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This quick start instruction gives an indication of the key settings for processing Stanyl<sup>®</sup> TW341 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 <a href="https://envalior.plasticsfinder.com">https://envalior.plasticsfinder.com</a>. Our online guidelines are recommendations to help with material processing and/or to evaluate and resolve potential processing issues.

## MATERIAL HANDLING

#### Drying

Stanyl<sup>®</sup> 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 N<sub>2</sub> purge can also be used. Hot air ovens or hopper driers are not suitable for pre-drying Stanyl<sup>®</sup> grades; the use of such driers may result in non-optimum performance.

Moisture content	Time	Temperature	
[%]	[h]	[°C]	[° <b>F</b> ]
0.1 - 0.2 and as delivered	2	80	176
0.2 – 0.5	4 – 8	80	176
>0.5	<100 or 24	80 105	176 221

# TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

### Barrel temperature

Optimal settings are governed by barrel size and residence time. Due to the high melting point of Stanyl<sup>\*</sup> this temperature should be set high enough to provide a homogeneous melt without getting too near to the degradation temperature of  $330^{\circ}$ C /  $626^{\circ}$ F. A flat or rising temperature profile is recommended.

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Mold/Tool	Measured melt	Nozzle	Front	Center	Rear	
80 – 120°C 176 – 248°F	310–320°C 590–608°F	300–320°C 572–608°F	300–320°C 572–608°F	300–320°C 572–608°F	280–320°C 536–608°F	

## MELT RESIDENCE TIME

The optimal Melt Residence Time (MRT) for Stanyl<sup>®</sup> TW341 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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