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# **EMERALD INNOVATION™ 1000**

VERSATILE, EFFICIENT, SUSTAINABLE FLAME RETARDANT SOLUTION FOR IGNITION RESISTANT POLYOLEFINS

## **EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000**

- The polymeric structure of Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 makes it not readily bioavailable<sup>1</sup>, thus addressing the environmental concerns that threaten the sustainability of many current products
- Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 is an efficient, sustainable replacement for decabromodiphenyl oxide (DE-83R<sup>™</sup>) and decabromodiphenyl ethane (Firemaster<sup>®</sup> 2100R), requiring minimal, if any reformulation
- The high bromine content of Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 makes it more efficient than other alternatives to DE-83R<sup>™</sup> and Firemaster<sup>®</sup> 2100R
- Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 offers an excellent balance of physical properties, flammability performance and process ability
- Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 cost-effectively provides UL-94 V-0 performance in Polyolefin based formulations

1 49 Federal Register 46066 (Nov. 11, 1984), 40 CFR 723.250



## **EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000 TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

#### EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000 IS A POLYMERIC BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANT DESIGNED FOR USE IN A BROAD SPECTRUM OF APPLICATIONS

Property	Emerald Innovation <sup>™</sup> 1000
Appearance	Off-white powder
Bromine, %	78
Average particle size, (μm)	5-6
5% wt loss, <sup>0</sup> C (Thermogravimetric Analysis (@ 10 <sup>0</sup> C/min under N <sub>2</sub> )	410 <sup>0</sup> C



High bromine content with excellent thermal stability

## **EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000 IN HDPE\***

Property	Emerald Innovation™ 1000	FR-1	FR-2	FR-4	FR-5
FR Load, %	19.0	19.0	19.0	21.0	22.3
ATO %	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
UL-94, at 1.6 mm	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0
Gardner Multi-Axial Impact, J	17.8	17.1	17.7	1.5	15.2
Elongation at Yield, %	8.5	10.1	8.7	5.6	6.9
Whiteness Index, CIE	49.7	55.8	49.5	61.3	46.6

\*LYONDELLBASELL PETROTHENE R590005 (0.8MFI)

LABEL DESCRIPTION

- FR-1 DECABROMODIPHENYL OXIDE (DE-83R<sup>™</sup>)
- FR-2 BIS (PENTABROMOPHENYL) ETHANE (FIREMASTER ® 2100R)
- FR-4 POLY(PENTABROMOBENZYL) ACRYLATE
- FR-5 ETHYLENEBIS(TETRABROMOPHTHALIMIDE)



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# COMPARISON OF MELT VISCOSITIES CAPILLARY RHEOLOGY OF HDPE FORMULATION CONTAINING EMERALD INNOVATION™ 1000 10000 Image: Containing Emeral Innovation™ 1000



Comparable viscosities in HDPE formulations indicate that Emerald Innovation™ 1000 will process under similar conditions as current flame retardant formulations



# GARDENER MULTI-AXIAL IMPACT\* OF HDPE WITH EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000 vs. FR-4



\* Tested at room temperature





# EMERALD INNOVATION<sup>™</sup> 1000 PERFORMANCE IN TALC-FILLED PP

	Emerald FR 1 Innovation™ 1000		FR 2	
Flame retardant %	21		21	21
ATO %	7		7	7
Talc %	20		20	20
UL-94, 1.6 mm	V-0		V-0	V-0
Melt flow index, g/10min 230°C/2.16kg	11.4		12.8	11.9
Notched Izod Impact, J/m	33.6		35.8	41.1
Elongation at Yield %	2.29		2.42	2.38

- Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 is an effective replacement for FR 1 or FR 2 for talc-filled PP
- Excellent performance also demonstrated in PP homopolymer and copolymer

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# **REDUCTION/OPTIMIZATION OF ANTIMONY TRIOXIDE USE**



## WHY THE NEED FOR ATO ALTERNATIVES?

- Antimony trioxide (ATO) is typically used as a synergist with aromatic brominated flame retardants (BFR) in plastics
- ATO functions via the formation of flame quenching antimony tri-halides through a gas-phase mechanism. It is not absolutely necessary, but makes the system more cost effective
- Alternatives to ATO are sought due to:
  - I. Cost volatility of antimony metal
  - II. Higher cost of ATO



## **COST VOLATILITY OF ANTIMONY METAL**

#### Monthly average LMB price of Sb metal in \$/MT





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#### **METAL SALTS**

#### 20% TALC FILLED POLYPROPYLENE (PROFAX 6323)

	1	2	3	4	6
Emerald Innovation 1000, 9	% 21	21	21	21	21
ATO TMS, %	7	2	2	2	2
Zn Borate, %	-	7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Ca/Zn molybdate, %	-	-	3.5	-	-
Zn molybdate, %	-	-	-	3.5	-
Zn phosphate, %	-	-	-	-	3.5
UL-94 @ 1.6 mm	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0
Avg. Burn Time	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.6	3.5

- ZB 467 Kemgard 981 Kemgard 911A Kemgard 911B
- = Zn Borate = Zn phosphate = Ca/Zn molybdate = Zn molybdate

Significant reduction in ATO content Potential cost reduction Reduced smoke emissions?



## **MODIFIED CLAYS**

#### UNFILLED PP HOMOPOLYMER PROFAX 6323

Emerald Innovation 1000,	% 30	27	27	27	27
ATO, %	10	4.25	4.0	4.0	3.0
Modified clay* %	-	4.25	<mark>4.0</mark>	<mark>4.5</mark>	<mark>4.5</mark>
Avg. Burn time, sec		4.2/1.8	4.2/1.8	1.8/3.0	3.4/4.2
Total Burn time, sec	39	30	30	24	38
UL-94 @1.6 mm	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0

\*Modified clay:

quaternary ammonium and siloxane treated montmorillonite clay. Charex 44PSS Amcol/Nanocor

Total FR loading can be reduced ATO loading significantly reduced Reduced smoke emissions possible?



#### **MODIFIED CLAYS**

#### UNFILLED PP COPOLYMER SG702 18MFI

Emerald Innovation 1000, %	26	26	26	26	26	26
ATO, %	8.7	7.7	6.7	5.7	4.7	3.7
Modified clay*, %	-	<mark>1</mark>	<mark>2</mark>	<mark>3</mark>	<mark>3</mark>	<mark>4</mark>
Avg. Burn time, sec	0/1.5	1.8/0.6	1.4/2.2	0.8/1	2/0.8	2/5.2
Total Burn time, sec	15	12	18	9	18	36
UL-94 @ 1.6 mm	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0	V-0
MFI, g/10min	20.0	21.2	20.7	21.0	22.08	19.19

Modified clay effectively replaces up to about 50% ATO Cost saving potential Minimum effect on flow \*Modified clay:

quaternary ammonium and siloxane treated montmorillonite clay. Charex 44PSS Amcol/Nanocor Great Lakes



# MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF UNFILLED PP COPOLYMER CONTAINING MODIFIED CLAY



 at break,%
 4.8
 6.1

 us, MPa
 1588.0
 1623.4

26

8.7

118

18.2

2.5

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26

6.7

2

135.2

17.0

2.5

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- Performance comparisons for Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 in polyolefins demonstrate comparable efficiency at similar load levels over DE-83R<sup>™</sup> and Firemaster<sup>®</sup> 2100R
- Emerald Innovation<sup>™</sup> 1000 provides higher multi-axial impact strength than other polymeric brominated flame retardants tested
- Similar compounding and molding conditions used with DE-83R<sup>™</sup> and Firemaster<sup>®</sup> 2100R
- Evaluation of metal salts and modified clays show great potential to significantly reduce the use of high-cost ATO in polyolefins whilst maintaining flammability performance

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#### Charex® New Generation Organoclay Products for the use of Flame Retardant Additives

#### **General Description:**

Charex 44PSS is a newly developed bentonite based organoclay for the use as flame retardant additives. In addition to traditional inner gallery cation exchange modification, Charex 44PSS uses organo-modified siloxane chemistry as edge treatment agent to reduced moisture adsorption and enhance dispersion in polymer resins.

#### **Product Data\*:**

Surface Modifier	Di-methyl, di-hydrogenated tallow ammonium/Siloxane	TGA in Air
Appearance	Off white free flowing powder	I.44P
Surface Modifier (%)	34-36 wt%	95 I.44PSS
Bulk Density	250-300 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	ight (%)
Particle Size (Mean)	14-18 Micron	90 -
Specific Gravity	1.7 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
X-ray (d <sub>001</sub> )	22-25 Å	
Product Package**	20-kg paper bag or 400-kg bulk bag	<sup>00</sup> 200 210 220 230 240 250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320 330 340 350 Temperature (*C) Universit V4.7A TA Instrum

\* These data are for reference use only. Certificate of Analysis will come with each commercial shipment.

#### **High Performance:**

With enhanced ion exchange and cleaning process, Charex 44PSS has significant heat stability comparing with standard I.44P organoclay. TGA (air) results show more than 20°C higher decomposition temperature.

#### **Charex MBEBA:**

Charex MBEBA is a new generation of clay masterbatch in the nanoMax® family based on EBA, a copolymer of ethylene and butyl acrylate. Comparing to EVA, EBA has enhanced heat stability and better moisture resistance.

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Charex MBEBA contains 50 wt% Charex 44PSS and is manufactured with proprietary processing technology. 44PSS was fully dispersed in EBA. This grade is suitable for new LSOH FR compound development with enhanced char forming and wet electrical stability. It can be used in EVA, EMA, PE, TPE or blends. Typical loading level is 4-8% with 2-4 clay level.

Our TDS P801, P802 and P804 provide formulation and processing references.

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