

Makrolon® 3258

Grades / Medical devices

MVR (300 °C/1.2 kg) 5.0 cm³/10 min; medical devices; suitable for ETO and steam sterilization at 121 °C; biocompatible according to many ISO 10993-1 test requirements; high viscosity; easy release; injection molding - melt temperature 290 - 330 °C; available in transparent and opaque colors

ISO Shortname

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Property	Test Condition	Unit	Standard	typical Value
Rheological properties				
C Melt volume-flow rate	300 °C/ 1.2 kg	cm³/10 min	ISO 1133	5.0
Melt mass-flow rate	300 °C/ 1.2 kg	g/10 min	ISO 1133	5.5
C Molding shrinkage, parallel	60x60x2 mm³/ 500 bar	%	ISO 294-4	0.7
C Molding shrinkage, normal	60x60x2 mm³/ 500 bar	%	ISO 294-4	0.75
Molding shrinkage, parallel/normal	Value range based on general practical experience	%	b.o. ISO 2577	0.6 - 0.8

Mechanical properties (23 °C/50 % r. h.)

C Tensile modulus	1 mm/min	MPa	ISO 527-1,-2	2400
C Yield stress	50 mm/min	MPa	ISO 527-1,-2	66
C Yield strain	50 mm/min	%	ISO 527-1,-2	6.2
C Nominal strain at break	50 mm/min	%	ISO 527-1,-2	> 50
Stress at break	50 mm/min	MPa	ISO 527-1,-2	70
Strain at break	50 mm/min	%	b.o. ISO 527-1,-2	120
C Tensile creep modulus	1 h	MPa	ISO 899-1	2200
C Tensile creep modulus	1000 h	MPa	ISO 899-1	1900
Flexural modulus	2 mm/min	MPa	ISO 178	2400
Flexural strength	2 mm/min	MPa	ISO 178	96
Flexural strain at flexural strength	2 mm/min	%	ISO 178	7.1
Flexural stress at 3.5 % strain	2 mm/min	MPa	ISO 178	73
C Charpy impact strength	23 °C	kJ/m²	ISO 179/1eU	N
C Charpy impact strength	-30 °C	kJ/m²	ISO 179/1eU	N
Charpy impact strength	-60 °C	kJ/m²	ISO 179/1eU	N
Charpy notched impact strength	23 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 179/1eA	80P
Charpy notched impact strength	-30 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 179/1eA	16C
Izod notched impact strength	23 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 180/A	75P
Izod notched impact strength	-30 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 180/A	20C(P)
C Puncture impact properties - maximum force	23 °C	N	ISO 6603-2	5800
C Puncture impact properties - maximum force	-30 °C	N	ISO 6603-2	6700
C Puncture energy	23 °C	J	ISO 6603-2	65
C Puncture energy	-30 °C	J	ISO 6603-2	75
Ball indentation hardness		N/mm²	ISO 2039-1	113

Thermal properties

C Glass transition temperature	10 °C/min	°C	ISO 11357-1,-2	147
C Temperature of deflection under load	1.80 MPa	°C	ISO 75-1,-2	127
C Temperature of deflection under load	0.45 MPa	°C	ISO 75-1,-2	139
C Vicat softening temperature	50 N; 50 °C/h	°C	ISO 306	148
Vicat softening temperature	50 N; 120 °C/h	°C	ISO 306	149
C Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, parallel	23 to 55 °C	10 ⁻⁴ /K	ISO 11359-1,-2	0.65
C Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, normal	23 to 55 °C	10 ⁻⁴ /K	ISO 11359-1,-2	0.65
Thermal conductivity, through-plane	23 °C; 50 % r. h.	W/(m·K)	ISO 8302	0.20
Resistance to heat (ball pressure test)		°C	IEC 60695-10-2	139
Flash ignition temperature		°C	ASTM D1929	480
Self ignition temperature		°C	ASTM D1929	550

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Other properties (23 °C)				
C Water absorption (saturation value)	Water at 23 °C	%	ISO 62	0.30
C Water absorption (equilibrium value)	23 °C; 50 % r. h.	%	ISO 62	0.12
C Density		kg/m³	ISO 1183-1	1200
Bulk density	Pellets	kg/m³	ISO 60	660
Material specific properties				
Refractive index	Procedure A	-	ISO 489	1.587
Haze for transparent materials	3 mm	%	ISO 14782	< 0.8
Luminous transmittance (clear transparent materials)	1 mm	%	ISO 13468-2	89
C Luminous transmittance (clear transparent materials)	2 mm	%	ISO 13468-2	89
Luminous transmittance (clear transparent materials)	3 mm	%	ISO 13468-2	88
Luminous transmittance (clear transparent materials)	4 mm	%	ISO 13468-2	87
Processing conditions for test specimens				
C Injection molding - Melt temperature		°C	ISO 294	310
C Injection molding - Mold temperature		°C	ISO 294	90
C Injection molding - Injection velocity		mm/s	ISO 294	200
Recommended processing and drying conditions				
Melt temperatures		°C	-	290 - 330
Standard Melt temperature		°C	-	310
Barrel Temperatures - Rear		°C	-	260 - 270
Barrel Temperatures - Middle		°C	-	280 - 290
Barrel Temperatures - Front		°C	-	290 - 300
Barrel Temperatures - Nozzle		°C	-	300 - 310
Mold Temperatures		°C	-	80 - 120
Hold Pressure (% of injection pressure)		%	-	50 - 75
Plastic Back Pressure (specific)		bar	-	50 - 150
Peripheral Screw Speed		m/s	-	0.05 - 0.2
Shot-to-Cylinder Size		%	-	30 - 70
Dry Air Drying Temperature		°C	-	120
Dry Air Drying Time		h	-	2-3
Moisture Content max. (%)		%	-	<= 0,02
Vent Depth		mm	-	0.025 - 0.075

C These property characteristics are taken from the CAMPUS plastics data bank and are based on the international catalogue of basic data for plastics according to ISO 10350.

Impact properties: N = non-break, P = partial break, C = complete break

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Disclaimer

Typical value

These values are typical values only. Unless explicitly agreed in written form, they do not constitute a binding material specification or warranted values. Values may be affected by the design of the mold/die, the processing conditions and coloring/pigmentation of the product. Unless specified to the contrary, the property values given have been established on standardized test specimens at room temperature.

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Recommended Processing and Drying Conditions

Barrel temperatures are valid for a standard 3-zone barrel. Temperature set-up for different barrel types may change according to configuration. Values for hold pressure as percentage of injection pressure may vary depending on, amongst others, part geometry, injection molding machine and injection mold. Drying conditions are for dry air dryers only. Drying times and drying temperatures may differ depending on valid dryer type. Further information is provided by your local Covestro support as well as in the following brochures: Injection Molding of High Quality Molded Parts - Drying; Determining the Dryness of Makrolon by TVI Test; The fundamentals of shrinkage in thermoplastics; Shrinkage and deformation of glass fiber reinforced thermoplastics [...]. <https://www.plastics.covestro.com/Library/Overview.aspx>

Disclaimer shrinkage data

Shrinkage data is provided as a reference only, and is based on sample plaques molded under specific, controlled processing conditions. Shrinkage rates in production parts can vary and are influenced by several variables such as, but not limited to: part design (e.g. part size, thickness and geometry), mold design (e.g. gate type and location, runner design, mold materials, cooling system), molding conditions (e.g. processing temperature, mold temperature, packing time and pressure, injection speed). We suggest materials be evaluated in existing applicable molds to achieve the most accurate shrinkage estimation for your specific application and processing practices. The final choice of shrinkage is the responsibility of the user of the material, and should be made based on your experience and testing results. We shall not be liable for any damage caused by the use of the shrinkage data as provided by us. If you have any questions, pls consult technical representatives from Covestro.

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