

TPX™ RT18

Polymethylpentene Copolymer
Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc.

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Technical Data

Product Description

TPX™ RT18 is a Polymethylpentene Copolymer (PMP Copolymer) material. It is available in North America for extrusion, fiber (spinning) extrusion, injection molding, pipe extrusion, or profile extrusion. Primary attribute of TPX™ RT18: High Stiffness.

General

Material Status	• Commercial: Active
Literature ¹	• Processing - Extrusion (English) • Processing - Injection Molding (English) • Technical Datasheet (English)
UL Yellow Card ²	• E52579-242973
Search for UL Yellow Card	• Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc. • TPX™
Availability	• North America
Features	• High Stiffness
Appearance	• Clear/Transparent
Forms	• Pellets
Processing Method	• Extrusion • Fiber (Spinning) Extrusion • Injection Molding • Pipe Extrusion • Profile Extrusion

Physical	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Density / Specific Gravity	0.833 g/cm ³	Internal Method
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (260°C/5.0 kg)	26 g/10 min	Internal Method
Spiral Flow ⁴	51.0 cm	Internal Method
Molding Shrinkage ⁵		Internal Method
Flow : 2.00 mm	1.6 %	
Across Flow : 2.00 mm	1.3 %	
Water Absorption (Saturation)	< 0.010 %	ASTM D570
Mechanical	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Tensile Modulus ⁶ (23°C, Injection Molded)	1900 MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile Strength ⁶		ASTM D638
Yield, 23°C, Injection Molded	30.0 MPa	
Break, 23°C, Injection Molded	25.0 MPa	
Tensile Elongation ⁶		ASTM D638
Break, 23°C, Injection Molded	22 %	
Flexural Modulus ⁷		ASTM D790
3.20 mm, Injection Molded, 51.0 mm Span	1450 MPa	
Flexural Strength ⁷		ASTM D790
3.20 mm, Injection Molded, 51.0 mm Span	36.0 MPa	
Impact	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Notched Izod Impact (Injection Molded)	24 J/m	ASTM D256
Unnotched Izod Impact		ASTM D4812
23°C, Injection Molded	10 J/m	
Hardness	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Rockwell Hardness (R-Scale)	83	ASTM D785
Thermal	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Deflection Temperature Under Load ⁸		ASTM D648
0.45 MPa, Unannealed, 6.35 mm	127 °C	
Vicat Softening Temperature	168 °C	ASTM D1525 ⁹
Peak Crystallization Temperature (DSC)	232 °C	ASTM D3418
CLTE - Flow (-10 to 160°C)	1.2E-4 cm/cm/°C	Internal Method



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Electrical	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Volume Resistivity ¹⁰ (2.00 mm)	> 1.0E+16 ohms · cm	ASTM D257
Dielectric Strength ¹⁰ (2.00 mm)	32 kV/mm	ASTM D149
Dielectric Constant ¹⁰ (2.00 mm, 1 MHz)	2.11	ASTM D150

Optical	Nominal Value Unit	Test Method
Refractive Index ¹¹	1.462	ASTM D542
Light Transmittance (Injection Molded)	94.0 %	ASTM D1003
Haze (Injection Molded)	0.700 %	ASTM D1003

Injection	Nominal Value Unit
Rear Temperature	270 °C
Middle Temperature	280 °C
Front Temperature	300 °C
Mold Temperature	20 to 60 °C
Injection Pressure	30.0 to 40.0 MPa
Holding Pressure	30.0 MPa

Injection Notes

Zone 4 Temperature: 300°C

Extrusion	Nominal Value Unit
Cylinder Zone 1 Temp.	280 °C
Cylinder Zone 2 Temp.	290 °C
Cylinder Zone 3 Temp.	290 °C
Cylinder Zone 4 Temp.	290 °C
Adapter Temperature	290 °C
Die Temperature	290 °C

Notes

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³ Typical properties: these are not to be construed as specifications.

⁴ Mold Temperature: 73°C, Melt Temperature: 310°C

⁵ 260 to 280°C

⁶ Type IV, 50 mm/min

⁷ 1.3 mm/min

⁸ 120°C/hr

⁹ Rate A (50°C/h), Loading 1 (10 N)

¹⁰ Injection Molded

¹¹ Injection Molded, 2 mm, 589 nm wavelength



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