



DOWLEX™ 2388 Polyethylene Resin

Overview

DOWLEX 2388 Polyethylene Resin is an ethylene/octene-1 copolymer produced in the proprietary solution process of The Dow Chemical Company. It has a unique molecular structure with a controlled side chain distribution, which provides excellent stress crack resistance properties combined with outstanding Long Term Hydrostatic Strength.

Applications:

Pipes for hot and cold water systems, e.g.:

- Hot / cold drinking water distribution
- Radiator connections
- Heating / cooling applications
- Mono- and multi-layer pipe
- Industrial applications.

Main Characteristics:

- Suitable for elevated temperatures without crosslinking
- Outstanding taste and odor performance
- Excellent processability.

Processing Recommendations:

DOWLEX 2388 Polyethylene Resin is easy to process on traditional PE processing equipment. Typical extrusion temperatures for processing range from 190 to 230 °C. For further information see our Extrusion Guideline.

Note:

DOWLEX 2388 Polyethylene Resin should comply with FDA regulation 177.1520, EU-Directive 2002/72/EC when used unmodified and processed according to good manufacturing practices. Please contact your nearest Dow office to obtain a detailed food contact compliance statement. The purchaser remains responsible for determining whether the use complies with all relevant regulations.

Physical	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Density	0.941 g/cm ³	0.941 g/cm ³	ISO 1183
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR)			ISO 1133
190°C/2.16 kg	0.55 g/10 min	0.55 g/10 min	
190°C/5.0 kg	1.9 g/10 min	1.9 g/10 min	
Mechanical	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Tensile Modulus			ISO 527-2
0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	93500 psi	645 MPa	
Tensile Stress			ISO 527-2/50
Yield, 0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	2940 psi	20.3 MPa	
Break, 0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	5370 psi	37.0 MPa	
Tensile Strain			ISO 527-2/50
Yield, 0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	14 %	14 %	
Break, 0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	780 %	780 %	
Flexural Modulus			ISO 178
0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	95700 psi	660 MPa	
Impact	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Notched Izod Impact Strength	10.9 ft-lb/in ²	23.0 kJ/m ²	ISO 180
Hardness	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Shore Hardness			ISO 868
Shore D, 0.0787 in (2.00 mm), Compression Molded	61	61	
Thermal	Nominal Value (English)	Nominal Value (SI)	Test Method
Vicat Softening Temperature	256 °F	125 °C	ISO 306
CLTE - Flow (68 to 158°F (20 to 70°C))	0.00010 in/in/°F	0.00018 cm/cm/°C	DIN 53752
Thermal Conductivity (140°F (60°C))	2.8 Btu-in/hr/ft ² /°F	0.40 W/m/K	DIN 52612

Notes

These are typical properties only and are not to be construed as specifications. Users should confirm results by their own tests.

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