



Borotron HM030

Borotron HM030 is a 3% boron loaded PE-HMW grade, specifically developed for neutron shielding purposes. The high hydrogen content of PE-HMW makes it very suitable for slowing down fast neutrons to lower energy thermal (slow) neutrons, which are then absorbed by the added boron compound.

Physical Properties

Properties	Test Methods	Units	Values
Colour	-	-	Natural
Average molar mass	-	10 ⁶ g/mol	0.5
Density	ISO 1183-1	g/cm ³	1.01
Water Absorption:	-	-	-

Thermal Properties	Test Methods	Units	Values	
Melting temperature (DSC, 10°C/min)	ISO 11357-1/-3	°C	135	
Thermal conductivity at 23°C	-	W/(K.m)	≥0.65	
Average coefficient of linear thermal expansion between 23 & 100°C	-	m/(m.K)	140 x 10 ⁻⁶	
Temperature of deflection under load:				
Method A: 1.8Mpa	+	ISO 75-1/-2	°C	45
Vicat softening temperature – VST/B50		ISO 306	°C	83
Max allowable service temperature in air:				
For short periods (4)	-	°C	120	
Continuously for 5,000 / 20,000 h (5)	-	°C	80	
Min service temperature (6)	-	°C	-25	
Flammability (7):				
“Oxygen Index”		ISO 4589-1/-2	%	<20
According to UL 94 (3 / 6mm thickness)	-	-	-	HB



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Mechanical Properties at 23°C (8)		Test Methods	Units	Values
Tension test (9):				
Tensile strength (10)	+	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	23
Tensile strain at yield (10)	+	ISO 527-1/-2	%	8
Tensile strain at break (10)	+	ISO 527-1/-2	%	15
Tensile modulus of elasticity (11)	+	ISO 527-1/-2	MPa	1550
Compression test (12):				
Compressive stress at 1 / 2 / 5 & normal strain (11)	+	ISO 604	MPa	13.5/20.5/28.5
Charpy impact strength – Unnotched (13)	+	ISO 179-1/1eU	kJ/m ²	25
Charpy impact strength – notched (13)	+	ISO 179-1/1eA	kJ/m ²	6C
Ball indentation hardness (14)	+	ISO 2039-1	N/mm ²	55
Shore hardness D		ISO 2039-2	-	65
Relative weight loss during a wear test		ISO 15527	-	275

Electrical Properties at 23°C		Test Methods	Units	Values
Electrical strength (15)	+	IEC 60243-1	kV/mm	-
Volume resistivity	+	IEC 60093	Ohm.cm	>10 ¹⁴
Surface resistivity	+	IEC 60093	Ohm	>10 ¹²
Relative permittivity ϵ_r :- at 100 Hz	+	IEC 60250	-	-
At 1 MHz	+	IEC 60250	-	-
Dielectric dissipation factor $\tan \delta$: - at 100 Hz	+	IEC 60250	-	-
At 1 MHz	+	IEC 60250	-	-
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	+	IEC 60112	-	-



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Legend:

- + : values referring to dry material.
++ : values referring to material in equilibrium with the standard atmosphere 23°C / 50% RH (mostly derived from literature).

1. According to method 1 of ISO 62 and done so on discs \varnothing 50mm x 3mm.
2. The figures given for these properties are for the most part derived from raw material supplier data and other publications.
3. Values for this property are only given here for amorphous materials and not semi-crystalline ones.
4. Only for short time exposure (a few hours) in applications where no or only very low load is applied to the material.
5. Temperature resistance over a period of 5,000/20,000 hours. After these periods of time, there is a decrease in tensile strength – measured at 23°C – of about 50% as compared with the original value. The temperature values given here are thus based on the thermal-oxidative degradation which takes place and causes a reduction in properties. Note: however, that the maximum allowable service temperature depends in many cases essentially on the duration and the magnitude of the mechanical stresses to which the material is subjected.
6. Impact strength decreasing with decreasing temperature, the minimum allowable service temperature is practically mainly determined by the extent to which the material is subjected to impact. The value given here is based on unfavourable impact conditions and may consequently not be considered as being the absolute practical limit.
7. These estimated ratings, derived from raw material supplier data and other publications, are not intended to reflect hazards presented by the material under actual fire conditions. There is no 'UL File Number' available for Borotron stock shapes.
8. The figures given for the properties of dry material (+) are for the most part average values of tests run on test specimens machined out of rods \varnothing 40 – 60mm. Except for the hardness tests, the test specimens were then taken from an area mid between centre and outside diameter, with their length in longitudinal direction of the rod (parallel to the extrusion direction). Considering the very low water absorption of Borotron, the values for the mechanical and electrical properties of this material can be considered as being practically the same for dry (+) and moisture conditioned (++) test specimens.
9. Test specimens: Type 1 B
10. Test speed: 50 mm/min [chosen acc. To ISO 10350-1 as a function of the ductile behaviour of the material (tough or brittle)]
11. Test speed: 1mm/min.
12. Test specimens: cylinders \varnothing 8mm x 16mm
13. Pendulum used: 4 J
14. Measured on 10mm thick test specimens (discs), mid between centre and outside diameter.
15. Electrode configuration: \varnothing 25 / \varnothing 75mm coaxial cylinders; in transformer oil according to IEC 60296; 1mm thick test specimens. Please note that the electric strength of Borotron black can be considerably lower than the figure listed in the table which refers to natural material. Possible microporosity in the centre of polyacetal stock shapes also significantly reduces the electric strength.

This table, mainly to be used for comparison purposes, is valuable help in the choice of material. The data listed here fall within the normal range of product properties. **However, they are not guaranteed and they should not be used to establish material specification limits nor used as the basis of design.**



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