DOW™ LDPE 959S
Low Density Polyethylene Resin

Overview

- Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
- Typical applications include lids
- Excellent clarity, flexibility, low warpage
- Complies with U.S. FDA 21 CFR 177.1520 (c) 2.1.
- Complies with Canadian HPFB No Objection (With Limitations)
- Consult the regulations for complete details.

DOW Polyethylene 959S Low Density Resin is a medium molecular weight distribution homopolymer. This resin has good processability over a wide range of molding conditions.

Additive

- Antiblock: No
- Slip: No
- Processing Aid: No

Physical	Nominal Value	(English)	Nominal Value	(SI)	Test Method
Density	0.923	g/cm³	0.923	g/cm³	ASTM D792
Base Density [1]	0.923	g/cm³	0.923	g/cm³	Dow Method
Melt Index (190°C/2.16 kg)	55	g/10 min	55	g/10 min	ASTM D1238
Environmental Stress-Cracking Resistance (ESCR)					ASTM D1693
122°F (50°C), 100% Igepal, F50	< 1.00	hr	< 1.00	hr	
Mechanical	**Nominal Value**	**(English)**	**Nominal Value**	**(SI)**	**Test Method**
Tensile Strength					ASTM D638
Yield	1600	psi	11.0	MPa	
Break	900	psi	6.21	MPa	
Tensile Elongation					ASTM D638
Yield	3.0	%	3.0	%	
Break	58	%	58	%	
Flexural Modulus - 2% Secant	48000	psi	331	MPa	ASTM D790
Impact	**Nominal Value**	**(English)**	**Nominal Value**	**(SI)**	**Test Method**
Tensile Impact Strength [2]	56.0	ft·lb/in²	118	kJ/m²	ASTM D1822
Hardness	**Nominal Value**	**(English)**	**Nominal Value**	**(SI)**	**Test Method**
Durometer Hardness (Shore D)	48		48		ASTM D2240
Thermal	**Nominal Value**	**(English)**	**Nominal Value**	**(SI)**	**Test Method**
Deflection Temperature Under Load					ASTM D648
66 psi (0.45 MPa), Unannealed	115	°F	46.1	°C	
Brittleness Temperature	-4.00	°F	-20.0	°C	ASTM D746
Vicat Softening Temperature	194	°F	90.0	°C	ASTM D1525
Melting Temperature (DSC)	230	°F	110	°C	Dow Method
Peak Crystallization Temperature (DSC)	212	°F	100	°C	Dow Method
Additional Information					
Plaque molded and tested in accordance with ASTM D4976.					

Notes

These are typical properties only and are not to be construed as specifications. Users should confirm results by their own tests.

[1] Base density is estimated using the assumption that every 1000 ppm of antiblock in the finished product raises the density of the polymer by 0.0006 g/cm³. Base density is the estimated density of the polymer if it did not contain any antiblock.

[2] Type S

Form No. 400-00050148en
Rev: 2011-03-22

Product Stewardship

The Dow Chemical Company and its subsidiaries ("Dow") has a fundamental concern for all who make, distribute, and use its products, and for the environment in which we live. This concern is the basis for our Product Stewardship philosophy by which we assess the safety, health, and environmental information on our products and then take appropriate steps to protect employee and public health and our environment. The success of our Product Stewardship program rests with each and every individual involved with Dow products ─ from the initial concept and research, to manufacture, use, sale, disposal, and recycle of each product.

Customer Notice

Dow strongly encourages its customers to review both their manufacturing processes and their applications of Dow products from the standpoint of human health and environmental quality to ensure that Dow products are not used in ways for which they are not intended or tested. Dow personnel are available to answer your questions and to provide reasonable technical support. Dow product literature, including safety data sheets, should be consulted prior to use of Dow products. Current safety data sheets are available from Dow.

Medical Applications Policy

NOTICE REGARDING MEDICAL APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS: Dow will not knowingly sell or sample any product or service ("Product") into any commercial or developmental application that is intended for:

a. long-term or permanent contact with internal bodily fluids or tissues. "Long-term" is contact which exceeds 72 continuous hours;
b. use in cardiac prosthetic devices regardless of the length of time involved ("cardiac prosthetic devices" include, but are not limited to, pacemaker leads and devices, artificial hearts, heart valves, intra-aortic balloons and control systems, and ventricular bypass-assisted devices);
c. use as a critical component in medical devices that support or sustain human life; or
d. use specifically by pregnant women or in applications designed specifically to promote or interfere with human reproduction.

Dow requests that customers considering use of Dow products in medical applications notify Dow so that appropriate assessments may be conducted. Dow does not endorse or claim suitability of its products for specific medical applications. It is the responsibility of the medical device or pharmaceutical manufacturer to determine that the Dow product is safe, lawful, and technically suitable for the intended use. **DOW MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THE SUITABILITY OF ANY DOW PRODUCT FOR USE IN MEDICAL APPLICATIONS.**

Disclaimer

NOTICE: No freedom from infringement of any patent owned by Dow or others is to be inferred. Because use conditions and applicable laws may differ from one location to another and may change with time, the Customer is responsible for determining whether products and the information in this document are appropriate for the Customer's use and for ensuring that the Customer's workplace and disposal practices are in compliance with applicable laws and other governmental enactments. Dow assumes no obligation or liability for the information in this document. **NO WARRANTIES ARE GIVEN; ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED.**

NOTICE: If products are described as "experimental" or "developmental": (1) product specifications may not be fully determined; (2) analysis of hazards and caution in handling and use are required; (3) there is greater potential for Dow to change specifications and/or discontinue production; and (4) although Dow may from time to time provide samples of such products, Dow is not obligated to supply or otherwise commercialize such products for any use or application whatsoever.

NOTICE: This data is based on information Dow believes to be reliable, as demonstrated in controlled laboratory testing. They are offered in good faith, but without guarantee, as conditions and method of use of Dow products are beyond Dow's control. Dow recommends that the prospective user determine the suitability of these materials and suggestions before adopting them on a commercial scale.

To the best of our knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate and reliable as of the date of publication, however we do not assume any liability for the accuracy and completeness of such information.

Additional Information

North America		**Europe/Middle East**	+800-3694-6367
U.S. & Canada:	1-800-441-4369		+31-11567-2626
	1-989-832-1426	Italy:	+800-783-825
Mexico:	+1-800-441-4369		
Latin America		**South Africa**	+800-99-5078
Argentina:	+54-11-4319-0100		
Brazil:	+55-11-5188-9000		
Colombia:	+57-1-219-6000	**Asia Pacific**	+800-7776-7776
Mexico:	+52-55-5201-4700		+603-7965-5392

www.dowplastics.com

This document is intended for use within Asia Pacific, Latin America, North America

Published: 2000-12-10

Form No. 400-00050148en
Rev: 2011-03-22