

PSU 1000 is a translucent (non-optical quality) amorphous thermoplastic material, offering a combination of excellent mechanical, thermal and electrical properties. It often replaces polycarbonate whenever higher temperature resistance, improved chemical resistance or autoclavability is required.

Physical properties (indicative values [■])

PROPERTIES	Test methods	Units	VALUES
Colour	-	-	natural (yellow, translucent)
Density	ISO 1183-1	g/cm ³	1.24
Water absorption:			
- after 24/96 h immersion in water of 23 °C (1)	ISO 62	mg	19 / 38
	ISO 62	%	0.24 / 0.48
- at saturation in air of 23 °C / 50 % RH	-	%	0.30
- at saturation in water of 23 °C	-	%	0.80
Thermal Properties			
Melting temperature (DSC, 10 °C/min)	ISO 11357-1/-3	°C	NA
Glass transition temperature (DSC, 20 °C/min) - (2)	ISO 11357-1/-2	°C	190
Thermal conductivity at 23 °C	-	W/(K.m)	0.26
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion:			
- average value between 23 and 100 °C	-	m/(m.K)	60 x 10 ⁻⁶
- average value between 23 and 150 °C	-	m/(m.K)	60 x 10 ⁻⁶
- average value above 150 °C	-	m/(m.K)	-
Temperature of deflection under load:			
- method A: 1.8 MPa	ISO 75-1/-2	°C	170
Max. allowable service temperature in air:			
- for short periods (3)	-	°C	180
- continuously : for min. 20,000 h (4)	-	°C	150
Min. service temperature (5)	-	°C	-50
Flammability (6):			
- "Oxygen Index"	ISO 4589-1/-2	%	30
- according to UL 94 (1.5 / 3 mm thickness)	-	-	HB / HB
Mechanical Properties at 23 °C (7)			
Tension test (8):			
- tensile stress at yield / tensile stress at break (9)	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	88 / -
- tensile strength (9)	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	88
- tensile strain at break (9)	ISO 527-1/-2	%	10
- tensile modulus of elasticity (10)	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	2850
Compression test (11):			
- compressive stress at 1 / 2 % nominal strain (10)	ISO 604	MPa	25 / 49
Charpy impact strength - unnotched (12)	ISO 179-1/1eU	kJ/m ²	no break
Charpy impact strength - notched	ISO 179-1/1eA	kJ/m ²	3.5
Ball indentation hardness (13)	ISO 2039-1	N/mm ²	115
Rockwell hardness (13)	ISO 2039-2	-	M 89
Electrical Properties at 23 °C			
Electric strength (14)	IEC 60243-1	kV/mm	30
Volume resistivity	IEC 60093	Ohm.cm	> 10 ¹⁴
Surface resistivity	ANSI/ESD STM 11.11	Ohm/sq.	> 10 ¹³
Relative permittivity ϵ_r : - at 100 Hz	IEC 60250	-	3.0
- at 1 MHz	IEC 60250	-	3.0
Dielectric dissipation factor $\tan \delta$: - at 100 Hz	IEC 60250	-	0.001
- at 1 MHz	IEC 60250	-	0.003
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	IEC 60112	-	150

Note: 1 g/cm³ = 1,000 kg/m³; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²; 1 kV/mm = 1 MV/m.

NA: not applicable

Legend:

- (1) According to method 1 of ISO 62 and done on discs Ø 50 x 3 mm.
 - (2) Values for this property are only given here for amorphous materials and not for semi-crystalline ones.
 - (3) Only for short time exposure (a few hours) in applications where no or only a very low load is applied to the material.
 - (4) Temperature resistance over a period of min. 20,000 hours. After this period of time, there is a decrease in tensile strength – measured at 23 °C – of about 50 % as compared with the original value.
The temperature value given here is thus based on the thermal-oxidative degradation which takes place and causes a reduction in properties. Note, however, that the maximum allowable service temperature depends in many cases essentially on the duration and the magnitude of the mechanical stresses to which the material is subjected.
 - (5) Impact strength decreasing with decreasing temperature, the minimum allowable service temperature is practically mainly determined by the extent to which the material is subjected to impact. The value given here is based on unfavourable impact conditions and may consequently not be considered as being the absolute practical limit.
 - (6) These estimated ratings, derived from raw material supplier data and other publications, are not intended to reflect hazards presented by the material under actual fire conditions. There is no 'UL File Number' available for PSU 1000 stock shapes.
 - (7) Most of the figures given for the mechanical properties are average values of tests run on test specimens machined out of rod Ø 40 - 60 mm. Except for the hardness tests, the test specimens were then taken from an area mid between centre and outside diameter, with their length in longitudinal direction (parallel to the extrusion direction).
 - (8) Test specimens: Type 1 B
 - (9) Test speed: 50 mm/min [chosen acc. to ISO 10350-1 as a function of the ductile behaviour of the material (tough or brittle)]
 - (10) Test speed: 1 mm/min.
 - (11) Test specimens: cylinders Ø 8 x 16 mm
 - (12) Pendulum used: 4 J.
 - (13) Measured on 10 mm thick test specimens (discs), mid between centre and outside diameter.
 - (14) Electrode configuration: Ø 25 / Ø 75 mm coaxial cylinders ; in transformer oil according to IEC 60296 ; 1 mm thick test specimens.
- This table is a valuable help in the choice of a material. The data listed here fall within the normal range of product properties. However, they are not guaranteed and they should not be used to establish material specification limits nor used alone as the basis of design.

AVAILABILITY

Round Rods: Ø 5-150 mm - Plates: Thicknesses 10-100 mm

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