



# Surlyn®

thermoplastic resins

## Basic Description

DuPont *Surlyn*® brand resins are unique ionomer-class molding and extrusion materials created from DuPont proprietary acid copolymers. Starting with selected molecular weight grades of copolymers such as ethylene/methacrylic acid, DuPont adds zinc, sodium, lithium or other metal salts. Acid neutralization results in the formation of ion clusters (hence the general term, "ionomer") within the resulting polymer matrix.

*Surlyn*® resins are designed and manufactured by DuPont to deliver premium end-use performance or processing characteristics in a variety of specialized industrial applications.

## Performance Features

*Surlyn*® resins incorporate many of the performance features of the original ethylene-based copolymers, such as chemical resistance, melting range, density, and basic processing characteristics. However, *Surlyn*® resin performance is significantly enhanced in such areas as:

- low temperature impact toughness;
- abrasion/scuff resistant

- chemical resistance;
- transparency/clarity
- melt strength;
- direct adhesion of epoxy and polyurethane finishes; and
- direct adhesion to metal, glass, and natural fibers by heat lamination.

## Product Range

DuPont offers a wide selection of *Surlyn*® resins, starting with base resins of varying molecular weight. Proprietary manufacturing technologies allow precise control of acid levels and the degree of acid neutralization occurring with each metal ion type in each resin grade. This precision control enables DuPont to manufacture each grade of its *Surlyn*® product line with high lot-to-lot consistency and end-use reliability.

More than 30 grades of *Surlyn*® currently are available commercially for molding and industrial applications. The range of properties for these resins are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Selected Properties of *Surlyn*®

Property	Value Range	Test Method
Specific Gravity	0.94 - 0.97	ASTM D 792
Hardness (Shore D)	36 - 68	ASTM D 2240
Flex Modulus (room temp, kpsi)	4.3 - 75	ASTM D790 Procedure B
Tensile Strength (kpsi)	2.3 - 5.4	ASTM D 638
Elongation at Break (%)	285 - 770	ASTM D 638
Melt Flow Index (g/10 min.)	0.7 - 20.0	ASTM D 1238
Vicat Softening Point (°C)	47 - 74	ASTM D 1525-70
Melting Point (°C)	70 - 100	DSC*
Freeze Point (°C)	38 - 75	DSC*
Optical Haze (0.25 in.(6.4 mm))	1.3 - 27	ASTM D1003A

\*As determined by differential scanning calorimetry

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