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CELANEX® 3126

CELANEX® PBT

Celanex 3126 is a non-exuding flame retarded, 10% fiberglass reinforced polybutylene terephthalate which has an excellent balance of mechanical properties and processability. It is well suited for electrical connector applications where its UL approved 50% regrind use capability allows maximum use of purchased product.

Product information

Resin Identification	PBT-GF10 FR(17)	ISO 1043
Part Marking Code	>PBT-GF10 FR(17)<	ISO 11469

Rheological properties

Melt volume-flow rate	15	cm^3/10min	ISO 1133
Temperature	482	°F	
Load	4.76	lb	
Molding shrinkage range, parallel	0.9 - 1.4	%	ISO 294-4, 2577
Molding shrinkage range, normal	1 - 1.2	%	ISO 294-4, 2577

Typical mechanical properties

Tensile modulus	754000	psi	ISO 527-1/-2
Tensile stress at break, 5mm/min	12300	psi	ISO 527-1/-2
Tensile strain at break, 5mm/min	3	%	ISO 527-1/-2
Charpy impact strength, 23°C	11.4	ftlb/in^2	ISO 179/1eU
Charpy impact strength, -30°C	11.4	ftlb/in^2	ISO 179/1eU
Charpy notched impact strength, 23°C	2.38	ftlb/in^2	ISO 179/1eA
Charpy notched impact strength, -30°C	2.38	ftlb/in^2	ISO 179/1eA

Thermal properties

Melting temperature, 10°C/min	437	°F	ISO 11357-1/-3
Glass transition temperature, 10°C/min	140	°F	ISO 11357-1/-3
Temperature of deflection under load, 1.8 MPa	383	°F	ISO 75-1/-2
Temperature of deflection under load, 8 MPa	133	°F	ISO 75-1/-2
Vicat softening temperature, 50°C/h 50N	401	°F	ISO 306
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion (CLTE), parallel	0.33	E-4/°F	ISO 11359-1/-2

Flammability

Burning Behav. at 1.5mm nom. thickn.	V-0	class	IEC 60695-11-10
Thickness tested	0.0591	in	IEC 60695-11-10
Burning Behav. at thickness h	V-0	class	IEC 60695-11-10
Thickness tested	0.0150	in	IEC 60695-11-10
UL recognition	yes		UL 94
Oxygen index	30	%	ISO 4589-1/-2

Electrical properties

Relative permittivity, 100Hz	3.6		IEC 62631-2-1
Relative permittivity, 1MHz	3.5		IEC 62631-2-1
Dissipation factor, 100Hz	33	E-4	IEC 62631-2-1
Dissipation factor, 1MHz	165	E-4	IEC 62631-2-1
Volume resistivity	>1E13	Ohm.m	IEC 62631-3-1
Surface resistivity	>1E15	Ohm	IEC 62631-3-2

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Electric strength	737	kV/in	IEC 60243-1
Comparative tracking index	250		IEC 60112

Physical/Other properties

Humidity absorption, 2mm	0.2	%	Sim. to ISO 62
Water absorption, 2mm	0.45	%	Sim. to ISO 62
Density	0.0552	lb/in³	ISO 1183

Injection

Drying Recommended	yes	
Drying Temperature	248	°F
Drying Time, Dehumidified Dryer	4	h
Processing Moisture Content	≤0.02	%
Melt Temperature Optimum	482	°F
Min. melt temperature	464	°F
Max. melt temperature	500	°F
Max. screw tangential speed	0.1 - 0.3	m/s
Mold Temperature Optimum	176	°F
Min. mold temperature	140	°F
Max. mold temperature	266	°F

Characteristics

Processing	Injection Molding
Additives	Release agent, Flame retardant
Special characteristics	Flame retardant, Heat stabilized or stable to heat

Additional information

Injection molding

Preprocessing

To avoid hydrolytic degradation during processing, CELANEX resins have to be dried to a moisture level equal to or less than 0,02%. The drying should be done in a dry-air dryer (dew point < -30 °C) with a temperature of 120 to 140 °C and a drying time of 2 to 4 hours. In case of longer residence times in the dry-air dryer, the temperature should be reduced to 100 °C.
The time between drying and processing should be kept as short as possible.
The processing machine feed hopper should be closed during the processing operation.

Processing

Melt Temperature 260-270 °C
Mold Temperature *) 75-85 °C
Maximum Barrel Residence Time **) 5-10 min
Injection Speed fast
Peripheral screw speed max.0,3 m/sec
Back Pressure 10-30 bar
Injection Pressure 600-1000 bar

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Holding Pressure 400-800 bar
Nozzle Design open design preferred

Injection speed, injection pressure and holding pressure have to be optimized to the individual article geometry. To avoid material degradation during processing low back pressure and minimum screw speed have to be used. Overheating of the material has to be avoided. For grades containing flame retardants, a maximum temperature of 265 °C should not be exceeded.

Celanese recommends only externally heated hot runner systems.

*) For moulded parts with especially high requirements to the surface quality or dimensional stability, a mold temperature of up to 110 °C can be advantageous.

**) If the cylinder temperatures are higher than the recommended maximum temperatures, the max. residence time in the barrel has to be reduced.

Processing Notes

Pre-Drying

To avoid hydrolytic degradation during processing, CELANEX resins have to be dried to a moisture level equal to or less than 0.02%. Drying should be done in a dehumidifying hopper dryer capable of dewpoints <-40°F (-40°C) at 250°F (121°C) for 4 hours.

Storage

For subsequent storage of the material in the dryer until processed (<= 60 h) it is necessary to lower the temperature to 100° C.

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