# Dow ENDURANCE™ DHDA-7708 BK

### Semiconductive Linear Low Density Polyethylene Compound for Cable Jacketing

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#### Message:

DOW ENDURANCE™ DHDA-7708 BK is a thermoplastic semiconductive compound specifically designed for jacketing over medium, high, and extra-high voltage power cables. It combines the excellent physical properties and low moisture vapor transmission normally associated with Dow insulating jacket materials with the conductivity of thermoplastic semiconductive insulation shielding compounds. In medium voltage cable applications, a semiconductive jacket provides cable endurance and prolongs cable life by reducing neutral-to-ground impulse voltage. The semiconductive jacket enables on-reel cable diagnostic analysis in high and extra-high voltage applications. Compared to conventional thermoplastic semiconductive materials, DOW ENDURANCE™ DHDA-7708 BK offers: Improved environmental stress-crack resistance Improved low-temperature properties Improved thermomechanical properties Reduced adhesion to strippable insulation shields Improved cut-through and abrasion resistance Reduced moisture vapor transmission Details are shown in Figures 1 to 4 Specifications Cables jacketed with DOW ENDURANCE™ DHDA-7708 BK, prepared using sound commercial fabrication practice, would be expected to meet the following specifications: AEIC: CS8, CS9 ICEA: S-94-649 Type 1, S-108-720 Type 1 IEC: 60502, 60840, 62067

Semiconductive Jacketing		
Semiconductive Shield		
Underground cable		
Cable sheath		
Wire and cable applications		
AEIC CS8		
AEIC CS9		
ICEA S-108-720 Type 1		
ICEA S-94-649 Type 1		
IEC 60502		
IEC 60840		
IEC 62067		
Particle		
Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
0.980	g/cm³	ASTM D1505
> 500	hr	ASTM D1693
Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
55		ASTM D2240
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Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method	
Tensile Modulus - Secant	345	MPa	ASTM D638	
Tensile Strength	11.7	MPa	ASTM D638	
Tensile Elongation (Break)	450	%	ASTM D638	
Films	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method	
Water Vapor Transmission Rate (38°C, 90%				
RH)	1.5	g/m²/24 hr	ASTM F1249	
Aging	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method	
Tensile strength retention-1 week (100°C)	75	%	ASTM D638	
Elongation retention rate-1 week (100°C)	75	%	ASTM D638	
Heat Distortion (ICEA) <sup>1</sup> (90°C)	1.0	%	ASTM D2632	
Thermal	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method	
Brittleness Temperature			ASTM D746	
2	-70.0	°C	ASTM D746	
<sup>3</sup>	-50.0	°C	ASTM D746	
Electrical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method	
Volume Resistivity			ASTM D991	
23°C	25	ohms·cm	ASTM D991	
90°C	50	ohms·cm	ASTM D991	
Additional Information				
Nominal property values above represent tests on molded, stress-relieved slabs. Cure times were 15 minutes at 175°C.				

Figure 4: Cut-Through Resistance

Extrusion	Nominal Value	Unit
Drying Temperature	68.0 - 80.0	°C
Drying Time	2.0 - 4.0	hr
Melt Temperature	218 - 246	°C

Extrusion instructions

For optimum extrusion results with DOW ENDURANCE<sup>™</sup> DHDA-7708 BK, use melt extrusion temperatures in the 425 to 475°F (218 to 246°C) range. Optimum radial resistivity results have been obtained by maximizing the air gap (distance from extrusion die to cooling water). Specific processing conditions can be determined only by trial on individual equipment. Pre-extrusion dehumidified hopper drying for 2 to 4 hours in the range of 155 to 175°F (68 to 80°C) to remove moisture is recommended.

NOTE	
1.	plaque
2.	F50
3.	Notched

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