

LAPEX A G/30

Compound based on Polyethersulphone (PESU). Glass fibers. Intrinsically flame retardant. PFAS-free product.

Versions of product mentioned herein are suitable for applications in contact with foodstuffs or for toy manufacturing. Nevertheless, manufactured parts have to be verified according to the specific directives.

The products mentioned herein are not suitable for applications in the pharmaceutical, medical or dental sector.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

	STANDARD	VALUE MEASURE UNITS
Density	ISO 1183	1.58 g/cm ³
Linear shrinkage at moulding		
Longitudinal (0.078in/8,700psi)	ISO 294-4	0.30 ÷ 0.40 %
Transversal (0.078in/8,700psi)	ISO 294-4	0.60 ÷ 0.80 %
Dimensional stability	---	74
Moisture absorption		
saturation, in air	ISO 62-4	0.60 %
at saturation, in water	ISO 62-4	1.60 %
Melt Flow Index (MFI) - 715°F/4.76lbs	ASTM D 1238	13.00 g/10'

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

CHARPY impact strength

Unnotched, at 23°F	ISO 179-1eU	25.0 ft.lb/in ²
Notched, at +23°F	ISO 179-1eA	4.5 ft.lb/in ²

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Tensile elongation

At break (0.196 in/min), 23°F	ISO 527	2.4 %
At break (0.196 in/min), 60°F	ISO 527	2.2 %
At break (0.196 in/min), 90°F	ISO 527	2.1 %
At break (0.196 in/min), 120°F	ISO 527	2.0 %
At break (0.196 in/min), 150°F	ISO 527	2.3 %

Tensile strength

At break (0.196 in/min), 23°F	ISO 527	23250 psi
At break (0.196 in/min), 60°F	ISO 527	20250 psi
At break (0.196 in/min), 90°F	ISO 527	18000 psi
At break (0.196 in/min), 120°F	ISO 527	16500 psi
At break (0.196 in/min), 150°F	ISO 527	14250 psi

Elastic modulus

Tensile (0.04 in/min), 23°F	ISO 527	1350 kpsi
Tensile (0.04 in/min), 60°F	ISO 527	1215 kpsi
Tensile (0.04 in/min), 90°F	ISO 527	1170 kpsi
Tensile (0.04 in/min), 120°F	ISO 527	1155 kpsi
Tensile (0.04 in/min), 150°F	ISO 527	1080 kpsi

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Thermal Properties	Standard	Value Measure Units
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion (CLTE)		
30°F to 100°F (longitudinal)	ISO 11359	15 × 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
30°F to 100°F (transversal)	ISO 11359	50 × 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
VICAT - Softening point		
11 lb (heating rate 250°F/h)	ISO 306	428 °F
HDT - Heat Deflection Temperature		
66 psi	ISO 75	428 °F
264 psi	ISO 75	419 °F
Thermal conductivity		
in plane	ASTM E 1461-92	1.3 W/(m·K)
through plane	ASTM E 1461-92	1.5 W/(m·K)
Flammability	Standard	Value Measure Units
Oxygen Index	ASTM D 2863	40 %
Flammability rating		
0.125 in. thickness	UL 94	V-0
0.060 in. thickness	UL 94	V-0
Electrical Properties	Standard	Value Measure Units
CTI - Comparative Tracking Index		
solution A (without surfactant)	IEC 60112	125 V
Electrical resistivity		
surface, dry	ASTM D 257 / ASTM D4496	1E12 ohm
Dielectric strength (short period)		
0.078 in. thickness, 73°F, dry	ASTM D 149	686 kV/mm

STORAGE

Best storage conditions of sealed, undamaged packages are warm environmental temperature in dry storage facilities able to protect from weather and accidental damage.

HANDLING AND SAFETY

Detailed information about a safe treatment of the material are indicated in the "Material Safety Data Sheet" (MSDS) furnished with the first material supply. The MSDS may be also sent again in case of loss.

PREDRYING CONDITIONS (Hot-air dryer)

Predrying needed. Predrying conditions are: at least 3 hours at $265 \div 340^{\circ}\text{F}$. Increase time in case of damp material. Maximum suggested moisture content: 0.05%. Use of desiccant dryers or vacuum ovens allows a reduction in drying time.

BARREL TEMPERATURE PROFILE

Suggested barrel temperature profile (zone 1 - zone 2 - zone 3 - nozzle): 615-660-690-690°F.

RESIDENCE TIME

Maximum allowable residence time: 10 minutes. Do not exceed this limit. Maximum number of complete shots (in the barrel) suggested: 2.

MELT TEMPERATURE

Suggested range of melt temperature: $660 \div 715^{\circ}\text{F}$. On small machines, running short cycles, it is possible to use higher melt temperatures to improve plastification, fluidity and surface appearance, paying attention to any indication of material degradation.

MOLD TEMPERATURE

Suggested range of mold temperature: $285 \div 355^{\circ}\text{F}$. This can be significantly different from the tool settings, due to the cooling system efficiency and the accuracy of the temperature control on the tool. If molding temperature is lower than suggested, part annealing may be necessary.

INJECTION SPEED

Advisable injection speed: medium to high. Best results are achieved by using an injection profile.

TANGENTIAL SCREW VELOCITY (V)

Maximum suggested tangential velocity (V): $0.35 \div 0.65$ fps. The maximum rotational speed may be calculated by means of the following equation: $\text{rpm} = S/d \cdot 229$, where d is the screw diameter (in).

INJECTION PRESSURE

Maximum advisable injection pressure at nozzle: $100 \div 200$ MPa. Please, check on manual of injection molding machine the ratio between specific pressure (at nozzle) and hydraulic pressure (of oil).

PACKING PRESSURE

Typical suggested packing pressure (at nozzle): $50 \div 90\%$ of injection pressure.

CUSHION

Minimum suggested cushion: $0.10 \div 0.25$ in.

BACK PRESSURE

Suggested backpressure: $45 \div 70$ psi (hydraulic pressure).

REGRIND USAGE

Maximum suggested regrind percentage: 15%. In-loop regrind is suggested. Regrind must be dried.

HOT RUNNER MOLDS

Hot runner molds can be used when a very tight temperature control is assured.

VALVE GATES / SMALL GATES

Use of valve gates or small injection gates has to be evaluated due to risk of clogging.

EQUIPMENT WEAR AND CORROSION

Usually, critical processing conditions (high injection rate, high back pressure and high screw rotating speed, etc.) and/or disadvantageous geometric conditions (low wall thickness, low diameters, sharp fillet radius, etc.) generate wear on equipment. Wear increases in case of filled materials (particularly fibers filled ones). Appropriate surface treatments of equipment are suggested in these cases, as well as a proper venting to avoid material overheating. Steel types containing a high chrome percentage (Cr > 13%) or a specific surface treatment (e.g. Chrome or Nickel electroplating) are suggested. It is advisable to use a high wear-resistant steel to make the mold.

Check the proper "Molding guide" for further details.

APPROVALS

Please, check our site or contact LATI for details.

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