



KORTRAX® BARRIER RESIN (BR)

Product Data Document

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KORTRAX® barrier resins are designed especially to provide barrier properties for high molecular weight (HMW) high density polyethylene (HDPE) containers utilizing an efficacious monolayer laminar structure. KORTRAX® is a barrier resin based on polyamide (PA) and is primarily designed for blending with HMW HDPE in an extrusion process.

The technology specifically consists of the production of multiple overlapping layers of barrier material in the polyethylene matrix during the extrusion process. To achieve this structure, special attention must be given to the screw, barrel, head and mold designs. Also, specific machine temperature settings are required.

Specifically, KORTRAX® is an excellent barrier to most hydrocarbons and the barrier can be achieved in blends with selected grades of HMW HDPE in extrusion blow moulding of any size container or bottle. Also, oxygen barrier improvement and water vapour barrier improvement vs. pure HDPE is obtained.

Barrier improvement can also be achieved in pipes, sheets or other extruded shapes. Low or medium density PE can be processed with KORTRAX® mixtures, but the inherent lower barrier performance of these polymers must be accounted for.

In addition, KORTRAX® BR has a UV tracker that under blacklight will demonstrate the presence and dispersion of the barrier additive within the container. This non-destructive quality check gives confidence to both the convertor and the end user as to the presence of KORTRAX® thereby eliminating any doubt.

BR50, BR60 is recommended for larger containers, 5 liters and more.

BR70, BR75 is recommended for smaller containers, 4 liters or less.

Typical properties

Blend :	Moisture content: max 0.20%	ASTM D798
	PA content: 50%	Flotation
PA:	Melting Point: 222°C	ISO 11357-1
	Specific gravity: 1.14 kg/m ³	ISO 1183
	Vicat softening: 200°C	ISO 306 (50N/120°C/h)



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Mechanical properties:

All mechanical properties of the HMW HDPE grade used are maintained. The rigidity might increase because of the PA platelets in the matrix.

Barrier properties:

Depending on the efficiency of KORTRAX® processing, the following barrier improvements can be obtained:

- For polar hydrocarbons: from 60 to 200 times;
- For other solvents and additives: up to 50 times;
- For oxygen: 2 to 5 times;
- For aroma: excellent improvement;
- Amount of KORTRAX® BR mixture to be added: 5 to 9 %.

Example: The weight loss of a one liter standard HDPE bottle can be reduced by a factor of 100 by adding 5% to 9% of KORTRAX® BR when filled with xylene, toluene or similar hydrocarbons. Typical barrier performance data with various substances is available on request.

General Info

KORTRAX® barrier resins are packed in either 55lb, 110lb, 220lb or 300lb moisture proof UN rated fibre drums. The resins are hygroscopic and should be processed within max. 24 hrs after opening the bag provided the conditions of atmospheric relative humidity and temperature is not excessive.

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Test Values

Unless specified to the contrary, the values given have been established on standardised test specimens at room temperature. The figures should be regarded as guide values only and not binding minimum values. Please note that, under certain conditions, the properties can be affected to a considerable extent by the design of either the mold/die/screw/barrel/head combination or the actual processing conditions.