DuPont Packaging & Industrial Polymers

DuPont™ Nucrel® 0903HC

Nucrel® resins Product Data Sheet

Description

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DuPont™ Nucrel® 0903HC is an ethylene-methacrylic acid copolymer resin. The resin is available for use in conventional blown and cast film extrusion and coextrusion equipment.

Restrictions

Material Status
• Commercial: Active

Typical Characteristics

Composition
9 % By Weight Methacrylic Acid comonomer content

Typical Properties

Physical
Nominal Values
Test Method(s)
* Density () 0.93 g/cm³ ASTM D792 ISO 1183
* Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg) 2.5 g/10 min ASTM D1238 ISO 1133

Thermal
Nominal Values
Test Method(s)
* Melting Point (DSC) 102°C (216°F) ASTM D3418 ISO 3146
* Freezing Point (DSC) 84°C (183°F) ASTM D3418 ISO 3146
* Vicat Softening Point () 81°C (178°F) ASTM D1525 ISO 306

Processing Information

General
• Maximum Processing Temperature 310°C (590°F)

General Processing Information
Nucrel® 0903HC is normally processed at melt temperatures ranging from 160° - 235°C (320° - 455°F) in blown film equipment. A typical extruder profile is below. Actual processing temperatures will usually be determined by either the specific equipment or substrate or one of the other polymers in a coextrusion. Nucrel® 0903 can also be used in cast extrusions and coextrusions.

Materials of construction used in the processing of this resin should be corrosion resistant. Stainless steels of the types 316, 15-5PH, and 17-4PH are excellent, as is quality chrome or nickel plating, and in particular duplex chrome plating. Type 410 stainless steel is satisfactory, but needs to be tempered at a minimum temperature of 600°C (1112°F) to avoid hydrogen-assisted stress corrosion cracking. Alloy steels such as 4140 are borderline in performance. Carbon steels are not satisfactory. While stainless steels can provide adequate corrosion protection, in some cases severe purging difficulties have been encountered. Nickel plating has been satisfactory, but experiments have shown that chrome surfaces
have the least adhesion to acid based polymers. In recent years, the quality of chrome plating has been deteriorating due to environmental pressures, and the corrosion protection has not always been adequate. Chrome over top of stainless steel seems to provide the best combination for corrosion protection and ease of purging.

If surface properties of the extruded resin require modification (such as, lower C.o.F. for packaging machine processing), refer to the Conpol™ Processing Additive Resins product information guide.

After processing Nucrel®, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the Nucrel® 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 Nucrel® in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the Nucrel® with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

### Blown Film Processing

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### FDA Status Information

NUCREL® 0903HC complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1330(a) - Ionomeric resins, subject to the limitations and requirements therein. This Regulation describes polymers that may be used in contact with food, subject to the finished food-contact article meeting the extractive limitations under the intended conditions of use, as shown in paragraph (c) of the Regulation.

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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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