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Life Sciences – Medical

An alternative to phthalate-based PVC.

This tubing is not made with phthalate.

C-Flex® Tubing for Medical Device Manufacturers

C-Flex® Thermoplastic Elastomer Medical Tubing

C-Flex® offers a wide range of formulations, sizes and opaqueness for all of the medical device manufacturer's needs. All products are also available in custom sizes, lengths and packaging.

Characteristics

C-Flex® combine the processing advantages of thermoplastics with the properties of vulcanized rubber. When heated, thermoplastic elastomers melt and can be extruded or formed into complex shapes using standard thermoplastic melt processing equipment. As solids, thermoplastic elastomers are soft, flexible and resilient like rubber and can reground and reprocessed without significant property loss. C-Flex®'s patented formulations range in hardness from 5 Shore through 95 Shore A and can be extruded as tubing along with custom profiles. C-Flex® is not made with any latex rubber, polyvinyl chloride, silicone rubber or polyurethane, and it is not made with DEHP.

Biocompatibility

C-Flex® formulations are made from raw materials tested for biocompatibility and are formulated to meet the rigorous testing standards of the medical device industry and meets the requirement of the USP <88>, Plastic Class VI.

Features / Benefits

- Significantly fewer TOC extractables than PVC
- Not made with materials of animal origin
- Tested for Biocompatibility
- Silicone alternative
- Not made with DEHP
- PVC alternative
- Clear and opaque formulations

Typical Applications

- Fluid Transfer Tubing



Typical Physical Properties of C-Flex®

Property	Reference	FORMULATION		
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Appearance	-	Translucent	Translucent	Opaque
Durometer, Shore A	ASTM D2240	60	60	60
Tensile Strength, psi	ASTM D412	1190	1106	1196
Elongation, %	ASTM D412	915	874	862
Tensile Modulus, @100%/300%, psi	ASTM D412	244/385	256/400	247/389
Tensile Set @ 300% Stretch	ASTM D412	24	29	26
Compression Set Constant Defl., "B" (22hrs @ 70°C), %	ASTM D395	83	89	86
Brittle Point, °C	ASTM D746	-65	-64	-66
Low Temperature Flexibility @ -45°C	ASTM D380	Pass	Pass	Pass

Chemical Resistance	
Acids, Dilute/Weak	Acceptable
Acids, Strong/Concentrated	Acceptable
Bases, Dilute/Weak	Acceptable
Bases, Strong/Concentrated	Acceptable
Salts	Acceptable
High-purity Water	Acceptable
Alcohol	Not recommended*
Oil/Water Emulsion	Test before using
Organic Solvent	Not recommended

*Brief or intermittent contact is acceptable.

NOTE: It is the users responsibility to insure the suitability and safety of C-Flex for all intended uses/applications.

Sterilization Methods

- Autoclavable – one time 30 minute cycle at 121°C
- Radiation – up to 40kGy

NOTE: C-Flex tubing will deteriorate with repeated autoclaving. Radiation is the recommended method of sterilization for all C-Flex thermoplastic materials.

Characteristics

The manufacturing process is carefully controlled from raw material through production. Inspection and lot traceability information is readily accessible as batch numbers are assigned. All packages are identified by external labeling on both the bag and the crush-proof box.



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