

# GENERAL PURPOSE GRADES

					Maximum flow injection molding grade	Injection molding and extrusion grade with medium flow and medium heat resistance	Optical grade with medium flow and medium heat resistance	Injection molding and extrusion grade with medium flow and medium heat resistance	Injection molding and extrusion grade with medium flow and good heat resistance
Property	Property Type	Test Method	Test Condition	Units	CA-41	CA-51	CA-103	CA-68	CA-61
Luminous Transmittance	Optical	ASTM D1003		%	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0
Haze	Optical	ASTM D1003		%	< 2.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Refractive Index	Optical	ASTM D542		-	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49
Melt Flow Rate	Rheological	ASTM D1238	(3.8 kg, 230°C)	g/10 min	25	15	10	8.0	6.0
Tensile Strength	Mechanical	ASTM D638		psi (MPa)	7,800 (54)	8,100 (56)	7,500 (52)	8,000 (55)	9,600 (66)
Elongation	Mechanical	ASTM D638		%	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2
Modulus of Elasticity	Mechanical	ASTM D638		psi (MPa)	408,000 (2,800)	419,000 (2,900)	370,000 (2,600)	420,000 (2,900)	430,000 (3,000)
Flexural Strength	Mechanical	ASTM D790		psi (MPa)	11,700 (81)	14,000 (97)	15,000 (103)	16,000 (110)	17,000 (117)
Flexural Modulus	Mechanical	ASTM D790		psi (MPa)	420,000 (2,900)	432,000 (3,000)	450,000 (3,100)	440,000 (3,000)	490,000 (3,400)
Impact Strength - Izod	Mechanical	ASTM D256	(Notched, 1/4")	ft·lbf/in. (J/m)	0.30 (16)	0.30 (16)	0.30 (16)	0.30 (16)	0.30 (16)
Impact Strength - Falling Weight	Mechanical	ASTM D5420	(GB, 1/8")	in.·lbf (J)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)
Rockwell Hardness	Mechanical	ASTM D785	M scale	-	84	89	90	91	93
Vicat Softening Temperature	Thermal	ASTM D1525	(Load 50N, RateA 50°C/hr)	°F (°C)	182 (83)	196 (91)	202 (94)	207 (97)	213 (101)
Heat Deflection Temperature Under Load	Thermal	ASTM D648	(264 psi)	°F (°C)	163 (73)	177 (81)	183 (84)	196 (91)	193 (89)
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion	Thermal	ASTM D696		× 10 <sup>-5</sup> cm/ (cm·°C)	6	6	6	6	6
Molding Shrinkage	Thermal	ASTM D955		%	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6
Specific Gravity	Other	ASTM D792		-	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19
Flammability Class	Other	UL 94		-	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ
Relative Thermal Index	Other	UL 746 ABC		°C	50	85, f2	-	50	50
Water Absorption	Other	ASTM D570		%	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
3-Year Outdoor Weathering	Other	SAE J576 (AMECA)		-	-	-	-	-	Listed
ASTM Classification	Other	ASTM D788		PMMA	O111V7	0111V5	0122V4	0121V4	0121V4

Injection molding and extrusion grade with medium flow and higher heat resistance	Injection molding and extrusion grade with medium flow and high heat resistance	Extrusion grade with high heat resistance	Injection molding grade with high heat resistance	Injection molding and extrusion grade with highest heat resistance	Extrusion grade with high heat and chemical resistance	Injection molding and extrusion grade with high heat resistance and high molecular weight	Highest heat resistance	Extrusion grade with medium impact resistance with high heat resistance	Injection molding grade with medium impact resistance
CA-71	CA-75	CA-81	CA-82	CA-86	CA-87	MS-983	HS5125	CA-8125	CA-924
92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	91.0	92.0	92.0
< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 2.0	< 2.0
1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.51	1.49	1.49
4.3	3.2	2.2	2.5	1.6	0.7	2.2	4.5	1.6	6.3
9,800 (68)	10,300 (71)	10,500 (72)	10,500 (72)	10,500 (72)	12,000 (83)	10,500 (72)	7,400 (51)	9,800 (68)	8,500 (59)
2.7	3.1	4.6	4.0	5.0	6.0	4.6	2.6	4.8	5.0
470,000 (3,200)	470,000 (3,200)	450,000 (3,100)	450,000 (3,100)	470,000 (3,200)	440,000 (3,000)	450,000 (3,100)	420,000 (2,900)	340,000 (2,300)	320,000 (2,200)
18,000 (124)	17,500 (121)	16,100 (111)	17,100 (118)	17,000 (117)	20,000 (138)	16,100 (111)	14,000 (97)	15,000 (103)	12,500 (86)
520,000 (3,600)	500,000 (3,400)	450,000 (3,100)	450,000 (3,100)	450,000 (3,100)	500,000 (3,400)	450,000 (3,100)	410,000 (2,800)	425,000 (2,900)	330,000 (2,300)
0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.35 (19)	0.25 (13)	0.4 (21)	0.6 (32)
2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.23)	2.0 (0.2)	14 (1.6)	20 (2.3)
93	95	92	92	96	95	92	98	78	76
224 (107)	227 (108)	214 (101)	211 (100)	227 (108)	217 (103)	214 (101)	237 (114)	211 (99)	207 (97)
200 (93)	212 (100)	205 (96)	204 (96)	207 (97)	201 (94)	205 (96)	224 (106)	193 (89)	187 (86)
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	7
0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6
1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.17	1.17
НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ
50	90, f1	90, f1	90, f1	90	-	90, f1	110, f1	90, f1	50
0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Listed	Listed	-	Listed	-	-	Listed	-	-	Listed
0141V3	0141V3	0131V2	0131V2	0141V1	0131V1	0131V2	0313V3	0211V1	0221V4

# MEDICAL GRADES

Injection molding and extrusion grade with higher impact resistance	Injection molding grade with higher impact resistance and high flow	Injection molding and extrusion grade with high- er impact resistance	Injection molding grade with high impact resistance	Extrusion grade with the highest impact resistance	Extrusion process grade with the highest impact resistance	Injection molding grade for medical and food contact use with higher impact resistance	Injection molding grade with high flow	Injection molding grade for medical and food contact use with the highest impact strength
CA-927	CA-927 HF	CA-990	CA-1000 I	CA-1000 E	CA-1000 E-2	CA-927 G	CA-927 GHF	CA-1000 IG
91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0
< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0
1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49
4.5	12	4.0	2.8	1.0	1.0	4.5	12	1.6
7,600 (52)	7,300 (50)	7,200 (50)	7,100 (49)	6,600 (46)	6,000 (41)	7,600 (52)	7,300 (50)	5,800 (40)
6.0	5.0	8.0	16	26	30	6.0	5.0	20
270,000 (1,900)	280,000 (1,900)	230,000 (1,600)	240,000 (1,700)	280,000 (1,900)	250,000 (1,700)	270,000 (1,900)	280,000 (1,900)	200,000 (1,400)
11,000 (76)	11,000 (76)	10,000 (69)	9,500 (66)	10,000 (69)	10,000 (69)	11,000 (76)	11,000 (76)	9,000 (62)
290,000 (2,000)	290,000 (2,000)	250,000 (1,700)	250,000 (1,700)	270,000 (1,900)	250,000 (1,700)	290,000 (2,000)	290,000 (2,000)	230,000 (1,600)
0.9 (48)	0.9 (48)	1.0 (53)	1.1 (59)	1.1 (59)	1.1 (59)	0.9 (48)	0.9 (48)	1.1 (59)
30 (3.4)	30 (3.4)	40 (4.5)	65 (7.3)	70 (7.9)	75 (8.5)	30 (3.4)	30 (3.4)	80 (9.0)
67	50	50	41	40	33	55	53	26
205 (96)	178 (81)	200 (93)	200 (93)	200 (93)	190 (88)	205 (96)	178 (81)	187 (86)
190 (88)	154 (68)	190 (88)	190 (88)	190 (88)	186 (86)	190 (88)	154 (68)	180 (82)
8	10	10	12	12	12	8	10	12
0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6	0.2-0.6
1.16	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.15
НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ
50	-	50	90, f1	90, f1	90, f1	-	-	-
0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Listed	-	-	Listed	Listed	-	-	-	-
0241V3	0241V5	0241V3	0231V2	0231V1	0231V1	0241V3	0241V5	0231V1

# **PRODUCTS**

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

### **General-Purpose Grades**

PLASKOLITE offers a wide variety of OPTIX® General Purpose (GP) resins for injection molding and extrusion processes. Transparent, translucent, opaque and custom colors are available with varying levels of heat resistance, light transmission, lubricant content and melt flow rates. They provide unsurpassed clarity, excellent weatherability and ease of processing. Many grades of OPTIX acrylic resins comply with US FDA food contact regulation 21 CFR 177.1010.

## **Impact-Modified Grades**

OPTIX Impact-Modified resins offer superior impact resistance compared to general-purpose acrylic, while maintaining excellent optical properties. Some of PLASKOLITE's impact-modified grades are produced to resist gamma-ray or ethylene oxide sterilization and meet the USP class VI certification, as well as US FDA regulation 21 CFR 177.1010 for food contact.

## **Specialty Grades**

PLASKOLITE is the only manufacturer of complex, custom tailored formulations. Its highly flexible production processes, combined with experienced personnel, allows PLASKOLITE to develop innovative products tailored to meet the most demanding specifications. Light diffusing resins, custom color matching, and development services are available.

### Clarity and Brilliance

» Crystal clarity, over 92% light transmittance

#### Impact Modified

» Superior impact resistance compared to general-purpose grades

#### **UV** Grades

» Ultraviolet light transmissions can be adjusted from high UV transmitting to high UV absorption

### Weatherability

» Highly resistant to ultraviolet degradation

### Color Choices

» Available in a variety of transparent, translucent and opaque colors

#### **Chemical Resistance**

» Unaffected by alkalies, non-oxidizing acids and salt water

### **Electrical Insulation**

» Excellent insulating properties, good resistance to arcing

### Processability

» Wide range of uniform melt flow rates with excellent stability

#### Decorating

» Parts produced with OPTIX acrylic resins can be easily decorated using a variety of methods, including painting, screen printing, hot stamping and metallization

### Machineability

» Drill, thread, tap, rout and other machining operations

### Ease of Assembly

» Cementing and ultrasonic welding easily provide strong bonds

### **Dimensional Stability**

» Strong, durable, and reliable

# **APPLICATIONS**

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## OPTIX is uniquely suited for many applications:

# Optical

» Lenses and fibers

## Automotive

» Tail lights, lenses, trim, consoles and instrument cluster panels

# Lighting

» Light diffusion panels, profiles, globes and fixtures for indoor and outdoor uses

# **Appliance**

» Dispensers, vending machines, refrigerator interior compartments and linings

## Medical

» Diagnostic cuvettes, meter housings, protective caps and covers

## Houseware

» Shelving, storage containers, faucet accessories and tableware

## Architectural

» Block windows, carport roofing and lighting

## Film

» Outdoor road / transportation signs

PLASKOLITE is a leading manufacturer of continuous-process acrylic sheet and acrylic resin products. Founded in 1950, in Columbus, Ohio USA, PLASKOLITE's reputation is based on excellent customer service, quality, stability and integrity.

PLASKOLITE markets its line of polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) resins under the OPTIX trade name. OPTIX resins provide superior clarity, ease of processing and unsurpassed outdoor weathering capabilities. Offered in general-purpose, impact-modified and specialty grades, OPTIX resins are uniquely suited for a variety of applications in the optical, lighting, housewares, appliance, architectural, point-of-purchase, medical and automotive industries.

PLASKOLITE has an experienced, highly-trained technical service support team available to provide assistance with molding and product design for both extrusion and injection molding processes.

# **PLASKOLITE**

# A GLOBAL LEADER IN THE PRODUCTION OF THERMOPLASTIC SHEET

# **FOUNDED IN 1950**

Our Mission: to deliver superior thermoplastic sheet, coatings and polymers to the world, through long-lasting customer relationships and hands-on customer service.

# MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS



From our founding, PLASKOLITE strives to treat our employees, our customers, our community and the world, with kindness, dignity and respect. This drives our continuing effort to create sustainable products, in a sustainable manner, for future generations. This on-going commitment is expressed in the

**PLASKOLITE Sustainable Ecosystem:** 

# **QUICK FACTS**

**STATUS:** Privately held

GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS: Columbus, OH

**EMPLOYEES:** 1900 Worldwide

**MARKETS SERVED:** Signage, Lighting, Retail Display, Construction, Transportation, Security, Bath & Spa, Industrial, Architecture, Green Houses, Film

# **OUR PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY**

# EACH CONTRIBUTES TO MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



WHAT WE MAKE Versatile, high-quality, durable

thermoplastic materials...not single-use

plastics

**HOW IT'S MADE** How we make our products reflects

our overall philosophy of continuous

environmental improvement

**HOW IT'S USED** Our thermoplastics play an important

role in advancing human well-being, energy conservation and quality of life

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