

Polyethylene

Borlink™ LE0520

Crosslinkable Semiconductive Compound

Description

Borlink LE0520 is a crosslinkable black polyethylene compound, specially designed for semiconductive strippable insulation shield of power cables.

Applications

Borlink™ LE0520 is intended for following applications:

Power cables

Borlink LE0520 is intended for semiconductive strippable insulation shield in medium voltage (MV) AC cables with rated voltages up to 46 kV.

The values are voltages between phases as defined in ICEA S-94-649.

Specifications

AEIC CS8	IEC 60502-2
ANSI/ICEA S-93-639	NF C33-226
ANSI/ICEA S-94-649	UL 1072
ANSI/ICEA S-97-682	

Borlink LE0520 is expected to meet the applicable requirements included in the below mentioned standards provided it is processed using sound material handling, extrusion and crosslinking practices as well as appropriate testing procedures. This applies up to the maximum recommended voltage level indicated in "Applications" section above since some standards cover wider voltage ranges.

Physical properties

Property	Typical value *	Unit	Test method
Density ¹	1170	kg/m³	ASTM D792
Low temperature brittleness ²	≤5	pieces	ASTM D746
Brittleness temperature ³	≤-40	°C	ASTM D746
Tensile strength at break ⁴	2000	psi	ASTM D638
Retained TS 136°C/7d ⁴	≥75	%	ASTM D638
Elongation at break after 136°C/7d ⁴	≥100	%	ASTM D638
Tensile strain at break ⁴	280	%	ASTM D638

* Data should not be used for specification work

¹ 23°C

² Measured on crosslinked specimens at -40°C

³ Measured on crosslinked specimens

⁴ Measured on crosslinked specimens, 20 in/min

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Electrical properties

Property	Typical value *	Unit	Test method
DC Volume resistivity (23°C) ³	≤100	Ohm*cm	ASTM D991
DC Volume resistivity (90°C) ³	≤550	Ohm*cm	ASTM D991

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³ Measured on crosslinked specimens

Other properties

Property	Typical value *	Unit	Test method
Strippability ⁵	9 - 12	lbs	Borealis test method

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⁵ Typical Cable Strip Force (90° peel), per 1/2 inch width

Processing techniques

Borlink LE0520 provides excellent surface finish and outstanding output rates, when processing conditions are optimized for the actual processing equipment and cable dimensions. Optimal conditions may vary according to the equipment used.

The required extrusion melt temperature range is approximately 240 to 260°F (115 to 125°C). Lower melt temperatures may result in a poorly mixed, uneven extrudate and higher melt temperatures may result in extrudate pre-cure or scorch. The feed section of the extruder should be water cooled. The curing configuration should be carefully controlled, and the maximum cable surface temperature in the curing tube should be maintained below 280°C (535 °F). Please contact your Borealis representative for more details.

To produce a good and reliable cable, it is essential to ensure careful and clean handling of semiconductive material. Hence all material handling should preferably be conducted in closed systems.

Processing setting	Typical value/range
Melt temperature	115 - 125 °C
Melt temperature	240 - 260 °F

Packaging and storage

Borlink LE0520 has a shelf life of 24 months from production date if stored in unopened original packages, under dry and clean conditions at temperatures between 10 - 30 °C (50 - 85 °F).

Material shelf life is affected by the storage conditions and extreme conditions influence the general material quality and performance. It is also recommended to ensure proper stock rotation by First In – First Out principle.

More information on storage is found in the Safety data sheet (SDS) / Product safety information sheet (PSIS) for this product.

Product compliance documents

Latest versions of product safety information sheets (PSIS), product safety data sheets (SDS) and other product liability documents are available in our website www.borealisgroup.com.

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Further information on sustainability and Design for Recycling (DfR) can be found from our websites www.borealisgroup.com and www.borealiseverminds.com.

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