

ELITE* 5400G

Enhanced Polyethylene Resin

Melt Index:	1
Density:	0.916

ELITE* 5400G Enhanced Polyethylene Resin is a copolymer produced via INSITE* Technology from Dow Plastics[†]. It offers extremely high impact resistance, combined with excellent tear, tensile and optical properties for high strength blown film applications.

In addition, ELITE 5400G Enhanced Polyethylene Resin offers a unique combination of

low seal initiation, higher modulus, and low blocking tendencies for automated packaging applications.

Note:
This material complies with U.S. FDA regulation 21 CFR 177.1520 (c) 3.2 (a) when used unmodified and processed according to good manufacturing practices. Please contact your nearest Dow office regarding food contact compliance statements.

The purchaser remains responsible for determining whether the use complies with all relevant regulations.

Applications:

- For food and specially packaging films.
- Extremely high impact resistance.
- Excellent tear, tensile, and optical properties.
- Low seal initiation temperatures and high hot tack strengths for form-fill-seal applications.

Resin Properties ⁽¹⁾	Unit	Test Method	Values
Melt Index, 190°C/2.16 kg	g/10min	ASTM D-1238	1
Density	g/cm ³	ASTM D-792	0.916
Melting Point	°C	DSC	122
Blown Film Properties ^(1,2)	Unit	Test Method	51 µm
Puncture Resistance, Energy	J	Dow Method	5.5
Force	N		107
Dart Impact, (Method B)	g	ASTM D-1709	>850
Elmendorf Tear (Type A)	g	MD	630
		CD	770
Tensile Yield	MPa	MD	11.3
		CD	11.2
Ultimate Tensile	MPa	MD	54
		CD	52
Ultimate Elongation	%	MD	635
		CD	660
Tensile Modulus, 1%secant	MPa	MD	171
		CD	194
Optical Properties			
Gloss, 20°	units	ASTM D-2457	77
Haze	%	ASTM D-1003	9.5
Seal Initiation Temperature	°C ⁽³⁾	Dow Method	90

Fabrication Conditions For Blown Film Extrusion:

- Die Gap: 0.8-2.8 mm.
- Melt Temperature: 190-246 °C.
- Blow-Up Ratio: 1.5:1 to 3.5:1.

(1) Typical values; not to be construed as specifications.

(2) Blown film extruded at 232-246 °C, 2.5:1 BUR, 1.9 mm die gap.

(3) Temperature at which 5.25 N/15 mm heat seal strength is achieved.

-See "Handling Considerations" attached

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Safety and Handling Considerations

Safety Considerations

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Health and Safety

Polyethylene resins are among the most inert commercial polymers and constitute no hazard in normal handling. For "Regulated" uses, such as food contact, your Dow sales representative can obtain compliance letters for specific resins. Normal good housekeeping practice should be followed. Workers should be protected from possibility of skin or eye contact with molten polymer. Safety glasses are suggested as a minimal precaution to prevent possible mechanical or thermal injury to the eyes. Fabrication areas should be ventilated to carry away fumes or vapours; workers should be assured of supply of fresh air. Workplace environments should be kept clean and free of dust.

Combustibility

Polyethylene resins will burn when supplied with adequate amounts of heat and oxygen.

They should be handled and stored away from contact with direct flames and/or other ignition sources. In burning, polyethylene resins contribute high heat and may generate a dense black smoke. Fires can be extinguished by conventional means with water fog preferred. In enclosed areas, fire fighters should be provided with self-contained breathing apparatus.

Recycling

Polyethylene resins can be recycled. Production rejects and/or conversion waste should preferably be recycled instead of being disposed of.

Disposal

In disposal of any wastes, be certain all applicable national and local regulations are met. If these regulations are met, the following is applicable for the polyethylene resins as supplied. If fillers, processing aids or other materials have been added, their possible influence on handling and disposal should be judged separately. Polyethylene resins can be disposed of either by incineration or landfill. With properly controlled industrial, commercial or municipal incineration, particulate or gaseous discharge into the air can be maintained within allowable levels. Thermoplastic products, such as polyethylene resins, have high heat values and should be incinerated only in units designed to handle high heats of combustion.

In landfill, polyethylene resins are inert, do not degrade quickly, form a strong and

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