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Nucrel® 960 is a copolymer of ethylene and methacrylic acid, made with nominally 15 wt% methacrylic acid. It is inherently flexible without the need for plasticizers. The resin can be pigmented, UV-stabilized for exterior applications and painted or plated for special decorative effects.

**Restrictions**

- **Material Status**: Commercial: Active

**Typical Characteristics**

- **Composition**: 15 % By Weight Methacrylic Acid comonomer content

**Typical Properties**

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**Processing Information**

- **Maximum Processing Temperature**: 235°C (455°F)

Nucrel® 960 is readily processed in conventional extrusion equipment. Melt temperature may be varied over the range of 135-235°C (275-455°F).

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.

FDA Status Information
NUCREL® 960 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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