



# **Applications**

Injection Moulding **Extrusion** 3D Printing Electronics and Electricals, home appliances, plug casings

### **Features**

Flame Retarded (UL94V-0) High HDT **High Impact Strength** High renewable content

### **Benefits**

Developed for applications requiring fire resistance. **Durability comparable** to flame retarded ABS

#### **General Information**

Floreon Therma Tech is a PLA based compound intended for durable applications requiring flame retardancy. This developmental grade contains a flame retardant, impact modifier, nucleating agent. The material is based on PLA and is designed as a drop in replacement for ABS in injection moulding, extrusion and 3D printing. Drying of the material is recommended to ensure melt stability and limit degradation of the material during processing.

## **Product Description**

- PLA based compound with high renewable content.
- · Nucleated to allow high crystallinity and heat deflection temperature.
- · Contains elastomeric impact modifier.

# **Predicted Physical Properties\***

Physical	Value	Unit	Test Method
Melt Flow Index (190 °C/ 2.16 kg) Specific Gravity	10 1.26	g/10 min g/cm3	Internal method based on ISO 1133 and ASTM D792
Mechanical	Value	Unit	Test Method
Young's Modulus (23 °C) Tensile Strength at Yield	2.57 36.6	GPa MPa	ISO 527
Tensile Strain at Break	9.9	%	
Impact	Value	Unit	Test Method
Notched Izod Impact Strength (23 °C)	5.03	kJ/ m2	ISO 180
Thermal	Value	Unit	Test Method
Heat Deflection Temperature	55	°C	Internal method
HDT (Mould heated to 95 °C)	90	°C	based on ISO 75-2/B
Melt Temperature	175	°C	DSC
Fire Resistance (0.8mm)	VO	n/a	UL94V
Fire Resistance (3.2mm)	VO	n/a	UL94V



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Shrinkage	Value	Unit	Test Method
Amorphous (Mould temp 26 °C)	0.2 – 0.4	%	ASTM
Crystalline (Mould temp 120 °C)	1.7 – 1.8	%	D638

<sup>\*</sup> Typical properties only, subject to change, not to be construed as specifications.

### **Processing Information**

Floreon Therma Tech compound can be processed on general purpose injection moulding equipment and a screw designed to minimize shear and residence time will produce the best results. The material is typically injection moulded using a melt temperature of 200 °C with a mould temperature of 26 °C. This grade can be extruded from as low a temperature as 170 °C, but processing temperatures must never exceed 240 °C. Melt temperature has a significant effect on mold flow with this grade and for thinner walled parts a melt temperature of 230 °C may be required.

# **Recommended Machine Settings Injection**

# **Processing Temperature Profile**

Melt Temperature Feed Throat Feed Temperature	200 °C 20 °C 60 °C
Compression Section	165 °C
Metering Section	190°C
Nozzle	190 °C
Mould	26 °C

### **Drying**

Floreon resins must be dry before use in melt processing; a water content of less than 250 ppm is recommended, otherwise product performance will be significantly degraded. The solid resin will not be damaged by absorption of atmospheric moisture providing it is stored in a cool environment at temperatures not exceeding 25 °C. As with unmodified PLA, Floreon resins should not be left in the barrel at high temperatures for extended periods of time (5 minutes and above) as this will degrade the material resulting in a significant drop in viscosity and resin integrity.

Drying under vacuum at a maximum temperature of 90 °C for 2 hours is recommended to ensure best results. The material can be dried above this temperature but some 'clumping' may occur, with pellets sticking together. This is reversible and the pellets can be separated on cooling with mild agitation.

#### **REACH Declaration**

Floreon is fully compliant with REACH regulations.