

ETFE

ETFE – Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene



With exceptional impact and abrasion resistance, ETFE drawn fiber is ideal for challenging applications in multiple industries.

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Overview

A copolymer of ethylene and tetrafluoroethylene, ETFE resins make products with excellent resistance to abrasion and stress cracking. ETFE, also known as *Tefzel® possesses superior toughness, stiffness, and durability all while being chemically inert. The material can be extruded in multiple forms and offers products with high-energy radiation resistance. ETFE can operate in wide temperature ranges, has low water absorption, and performs well with ETO (ethylene oxide), autoclave, and gamma sterilizations.

Due to ETFE's characteristics, when extruded it can be made into durable components for a wide variety of markets. Medical industries value extrusions from this material due to its ability to be gamma sterilized or autoclaved while maintaining its mechanical integrity. Automotive markets value the low moisture absorption properties when made into a heat shrink for sensor protection, while aerospace and fiber optic markets value its abrasion resistance and stability at wide temperature ranges.

FILLERS AVAILABLE WITH ETFE EXTRUSIONS:

- Carbon



ABRASION RESISTANCE



RADIATION RESISTANCE



HARDNESS

Applications

- *Electrical component insulation*
- *Protective jacketing provides excellent abrasion resistance*
- *Wire/cable insulation*
- *Medical components*
- *Fluid handling*
- *Protection for fiber optics*

Products

- *Extruded tubing*
- *Coated optical fiber*
- *Convoluted tubing (AS891914)*
- *Co-extrusions*
- *Heat shrink*
- *Drawn fiber*
- *Multi-Lumens*
- *Custom profiles*




Key Properties

- *Excellent abrasion resistance*
- *Radiation resistance*
- *Superior toughness*
- *Gamma sterilizable*
- *Class VI approved*
- *Temperature resistance*










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
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PHYSICAL		ASTM	ETFE
	Density (g/cc)	D792	1.73 - 1.74
	Water Absorption (%)	D570	< 0.03
	Oxygen Index (%)	D2863	32

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MECHANICAL		ASTM	ETFE
	Hardness, Shore D	D2240	67
	Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa)	D638	47.99 - 51.99
	Elongation at Break (%)	D638	382 - 415
	Flexural Modulus (MPa)	D790	890 - 960

ELECTRICAL		ASTM	ETFE
	Volume Resistivity (Ω - cm)	D257	> 1.0×10^{17}
	Dielectric Constant 1 MHz	D150	2.6
	Dielectric Strength (V/mil)	D149	1800

THERMAL		ASTM	ETFE
	Maximum Service Temp, Air ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	na	150
	Melt Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	D3418	260 - 265
	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion, linear 20° ($\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^{\circ}\text{C}$)	D696	131.4