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Marketing Compound SC2

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DESCRIPTION

PLA is a biobased polymer derived from natural resources and offers a significant reduction in carbon footprint compared to oil-based plastics. Compound SC2 is a 40% glass reinforced compound, for use in injection molded applications, based on full stereocomplex PLA produced with PLLA and PDLA homopolymers using proprietary Total Corbion PLA technology. Compared to standard and high heat PLA, full stereocomplex PLA compounds have higher melting points and improved mechanical properties, similar to glass reinforced engineering plastics like Nylon 6 and PBT.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES^{1,2}

Parameter	Method	Typical value
Glass fiber contents		40%
Biobased content		58%
Biobased carbon content		98%
Flexural modulus	ISO 178	13500 MPa
Tensile strength	ISO 527	150 MPa
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Elongation at break	ISO 527	1%
Charpy notched impact, 23°C	ISO 179	10 kJ/m ²
Charpy unnotched impact, 23°C		44 kJ/m ²
HDT-A (1.80 MPa)	ISO 75-1	198°C
HDT-B (0.45 MPa)	ISO 75-1	209°C
Melting temperature	DSC	220°C

¹ Development grades, available for sampling, all data is preliminary. Total Corbion PLA does not commercially produce these compounds.

² Typical properties, not to be interpreted as specifications

Table 1: Typical properties

PROCESSING INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

The compounded product should be dried to <400ppm before injection molding. Precautions should be taken to avoid moisture absorption of the dried granulate during processing, for example while sitting in the hopper of the injection molding machine. In general, injection molding conditions should be selected to avoid high stresses and high (back) pressures on the material in order to limit length reduction of the glass fibers.

It is recommended to select an injection molding machine with a low ratio of barrel volume / shot weight to avoid degradation in the barrel. A barrel volume of maximum 5 times the shot weight is recommended.

The achievable cycle time for automatic operation depends on a number of machine, mold and product properties. As the product needs time to crystallize into full stereocomplex PLA, the crystallization time in the mold typically at 120°C is the rate limiting step.

Although automatic operation will also run using lower mold cooling temperatures, this is not recommended because this will result in products with reduced thermal and dimensional stability.



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Parameter	Setting	Remarks
Predrying	Minimum 4hrs at 85°C	Preferred to check moisture content of dried resin with e.g. Karl-Fischer or Brabender aquatrac
Throat temperature	30°C	
Feed zone temperature	180°C	
Compression zone temperature	220°C	
Metering zone temperature	220°C	
Nozzle temperature	230°C	Lower temperature can cause freezing of the nose when using a cold runner
Hot runner temperature	230°C	
Mold temperature	80°C - 140°C	Lower mold temperature can result in failure to form full stereocomplex PLA
Barrel volume	Maximum 5 times the shot volume	
Screw speed	As slow as possible	
<i>Typical settings, may require optimization</i>		

Table 2: Recommended conditions for fully automatic operation

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