

Technical Information

INOFLON[®] M290 is a next generation free flow moulding grade resin which is chemically modified to give superior performance than standard PTFE. Its significantly lower melt viscosity than standard PTFE gives better particle fusion during sintering and smoother surfaces results improved performance.

INOFLON[®] M290 is designed for compression moulding of blocks and sheets, automated and iso-static moulding. It can be used preferably in application such as seal rings, valve seats or bearing pads, diaphragms, bellows, etc.

Product Features

- ◆ Low permeability
- ◆ Better flex fatigue properties
- ◆ Better dimensional stability during sintering
- ◆ Reduced deformation under load
- ◆ Good weldability
- ◆ Good electrical and mechanical properties

Typical Properties of INOFLON[®] M290

Properties	Test Method	Unit	Nominal Value
Bulk density	ASTM D 4894	g/l	700
Average particle size (d50)	ASTM D 4894	µm	475
Mould shrinkage	ASTM D 4894	%	4.0
Powder Flow	ASTM D1895	g/min.	400
Std. specific gravity (SSG)	ASTM D 4894	-	2.155
Melting points	ASTM D 4894	°C (°F)	342 (648) Initial 327 (621) Final
Tensile strength	ASTM D 4894	MPa (psi)	30 (4351)
Elongation	ASTM D 4894	%	400
Flex Life	ASTM D 2176	Cycles	>1.2 x 10 ⁶
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D 149	kV/mm	77

Note: These are typical properties and not to be used for specification purpose

FDA Compliance

When products made from INOFLON[®] M290 are correctly processed, that is sintered at high temperature practiced by industries, they may comply with FDA Regulation 21 CFR 177.1550 for use in contact with food.

Packaging

INOFLON[®] M290 is packed in 25 & 40Kgs plastic drums.

Handling and storage

INOFLON[®] M290 is being produced in a clean environment and therefore the ideal resin for all applications, where superior cleanliness is required, especially such as production, storage and transportation of ultrapure chemicals for semiconductor production. Therefore for best results the powder processing areas should be kept clean and free of all contamination. Organic contamination and foreign matter usually appear as dark spots often easily visible against the translucent Modified PTFE background. Organic contamination material degrades at the sintering temperatures and forms discolored spots. They oxidize away as carbon dioxide wherever sufficient oxygen exposure takes place. To avoid contamination and discoloration throughout the whole INOFLON[®] products, it is recommended to process the modified INOFLON[®] grades under special cleanliness precautions. This is required for those production areas, where the product is handled as a powder. As soon as the billet is moulded the cleanliness of the powder can be considered to be 'protected'. Storage of PTFE at 23°C (73.4°F) or lower prevents lump formation as a result of movement and transportation.

Processing

INOFLON[®] M290 is processed using automatic, isostatic and compression moulding methods. A two step process is used to fabricate parts from INOFLON[®] M290. Before using, the powder must be conditioned above 19°C (66.2°F). First mould is filled with resin and compacted into preform that is similar to final shape of desired moulding. Preforming is easiest when the resin temperature is uniform between 21–27°C (69.8–80.6°F). As temperature declines below this range, the resin will be increasingly difficult to mould without cracks due to problem of condensed moisture. The preform is then sintered in an oven where it undergoes controlled heating and cooling cycle. The two cycles together are commonly called sintering cycle and peak holding temperature is called sintering temperature. The sintering temperature should be in the range of 370–375 °C (698–707°F). INOFLON[®] M290 is also processed by ram extrusion, in which preforming and sintering steps are combined in a continuous operation. Large diameter rods and tubings are fabricated by feeding successive charges of powder down a cylindrical heated die using a defined temperature profile.

Safety precautions

Handling and processing of PTFE must be done in ventilated areas to prevent personnel exposure to the fumes liberated during sintering and heating of the resin. Fumes should not be inhaled and eye and skin contact must be avoided. In case of skin contact wash with soap and water immediately. In case of eye contact, flush with water immediately and seek medical help. Smoking tobacco or cigarettes contaminated with PTFE may result in a flu-like condition including chills, fever and sore throat that may not occur until a few hours after exposure has taken place.

Mixtures of some metal powders such as magnesium or aluminum are flammable and explosive under some conditions. Please read the Material Safety Data Sheet and the detailed information in the “Guide to the safe handling of Fluoropolymer Resins” published by the Fluoropolymer Division of The Society of the Plastics Industry available at www.plasticseurope.org

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Note warning: Do not use any of INOFLON[®] PTFE resins in medical devices that are designed for permanent implantation in the human body. For other medical uses, prior permission of GFL may be sought.

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