

Technical Data Sheet

Lupolen 3721C



High Density Polyethylene

Product Description

Lupolen 3721 C is a medium density polyethylene with hexene as comonomer. It exhibits a good processability and is used in stiff films and as blending component for LDPE. It contains antioxidants and is delivered in pellet form.

This product is not intended for use in medical and pharmaceutical applications.

Application	Bags & Pouches; Food Packaging Film; Heavy Duty Packaging; Liner Film
Market	Flexible Packaging
Processing Method	Blown Film
Attribute	Antioxidant; Good Drawdown; Good Heat Seal

Typical Properties	Nominal Value	Units	Test Method
Physical			
Melt Flow Rate			
(190 °C/5.0 kg)	0.6	g/10 min	ISO 1133-1
(190 °C/21.6 kg)	12.5	g/10 min	ISO 1133-1
Density	0.937	g/cm ³	ISO 1183-1
Mechanical			
Tensile Modulus	700	MPa	ISO 527-1, -2
Tensile Stress at Yield	20	MPa	ISO 527-1, -2
Film			
Dart Drop Impact Strength, F50	120	g	ASTM D1709
Tensile Strength			
MD	50	MPa	ISO 527-1, -3
TD	48	MPa	ISO 527-1, -3
Tensile Strain at Break			
MD	650	%	ISO 527-1, -3
TD	650	%	ISO 527-1, -3
Impact			
Failure Energy	7	J/mm	DIN 53373
Thermal			
Vicat Softening Temperature, (A/50)	121	°C	ISO 306
Peak Melting Point	127	°C	ISO 11357-3
Additional Information			

Test Specimen	Film
Film properties tested using 20 µm thickness blown film extruded at a melt temperature of 220°C, long stalk process, and a blow-up ratio of 4:1.	
Processing Parameters	
Extrusion Temperature	180-240 °C

Notes

These are typical property values not to be construed as specification limits.

Processing Techniques

Users should determine the conditions necessary to obtain optimum product properties and suitability of the product for the intended application.

In cases where higher temperatures are required, please contact your appropriate technical contact for support.

Further Information

Health and Safety:

The resin is manufactured to the highest standards, but special requirements apply to certain applications such as food end-use contact and direct medical use. For specific information on regulatory compliance contact your local representative.

Workers should be protected from the possibility of skin or eye contact with molten polymer. Safety glasses are suggested as a minimal precaution to prevent mechanical or thermal injury to the eyes.

Molten polymer may be degraded if it is exposed to air during any of the processing and off-line operations. The products of degradation may have an unpleasant odor. In higher concentrations they may cause irritation of the mucus membranes. Fabrication areas should be ventilated to carry away fumes or vapours. Legislation on the control of emissions and pollution prevention should be observed.

The resin will burn when supplied with excess heat and oxygen. It should be handled and stored away from contact with direct flames and/or ignition sources. While burning, the resin contributes high heat and may generate a dense black smoke.

Recycled resins may have previously been used as packaging for, or may have otherwise been in contact with, hazardous goods. Converters are responsible for taking all necessary precautions to ensure that recycled resins are safe for continued use.

For further information about safety in handling and processing please refer to the Safety Data Sheet.

Conveying:

Conveying equipment should be designed to prevent production and accumulation of fines and dust particles that are contained in polymer resins. These particles can under certain conditions pose an explosion hazard. Conveying systems should be grounded, equipped with adequate filters and regularly inspected for leaks.

Storage:

The resin is packed in 25 kg bags, octabins or bulk containers protecting it from contamination. If it is stored under certain conditions, i. e. if there are large fluctuations in ambient temperature and the atmospheric humidity is high, moisture may condense inside the packaging. Under these circumstances, it is recommended to dry the resin before use. Unfavorable storage conditions may also intensify the resin's slight characteristic odor.

Resin should be protected from direct sunlight, temperatures above 40°C and high atmospheric humidity during storage. Higher storage temperatures may reduce the storage time.

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