



## NUCREL™ 0403

### Acid Copolymer

#### General Information

**Product Description** NUCREL™ 0403 is a copolymer of ethylene and methacrylic acid, made with nominally 4 wt% methacrylic acid. The resin is available for use in conventional blown and cast film extrusion and coextrusion equipment designed to process polyethylene resins.

#### Status

**Material Status** Commercial: Active

#### Typical Characteristics

**Uses** Adhesives; Packaging; Sealants

**Composition** 4% By Weight Methacrylic Acid comonomer content

#### Typical Properties

Physical	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Density ( )	0.93 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D792	ISO 1183
*Melt Flow Index ( 190°C/2.16kg)	3 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	ISO 1133
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test Method(s)	
*Melting Point ( DSC )	110 °C ( 230 °F )	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146
Freezing Point ( DSC )	92 °C ( 197.6 °F )	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146
Vicat Softening Point ( )	95 °C ( 203 °F )	ASTM D1525	ISO 306

#### Processing Information

\*Maximum Processing Temperature 310 °C ( 590 °F )

**General Processing Information** NUCREL™ 0403 normally is processed at melt temperatures ranging from 160°C - 235°C (320°F - 455°F) in blown film or cast film equipment. A typical blown film extruder temperature profile is given below. Actual processing temperatures will be determined by either the specific equipment or one of the other polymers in a coextrusion. NUCREL™ 0403 can also be used in cast extrusions and coextrusions.

Materials of construction used in the processing of this resin should be corrosion resistant. Stainless steels of the types 316, 15-5PH, and 17-4PH are excellent, as is quality chrome or nickel plating, and in particular duplex chrome plating. Type 410 stainless steel is satisfactory, but needs to be tempered at a minimum temperature of 600°C (1112°F) to avoid hydrogen-assisted stress corrosion cracking. Alloy steels such as 4140 are borderline in performance. Carbon steels are not satisfactory. While stainless steels can provide adequate corrosion protection, in some cases severe purging difficulties have been encountered. Nickel plating has been satisfactory, but experiments have shown that chrome surfaces have the least adhesion to acid based polymers. In recent years, the quality of chrome plating has been deteriorating due to environmental pressures, and the corrosion protection has not always been adequate. Chrome over top of stainless steel seems to provide the best combination for corrosion protection and ease of purging.

If surface properties of the extruded resin require modification (such as, lower C.o.F. for packaging machine processing), refer to the CONPOL™ Processing Additive Resins product information guide.

After processing NUCREL™, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the NUCREL™ resin in use.

The "Disco Purge Method" is suggested as the preferred purging method, as this method usually results in a more effective purging process. Information on the Disco Purge Method can be obtained via your Dow Sales Representative.

Never shut down the extrusion system with NUCREL™ in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the NUCREL™ with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

<b>Blown Film</b>	<b>Nominal Values</b>
<b>Processing Information</b>	<b>A suggested extruder set points temperature profile.</b>
<b>Feed Zone</b>	<b>135 °C ( 275 °F )</b>
<b>Second Zone</b>	<b>160 °C ( 320 °F )</b>
<b>Third Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>
<b>Fourth Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>
<b>Fifth Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>
<b>Adapter Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>
<b>Die Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>

<b>Cast Film / Sheet</b>	<b>Nominal Values</b>
<b>Processing Information</b>	<b>A suggested extruder set points temperature profile.</b>
<b>Feed Zone</b>	<b>160 °C ( 320 °F )</b>
<b>Second Zone</b>	<b>185 °C ( 365 °F )</b>
<b>Third Zone</b>	<b>210 °C ( 410 °F )</b>
<b>Fourth Zone</b>	<b>235 °C ( 455 °F )</b>
<b>Fifth Zone</b>	<b>235 °C ( 455 °F )</b>
<b>Adapter Zone</b>	<b>235 °C ( 455 °F )</b>
<b>Die Zone</b>	<b>235 °C ( 455 °F )</b>

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