



Processing Conditions

Polycarbonate (PC) — RTP 300 Series Long Fiber Compounds

Typical Injection Molding Conditions

	English	SI Metric
Temperatures		
Rear zone	570 - 610 °F	299 - 321 °C
Center zone	550 - 580 °F	288 - 304 °C
Front zone	530 - 560 °F	277 - 293 °C
Melt	550 - 600 °F	288 - 316 °C
Mold	180 - 250 °F	82 - 121 °C

Pressures		
Injection	10000 - 18000 psi	69 - 124 MPa
Hold	5000 - 10000 psi	34 - 69 MPa
Back	25 - 50 psi	0.17 - 0.34 MPa

Speeds		
Fill	0.5 - 1 in/sec	13 - 25 mm/sec
Screw	30 - 70 rpm	30 - 70 rpm

Drying		
Time & Temperature	2 to 4 Hrs @ 175 °F	2 to 4 Hrs @ 79 °C
Dew Point	-20 °F	-29 °C
Moisture Content	0.02 %	0.02 %

Notes

- To maximize fiber length, the following injection barrel, screw, and tip designs should be followed: 1.) L/D ratio 16/1 to 22/1. 2.) Compression ratio 2:1. 3.) Flight depth 0.20 in. (5.08 mm) minimum, in feed section. 4.) Screw diameter 0.65 to 0.80 in. (16.51 to 20.32 mm) minimum. 5.) compression section length 12 to 13 diameters. 6.) Check ring valve assembly - free flow type no restrictions. 7.) Nozzle orifice 0.25 in (6.35 mm) diameter.
- Feed throat from hopper to machine must have sufficient opening to prevent bridging of long pellet composition.
- Uses a reverse barrel profile to 'presoak' or 'soften fibers.'
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