



Laser+[®] W (P45A)

polyethylene terephthalate resin

Product Information

Product Description

Laser+[®] W polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin is a copolymer formulated for conversion to PET bottles by conventional single or two-stage processing technology.

Typical Properties

Bi-orientation of Laser+[®] W by injection/stretch blow molding provides optimal barrier and mechanical properties, including superior stress crack resistance. It performs exceptionally well in the manufacture of water bottles where heat up rate and temperature profile through the wall are important.

DAK has engineered Laser+[®] W for water bottle use by providing a slightly lower intrinsic viscosity (IV), allowing for a gentle injection molding process, and improved acetaldehyde (AA) performance. Laser+[®] W offers superior heat absorption and processing control, even at higher blow molding speeds. A relatively slow crystallization rate enables high injection molding output.

Certification

Laser+[®] W is ideally suited for food packaging applications and is considered in compliance with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Contact Notification (FCN) 000635, covering PET polymers.

Sales Specifications

Property	Value	Unit	Test Method
Intrinsic Viscosity	0.75 ± 0.02*	dL/g	DAK-SOP-QAR-0012
Color L*	82.0 ± 2.0*	CIE	DAK-SOP-QAR-0011
Color b*	-2.0 ± 2.0*	CIE	DAK-SOP-QAR-0011
Acetaldehyde	1 max	ppm	DAK-SOP-QAR-0010
Moisture Content (as packaged)	0.25 max	weight %	DAK-SOP-QAR-0013
Fines (as packaged, +24 Mesh Size)	0.10 max	weight %	DAK-SOP-QAR-0014
Chip Size, nominal	54 ± 5	chips / g	DAK-SOP-QAR-0015

This product is spherical PET resin pellets made by the DAK Americas Melt-Tek[®] process. Due to enhanced resin performance and measurement differences, the Intrinsic Viscosity, Color L and Color b* values shown on this document are reported as indexed specifications which are directly comparable to those used for the equivalent cylindrical resin pellet produced by DAK Americas.

These values represent the anticipated performance data for these polyester resins and intermediates; they are not intended to be used as design data. We believe this information is the best currently available on the subject. It is offered as a possible helpful suggestion in the experimentation you may care to undertake along these lines. It is subject to revision as additional knowledge and experience is gained. DAK Americas LLC makes no guarantee of results and assumes no obligation or liability whatsoever in connection with this information. This publication is not a license to operate under, or intended to suggest infringement of, any existing patents.

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Material Drying

Proper drying of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is essential to produce a high quality part (container, film, etc.) with optimum physical properties. PET is hygroscopic, meaning that when it is exposed to humid atmospheres, it will absorb moisture. In PET the moisture is not only on the surface but diffuses slowly through the whole pellet and is firmly held by molecular attraction. Before processing the PET, this moisture must be removed. Carefully controlled drying of all PET is an essential requirement for optimum processing performance and final product properties. If drying is not carried out properly, to the known requirements of the type of PET in use, then deficiencies in process and product will result. The deficiencies will be impossible to remedy by later process changes. These defects arise in the injection molding or extrusion processes because at PET melt temperature (250°-280° C) any water present causes hydrolytic degradation of the PET, almost instantaneously, with the resultant loss in intrinsic viscosity (IV). Significant drops in IV cause loss of process control and reductions in end product properties.

Drying of PET polymer involves the diffusion of absorbed moisture from the interior of the polymer chip to its surroundings and, subsequently the removal of moisture from the bulk of polymer chips. Moisture removal can be achieved by heating the polymer chip under dry air or vacuum. In an air drying system, heated dehumidified air flows up through a chip bed and returns to the dehumidifier. The key requirements for a reliable drying process are:

Drying temperature: The ACTUAL chip temperature should achieve between 300° and 340° F measured at the dryer exit.

Dehumidified air temperature: Correctly designed equipment should operate at temperatures up to 340° F measured on entry to the dryer hopper, with an absolute maximum of 370° F to prevent possible discoloration.

Dehumidified air dew point: This should not be allowed to rise above -34° F and should preferably be -40° F or lower, measure after the desiccant bed. Always check the correct regeneration temperatures are being used.

Dehumidified air flow through the chip bed: Most dryers operate at around 1 cfm of airflow per 1lb/hr of PET chip as a minimum requirement, with the airflow at the correct temperature and dew point.

Chip residence time (drying time): DAK recommends a chip residence time for Laser+® PET of not less than four hours and preferably six hours. This is the theoretical drying time, which is calculated by dividing dryer capacity in lbs. by throughput in lb./hr. Extended periods of high temperature can adversely affect the polymer processing conditions. In the event of a stoppage for an extended period, dry polymer can be stored in the dryer-hopper by reducing the air temperature to 240° F (or even lower).



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