3M Advanced Materials Division

3M™ Ionomers

800EW Ionomer

Features and Benefits

- High power output
- High proton conductivity at low relative humidity
- Low gas permeation
- Good mechanical strength at high relative humidity
- High thermal stability
- High chemical resistance
- Solid format provides maximum flexibility to customize product formulations
- Room-temperature dispersible in common solvent systems

Product Description

3M™ Ionomer 800EW are copolymers of tetrafluoroethylene and perfluorobutanesulfonyl fluoride vinyl ether, offered in an equivalent weight of 800EW. It is excellent for use in membranes and electrode formulations in PEM fuel cells and in other electrochemical applications.

The high proton conductivity of 3M ionomers creates the potential to achieve higher energy output with a smaller fuel cell stack. They may also allow a reduction in the amount of expensive platinum catalyst used in electrode applications, and in turn could reduce system cost. 3M ionomers feature a linear side chain and stabilized end groups for improved chemical durability – even in demanding electric vehicle applications.

Storage and Material Handling

3M Ionomers should be stored under clean, dry conditions in the unopened original containers received from 3M. It is recommended to store the product at room temperature away from direct sunlight or other sources of heat or irradiation. These ionomers are hydroscopic and moisture content needs to be considered when preparing dispersions based on these materials. Keep containers tightly sealed to avoid moisture absorption.

Product Form and Packaging

This product is supplied in solid form and is packaged in plastic containers. It is available in 1kg, 10kg, and 25kg packages.

Note: Data in this document are not for specification purposes.

Typical Values

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<td>Ionomer Equivalent Weight</td>
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<td>Ion Exchange Capacity (meq/g)</td>
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<td>Viscosity mPa-s @ 20°C/1s-1</td>
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* FT-IR of polymer SO\textsubscript{2}F content
**Rotational viscometer

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Safety and Toxicology

This is a fluoroplastic material, so normal precautions observed with fluoroplastics should be followed. Before processing this product, be sure to read and follow all precautions and directions for use contained in the product label and the Safety Data Sheet. General handling/processing precautions include:

1. Process only in well-ventilated areas.
2. Do not smoke in areas contaminated with powder/residue from this product.
3. Avoid eye contact.
4. After handling this product, wash any contacted skin with soap and water.

Potential hazards, including evolution of vapors, can exist if processing occurs under excessively high temperature conditions. Vapor extractor units should be installed above processing equipment. When cleaning processing equipment, do not burn off any of this product with an open flame or in a furnace.

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