-	0.001	-	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.025
• at 1 MHz	(250)	-	0.002	-	0.002	-	0.003	0.005	0.002	0.003	0.165
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	(112)	-	150	-	175	-	100	-	175	150	600

*: Machined tensile test specimens made per ASTM D 1708 and tested according to ASTM D 638.

Legend:

- (1) According to method 1 of ISO 62 and done on discs Ø 50 x 3mm.
- (2) Values for this property are only given here for amorphous materials and not for semi-crystalline ones.
- (3) Only for short time exposure (a few hours) in applications where no or only a very low load is applied to the material.
- (4) Temperature resistance over a period of min. 20,000 hours. After this period of time, there is a decrease in tensile strength of about 50% as compared with the original value. The temperature values given here are thus based on the thermal-oxidative degradation which takes place and causes a reduction in properties. Note, however, that the maximum allowable service temperature depends in many cases essentially on the duration and the magnitude of the mechanical stresses to which the material is subjected.
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- (6) Test specimens: Type 1 B
- (7) Test speed: 5mm / min.

- (8) Test speed: 1 mm/min.
- (9) Test specimens : cylinders (Ø 12 x 30 mm)
- (10) Pendulum used : 4 J
- (11) 10mm thick test specimens
- (12) 1 mm thick test specimens. It is important to know that the dielectric strength of black PEEK can be as low as 50% of the value for natural material.
- *: this table is a valuable help in the choice of material. The data listed here fall within the normal range of product properties of dry material, but they should not be used to establish material specification limits nor used alone as the basis of design.

It has to be noted that plenty of the products listed in this table are fibre reinforced and/or filled, and consequently they are anisotropic materials (properties differ when measured parallel and perpendicular to eg. the extrusion direction).

PAI

POLYAMIDE-IMIDE (PPS)

For high temperature applications, this advanced material offers an excellent combination of mechanical performance and dimensional stability.

PAI is available in 5 different grades.

4203 PAI (yellow/ochre) PAI

4203 PAI offers the best toughness and impact strength of all PAI grades. Because of its intrinsic high temperature resistance, high dimensional stability and good machinability, 4203 PAI is very popular for precision parts in high tech equipment. In addition, its good electrical insulation and dielectric properties provide numerous possibilities in the field of electrical components.

4301 PAI (black) PAI

The addition of PTFE and graphite provides higher wear resistance and lower coefficient of friction compared to the unfilled grade. 4301 PAI also offers excellent dimensional stability over a wide temperature range. This grade excels in severe wear applications such as non-lubricated bearings, seals, bearings cages and reciprocating compressor parts.

4501 PAI (black) PAI

This compression moulded material is similar in composition to 4301 PAI, and is selected when larger shapes are required.

4503 PAI (yellow/ochre) PAI

This compression moulded material is similar in composition to 4203 PAI, and is selected when larger shapes are required.

5530 PAI (black) PAI

This 30% glass fibre reinforced grade offers higher stiffness, strength and creep resistance than 4203 PAI. It is well suited for structural applications supporting static loads for long periods of time at high temperatures. In addition, 5530 PAI exhibits superb dimensional stability up to 260°C making it extremely popular for precision parts in eg. the electronics and semi-conductor industries. The use of 5530 PAI is not recommended for sliding parts since the glass fibres tend to abrade the mating surface.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- very high maximum allowable service temperature in air (250°C continuously)
- excellent retention of mechanical strength and stiffness over a wide temperature range
- superb dimensional stability up to 250°C
- · excellent wear and frictional behaviour
- outstanding UV resistance
- exceptional resistance against high energy radiation (Gamma-rays and X-rays)
- · inherent low flammability

APPLICATIONS

More efficient operation and more reliable long-term performance make 4301 PAI the optimum material for sliding vanes in rotary compressors. The material's high stiffness an excellent dimensional stability even at elevated temperatures, enable the vanes to travel freely in and out of the slotted rotor without binding.

VESPEL® SP POLYIMIDE (PI)

VESPEL SP parts offer a combination of properties that allows them to excel in applications requiring low wear and long life in severe environments.

VESPEL SP is available in 5 different formulations providing a suitable grade for each and every demanding application.

VESPEL SP-1 natural (chestnut) PI

This is the unfilled base resin which provides maximum physical properties and the best electrical and thermal insulation. It is frequently used as valve seats, seals, insulators, ... working at elevated temperatures.

VESPEL SP-21 (grey/black) PI

This grade contains 15% graphite, added to provide long wear and low friction. These features make VESPEL SP-21 ideal for bearings, thrust washers and dynamic seals.

VESPEL SP-211 (grey/black) PI

The incorporation of 15% graphite and 10% TEFLON® results in a VESPEL grade that exhibits the lowest coefficient of friction over a wide range of operating conditions and also has the lowest wear rate up to 150°C.

VESPEL SP-22 (grey/black) PI

This grade containing 40% graphite has the wear and friction properties of SP-21 combined with improved dimensional stability (lowest coefficient of linear thermal expansion).

VESPEL SP-3 (grey/black) PI

With 15% molybdenum disulphide, this VESPEL grade provides internal lubrication for seals and bearings operating in vacuum or inert gases (dry environments).

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- extremely high maximum allowable service temperature in air (240°C continuously, with short term excursions up to 450°C)
- excellent retention of mechanical strength and stiffness over a wide range of temperatures
- good sliding properties and excellent wear resistance
- · very low coefficient of linear thermal expansion
- excellent resistance to high energy radiation (Gamma-rays and X-rays)
- · inherent low flammability
- low outgassing (except water)
- extremely high purity in terms of ionic contamination

APPLICATIONS

In hydraulic pressure relief valves on farm tractors, VESPEL SP-1 seats provide a no-leak seal in 135°C hydraulic oil while resisting 26 MPa without creep. The VESPEL SP-1 seats conform to the balls' shape and reseal even in the presence of particulate contaminants. The seals increase system reliability and reduce customer complaints.

POLYBENZIMIDAZOLE (PBI)

PBI is the highest performance engineering thermoplastic available today. Thanks to its unique property profile, PBI might bring the ultimate solution when no other plastics material can.

PBI (black) PBI

PBI offers the highest temperature resistance and best mechanical property retention of all unfilled thermoplastics. PBI is very "clean" in terms of ionic impurity and does not outgas (except water). These characteristics make this material extremely attractive to high-tech industries eg. semiconductor and aerospace industries. Usually PBI is used for critical components to decrease maintenance costs and to gain valuable production "uptime".



Light Bulb contact part

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- extremely high maximum allowable service temperature in air (310°C continuously, going up to 500°C for short periods of time)
- excellent retention of mechanical strength and stiffness over a wide temperature range
- · excellent wear and frictional behaviour
- extremely low coefficient of linear thermal expansion
- excellent resistance against high energy radiation (Gamma-rays and X-rays)
- · inherent low flammability
- · high purity in terms of ionic contamination
- low outgassing (except water)

APPLICATIONS

Light bulb contact parts. Manufacturers of incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs use PBI for high temperature contact parts like vacuum cups, fingers and holders. It offers a higher temperature resistance, improved wear performance and longer life than polyimides. PBI also reduces the yield loss (broken bulbs) previously experienced with ceramics.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES (Indicative values°)

PROPERTIES	Test methods ISO / (IEC)	Units	PBI	VESPEL SP-1	VESPEL SP-21	VESPEL SP-211	VESPEL SP-22	VESPEL SP-3	4203 PAI	4301PAI	5530 PAI
Colour	-	-	black	natural	grey-	grey-	grey-	grey-	yellow	black	black
Density	1183	q/cm³	1.30	(chestnut) 1.43	black 1.51	black 1.55	black 1.65	black 1.60	ochre 1.41	1.45	1.61
Water absorption:		3									
• after 24/96 h immersion in water of 23°C (1)	62 62	mg %	38 / 81 0.50/1.06	20 / 39 0.24/0.46	17 / 33 0.19/0.37	19 / 35 0.21/0.38	14 / - 0.41/ -	22 / - 0.23/ -	24 / - 0.29/ -	18 / - 0.21/ -	17 / - 0.18/ -
• at saturation in air of 23°C / 50% RH	-	%	-	1.2	1.0	-	-	-	2.5	1.9	1.7
• at saturation in water of 23°C	-	%	14	2.5	2.0	-	-	-	4.5	3.5	3.0
THERMAL PROPERTIES											
Melting Point Glass transition temperature	-	°C	NA 425	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA 285	NA 285	NA 285
Thermal conductivity at 23°C	-	W/(K.m)	0.40	0.35	0.87	0.76	1.73	0.47	0.26	0.54	0.36
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion:		// 10									
 average value between 23 and 100°C average value between 23 and 150°C 	-	m/(m.K) m/(m.K)	25 x 10 ⁻⁶ 25 x 10 ⁻⁶	45 x 10 ⁻⁶ 50 x 10 ⁻⁶	40 x 10 ⁻⁶ 45 x 10 ⁻⁶	45 x 10 ⁻⁶ 50 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶ 35 x 10 ⁻⁶	40 x 10 ⁻⁶ 45 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶ 30 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶ 25 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶ 25 x 10 ⁻⁶
• average value above 150°C	-	m/(m.K)	25 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	50 x 10 ⁻⁶	55 x 10 ⁻⁶	40 x 10 ⁻⁶	50 x 10 ⁻⁶	30 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶	25 x 10 ⁻⁶
Temperature of deflection under load: • method A: 1.8 MPa	75	°C	425	360	360	_		_	280	280	280
Max. allowable service temperature in air:	/3	C	423	300	300	-	-	-	200	200	200
• for short periods (2)	-	°C	500	450	460	460	480	460	270	270	270
• continuously: for min. 20,000 h (3) Flammability (4):	-	°C	310	240	250	250	260	250	250	250	250
• "Oxygen Index"	4589	%	58	53	49	-	-	-	45	44	50
• according to UL 94 (1.5 / 3 mm thickness)	-	-	V-0 / V-0								
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C											
Tension test (5):	527	MPa	-/160	-/86*	-/66*	- / 45*	-/52*	-/59*	120 / -	-/80	-/95
 tensile stress at yield / tensile strength at break (6) tensile strain at break (6) 	527	WiPa	3	- / 60" 7.5*	4.5*	3.5*	3*	-/ 59" 4*	1207-	5	3
• tensile modulus of elasticity (7)	527	MPa	5800	2200	2800	2200	3300	2300	4500	5800	6000
Compression test (8): • compressive stress at 1% strain (7)	604	MPa	42	23	25	19	29	_	27	31	_
• compressive stress at 2% strain (7)	604	MPa	82	43	46	36	55	-	53	58	-
Charpy impact strength - Unnotched (9)	179/1eU	kJ/m³	-	no break	35	-	-	-	no break	-	-
Charpy impact strength - Notched Ball indentation hardness (10)	179/1eA 2039-1	kJ/m³ N/mm²	3.5 375	3.5 170	4 170	-		-	10 200	4 200	3.5
Rockwell hardness (10)	2039-2	-	E 104	M 100	M 90	M 75	M 75	-	E 79	M 105	E 77
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES at 23°C											
Electric strength (11)	(243)	kV/mm	22	28	14	-	-	-	24	-	28
Volume resistivity Surface resistivity	(93) (93)	Ohm.cm Ohm	10 ¹⁴ > 10 ¹²	10 ¹⁶ 10 ¹⁵	1014	-		-	10 ¹⁷ 10 ¹⁸	10 ¹⁵ 10 ¹⁷	10 ¹⁷ 10 ¹⁸
Relativity permittivity: • at 100 Hz	(250)	-	3.3	3.6	13.5	-	-	-	4.2	6.0	4.4
• at 1 MHz	(250)	-	3.3	3.6	13.4	-	-	-	3.9	5.4	6.5
Dielectric dissipation factor tan 8: • at 100 Hz • at 1 MHz	(250) (250)	-	0.001	0.002 0.003	0.005 0.011	-	-	-	0.026 0.031	0.037 0.042	0.022 0.050
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	(112)	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-

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- (6) Test specimens : Type 1 B
- (7) Test speed: 5mm / min.

- (8) Test speed: 1 mm/min.
- (9) Test specimens : cylinders (Ø 12 x 30 mm)
- (10) Pendulum used: 4 J
- (11) 10mm thick test specimens
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