

### Data sheet

#### Granule Type: APXLP12BC/APCAT12N

#### Silane Cross-linkable Polyethylene Compound

#### Description

APXLP12BC is a XLPE pre-grafted polyethylene which can be processed in combination with its catalyst master batch (APCAT12N) in conventional extruders. End product crosslinking occurs when the material is exposed to moisture. It contains 2.5% well dispersed carbon black in order to ensure excellent weathering resistant.

#### Application

APXLP12BC is suitable for insulation of Aerial Bundled Cables.

#### Specification

The catalyst masterbatch APCAT12N in combination with the base material APXLP12BC meets the applicable requirements given below when processed using extrusion practice and testing procedure:

- NF C 33-209
- BS 7870-5
- IEC 60502-1

#### Physical Properties

Properties	Standard and Test Method	Unit	Typical Value
Melt Flow Index (190°C/5kg)	ASTM D1238	gr/10min	4±0.5
Hardness	ASTM D 2240 (15sec)	Shore D"	50±2
Density	ASTM D 792 / IEC 60811-1-3	gr/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.945±0.01
Properties before ageing Tensile strength Elongation at break	IEC 60811-1-1	N/mm <sup>2</sup> %	min 14.5 min 200
Properties after ageing "10 days at 150°C" Variation of Tensile Variation of Elongation	IEC 60811-1-2	% %	max 25 max 25
Hot Set Test (200°C,0.3MPa) Elongation under load Permanent elongation after cooling	IEC 60811-2-1	% %	max 100 max 15
Carbon black content	ASTM D1603	%	2.5±0.5

\*Typical values reported above (except MFI) are obtained from samples cured in hot water (2.5 hours @ 95°C).

#### Processing Guidelines

1- The grafted polymer should never be preheated.

2- The grafted polymer (APXLP12BC) and Catalyst master batch (APCAT12N) should be manually mixed at a ratio 95:5 at room temperature, just before consumption. Mixing in large quantities should be avoided, since such leftover premix cannot be stored.

3- The actual extrusion conditions will depend on the type of equipment used. The following conditions may be used as a guide when starting up the extruder.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Head	Die	Screw*
max (°C)	150	160	170	180	190	220	220
min (°C)	140	150	160	170	180	210	200

\*The thermostatic control of the screw improves processing results.

**Extruder L/D= 20-26**

4- Head and tools should be designated allowing streamlined flow avoiding stagnation of the material.

5- It is important that extruder should not be kept idle for more than 15minutes when filled with grafted polyethylene (APXLP12BC) and catalyst (APCAT12N) premix.

6- In case of line stop longer than 10 - 15 minutes: Before restarting purge with standard HDPE (MFI: 0.3g/10 min.)

### Cross linking

Depending on the end product thickness duration of cross linking can be vary, under following conditions:

- By immersion in 90°C hot water, 2-6 hrs.
- By exposure to low pressure water steam, 6-15 hrs.

### Storage

- Packaging should be keep closed during storage
- Ambient temperature should not exceed more than 35°C
- Avoid direct exposure to sunlight and humid weathering
- APXLP12BC can be stored for 6 months after production
- Compound should be used maximum 3-4 hours after opening packaging

### Packaging

It is available in the form of pellets and supplied in aluminum multi-layer bags with a net content of 25 kg.

### Safety

APXLP12BC is classified as no-dangerous material.

### Technical Service

Abhar Polymer Compounds Technical Service is available to help the customer to choose the best product for his requirements.

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