

Samplex® Enviro Bag

Description

Samplex® Enviro Bags are made from a biodegradable and compostable resin based on a blend of thermoplastic starch (TPS), biodegradable polyesters and natural plasticizers. This grade of resin is compatibilised to offer a high level of mechanical strength, outstanding elongation properties and toughness. The resin is derived from renewable resources including non-GMO corn starch which is an annually renewable resource.

Specifications and Compliances

Samplex® Enviro Bags are made from a resin that is certified biodegradable.

- Complies with International Standard ISO16929, ISO 14855
- Certified compostable for blown film applications up to 192 microns.
- Complies with
 - European Standard EN13432, certified by Din Certco, Germany
 - USA Standard ASTM D6400, certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), USA
 - Australian Standard AS 4736, certified by Australian Bioplastics Association (ABA), Australia
 - Japanese "GreenPla" Standard, certified by Japan Bioplastics Association (JBPA), Japan
 - Chinese Environmental Labelling, certified by China Environmental United Certification Center, China

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AS 4736	EN13432	ASTM D6400	GreenPla 452	0550-8P10-

Samplex® Enviro Bag are constructed from a completely biodegradable polymer suitable for the manufacturing of film-type products. It can be directly used in the film blowing process. It does not contain any non-degradable polymers such as PE, PP, PS and PVC. Independent university testing shows that after biodegradation the polymer does not leave any harmful residues.

This film grade has been evaluated for compostability in accordance with international standard ISO 16929 (2002-11-01) "Plastics — Determination of the Degree of Disintegration of Plastic Materials under Defined Composting Conditions in a Pilot Scale Test". According to the European certification scheme for biodegradable materials, Performance Standard EN 13432, the pass threshold for this test is 90% of the material passing through a 2 mm sieve after the 12 week test period.

The testing shows that the plastic film samples used in this test are completely compostable as demonstrated by their 100% disintegration after 3 months and > 90% mineralization in less than 6 months. In the laboratory scale composting test according to ISO 14855: 1999 the film grade resin reached 90% biodegradation relative to cellulose reference material and meets the biodegradability requirement specified in the EN 13432 standard.

In addition, the Samplex® Enviro resin is tested for heavy metals, toxicity to soil, plants and earthworms as per the requirements of the relevant regulatory standards as listed above.

Physical Properties of Samplex® Enviro Resin

<i>Properties</i>	<i>Test Method</i>	<i>Typical Value</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Melt Flow Index	ASTM D -1238	2	g/ 10 min (150 °C / 5 kg)
Density	ASTM D-792	1.2	g/cm ³
Melting Temperature Range	ASTM D-3418	90 - 130	deg. C
Moisture Content	Internal Standard	0.45	%
Tensile strength at yield	ASTM D-882	> 20	MPa
Tensile strength at break	ASTM D-882	> 15	MPa
Elongation at break	ASTM D-882	> 500	% at low strain rates
Impact Resistance-Dart Test	ASTM D-1709	0.25	kg
Tear propagation	ASTM D-1922	2.9	Newton
Oxygen Transmission Rate	ASTM F-1927	1175	(cc/m ² /day)
Water Vapour Transmission Rate	ASTM F-1927	550	(g/m ² /day)

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