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Technical Data Sheet



CEBICO rPP20 23RID436

Description

CEBICO rPP20 23RID436 is a natural fibre composite, primarily consisting of mono-stream post-industrial recycled PP mixed with TMP, or thermo-mechanical pulp based on Norwegian Spruce. The composite is an injection grade with good filling and impact resistant properties. Being based on a post-industrial polypropylene, the material is clean with good and with stable properties. This material is natural brown with visible fibre agglomerates and can easily be coloured.

Other product names/terms

Bio Composite (BC), Natural Fibre Composite (NFC), Wood-Plastic Composite (WPC)

Key features

Post-industrial recycled, low carbon footprint, well balanced.

Typical characteristics

Physical properties	Value	Unit	Test method
Specific density	980	kg/m³	ISO 1183
Moisture content	< 0.3	%	Internal
Fibre content	20	%	Internal
Melt flow rate	8	g/10 min	ISO 1133, 5 kg @190 °C
Carbon footprint eq.	1.16	kg CO ² /kg	Internal

Mechanical property	Value	Unit	Test method
Tensile modulus	1400	MPa	ISO 527-2
Tensile stress at break	20	MPa	ISO 527-2
Tensile strain at break	6.4	%	ISO 527-2
Charpy impact strength	5	kJ/m²	ISO 179-2, 1eA @ 23 °C

Processing

It is important that the composite is not processed at temperatures above 190 °C as this can start degradation of the natural fibre. Processing above recommended temperature will affect colour, odour and affect have negative on mechanical properties.

RPM of screw during metering should be low-medium with backpressure about 5-10 bars to avoid air and vacuum. Metering should finish a few seconds before new cycle will take place to reduce degradation time.

Injection speed and pressure should be at a moderate to low levels to minimize generated shear heat in the material to maintain correct melt temperature. CEBICO is highly shear thinning so processability will improve significantly at higher pressures levels.

Hold pressure should be medium to avoid sink marks. Reduce as necessary to avoid stress and warpage.

Chemical composition

The primary component is polypropylene, where part of the material is substituted with thermo-mechanical pulp. Dispersed into the plastic polymer, the TMP reinforces the polymer matrix to modify and improve mechanical properties. Low dosage of additives has been used to bond TMP fibre and polymer.

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Equipment

It is recommended that steel equipment and mould to contain a minimum of five percent chrome.

Packaging

Buckets (20-80 litres), octabins (100-120 litres) and big bags (900-1100 litres). Minimum orders are 20 kg.

Recycling

CEBICO can be grinded, melted and remoulded like standard thermoplastic. Recycling is recommended as this extends the material lifetime and thus further reducing the total carbon footprint of the material. TMP fibres may be further dispersed during recycling, which may lead to improved strength, stiffness, and other key mechanical properties.

Environment

CEBICO can replace normal plastic and glass fibre reinforced plastic as a more environmentally friendly alternative. The fibres are produced from renewable and certificated raw materials and has very low carbon footprint additional to being processed using clean electric energy.

Contact us for more in-depth information about environmental impact of CEBICO natural fibre composites.

Storage

Avoid prolonged exposure to UV-light, extreme temperatures and high humidity. Store in ambient room temperature. Improper storage can have negative effects on physical, visual, and mechanical properties.

Shelf life

Following CEBICO storage instructions will maximize the shelf life of the material, maintain optimal properties, and minimize degradation.

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