



Torlon[®] 4301

polyamide-imide

Torlon 4301 is a wear-resistant grade of polyamide-imide (PAI) resin. It has a good balance of mechanical properties and wear resistance. It offers high flexural and compressive strength with a low coefficient of friction and outstanding wear resistance at both high velocity and high pressure conditions.

Torlon PAI has the highest strength and stiffness of any thermoplastic up to 275°C (525°F). It has outstanding resistance to wear, creep, and chemicals.

Potential applications for Torlon 4301 polyamide-imide include thrust washers, spline liners, valve seats, bushings, bearings, wear rings, cams and other applications requiring strength at high temperature and resistance to wear.

This material is available in high flow (HF) and low flow (LF) injection molding grades and two extrusion grades.

Typical Properties⁽¹⁾ by ASTM Test Methods

Property	Test Method	US Customary Units		SI Units	
MECHANICAL					
Tensile Strength	D 638	16.4	kpsi	113	MPa
	D 1708 ⁽²⁾	23.7	kpsi	164	MPa
Tensile Modulus	D 638	990	kpsi	6.8	GPa
	D 1708 ⁽²⁾	950	kpsi	6.6	GPa
Tensile Elongation	D 638	3.3	%	3.3	%
	D 1708 ⁽²⁾	7	%	7	%
Flexural Modulus	D 790				
	at 23°C (73°F)	1,000	kpsi	6.9	GPa
	at 232°C (450°F)	720	kpsi	5.0	GPa
Flexural Strength	D 790				
	at 23°C (73°F)	31.2	kpsi	215	MPa
	at 232°C (450°F)	16.2	kpsi	112	MPa
Izod Impact Strength, Notched	D 256	1.2	ft-lb/in	60	J/m
Izod Impact Strength, Unnotched	D 4812	7.6	ft-lb/in	405	J/m
Compressive Strength	D 695	24.1	kpsi	166	MPa
Compressive Modulus	D 695	770	kpsi	5.3	GPa

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Typical Properties⁽¹⁾ by ASTM Test Methods (continued)

Property	Test Method	US Customary Units		SI Units	
THERMAL					
Heat Deflection Temperature at 264 psi (1.8 MPA)	D 648	534	°F	279	°C
Thermal Conductivity	C 177	3.7	Btu in/hr- ft ² °F	0.53	W/mK
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion, FD	E 831	14	ppm/°F	25	ppm/°C
ELECTRICAL					
Volume Resistivity ⁽³⁾	D 257	8 x 10 ¹⁵	ohm-cm	8 x 10 ¹⁵	ohm-cm
Surface Resistivity ⁽³⁾	D 257	8 x 10 ¹⁷	ohm	8 x 10 ¹⁷	ohm
GENERAL					
Specific Gravity	D 792	1.46		1.46	
Water Absorption, 24 hours	D 570	0.28	%	0.28	%
Mold Shrinkage	D 955	0.35 - 0.60	%	0.35 - 0.60	%
FRICTION AND WEAR					
Coefficient of Friction ⁽⁴⁾ at 50 fpm	D 3702	0.31		0.31	
Coefficient of Friction ⁽⁵⁾ at 800 fpm	D 3702	0.39		0.39	
Wear Factor ⁽⁴⁾ at 50 fpm	D 3702	14	10 ⁻¹⁰ in ³ -min/ft-lb-hr	28	10 ⁻⁸ mm ³ /N-m
Wear Factor ⁽⁵⁾ at 800 fpm	D 3702	17	10 ⁻¹⁰ in ³ -min/ft-lb-hr	34	10 ⁻⁸ mm ³ /N-m

⁽¹⁾ Property values for individual batches will vary within specification limits. Values shown are typical for uncolored resin; colorants may alter values.

⁽²⁾ ASTM Test Method D1708 has been used to measure the tensile properties of PAI and similar materials because the small test specimen conserved material. Today the most widely used specimen is the Type 1 bar of ASTM D638. These D1708 values are included for historical purposes and they should not be compared to the D638 values.

⁽³⁾ Although this grade has high resistivity values, it contains graphite particles which can conduct electricity under certain conditions.

⁽⁴⁾ V-50 fpm (0.25 m/s), P-500 psi (3.4 MPa)

⁽⁵⁾ V-800 fpm (4 m/s), P-31.25 psi (0.215 MPa)

Drying

Drying Torlon resin to a moisture content of 500 ppm or lower is required to avoid molding problems, such as brittle parts and foaming. The resin should be dried in a circulating air oven equipped with a desiccant system. Place the resin on drying trays in layers no more than 5 to 8 cm (2 to 3") deep. Minimum drying times are 3 hours at 175°C (350°F), 4 hours at 150°C (300°F), or 16 hours at 120°C (250°F). If drying at 175°C (350°F), limit drying time to 16 hours. Dessicant hopper dryers are recommended for the injection molding press.

Standard Packaging and Labeling

Torlon 4301 resin is packaged in lined cardboard boxes containing 25 kg (55.115 pounds) of material. Individual packages will be plainly marked with the product number, color, lot number, and net weight.

Injection Molding

The injection molding press should be equipped with a screw having a length to diameter (L/D) ratio between 18:1 and 24:1 and a compression ratio between 1:1 and 1.5:1. Check devices are not recommended.

Recommended barrel temperatures are 305°C (580°F) in the feed zone increasing to 370°C (700°F) at the nozzle. The mold temperature should be adjusted until the temperature of the surface measures between 200°C (390°F) and 215°C (420°F).

Set the injection pressure to achieve a rapid fill. On most machines, this will be near the maximum injection pressure available. Fill the entire mold with primary injection boost and then drop off to a hold pressure. Begin hold pressure at a high setting of 41 to 55 MPa (6,000 to 8,000 psi), for several seconds, then drop off to 21 to 35 MPa (3,000 to 5,000 psi), for the duration of the hold pressure sequence. This will help minimize or eliminate any internal porosity or sink. If part defects, such as blistering at the gate, color change and degradation, splay and surface delamination, or gas burning at the knit lines and vents, are encountered, the injection fill rate may be too high.

Use moderate back pressure, about 7 MPa (1,000 psi), and lower screw recovery speeds (50-100 rpm). Avoid intermittent feeding and screw slippage which can lead to overheating and possible polymer degradation.

Total cycle time should be as short as possible to reduce residence time in the barrel. Excessive residence time will cause an increase in melt viscosity, reducing flow.

Cycle time consistency is very important for successful molding for Torlon parts and automatic operation is highly recommended.

Molds should be designed for smooth part ejection, avoiding undercuts and providing adequate draft.

Heat Treatment (Post-Cure) After Molding

Torlon polymers are unique in that they are supplied at a relatively low molecular weight to facilitate processing, and the molded parts must be heat treated to achieve a high molecular weight and optimum properties. The heat treatment process is commonly called post-cure and involves placing the molded articles in a forced air oven and subjecting them to a series of elevated temperatures for specific times. Consult the Torlon polyamide-imide Molding Guide for standard post-cure cycles or contact your Solvay Advanced Polymers' representative for the recommended heat treatment program for post-curing your molded article.

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