# Prime Tuff-X STF

## Thermoplastic Elastomer Alloy

## **Primex Plastics Corporation**

## Message:

This product consists of a Thermoplastic elastomer skin laminated to closed-cell, cross-linked polyolefin foam that is then laminated to our Tuff-X rigid substrate. Low gloss and soft feel eliminate the need for soft-touch paint. (<5% after forming) It also helps eliminate the squeak and rattle that is characteristic of Styrenics. Recycling of unpainted scrap is possible with no loss of properties.

#### Applications:

Tuff-X STF is ideal for interior and exterior components, including center consoles, instrument panels, door panels, and many others. This addresses the customers' desire for a low-gloss, soft feel material to soften interior and exterior applications in markets such as agricultural equipment, marine, heavy trucks, RV cabs, and others, while utilizing a thermoplastic, recyclable material.

#### Processing:

Prime Tuff-X STF can be formed using standard forming equipment. The foam/skin side should not be formed against the tool. Radiant heat works best, Zone controlled ceramic or quartz heaters are preferred. The run out or flange area should be greater than what is figured for ABS or HIPS. The substrate should reach normal forming temperature but the foam should not exceed 310°F.

#### Finishing:

Tuff-X STF can be fabricated by using steel rule or hard dies, heated knives or tooling will also work, however, routing and sawing is not recommended. Mechanical screws and fasteners, as well as some adhesives that have been developed by 3M, may be used for bonding.

Please contact your Primex Plastics representative for more information on finishing, fabricating, or the thermoforming process.

#### Colors, Textures and Capabilities:

Primex typically offers a Naples and Leather texture and four colors consisting of light and dark, tan and gray. Custom color matching is available but order sizes must be approved.

General Information				
Features	Crosslinkable			
	Foamable			
	High Heat Resistance			
	High Impact Resistance			
	High Tensile Strength			
	Low Gloss			
	Low Temperature Impact Resistance			
	Recyclable Material			
	Soft			
Uses	Agricultural Applications			
	Automotive Instrument Panel			
	Automotive Interior Parts			
	Foam			
	Marine Applications			
Appearance	Colors Available			
	Dark Grey			
	Grey			
	Light Grey			
	Tan			

Forms	Sheet		
Processing Method	Thermoforming		
Physical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Density	0.731	g/cm³	ISO 1183
Molding Shrinkage	0.70 to 0.90	%	ISO 294-4
Hardness	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Shore Hardness <sup>1</sup> (Shore A)	88		ISO 868
Mechanical	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Tensile Stress (Yield)	21.4	МРа	ISO 527-2
Flexural Modulus	2070	МРа	ISO 178
Impact	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Instrumented Dart Impact			ASTM D3763
-15°C, Total Energy <sup>2</sup>	63.0	J	
23°C, Total Energy	52.0	J	
Thermal	Nominal Value	Unit	Test Method
Heat Deflection Temperature <sup>3</sup>			
0.45 MPa, Unannealed	116	°C	ISO 75-2/B
1.8 MPa, Unannealed	60.0	°C	ISO 75-2/A
CLTE - Flow	5.0E-5	cm/cm/°C	
NOTE			
1.	Skin		
2.	50% ductile		
3.	Substrate		

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