

NAS 21

Styrene Methyl Methacrylate (SMMA)

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DESCRIPTION

NAS® 21 is a styrene acrylic copolymer that can be used in a variety of applications demanding a strong, stiff water-clear plastic resin with excellent thermal stability. Food contact statements are available on request.

FEATURES

- High surface quality
- Sterilisable(ETO, NO₂, Irradiation)
- Transparency
- Low density
- Water clear appearance

APPLICATIONS

- Water filters
- Point-of-purchase displays
- Food contact applications
- Medical devices
- Cosmetic packaging

Property, Test Condition	Standard	Unit	Values
Rheological Properties			
Melt Volume Rate 220 °C/10 kg	ISO 1133	cm ³ /10 min	24
Mechanical Properties			
Charpy Notched Impact Strength, 23° C	ISO 179/1eA	kJ/m ²	1.5
Charpy Unnotched, 23 °C	ISO 179/1eU	kJ/m ²	12
Izod Notched Impact Strength, 23 °C	ISO 180/A	kJ/m ²	2.5
Tensile Modulus	ISO 527	MPa	3300
Tensile Stress at Yield, 23 °C	ISO 527	MPa	60
Tensile Strain at Break, 23 °C	ISO 527	%	2.5
Flexural Modulus, 23 °C	ISO 178	MPa	3400
Flexural Strength, 23 °C	ISO 178	MPa	100
Hardness, Ball Indentation	ISO 2039-1	MPa	168
Thermal Properties			
Vicat Softening Temperature VST/B/50 (50N, 50 °C/h)	ISO 306	°C	98
Heat Deflection Temperature A; (annealed 4 h/80 °C; 1.8 MPa)	ISO 75	°C	80
Heat Deflection Temperature B; (annealed 4 h/80 °C; 0.45 MPa)	ISO 75	°C	90
Optical Properties			

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Refractive Index, Sodium D Line	ISO 489	-	1.57
Haze	ASTM D 1003	%	0.3
Light Transmission at 550 nm	ASTM D 1003	%	91.3
Other Properties			
Density	ISO 1183	kg/m ³	1080
Moisture Absorption, Equilibrium 23 °C/50% RH	ISO 62	%	0.1
Processing			
Melt Temperature Range	ISO 294	°C	200 - 240
Mold Temperature Range	ISO 294	°C	30 - 50
Drying Temperature	-	°C	80
Drying Time	-	h	2

Typical values for uncolored products

Please note that all processing data stated are only indicative and may vary depending on the individual processing complexities.

Please consult our local sales or technical representatives for details.

SUPPLY FORM

INEOS Styrolution NAS resins are available in bulk, 25kg bags or octabin cartons. NAS pellets can be stored for prolonged periods in dry areas subject to normal temperature control without any changes in mechanical properties. However, for sensitive colors storage over some years can cause some color change. Under poor storage conditions, NAS absorbs moisture, which can be removed again by drying. Packs stored in cold areas should be brought to ambient temperature before opening, to prevent condensation on the pellets.

PROCESSING

NAS is a low moisture absorption copolymer and in many instances processes readily without pre-drying. There are combinations of conditions that require the product to be dried, such as high humidity and heavy section molding. Two hours at 82 °C (180 °F) is adequate for most applications. Dehumidifying type driers are recommended. To obtain maximum clarity and gloss from this product, it is necessary to have a highly polished mold. Design of gates, runners and sprues can be patterned after standard practice for high-heat polystyrene. All mold surfaces must be temperature controlled at 54 °C (130 °F) for optimum clarity and surface gloss. For optimum clarity, machine cylinders, barrels, screws, valves, etc. should be thoroughly cleaned before processing. Contamination by other materials will cause streaking or haze.

PRODUCT SAFETY

During processing of NAS small quantities of styrene monomer may be released into the atmosphere. At styrene vapor concentrations below 20ppm no negative effects on health are expected. In our experience, the concentration of styrene does not exceed 1 ppm in well ventilated workplaces - that is were five to eight air changes per hour are made.

DISCLAIMER

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