

Nylon RN66GB30L, RN66GB30HL and RN66GB30HSL

RN66GB30L is a nylon 6.6 compound reinforced with 30% glass spheres; suitable for processing by injection molding, it is internally lubricated for ease of mold release.

Compared with reinforcement using glass fibers, the use of glass spheres results in almost isotropic shrinkage characteristics. This formulation is therefore recommended for use in large area or complex shape parts to minimize warpage, and for applications where good rigidity, and compressive strength are required.

RN66GB30L is Recognized by Underwriters' Laboratories under File E148796; further details of electrical Index PLC values are available from Michael Day Enterprises, or on line at www.ul.com/plastics.

For molded parts, which are to be exposed to high temperature for extended periods of time, the use of RN66GB30HSL, which contains an effective heat stabilizer package, is recommended. For applications where retention of either natural color or a critical tolerance color match is necessary, RN66GB30HL is offered, which contains a special non-tinting stabilizer system.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES DRY AS MOLDED

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASTM TEST METHOD</u>	<u>ENGLISH</u>		<u>S.I.</u>	
		<u>UNITS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Melting Range	D789	°F	482-509	°C	250-265
Specific Gravity	D792	-	1.34	-	1.34
Water Absorption (24 hours immersion)	D570	%	0.8	%	0.8
Heat Deflection Temperature at 264 lbs/in ² (1.82 MPa)	D648	°F	167	°C	75
Mold Shrinkage Guideline* (Flow Direction)	1/8" section	%	0.6 – 0.8	%	0.6 - 0.8
Tensile Strength at Break	D638	lbs/in ²	11,500	MPa	79
Elongation at Break	D638	%	2-3	%	2-3
Flexural Strength	D790	lbs/in ²	16,500	MPa	114
Flexural Modulus	D790	lbs/in ²	550,000	MPa	3,793
Izod Impact Strength (Notched, 1/8" specimen)	D256	ft. lbs/in of notch	0.6	J/m	32
Flammability (all colors) ** (0.75mm min thickness)	UL94	-	-		HB

***Please review shrinkage projections for specific applications with an MDE Technical Representative.**

**This laboratory rating of flammability characteristics is not intended either to predict behavior or to reflect hazards that may be presented by this or any other material under actual fire conditions.

All data generated using test specimens injection molded from natural color material. Inclusion of color pigments or other additives may change some or all of these test results. Test specimens are stored in a moisture proof container immediately after molding and contain less than 0.2% moisture; tests are conducted at 23°C and 50% relative humidity unless otherwise stated.

These mechanical property test data have been developed using injection molded specimens tested under standardized conditions; furthermore, many of the mechanical properties of thermoplastic materials can be influenced by changes in processing conditions, environmental factors such as temperature and humidity, and rate of application of stress. Therefore, these test results, which characterize typical production material, should not be used either to establish specification limits or alone as the basis for engineering design.

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Processing Guidelines

Drying

Nylon compounds from MDE are shipped in moisture resistant packaging, dried to less than 0.25% moisture. Most processors will further dry nylon resins and compounds, especially after exposure of virgin resin to ambient air for more than an hour, or when a proportion of reground material is being used.

The use of dehumidifying dryers is strongly preferred. The dew point of the drying air stream should be no more than -20°F, and preferably lower. The drying air temperature must be high enough to achieve a pellet temperature of 175-180°F. If using a hopper drier, depending on air hose length and insulation of hoses and hopper, the drying air temperature may need to reach 200-220°F to achieve the required material temperature.

If the pellet temperature reaches 180°F, a residence time of 4 hours is generally adequate to ensure that the material is ready to be processed. Only if residence times are limited to 2 hours should a pellet temperature of 200°F be considered; at 200°F, there is a risk of material oxidation, with associated yellowing of natural color and loss of part performance.

Nylon compounds usually demonstrate visual evidence of unacceptably high moisture levels. This includes splay or silver streaking on the molded part surface, or an unstable melt or nozzle drool at the machine. Additional drying time is indicated if these characteristics are observed.

If moisture analysis equipment is available, an acceptable moisture content range for normal processing is 0.1% to 0.25% maximum. Mold-in-color parts with critical cosmetic requirements may require drying to < 0.1%.

Temperature Guidelines

The following temperature guidelines are suggested for general use **if a machine can be selected where shot size is 40-70% of nominal machine capacity.**

<u>Tool Surface Temperature (°F)</u>	<u>Melt Temperatures (°F)</u>			<u>Typical Cylinder Temperatures (°F)</u>		
	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Preferred</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Front</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Rear</u>
150-180	570	540-560	530	530	540	550

- A "reverse" temperature profile helps ensure a homogeneous melt, improves screw recovery and helps to optimize cycle times.
- A mold surface temperature in the suggested range improves surface appearance, helps consistency of mold fill and therefore consistency of dimensions, minimizes the effect of weld lines and also helps realize best molded part performance.
- A medium to fast injection speed maximizes weld line strength and minimizes molded-in stress. Good venting of cavities is essential to allow fast fill without burning.

Screw Forward Time

Adequate screw forward time under follow-up pressure is important to ensure proper packing before gate freeze, during which time it is essential to maintain a "cushion" of 1/8"-1/4". Optimum screw forward time can be judged by a part weight vs. forward time plot. Avoid overpacking, which can generate molded-in stresses.

Screw Recovery

It is recommended that back pressure of about 50 p.s.i. gauge be applied to the screw to help development of a homogeneous melt, and to ensure consistent shot volume. Screw rotation should also be as slow as possible consistent with cycle time goals, usually 40-80 r.p.m.

Mold Shrinkage

Standard ASTM test specimens are used to develop shrinkage guidelines. Test specimens are end-gated, 1/8 inch thickness, and molded at conditions recommended for this formulation. **Actual shrinkage in molded parts will depend on several variables, including processing conditions, part configuration and gate location, both of which influence material flow direction, and wall section thickness.**