

Product Information

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Ultramid® B3EG3

PA6-GF15

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Product description

Glass fibre reinforced injection moulding grade for housings with enhanced impact resistance (eg automotive mirror housings). Also used for the wheels of mountain bikes.

Physical form and storage

Ultramid® is supplied dry and ready to use in moisture-proof packaging in the form of cylindrical or flat pellets. Its bulk density is about 0,7g/cm³. Standard packs are the special 25kg bag and the 1000kg bulk container (octagonal IBC= intermediate bulk container made from corrugated board with a liner bag). Subject to agreement other forms of packaging and shipment in tankers by road or rail are also possible. All containers are tightly sealed and should be opened only immediately prior to processing. To ensure that the perfectly dry material delivered cannot absorb moisture from the air the containers must be stored in dry rooms and always carefully sealed again after portions of material have been withdrawn. Ultramid® can be kept indefinitely in the undamaged bags. Experience has shown that product supplied in IBCs can be stored for about 3 months without any adverse effects on processing properties due to moisture absorption. Containers stored in cold rooms should be allowed to equilibrate to normal temperature so that no condensation forms on the pellets.

Product safety

Ultramid® melts are thermally stable at the usual temperature for A, B and C up to 310°C and 350°C for T and do not give rise to hazards due to molecular degradation or the evolution of gases and vapors. Like all thermoplastic polymers Ultramid® decomposes on exposure to excessive thermal load, e.g. when it is overheated or as a result of cleaning by burning off. In such cases gaseous decomposition products are formed. Decomposition accelerates above 310°C (T >350°C) approximately, the initial products formed being mainly carbon monoxide and ammonia, and caprolactam too in the case of Ultramid® B. At temperatures above about 350°C (T >400°C) small quantities of pungent smelling vapors of aldehydes, amines and other nitrogenous decomposition products are also formed. Further safety information see safety data sheet of the individual product.

Note

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Typical values at 23°C ¹⁾	Test method ²⁾	Unit	Values ³⁾
Properties			
Polymer abbreviation	-	-	PA6-GF15
Density	ISO 1183	kg/m ³	1230
Viscosity number (0.5% in 96 % H ₂ SO ₄)	ISO 307, 1157, 1628	cm ³ /g	140
Water absorption, saturation in water at 23°C	similar to ISO 62	%	7.7 - 8.3
Moisture absorption, equilibrium 23°C/50% r.h.	similar to ISO 62	%	2.3 - 2.9
Processing			
Melting point	ISO 11357-1/-3	°C	220
Melt volume-flow rate MVR	ISO 1133	cm ³ /10min	75
Temperature	ISO 1133	°C	275
Load	ISO 1133	kg	5
Melt temperature, injection moulding/extrusion	-	°C	270 - 290
Mould temperature, injection moulding	-	°C	80 - 90
Moulding shrinkage, constrained ⁴⁾	-	%	0.45
Flammability			
UL 94 rating at 1,6 mm thickness	UL 94	class	HB
Automotive materials (Thickness >= 1mm)	-	-	+
Mechanical properties			
			dry / cond.
Tensile modulus	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	5800 / 3500
Stress at break	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	130 / 70
Strain at break	ISO 527-1/-2	%	3.5 / 15
Tensile creep modulus, 1000 h, strain <= 0.5%, 23°C	ISO 899-1	MPa	* / 2100
Flexural modulus	ISO 178	MPa	5200 / 2500
Flexural strength	ISO 178	MPa	180 / 100
Charpy unnotched impact strength (23°C)	ISO 179/1eU	kJ/m ²	50 / 105
Charpy unnotched impact strength (-30°C)	ISO 179/1eU	kJ/m ²	45 / -
Charpy notched impact strength (23°C)	ISO 179/1eA	kJ/m ²	8 / 20
Charpy notched impact strength (-30°C)	ISO 179/1eA	kJ/m ²	7 / -
Izod notched impact strength 1A (23°C)	ISO 180/1A	kJ/m ²	6 / -
Thermal properties			
HDT A (1.80 MPa)	ISO 75-1/-2	°C	190
HDT B (0.45 MPa)	ISO 75-1/-2	°C	215
Max. service temperature (short cycle operation)	-	°C	200
Temperature index at 50% loss of tensile strength after 5000 h	IEC 216	°C	165
Temperature index at 50% loss of tensile strength after 20000 h	IEC 216	°C	135
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, longitudinal (23-80)°C	ISO 11359-1/-2	E-4/°C	0.3 - 0.35
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, transverse (23-80)°C	ISO 11359-1/-2	E-4/°C	0.7 - 0.8
Thermal conductivity	DIN 52612-1	W/(m K)	0.34
Specific heat capacity	-	J/(kg*K)	1600
Electrical properties			
			dry / cond.
Relative permittivity (1 MHz)	IEC 60250	-	3.8 / 7
Dissipation factor (1 MHz)	IEC 60250	E-4	250 / 2400
Volume resistivity	IEC 60093	Ohm*m	1E13 / 1E10
Surface resistivity	IEC 60093	Ohm	* / 1E10
Comparative tracking index, CTI, test liquid A	IEC 60112	-	550

Footnotes

1) If the product definition doesn't state otherwise.

2) Specimens according to CAMPUS.

3) The asterisk symbol "*" signifies inapplicable properties.

4) Test box with central gating, dimensions of base (107*47*1.5) mm, processing condition: TM = 260°C, TW = 80°C