

Product Information

VESTAKEEP® i4 P

IMPLANT GRADE VESTAKEEP® POWDER



VESTAKEEP® i4P is a high-viscosity polyether ether ketone (PEEK) powder that is designed for long term human implant applications.

Proven Biocompatibility of VESTAKEEP® i-Grades

VESTAKEEP® i4 P is compliant with ASTM F2026 “Standard Specification for Polyetheretherketone (PEEK) Polymers for Surgical Implant Applications”. The extra high purity and extended quality measures make the i-grades an ideal material for long term body contact.

A summary of biocompatibility tests is available upon request.

Biocompatibility tests available for i4 P

STANDARD	DESCRIPTION
ISO 10993-12	GC/MS Fingerprint of extractable organic substances
USP CLASS VI	Acute Systemic Toxicity Intracutaneous Reactivity Muscle Implantation
ISO 10993-5	Cytotoxicity
ISO 10993-10	Irritation: Intracutaneous Reactivity
ISO 10993-10	Sensitization: Maximization test according to Magnusson and Kligman
ISO 10993-11	Subchronic Systemic Toxicity
ISO 10993-3	Genotoxicity: Ames Test
ISO 10993-3	Genotoxicity: Chromosome Aberration test
ISO 10993-3	Genotoxicity: Mouse Lymphoma test
ISO 10993-6	Test for local effects after Implantation in bone (90 days)
ISO 10993-4	Haemocompatibility

In addition to the body contact period the suitability of the material depends on further criteria, for example the nature of the contact, the processing, or the surface. In any case the suitability has to be verified for the end product.

Processing of VESTAKEEP® i-Grades

As a powder, VESTAKEEP® i4 P can be used for compounding, compression molding and other melt processing.

For information about processing of VESTAKEEP® powders, please follow the general recommendations in our brochure “VESTAKEEP® Polyether Ether Ketone Powder”.

Delivery of VESTAKEEP® i-Grades

VESTAKEEP® i4 P is supplied as powder in boxes with moisture-proof polyethylene liners.

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

Key Features
Industrial Sector

Medical Devices

Delivery form

Powder

Optics

X-ray transparent

Resistance to

Heat (thermal stability), Hydrolysis / hot water, UV / light / weathering, Wear / abrasion, Fatigue resistance

Conformity

Biocompatibility, Medical application

Additives

Unfilled

Mechanical properties ISO	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Tensile modulus	3500	MPa	ISO 527
Tensile strength	95	MPa	ISO 527
Yield stress	95	MPa	ISO 527
Yield strain	5	%	ISO 527
Stress at break	76	MPa	ISO 527
Strain at break, B	30	%	ISO 527
Nominal strain at break, tB	>50	%	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
Temp. of deflection under load A, 1.80 MPa	150	°C	ISO 75-1/-2
Temp. of deflection under load B, 0.45 MPa	205	°C	ISO 75-1/-2
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

Physical properties

	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Density	1300	kg/m ³	ISO 1183
Density	1300	kg/m ³	ASTM D 792

Rheological properties

	dry	Unit	Test Standard
Melt volume-flow rate, MVR	11	cm ³ /10min	ISO 1133
Temperature	380	°C	-
Load	5	kg	-

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
Regulatory

US Pharmacopeia Class VI conformity

Chemical Resistance

General chemical resistance