



Polyethylene

VisicoTM LE4427 / AmbicatTM LE4476

Black compound for silane crosslinkable cables

Description

Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 is a silane crosslinkable black compound designed for weather resistant covering/insulation of overhead and façade cables.

The black base material Visico LE4427 in combination with the catalyst masterbatch Ambicat LE4476 will accelerate the moisture-induced crosslinking reaction. The system is highly active and crosslinks quickly at ambient conditions, in sauna or in hot water.

When properly mixed, addition of 5 parts of Ambicat LE4476 to 95 parts of Visico LE4427, insulation with excellent thermo-oxidative stability, also in contact with copper as well as aluminium, is achieved.

Applications

Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 is designed for:

Weather resistant covering/insulation of overhead and façade cables.

Additives

Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 contains antioxidant, metal deactivator and a drying agent. Visico LE4427 contains a permanent scorch retardant additive, ensuring safe processing and enabling the use of a highly active crosslinking catalyst.

Specifications

Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 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-1, TIX-3, TIX-5, TIX8)

NF C33-209 part 6-2 (Except messenger wire)

NEMA WC 70

NEMA WC 71

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 LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 consists of specially selected components to offer:

Excellent storage stability
Excellent processing properties
No volatiles
Low scorch

Environmentally friendly (free from heavy metals)
Outstanding curing rates
No or little die drool
No drying prior to extrusion

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Excellent surface finish

The black base material Visico LE4427 in combination with the catalyst masterbatch Ambicat LE4476 is a ready-made two-component system which crosslinks quickly at ambient conditions, in sauna or in hot water. The base material Visico LE4427 is a black filled low density polyethylene, copolymerised with vinyl silane and designed for overhead cable covering/insulation. Visico LE4427 contains a well dispersed carbon black to provide the necessary protection for outdoor weatherability according to the French specification NF C 33 209 part 6-2, Cable de Façade. The catalyst masterbatch, Ambicat LE4476, contains a novel, patented, environmentally friendly crosslinking catalyst and is completely free from heavy metals.

Physical Properties

Property	Typical Value	Test Method
Data should not be used for specification work		
Density (mixture 95:5)	935 kg/m ³	ISO 1872-2/ISO 1183-2
Melt Flow Rate (190 °C/2,16 kg)	1 g/10min	ISO 1133
Tensile Strain at Break (250 mm/min)	> 300 %	ISO 527
Tensile Strength (250 mm/min)	> 15 MPa	ISO 527
Change of Tensile Properties After Ageing (240 h, 150 °C)	<= 25 %	IEC 60811-1-2
Change of Tensile Properties After UV Ageing (After 6 weeks) ¹	<= 30 %	
Change of Tensile Properties After UV Ageing (Between 3 and 6 weeks) ¹	<= 15 %	
Carbon black content	2,5 %	ISO 6964
Brittleness temperature	< -76 °C	ASTM D 746
Environmental Stress Crack Resistance (50 °C) (Igepal 10 %), (F20)	> 96 h	IEC 60811-4-1/B
Hot Set Test (200 °C, 0,30 MPa)	Elongation under load Permanent deformation	30 % 0 %
		IEC 60811-2-1

¹ These values are based on sufficient crosslinked/cured Visico. If Visico is sufficient 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)	< 2,9	IEC 60250
DC Volume Resistivity	> 1 POhm.cm	IEC 60093
Dissipation Factor (50 Hz)	< 0,001	IEC 60250

Processing Techniques

Most equipment designed for PVC/PE extrusion is suitable.

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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

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.

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: Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 . Time to reach Hot Set elongation value of 100% at different insulation thickness.

Thickness	Time	
0,7 mm	2 Days	In air 23°C, 50 % humidity.
1,8 mm	7 Days	In air 23°C, 50 % humidity.
0,7 mm	< 25 min	90°C, Sauna or water bath.
1,8 mm	1 h	90°C, Sauna or water bath.

Packaging

Visico LE4427 - Base material

Package: Octabins

Ambicat LE4476 - Catalyst master batch

Package: Bags

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Storage

Visico LE4427 / Ambicat LE4476 is advised to be stored as follows: Visico LE4427 can be stored for 18 months and Ambicat LE4476 for 15 months after production, at 10-30 °C in unopened original packages, without significant deterioration in the quality of the material. Visico LE4427 should be stored in dry conditions at temperatures below 50 °C and protected from UV-light.

Ambicat LE4476 is sensible 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.

Addition of metal soaps and basic (high pH-) components, like some filler, stearates and UV-stabilisers, will deactivate the catalyst and is not suitable together with the Ambicat catalyst masterbatch. To prevent deactivation of the catalyst during colouring, special designed colour masterbatches are needed.

More information on storage is found in our "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet" for this product.

Safety

These products are not classified as dangerous and are intended for industrial use only. Check and follow local codes and regulations!

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.