



Dow Packaging & Specialty Plastics

Product Data Sheet

SURLYN™ AS8-E

Ionomer

Description

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SURLYN™ AS8-E is an ionomer of ethylene acid copolymer.

The resin can be processed in conventional blown film, cast film, sheet extrusion and coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene and ethylene copolymer type resins.

Restrictions

Material Status

Commercial: Active

Typical Characteristics

Composition

Sodium Ionomer

Features

Additives: slip and antiblock

Applications

Pallet Stretch Hooding

Typical Properties

Physical

Nominal Values

Test Method(s)

*Density ()

0.94 g/cm³

ASTM D792

ISO 1183

*Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg)

1.3 g/10 min

ASTM D1238

ISO 1133

Thermal

Nominal Values

Test Method(s)

*Melting Point (DSC)

97 °C (206.6 °F)

ASTM D3417

ISO 3146

Freezing Point (DSC)

60 °C (140 °F)

ASTM D3417

ISO 3146

Vicat Softening Point ()

71 °C (159.8 °F)

ASTM D1525

ISO 306

Processing Information

*Maximum Processing Temperature

285 °C (545 °F)

General Processing Information

SURLYN™ AS8-E is normally processed at melt temperatures ranging from 160°-260°C (320°-500°F) in blown and flat die equipment. Typical extruder profiles are shown below. Actual processing temperatures will usually be determined by either the specific equipment or substrate or one of the other polymers in a coextrusion.

Materials of construction used in the processing of this resin should be corrosion resistant. Stainless steels of the types 316, 15-5PH, and 17-4PH are excellent, as is quality chrome or nickel plating, and in particular duplex chrome plating. Type 410 stainless steel is satisfactory, but needs to be tempered at a minimum temperature of 600°C (1112°F) to avoid hydrogen-assisted stress corrosion cracking. Alloy steels such as 4140 are borderline in performance. Carbon steels are not satisfactory. While stainless steels can provide adequate corrosion protection, in some cases severe purging difficulties have been encountered. Nickel plating has been satisfactory, but experiments have shown that chrome surfaces have the least adhesion to acid based polymers. In recent years, the quality of chrome plating has been deteriorating due to environmental pressures, and the corrosion protection has not always been adequate. Chrome over top of stainless steel seems to provide the best combination for corrosion protection and ease of purging.

If surface properties of the extruded resin require modification (such as, lower C.o.F. for packaging machine processing), refer to the CONPOL™ Processing Additive Resins product information guide.

After processing SURLYN™, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the SURLYN™ resin in use. The "Disco Purge Method" is suggested as the preferred purging method, as this method usually results in a more effective purging process. Information on the Disco Purge Method can be obtained via your Dow Sales Representative.

Never shut down the extrusion system with SURLYN™ in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the SURLYN™ with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

**Blown Film Processing
Processing Information**

Nominal Values

A suggested initial extruder temperature set profile.

Feed Zone	135 °C (275 °F)
Second Zone	160 °C (320 °F)
Third Zone	185 °C (365 °F)
Fourth Zone	185 °C (365 °F)
Fifth Zone	185 °C (365 °F)
Adapter Zone	185 °C (365 °F)
Die Zone	185 °C (365 °F)

FDA Status Information

SURLYN™ AS8-E complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1330(a) - - Ionomeric resins, subject to the limitations and requirements therein. This Regulation describes polymers that may be used in contact with food, subject to the finished food-contact article meeting the extractive limitations under the intended conditions of use, as shown in paragraph (c) of the Regulation.

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