Recommendations for injection molding



Akulon® K222–KGV6

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This quick start instruction gives an indication of the key settings for processing Akulon® K222-KGV6 to ensure best crystallization and prevent material degradation as a result of hydrolysis or thermal load. It is a summary of the Injection Molding Recommendations which can be found in our Plastics Finder at https://envalior.plasticsfinder.com. Our online quidelines are recommendations to help with material processing and/or to evaluate and resolve potential processing issues.

MATERIAL HANDLING

Akulon° grades are hygroscopic and absorb moisture from the air relatively quickly. Moisture absorption is fully reversible under the following drying conditions without compromising material quality. Preferred driers are de-humidified driers with dew points maintained between -30 and -40°C / -22 and -40°F. Vacuum driers with N₂ purge can also be used. Hot air ovens or hopper driers are not suitable for pre-druing Akulon® grades; the use of such driers may result in non-optimum performance.

Moisture content	Time	Temperature	
[%]	[h]	[°C]	[°F]
0.1–0.2 and as delivered	2–4	80	176
0.2-0.5	4–8	80	176

Drier types that are not de-humidified can be operated until 100°C but care has to be taken with natural/light colors for which a color change might be observed upon drying depending on time/temperature exposure.

TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

Barrel temperature

Optimal settings are governed by barrel size and residence time. Furthermore, the level of glass and/or mineral reinforcement and the presence or absence of flame retardant have to be taken into account.

Mold/Tool	Measured melt	Nozzle	Front	Center	Rear	
50 – 80°C 122 – 176°F	245–265°C <i>473–509°F</i>	235–255°C <i>455–491°F</i>	235–250°C <i>455–482</i> °F	230–240°C <i>446–464°F</i>	225–235°C <i>437–455°F</i>	

MELT RESIDENCE TIME

The optimal Melt Residence Time (MRT) for Akulon $^{\circ}$ K222–KGV6 is \leq 4 minutes with preferably at least 50% of the maximal shot volume used. The MRT should not exceed 6 minutes. A full self—service MRT calculation can be done using the following link.

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