

Visico™ ME4425/Ambicat™ LE4476

Crosslinked Polyethylene

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Message:

Visico ME4425 / Ambicat LE4476 is a silane crosslinkable natural compound designed for low voltage power cables up to 6kV. The base material Visico ME4425 in combination with the catalyst masterbatch Ambicat LE4476 will accelerate the moisture-induced crosslinking reaction. The system is highly active and crosslinks quickly at ambient conditions, in sauna or in hot water. When properly mixed, addition of 5 parts of Ambicat LE4476 to 95 parts of Visico ME4425 , insulation with excellent thermo-oxidative stability, also in contact with copper as well as aluminium, is achieved. If the insulation is designed to meet the thermooxidative ageing demand requiring by IEC 60502 at 150°C in contact with copper, addition of 9 parts Ambicat LE4476 to Visico ME4425 is recommended. Visico ME4425 / Ambicat LE4476 contains antioxidant, metal deactivator and a drying agent. Visico ME4425 contains a permanent scorch retardant additive, ensuring safe processing and enabling the use of highly active crosslinking catalyst. Visico ME4425 / Ambicat LE4476 in combination meets the applicable requirements as below when processed using sound extrusion and testing procedure:

ASTM D 1248 Type I, Class A, Category 4
IEC 60502-1
HD 603 S1
HD 604 S1
NEMA WC 70
NEMA WC 71

The standards referred to above is a selection and is not complete coverage of all applicable standards. Contact your Borealis representative for additional information.

The base material Visico ME4425 in combination with the catalyst masterbatch Ambicat LE4476 is a ready-made two-component system which crosslinks quickly at ambient conditions, in sauna or in hot water. Visico ME4425 is based upon a cost optimised low density polyethylene, copolymerised with vinyl silane. The catalyst/carbon black masterbatch, Ambicat LE4476 , contains a novel, patented, environmentally friendly crosslinking catalyst and is completely free from heavy metals.

General Information	
Additive	Antioxidant
	Metal Deactivator
	Scorch Resistant
Features	Antioxidant
	Crosslinkable
	Fast Cure
	Good Processability
	Good Stability
	Good Surface Finish
	Good Thermal Stability
	Low Density
	Low Die Swell
	Oxidation Resistant
Uses	Cable Jacketing
	Low Voltage Insulation
Agency Ratings	ASTM D 1248, I, Class A, Cat. 4

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Forms	Pellets		
Physical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Density ¹	0.930	g/cm ³	ISO 1183
Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg)	1.0	g/10 min	ISO 1133
Environmental Stress-Cracking Resistance (50°C, 10% Igepal, F20)	> 96.0	hr	IEC 60811-4-1/B
Hardness	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Shore Hardness (Shore D, 1 sec)	55		ISO 868
Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Stress (Yield)	> 20.0	MPa	ISO 527-2/250
Tensile Strain (Break)	> 300	%	ISO 527-2/250
Aging	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Change in Tensile Stress			IEC 60811-1-2
135°C, 240 hr ²	< 25	%	
150°C, 168 hr ³	< 30	%	
Thermal	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Brittleness Temperature	< -76.0	°C	ASTM D746
Hot Set			IEC 60811-2-1
200°C ⁴	60	%	
200°C ⁵	0.0	%	
Crosslinking			
23°C, 700.0 µm ⁶	1.5	day	
23°C, 1.80 mm ⁷	7.0	day	
90°C, 700.0 µm ⁸	< 15.0	min	
90°C, 1.80 mm ⁹	1.00	hr	
Electrical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Volume Resistivity	> 1.0E+16	ohms · cm	IEC 60093
Electric Strength	> 22	kV/mm	IEC 60243-1
Dielectric Constant (50 Hz)	< 2.30		IEC 60250
Dissipation Factor (50 Hz)	< 5.0E-4		IEC 60250
Extrusion	Nominal Value	Unit	
Cylinder Zone 1 Temp.	150	°C	
Cylinder Zone 2 Temp.	185	°C	
Cylinder Zone 3 Temp.	185	°C	
Cylinder Zone 4 Temp.	185	°C	
Melt Temperature	190 to 195	°C	
Die Temperature	185	°C	

NOTE	
1.	Mixture 95:5, ISO 1872-2
2.	Addition of 5 % Catalyst after ageing
3.	Addition of 9 % Catalyst after ageing
4.	Elongation under load, 0.20 MPa
5.	Permanent deformation, 0.20 MPa
6.	In air, 50 % humidity
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8.	Sauna or water bath
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