

Dryflex® WS 73E150

Thermoplastic Elastomer

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Message:

With our Dryflex® WS range we have turned the usual water-resistant properties of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) on their head to create materials that swell up to ten times their volume when immersed in water. These materials have been developed to expand upon contact with aqueous solutions (pH7 to 12) to form a positive seal and prevent the ingress or exit of water.

Material Science

A range of formulations have been developed to offer swell rates from 300 to 1000% when immersed in water. When there is no longer water present the compound shrinks back to its original size, a process of expansion and contraction that can be repeated an unlimited number of times.

The compounds have solid structural integrity; unlike many of the equivalent clay based products which can erode and shatter over time. Compounded in any colour, the water swellable TPE is 100% recyclable and can be processed using conventional fabricating methods, including extrusion and injection moulding. Antimicrobial versions are available.

Applications

Waterstops, building & construction, water treatment plants, tunnels, drains, sewers, tanks, automotive sealant parts, glazing, headlights and cable protection are just a few of the potential applications for Dryflex® WS materials.

We have developed softer grades which offer excellent drapability. They are an ideal choice for water stop applications where the profiles may be coiled or need to be fitted around complex structures.

| General Information | | | |
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| Features | Good Chemical Resistance | | |
| | Good Weather Resistance | | |
| | Hydrophilic | | |
| | Recyclable Material | | |
| Uses | Automotive Applications | | |
| | Building Materials | | |
| | Construction Applications | | |
| | Glazing | | |
| | Sealants | | |
| | Tanks | | |
| Forms | Pellets | | |
| Processing Method | Extrusion | | |
| Physical | Nominal Value | Unit | Test Method |
| Density | 1.24 | g/cm ³ | ISO 2781 |
| Molding Shrinkage | 1.5 | % | |
| Hardness | Nominal Value | Unit | Test Method |
| Shore Hardness (Shore A) | 73 | | ISO 868 |
| Thermal | Nominal Value | Unit | |
| Service Temperature ¹ | -50 to 75 | °C | |
| Water Swell - 3 weeks (23°C) | 150 | % | |
| NOTE | | | |
| 1. | Unstressed Material | | |

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