



Polyethylene Visico™ FR4451/LE4439

Silane Crosslinkable Insulation Compound

Description

Visico FR4451/LE4439 -

is a natural UV stabilized, halogen free moisture-induced crosslinkable polyethylene compound that is designed for use in photovoltaic cables. The combination of a VISICO base resin, and the catalyst, provides a highly scorch retardant compound with excellent thermal stability and good flame retardant properties. Visico FR4451/LE4439 contains a patented scorch retardant additive (SRA) that increases the processing window for a moisture crosslinking compound and minimizes the tendency for premature crosslinking in the extruder, head or die.

Visico FR4451/LE4439 can be readily pigmented to a variety of colors using standard wire & cable color concentrates designed for thermoplastic or crosslinked polyethylene.

When properly mixed, 5 parts of LE4439 to 95 parts of FR4451, insulation with excellent thermo-oxidative stability, also in contact with copper and aluminium, is achieved.

Application

Visico FR4451/LE4439 is designed for use as flexible single-core cables (cords) for use at the DC-side of photovoltaic systems with maximum permissible voltage of DC 1.8 kV.

Specifications

Cables manufactured with FR4451/ LE4439 using sound extrusion practice comply with the following cable product standard TÜV 2 PfG 1169/08.2007 and EN 50363-5 EI5 type.

Physical Properties

Property	Typical Value	Test Method
<small>Data should not be used for specification work</small>		
Density	1190 kg/m ³	ISO 1872-2/ISO 1183
Melt Flow Rate (190 °C/2,16 kg)	0,5 g/10min	ISO 1133
Flexural Modulus	100 MPa	ISO 178
Tensile Strain at Break	400 %	IEC 60811-501
Tensile Strength	16 MPa	IEC 60811-501
Hardness, Shore D (15 s)	40	ISO 868
Hot Set Test (200 °C, 0,2 MPa)	Elongation under load Permanent deformation	IEC 60811-507
Pressure Test at High Temperature (140 °C, 240 h)	< 50 % < 5 %	IEC 60811-508
	Pass	

Electrical Properties

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Volume Resistivity	9 PΩcm	IEC 60093
Dielectric Strength	> 20 kV/mm	IEC 60243

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Relative permittivity 50 Hz	3,13	IEC 60250
Dissipation Factor (50 Hz)	0,0126	IEC 60250

Combustion Properties

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Limiting Oxygen Index	32 %	ISO 4589-2
Corrosivity of Combustion Fumes	< 100 µS/cm pH > 4,3	EN 50267-2-2
Single Vertical Flame Test	Pass	IEC60332-1-2

Processing Techniques

Following parameters should be used as guidelines:

Visico FR4451/LE4439 are typically mixed directly in the extruder hopper using a volumetric or gravimetric masterbatch feeder. Most equipment designed for PVC or PE extrusion is equally suitable for Visico FR4451/LE4439.

A Conductor Preheater is required to ensure good mechanical properties and this should be at approximately 100°C.

Typically the following process conditions are used:

140 °C
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150 °C
160 °C
170 °C

Crosslinking

These products can be crosslinked in room temperature, by immersion in hot water or exposed to low pressure steam at a temperature up to 90 °C . This time period may be varied due to the humidity, thickness of insulation, reel size and temperature.

For example, 0.7 mm thick insulation of Visico FR4451 and LE4439 will crosslink in a water bath of 90°C for a period of 2 to 4 hours giving a Hot Set Elongation of 60-70% (depending on conductor and reel size)

Drying

Unopened packages of Visico FR4451 should not require drying however if the moisture level of opened packages rises to more than 400 ppm then drying for 4 hrs at 60°C in a dehumidifying type dryer is recommended. LE4439 should always be used from a fresh package and partially used packages resealed to prevent water ingress and potential pre-crosslinking during the extrusion step.

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Packaging

Visico FR4451 - Base material
Package: Halfbins with Alu-liner
LE4439 - Catalyst master batch
Package: Bags

Storage

Visico FR4451/LE4439 has a shelf life of 12 months from delivery date if stored in unopened original packages, under dry and clean conditions at temperatures between 10 - 30 °C (50 - 85 °F).

More information on storage is found in our "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet".

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