



Product Data Sheet

Spectar Copolyester

Application/Uses

- Displays and Fixtures
- Indoor signage
- POP (Point of Purchase)
- Shelving systems

Key Attributes

- Easy to print and decorate
- Excellent clarity
- Excellent thermoforming characteristics
- Good chemical resistance
- Odorless
- Outstanding impact resistance
- Outstanding toughness allows downgauging
- Resists chipping and cracking
- Versatile - easy to fabricate

Product Description

Spectar copolyester (PETG) extrudes into plastic sheet that is sparkling clear, tough, chemically resistant, odor-free, versatile, easy to work with and affordable. Its toughness allows fabricators to use thinner-gauge sheet than with other common materials, resulting in lower material costs. Yet it can be extruded into sheets as thick as 12 mm (1/2 in.). It extrudes at a low temperature and will not crystallize or develop a crystalline haze. Cleaning solutions will not turn *Spectar* copolyester white. It is easy to fabricate, allowing greater design freedom. It can be laser cut, routed, welded, drilled, die-punched, bent hot or cold, or joined by screws, rivets, or bolts. It can also be cut on conventional table, band, or radial-arm saws with blades commonly used for plastic. *Spectar* copolyester can be vacuum-formed at lower temperatures than other plastics without predrying the sheet. *Spectar* copolyester can be finished easily. Its edges can be polished by using commercial edge-finishing equipment, sanding, solvents, flame-polishing or buffing. It forms clear, strong bonds with commercially available cements and solvents. It accepts screen-printing, painting, and hot-stamping easily. Surface scratches or scuff marks can be removed using a common heat gun.

Sheet made from *Spectar* copolyester (PETG) is available from plastic sheet distributors throughout North America, Canada, Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

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Typical Properties

Property ^a	Test ^b Method	Typical Value, Units ^c
Thickness of Sheet Tested		3 mm

General Properties (ASTM Method)

Density	D 1505	1.27 g/cm ³
Water Absorption, 24 h immersion	D 570	0.2%

Mechanical Properties (ASTM Method)

Tensile Stress @ Yield	D 638	53 MPa (7700 psi)
Tensile Stress @ Break	D 638	26 MPa (3800 psi)
Elongation @ Yield	D 638	4.8%
Elongation @ Break	D 638	50%
Tensile Modulus	D 638	2200 MPa (3.2 x 10 ⁵ psi)
Flexural Modulus	D 790	2100 MPa (3.1 x 10 ⁵ psi)
Flexural Strength	D 790	77 MPa (11200 psi)
Rockwell Hardness, R Scale	D 785	115
Izod Impact Strength, Notched		
@ 23°C (73°F)	D 256	88 J/m (1.7 ft·lbf/in.)
@ 0°C (32°F)	D 256	66 J/m (1.2 ft·lbf/in.)
@ -30°C (-22°F)	D 256	39 J/m (0.7 ft·lbf/in.)
Impact Strength, Unnotched		
@ 23°C (73°F)	D 4812	NB
@ 0°C (32°F)	D 4812	NB
@ -30°C (-22°F)	D 4812	NB
Impact Resistance (Puncture), Energy @ Max. Load		
@ 23°C (73°F)	D 3763	33 J (24 ft·lbf)
@ 0°C (32°F)	D 3763	40 J (30 ft·lbf)
@ -10°C (14°F)	D 3763	42 J (31 ft·lbf)
@ -20°C (-4°F)	D 3763	43 J (32 ft·lbf)
@ -30°C (-22°F)	D 3763	47 J (34 ft·lbf)

Thermal Properties (ASTM Method)

Deflection Temperature		
@ 0.455 MPa (66 psi)	D 648	74°C (164°F)
@ 1.82 MPa (264 psi)	D 648	70°C (157°F)
Vicat Softening Temperature @ 1 kg load	D 1525	83°C (181°F)
Oxygen Index ^d	D 2863	26%
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion ^e	D 696	7 x 10 ⁻⁵ /°C (mm/mm·°C) (4 x 10 ⁻⁵ /°F (in./in.·°F))

Optical Properties (ASTM Method)

Haze	D 1003	<1%
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Regular Transmittance	D 1003	89%
Total Transmittance	D 1003	91%
Gloss @ 60°	D 523	159
Color, b* CIELAB, Illuminant D6500, 10° Observer	E 308	<1
Yellowness Index CIELAB, Illuminant D6500, 10° Observer	D 1925	<1.5
Refractive Index, n _D	D 542	1.57

Electrical Properties (ASTM Method)

Dielectric Constant		
1 kHz	D 150	2.6
1 MHz	D 150	2.4
Dissipation Factor		
1 kHz	D 150	0.005
1 MHz	D 150	0.02
Arc Resistance	D 495	158 sec
Volume Resistivity	D 257	10 ¹⁵ ohm·cm
Surface Resistivity	D 257	10 ¹⁶ ohms/square
Dielectric Strength, Short Time, 500 V/sec rate-of-rise	D 149	16.1 kV/mm (410 V/mil)

General Properties (ISO Method)

Density	ISO 1183	1270 kg/m ³
Water Absorption, 24 h immersion	ISO 62	0.2%

Mechanical Properties (ISO Method)

Tensile Stress @ Yield	ISO 527	53 MPa
Tensile Stress @ Break	ISO 527	26 MPa
Elongation @ Yield	ISO 527	4.7%
Elongation @ Break	ISO 527	40%
Tensile Modulus	ISO 527	2200 MPa
Flexural Modulus	ISO 178	2100 MPa
Flexural Strength	ISO 178	69 MPa
Izod Impact Strength, Notched		
@ 23°C	ISO 180	11.5 kJ/m ²
@ 0°C	ISO 180	6.1 kJ/m ²
@ -30°C	ISO 180	4.4 kJ/m ²
Charpy Impact Strength, Notched		
@ 23°C	ISO 179	10 kJ/m ²
@ 0°C	ISO 179	4.2 kJ/m ²

@ -30°C	ISO 179	3.3 kJ/m ²
Charpy Impact Strength, Unnotched		
@ 23°C	ISO 179	NB
@ 0°C	ISO 179	NB
@ -40°C	ISO 179	NB
Impact Resistance (Puncture), Energy @ Max. Load		
@ 23°C	ISO 6603-2	59 J
@ 0°C	ISO 6603-2	61 J
@ -10°C	ISO 6603-2	70 J
@ -20°C	ISO 6603-2	73 J
@ -30°C	ISO 6603-2	74 J

Thermal Properties (ISO Method)

Deflection Temperature		
@ 0.45 MPa	ISO 75	72°C
@ 1.80 MPa	ISO 75	68°C
Vicat Softening Temperature		
@ 1 kg load	ISO 306	83°C
@ 5 kg load	ISO 306	78°C

Thermal Properties (Flammability)

UL Flammability Classification	UL 94	94V-2
Flammability/France	NFP 92-501	M2
Flammability/Germany ^f	DIN 4102 - Part 1	B1
Flammability/Great Britain ^f	BS 476 - Part 7	1Y

^a Unless noted otherwise, all tests are run at 23°C (73°F) and 50% relative humidity.

^b Unless noted otherwise, the test method is ASTM.

^c Units are in SI or US customary units.

^d Dripping and warpage of samples during testing can cause erratic test results.

^e -30°C to 23°C

^f Indicative testing only. Only 1 or 2 samples were tested to the specified test method, and the full requirements of the standards were not met. The results do not indicate compliance with a regulatory requirement.

General

Specimens were machined from extruded sheeting with a thickness as indicated. For Flammability/Great Britain, a suffix Y is added to the classification if any softening and/or other behaviour that may affect flame spread occurs.

Comments

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