



APPEEL™ 20D855

Peelable Resin

General Information

Product Description APPEEL™ 20D855 is a modified ethylene acrylate resin designed to function as a sealing layer for lidding applications. It is most often suggested to provide peelable seals over a broad temperature range to a number of container materials including PET, PVC, PS and PP.

APPEEL™ 20D855 is 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
Characteristics / Benefits Contains amide slip agent
Applications General purpose sealant for PP, PS, PET & PVC cups and trays.

Note: films made with APPEEL™ 20D855 are translucent in appearance.

Typical Properties

Physical	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Density ()	1.00 g/cm ³	ASTM D792	ISO 1183
*Melt Flow Index (190°C/2.16kg)	8.0 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	ISO 1133
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Melting Point (DSC)	92 °C (197.6 °F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146
Vicat Softening Point ()	54 °C (129.2 °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 295 °C (563 °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.

**Blown Film
Processing Information**

Nominal Values

Blown Film: In blown film coextrusion processes the temperature of the APPEEL™ 20D855 should be maintained in the 160 - 185° C range. It is also important that the APPEEL™ 20D855 be supported with materials having sufficient melt strength.

Additive package: For blown film processing, it is suggested to add 3% to 5% of ELVAX™ CE9619-1, a special slip and antiblock masterbatch. This masterbatch addition facilitates better web handling and roll formation.

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)

**Extrusion Coating/Lamination
Processing Information**

Nominal Values

Extrusion Coating: The melt temperature of APPEEL™ 20D855 should be maintained in the 235 - 285°C range in extrusion coating processes. Selection of a specific melt temperature will depend on screw configuration, potential power limitations, and the need to match melt viscosities. However, melt temperatures above 300C (572F) should be avoided because of possible thermal degradation of the resin.

Use of a CoF modifier may be necessary depending upon the end-use application. Dow has several additive packages for use with APPEEL™. For an extrusion coating application with this grade, please contact your Dow representative for information on the CONPOL™ series of slip and antiblock masterbatches which are compatible with APPEEL™.

Examples include, CONPOL™ 20S1, 20S2, 13B, AC-S and AC-B.

Following is an example for suggested temperature profile on the high side of the processing range. Lower temperatures in the final metering zone, adapter and die are suggested if compatible with the process and application.

Feed Zone	160 °C (320 °F)
Second Zone	210 °C (410 °F)
Third Zone	260 °C (500 °F)
Fourth Zone	285 °C (545 °F)
Fifth Zone	285 °C (545 °F)
Adapter Zone	285 °C (545 °F)
Die Zone	285 °C (545 °F)

