

DuPont™ Appeel® 11D554

Appeel® resins Product Data Sheet

**Description**

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DuPont™ Appeel® 11D554 is a modified ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer resin designed to function as a sealing layer for lidding applications. It is most often suggested to provide peelable seals to polypropylene, polystyrene and polystyrene foam and is available in pellet form for use in conventional extrusion or coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

**Restrictions**

Material Status

- Developmental: Active

**Typical Characteristics**

Uses

- Lidding Sealant

**Typical Properties**

| Physical                        | Nominal Values         | Test Method(s) |          |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|
| * Density ( )                   | 0.93 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | ASTM D792      | ISO 1183 |
| * Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg) | 9.5 g/10 min           | ASTM D1238     | ISO 1133 |

| Thermal                   | Nominal Values | Test Method(s) |          |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| * Melting Point (DSC)     | 95°C (203°F)   | ASTM D3418     | ISO 3146 |
| Freezing Point (DSC)      | 76°C (169°F)   | ASTM D3418     | ISO 3146 |
| Vicat Softening Point ( ) | 72°C (162°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

### General

- \* Maximum Processing Temperature 235°C (455°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 DuPont 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

#### Nominal Values

Blown Film Processing Information Blown Film: In blown film coextrusion processes the temperature of the Appeel® 11D554 should be maintained in the 160 - 185° C range. It is also important that the Appeel® 11D554 be supported with materials having sufficient melt strength.

Additive package: For blown film processing, it is suggested to add 3% to 5% of DuPont 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

#### Nominal Values

Extrusion Coating / Lamination Processing Extrusion Coating: The melt temperature of Appeel® 11D554 should be maintained in the 210 - 235°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 238C (460F) should be avoided because of possible thermal degradation of the resin.

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  | 185°C (365°F) |
| Third Zone   | 210°C (410°F) |
| Fourth Zone  | 235°C (455°F) |
| Fifth Zone   | 235°C (455°F) |
| Adapter Zone | 235°C (455°F) |
| Die Zone     | 235°C (455°F) |

### FDA Status Information

Appeel® 11D554 resin complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21

CFR 175.105 - - Adhesives. This Regulation describes adhesives that may be used as components of articles intended for use in packaging, transporting, or holding food, subject to the limitations and requirements therein.

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\*\*\* Please carefully evaluate the finished article for compliance with migration limits, especially in cases of packaging of fatty foods.

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#### **Safety & Handling**

For information on appropriate Handling & Storage of this polymeric resin, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet..

A Product Safety Bulletin, Material Safety Data Sheet, and/or more detailed information on extrusion processing and/or compounding of this polymeric resin for specific applications are available from your DuPont Packaging and Industrial Polymers representative.

### **Read and Understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before using this product**

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