

SKY GREEN

Glycol Modified Copolyesters for Sheet Extrusion

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INTRODUCTION

SKYGREEN is the trade name for a range of glycol modified transparent amorphous Polyester polymers manufactured by SK Chemicals.

The following SKYGREEN products can be used to produce a wide range of high-quality flexible film, thin-gauge sheet and heavy-gauge sheet for packaging and technical end-uses using the extrusion process:

SKYGREEN S2008 – a PETG polymer for the production of film and thin-gauge sheet.

SKYGREEN K2012 – a PETG polymer with properties similar to S2008 but with enhanced optical quality for heavy-gauge sheet.

SKYGREEN J2003 – a PCTG polymer with improved impact strength and chemical resistance over K2012.

This document contains recommendations concerning the processing and use of SKYGREEN products for injection moulding applications.

The properties of SKYGREEN film and sheet can be characterised as follows:

- Excellent impact strength and chemical resistance.
- Exceptional transparency, clarity and high surface gloss.
- Good thermal and dimensional stability with low shrinkage.
- Excellent formability and easy fabrication. Does not stress whiten.
- Sterilisable by γ -radiation or ethylene oxide (ETO).

Other SKYGREEN products are available for use in the extrusion-blow moulding, injection moulding and tube or profile extrusion processes.

The following recommendations are given in good faith, but due to wide variations in both processing equipment and product design it is not possible here to provide accurate information for any particular situation. To discuss any particular manufacturing process the customer is invited to contact the SK Chemicals Technical Service Team, details of which are contained at the end of this document.

WHAT IS SKYGREEN?

SKYGREEN is a transparent amorphous copolyester produced by the reaction of terephthalic acid (TPA) with ethylene glycol (EG) in which a certain amount of the ethylene glycol is replaced with cyclohexane dimethanol (CHDM) – see Fig 1. The addition of CHDM prevents crystallisation, leading to improved processability combined with outstanding toughness, clarity and chemical resistance.

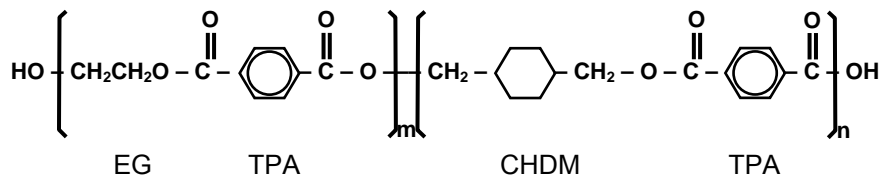


Fig. 1 – SKYGREEN

SKYGREEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SKYGREEN:

- consists of only Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H₂), and Oxygen (O₂).
- is totally recyclable.
- is inert when used for landfill.
- combustion products are only water vapour, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide.



TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Test Method	Unit	S & K series	J series
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES				
Specific Gravity	ASTM D1505	-	1.27	1.23
Mould Shrinkage	ASTM D955	%	0.2-0.5	0.2-0.6
Rockwell Hardness	ASTM D785	R-scale	108	105
Water Absorption	ASTM D570	%	0.13	0.13
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES				
Tensile Strength @ yield	ASTM D638	MPa	50	45
Tensile Elongation @ break	ASTM D638	%	180	340
Flexural Strength	ASTM D790	MPa	69	67
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D790	MPa	2100	1800
Izod Impact Strength	ASTM D256, notch, 23°C	J/m	105	No break
THERMAL PROPERTIES				
Heat Distortion Temperature	ASTM D 648 @ 0.46MPa	°C	70	74
Vicat Softening Temperature	ASTM D1525 @ 1kg load	°C	85	86
Glass Transition Temp. (Tg)	DSC Method	°C	80	85
OPTICAL PROPERTIES				
Haze	ASTM D1003	%	<1	<1
Total Transmittance	ASTM D1003	%	90	91

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

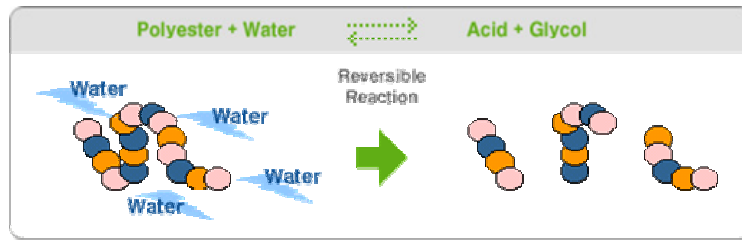
Type	Tested	Concentration (%)	Time (days)	SKYGREEN S & K series	SKYGREEN J series
Inorganic Acid	Sulfuric acid	20	28	Fair	Good
Organic Acids	Acetic acid	5	7	Good	Good
	Citric acid	5	28	Good	Good
		10	7	Fair	Good
Inorganic Alkalis	Sodium Hydroxide	10	7	Good	Good
Alcohols	Ethyl alcohol	50	7	Good	Good
	Benzyl alcohol	50	28	Good	Good
		100	28	Fair	Good
Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Toluene	100	7	Poor	Poor
		100	28	Poor	Poor
Aliphatic Hydrocarbons	Hexane	100	7	Fair	Good
	Heptane	100	28	Good	Good
Ketone	Acetone	100	7	Poor	Poor
		100	28	Poor	Poor
Other Chemicals	Olive oil	100	7	Fair	Good
	Gasoline	100	28	Poor	Good
	Water	100	28	Good	Good

Temperature: 23°C

Good: Clear, No visible effect, **Fair:** Slight colour change, **Poor:** Discolouring, Whitening, Swelling, Cracking

DRYING

SKYGREEN has a tendency to absorb atmospheric moisture, which can cause hydrolytic degradation during processing. This results in a decrease in molecular weight of the resin and in a reduction of the physical properties of the final product.



In order to avoid this degradation, SKYGREEN should be sufficiently dried to a moisture level of less than 500 parts per million (ppm) before processing. The drying operation is most efficiently performed by using a commercially available recirculating, dehumidified hot air drying system similar to that shown in Fig 2. Further details of suppliers of suitable drying equipment can be obtained from the SKYGREEN Technical Service Team. The optimum drying conditions for SKYGREEN are as follows:

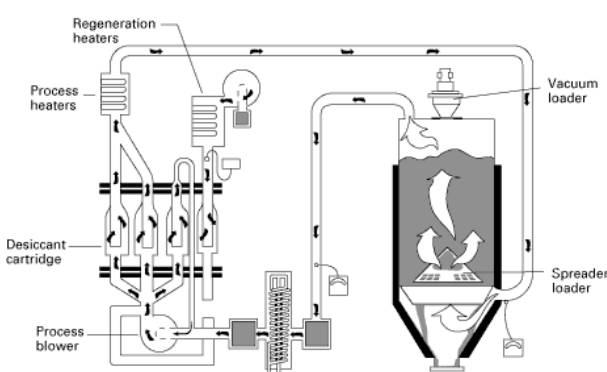


Fig. 2 – Typical drying system

Drying temperature	65°C (70°C for J Series)
Drying time	6 to 12 hours
Air flow of dry air	> 0.065 m ³ /min per kg/h
Dew point of dry air	< -30°C, preferably -40°C
Residual moisture content	<0.05% (500 ppm)
Drying hopper capacity	6 to 12 times extruder output per hour
Height / diameter ratio	> 2:1, 3:1 is better for plug flow
Insulation	Insulate well to improve energy efficiency
Monitoring	Inlet air temperature & dew point

SHEET EXTRUSION

SKYGREEN offers the high melt viscosity and non-crystalline properties required for successful extrusion-blow moulding. The following processing data are based on those used to produce 6mm extruded sheet in the SKYGREEN R&D Laboratory:

Extruder	45mm single screw, L/D = 30:1, 100 rpm, vacuum = 40 mbar
Screen Pack	25/50/25 mesh
Extruder Temperature	Zone 1: 180°C (356°F) Zone 2: 245°C (473°F) Zone 3: 265°C (509°F) Zone 4: 260°C (500°F) Zone 5: 240°C (464°F)
Connection	Screen: 245°C (473°F) Melt Pump: 245°C (473°F) Adapter: 265°C (509°F) Connection: 260°C (500°F) Melt Pressure: 83bar
Die	Zone 1: 247°C (477°F) Zone 2: 249°C (480°F)
Roll	1: 45°C (113°F) 2: 54°C (129°F) 3: 63°C (145°F)

- On machine shut-down it is recommended that purging materials such as PP or PE should not be used.
- If extrusion is stopped for more than about 15 to 20 minutes, the extruder temperatures should be reduced to about 150°C in order to reduce excessive degradation of the polymer.
- When restarting the machine, or on initial start-up, extrusion should be begun as soon as possible after the extruder reaches the set temperatures.

SKYGREEN TECHNICAL SERVICE

Should further technical information or assistance be required please do not hesitate to contact a member of the SKYGREEN Technical Service Team – contact details below, or visit the SKYGREEN web pages at www.skygreen.co.kr