

Product Description

CLEARTUF® MAX™ Polyester Resin is designed with enhanced ability to absorb energy from the near infrared lamps used in most high-speed blow molding machines. The enhanced energy absorption can result in improved temperature control in the process, which in turn can lead to improved material distribution and bottle properties. This improvement may also lead to improved machine output or reduced energy consumption. It is a high molecular weight polymer with a **0.84** intrinsic viscosity (IV).

CLEARTUF® MAX™ Polyester Resin is the latest generation heat up grade designed to provide highly desirable container properties. These include high clarity and sparkle, high strength and toughness, and good barrier properties.

The following table provides the Parameters that characterize the grade. Some Parameters are shown with values that are specified to fall within certain limits. Other Parameters are shown as a single value that we regard as typical of the grade. Minor differences around this typical value will not detract from the performance of the product. All Parameters are measured, under laboratory conditions, by the M&G analytical method shown. Different methods or conditions of analysis may give rise to different values. Purchased material may be accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis or other document, confirming that the product is within specified limits and is consistent with the other values for the stated Parameters.

Parameter	Unit	Value	Limits	Test method
Intrinsic viscosity (IV)	dl/g	0.84	± 0.02	M&G/QC-01
Acetaldehyde content	ppm	1.6	Max	M&G/QC-03
Color (L*-value)	--	70	Min	M&G/QC-02
Color (b*-value)	--	- 0.5	Max	M&G/QC-02
Melting point +	°C	249	± 5	M&G/QC-06
Foreign particles	--	None	--	Visual Detection

+ monitored on feed resin only

Regulatory status

CLEARTUF® MAX™ Polyester Resin is suitable for the manufacture of articles for numerous food packaging applications. Since food packaging regulations differ from country to country, for information about the regulatory status within the United States, Mexico, Europe, or Latin America, please contact your local account manager.

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Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)



Important aspects of use in processing

Drying

Thermoplastic polyesters such as **CLEARTUF® MAX™** Polyester Resin can undergo hydrolysis if moisture is not eliminated prior to injection molding leading to a decrease in molecular weight and loss in mechanical properties of the bottle, particularly top load performance and impact strength. Moisture content of the resin must be reduced to a level of 0.003% (30ppm) or less, prior to melt processing. Drying is best accomplished in a continuous high heat dehumidifying type air hopper dryer with a regenerative desiccant bed using -40°F (-40°C) dew point air. Typical drying conditions are an air temperature of 350°F (175°C), 4-6 hours residence time and a minimum air flow rate of 1.0 ft³ per minute per pound of polymer consumed per hour.

Injection molding and Stretch blow molding

Injection molding temperatures should be maintained at the minimum levels needed to produce clear quality preforms. In addition to temperature limits, care should be taken to avoid excessive shear during injection. Typical processing temperatures are generally between 20°C and 40°C hotter than the Melting Point Parameter indicated on the front of this Data Sheet, largely dependent upon injection barrel dynamics such as residence time and shear. When stretch blow molding, preforms should be heated to minimum levels needed to produce clear, quality biaxially oriented containers. Typical preform surface temperatures are generally between 90°C to 105°C, largely dependent upon the equipment setup and efficiency.

Safety aspects

Please read the **Safety Data Sheet** written for this product. It may be obtained from your account manager.

- **Handling**
CLEARTUF® MAX™ Polyester Resin presents no toxic hazards, either from skin contact or inhalation, under normal conditions. Contact with melted polymer should be avoided. Product delivered in bags must not be stacked.
- **Fire precautions**
In common with most other organic polymers, PET polymers will burn. They are difficult to ignite, but are defined as 'combustible' but not 'highly inflammable'. Reasonable precautions should be taken to ensure absence of sources of ignition in warehouses and storage areas. If large quantities are stored, normal good housekeeping should be enforced, including freedom from dust, uncluttered access ways, sprinkler system, etc.

Warranty

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