

# Dow Packaging & Speciality Plastics Product Data Sheet

## SURLYN™ 8528

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Description						
Product Description	SURLYN™ 8528 is an ionomer of ethylene acid copolymer.					
	This polymeric material can be processed in conventional extrusion and injection equipment designed to process polyethylene and ethylene copolymer type resins, to create various shapes and sheeting.					
Restrictions						
Material Status	Commercial: Active					
Typical Characteristics						
Composition	Sodium Ionomer					
Characteristics / Benefits	Abrasion Resistance					
Applications	Blow Molding / Injection Molding / Sheet Extrusion					
Typical Properties						
Physical	Nominal Values	Test N	ethod(s)			
*Density ()	0.94 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D792	ISO 1183			
*Melt Flow Rate ( 190°C/2.16kg)	1.3 g/10 min	ASTM D1238	ISO 1133			
Thermal	Nominal Values	Test N	ethod(s)			
*Melting Point ( DSC )	93°C (199.4°F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146			
Freezing Point (DSC)	66°C (150.8°F)	ASTM D3418	ISO 3146			
Vicat Softening Point						
()	73°C (163.4°F)	ASTM D1525	ISO 306			
Processing Information						
*Maximum Processing Temperature	285 °C (545 °F)					

**General Processing Information** 

SURLYN™ 8528 is normally processed at melt temperatures ranging from 185°-285°C (365°-545°F). Actual processing temperatures will usually be determined by either the specific equipment or substrate or one of the other polymers in a coextrusion or coinjection..

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 SURLYN™, purge the material out using a polyethylene resin, preferably with a lower melt flow rate than the SURLYN™ 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 SURLYN™ in the extruder and die. Properly purge out the SURLYN™ with a polyethylene, and shut down the line with polyethylene or polypropylene in the system.

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Safety & Handling

For information on appropriate Handling & Storage of this polymeric resin, please refer to the material Safety Data Sheet.

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