# Material Introduction

# PEEK Polymer

PEEK - Polyether Ether Ketone

#### Overview-

PEEK is a high-performance material with one of the highest strength-to-weight ratios of any engineered polymer. This material is a very rigid plastic with excellent lubricity and boasts a continuous working temperature of 500 °F / 260 °C. When extruded, PEEK can be used as an alternative to other materials including aluminum, steel, and glass.

PEEK is used in various industries and applications such as high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) because of its strength. In these analytical applications, the increased tensile strength yields increased burst pressure when extruded in tubing form. Medical applications increasingly use PEEK when more torque and pushabilty are needed for advanced catheter componentry. In challenging applications such as oil and gas, PEEK is typically extruded as a coating over optical fiber. PEEK is also extruded over magnet and lead wires... chemically resistant. Aerospace markets utilize PEEK because of its strength and resistance to flame and abrasion to protect wire, cable, and fiber optics.

### Fillers available with PEEK extrusions:

- Carbon
- Barium sulfate
- Boron nitride







DIELECTRIC STRENGTH

ABRASION RESISTANCE



We can extrude PEEK in a variety of options.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- HPLC/analytical tubing
- Wire and cable insulation
- Thermally stable fiber optic coatings
- Catheter componentry

#### **AVAILABLE PRODUCTS**

- Tight tolerance custom extrusions
- PEEKshrink™ (PEEK heat shrink)
- Lay-Flat<sup>™</sup> tubing
- Drawn fiber
- Insulated Wire
- Convoluted tubing
- Multi-lumens
- Custom profiles
- Monofilament
- Coated optical fiber

# QUICK SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES

- Ideal stainless steel replacement
- Lightweight
- Biocompatible
- Lubricious
- High temperature resistance
- Excellent purity
- High burst pressure
- Thermoformable
- Resistant to gamma radiation
- Limiting oxygen index 35 at 3.2 mm
- Exceptional torsional stability
- Excellent impact and wear resistance



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The information presented in this publication is believed to be accurate and is not intended to constitute a specification. Property characteristics are dramatically impacted by geometry and processing method, thus properties of extruded parts may vary. In some instances, data may not be available for publication and will be notated as "na" where applicable.

These tables are meant to serve as a general guideline only. Users should evaluate the material to determine suitability for their own particular application.

| PHYSI   | CAL                                 | ASTM                | PEEK                 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|   | Density (g/cm³)                     | D792                | 1.3                  |
| <u></u>   | Water Absorption (%)                | ISO 62-1            | 0.07 - 0.45          |
|   | Oxygen Index (%)                    | D2863               | 24                   |
| MECH  | ANICAL                              | ASTM                | PEEK                 |
|   | Hardness, Shore D                   | D2240               | 84.5                 |
|   | Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa)     | ISO 527<br>(1 or 3) | 98 - 100             |
| >\sqrt{\sq}}}}}}}}\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sq}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}} | Elongation at Break (%)             | ISO 527<br>(1 or 3) | 40 - 45              |
| $\frac{\nabla}{\Delta}$   | Modulus of Elasticity (MPa)         | D527                | 3700 - 4000          |
|   | Flexural Modulus (MPa)              | ISO 178             | 3800 - 4200          |
|   | Coefficient of Friction             | D1894               | 0.58                 |
| ELECT   | RICAL                               | ASTM                | PEEK                 |
|   | Volume Resistivity ( $\Omega$ - cm) | D257                | $1.0 \times 10^{16}$ |
| <u> </u>  | Dielectric Constant 1 MHz           | IEC 60250           | 3.1                  |
|   | Dielectric Strength (V/mil)         | EIC<br>60243-1      | 584.2                |
| THERN   | MAL                                 | ASTM                | PEEK                 |
| <u> </u>  | Thermal Conductivity (W/m - K)      | ISO<br>22007-4      | 0.29 - 0.32          |
| +   | Maximum Service Temp, Air (°C)      | na                  | 260                  |
|   | Melt Temp (°C)                      | D3418               | 343                  |
|   | Decomposition Temp (°C)             | AIR                 | 541 - 542.6          |

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion, ISO 11359

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Linear 20° (µm/m-°C)