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Borstar® LE8706

Natural Colourable Bimodal Linear Low Density Polyethylene Jacketing Compound for Energy and Communication Cables

Description

Borstar LE8706 is a natural colourable linear low density (LLD) jacketing compound, which is produced with the Borealis proprietary Borstar bimodal process technology.

Borstar technology allows the manufacturing of polymers outside the traditional MFR and density range making it possible to optimize processability, reduce shrinkage and yet provide excellent physical toughness and environmental stress crack resistance (ESCR).

Borstar LE8706 contains a well dispersed UV-stabiliser in sufficient amount providing a measure of weathering resistance.

Applications

Borstar LE8706 is designed for jacketing of energy and communication cables.

The abrasion resistance combined with low coefficient of friction makes it ideally suitable for the jacketing of energy and communication cables. Borstar LE8706 offers a balance of properties giving advantages in manufacturing, installation and lifetime performance of communication and energy cables.

Specifications

Borstar LE8706 meets the applicable requirements as below when processed using sound extrusion practice and testing procedure:

ASTM D 1248 Type I, Class A, Category 4, Grade E4, E5, J3	ISO 1872-PE KHLN 23-D012

The following cable material standards are met by Borstar LE8706:

EN 50290-2-24
DMP 5, 6, 13, 16, 18

Cables manufactured with Borstar LE8706 using sound extrusion practice normally comply with the following cable product standards:

IEC 60840, Type ST7	HD 620 S2 Part 1, table 4B, DMP 5, 13, 16, 18
IEC 60502, Part 2, Type ST7	
HD 603 S1, DMP 6	

Special features

Borstar LE8706 consists of specially selected components to offer:

Superior processability	Low water permeability
Excellent environmental stress cracking resistance (ESCR)	Good petroleum-jelly resistance
Heat deformation resistance	Very good UV resistance
Low coefficient of friction	Low shrinkage

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Physical Properties

Property	Typical Value Data should not be used for specification work	Test Method
Density (Compound)	923 kg/m³	ISO 1183
Melt Flow Rate (190 °C/2,16 kg)	0,85 g/10min	ISO 1133
Flexural Modulus	400 MPa	ASTM D 790
Tensile Strain at Break (50 mm/min)	800 %	ISO 527
Tensile Strength (50 mm/min)	28 MPa	ISO 527
Brittleness temperature	< -76 °C	ASTM D 746
Environmental Stress Crack Resistance (50 °C, Igepal 10 %, F0)	> 5.000 h	IEC 60811-406
Hardness, Shore D (1 s)	52	ISO 868
Pressure Test at High Temperature (115 °C, 6 h)	< 15 %	IEC 60811-508

Electrical Properties

Property	Typical Value Data should not be used for specification work	Test Method
Dielectric constant (1 MHz)	2,3	IEC 60250
DC Volume Resistivity	10 PΩcm	IEC 60093
Dielectric Strength	> 20 kV/mm	IEC 60243
Dissipation Factor (1 MHz)	0,00015	IEC 60250

Processing Techniques

Borstar LE8706 provides excellent surface finish and allows a broad processing window. Standard PE-screw gives satisfactory results but also low compression screws can be used successfully.

Extrusion

If preheating and/or drying is used, the maximum temperature should be 90ºC.

Drying	90 °C	
Preheating	90 °C	Maximum Temperature
Feed section	150 °C	
Metering section	170 °C	
Die head	190 °C	

Packaging

Package: Bulk
Octabins
Bags

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Safety

The product is not classified as dangerous and is intended for industrial use only. Check and follow local codes and regulations!

Please see our "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet" for details on various aspects of safety of the product. For more information, contact your Borealis representative.

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