

Product Information

VESTAKEEP® Care M40 G**HIGH VISCOSITY, UNREINFORCED POLYETHER ETHER KETONE
DESIGNED FOR THE MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY**

VESTAKEEP® Care is the ideal materials for the fabrication of medical devices with short time contact to human blood, tissue or bone for up to 30 days.

VESTAKEEP® Care Grades have a good biocompatibility, processability and the option to pigment.

VESTAKEEP® Care M40 G is a high viscosity, unreinforced polyether ether ketone for injection molding and extrusion. The semi-crystalline polymer features superior thermal and chemical resistance.

Biocompatibility of VESTAKEEP® Care

Biocompatibility was tested following ISO10993-1 recommendations for a surface medical device with up to 30 days body contact.

The material fulfills the requirements of USP<88> class VI.

Tests were performed by independent, certified laboratories.

Biocompatibility tests for VESTAKEEP® Care:**Processing of VESTAKEEP® Care**

VESTAKEEP® Care resins can be processed using all conventional melt processing techniques such as injection moulding, extrusion, and compression moulding.

VESTAKEEP® Care M40 G can be processed by common machines for thermoplastics. We recommend a melt temperature between 370°C and 380°C during the injection molding process. The mold temperature should be within a range of 160°C to 200°C, preferably 180°C.

Our technical experts would appreciate to give you support regarding the special requirements for the processing of VESTAKEEP® Care M40 G.

Delivery of VESTAKEEP® Care

VESTAKEEP® Care M40 G is supplied as granules in 25 kg boxes with moisture-proof polyethylene liners. Pigmentation may affect values.

The results shown have been generated from a low number of production lots. Therefore, they are preliminary and not yet the result of a statistical evaluation. Therefore they must not be used to establish specifications.

The values presented are typical or average values, they do not constitute a specification.

Key Features
Industrial Sector

Medical Devices

Processing

Injection molding

Delivery form

Pellets, Granules

Optics

Opaque

Resistance to

Heat (thermal stability), Fire / burn, Hydrolysis / hot water, Fatigue resistance, Oil / fuels

Conformity

Biocompatibility, Medical application

Additives

Unfilled

Mechanical properties ISO

	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Tensile modulus	3500	MPa	ISO 527
Tensile strength	96	MPa	ISO 527
Yield stress	96	MPa	ISO 527
Yield strain	5	%	ISO 527
Nominal strain at break, tB	30	%	ISO 527
Charpy impact strength, +23°C	N	kJ/m ²	ISO 179/1eU
Charpy impact strength, -30°C	N	kJ/m ²	ISO 179/1eU
Charpy notched impact strength, +23°C	7	kJ/m ²	ISO 179/1eA
Type of failure	C	-	-
Charpy notched impact strength, -30°C	6	kJ/m ²	ISO 179/1eA
Type of failure	C	-	-

Thermal properties

	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Vicat softening temperature A, 10 N, 50 K/h	335	°C	ISO 306
Vicat softening temperature B, 50 N, 50 K/h	305	°C	ISO 306
Coeff. of linear therm. expansion, 23°C to 55 °C, parallel	60	E-6/K	ISO 11359-1/-2

Physical properties

	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Density	1300	kg/m ³	ISO 1183
Water absorption	0.4	%	Sim. to ISO 62

Density	1300	kg/m ³	ASTM D 792
---------	-------------	-------------------	------------

Burning Behav.	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Burnin behav. at thickness h	V-0	class	IEC 60695-11-10
Thickness tested	3.2	mm	-

Electrical properties	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Volume resistivity, V	>1E13	Ohm*m	IEC 62631-3-1
Relative permittivity, 1MHz	2.8	-	IEC 62631-2-1
CTI, test solution A, 50 drops value	200	-	IEC 60112
Assessment of the insulation group	III a	-	DIN EN 60664-1

Rheological properties	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Melt volume-flow rate, MVR	11	cm ³ /10min	ISO 1133
Temperature	380	°C	-
Load	5	kg	-
Molding shrinkage, parallel	0.9	%	ISO 294-4, 2577
Molding shrinkage, normal	1.1	%	ISO 294-4, 2577

Test specimen production	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Injection Molding, melt temperature	380	°C	ISO 294
Injection Molding, mold temperature	180	°C	ISO 294
Injection Molding, injection velocity	200	mm/s	ISO 294

Characteristics

Applications
Encapsulation

Color
Natural color

Special Characteristics

Phosphorus-free, PTFE-free, Semi-crystalline

Regulatory

US Pharmacopeia Class VI conformity

Chemical Resistance

Acid resistance, Alkali resistance, Solvent resistance, Grease resistance, Hydrolytically stable, Oil resistance, Oxidation resistance, General chemical resistance