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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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SULAPAC SOLID 2.0 - IM1026

MATERIAL FEATURES

Sulapac Solid is a sustainable injection molding material ideal for kitchenware used on a daily basis, such as plates, mugs, bowls and containers. The material contains 100% USDA certified biobased content. It has high impact strength and it is dishwasher¹ and microwave safe. Sulapac Solid has low carbon footprint², and it is certified as industrially compostable by BPI³. It doesn't leave permanent microplastics or toxic load behind⁴.

The unique combination of raw materials: responsibly sourced biodegradable biopolymers and naturally occurring clay minerals, gives Sulapac Solid its beautiful ceramic look and feel, even sound, that makes it stand out. Sulapac Solid meets the EU requirements for food contact materials⁵.

For further details on sustainability, visit sulapac.com/key-features/





¹ Material is suitable for repeated use as per European Commission regulation (EU) No 10/2011. Dishwashability tested according to EN 12875 standard with a minimum of 125 washing cycles.

² 0,57 kg CO₂ eq/kg based on cradle-to-gate LCA performed by an independent third-party consultancy (biogenic carbon included).

³ The compostability has been tested up to the thickness of 150µm according to BPI (ASTM D6400). As the compostability of an end product is also dependent on the geometry of product, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the end product to ensure compliance with the regulations.

⁴ Relative biodegradation of 77,3% in 420 days in simulated marine environment test (ASTM D6691 86 °F / 30 °C) using natural sea water. Not considered biodegradable in California

⁵ Restrictions and specifications of use apply, please refer to the relevant Declaration of Compliance for further information.

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MECHANICAL PROPERTIES		
MATERIAL	SULAPAC SOLID 2.0	
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES		
Hardness (Shore D)	91	
Material density (g/cm ³)	1.4	
Shrinkage (%)	0.1-0.2	
Heat deflection temperature (HDT-B) (°C)	135	
TENSILE PROPERTIES (ISO 527-1)		
Tensile strength (MPa)	65	
Tensile modulus (GPa)	7.8	
Tensile strain (%)	1.3	
FLEXURAL PROPERTIES (ISO 178)		
Flexural strength (MPa)	83	
Flexural modulus (GPa)	8.5	
Flexural strain (%)	1.3	
IMPACT PROPERTIES (Unnotched, ISO 179-1)		
Charpy impact strength (kJ/m ²)	15-18	
RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES (ISO 1133)		
MFI (190°C/2.16 kg)	21-25 g/10 min	

PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INJECTION MOLDING

MOISTURE AND DRYING

INSTRUCTIONS

- Before processing, the granules should be dried using a dehumidifying or vacuum dryer.
- If a dehumidifying dryer is used, the granules should be dried for at least 4 hours at 100°C.
- If a vacuum drying system is used, the granules should be first dried for at least 20 minutes at 100°C and then kept in the vacuum for at least 40 minutes.
- Avoid exposing the material to ambient conditions after drying.
- Moisture content can lead to hydrolysis.
- Dried granules should be mixed with the color masterbatch after the granules have cooled down in order to avoid the agglomeration of color masterbatch granules.

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PROCESSING CONDITIONS			
	TEMPERATURE	GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS	
Throat	40-60°C	Typical settings may require optimization.	
Feed zone	150-165°C	Both cold and hot runner systems are witch to for this material	
Compression zone	suitable for this material.		
Homogenizing zone	185-200°C	 Valve gate systems can be used. Avoid using temperatures above 210°C in order to lower the risk of polymer 	
Machine nozzle	185-210°C		
Back pressure	5-10 bar	degradation.	
Screw speed, max	< 0,25 m/s	< 0,25 m/s • The dwell time of the material inside the machine shall be reduced to minimum in	
Hot runner nozzle and pushing	180-210°C order to lower the risk of thermal		
Tooling temperature Tmold	100°C	degradation.	

PURGING INSTRUCTIONS

DURING PRODUCTION

BEFORE PRODUCTION

- Purge the plasticization unit and the hot runner with PE (or PP).
- To purge the plasticization unit and hot runner from residual PE (or PP) or previous production recipes, at least 10 cycles should be produced from Sulapac material before starting the actual production.

• The material has a tendency to degrade and therefore needs a constant melt flow.

- The condition of the mold should be regularly monitored and, if necessary, the mold should be cleaned using e.g. a glass fiber brush or mold cleaning agents.
- If an extensive amount of burned material starts to appear in the products, try lowering processing temperature

AFTER PRODUCTION

- Purge the plasticization unit and the hot runner with PE (or PP).
- Clean up the mold after production. The temperature of the mold is recommended to be elevated to 70°C.
 Generally used mold cleaning agents can be utilized.

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STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

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GRANUELS

- It is recommended to store granules in their closed, original moisture barrier packaging.
- Storage in direct sunlight or in rain should be avoided.
- Temperatures during transportation and storage may not exceed 60°C at any time.
- Material shelf-life is 12 months from the manufacturing date when stored at room temperatures (23 °C). Manufacturing date can be found on the label on material packaging.

SULAPAC COLOR PALETTE

GRANUELS

• Sulapac color masterbatches for Sulapac Solid are currently under development.



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