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SFR100 silicone fluid



MARKETING BULLETIN

SFR100 silicone fluid is a high viscosity silicone containing a combination of a linear silicone fluid and a silicone resin that is soluble in the fluid. The resulting mixture is clear and colorless. SFR100 silicone fluid can be considered for polyolefins and thermoplastics use to help impart flame retardancy. When compounded properly with known organophosphous flame retardants, or Group II A metal organic salts and other ingredients, varying degrees of flame retardancy enhancement can be obtained.

Key Features and Typical Benefits

- Halogen free
- Reduced smoke, flame out time and drip
- Can be a substitute for antimony- and halogen-based flame retardant systems
- Improved low temperature impact resistance
- Excellent electrical insulation properties
- Improved processability
- Improved melt and mold flow

Typical Physical Properties								
Property	Value							
Silicone Content	100%							
Viscosity, at 25 °C	200,000 - 900,000 cps							
Specific Gravity	1.00							
Flash Point (°C)	202							
Appearance	Clear, Colorless Liquid							
Shelf Life, Unopened Drums	18 months							
Density	8.7 lbs/gal avg.							
Density	1.0 g/cc avg.							

Typical properties are average data and are not to be used as or to develop specifications.

Key Performance Data

SFR100 Halogen Free Silicone Flame Retardant - Formulations

Chemicals	Weight %								
	PP Homopolymer	Α [†]	B [‡]	C [‡]	D^\dagger	Ε [†]	F [‡]	G [‡]	
Propylene	100	77.6	73.1	68.5	35.7	31.3	31.3	27	
SFR100 Flame Retardant	0	0	4.5	8.3	0	8.7	4.4	8.7	
Ammonium Polyphosphate	0	17.4	17.4	18.4	0	0	0	0	
Pentaerythritol	0	5	5	4.8	0	0	0	0	
Alumina trihydrate (ATH)	0	0	0	0	60	60	60	60	
Magnesium Stearate	0	0	0	0	4.3	0	4.3	4.3	

Product formulations are included as illustrative examples only. Momentive makes no representation or warranty of any kind with regard to any such formulations, including, without limitation, concerning the efficacy or safety of any product manufactured using such formulations.

SFR100 Halogen Free Silicone Flame Retardant - UL94V Test Results

							Value					Unit	Standar
	PP Homo- polymer	Α		В		С	D [†]	Ε [†]	F [‡]	(G [‡]		
1 st ignition	Consumed	Consumed	V0	< 50**	V0	< 50**	Consumed	Consumed	Consumed	V1	77**	Sec.	UL94V
2 nd ignition	N/A	N/A				- 50**	N/A	N/A	N/A		79**	Sec.	
	5	5		< 50**		< 50	5	5	1		0	J	
with afterflame up to clamp				0		0							
Number of samples that ignited cotton	5	5		0		0	-5	5	4		0		
1 st ignition	Consumed	Consumed	V0	< 50**	V0	< 50**	Consumed	10	Not	Not		Sec.	UL94V
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With SFR100 flame retardant, organo-flame retardant formulations improved from "consumed" directly to "V0"

With SFR100 flame retardant and Mg-St synergist, inorganic-flame retardant formulations improved from "consumed" to "V1"

With SFR100 flame retardant, flame-out time was significantly reduced

Test data. Actual results may vary.

SFR100 Halogen Free Silicone Flame Retardant - Other Test Results

Test		Value	Value							
		PP Homo- polymer	A	В	С	D	Е			
Oxygen Index		<15	26.6	28	29	24.7	26.8	%	ASTMD2863	
Smoke Density	Max. Light Absorption		64.9	60.4		41.5	46.9	%	ASTMD2843	
	Smoke Density Rating		41	29.2		20.3	31.8	%	ASTMD2843	
N Izod Impact	at 25 °C	0.47	0.48	1.1	1.3	0.33	0.4	ft-lbs/in	ISO180	
	at -20 °C		0.32	0.65	0.47	0.31	0.29	ft-lbs/in	ISO180	
	at -50 °C		0.3	0.47	0.43	0.21	0.21	ft-lbs/in	ISO180	
Flexural Modulus, 1	Flexural Modulus, 103 psi		227K	187K	192K	482K	293K	Psi	ASTMD790	
Tensile Strength at Yield		5400	4167	3900	4200	2718	1796	Psi	ASTM D638	
Density		0.92	1.01	0.99	1.02	1.34	1.47	g/cc	ASTM D792	
Heat Distortion Temperature	at 66 psi					200	164	°F	ASTM D648-	
	at 264 psi					141	118		16, Method B	

Organo-flame retardant formulations incorporating SFR100 flame retardant demonstrated:

Reduced smoke density

Increased impact resistance

Reduced flexural modulus and tensile strength; acts as a plasticizer

Test data. Actual results may vary.



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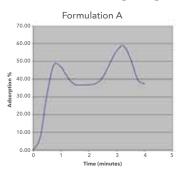
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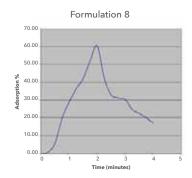
^{**} Total time to extinguish five plaques

Key Performance Data (continued)

SFR100 Halogen Free Silicone Flame Retardant - Smoke Density/Light Absorption Results

Average Light Absorption vs. Time





SFR100 silicone fluid reduced smoke density by 30% based on area under the curves

Test results. Actual results may vary.

General Considerations for Use

Best results typically are obtained by compounding in a twin screw extruder using a specific screw element sequence, barrel temperature and screw speed. Due to high viscosity and tackiness of SFR fluid, it is difficult to prepare a permanently free flowing pre-mix of the SFR100 fluid, polypropylene and other dry ingredients.

Low shear mixing (Hobart mixer) typically will produce a powder that is free flowing for several days at room temperature. High shear (Henschel or dough mixer) can produce a tacky granular material, suitable for a Banbury type mixer, but not a twin screw extruder. It is most convenient to add SFR100 fluid separately into the extruder - allowing the dry ingredients to be mixed upstream, with SFR100 fluid being added downstream, after the polypropylene has melted when viscosities are similar making a better mix.

Banbury Compounding

Due to high viscosity of SFR100 fluid, better results typically are obtained if all dry ingredients are fluxed and melted prior to addition of SFR100 fluid. After the addition of SFR100 fluid, melt blend should be completed. A start-up temperature of 150 °C generally will increase to 190 °C due to shear heating.

Extrusion Compounding

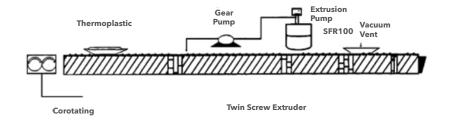
The twin screw extrusion process has been found to be very effective for compounding silicone flame retardant additives into polypropylene. This process is schematically shown in Figure 1 using the silicone side feed method with a twin screw extruder, which removes any material handling problems and typically has proven to be the most effective process to produce silicone containing polypropylene. The continuous melt blending can be conducted with a twin screw extruder, using downstream injection of SFR100 fluid. The solid pellets and powders are fed by volumetric feeders. K-Tron is a volumetric feeder that can work satisfactorily. The composition can be controlled by carefully calibrated feeders and gear pump. The effectiveness of the silicone flame retardant is dependent on thorough compounding. The performance of FR-polypropylene can be maximized in the twin screw extruder using a specific extruder geometry (e.g. co-rotating vs. counter-rotating), screw design and melt temperatures.

The temperature profiles recommended in the extrusion process affects the quality and properties of the product. The upstream temperatures range from 220 - 240 °C. However, the downstream temperatures should be lower, 180 - 200 °C. The screw speed should be 100 to 150 rpm.

SFR100 Silicone - Compounding

Screw Design Considerations:

A typical screw geometry and the screw design used in compounding SFR100 fluid is shown schematically. The extruder set-up requires two feeding ports, one for thermoplastics and one downstream injection port for the SFR100 silicone. The first section of the extruder should create a melt pool before the silicone is injected. The viscosities of the polymer melt and the silicone are matched near the injection port. Then this mass is allowed to homogenize in the latter part of the extruder. (See Figure 1).





SFR100 - Injection Molding

Almost all thermoplastics are recommended to dry before injection molding. A typical formulation comprised of SFR100 fluid should be dried at 80 - 120 °C for 4 to 8 hours. Injection molding pre-dried material optimizes mechanical properties and appearance (gloss). Increased channel flow and melt flow significantly improves moldability of both filled and unfilled polypropylene. Shorter cycle times and lower injection pressures are possible.

Injection Pressure/Speed

Injection pressure = 700 - 100 psi Hold pressure = 500 psi Back pressure = 100 psi Injection speed = moderate

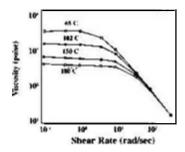
Screw speed = 50 rpm

Injection Barrel Temperatures (C)

Zone 1 = 177Zone 2 = 193Zone 3 = 193 Nozzle = 193

Melt temperature = 200 Mold temperature = 50

Effects of Shear Rate and Temperatures on Viscosity of SFR100



Note: Test data. Actual results may vary

Blending and Propetrties Evaluation of SFR100/PP blend

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