

Texin[®] 985AU

Characterization

Texin 985AU resin is an aromatic polyether-based thermoplastic polyurethane with a Shore hardness of approximately 85A*. It can be processed by injection molding, extrusion, or blow molding.

Properties / Applications

Texin 985AU resin offers good clarity and outstanding abrasion resistance, impact strength, toughness, and flexibility. It is stabilized against degradation due to heat and UV exposure. It also exhibits excellent hydrolytic stability, as well as excellent microbial resistance. Typical applications include belting, hose, cable jackets, hose jackets, seals and gaskets, athletic soles, casters, mine screens, tubing, film, and extruded profiles. Texin 985AU natural color resin is listed under NSF Standard 61 for use in potable water applications. As with any product, use of Texin 985AU resin in a given application must be tested (including field testing, etc.) in advance by the user to determine suitability.

Storage

Texin thermoplastic polyurethane resins are hygroscopic and will absorb ambient moisture. The presence of moisture can adversely affect processing characteristics and the quality of parts. Therefore, the resins should remain in their sealed containers and be stored under cool and dry conditions until used. Storage temperature should not exceed 86°F (30°C). Unused resin from opened containers, or reground material that is not to be used immediately, should be stored in sealed containers.

Drying

Prior to processing, Texin 985AU resin must be thoroughly dried in a desiccant dehumidifying hopper dryer. Hopper inlet air temperature should be 180°–200°F (82°–93°C). To achieve the recommended moisture content of less than 0.03%, the inlet air dew point should be -20°F (-29°C) or lower. The hopper capacity should be sufficient to provide a minimum residence time of 4 hours. Additional information on drying procedures is available in the brochure - General Drying Guide.

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Injection Molding

Texin 985AU resin may be easily processed on commercially available equipment suitable for injection molding of thermoplastic polyurethane elastomers. The recommended screw length-to-diameter (L/D) ratio is 20:1 with a compression ratio of 2.5 –3:1. Screws with a compression ratio greater than 4:1 should be avoided. Recommended shot weight is 40-80 % of rated barrel capacity. To obtain good clarity in parts, Texin 985U resin must be molded on tools with a highly polished chrome surface. Typical starting conditions are noted below. Actual processing conditions will depend on machine size, mold design, material residence time, etc.

Typical Injection Molding Conditions

Barrel Temperature: Rear	360°–390°F (182°–199°C)
Barrel Temperature: Middle	365°–400°F (185°–205°C)
Barrel Temperature: Front	365°–400°F (185°–205°C)
Barrel Temperature: Nozzle	370°–410°F (188°–210°C)
Melt Temperature	385-400°F (196-204°C)
Mold Temperature	60°–100°F (16°–38°C)
Injection Pressure	8,000 - 15,000 psi
Back Pressure	800 psi max.
Screw Speed	40 - 80 rpm
Injection Speed	Slow to Moderate
Cushion	1/8 in max.
Clamp	3 - 5 ton/in ²
Timers (per 0.125-in cross section):	
Boost	5 - 10 sec
2nd Stage	10 - 20 sec
Cool	20 - 30 sec

Mold Shrinkage

Typical values for mold shrinkage are given below. For treatments such as postcuring, an additional 1 to 1.5 mil per inch should be added.

Cross Section

Mold Shrinkage*

Less than 1/8 inch	7 - 10 mils per inch
1/8 to 1/4 inch	10 - 15 mils per inch
Over 1/4 inch	15 - 20 mils per inch

Additional Injection Molding Information

Additional information on injection molding may be obtained by consulting the publication - Texin and Desmopan Thermoplastic Polyurethanes — A Processing Guide for Injection Molding and by contacting a Covestro technical service representative.

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Extrusion

Texin 985AU resin possesses a satisfactory melt strength and can be controlled over a wide range of temperature conditions to produce tubing, sheet, and extruded profiles. Typical starting conditions are noted below. Actual processing conditions vary and are dependent on size of extruders, extrusion rate, part geometry, etc.

Typical Temperature Profile for Extrusion

Rear (Feed)	360°–390°F (180°–200°C)
Middle (Transition)	360°–400°F (180°–205°C)
Front (Meter)	360°–400°F (180°–205°C)
Die	370°–400°F (185°–205°C)
Melt	375°–400°F (190°–205°C)

Additional Extrusion Information

The preferred screw design should have a compression ratio of 3:1 and should feature a long, gradual transition zone and a long meter zone. The recommended length- to-diameter (L/D) ratio is at least 24:1. Typical recommendations for 3:1 compression ratio screws on various sizes of 24:1 L/D extruders are given in the table below. Additional information on extrusion may be obtained by consulting the publication - Texin and Desmopan Thermoplastic Polyurethanes — A Processing Guide for Extrusion and by contacting a Covestro technical service representative.

Section	Number of Diameters	Depth ("h") in inches		
		2 1/2-in Extruder	3 1/2-in Extruder	4 1/2-in Extruder
Feed	5	0.375	0.450	0.525
Transition	7 - 13			
Meter	6 - 12	0.125	0.150	0.175

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Regrind Usage

Where end-use requirements permit, up to 20% Texin resin regrind may be used with virgin material, provided that the material is kept free of contamination and is properly dried (see section on Drying). Any regrind used must be generated from properly molded/extruded parts, sprues, runners, trimmings, and/or films. All regrind used must be clean, uncontaminated, and thoroughly blended with virgin resin prior to drying and processing. Under no circumstances should degraded, discolored, or contaminated material be used for regrind. Materials of this type should be properly discarded.

Improperly mixed and/or dried regrind may diminish the desired properties of Texin resin. It is critical that you test finished parts produced with any amount of regrind to ensure that your end-use performance requirements are fully met. Regulatory or testing organizations (e.g., Underwriter's Laboratories) may have specific requirements limiting the allowable amount of regrind. Because third party regrind generally does not have a traceable heat history or offer any assurance that proper temperatures, conditions, and/or materials were used in processing, extreme caution must be exercised in buying and using regrind from third parties.

The use of regrind material should be avoided entirely in those applications where resin properties equivalent to virgin material are required, including but not limited to color quality, impact strength, resin purity, and/or load-bearing performance.

Regulatory Compliance Information

Some of the end uses of the products described in this bulletin must comply with applicable regulations, such as FDA, NSF, USDA, and CPSC. If you have any questions on the regulatory status of these products, contact your Covestro representative or Regulatory Affairs Manager in Pittsburgh, PA.

Health and Safety Information

Appropriate literature has been assembled which provides information concerning the health and safety precautions that must be observed when handling this product. Before working with this product, you must read and become familiar with the available information on its risks, proper use, and handling. This cannot be overemphasized. Information is available in several forms, e.g., safety data sheets and product labels. For further information contact your Covestro LLC representative or the Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs Department in Pittsburgh, PA.

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Typical Properties* for Natural Resin

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	Texin 985AU Resin U.S. Units	Texin 985AU Resin S.I. Units
General			
Specific Gravity	D 792 (ISO 1183)	1.12	1.12
Shore Hardness	D 2240 (ISO 868)	85A	85A
Taber Abrasion: H-18, 1,000-g Load, 1,000 Cycles	D 3489 (ISO 4649)	30 mg Loss	30 mg Loss
Bayshore Resilience	D 2632	45%	45%
Mold Shrinkage, 100-mil thickness	D 955 (ISO 2577)		
Flow Direction		0.008 in/in (mm/mm)	0.008 in/in (mm/mm)
Cross-Flow Direction		0.008 in/in (mm/mm)	0.008 in/in (mm/mm)
Mechanical			
Tensile Strength	D 412 (ISO 37)	5,600 lb/in ²	38.6 MPa
Tensile Stress at 50% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	700 lb/in ²	4.8 MPa
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	800 lb/in ²	5.5 MPa
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	1,400 lb/in ²	9.7 MPa
Ultimate Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	590%	590%
Flexural Modulus: 73°F (23°C)	D 790 (ISO 178)	3,900 lb/in ²	26.9 MPa
-22°F (-30°C)		8,560 lb/in ²	59.0 MPa
Tear Strength, Die C	D 624 (ISO 34)	500 lbf/in	87.6 kN/m
Compression Set:	D 395-B (ISO 815)		
As molded		80%	80%
22 Hours at 158°F (70°C)		19%	19%
22 Hours at 73°F (23°C)			
Post-cured: ^a		40%	40%
22Hours at 158°F (70°C)		16%	16%
22 Hours at 73°F (23°C)			

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Typical Properties* for Natural Resin (CONT'D.)

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	Texin 985AU Resin U.S. Units	Texin 985AU Resin S.I. Units
Mechanical (cont'd.)			
Compressive Load:	D 575		
2% Deflection		50 lb/in ²	0.3 MPa
5% Deflection		150 lb/in ²	1.0 MPa
10% Deflection		300 lb/in ²	2.1 MPa
15% Deflection		450 lb/in ²	3.1 MPa
20% Deflection		625 lb/in ²	4.3 MPa
25% Deflection		800 lb/in ²	5.5 MPa
50% Deflection		2,400 lb/in ²	16.5 MPa
Thermal			
Low Temperature Brittle Point	D 746 (ISO 974)	< -90°F	< -68°C
Glass Transition Temperature (T _g)	(DMA) ^b	-51°F	-46°C
Vicat Softening Temperature Rate A	D 1525 (ISO 306)	176°F	80°C

*These items are provided as general information only. They are approximate values and are not part of the product specifications.

^a Postcured for 16 hours at 230°F (110°C).

^b DMA — Dynamic Mechanical Analysis.

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Property Changes after Aging Texin 985AU Resin

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	70 Hours	7 Days	14 Days	21 Days
Hot Air at 257°F (125°C) D 573 (ISO 216)					
Tensile Strength		-37%	-58%	-67%	-70%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		+4%	+4%	-16%	-15%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+20%	+8%	-8%	-10%
Ultimate Elongation		+19%	+16%	+16%	+2%
Hardness, Shore A		-5	-5	-7	-7
Hot Air at 212°F (100°C) D 573 (ISO 216)					
Tensile Strength		+4%	+7%	+3%	-6%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-10%	-5%	+2%	-10%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		0%	+7%	+8%	+15%
Ultimate Elongation		+18%	+16%	+24%	+16%
Hardness, Shore A		-4	-5	-4	-4
ASTM Oil #1 at 212°F (100°C) D 471 (ISO 175)					
Tensile Strength		-8%	-24%	-28%	-30%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-15%	-20%	+1%	+3%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+14%	+14%	+25%	+23%
Ultimate Elongation		+12%	+7%	+12%	+17%
Hardness, Shore A		-8	-8	-9	-8
Volume		0%	0%	0%	0%

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Property Changes after Aging Texin 985AU Resin (CONT'D.)

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	70 Hours	7 Days	14 Days	21 Days
ASTM Oil #3 at 212°F (100°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 471 (ISO 175)	-6%	-15%	-23%	-44%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-20%	-10%	-16%	-20%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+13%	+23%	+10%	-4%
Ultimate Elongation		+14%	+15%	+22%	+29%
Hardness, Shore A		-10	-13	-14	-15
Volume		+17%	+19%	+20%	+20%
Fuel A at 73°F (23°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 471 (ISO 175)	-4%	+3%	+12%	+13%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		+13%	0%	-4%	+7%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+15%	+3%	+2%	+4%
Ultimate Elongation		-14%	0%	+3%	+8%
Hardness, Shore A		-2	-1	0	-1
Volume		+3%	+4%	+6%	+7%
Fuel C at 73°F (23°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 471 (ISO 175)	-38%	-34%	-50%	-36%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-5%	-13%	-23%	-15%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+1%	-4%	-14%	-10%
Ultimate Elongation		-7%	-7%	-10%	-3%
Hardness, Shore A		-8	-8	-10	-9
Volume		+43%	+44%	+44%	+45%

* This table shows property changes for Texin 985AU resin after exposure to hot air, oil, and fuel. As is the case with any compatibility test, the results are dependent on variables, such as concentration, time, temperature, part design, and residual stresses, and should serve only as a guideline. It is imperative that production parts be evaluated under actual application conditions prior to commercial use.



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