

## DuPont™ Nucrel® AE

### Nucrel® resins Product Data Sheet

#### Description

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Nucrel® AE is a terpolymer of ethylene, methacrylic acid, and acrylate. It is available for use in conventional extrusion coating, coextrusion coating and extrusion laminating equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

It can be used as a modifier for PE in blends of approximately 20 to 40% Nucrel® AE with 80 to 60% LDPE for enhancement of foil adhesion properties. The level of adhesion improvement depends on processing conditions.

#### Restrictions

**Material Status**

- Commercial: Active

#### Typical Characteristics

**Uses**

- Adhesives  
Packaging  
Sealants

**Composition**

Proprietary

**Features**

Improved foil adhesion when processed under the correct conditions.  
Increased peak hot tack strength.

**Applications**

- Foil-containing pouches and sachets for packaging non-aggressive food and miscellaneous non-food products.
- Snack structures
- Other foil, metallized film, or paper coatings as a heat seal or tie layer

#### Typical Properties

**Physical**

\* Density ( )

**Nominal Values**

0.92 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Test Method(s)**

ASTM D792      ISO 1183

\* Melt Flow Rate (190°C/2.16kg)

11 g/10 min

ASTM D1238      ISO 1133

**Thermal**

\* Melting Point (DSC)

**Nominal Values**

105°C (221°F)

**Test Method(s)**

ASTM D3418      ISO 3146

Freezing Point (DSC)

85°C (185°F)

ASTM D3418      ISO 3146

Vicat Softening Point ( )

79°C (174°F)

ASTM D1525      ISO 306

#### Processing Information

**General**

\* Maximum Processing Temperature    335°C (635°F)

General Processing Information

Nucrel® AE at the recommended blend ratio of 20 to 40% is normally processed at melt temperatures ranging from 290° - 330°C (550° - 625°F) in flat die equipment. Actual processing temperatures will usually be determined by either the specific equipment or substrate or one of the other polymers in a coextrusion.

Materials of construction used in the processing of this resin should be corrosion resistant. Stainless steels of the types 316, 15-5PH, and 17-4PH are excellent, as is quality chrome or nickel plating, and in particular duplex chrome plating. Type 410 stainless steel is satisfactory, but needs to be tempered at a minimum temperature of 600°C (1112°F) to avoid hydrogen-assisted stress corrosion cracking. Alloy steels such as 4140 are borderline in performance. Carbon steels are not satisfactory. While stainless steels can provide adequate corrosion protection, in some cases severe purging difficulties have been encountered. Nickel plating has been satisfactory, but experiments have shown that chrome surfaces have the least adhesion to acid based polymers. In recent years, the quality of chrome plating has been deteriorating due to environmental pressures, and the corrosion protection has not always been adequate. Chrome over top of stainless steel seems to provide the best combination for corrosion protection and ease of purging.

If surface properties of the extruded resin require modification (such as, lower C.o.F. for packaging machine processing), refer to the Conpol™ Processing Additive Resins product information guide.

After processing Nucrel, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the Nucrel resin in use. The "Disco Purge Method" is suggested as the preferred purging method, as this method usually results in a more effective purging process. Information on the Disco Purge Method can be obtained via your DuPont Sales Representative.

Never shut down the extrusion system with Nucrel in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the Nucrel with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

Extrusion Coating/Lamination Processing	Nominal Values
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Feed Zone	185°C (365°F)
Second Zone	235°C (455°F)
Third Zone	285°C (545°F)
Fourth Zone	310°C (590°F)
Fifth Zone	310°C (590°F)
Adapter Zone	310°C (590°F)
Die Zone	310°C (590°F)

FDA Status Information

Nucrel® AE conforms to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Paragraph 177.1330 covering its use as a food contact surface subject to the extractives limitations on the finished food contact article as described in the regulation.

Safety & Handling

Nucrel® methacrylic acid copolymer resins as supplied by DuPont are not considered hazardous materials. As with any hot material, care should be taken to protect the hands and other exposed parts of the body when handling molten polymer. At recommended processing temperatures, small amounts of fumes may evolve from the resins. When resins are overheated, more extensive decomposition may occur. Adequate ventilation should be provided to remove fumes from the work area. Disposal of scrap presents no special problems and can be by landfill or incineration in a properly operated incinerator. Disposal should comply with local, state, and federal regulations. Resin pellets can be a slipping hazard. Loose pellets should be swept up promptly to prevent falls. For more detailed information on the safe handling and disposal of DuPont resins, a Material Safety Data Sheet can be obtained from the DuPont Packaging and Industrial Polymers website or by contacting your sales representative.

## Read and Understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before using this product

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