

# Quadraflex™ ARE-93A-B20

Thermoplastic Polyurethane Elastomer (Polyether)

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## Message:

Quadraflex™ ARE-93A-B20 is high performance aromatic polyether thermoplastic polyurethane. The polymer is loaded with 20% barium sulfate, is naturally white and supplied in small pellets for ease of processing. The material exhibits excellent mechanical properties, oxidative stability, biocompatibility, elasticity, chemical resistance, high resiliency and softening at body temperature. The resin has consistent melt flow properties making it ideal for extrusion.

Quadraflex™, Quadraflex™, Quadraban™ and Quadraplast™ performance polymers are primarily used in life science and medical applications including vascular access devices, surgical supplies, respiratory devices, tracheotomy devices, and other medical applications. Typical end products include tubing, catheter parts, balloons, and various medical device components. These performance polymers are available in a variety of durometers, radiopacifiers, colors, and custom formulations.

General Information	
Filler / Reinforcement	Barium sulfate, 20% filler by weight
Features	Aroma High elasticity Antioxidation Workability, good Good liquidity Good chemical resistance Biocompatibility Elastic Resistance
Uses	Pipe fittings Surgical instruments Medical/nursing supplies
Appearance	White
Forms	Particle
Processing Method	Extrusion Injection molding

Physical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Specific Gravity	1.25	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D792
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg)	7.5	g/10 min	ASTM D1238
Molding Shrinkage - Flow	0.60 - 1.0	%	ASTM D955
Hardness	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Durometer Hardness (Shore A)	93		ASTM D2240
Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Flexural Modulus	23.4	MPa	ASTM D790

Elastomers	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Stress (10% Strain)	7.07	MPa	ASTM D412
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100% strain	12.1	MPa	ASTM D412
300% strain	26.9	MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Strength (Break)	44.1	MPa	ASTM D412
Tensile Elongation (Break)	450	%	ASTM D412

Thermoset	Nominal Value	Unit
Post Cure Time (38°C)	6.0 - 10	hr

Injection	Nominal Value	Unit
Drying Temperature	54.4	°C
Drying Time	4.0	hr
Suggested Max Moisture	< 3.0E-3	%
Rear Temperature	177	°C
Front Temperature	191	°C
Nozzle Temperature	196	°C
Processing (Melt) Temp	204	°C
Mold Temperature	4.44 - 32.2	°C
Injection Rate	Slow	
Screw Compression Ratio	2.5:1.0 - 3.5:1.0	

**Injection instructions**  
Injection Speed: 10 g/sec Cooling/Hold Time: Long, at least 50% of cycle (20 to 60 secs depending on thickness)

Extrusion	Nominal Value	Unit
Drying Temperature	54.4	°C
Drying Time	4.0	hr
Suggested Max Moisture	< 0.030	%
Cylinder Zone 1 Temp.	171	°C
Cylinder Zone 2 Temp.	182	°C
Cylinder Zone 3 Temp.	188	°C
Cylinder Zone 4 Temp.	193	°C
Melt Temperature	193	°C
Die Temperature	193 - 216	°C
Back Pressure	6.89 - 12.4	MPa

**Extrusion instructions**  
Screen Pack: 250 mesh Screw Speed: Low shear, 150 to 250 rpm Water Bath: 80 to 110°F

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