

LATER 4 G/20

Compound based on Polybutylene Terephthalate (PBT). Glass fibres. PFAS-free product.

The products mentioned herein are not suitable for applications in contact with foodstuffs or for potable water transportation, or for toy manufacturing.

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	1.45 g/cm ³
Linear shrinkage at moulding		
Longitudinal (2.0mm/60MPa)	ISO 294-4	0.50 ÷ 0.75 %
Transversal (2.0mm/60MPa)	ISO 294-4	1.20 ÷ 1.50 %
Dimensional stability	---	40
Moisture absorption		
saturation, in air	ISO 62-4	0.18 %
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	STANDARD	VALUE MEASURE UNITS
CHARPY impact strength		
Unnotched, at 23°C	ISO 179-1eU	40.0 kJ/m ²
Unnotched, at -20°C	ISO 179-1eU	35.0 kJ/m ²
Notched, at 23°C	ISO 179-1eA	8.0 kJ/m ²
Notched, at -20°C	ISO 179-1eA	6.0 kJ/m ²
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	STANDARD	VALUE MEASURE UNITS
Tensile elongation		
At break (5 mm/min), 23°C	ISO 527	3.2 %
Tensile strength		
At break (5 mm/min), 23°C	ISO 527	110 MPa
Elastic modulus		
Tensile (1 mm/min), 23°C	ISO 527	6300 MPa
THERMAL PROPERTIES	STANDARD	VALUE MEASURE UNITS
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion (CLTE)		
30°C to 100°C (longitudinal)	ISO 11359	35 × 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
30°C to 100°C (transversal)	ISO 11359	80 × 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
VICAT - Softening point		
50 N (heating rate 120°C/h)	ISO 306	220 °C
HDT - Heat Deflection Temperature		
0.45 MPa	ISO 75	210 °C
1.81 MPa	ISO 75	205 °C
Thermal conductivity		
in plane	ASTM E 1461-92	0.2 W/(m·K)
through plane	ASTM E 1461-92	0.2 W/(m·K)
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES	STANDARD	VALUE MEASURE UNITS
Electrical resistivity		
surface, dry	ASTM D 257 / D 4496	1E12 ohm
Dielectric strength (short period)		
2 mm thickness, 23°C, dry	ASTM D 149	20 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 4 hours at $90 \div 120^{\circ}\text{C}$. Increase time in case of wet material. Maximum suggested moisture content: 0.05%. Use of desiccant dryers or vacuum ovens allows a reduction in drying time. Vacuum ovens, desiccant dryers or forced ventilation ovens are suggested. Wet material appears darker.

BARREL TEMPERATURE PROFILE

Suggested barrel temperature profile (zone 1 - zone 2 - zone 3 - nozzle): 245-250-255-250°C.

RESIDENCE TIME

Maximum allowable residence time: $7 \div 9$ minutes. Do not exceed this limit. Maximum number of complete shots (in the barrel) suggested: $2 \div 6$

MELT TEMPERATURE

Suggested range of melt temperature: $240 \div 250^{\circ}\text{C}$. 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. PAY ATTENTION! Do not exceed the suggested maximum temperature.

MOULD TEMPERATURE

Suggested range of mould temperature: $60 \div 100^{\circ}\text{C}$. 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 moulding temperature is lower than suggested, part annealing may be necessary. High mould temperature is suggested. Low mould temperature is suggested.

INJECTION SPEED

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

TANGENTIAL SCREW VELOCITY (V)

Maximum suggested tangential velocity (V): $0.1 \div 0.2$ m/s. The maximum rotational speed (in rpm) may be calculated by means of the following equation: $\text{rpm} = V/d \cdot 19100$, where d is the screw diameter (mm).

INJECTION PRESSURE

Maximum advisable injection pressure at nozzle: $70 \div 130$ MPa. Please, check on manual of injection moulding machine the ratio between specific pressure (at nozzle) and hydraulic pressure (of oil).

PACKING PRESSURE

Typical suggested packing pressure (at nozzle): $60 \div 85\%$ of injection pressure.

CUSHION

Minimum suggested cushion: $3 \div 6$ mm.

BACK PRESSURE

Suggested backpressure: $3 \div 10$ bar (hydraulic pressure).

REGRIND USAGE

Maximum suggested regrind percentage: 15%. In-loop regrind is suggested. Regrind must be dried. Unless otherwise specified in yellow card, UL guidelines allow up to 25% regrind to be used without affecting the rating. Otherwise, it is recommended that Customer downloads the yellow card and attaches it to this documentation. In any case, LATI advises not to use more than 15%.

VALVE GATES / SMALL GATES

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

MATERIAL HANDLING

Pneumatic conveyor systems should be avoided to prevent the separation of the steel bundles from the base resin. Avoid use of pneumatic conveyor systems or forced air dryers to prevent separation between resin and additives.

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 fibres 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 wear-resistant steel to make the mould.

APPROVALS

Please, check our site or contact LATI for details.

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