



# COGEGUM<sup>®</sup> GFR/325

**Silane crosslinkable halogen-free fire retardant compound  
for insulation of power, signal and control cables**

**description**

HFFR silane grafted compound for cable insulation, moisture curable by addition of a catalyst masterbatch (Sioplas method). It consists of a polyolefin base containing a fire retardant system that contributes to give the cable self-extinguish properties without halogenidric acids evolution, toxic and corrosive gases and dark smoke emission. This material complies with RoHS requirements.

**standard complying**

EN 50363-5 EI5, EI8; EN 50363-0 G9, G10; VDE 0207/23 HJ1; VDE 0250/503 HJ3; IEC 60092/351 HF 90

**physical properties**

	typical value	test method
density @23°C (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ):	1.42	ASTM D 792
shore D hardness:	47	ISO R 868
M.F.I. @150°C/21.6 kg (g/10')	6.2	Padanaplast
unaged mechanical properties - tensile strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ): - elongation at break (%):	14.5 200	IEC 60811
mechanical properties after ageing in air oven, 168 hours @135°C - variation on tensile strength (%): - variation on elongation at break (%):	+18 -13	
mechanical properties after ageing in air bomb, 40 hours @127°C, 0.55 MPa - variation on tensile strength (%): - variation on elongation at break (%):	+12 -5	
hot set test @250°C, 20 N/cm <sup>2</sup> - elongation under load (%): - permanent elongation after cooling (%):	60 0	
hot pressure test at 100°C, K=1, max blade penetration (%):	< 50	
cold bend test @ -15°C:	no crack	
impact test @ -15@ C:	no crack	
shrinkage test, 1h @ 100°C (%):	< 4	
water absorption, 24 hours @100°C (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ):	1.0	

**electrical properties**

		typical value	test method
volume resistivity (Ω x cm):	@20°C:	1.1 x 10 <sup>15</sup>	IEC 60502
	@90°C:	5.4 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	
insulation constant (MΩ x km):	@20°C:	4000	
	@90°C:	20	

**burning properties**

		typical value	test method
oxygen index (% O <sub>2</sub> ):		31	ASTM D 2863
temperature index (°C):		300	NES 715
upper (gross) calorific potential (MJ/kg):		18.6	ISO 1716
halogenidric acid emission (% HCl):		< 0.1	IEC 60754-1
corrosivity of gases evolved	pH:	> 4.3	IEC 60754-2
	conductivity (μS/mm):	< 10	

tests made on pressed or extruded specimens, added with 3% of Catalyst CT/2 and crosslinked in hot water

**processing** COGEGUM® GFR/325 must be added with Catalyst CT/2 masterbatch to promote curing. Catalyst dosage is 3% by weight and blending must be done just before using (2-3 hours max.), preferably in the extruder hopper. Catalyst doesn't need any predrying.

The pregrafted base compound is sensible to moisture; open bags must be used within few hours.

**extrusion equipment** Standard extruders for thermoplastics equipped with low compression screw (1:1.2-1.4 compression ratio and 20-25 L/D ratio are suggested), and an adequate barrel thermoregulation. Screw cooling not required. Filter net: 40-80 mesh/cm<sup>2</sup> max.

**temperature setting**

	zone 1	zone 2	zone 3	zone 4	collar	head	die
max (°C)	150	150	160	160	160	160	180
min (°C)	130	130	140	140	140	140	160

**curing**

- by immersion in hot water at 60-70°C
- by exposure to low pressure steam (about 0.15 bar)
- by exposure in ambient at 10-30°C for some days

In all cases curing time depends on insulation thickness; for 0.7-1.2 mm wall thickness 3-6 hours are generally necessary in case of forced curing in hot water and 12-16 hours in case of curing in steam room; in case of self curing, time depends also on the specific ambient conditions.

**colouring** EVA based masterbatches added at 1.2-1.5% (approx.) by weight; in order to avoid scotching problems during processing, predrying of colour masterbatch is suggested if moisture absorption occurred during storage (4-6 hours at 60-70°C).

**storage** The product should be stored under the following conditions:

- closed and unbroken bags
- ambient temperature not exceeding 30°C
- avoid direct exposure to sunlight and weathering

Product alterations could occur due to extended period of storage. Its use within six months from the production date is suggested. Solvay Padanaplast S.p.A. accepts no liability of any kind in case the above mentioned conditions are not fulfilled.

**packaging** 25 kg moisture-resistant bags on 1250 kg pallet.

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