



Teflon™ PFA

Fluoropolymer Film

Properties Bulletin

Description

Teflon™ PFA film is a transparent, thermoplastic film that can be heat sealed, thermoformed, vacuum formed, heat bonded, welded, metallized, laminated (combined with dozens of other materials), and used as an excellent hot-melt adhesive. A cementable type with an invisible surface treatment is available for bonding to one or both sides with adhesives. This wide variety of fabrication possibilities combines with the following important properties to offer a unique balance of capabilities not available in any other plastic film.

Chemical Compatibility

Teflon™ PFA film is chemically inert and solvent-resistant to virtually all chemicals, except molten alkali metals, gaseous fluorine, and certain complex halogenated compounds, such as chlorine trifluoride at elevated temperatures and pressures. It also has low permeability to liquids, gases, moisture, and organic vapors.

Electrical Reliability

- Superior reliability and retention of properties over large areas of film
- High dielectric strength, over 260 kV/mm for 0.025-mm film (6500 V/mil for 1-mil film)
- No electric tracking, non-wettable, and non-charring
- Very low power factor and dielectric constant, only slight change over wide ranges of temperature and frequency

Wide Thermal Range

- Continuous service temperature: -240 to 260 °C (-400 to 500 °F)

- Melting range: 300 to 310 °C (572 to 590 °F)
- Heat sealable

Mechanical Toughness

- Superior anti-stick and low frictional properties
- High resistance to impact and tearing
- Useful physical properties at cryogenic temperatures

Long Time Weatherability*

- Inert to outdoor exposure
- High transmittance of ultraviolet and all, but far, infrared

Reliability

- Teflon™ PFA film contains no plasticizers or other foreign materials.
- Conventional equipment and techniques can be used for processing; basic composition and properties will not be influenced.
- Rigid quality control by Chemours ensures uniform gauge, void-free film.

Shelf Life

The shelf life of Teflon™ PFA Fluoropolymer Film is:

- Unlimited in terms of the mechanical, chemical, thermal and electrical properties
- 12 months from the date of treatment for the effectiveness of the surface treatment (types CLP and CLP20)

*Type C film is not recommended for outdoor use.

Table 1: Types and Gauges of Teflon™ PFA Fluoropolymer Film

Gauge	50	100	200	300	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	6000	12500
Thickness, mil	0.5	1	2	3	5	10	20	30	40	60	125
Thickness, µm	12.5	25	50	75	125	250	500	750	1000	1500	3125
Approx. area factor, ft²/lb	180	90	45	30	18	9	4.5	3.1	2.3	1.5	0.7
Approx. area factor, m²/kg	36	18	9	6.4	3.8	1.9	0.95	0.63	0.47	0.3	0.15
Availability											
Type LP—PFA, general-purpose	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Type CLP—PFA, one side cementable	X	—	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Type CLP20—PFA, both sides cementable	X	X	X	X	X	—	—	—	—	—	—

Note: Each roll of Teflon™ film is clearly identified as to resin type, film thickness, and film type.

PFA: Resin type

200: Film thickness, 200 gauge, 2 mil

CLP: Film type, cementable one side

Table 2: Typical Properties of Teflon™ PFA Fluoropolymer Film

Property	Test Method*	Typical Value**	
		SI Units	English Units
Mechanical			
Tensile Strength at Break	D882	21 MPa	3000 psi
Elongation at Break	D882	300%	
Yield Point	D882	12 MPa	1700 psi
Elastic Modulus	D882	480 MPa	70,000 psi
Impact Resistance	Chemours pneumatic impact tester	6.2 x 10 ⁴ J/m	14 in-lb/mil
Folding Endurance (MIT)	D2176	100,000 cycles	
Tear Strength—Initial (Graves)	D1004	4.90 N	500 g
Tear Strength—Propagating (Elmendorf)	D1922	0.74 N	75 g
Thermal			
Melt Point	D3418	302–310 °C	575–590 °F
Thermal Conductivity	Cenco-Fitch	0.195 W/(m·K)	1.35 Btu-in/(hr·ft ² ·°F)
Specific Heat	—	1172 J/(kg·K)	0.28 Btu/(lb·°F)
Dimensional Stability	30 min at 150 °C (302 °F)	MD = 1% shrinkage TD = 1% shrinkage	
Oxygen Index	D2863	95%	
Electrical			
Dielectric Strength, short-time, in air at 23 °C (73 °F), 6.35 mm (1/4 in) diameter electrode, 0.79 mm (1/32 in) radius, 60 Hz, 500 V/s rate of rise: 0.025 mm (1 mil) film	D149 Method A	260 kV/mm	6500 V/mil
Dielectric Constant, 25 °C (77 °F), 100 Hz to 1 MHz	D150	2.0	
Dissipation Factor, 25 °C (77 °F), 100 Hz to 1 MHz	D150	0.0002–0.0007	
Volume Resistivity, –40 to 240 °C (–40 to 464 °F)	D257	>1 x 10 ¹⁷ ohm·cm	
Chemical			
Moisture Absorption	—	<0.02%	
Permeability, Gas:		cm ³ /(m ² ·24 hr·atm)***	
Carbon Dioxide	D1434	14 x 10 ³	
Nitrogen		2.0 x 10 ³	
Oxygen		6.7 x 10 ³	
Permeability, Vapor:		g/(m ² ·d)	g/(100 in ² ·24 hr)
Water	E96	2	0.13
General			
Density	D1505	2150 kg/m ³	134 lb/ft ³
Coefficient of Friction			
Kinetic (Film-to-Steel)	D1894	0.1–0.3	
Refractive Index	D542	1.350	
Solar Transmission	E424	96%	

*ASTM method, unless otherwise specified

**For 0.050-mm (2-mil) film at 25 °C (77 °F), unless otherwise specified

***To convert to cm³/(100 in²·24 hr·atm), multiply by 0.0645**HOW TO USE THE TEFLON™ BRAND NAME WITH YOUR PRODUCT**

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