



# Dow ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK

## Strippable Semiconductive Insulation Shielding Compound

### Overview

DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK is a specially formulated semiconductive, vulcanizable compound designed for use in conventional extrusion practices as a strippable insulation shield for medium voltage power cable. HFDA-0693 BK was designed to have excellent processability, while having improved resistance to blocking during storage. HFDA-0693 BK is recommended for use over Dow crosslinked polyethylene compounds. This product provides a moderate strip force over a wide temperature range when used in conjunction with these insulation materials.

### Specifications

DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK is designed for use in power distribution cables. Cables with conductor and insulation shielding of DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK, prepared using sound commercial fabrication practice, would be expected to meet the following specifications:

- ANSI/ICEA: S-94-649, S-97-682, S-93-639 / NEMA WC74
- AEIC: CS 8
- IEC 60502

Physical	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Density	1.16 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.16 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D1505
Mechanical	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Tensile Strength (Break)	1700 psi	11.7 MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile Elongation (Break)	320 %	320 %	ASTM D638
Thermal	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Brittleness Temperature	< -40.0 °F	< -40.0 °C	ASTM D746
Aging	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Retention of Tensile Elongation - 1 week 277°F (136°C)	230 %	230 %	ASTM D638
Retention of Tensile Strength - 1 week 277°F (136°C)	95 %	95 %	ASTM D638
Electrical	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Volume Resistivity 73°F (23°C) <sup>1</sup>	25 ohms·cm	25 ohms·cm	ASTM D991
73°F (23°C) <sup>2</sup>	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	
194°F (90°C) <sup>1</sup>	50 ohms·cm	50 ohms·cm	
194°F (90°C) <sup>2</sup>	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	
230°F (110°C) <sup>1</sup>	50 ohms·cm	50 ohms·cm	
230°F (110°C) <sup>2</sup>	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	1.0E+2 to 4.0E+2 ohms·cm	
Additional Information	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Cable Adhesion Force - Dry Cure <sup>3</sup> (73°F (23°C))	20 to 32 lbf/in	3.5 to 5.6 kN/m	Dow Method

Nominal property values above represent tests on molded stress-relieved slabs. Cure times were 15 minutes at 175°C.

### Storage

- The environment or conditions of storage greatly influences the recommended storage time. Storage should be in accordance with good manufacturing practices. If proper warehousing and storage temperatures [dry conditions, between 50°F and 75°F (10°C and 23°C) in temperature] are utilized, this product may be stored by the customer for up to one year. It is recommended that the practice of using the product on a first-in / first-out basis be established. Storage under extreme conditions may affect the quality, processing, or performance of the product. Storage at elevated temperatures should be avoided to prevent blocking. Pellets are readily friable should blocking be experienced.

Extrusion	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)
Melt Temperature	239 to 257 °F	115 to 125 °C



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**Extrusion Notes**

DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK provides excellent surface finish and outstanding output rates over a broad range of conditions. For optimum results, use melt extrusion temperatures in the suggested range of 235 to 255°F (115 to 125°C) to avoid pre-cure or scorch. Extruder barrel settings of 110°C (230°F) are suggested as a starting point while learning to process DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK. Specific machine settings will depend on the extruder design and must be established through conventional practices. The curing temperature should be carefully controlled, and the maximum surface temperature in the CV tube should not exceed 527°F (275°C) for optimum results.

DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK can be handled in the same fashion as other vulcanizable polyolefin semiconductive materials. It is available in regular or UNICLEAN™ boxes and can be air-conveyed at transport temperatures of 75°F (24°C) or below. Do not use a heated dryer with HFDA-0693 BK as pellets may fuse. During shutdowns exceeding one hour, DOW ENDURANCE™ HFDA-0693 BK pellets should be removed from potentially warm hopper bins to avoid fusing. Extruder feed-throat cooling is recommended to improve feed efficiency.

**Notes**

These are typical properties only and are not to be construed as specifications. Users should confirm results by their own tests.

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<sup>1</sup> on plaques

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<sup>2</sup> on cables

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<sup>3</sup> Cable adhesion values are typical for dry cure at room temperature. Values will vary with cable size, insulation type, type of cure, temperature, speed of test, etc.

