



Formosa Plastics®

Formolene® HDPE

Formolene® HP3902

Natural Medium Density Hexene Copolymer

Formolene® HP3902 is a high performance hexene copolymer designed for natural gas piping systems. It has outstanding slow crack growth resistance and good long-term hoop strength. It contains a UV stabilizer. Formolene® HP3902 meets all requirements of ASTM D4976 – PE 225

When blended with the approved yellow color concentrates, Formolene® HP3902 meets:

- A Cell class of 234373E and 234375E per ASTM D3350
- The Plastic Pipe Institute (PPI) Certification of a PE2708 and PE80 resin per the protocol in TR-3
- The Canadian Standards Association CSA-B137.4 Standard for polyethylene piping systems for gas service
- The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standard 14 for plastic piping systems components and materials

Suggested Applications: Gas Distribution Pipe, Oilfield and Other Industrial Piping System

Nominal Physical Properties:

PROPERTY*	ASTM TEST METHOD	English UNIT	English VALUE	SI UNIT	SI VALUE
Density	D1505	g/cc	0.939	g/cc	0.939
Melt Index					
Condition E, 190°C/2.16 kg (MI)	D1238	g/10 min.	0.20	g/10 min.	0.20
Condition F, 190°C/21.6 kg (HLMI)		g/10 min.	20.0	g/10 min.	20.0
Tensile Yield Strength					
@ Yield	D638	psi.	2800	MPa	19
@ Break	Type IV	psi.	4800	MPa	33
2" (50 mm) per min.					
Ultimate Elongation	D638				
2" (50 mm) per min.	Type IV	%	>500	%	>500
Flexural Modulus	D3350	psi.	90,000	MPa	620
	D790	psi.	110,000	MPa	760
Brittleness Temperature,	D746	°F	<-130	°C	<-90
Pent Slow Crack Growth	F1473	h	>1000	h	>1000
PIPE PROPERTIES **					
Hydrostatic Design Basis, 73°F (23°C)	PPI TR3	psi.	1,250	MPa	8.6
Hydrostatic Design Basis, 140°F (60°C)	PPI TR3	psi.	800	MPa	5.5
Minimum Required Strength 68°F (20°C)	ISO 9080	psi.	1,160	MPa	8.0

* Physical properties reported herein were determined on compression molded specimens prepared in accordance with Procedure C of ASTM D4703, Annex A1.

The nominal properties reported herein are typical of the product but do not reflect normal testing variance and therefore should not be used for specification purposes.

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