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Polyethylene **Visico™ LE4423 /** **Ambicat™ LE4472**

Description

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 is a silane crosslinkable black compound system designed for insulation of low voltage energy cables and covering/insulation of overhead cables. Visico LE4423 is a low density polyethylene, copolymerised with vinyl silane. Ambicat LE4472 is an ambient crosslinking catalyst masterbatch specially designed to be used with Visico base resins. The system is highly active and crosslinks quickly at ambient conditions, in sauna or in hot water.

Cable insulation with a proper mixture of Visico LE4423 (93 parts) and Ambicat LE4472 (7 parts) exhibits excellent thermo-oxidative stability. The combination is suitable for both copper and aluminum conductors. The final product contains nominal 2,2% of fine size carbon black ensuring excellent weatherability.

Applications

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 is designed for:

Covering/insulation of overhead cables.

Insulation of low voltage energy cables, range up to 6 kV

Specifications

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 in combination meets the applicable requirements as below when processed using sound extrusion and testing procedure:

ANSI/ICEA S-70-547

ASTM D 1248 Type II, Class C, Category 4

HD 603 S1

HD 626 S1 (TIX-2, TIX-4, TIX-6, TIX-9)

IEC 60502-1

NEMA WC 70/ ICEA S-100-685

NEMA WC 71/ ICEA S-96-659

UL854, USE, USE-2

The standards referred to above is a selection and is not complete coverage of all applicable standards. Contact your Borealis representative for additional information.

Special Features

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 insulation system offers:

Excellent processing properties

Low scorch allowing long runs and more frequent tooling changes

Environmentally friendly (free from heavy metals)

Less smell, more consistent quality (no volatiles)

Outstanding curing speed

No drying prior to extrusion

Excellent surface finish

Excellent storage stability

The addition of metal soaps and basic (high pH) components, like some fillers, stearates and UV-stabilisers, will deactivate the catalyst and is not suitable together with Ambicat. Please contact your Borealis representatives for additional information.

Physical Properties

Property	Typical Value	Test Method
Data should not be used for specification work		
Density (mixture 93:7)	933 kg/m ³	ISO 1183-1, Method A
Melt Flow Rate (190 °C/2,16 kg)	1,0 g/10min	ISO 1133
Tensile Strain at Break (250 mm/min)	> 300 %	IEC 60811-501

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Tensile Strength (250 mm/min)	> 15 MPa	IEC 60811-501
Change of Tensile Properties After Ageing (240 h, 135 °C) ¹	<= 25 %	IEC 60811-401
Brittleness temperature	< -76 °C	ASTM D 746
Environmental Stress Crack Resistance (50 °C, Igepal 10 %, F20)	> 96 h	IEC 60811-406
Hardness, Shore D (1 s)	52	ISO 868
Hot Set Test (200 °C, 0,20 MPa)	Elongation under load 60 % Permanent deformation 0 %	IEC 60811-507

¹ These values are based on sufficient crosslinked/cured Visico. If Visico is not sufficiently crosslinked the material will continue to crosslink during the ageing procedure and a larger change between values before and after ageing may occur.

Electrical Properties

Property	Typical Value	Test Method
Data should not be used for specification work		
Dielectric constant (50 Hz)	< 2,5	IEC 60250
DC Volume Resistivity	> 10 PQcm	IEC 60093
Dielectric Strength	> 20 kV/mm	IEC 60243

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Processing Techniques

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 are suitable for most equipment designed for PVC/PE extrusion.

Extrusion

Typically the following process conditions are used:

Barrel 1	150 °C
Barrel 2	170 °C
Barrel 3	170 °C
Barrel 4	170 °C
Die head	170 °C

The temperature of the melted polymer during extrusion should preferably not exceed 200 °C. Having the above set temperature profile, a stable extrusion process and a cable having smooth glossy appearance should be achieved. On-size pressure or draw down tube-on tooling is preferred. The use of a gradient cooling bath will improve the cable insulation physical properties further.

Conductor preheating up to 100°C is recommended when producing cables with a conductor up to 16 mm² for good mechanical properties.

Crosslinking

These products can be crosslinked in room temperature, by immersion in hot water or exposed to low pressure steam at a temperature up to 90°C. This time period may be varied due to the humidity, thickness of insulation, reel size and temperature. Example: Time to reach Hot Set elongation value of 100°C at different insulation thickness.

Thickness	Time	
0,7 mm	2,5 Days	23°C, 50 % humidity, in air.
1,8 mm	7 Days	23°C, 50 % humidity, in air.
0,7 mm	< 15 min	90°C, Sauna or water bath.
1,8 mm	1 h	90°C, Sauna or water bath.

Packaging

Visico LE4423 - Base material is protected from moisture ingress

Package: Bulk
Octabins
Smallbins

Ambicat LE4472 - Catalyst master batch is protected from moisture ingress

Package: Bags

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Storage

Visico LE4423 / Ambicat LE4472 has excellent storage stability. Visico LE4423 can be stored for 18 months and Ambicat LE4472 for 15 months after production, at 10-30 °C (50-85 °F) in unopened original packages, without significant deterioration in the quality of the material. Visico LE4423 and Ambicat LE4472 should be stored in dry conditions and protected from direct sunlight. Improper storage can initiate degradation, which results in odour generation and colour changes and can have negative effects on the physical properties of this product. Ambicat LE4472 is sensitive to moisture and is therefore delivered with low moisture content, ready to be used. Pre-drying is not recommended, as it will destroy the drying agent that has been added to prevent the material to take up moisture. The bags must be properly resealed between uses, as even short periods of storage in humid conditions may cause scorch during extrusion.

Safety

Please see our "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet" for details on various aspects of safety, recovery and disposal of the products. For more information, contact your Borealis representative.