Makrolon® M420 GF

Grades / Medical devices

polycarbonate; MVR (300 °C/1.2 kg) 8.0 cm³/10 min; low viscosity; 20 % glass fiber reinforced; biocompatible according to many ISO 10993-1 test requirements; injection molding; available as opac colors only; suitable for medical devices

ISO Shortname

PC-GF20

	Property	Test Condition	Unit	Standard	typical Value
	Rheological properties				
	Melt volume-flow rate	300 °C/ 1.2 kg	cm³/10 min	ISO 1133	8
	Melt viscosity	1000 s^{-1}/ 300 °C	Pa·s	b.o. ISO 11443-A	330
C	Molding shrinkage, parallel	60x60x2 mm³	%	ISO 294-4	0.3
C	Molding shrinkage, normal	60x60x2 mm³	%	ISO 294-4	0.5
	Mechanical properties (23 °C/50 % r. h.)				
C	Tensile modulus	1 mm/min	MPa	ISO 527-1,-2	5800
	Yield stress	5 mm/min	MPa	ISO 527-1,-2	90
	Yield strain	5 mm/min	%	ISO 527-1,-2	3.0
	Nominal strain at break	5 mm/min	%	ISO 527-1,-2	3.5
	Flexural modulus	2 mm/min	MPa	ISO 178	5700
	Flexural strength	2 mm/min	MPa	ISO 178	155
	Izod notched impact strength	23 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 180/A	12
	Izod notched impact strength	-30 °C/ 3 mm	kJ/m²	ISO 21305/based on ISO 180/A	11
	Thermal properties				
C	Temperature of deflection under load	1.80 MPa	°C	ISO 75-1,-2	141
C	Temperature of deflection under load	0.45 MPa	°C	ISO 75-1,-2	146
C	Vicat softening temperature	50 N; 50 °C/h	°C	ISO 306	149
	Vicat softening temperature	50 N; 120 °C/h	°C	ISO 306	151
C	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, parallel	23 to 55 °C	10^{-4}/K	ISO 11359-1,-2	0.3
C	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion, normal	23 to 55 °C	10^{-4}/K	ISO 11359-1,-2	0.65
C	Burning behavior UL 94	3.0 mm	Class	UL 94	V-1 (Covestro Test)
	Other properties (23 °C)				
C	Water absorption (saturation value)	Water at 23 °C	%	ISO 62	0.28
C	Water absorption (equilibrium value)	23 °C; 50 % r. h.	%	ISO 62	0.11
C	Density		kg/m³	ISO 1183-1	1340
	Glass fiber content	Method A	%	b.o. ISO 3451-1	20
	Processing conditions for test specimens				
C	Injection molding - Melt temperature		°C	ISO 294	300
C	Injection molding - Mold temperature		°C	ISO 294	110
C	Injection molding - Injection velocity		mm/s	ISO 294	200

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	Property	Test Condition	Unit	Standard	typical Value
Recommended processing and drying conditions					
	Melt temperatures		°C	-	280-320
	Standard Melt temperature		°C	-	300
	Barrel Temperatures - Rear		°C	-	260-280
	Barrel Temperatures - Middle		°C	-	270-310
	Barrel Temperatures - Front		°C	-	280-320
	Barrel Temperatures - Nozzle		°C	-	280-320
	Mold Temperatures		°C	-	80-120
	Hold Pressure (% of injection pressure)		%	-	50-75
	Plastic Back Pressure (specific)		bar	-	50-150
	Peripheral Screw Speed		m/s	-	0.05-0.2
	Shot-to-Cylinder Size		%	-	30-70
	Dry Air Drying Temperature		°C	-	120
	Dry Air Drying Time		h	-	2-3
	Moisture Content max. (%)		%	-	<=0.02
	Vent Depth		mm	-	0.025-0.075

C These property characteristics are taken from the CAMPUS plastics data bank and are based on the international catalogue of basic data for plastics according to ISO 10350.

Impact properties: N = non-break, P = partial break, C = complete break

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Typical value

These values are typical values only. Unless explicitly agreed in written form, the do not constitute a binding material specification or warranted values. Values may be affected by the design of the mold/die, the processing conditions and coloring/pigmentation of the product. Unless specified to the contrary, the property values given have been established on standardized test specimens at room temperature.

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Barrel temperatures are valid for a standard 3-zone barrel. Temperature set-up for different barrel types may change according to configuration. Values for hold pressure as percentage of injection pressure may vary depending on, amongst others, part geometry, injection molding machine and injection mold. Drying conditions are for dry air dryers only. Drying times and drying temperatures may differ depending on valid dryer type. Further information is provided by your local Covestro support as well as in the following brochures: Injection Molding of High Quality Molded Parts - Drying; Determining the Dryness of Makrolon by TVI Test; The fundamentals of shrinkage in thermoplastics; Shrinkage and deformation of glass fiber reinforced thermoplastics [...]. https://www.plastics.covestro.com/Library/Overview.aspx

Disclaimer shrinkage data

Shrinkage data is provided as a reference only, and is based on sample plaques molded under specific, controlled processing conditions. Shrinkage rates in production parts can vary and are influenced by several variables such as, but not limited to: part design (e.g. part size, thickness and geometry), mold design (e.g. gate type and location, runner design, mold materials, cooling system), molding conditions (e.g. processing temperature, mold temperature, packing time and pressure, injection speed). We suggest materials be evaluated in existing applicable molds to achieve the most accurate shrinkage estimation for your specific application and processing practices. The final choice of shrinkage is the responsibility of the user of the material, and should be made based on your experience and testing results. We shall not be liable for any damage caused by the use of the shrinkage data as provided by us. If you have any questions, pls consult technical representatives from Covestro.

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