



UHMWPE (Ultra High Molecular Weight Polythene)

UHMWPE (Ultra high molecular weight Polythene) possesses properties that make it particularly suitable for use in very low temperature and dry sliding applications.

- Continuous service temperature range, under moderate loading, of -269°C to 80°C.
- Exceptional impact strength maintained at relatively high values even at very low temperatures.
- Very good fatigue strength under alternating stress.
- Low coefficient of friction.
- A "non stick" surface resistant to abrasion, to which very few substances can adhere, self lubricating especially in dry • movements against metal surfaces.
- Good electrical properties, especially at high frequencies, maintained over a wide temperature range.
- Resistant to attack by a wide range of chemicals.
- Almost no moisture absorption.
- Virtually odourless and tasteless, virgin compression moulded material is approved for contact with food (extruded material grades intended for industrial applications are not, because of additives, approved for contact with food).
- Density of only 0.94 g/cm³.
- Easily machined.

AVAILABILITY - UHMWPE

- Extruded rod 12.5mm - 200mm diameter
- Compression moulded sheets
- virgin material 2mm - 140mm thick
- reclaimed grades 5mm - 140mm thick
- Coiled wear strips
- Machined Components

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MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	Test Method	Natural	Units
Density	DIN 53479	0.94	g/cm ³
Yield Stress (Tensile Strength)	DIN 53455	22	N/mm ²
Ultimate Tensile Strength	DIN 53455	44	N/mm ²
Elongation at Break	DIN 53455	450	%
Limiting Flexural Stress	DIN 53452	27	N/mm ²
Torsional Stiffness	at 23°C	DIN 53447	250
	at -40°C	DIN 53447	370
Bend Creep Modulus 1 Min Value		790	N/mm ²
Ball Indentation Hardness 30 Sec Value	DIN 53456	38	N/mm ²
Shore Hardness D	DIN 53505	64 - 67	
Notched Impact Strength	DIN 53453	not broken	mJ/mm ²
Dynamic Coefficient of Friction on Polished and Hardened Steel	Dry		0.10 - 0.22
	Lubricated by Water		0.05 - 0.10
	Lubricated by Oil		0.05 - 0.08
Abrasion by Abrader Wheel Method	DIN 53754	3 - 8	mm ³ /100 rev
THERMAL PROPERTIES			
Crystalline Melting Range		135 - 138	°C
Average Coefficient of Linear			
Thermal Expansion between 20°C and 100°C	DIN 52328	2 10 ⁻⁴	K ⁻¹
Thermal Conductivity at 20°C	DIN 52612	0.42	W/mK
Specific Heat at 20°C		1.84	kJ/kg K
Heat Distortion Temperature Method A	ISO R75	95	°C
Inflammability	not self extinguishing		
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES			
Volume Resistivity	DIN 53482	>10 ¹⁶	ohm cm
Surface Resistance	DIN 53482	>10 ¹³	ohm
Dielectric Strength	DIN 53481	900	kV/cm
Dielectric Constant at 2 10 ⁶ Hz		2.30	
Tracking Resistance	DIN 53480	KA3c	
Arc Resistance	DIN 53484	L4	
Dielectric Loss Factor	at 50 Hz	DIN 53483	1.9 10 ⁻⁴
	at 10 ² Hz	DIN 53483	0.5 10 ⁻⁴
	at 10 ⁴ Hz	DIN 53483	0.5 10 ⁻⁴
	at 10 ⁶ Hz	DIN 53483	2.5 10 ⁻⁴