

# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

## GRILAMID LV-3H

### Product description

Grilamid LV-3H is a 30% glass fibre reinforced, heat stabilised polyamide 12 injection moulding grade with the following product profile

- Good chemical resistance
- Good UV Stability
- High impact strength
- conforms to UK WRAS drinkingwater standards
- Very dimensionally stable
- Very low shrinkage

Grilamid LV-3H is suitable for production of technical parts in the application fields of:

- Electro
- Electronics
- Automotive
- Safety technology
- Mechanical engineering
- Domestic appliances

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## PROPERTIES

### Mechanical Properties

|                           |               | Standard      | Unit              | State | Grilamid LV-3H |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tensile E-Modulus         | 1 mm/min      | ISO 527       | MPa               | cond. | 6000           |
| Tensile strength at break | 5 mm/min      | ISO 527       | MPa               | cond. | 105            |
| Elongation at break       | 5 mm/min      | ISO 527       | %                 | cond. | 8              |
| Impact strength           | Charpy, 23°C  | ISO 179/2-1eU | kJ/m <sup>2</sup> | cond. | 80             |
| Impact strength           | Charpy, -30°C | ISO 179/2-1eU | kJ/m <sup>2</sup> | cond. | 80             |
| Notched impact strength   | Charpy, 23°C  | ISO 179/2-1eA | kJ/m <sup>2</sup> | cond. | 20             |
| Notched impact strength   | Charpy, -30°C | ISO 179/2-1eA | kJ/m <sup>2</sup> | cond. | 15             |
| Shore hardness D          |               | ISO 868       | -                 | cond. | 77             |

### Thermal Properties

|                                      |            |           |                     |     |          |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|-----|----------|
| Melting point                        | DSC        | ISO 11357 | °C                  | dry | 178      |
| Heat deflection temperature HDT/A    | 1.80 MPa   | ISO 75    | °C                  | dry | 160      |
| Heat deflection temperature HDT/C    | 8.00 MPa   | ISO 75    | °C                  | dry | 90       |
| Thermal expansion coefficient long.  | 23-55°C    | ISO 11359 | 10 <sup>-4</sup> /K | dry | 0.2      |
| Thermal expansion coefficient trans. | 23-55°C    | ISO 11359 | 10 <sup>-4</sup> /K | dry | 1.5      |
| Maximum usage temperature            | long term  | ISO 2578  | °C                  | dry | 90 - 120 |
| Maximum usage temperature            | short term | ISO 2578  | °C                  | dry | 150      |

### Electrical Properties

|                              |     |             |       |       |                  |
|------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Dielectric strength          |     | IEC 60243-1 | kV/mm | cond. | 35               |
| Comparative tracking index   | CTI | IEC 60112   | -     | cond. | 600              |
| Specific volume resistivity  |     | IEC 60093   | Ω · m | cond. | 10 <sup>11</sup> |
| Specific surface resistivity |     | IEC 60093   | Ω     | cond. | 10 <sup>12</sup> |

### General Properties

|                        |               |          |                   |     |      |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|-----|------|
| Density                |               | ISO 1183 | g/cm <sup>3</sup> | dry | 1.22 |
| Flammability (UL94)    | 0.8 mm        | ISO 1210 | rating            | -   | HB   |
| Water absorption       | 23°C/sat.     | ISO 62   | %                 | -   | 1.1  |
| Moisture absorption    | 23°C/50% r.h. | ISO 62   | %                 | -   | 0.6  |
| Linear mould shrinkage | long.         | ISO 294  | %                 | dry | 0.10 |
| Linear mould shrinkage | trans.        | ISO 294  | %                 | dry | 0.75 |

Product-nomenclature acc. ISO 1874: PA12, MHR, 18-060, GF30

## Processing information for the injection moulding of Grilamid LV-3H

This technical data sheet for Grilamid LV-3H provides you with useful information on material preparation, machine requirements, tooling and processing.

### MATERIAL PREPARATION

Grilamid LV-3H is delivered dry and ready for processing in sealed, air tight packaging. Predrying is not necessary.

#### Storage

Sealed, undamaged bags can be kept over a long period of time in storage facilities which are dry, protected from the influence of weather and where the bags can be protected from damage.

#### Handling and safety

Detailed information can be obtained from the "Material Safety Data Sheet" (MSDS) which can be requested with every material order.

#### Drying

Grilamid LV-3H is dried and packed with a moisture content of less than 0.10 %. Should the packaging become damaged or the material is left open too long, then the material must be dried. A too high moisture content can be shown by a foaming melt and silver streaks on the moulded part when injected freely into the atmosphere (free shot).

Drying can be done as follows:

##### Desiccant dryer

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Temperature:            | max. 80°C    |
| Time:                   | 4 - 12 hours |
| Dew point of the dryer: | -25°C        |

##### Vacuum oven

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Temperature: | max. 100°C   |
| Time:        | 4 - 12 hours |

#### Drying time

If there is only little evidence of foaming of the melt or just slight silver streaks on the part, then the above mentioned minimal drying time will be sufficient. Material, which is stored open over days, which shows strong foaming, unusually easy flowing, streaks and rough surface on the moulding part, then the maximal drying time is required.



Silver streaks can also be caused by overheating of the material or by too long melt residence time in the barrel.

#### Drying temperature

Polyamides are subjected to the affects of oxidation at temperatures above 80°C in the presence of oxygen. Visible yellowing of the material is an indication of oxidation. Hence temperatures above 80°C for desiccant dryers and temperatures above 100°C for vacuum ovens should be avoided. In order to detect oxidation it is advised to keep a small amount of granulate (light colour only !) as a comparison sample.

At longer residence times (over 1 hour) hopper heating or a hopper dryer (80°C) is useful.

#### Use of regrind

Grilamid LV-3H is a thermoplastic material. Hence, incomplete mouldings as well as sprues and runners can be reprocessed. The following points should be observed:

- Moisture absorption
- Grinding: Dust particles and particle size distribution
- Contamination through foreign material, dust, oil, etc.
- Quantity addition to original material
- Colour variation
- Reduction of mechanical properties

When adding regrind, special care has to be taken by the moulder.

### MACHINE REQUIREMENTS

Grilamid LV-3H can be processed economically and without problems on all machines suitable for polyamides.

#### Screw

Wear protected, universal screws with shut-off nozzles are recommended (3 zones).

##### Screw

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Length:            | 18 D - 22 D |
| Compression ratio: | 2 - 2.5     |

#### Shot volume

The metering stroke must be longer than the length of the back flow valve (without decompression distance).

##### Selecting the injection unit

Shot volume = 0.5 - 0.8 x  
(max. shot volume)

## Heating

At least three separately controllable heating zones, able of reaching cylinder temperatures up to 300°C. A separate nozzle heating is necessary. The cylinder flange temperature must be controllable (cooling).

## Nozzle

Open nozzles are simple, allow an easy melt flow and are long lasting. There is however the danger that during retraction of the screws following injection of the melt, air maybe drawn into the barrel (decompression). For this reason, needle shut-off nozzles are often used.

## Clamping force

As a rule of thumb the clamping force can be estimated using the following formula:

### Clamping force

$$7.5 \text{ kN}^{1)} \times \text{projected area (cm}^2\text{)}$$

<sup>1)</sup> in cavity pressure of 750 bar

## TOOLING

The design of the mould tool should follow the general rules for glass fibre reinforced thermoplastics.

For the mould cavities common mould tool steel quality (e.g. hardened steel) which has been hardened to level of 56 HRC is necessary. We recommend additional wear protection in areas of high flow rates in the tool (e.g. pin point gates, hot runner nozzles).

## Demoulding / Draft angle

Parts moulded from Grilamid LV-3H showing excellent dimensional stability. Asymmetric demoulding and undercuts are to be avoided. It is favourable to foresee high numbers of large ejector pins or a stripper plate. Demoulding draft angles between 1 to 5° are acceptable. Following values can be considered:

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (VDI 3400)              | 12  | 15  | 18  | 21  | 24  | 27  |
| Depth of roughness (µm) | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| Demoulding angle (°)    | 1   | 1   | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 |

|                         |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| (VDI 3400)              | 30  | 33  | 36  | 39 | 42 | 45 |
| Depth of roughness (µm) | 3.2 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 9  | 13 | 18 |
| Demoulding angle (°)    | 1.8 | 2   | 2.5 | 3  | 4  | 5  |

## Gate and runner

To achieve an optimal mould-fill and to avoid sink marks, a central gate at the thickest section of the moulding is recommended. Pin point gate (direct) or tunnel gates are more economical and more common with technical moulding.

To avoid premature solidification of the melt and difficult mould filing, the following points should be considered:

### Gate diameter

0.8 x thickest wall section of the injection moulding part

### Runner diameter

1.4 x thickest wall section of the injection moulding part (but minimum 4 mm)

## VENTING

In order to prevent burning marks and improve weldline strength, proper venting of the mould cavity should be provided (venting channels on the parting surface dimensions: Depth 0.02 mm, width 2 - 5 mm).

## PROCESSING

### Mould filling, post pressure and dosing

The best surface finish and a high weld line strength is achieved with a high injection speed and when a sufficiently long post pressure is employed.

The injection speed should be regulated so as to reduce towards the end of the filling cycle in order to avoid burning. For dosing at low screw revolutions and pressure the cooling time should be fully utilised.

### Basic machine settings

In order to start up the machines for processing Grilamid LV-3H, following basic settings are recommended:

#### Temperatures

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Flange | 70 - 90°C   |
| Zone 1 | 240 - 260°C |
| Zone 2 | 250 - 270°C |
| Zone 3 | 260 - 280°C |
| Nozzle | 260 - 280°C |
| Tool   | 70 - 90°C   |
| Melt   | 260 - 290°C |

#### Pressures / Speeds

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Injection speed          | medium - high              |
| Hold-on pressure (spec.) | 300 - 800 bar              |
| Dynamic pressure (hydr.) | 5 - 15 bar                 |
| Screw speed              | 50 - 100 min <sup>-1</sup> |

## **CUSTOMER SERVICES**

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- Rheological design calculation / FEA
- Prototype tooling
- Material selection
- Processing support
- Mould and component design

The recommendations and data given are based on our experience to date, however, no liability can be assumed in connection with their usage and processing.