

**APPEEL™ 72D727****Peelable Resin****General Information**

Product Description APPEEL™ 72D727 is a blown or cast film resin designed to be a sealing layer to film or sheet lidding applications. It provides a peelable seal to a number of materials including HDPE, LLDPE, LDPE, EVA, and Ionomer.

APPEEL™ 72D727 is a modified ionomer polymer available in pellet form for use in conventional extrusion and coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

Status

Material Status Commercial: Active

Typical Characteristics

Uses Lidding Sealant

Typical Properties

Physical	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Density ()	0.94 g/cm ³	ASTM D792	ISO 1183
*Melt Flow Index (190°C/2.16kg)	3.5 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	ISO 1133
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Melting Point (DSC)	94 °C (201.2 °F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146
Vicat Softening Point ()	68 °C (154.4 °F)	ASTM D1525	ISO 306

Heat Seal Evaluation The performance of any sealant resin should be evaluated within the context of the application. The sealant is designed to bond to particular substrate(s). Many variables can affect seal strength, including the physical properties of the substrate being sealed to, thickness, flange or surface design, heat seal temperature, dwell time and pressure. The condition and type of the sealing equipment used, such as roller sealers versus platen seal mechanisms can make a significant difference.

In most cases sealant peel strength is used as a measure of performance. Although this is a convenient test, peel strength is affected not only by substrate adhesion but also by peel angle, separation rate, ambient temperature, tensile and modulus properties of the materials, and often by the time elapsed since the formation of the bond.

If sealant peel strength is used as a measure of sealant performance, it is imperative that peel strength be evaluated not only at the time of initial heat sealing the lid to the substrate, but throughout the life of the product and under all the conditions to which the sealant will be exposed. Only then does peel strength provide a reliable indication of adhesive performance in the specific application.

Processing Information

*Maximum Processing Temperature 235 °C (455 °F)

General Processing Information If the process is stopped for short periods of time, the screw for the APPEEL™ extruder should be kept turning at a low rpm to keep material flowing.

After processing APPEEL™, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the APPEEL™ 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 APPEEL™ in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the APPEEL™ with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

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 containing 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.

Blown Film

Processing Information

Nominal Values

Blown Film: In blown film coextrusion processes the temperature of the APPEEL™ 72D727 should be maintained in the 160 - 185° C range. .

Following is an example of a suggested temperature profile for blown film processing. Adjustments would then be made to suit the individual process and applications needs.

Feed Zone	140 °C (284 °F)
Second Zone	150 °C (302 °F)
Third Zone	160 °C (320 °F)
Fourth Zone	180 °C (356 °F)
Fifth Zone	180 °C (356 °F)
Adapter Zone	180 °C (356 °F)
Die Zone	170 °C (338 °F)

FDA Status Information

APPEEL™ 72D727 resin complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1330, 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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