



Dow Packaging & Specialty Plastics

Product Data Sheet

APPEEL™ 53021

Peelable Resin

General Information

Product Description APPEEL™ 53021 is a modified ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer resin designed to function as a sealing layer for lidding applications. It is most often suggested to provide strong peelable seals to polypropylene, and moderate seals to polystyrene, polyester, PVC and is available in pellet form for use in conventional extrusion or coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

Status

Material Status Commercial: Active

Typical Characteristics

Uses Lidding Sealant

Applications

- Low temperature heat seal. APPEEL™ 53021 offers low temperature heat seals with adequate seal strength at 90oC.
- Heat sealability to various materials including PE, PP, PS, and Rigid PVC. APPEEL™ 53021 can also be sealed to paper, paperboard, woven fabrics, non-woven fabrics, wood and photographic papers.
- APPEEL™ 53021 allows a peelable seal from most plastic materials excluding PE.
- High transparency.

- APPEEL™ 53021 is used as a heat seal layer in lidding material for injection molded and vacuum molded plastic containers, especially HIPS and PS used in the packaging of yogurts, jams, butter and other food items.

Typical structures for this lidding would be:

OPP/PE/ APPEEL™ 53021

PET/PE/ APPEEL™ 53021

Over lacquer/Print/Foil/PE/ APPEEL™ 53021

Paper/PE/Foil/PE/ APPEEL™ 53021

APPEEL™ 53021 can also be used as a sealant in general flexible packaging. It provides low temperature seals for snacks and confectionery.

Typical Properties

Physical	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Density ()	0.97 g/cm³	ASTM D792	ISO 1183
*Melt Flow Index (190°C/2.16kg)	32 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	ISO 1133
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Melting Point (DSC)	81 °C (177.8 °F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146
Vicat Softening Point ()	49 °C (120.2 °F)	ASTM D1525	ISO 306

Heat Seal Evaluation

The performance of any sealant resin should be evaluated within the context of the application. The sealant is designed to bond to particular substrate(s). Many variables can affect seal strength, including the physical properties of the substrate being sealed to, thickness, flange or surface design, heat seal temperature, dwell time and pressure. The condition and type of the sealing equipment used, such as roller sealers versus platen seal mechanisms can make a significant difference.

In most cases sealant peel strength is used as a measure of performance. Although this is a convenient test, peel strength is affected not only by substrate adhesion but also by peel angle, separation rate, ambient temperature, tensile and modulus properties of the materials, and often by the time elapsed since the formation of the

bond.

If sealant peel strength is used as a measure of sealant performance, it is imperative that peel strength be evaluated not only at the time of initial heat sealing the lid to the substrate, but throughout the life of the product and under all the conditions to which the sealant will be exposed. Only then does peel strength provide a reliable indication of adhesive performance in the specific application.

Processing Information

*Maximum Processing Temperature 235 °C (455 °F)

General Processing Information

If the process is stopped for short periods of time, the screw for the APPEEL™ extruder should be kept turning at a low rpm to keep material flowing.

After processing APPEEL™, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the APPEEL™ resin in use. The "Disco Purge Method" is suggested as the preferred purging method, as this method usually results in a more effective purging process. Information on the Disco Purge Method can be obtained via your Dow Sales Representative.

Never shut down the extrusion system with APPEEL™ in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the APPEEL™ with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

Transitioning from LDPE to APPEEL™ 53021

- 1) Switch from conventional LDPE to higher MFR LDPE, approximately 20 dg/min, and change temperature profile to that recommended below.
- 2) After temperature gets to set temperature, put APPEEL™ 53021 into extruder.
- 3) After melt web becomes clear then commence production.

Transitioning from APPEEL™ 53021 to LDPE

- 1) Switch from APPEEL™ 53021 to LDPE, with MFR in the range of 2 to 5 dg/min
- 2) When LDPE is completely purged into the system, then slowly increase temperatures to 260C, purge some more, and then slowly increase to standard PE processing temperatures.

Extrusion Coating/Lamination

Processing Information

Nominal Values

Extrusion Coating: The melt temperature of APPEEL™ 53021 should be maintained in the 185 - 235°C range in extrusion coating processes. Selection of a specific melt temperature will depend on screw configuration, potential power limitations, and the need to match melt viscosities. However, melt temperatures above 238C (460F) should be avoided because of possible thermal degradation of the resin.

If the process is stopped for short periods of time, the APPEEL™ 53021 resin extruder should be kept turning at low rpm. For a permanent shutdown, the APPEEL™ 53021 resin should be purged out using an available polyethylene resin run at the same extrusion temperature used for the APPEEL™ 53021 resin. Never raise temperature over 235°C until APPEEL™ 53021 resin is completely purged out. APPEEL™ 53021 requires relatively low processing temperatures and cooling the bottom of hopper due to its low Vicat point and higher comonomer level.

Following is an example for suggested temperature profile on the high side of the processing range. Lower temperatures in the final metering zone, adapter and die are suggested if compatible with the process and application.

Feed Zone	135 °C (275 °F)
Second Zone	185 °C (365 °F)
Third Zone	210 °C (410 °F)
Fourth Zone	210 °C (410 °F)
Fifth Zone	210 °C (410 °F)
Adapter Zone	210 °C (410 °F)
Die Zone	210 °C (410 °F)

FDA Status Information

APPEEL™ 53021 Lidding Resin complies with Food and Drug Administration Regulation 21 CFR 177.1350(a)(1) – Ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers, subject to the limitations and requirements therein, subject to the finished food contact article meeting the extractive limitations under the intended conditions of use, as shown in paragraph (b)(1) of the Regulation. APPEEL™ 53021 Lidding Resin may be used in contact with food types I, II, IV-B, VI-A, VI-B, VI-C, VII-B and VIII identified in Table 1 of 21 CFR 176.170(c) under Conditions of Use A through H* with no thickness limitation. APPEEL™ 53021 Lidding Resin may also be used for food types III, IV-A, VII-A, and IX under conditions of use B through H* provided the thickness of the final article is less than 1.2 mils (30 microns).

The information and certifications provided herein are based on data we believe to be reliable, to the best of our knowledge. The information and certifications apply only to the specific material designated herein as sold by Dow and do not apply to use in any process or in combination with any other material. They are provided at the request of and without charge to our customers. Accordingly, Dow cannot guarantee or warrant such certifications or information and assumes no liability for their use.

Regulatory Information

For information on regulatory compliance outside of the U.S.A., consult your local Dow representative.

Safety & Handling

For information on appropriate Handling & Storage of this polymeric resin, please refer to the material Safety Data Sheet.

A Product Safety Bulletin, material Safety Data Sheet, and/or more detailed information on extrusion processing and/or compounding of this polymeric resin for specific applications are available from your Dow representative.

Product Stewardship

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

Any and all medical application use of Dow materials, whether a device, a component, or any type of primary or secondary packaging of a medically related object or substance, needs to be reviewed and approved by Dow before any Dow material can be tested in such application.

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.**

For further information contact your Dow sales or technical representative to request a Medical Application Review Request Form. Additional details of Dow's Medical Applications Policy are available at:

<https://www.dow.com/en-us/support/product-safety.html>

Tobacco and Marijuana Policy

Dow does not support or intend for its products to be used, directly or indirectly, in the production of tobacco, the manufacture of tobacco products, the manufacture and use of electronic cigarettes (including vaping devices), the production of marijuana, or the manufacture of marijuana products intended for human consumption, where the Dow product (or its residues) may be present in the finished product or be alleged to facilitate the delivery of nicotine, other tobacco components, marijuana, or marijuana components.

Harmful Applications Policy

Dow does not intend for its products to be used in applications specifically intended to harm humans.

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.

For additional information, not covered by the content of this document, contact us via our web site

http://www.dow.com/products_services

Revision Date: 26-February-2021

P&SP Disclaimer

Additional Information

To contact Dow via Toll-Free or Local Toll phone numbers in specific countries, please see the following webpage:

<https://www.dow.com/en-us/support/contact-representative.html>

<http://www.dow.com>

Updated February 2021

© 2019 The Dow Chemical Company

Version: 198.0

Last modified at 9/10/2021 4:54 PM

Form No. 914-020-01-0221 DOW