

Pexidan® U/T

Crosslinked Polyethylene

Saco Polymers

Message:

Low density moisture curable polyethylene compound for low voltage underground service entrance cables (UL styles USE and USE-2).

Pexidan® U/T is a low density XLPE system curable by moisture and consists of a silane pre-grafted base compound A-3001 and a catalyst masterbatch CAT-008. When mixed and extruded in the proper proportions (95/5), the two components result in a material curable by exposure to 70-90°C hot water or even ambient moisture. In order to prevent pre-scorching the grafted compound and the catalyst masterbatch must be stored separately and mixed only when used. Pexidan® U/T is RoHS-compliant.

General Information			
Features	Low density		
	Crosslinkable		
Uses	Low voltage insulation		
	Wire and cable applications		
RoHS Compliance	RoHS compliance		
Forms	Particle		
Processing Method	Wire & Cable Extrusion		
	Extrusion		

Physical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Specific Gravity	0.918	g/cm ³	ASTM D792
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg)	0.80	g/10 min	ASTM D1238
Degree of Crosslinking	72	%	ASTM D2765
Weatherometer Aging ¹			UL 1581
Elongation after exposure	430	%	UL 1581
Original elongation	440	%	UL 1581
Original tensile strength	18.3	MPa	UL 1581
Tensile strength after exposure	19.8	MPa	UL 1581
Deformation	1.0	%	UL 1581
Dielectric Breakdown			UL 1581
--	35000	V	UL 1581
after glancing impact	33000	V	UL 1581
Insulation Resistance			UL 1581
23°C	560000	Mohms/1000 ft	UL 1581
90°C	21000	Mohms/1000 ft	UL 1581
after 12 weeks : 90°C	50000	Mohms/1000 ft	UL 1581
Crushing Test	635029	g	UL 1581

Hot Elongation - elongation under load (150°C) ²	40	%	Internal method
Head Temperature	185	°C	
Screw cooling	neutral		
Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Strength			UL 1581
Yield	12.4	MPa	UL 1581
Fracture ³	12.8	MPa	UL 1581
Fracture ⁴	12.6	MPa	UL 1581
Fracture	15.2	MPa	UL 1581
Fracture ⁵	13.4	MPa	UL 1581
Tensile Elongation			
Fracture ⁶	330	%	UL 1581
Fracture ⁷	350	%	UL 1581
Fracture	450	%	UL 1581
Electrical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Dielectric Constant			ASTM D150
1 MHz	2.28		ASTM D150
100 MHz	2.28		ASTM D150
Dissipation Factor			ASTM D150
1 MHz	4.4E-4		ASTM D150
100 MHz	4.6E-4		ASTM D150
Additional Information	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
<p>Curing can be done in the following ways:</p> <p>by immersion in hot water at 70-90°C</p> <p>by exposure to low pressure steam</p> <p>ambient atmospheric moisture</p> <p>In all cases curing time depends on wall thickness, temperature, relative humidity and quantity of wire on the reel. Typical values reported above (except MFR and Weather-o-meter) are obtained from 14 AWG samples with 30-mil wall thickness, cured in hot water (6 hours @ 95°C). Weather-o-meter testing was performed on 7 stranded, 6 AWG sample.</p>			
Extrusion	Nominal Value	Unit	
Cylinder Zone 1 Temp.	154 - 171	°C	
Cylinder Zone 2 Temp.	154 - 171	°C	
Cylinder Zone 3 Temp.	154 - 171	°C	
Cylinder Zone 4 Temp.	154 - 171	°C	
Die Temperature	185	°C	
NOTE			
1.	300 hr. exposure		
2.	15 minutes, 0.2 N/mm ² load		
3.	After 60 day oil @ 75°C		
4.	After 30 day gasoline @ 23°C		
5.	After thermal ageing (7days @121°C)		
6.	After 60 day oil @ 75°C		
7.	After 30 day gasoline @ 23°C		

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