

KRASTEN® 171

General Purpose Polystyrene - GPPS

Technical Data Sheet

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CHARACTERISTICS

Krasten® 171 is general purpose polystyrene (GPPS) with excellent optical properties, gloss, high heat resistance and mechanical strength. It is a thermoplastic material designed for extrusion, thermoforming and injection moulding. Product has a form of cylindrical granules of diameter 2.5 to 6 mms.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The product may contain small amounts of granulate finer than that mentioned above of irregular shapes. Presence of any mechanical impurities in the granulate is not allowed. Krasten® 171 is a colorless plastic.

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS AND PROCESSING CONDITIONS

Parameters	Unit	Typical value	Standard/method	Note
Melt mass-flow rate (MFR)	g/10 min	1.4 - 1.7	ISO 1133/H	200 °C; 5 kg
Charpy impact strength	kJ/m ²	18	ISO 179/1eU	23 °C
Vicat softening temperature	°C	101	ISO 306/B50	50 °C/h; 50 N
Residual styrene content	% wt.	0.035	Internal	-
Flammability ¹⁾	Class	HB	UL 94	1.6 mm
Moulding shrinkage	%	0.2 - 0.5	Internal	-
Processing conditions				
Temperature/Time of drying ²⁾	°C/h	70 / 2 - 4	-	hot-air drier
	°C/h	80 / 1	-	drier with a molecular sieve
Injection moulding: Melt temperature	°C	180 - 280	-	-
Injection moulding: Mould temperature	°C	10 - 60	-	-
Extrusion: Melt temperature	°C	200 - 250	-	-

¹⁾ Tested in Electro-technical testing institute, Prague, Czech Republic.

²⁾ For products with high quality of surface.

Guaranteed values of relevant technical parameters of the product are each time agreed upon in the sales contract.

To each shipping lot/delivery a quality certificate including data on properties of the product determined during release control is issued. Scope of the testing which is covered by the quality certificate is each time agreed upon in the sales contract.

PACKAGING

Krasten® is usually delivered in truck tankers or in polyethylene bags containing 25 ± 0.2 kg (net weight) that are stored on pallets and secured by PE foil, or in "octabin" packages with weight of 1,100 kg. Other forms of packaging and transportation (e.g. Big-Bag) are available, based on an agreement and specification in the purchase contract.

Following data are shown on packaging: manufacturer, name of product, number of grade, number of a coloured shade, serial number, weight and a filling code.

In case of product transported in bulk the above-mentioned information is given in the quality certificate as well as in the sales documents.

TRANSPORTATION

The covered road and railroad transportation equipment is used for transportation. The manufacturer is not responsible for cleanliness of the customer's own transportation packaging. The relevant road and railroad regulations apply to transportation.

In accordance with: ADR, RID, ANDR, IMDG, ICAO, IATA, and UN, Krasten® does not represent dangerous matter for transportation.

Krasten® must not be transported together with the organic solvents.

Every shipment contains a certificate with the product's parameters verified in manufacturer's testing laboratories that are verified in accordance with this standard or in accordance with a specification in a purchase contract.

STORAGE

Krasten® is stored in transportation packaging or freely in closed containers (silos). It is recommended to store it in dry, well ventilated indoor warehouses where the stored material is protected from direct impacts of weather.

Krasten® stored in PE bags on palettes could be stored in outdoor areas as well. The outdoor storage does not have any impact on quality of stored material, but the quality of packaging (PE foils) and cleanliness of the outer surface of packaging is compromised, so the manufacturer does not recommend the outdoor storing. Material in octabin packaging may not be stored outdoor because it is not weather resistant.

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Provided that all storage conditions in intact packaging were complied with, the warranty period is 1 year from the day of the certificate issuance.

APPLICATION

Injection moulding is used to produce parts with increased thermal and mechanical resistance.

Extrusion is used to produce e.g. shower enclosures panels and biaxially-oriented sheets (BOPS). It is used in the production of lightweight sheets (XPS). It is suitable for blending with high-impact polystyrene (HIPS) and SBS copolymers to increase the thermal resistance of the product e.g. cups for hot drinks.

The composition of the polymer meets the requirements of the Health and can therefore be used for the production of articles coming into contact with food.



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