

PROCESSING GUIDE FOR EXTRUSION OF HALGUARD® E INSULATION COMPOUNDS

EQUIPMENT & CONDITIONS	SUGGESTIONS	
Compound Drying	Typically not required. 150°F for 4 hours if desired.	
Color Concentrate	PE-based color concentrates.	
Machine Type	Typical PVC or PE extrusion equipment.	
Screw Design	A) Metering Type, with shallow flights and long metering section. Metering Section 33% Transition Section 33% Feed Section 33% (Barrier flights and low pressure mixing sections may improve melt quality and production rates)	
Compression Ratio	2.4:1 to 3.5:1	
L/D Ratio	20:1 to 24:1	
Screen Packs	20/40/20 typical.	
Screw RPM	As required for proper mixing.	
Screw Cooling	Not Recommended.	
Water Bath	90°F for insulation is suggested for optimum physical properties.	
Tooling	Cross-head: Low inventory cross-heads.	
	Die Design: Matched tip and die angles, fairly tight together for optimum die pressure.	
	Pressure Die: Size die 5% over final diameter for optimum speed and physicals.	
	Tubing Die: Minimize land length. 1.5 - 2.0:1 DDR with 1.0 - 1.1 DRB.	
Copper Preheat	200°F - 225°F actual copper temperature entering head for best results.	



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Hardness Range	Typical Barrel Settings	Melt Temperature Range
Below 70A	255°F - 310°F	330°F - 340°F
70A to 65C	270°F - 350°F	345°F - 360°F
65C to 70C	320°F - 365°F	365°F - 375°F
71C to 80C	330°F - 375°F	375°F - 380°F

^{**}Melt temperature should be measured using a pyrometer on the material exiting the die.

Purging

If necessary, use HD polyethylene or polypropylene.

Regrind

Recyclable; mix up to 20% regrind with virgin.

Additional Considerations

Maddock and blister ring mixing screws are not recommended as their use will result in excessive melt temperature.

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