

Quadraflex™ ARE-55D-B20

Thermoplastic Polyurethane Elastomer (Polyether)

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Message:

Quadraflex™ ARE-55D-B20 is high performance aromatic polyether thermoplastic polyurethane. The polymer is loaded with 20% barium sulfate, is naturally white and supplied in small pellets for ease of processing. The material exhibits excellent mechanical properties, oxidative stability, biocompatibility, elasticity, chemical resistance, high resiliency and softening at body temperature. The resin has consistent melt flow properties making it ideal for extrusion.

Quadrathane™, Quadraflex™, Quadraban™ and Quadraplast™ performance polymers are primarily used in life science and medical applications including vascular access devices, surgical supplies, respiratory devices, tracheotomy devices, and other medical applications. Typical end products include tubing, catheter parts, balloons, and various medical device components. These performance polymers are available in a variety of durometers, radiopacifiers, colors, and custom formulations.

General Information	
Filler / Reinforcement	Barium sulfate, 20% filler by weight
Features	Aroma
	High elasticity
	Antioxidation
	Workability, good
	Good liquidity
	Good chemical resistance
	Biocompatibility
	Elastic
Uses	Resistance
	Pipe fittings
	Surgical instruments
	Medical/nursing supplies
Appearance	White
Forms	Particle
Processing Method	Extrusion
	Injection molding

Physical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Specific Gravity	1.26	g/cm³	ASTM D792
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg)	6.0	g/10 min	ASTM D1238
Molding Shrinkage - Flow	0.40 - 0.80	%	ASTM D955
Hardness	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Durometer Hardness (Shore D)	55		ASTM D2240
Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Flexural Modulus	86.2	MPa	ASTM D790

Elastomers	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Stress (10% Strain)	10.5	MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Stress			ASTM D412
100% strain	15.9	MPa	ASTM D412
300% strain	31.7	MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Strength (Break)	44.8	MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Elongation (Break)	350	%	ASTM D412

Thermoset	Nominal Value	Unit
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Post Cure Time (38°C)	6.0 - 10	hr
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Injection	Nominal Value	Unit
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Drying Temperature	54.4	°C
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Drying Time	4.0	hr
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Suggested Max Moisture	< 3.0E-3	%
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Rear Temperature	177	°C
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Front Temperature	191	°C
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Nozzle Temperature	196	°C
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Processing (Melt) Temp	204	°C
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Mold Temperature	4.44 - 32.2	°C
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Injection Rate	Slow	
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Screw Compression Ratio	2.5:1.0 - 3.5:1.0	
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Injection instructions

Injection Speed: 10 g/secCooling/Hold Time: Long, at least 50% of cycle (20 to 60 secs depending on thickness)
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Extrusion	Nominal Value	Unit
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Drying Temperature	54.4	°C
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Drying Time	4.0	hr
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Suggested Max Moisture	< 0.030	%
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Cylinder Zone 1 Temp.	171	°C
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Cylinder Zone 2 Temp.	182	°C
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Cylinder Zone 3 Temp.	188	°C
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Cylinder Zone 4 Temp.	193	°C
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Melt Temperature	193	°C
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Die Temperature	193 - 216	°C
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Back Pressure	6.89 - 12.4	MPa
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Extrusion instructions

Screen Pack: 250 meshScrew Speed: Low shear, 150 to 250 rpmWater Bath: 80 to 110°F
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