

## Technical Data Sheet

### Cri-plastMP™ PFA Electrically Conductive Compounds

Cri-plastMP™ PFA Electrically Conductive Compounds are formulated to meet your static dissipative/conductive, ATEX requirements in multiple applications. Specific grades can be processed by injection, extrusion, transfer molding, and compression molding.

#### Special Features

- Improved electrical conductivity
- Capable of high MIT Flex performance
- Retains electrical conductivity even at 150% elongation
- Non-marking/sloughing due to lower filler loading
- Retains conductivity after regrind
- Drying not required

#### Typical Property Data

	Test Method	Unit	Cri-plastMP™ PFA Reference Compounds		
			Injection	Tubing	Pipe/Lining
<b>Melt Flow Rate</b>	ASTM D-3307	g/10 min	~3-6	~2-4	~.5-1.5
<b>Melting Point (DSC)</b>	ASTM D-3307	°C	300 ~ 310	300 ~ 310	300 ~ 310
<b>Tensile strength</b>	ASTM D-3307	MPa	3200	4300	4990
<b>Tensile elongation</b>	ASTM D-3307	%	~250	~250	~250
<b>Specific gravity</b>	ASTM D-3307	-	~2.14	~2.14	~2.14
<b>Electrical Conductivity</b>	*	ohm/sq.	~100	~100	~100
<b>MIT Flex</b>	**		na	165,000	Up to 400,000

\* Data testing performed on compression molded thin sheet

\*\* 2.5lb load. Sample thickness ~.2mm

#### Typical applications

- Tubing
- Linings
- Injection Molding

#### Electrical properties

Cri-plastMP™ PFA Electrically Conductive Compounds are designed for real application use, not just datasheet properties. Do your electrically conductive products have an elongation specification? Do the raw materials used retain their conductivity at these elongation values ... probably not. Cri-plastMP™ compounds retain their conductivity even at 150% elongation. Conventional carbon filled products do not.

Compound	ohm @ 0% elongation	ohm @ 100% elongation	ohm @ 150% elongation
Carbon black filled conductive PFA	3.30E+04	> 1.0E11	> 1.0E11
Cri-plastMP™ PFA conductive compound	4.80E+02		3.60E+03

**\*CB product loses conductivity**

## Mechanical properties

Cri-plastMP™ PFA Electrically Conductive Compounds are capable of achieving higher MIT Flex performance than conventional carbon black compounds.

Compound	MFI 372 C, g/10 min	MIT Flex 2.5lb load. Sample thickness ~.2mm
Carbon black filled conductive PFA	1 to 2.5	80-95,000
Cri-plastMP™ PFA conductive compound	.5 to 1.7	<b>150 to 420,000</b>

## Processing Guidance

### Molding

PFA can generate traces of highly corrosive gas when it decomposes at the molding temperature, requiring materials of construction with outstanding corrosion and heat resistance for extrusion and injection-molding equipment used for molding.

### Extrusion molding

In extrusion, covered electrical wire, pipe, tubing, monofilament, film, etc. can be formed by extrusion. Extruders with a cylinder diameter from 30 to 65 mm are most commonly used. A rapid compression type screw with an L/D ratio of 20 to 25 and compression ratio of 2.5 to 3.0 is also used.

### Tubing Extrusion Molding Conditions

Grade	Cri-plastMP™
<b>Final product</b>	
Tubing I.D.	8.5
Tubing O.D.	10.5
Tubing thickness	0.1
<b>Extruder</b>	
barrel diameter	25
screw L/D	20
compression ratio	2.8
screw type	Gradual transition
<b>Die die I.D./tip O.D.</b>	8.5/4.5
Temperature (°C)	
rear	350
middle	-
front	380
Die head	400
tip	420
<b>Screw speed (rpm)</b>	14
<b>Draw-down ratio</b>	1.36*
<b>Insulating speed (m/min.)</b>	0.5

\*Note: drawdown can negatively affect tube conductivity

### **Injection molding**

Higher flow grades of Cri-plastMP™ PFA compounds can be injection molded. A screw-type molding machine is generally used, and the spool, runner, and gate must be made slightly thicker than normal, as short as possible, and have the cross section nearly circular to reduce molding strain. Hard chromium plated dies are generally used.

### **Transfer molding**

Pipe, valves, joints, and other linings for the chemical industry, etc. can be formed by transfer molding PFA. Components subject to lining processing, such as pipes and valves, are used for the outer die or inner die, and are heated to temperatures that exceed the melting point. PFA resin that has been separately melted inside the cylinder is pressure-fed into the components and cooled while under pressure. Components can be molded at die temperatures of 350 to 370 °C and resin temperatures of 350 to 390 °C.

### **Safety:**

When PFA resins are heated to temperatures above 300 °C, some decomposition products may be given off. These decomposition products may be harmful, and inhalation of these fumes must be avoided. Ovens, process equipment and working area must be adequately ventilated. For further information, please refer to the material safety data sheet for these products and the Guide to the Safe Handling of Fluoropolymer Resins published by SPI Inc., The Society of Plastics Industry, Inc., 1801 K Street, NW, Suite 600K, Washington, DC, 20006-1301 (202-972-5200).

### **Caution:**

Studies have indicated that Fluoropolymers begins to degrade at 420°C and liberate HF, which is corrosive to metal surfaces. Therefore, the resident time in extruders or other molding machines should be held to the minimum. Care should be taken not to overheat molding pellets during processing. In addition, adequate mechanical ventilation should be provided and personnel should be cautioned against inhaling the fumes liberated during processing. All surfaces of the molding machine that come in contact with melting this resin should be made of corrosion resistant materials.

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### **Packaging**

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Cri-plastMP™ PFA Electrically Conductive Compounds are provided in pellet form and packaged in 25 and 50kg packages.

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