

Texin[®] 990AR

Characterization

Texin 990AR resin is a polyether-based thermoplastic polyurethane with a Shore hardness of approximately 90A*. It contains an internal mold release additive. This resin can be processed by injection molding or extrusion.

Properties / Applications

Texin 990AR resin offers outstanding abrasion resistance, impact strength, toughness, and flexibility. It also exhibits excellent hydrolytic stability, and exceptional mold release characteristics. Texin 990AR natural color resin complies with FDA food-contact regulations 21 CFR 177.1680 (Polyurethane Resins) and 177.2600 (Rubber Articles Intended for Repeated Use), subject to the limitations of these and any other applicable regulations. It is also listed under NSF Standard 61 for use in potable water applications. Typical applications include belting, hose, seals and gaskets, tubing, cable jackets, hose jackets, athletic soles, casters, film, extruded profiles, and miscellaneous molded articles. As with any product, use of Texin 990AR 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 990AR resin must be thoroughly dried in a desiccant dehumidifying hopper dryer. Hopper inlet air temperature should be 180°–210°F (82°–99°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 990AR 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. 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	380°–400°F (193°–204°C)
Barrel Temperature: Middle	385°–405°F (196°–207°C)
Barrel Temperature: Front	385°–405°F (196°–207°C)
Barrel Temperature: Nozzle	390°–410°F (199°–210°C)
Ideal Melt Temperature	390–410°F (199–210°C)
Mold Temperature	80°–110°F (29°–43°C)
Injection Pressure	8,000 - 15,000 psi
Back Pressure	800 psi
Clamp Pressure	3 - 5 ton/in ² of projected part area
Shot Weight	40 - 80% of rated barrel capacity
Timers (per 0.125-in cross section)	
Boost	5 - 10 sec
2nd Stage	10 - 30 sec
Cool	30 - 50 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 990AR 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

Zone 1 (Feed)	380°–400°F (193°–204°C)
Zone 2 (Transition)	385°–410°F (196°–210°C)
Zone 3 (Metering)	385°–410°F (196°–210°C)
Die	385°–410°F (196°–210°C)
Ideal Melt	385-410°F (196-210°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 990AR Resin U.S. Units	Texin 990AR Resin S.I. Units
General			
Specific Gravity	D 792 (ISO 1183)	1.13	1.13
Shore Hardness	D 2240 (ISO 868)	90A	90A
Taber Abrasion: H-18, 1,000-g Load, 1,000 Cycles	D 3489 (ISO 4649)	25 mg Loss	25 mg Loss
Bayshore Resilience	D 2632	40%	40%
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)	6,000 lb/in ²	41.4 MPa
Tensile Stress at 50% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	1,000 lb/in ²	6.9 MPa
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	1,100 lb/in ²	7.6 MPa
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	2,100 lb/in ²	14.5 MPa
Ultimate Elongation	D 412 (ISO 37)	520%	520%
Flexural Modulus: 73°F (23°C)	D 790 (ISO 178)	6,000 lb/in ²	41.4 MPa
Tear Strength, Die C	D 624 (ISO 34)	550 lbf/in	96.3 kN/m
Compression Set:	D 395-B (ISO 815)		
As molded		75%	75%
22 Hours at 158°F (70°C)		20%	20%
22 Hours at 73°F (23°C)			
Post-cured: ^a		35%	35%
22 Hours at 158°F (70°C)		15%	15%
22 Hours at 73°F (23°C)			

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Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	Texin 990AR Resin U.S. Units	Texin 990AR Resin S.I. Units
Mechanical (cont'd.)			
Compressive Load:	D 575		
2% Deflection		100 lb/in ²	0.7 MPa
5% Deflection		250 lb/in ²	1.7 MPa
10% Deflection		450 lb/in ²	3.1 MPa
15% Deflection		650 lb/in ²	4.5 MPa
20% Deflection		850 lb/in ²	5.9 MPa
25% Deflection		1,050 lb/in ²	7.2 MPa
50% Deflection		2,800 lb/in ²	19.3 MPa
Thermal			
Low Temperature Brittle Point	D 746 (ISO 974)	< -90°F	< -68°C
Glass Transition Temperature (T _g)	(DMA) ^b	-47°F	-44°C
Vicat Softening Temperature, Rate A	D 1525 (ISO 306)	223°F	106°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 990AR Resin

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	70 Hours	7 Days	14 Days	21 Days
Hot Air at 212°F (100°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 573 (ISO 216)	+16%	+24%	+27%	-9%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		+5%	+6%	+7%	-3%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		+3%	+1%	-9%	-24%
Ultimate Elongation		+16%	+20%	+36%	+68%
Hardness, Shore A		+2	+1	0	0
ASTM Oil #1 at 212°F (100°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 471 (ISO 175)	+15%	-10%	-4%	-12%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		+2%	+4%	+8%	+6%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		-1%	+14%	+1%	+3%
Ultimate Elongation		+28%	+30%	+31%	+33%
Hardness, Shore A		-5	-4	-3	-2
Volume		0%	0%	+1%	+1%
ASTM Oil #3 at 212°F (100°C)					
Tensile Strength	D 471 (ISO 175)	+22%	+15%	+5%	-2%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		+2%	+4%	+8%	+6%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		-1%	+14%	+1%	+3%
Ultimate Elongation		+28%	+30%	+31%	+33%
Hardness, Shore A		-5	-4	-3	-2
Volume		0%	0%	+1%	+1%

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Property Changes after Aging Texin 990AR Resin (CONT'D.)

Property	ASTM Test Method (Other)	70 Hours	7 Days	14 Days	21 Days
Fuel A at 73°F (23°C)	D 471 (ISO 175)				
Tensile Strength		+12%	+12%	+7%	+19%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-5%	-1%	-4%	-1%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		-6%	-6%	-10%	-3%
Ultimate Elongation		+11%	0%	+15%	+7%
Hardness, Shore A		+1	0	+2	0
Volume		+2%	+3%	+4%	+4%
Fuel C at 73°F (23°C)	D 471 (ISO 175)				
Tensile Strength		-28%	-25%	-27%	-28%
Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation		-23%	-20%	-19%	-16%
Tensile Stress at 300% Elongation		-22%	-19%	-19%	-18%
Ultimate Elongation		+4%	+3%	+5%	+3%
Hardness, Shore A		-4	-4	-4	-3
Volume		+35%	+35%	+36%	+36%

* This table shows property changes for Texin 990AR 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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