

TARFLON[®] A2500

(Base Material: FN2500A)

Polycarbonate – Medium Viscosity, MFI 8 g/10 min; Transparent or Opaque colors
(Flake type FN2500A)

Properties ⁽¹⁾	Test Method	Value	Units
Physical			
Density	ISO 1183 B	1.200	g/cm ³
Melt Flow Index (300°C; 1.2 kg)	ISO 1133	8	g/10 min
Water Absorption (23°C; 24 h, 50% rh)	ISO 62	0.23	%
Mechanical			
Tensile Stress at Yield	ISO 527	65	MPa
Tensile Stress at Break	ISO 527	65	MPa
Nominal tensile strain at break	ISO 527	90	%
Modulus of elasticity in tension	ISO 527	2.000	MPa
Flexural Strength	ISO 178	90	MPa
Modulus in Flexure	ISO 178	2.300	MPa
Charpy Impact strength	notched at 23°C ISO 179-1 EA	80	kJ/m ²
Rockwell Hardness	ISO 2039	120/50	R/M scale
Taber Abrasion	ASTM D 1044	12	mg (1000 rounds)
Thermal			
Vicat Softening Point	ISO 306	145	°C
Temperature of deflection under load (0.46 MPa)	ISO 75	137	°C
Temperature of deflection under load (1.82 MPa)	ISO 75	125	°C
Mold Shrinkage	ASTM D 955	0.5 ~ 0.7	%
Linear expansion factor	ASTM D 696	6.5	x 10 ⁻⁵ cm/cm/°C
Electrical			
Dielectric Constant	IEC 60250	2.85	10 ⁶ Hz
		2.91	60 Hz
Dissipation Factor		0.0092	10 ⁶ Hz
		6.6 x 10 ⁻⁴	60 Hz
Dielectric Strength (1.6 mm)	IEC 60243-1	30	MV/m
Arc Resistance	ASTM D 495	110	sec
Volume Resistivity	IEC 60093	>10 ¹⁶	Ω x cm
Optical			
Refractive Index (n _D ²⁵)		1.586	
Total Luminous Transmittance	ISO 13468	85 ~ 89	%
Flammability⁽²⁾			
Flammability Rating	UL 94	V-2	0.36 ~ 1.90 mm
	File No. E48268 (M)	HB	> 1.9 mm
Limiting Oxygen Index	ASTM D 2863	27	%
HWI-class 1.47 mm	UL	3	
Glow Wire Ignition Test (GWIT)		2.00 mm	850 °C
		3.00 mm	850 °C
Processing			
Melt Temperature		280 ~ 305	°C
Mold Temperature		80 ~ 120	°C
Pre-drying		4 hours/120°C	
ISO description		PC	

⁽¹⁾ Typical property values are not to be construed as sales specifications.

⁽²⁾ This rating is not intended to reflect hazards presented by this or any other material under actual fire conditions

Product Information

Safety and Handling Consideration

Material Safety Data (MSD) sheets for TARFLON® Polycarbonate are available from Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. MSD sheets are provided to help customers satisfy their own handling, safety and disposal needs, and those that may be required by locally applicable health and safety regulations such as OSHA (USA), MAK (Germany) or WHMIS (Canada). MSD sheets are upgraded regularly, therefore, please request and review the most current MSD sheet before handling or using any product. The following comments are general and apply only to TARFLON Polycarbonate as supplied. Various additives and processing aids used in fabrication and other materials used in finishing steps have their own safe use profile and must be investigated separately.

Hazards and Handling Precautions

TARFLON Polycarbonate has a very low degree of toxicity and under normal conditions of use should pose no unusual problems from ingestion, eye or skin contact. However, caution is advised when handling, storing, using or disposing of these resins and good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Workers should be protected from the possibility of contact with molten resin during fabrication. Handling and fabrication of plastic resins can result in the generation of vapors and dusts. Dusts resulting from sawing, filing and sanding of plastic parts in post-molding operations may cause irritation to eyes and upper respiratory tract. In dusty atmospheres, use an approved dust respirator. Granules or beads may present a slipping hazard. Slight itching and irritation may result from skin contact. Repeated exposure to particles generated by grinding glass fiber-reinforced materials may result in implantation of particles in the skin. Good general ventilation of the polymer processing area is recommended. In addition, to accelerate cooling of large polymer masses, purge patties should be quenched in water. If quenching is not possible, purge patties should be removed from the general working area to a well-ventilated area to cool.

Processing may release fumes which may include polymer fragments and other decomposition products. Fumes can be irritating. At temperatures exceeding melt temperature, polymer fragments can occur. Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations. Use safety glasses. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause mechanical injury to the eye, wear chemical goggles. If vapor exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator. No other precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed for handling TARFLON Polycarbonate. Use gloves with insulation for thermal protection, when needed.

Combustibility

TARFLON Polycarbonate will burn, and once ignited, may burn rapidly under the right conditions of heat and oxygen supply. Do not permit dust to accumulate. Dust layers can be ignited by spontaneous combustion or other ignition sources. When suspended in air, dust can pose an explosion hazard. Toxic fumes may be released in fire situations. Fire fighters should wear positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective equipment. Water or water fog are the preferred extinguishing media. Foam, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide, or dry chemicals may also be used. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition.

Disposal

DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. For unused or uncontaminated material, the preferred options include sending to a licensed recycler, re-claimer, incinerator or other thermal destruction device. For used or contaminated material, the disposal options remain the same, although additional evaluation is required (see, for example, in the USA 40 CFR, Part 261, "Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste"). All disposal methods must be in compliance with Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations.

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Environment

Generally speaking, in the environment lost pellets are not a problem except under unusual circumstances – when they enter the marine environment. They are inert and benign in terms of their physical environmental impact, but if ingested by waterfowl or aquatic life, they may mechanically cause adverse effects. Spills should be minimized and they should be cleaned up when they happen. Plastics should not be discarded into the ocean or any other body of water.

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