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POLYETHYLENE

BorSafe™ ME3440

BLACK MEDIUM DENSITY BIMODAL PE80 POLYETHYLENE FOR PRESSURE PIPE

DESCRIPTION

BorSafe™ ME3440 is a black, bimodal medium density polyethylene classified as a MRS 8.0 material (PE80), with an optimum balance between flexibility and strength, produced using the advanced Borstar® Technology. Well dispersed carbon black gives outstanding UV resistance. Long-term stability is ensured by an optimized stabilization system.

APPLICATIONS

BorSafe™ ME3440 is recommended for pressure pipe systems in the applications field of drinking water, natural gas, pressure sewerage, relining, sea outfall and industrial, where flexibility and coilability is of importance. It also shows excellent resistance to rapid crack propagation and slow crack growth. Attributed to the bimodal molecular weight distribution structure, it gives outstanding extrudability, compared to conventional PE80 products.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Typical Value*	Test Method
Density (Compound)	954kg/m ³	ISO 1183
Melt Flow Rate (190°C/5.0kg)	0.80g/10min	ISO 1133
Tensile Modulus (1mm/min)	800MPa	ISO 527
Tensile Strain at Break (50mm/min)	>600%	ISO 527-2
Tensile Stress at Yield (50mm/min)	19MPa	ISO 527-2
Carbon Black Content	≥2%	ISO 6964
Carbon Black Dispersion	≤3	ISO 18553
Oxidation Induction Time (210°C)	≥20mins	ISO 11357-6
Resistance to Slow Crack Growth (8.0bar, 80°C)	>5000hrs	ISO 13479

*Data should not be used for specification work

PROCESSING GUIDELINES

Pre-drying

Due to the hygroscopic nature of carbon black, this compound is sensitive to moisture. Storage for a long time or under unfavorable conditions will increase the moisture content. For normal conditions and applications we suggest preheating and drying for minimum 1 hour with a maximum preheat temperature of 90°C.



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Extrusion

The actual extrusion conditions will depend on the type of equipment used. They will also depend on size and wall thickness of the pipe produced. The following conditions may be used as a guide when starting up the extruder:

Cylinder	190 – 210°C
Head	200 – 210°C
Die	200 – 210°C
Melt temperature	200 – 220°C

Specific recommendations for processing conditions can be determined only when the application and type of equipment are known. Please contact your local Chemicals Plus representative for such particulars.

STORAGE

BorSafe™ ME3440 should be stored in dry conditions at temperatures below 50°C and protected from UV-light. Improper storage can initiate degradation, which results in odor generation and can have negative effects on the physical properties of the product.

Expected shelf life at proper storage conditions is 2 years from the date of production.

More information on storage can be found in Safety Information Sheet (SIS) for this product.

SAFETY

The product is not classified as a hazardous preparation.

Dust and fines from the product carry a risk of dust explosion. All equipment should be properly earthed. Inhalation of dust should be avoided as it may cause irritation of the respiratory system. Small amounts of fumes are generated during processing of the product. Proper ventilation is therefore required.

Please see our Safety Information Sheet (SIS) for details on various aspects of safety, recovery and disposal of the product, for more information contact your Chemicals Plus representative.

RECYCLING

The product is suitable for recycling using modern methods of shredding and cleaning. In-house production waste should be kept clean to facilitate direct recycling.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

The following related documents are available on request, and represent various aspects on the usability, safety, recovery and disposal of the product.

Recovery and disposal of Polyolefin

Information on Emissions from Processing and Fires

Safety Information Sheet, SIS

Liability statements on:

- Compliance to Food Contact Regulations
- Compliance to Regulations for Drinking Water Pipes
- Statement on chemical, regulations and standards



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