

# CALIBRE 303-15

## Polycarbonate Resin

### Introduction

CALIBRE™ 303-15 resin is designed for extrusion and injection molding products. It exhibits an excellent physical property balance of heat resistance, transparency and impact strength.

### Main Characteristics

- UV stabilizer<sup>1</sup>
- Medium viscosity
- Good mold release

### Applications

- Appliances
- Outdoor applications
- Automotive headlamps

Properties <sup>2</sup>	Test Method	English		SI	
		Value	Units	Value	Units
<b>Physical</b>					
Melt Flow Rate (300 °C /1.2 kg)	ASTM D 1238	15	g/10 min	15	g/10 min
Density	ASTM D 792	1.20		1,200	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Mold Shrinkage	ASTM D 955	0.005-0.007	in/in	0.005-0.007	mm/mm
Water Absorption @ 24 hrs, 23°C	ASTM D 570	0.15	%	0.15	%
@ equilibrium, 50%RH, 23°C	ASTM D 570	0.32	%	0.32	%
<b>Optical</b>					
Refractive Index, n <sub>D</sub>	ASTM D 542	1.586		1.586	
Light Transmittance	ASTM D 1003	89	%	89	%
Haze	ASTM D 1003	0.7-1.5	%	0.7-1.5	%
<b>Thermal</b>					
Deflection Temperature Under Load (DTUL) @ 66 psi (0.45 Mpa), annealed @ 4.0 mm @ 264 psi (1.8 Mpa), annealed @ 4.0 mm @ 264 psi (1.8 Mpa), unannealed @ 3.2 mm @ 264 psi (1.8 Mpa), unannealed @ 6.4mm	ASTM D648	289 284 260 266	°F °F °F °F	143 140 127 130	°C °C °C °C
Vicat Softening Point, 50°C/hr, 50N Load	ASTM D 1525	298	°F	148	°C
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion, @ -40 to 82°C	ASTM D 696	38 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	in/in/°F	68 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	mm/mm/°C
<b>Mechanical</b>					
Tensile Yield Strength	ASTM D 638	8,700	psi	60	MPa
Ultimate Tensile Strength	ASTM D 638	10,300	psi	71	MPa
Elongation at Yield	ASTM D 638	6	%	6	%
Elongation at Break	ASTM D 638	150	%	150	%
Tensile Modulus	ASTM D 638	340,000	psi	2,340	MPa
Flexural Strength	ASTM D 790	14,000	psi	96	MPa
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Notched Izod Impact <sup>3</sup> @ 23 °C	ASTM D 256	16	ft-lb/in	850	J/m
Unnotched Izod Impact @ 23 °C	ASTM D 256	No break		No break	
Instrumented Dart Impact <sup>4</sup> , Total Energy @ 23 °C	ASTM D 3763	770	in-lb	87	J
Rockwell Hardness	ASTM D 785	118	R Scale	72	M Scale
Taber Abrasion Resistance <sup>5</sup> (Δ Haze)	ASTM D 1044	45	%	45	%
<b>Ignition Resistance<sup>6</sup></b>					
UL-94 @ 1.5 mm	ASTM D635	HB		HB	
UL-94 @ 3.0 mm	ASTM D635	HB		HB	
Limiting Oxygen Index	ASTM D 2863	26	%	26	%
Ball Indentation Temperature	IEC 598-1	>125	°C	>125	°C
Average Extent of Burning	ASTM D 635	1	in	25	mm
<b>Electrical</b>					
GWT 2.0 mm, 5 second	IEC 695-2-1	850	°C	850	°C
Compression Tracking Index @ 2.0 mm	IEC 112	250	V	250	V
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D 149	420	V/mil	17	KV/mm
Dielectric Constant @ 60 Hz	ASTM D 150	3		3	
Dissipation Factor @ 60 Hz	ASTM D 150	0.001		0.001	
Volume Resistivity @ 23 °C, dry	ASTM D 257	2.0 x 10 <sup>17</sup>	Ω-cm	2.0 x 10 <sup>17</sup>	Ω-cm

- The addition of an UV stabilizer to a resin does not completely eliminate the effects of UV exposure but to slow down the rate at which the effects occur. These effects may include color shift, decreased mechanical properties, and/or optical properties. Actual results may vary depending on application and other factors such as resin color, transparency and additives. Therefore, actual end-use testing is recommended
- Typical properties; not to be constructed as specifications.
- 0.125 in; 10 mil notch (3.2 mm; 0.25 mm notch).
- 0.125 in; 8000 ipm (3.2 mm; 203 m/min).
- 1,000 g; CS-10 F wheel; 500 cycles.
- These numerical flame spread ratings are small-scale test values and are not intended to reflect hazards presented by these or any other materials under actual fire conditions. UL 94 file: E306922.

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CALIBRE polycarbonate resins have a very low degree of toxicity and under normal conditions of use should pose no unusual problems from ingestion, eye or skin contact. However, caution is advised when handling, storing, using, or disposing of these resins and good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Workers should be protected from the possibility of contact with molten resin during fabrication. Handling and fabrication of plastic resins can result in the generation of vapors and dusts. Dusts resulting from sawing, filing, and sanding of plastic parts in post-molding operations may cause irritation to eyes and the upper respiratory tract. In dusty atmospheres, use an approved dust respirator. Pellets or beads may present a slipping hazard. Good general ventilation of the polymer processing area is recommended. Processing may release fumes that may include polymer fragments and other decomposition products. Fumes can be irritating. At temperatures exceeding melt temperature, polymer fragments can occur. Processing improperly dried resin can result in the production of bisphenol A. Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations. Use safety glasses. If there is a potential for exposure to particles, which could cause mechanical injury to the eye, wear chemical goggles. If vapor exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator. No other precautions other than clean body covering clothing should be needed for handling CALIBRE polycarbonate resins. Use gloves with insulation for thermal protection, when needed.

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Although CALIBRE polycarbonate resins may contain ignition resistant chemical additives, these resins will burn and, once ignited, may burn rapidly under the right conditions of heat and oxygen supply. Do not permit dust to accumulate. Dust layers can be ignited by spontaneous combustion or by other ignition sources. When suspended in air, dust can pose an explosion hazard. Dense black smoke is produced when product burns. Toxic fumes are released in fire situations. Fire fighters should wear positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective equipment. Water or water fog is the preferred extinguishing media. Foam, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide, or dry chemicals may also be used. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent reignition.

## Disposal

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## Environment

Generally speaking, in the environment, lost pellets are not a problem except under unusual circumstances - when they enter the marine environment. They are inert and benign in terms of their physical environmental impact, but if ingested by waterfowl or aquatic life, they may mechanically cause adverse effects. Spills should be minimized and they should be cleaned up when they happen. Plastics should not be discarded into the ocean or any other body of water.

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