

# Biocycle 1000

## Biodegradable Polymers

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#### Message:

Characteristics of the product:  
Yellowish white powder, with a high degree of purity of over 99.5% and humidity below 0.3%. Weight-average molecular weight of approximately 600,000 g/mol.

Basic Raw Material: Saccharose

Microorganism: Bacteria of the alcaligene genus

Obtention Process:  
Biosynthesis of the polymer by aerobic fermentation and extraction purification of the polymer through natural solvent.

Advantages:  
The polymer is totally biodegradable and renewable with its final decomposition in water and carbon dioxide through the action of microorganisms in natural environment; When placed in composting units, the polymer quickly decomposes and doesn't affect the quality of the compost produced. The polymer can be dyed by using biodegradable masterbatches in conventional dying processes. The polymer can be printed with paints and conventional printing processes, using surface treatment which are also conventional.

| General Information                       |                            |                   |                      |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Features                                  | Biodegradable              |                   |                      |
|   | Excellent Printability     |                   |                      |
|   | High Purity                |                   |                      |
|   | Paintable                  |                   |                      |
|   | Renewable Resource Content |                   |                      |
| Uses                                      | Agricultural Applications  |                   |                      |
|   | Appliances                 |                   |                      |
|   | Automotive Applications    |                   |                      |
|   | Handles                    |                   |                      |
|   | Packaging                  |                   |                      |
|   | Personal Care              |                   |                      |
|   | Sporting Goods             |                   |                      |
|   | Stationary Supplies        |                   |                      |
|   | Toys                       |                   |                      |
|   | Wire & Cable Applications  |                   |                      |
| Appearance                                | Yellow                     |                   |                      |
| Forms                                     | Powder                     |                   |                      |
| Processing Method                         | Extrusion                  |                   |                      |
|   | Injection Molding          |                   |                      |
| Physical                                  | Nominal Value              | Unit              | Test Method          |
| Specific Gravity                          | 1.20                       | g/cm <sup>3</sup> | ASTM D792, ISO 1183  |
| Melt Mass-Flow Rate (MFR) (190°C/2.16 kg) | 6.5                        | g/10 min          | ASTM D1238, ISO 1133 |

| Mechanical                        | Nominal Value | Unit              | Test Method              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Tensile Stress                    |               |                   |                          |
| Yield                             | 32.0          | MPa               | ISO 527-2                |
| --                                | 32.0          | MPa               | ASTM D638                |
| Tensile Elongation                |               |                   |                          |
| Break                             | 4.0           | %                 | ASTM D638                |
| Break                             | 3.5           | %                 | ISO 527-2                |
| Flexural Modulus                  |               |                   |                          |
| --                                | 2200          | MPa               | ASTM D790                |
| --                                | 2250          | MPa               | ISO 178                  |
| Impact                            | Nominal Value | Unit              | Test Method              |
| Notched Izod Impact               |               |                   |                          |
| --                                | 28            | J/m               | ASTM D256                |
| --                                | 26            | kJ/m <sup>2</sup> | ISO 180/1A               |
| Thermal                           | Nominal Value | Unit              | Test Method              |
| Deflection Temperature Under Load |               |                   |                          |
| 0.45 MPa, Unannealed              | 117           | °C                | ASTM D648                |
| 0.45 MPa, Unannealed              | 115           | °C                | ISO 75-2/B               |
| 1.8 MPa, Unannealed               | 65.0          | °C                | ASTM D648, ISO 75-2/A    |
| Vicat Softening Temperature       | 135           | °C                | ASTM D1525, ISO 306/A120 |
| Peak Melting Temperature          | 170 to 175    | °C                | ASTM D3418               |

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