



Processing Conditions

Polystyrene (PS) — RTP 400 Series Long Fiber Compounds

Typical Injection Molding Conditions

	English	SI Metric
Temperatures		
Rear zone	430 - 460 °F	221 - 238 °C
Center zone	420 - 450 °F	216 - 232 °C
Front zone	400 - 430 °F	204 - 221 °C
Melt	410 - 480 °F	210 - 249 °C
Mold	100 - 150 °F	38 - 66 °C

Pressures		
Injection	10000 - 15000 psi	69 - 103 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 Hrs @ 180 °F	2 Hrs @ 82 °C
Dew Point	n/a °F	n/a °C
Moisture Content	n/a %	n/a %

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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