

DuPont™ Teflon® PFA 340

fluoropolymer resin

Extrusion and Molding Resin

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Description

DuPont™ *Teflon*® PFA 340 is a general-purpose resin available in clear, 2.5-mm (0.1-in.) pellets. Compared with other grades of *Teflon*® PFA, its most unique features are a relatively high flow rate and properties that make it suitable for a variety of processes and demanding end uses.

Teflon® PFA 340 and the other *Teflon*® PFA (perfluoroalkoxy) fluoropolymer resins combine the processing ease of conventional thermoplastics with properties similar to those of polytetrafluoroethylene. They have high melt strength, stability at high processing temperatures, and resistance to creep at high service temperature.

Teflon® PFA 340 is used when traditional extrusion and molding processes are required for producing products with the superior properties of a fluoropolymer resin. For a given process, its high melt strength and thermal stability can be used to improve rates. Compared with other fluoropolymers, its creep resistance at its high service temperatures provides a superior balance and level of end-use properties.

Properly processed products made from neat *Teflon*® PFA 340 resin provide the superior properties typical of the fluoropolymer resins: retention of properties after service at 260°C (500°F), useful properties at -196°C (-320°F), and chemical inertness to nearly all industrial chemicals and solvents. Dielectric constant and dissipation factor are exceptionally low. Molded products have moderate stiffness and high ultimate elongation.

In a flame situation, products of *Teflon*® PFA 340 resist ignition and do not themselves promote flame spread. When ignited by flame from other sources, their contribution of heat is small and with very little smoke.

Statements, or data, regarding behavior in a flame situation are not intended to reflect hazards presented by this or any other material when under actual fire conditions.

Typical End Products

Applications for *Teflon*® PFA 340 include extruded tubing and other profiles for hose, electrical insulators, and sleeving; industrial film; and injection-molded articles requiring superior electrical, chemical, and thermal properties.

Processing

Teflon® PFA 340 can be processed by conventional melt extrusion and by injection, compression, and transfer processes. High melt strength and heat stability permit the use of relatively large die openings and high-temperature draw-down techniques that increase production rates. Reciprocating screw injection-molding machines are preferred. Corrosion-resistant metals should be used in contact with molten resin. Extruder barrels should be long, relative to diameter, to provide residence time for heating the resin to approximately 390°C (730°F).



Safety Precautions

WARNING!

VAPORS CAN BE LIBERATED THAT MAY BE HAZARDOUS IF INHALED.

Before using *Teflon*[®] PFA 340, read the Material Safety Data Sheet and the detailed information in the “Guide to the Safe Handling of Fluoropolymer Resins,” latest edition, published by the Fluoropolymers Division of The Society of the Plastics Industry—available from DuPont.

Open and use containers only in well-ventilated areas using local exhaust ventilation (LEV). Vapors and fumes liberated during hot processing, or from smoking tobacco or cigarettes contaminated with *Teflon*[®] PFA 340, may cause flu-like symptoms (chills, fever, sore throat) that may not occur until several hours after exposure and typically pass within about 24 hours. Vapors and fumes liberated during hot processing should be exhausted completely from the work area; contamination of tobacco with polymers should be avoided.

Mixtures with some finely divided metals, such as magnesium or aluminum, can be flammable or explosive under some conditions.

Storage and Handling

The properties of *Teflon*[®] PFA 340 resins are not affected by storage time. Ambient storage conditions should be designed to avoid airborne contamination and water condensation on the resin when it is removed from containers.

Freight Classification

Teflon[®] PFA 340 is classified as “Plastics, Materials, Granules.”

Packaging

Teflon[®] PFA 340 is packaged in 24.9-kg (55-lb) bags with a polyethylene inner lining. Special packages containing 2.3 kg (5 lb) and 11.3 kg (25 lb) are also available.

Table 1
Typical Property Data for DuPont™ Teflon® PFA Fluoropolymer Resin Grade 340

Property	ASTM Test Method	Unit	Nominal Value
Thermal			
Nominal Melting Point	D3418	°C (°F)	302–310 (575–590)
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion, 21–100°C (70–212°F) 100–149°C (212–300°F) 149–208°C (300–408°F)	D696	mm/mm/°C (in./in./°F)	14 x 10 ⁻⁵ (7.6 x 10 ⁻⁵)
		mm/mm/°C (in./in./°F)	17 x 10 ⁻⁵ (9.2 x 10 ⁻⁵)
		mm/mm/°C (in./in./°F)	21 x 10 ⁻⁵ (11.5 x 10 ⁻⁵)
		mm/mm/°C (in./in./°F)	21 x 10 ⁻⁵ (11.5 x 10 ⁻⁵)
Upper Service Temperature	—	°C (°F)	260 (500)
Flow Rate	D3307	g/10 min	14
Mechanical			
Tensile Strength, 23°C (73°F) 250°C (482°F)	D3307	MPa (psi)	25 (3,600)
		MPa (psi)	12 (1,800)
Specific Gravity	D792	—	2.12–2.17
Tensile Yield Strength, 23°C (73°F)	D3307	MPa (psi)	13.8 (2,000)
Ultimate Elongation, 23°C (73°F) 250°C (482°F)	D3307	%	300
		%	480
Flexural Modulus, 23°C (73°F) 250°C (482°F)	D790	MPa (psi)	590 (85,000)
		MPa (psi)	55 (8,000)
Hardness Durometer	D2240	—	D55
MIT Folding Endurance 0.18–0.20 mm (0.007–0.008 in.)	D2176	cycles	15,000*
Electrical			
Dielectric Strength Short Time, 0.25 mm (0.010 in.)	D149	kV/mm (V/mil)	80 (2,000)
			80 (2,000)
Dielectric Constant, 60–10 ⁶ Hz	D150	—	2.03
Dissipation Factor, 60–10 ⁶ Hz	D150	—	0.0001
Volume Resistivity	D257	ohm.cm	10 ¹⁸
General			
Water Absorption, 24 hr	D570	%	<0.03
Weather and Chemical Resistance	—	—	Outstanding
Limiting Oxygen Index	D2863	%	>95

Note: Typical properties are not suitable for specification.

* Depending on fabrication conditions

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