

TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC)

ASTM Test	Property	Rigid	Flexible	Foam
PHYSICAL				
D792	Specific gravity	1.30-1.58	1.20-1.70	0.45-0.8
D792	Specific volume (in ³ /lb)	19.1-20.5	—	—
D570	Water absorption , 24 h, 1/8-in thk (%)	0.04-0.4	0.15-0.75	0.03-0.04
MECHANICAL				
D638	Tensile strength (psi)	6,000-8,000	1,500-3,500	2000-3000
D638	Elongation (%)	50-150	200-450	—
D638	Tensile modulus (10 ⁵ psi)	3.5-10	—	1-2.4
D790	Flexural modulus (10 ⁵ psi)	3-8	—	—
D256	Impact strength , Izod (ft-lb/in of notch)	0.4-20.0	—	0.4-0.6
D785	Hardness , Shore	D65-85	A50-100	4-9
D256	Charpy impact unnotched	—	—	0.4-0.6
THERMAL				
C177	Thermal conductivity (10 ⁻⁴ cal-cm/sec-cm ² -°C)	3.5-5.0	3.0-4.0	0.05-3
D696	Coefficient of thermal expansion (10 ⁻⁵ in/in-°F)	1.2-5.6	3.9-13.9	3-4.5
D648	Deflection temperature (°F)	—	—	—
	At 264 psi/140-170	—	—	—
	At 66 psi/135-180	—	—	145-150
UL 94	Flammability rating	V-0 (Cell Class 12454-B)	—	VO-SV
E 84	Flame spread	—	—	15-25
ELECTRICAL				
D149	Dielectric strength (V/mil) Short time, 1/8-in thk	350-500	300-400	—
D150	Dielectric constant At 1 kHz/3.0-3.8	4.0-8.0	—	—
D150	Dissipation factor At 1 kHz/0.009-0.017	0.07-0.16	—	—
D257	Volume resistivity (ohm-cm) At 73°F, 50% RH	>10 ¹⁶	10 ¹¹ -10 ¹⁵	—
D495	Arc resistance (s)	60-80	—	—

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ISO Test	Property	Rigid	Flexible	Foam
PHYSICAL				
ISO1183	Specific gravity	1.30-1.58	1.20-1.70	0.45-0.8
ISO1183	Specific volume (cm ³ /g)	0.687-0.738	—	—
ISO62	Water absorption , 24 h, 3.1 mm thk (%)	0.04-0.4	0.15-0.75	0.03-0.04
MECHANICAL				
ISO527	Tensile strength (MPa)	41.37-55.16	10.34-24.13	13.79-20.68
ISO527	Elongation (%)	50-150	200-450	—
ISO527	Tensile modulus (10 ³ MPa)	2.41-6.9	—	0.69-1.66
ISO178	Flexural modulus (10 ³ MPa)	2.07-5.52	—	—
ISO180	Notched Izod impact strength (J/m)	21-1068	—	21-32
ISO868	Hardness , Shore	D65-85	A50-100	4-9
ISO179	Charpy impact unnotched	—	—	0.4-0.6
THERMAL				
ISO8302	Thermal conductivity (W/(mK))	0.18	0.18	0.18
ISO11359	Coefficient of thermal expansion (10 ⁻⁴ m/m-°C)	0.21-1.00	0.70-2.50	0.54-0.90
ISO75	Deflection temperature (°C)	—	—	—
	At 1.80 MPa	60-77	—	—
	At 0.45 MPa	57-82	—	63-66
UL 94	Flammability rating	V-0 (Cell Class 12454-B)	—	VO-SV
E 84	Flame spread	—	—	15-25
ELECTRICAL				
IEC243	Dielectric strength (kV/mm) Short time, 3.1 mm thk	13.8-19.7	11.8-15.8	—
IEC250	Dielectric constant At 1 kHz/3.0-3.8	4.0-8.0	—	—
IEC250	Dissipation factor At 1 kHz/0.009-0.017	0.07-0.16	—	—
IEC93	Volume resistivity (ohm-cm) At 23°C, 50% RH	>10 ¹⁶	10 ¹¹ -10 ¹⁵	—
ASTM D495	Arc resistance (s)	60-80	—	—