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Medical Elastomers for Films



For medical films requiring crystal clarity and high flexibility, Medalist thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs) are the premier choice. The Medalist MD-53200 Series of products are formulated specifically to meet the stringent demands of the healthcare industry while balancing price and performance. Available from 65 to 90 Shore A, these TPEs can be converted into blown and calendered film or extruded sheets for medical films, bags, and bottles. The MD-53200 series is suitable for single and multi-layer films that can be heat sealed and sterilized without compromising performance.

Why Medalist for Clear & Flexible Film?

- » High clarity
- » Low level of extractables
- » Wide service temperature range
- » Plasticizer-free
- » Can be heat sealed and sterilized
- >> Versatile grades for blown or calendered film and sheet extrusion
- » Ease of processing with excellent throughput rates

Regulatory Compliance

- » Made with FDA food grade compliant ingredients
- » Biocompatible recipes; ISO 10993-5 compliant
- » REACH SVHC Compliant
- » Free of DEHP, phthalates, BPA, and latex
- » Standard grades are ADM-free

Medalist MD-53200 Series vs. PVC

- >> Broad processing window
- » Great low temperature flexibility and impact strength
- » Light weight: low density and reduced wall thickness
- >> Exhibits superior elasticity and tear strength
- » Colorfast exhibits 25% less color change upon exposure to gamma irradiation than standard (i.e., non-gamma stable) grades of flexible PVC

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Table 1: Medical Film Property Comparison: Medalist vs. PVC

A typical 15 mil thick PVC film has the equivalent performance of 7 mil thick Medalist TPE film. The ability to down-gauge using Medalist TPEs or even replacing a multi-layer construction with a single TPE layer of equivalent strength, presents major cost savings for converters and OEMs alike.

Calendered Film	Direction	Tensile Strength	Tear C	Hardness (15 sec)	-40°C Cold Impact (Masland)	Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate	0xygen Permeability
	10000	ASTM D882	ASTM D1004	ASTM D2240	ASTM D1790	ASTM E96	ASTM D1434(V)
TPE (7 mil)	MD	2900 psi	450 ppl	88A	10 of 10 pass	0.05 g/h·m²	2.30E-07 P(cm²/sec·atm)
	CD	2200 psi	440 ppl	оод			
PVC (15 mil)	MD	2800 psi	280 ppl	004	0 of 10 pass	0.16 g/h·m²	2.25E-09 P(cm²/sec·atm)
	CD	2400 psi	290 ppl	80A			

Table 2: Medalist MD-53200 Series - Medical Elastomers for Clear & Flexible Films

Typical Properties	ASTM Test Method	Units	MD-53263	MD-53273	MD-53283	MD-53288	MD-53293	MD-50260D
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792		0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89
Hardness (5 sec del)	ASTM D2240	Shore A	63	73	83	89	93	62D
Tensile Stress at 100%	ASTM D412	psi	385	610	855	1065	1260	2050
Tensile Stress at 300%	ASTM D412	psi	615	880	1130	1260	1365	2000
Tensile Strength at Break	ASTM D412	psi	1720	2085	2370	2265	2450	2600
Elongation at Break	ASTM D412	%	625	625	630	605	560	600
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg)	ASTM D1238	g/10 min	5.	6	8	8	10	7.5
Tear Strength	ASTM D624	lbf/in	247	320	410	460	500	700
Brittle Point	ASTM D746	°C	-53	-53	-47	-45	-38	
MVTR @ 38°C 100% RH- 1 mil	ASTM F1249	g /(100. in². day)	3.32	2.71	2.44	1.98	1.72	222
Average Oxygen Permeability (40 mils)	ASTM F1927	([cm³-mm]/ [m²-day-atm])	504	424	381	333	254	250
Average Oxygen Transmission, 90% Humidity (40 mils)	ASTM F1927	(cm³ / [m² -day])	490	458	380	345	264	255

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