

RCH™ 500 HMW-PE



High Molecular Weight Polyethylene

RCH™ 500 HMW-PE is a highly versatile, high-molecular weight plastic that is ideal for many orthotic applications. It has a forming temperature between +160°C to 170°C (320°F to 338°F), is suited for deep-drawing and is both malleable and weldable. RCH™ 500 is commonly used for ankle foot orthoses, body jackets and upper limb orthoses.

	Test methods	ISO*		ASTM*
		Units	Indicative values	
Thermal properties (1)	Melting temperature (DSC, 10°C (50°F) / min)	ISO 11357-1/-3	°C	135
	Glass transition temperature (DMA- Tan δ) (2)		°C	
	Thermal conductivity at 23°C (73°F)		W/(K.m)	
	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion (-40 to 150 °C) (-40 to 300°F)			BTU in./hr.ft. ² .°F
	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion (23 to 100°C) (73°F to 210°F)		µm/(m.K)	200
	Heat Deflection Temperature: method A: 1.8 MPa (264 PSI)	ISO 75-1/-2	°C	80
	Continuous allowable service temperature in air (20.000 hrs) (3)		°C	-30
	Min. service temperature (4)		°C	HB
	Flammability: UL 94 (3 mm (1/8 in.)) (5)			
	Flammability: Oxygen Index	ISO 4589-1/-2	%	
Mechanical Properties (6)	Tensile strength	ISO 527-1/-2 (7)	MPa	20
	Tensile strain (elongation) at yield	ISO 527-1/-2 (7)	%	50
	Tensile strain (elongation) at break	ISO 527-1/-2 (7)	%	800
	Tensile modulus of elasticity	ISO 527-1/-2 (9)	MPa	
	Shear Strength	ASTM D732	MPa	
	Compressive stress at 1 / 2 / 5 % nominal strain	ISO 604 (10)	MPa	
	Compressive strength			
	Charpy impact strength - unnotched	ISO 179-1/1eU	kJ/m ²	no break
	Charpy impact strength - notched	ISO 179-1/1eA	kJ/m ²	15
	Charpy impact strength - double 14° notched	ISO 21304-2	kJ/m ²	
	Izod Impact notched			
	Izod Impact double notched			
	Flexural strength	ISO 178 (12)	MPa	
	Flexural modulus of elasticity	ISO 178 (12)	MPa	
	Relative volume loss "sand-slurry" (ISO vsTIVAR®1000; ASTM vs1018 Steel)	ISO 15527	Index=100	400
	Shore Hardness D (14)	ISO 868		62
Electrical Properties	Electric strength	IEC 60243-1 (15)	kV/mm	
	Volume resistivity	IEC 62631-3-1	Ohm.cm	
	Surface resistivity	ANSI/ESD STM 11.11	Ohm	10 ¹²
	Dielectric constant at 1 MHz	IEC 62631-2-1		
	Dissipation factor at 1MHz	IEC 62631-2-1		
Miscellaneous	Color		White, Black, colours	
	Density	ISO 1183-1	g/cm ³	0.96
	Specific Gravity			
	Water absorption after 24h immersion in water of 23 °C (73°F)	ISO 62 (16)	%	0.1
	Water absorption at saturation in water of 23 °C (73°F)		%	0.1
	Wear rate	ISO 7148-2 (18)	µm/km	
	Dynamic Coefficient of Friction (-)	ISO 7148-2 (18)		-
	Limiting PV at 100 FPM (safety factor 4)			
	Limiting PV at 0.1 / 1 m/s cylindrical sleeve bearings		MPa.m/s	
	Chemical Resistance	www.mcam.com/en/support/chemical-resistance-information		www.mcam.com/en/support/chemical-resistance-information

Note: 1 g/cm³ = 1,000 kg/m³ ; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm² ; 1 kV/mm = 1 MV/m

NYP: there is no yield point

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

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1. The figures given for these properties are for the most part derived from raw material supplier data and other publications.
2. Values for this property are only given here for amorphous materials and for materials that do not show a melting temperature (PBI & PI).
3. Temperature resistance over a period of min. 20,000 hours. After this period of time, there is a decrease in tensile strength – measured at 23 °C – of about 50 % as compared with the original value. The temperature value given here is 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 these stock shapes.
6. Most of the figures given for the mechanical properties are average values of tests run on dry test specimens machined out of rods 40-60 mm when available, else out of plate 10-20mm. All tests are done at room temperature (23° / 73°F)
7. Test speed: either 5 mm/min or 50 mm/min [chosen acc. to ISO 10350-1 as a function of the ductile behaviour of the material (tough or brittle)] using type 1B tensile bars
8. Test speed: either 0.2"/min or 2"/min or [chosen as a function of the ductile behaviour of the material (brittle or tough)] using Type 1 tensile bars
9. Test speed: 1 mm/min, using type 1B tensile bars
10. Test specimens: cylinders Ø 8 mm x 16 mm, test speed 1 mm/min
11. Test specimens: cylinders Ø 0.5" x 1", or square 0.5" x 1", test speed 0.05"/min
12. Test specimens: bars 4 mm (thickness) x 10 mm x 80 mm ; test speed: 2 mm/min ; span: 64 mm.
13. Test specimens: bars 0.25" (thickness) x 0.5" x 5" ; test speed: 0.11"/min ; span: 4"
14. Measured on 10 mm, 0.4" thick test specimens.
15. Electrode configuration: Φ 25 / Φ 75 mm coaxial cylinders ; in transformer oil according to IEC 60296 ; 1 mm thick test specimens.
16. Measured on discs Ø 50 mm x 3 mm.
17. Measured on 1/8" thick x 2" diameter or square
18. Test procedure similar to Test Method A: "Pin-on-disk" as described in ISO 7148-2, Load 3MPa, sliding velocity= 0,33 m/s, mating plate steel Ra= 0.7-0.9 µm, tested at 23°C, 50%RH.
19. Test using journal bearing system, 200 hrs, 118 ft/min, 42 PSI, steel shaft roughness 16±2 RMS micro inches with Hardness Brinell of 180-200
20. Test using Plastic Thrust Washer rotating against steel, 20 ft/min and 250 PSI, Stationary steel washer roughness 16±2 RMS micro inches with Rockwell C 20-24
21. Test using Plastic Thrust Washer rotating against steel, Step by step increase pressure, Test ends when plastic begins to deform or if temperature increases to 300°F, a 4:1 safety factor has been applied to the posted value.

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