

AMECA List of Diffusing Plastic Materials

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Diffusing Plastics Used on Motor Vehicles

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1. STATUS

The following materials have been accepted by the Automotive Manufacturers Equipment Compliance Agency as meeting the weathering test procedures and critera for cracking, crazing, color, and delamination of FMVSS 108. The materials do not meet 108 haze requirements. No evaluation has been made as to the suitability of individual materials for particular automotive uses, or to the manufacturing methods.

You must contact the resin or coating manufacturer to determine the best material for your application.

Every plastics resin manufacturer has specialized products for different applications, processing conditions, manufacturing equipment, light sources and final use.

The device manufacturers must ensure that the lenses molded from acceptable materials meet the color and plastic stability test requirements for each individual device.

2. LISTING

The material is listed by the manufacturer's name, trade name and flow formulation, type of resin, color number and color.

3. DISTRIBUTION

This list is distributed free on a monthly basis. Any revised or pre-release editions may be obtained by contacting AMECA.

4. DEFINITIONS

Coating -- Material applied to surface of the lens to improve some aspect of performance.

Coated materials-- a material which has a coating applied to the surface of the finished sample to impart some protective properties. Coating identification means a mark of the manufacturer's name, formulation designation number, and recommendations for application.

Color bleeding -- the migration of color out of a plastic part onto the surrounding surface.

Cracking -- a separation of adjacent sections of a plastic material with penetration into the specimen.

Crazing -- a network of apparent fine cracks on or beneath the surface of materials.

Delamination -- a separation of the layers of a material including coatings.

Hard Coat -- 1) Coating which is cured by UV radiation.

2) Coating which provides additional resistance to abrasion or scratching which may be cured by thermally or by UV radiation. May contribute to long term durability of material.

NOTE: Both definitions are being used--please verify the intended performance when discussing hard coats.

Haze -- the cloudy or turbid appearance of an otherwise transparent specimen caused by light scattered from within the specimen or from its surface.

UV-protective Coat -- Coating designed to provide additional protection from the sun's electromagnetic radiation, particularly those wavelengths in the UV bandwidth. Often used on polycarbonate substrates to improve weathering performance. Polycarbonates must be coated for use in or in front of reflex reflectors.

Reflex reflectors-- devices used on vehicles to give an indication to approaching drivers using reflected light from the lamps of the approaching vehicle.

Substrate -- Base material to which all other performance enhancing materials are added.

UV radiation -- Short wavelength, high energy radiation emitted by the sun or other object (HID lamp). Wave lengths between 10 and 380 nm.

HID Lamp -- High Intensity Discharge Lamp. Lamps produce light by the use of a stabilized arc. Lamps can produce significant UV radiation which may require special materials. See SAE J-1647

5. NOTE ON COLOR

The colors listed have been determined to be in compliance with SAE J-578 using the ASTM E 308-66 method in thicknesses specified by the resin manufacturer (SAE J576 S4.1).

NOT EVERY COLOR LISTED WILL MEET SAE J-578 COORDINATES FOR YOUR *INTENDED* THICKNESS

NOT EVERY MATERIAL IN EVERY COLOR WILL MEET J578 WITH LED OR ILLUMINANT C LIGHTSOURCES

CHECK WITH THE RESIN MANUFACTURER'S COLOR SPECIALIST

The ASTM E 308-66 method uses an illuminant A light source energized to 2856k. If you use anything other than an incandescent light source at 2856k you MUST verify that the resulting color meets the specifications of SAE J-578 for your intended thickness. Halogen light sources at 3200k, illuminant C (strobe) and LED light sources can alter the color output. In addition, some light sources do not emit color or luminous flux uniformly. Measurements should be made to verify that the emitted light using your intended lightsource meets the specifications of J-578 throughout its photometric range.

6. NOTE ON INNER LENS COLOR

Combinations of inner and outer lenses with various colors may not perform predictably. Output can vary with different light sources. Check with the resin manufacturer's color specialist when making selections.

7. NOTE ON "EQUIVALENT" FORMULATIONS.

Many companies have distributed manufacturing facilities, cooperative agreements or joint ventures. In order to list a facility or another company the company which has done the three year weathering testing must send documentation stating that the materials, processes and end products are equivalent between itself and the new applicant. Due to industry complaints, the List of Acceptable Plastics has revised the listing to more accurately reflect the test data from various parent companies. *In addition, if the joint*

venture is terminated or the manufacturing facility is sold, the subsidiary or joint company must be able to provide weathering test data on its own. A company can no longer rely on the parent company data and processes if they have no relationship to the parent company who conducted the original testing.

8. NOTE ON SUBMITTING FOR ADDITIONAL COLORS

If you plan to add an additional color number to your listing, please list the existing colors which have undergone the three year weathering that are a greater and lesser concentration. The colors listed MUST be in the same color space.

9. Note on Inner Lens Testing

Currently SAE has issued no guidelines for inner lenses. If and when they do, they will be the requirements that everyone must follow. In the meantime, we would recommend for following guidelines for inner lens test setup.

- 1) You must bracket test every color combination (light/dark) you want to use—red, blue, amber, etc. The light/dark colors must be in the same color space.
- 2) You must bracket test molecular weight (heavy/light) for both outer lens and inner lens.
- 3) The test setup—airspace, ventilation, should duplicate as close as possible the conditions in an inner automotive lens including factors such as ventilation, spacing between inner and outer lens and coatings.
- 4) For more information, please see SAE Paper: http://papers.sae.org/2004-01-0800

Inner lens materils will be listed as a system. Both the inner lens and outer lens material/color will be listed *together.* If you only test a limited range of lens colors, thicknesses or materials that is how they will be listed.

10. Special Note on the definition of "Protected Inner Lens" and/or "Protected Applications"

Protected Inner Lenses or Protected Applications for polycarbonate lenses refers to an outer lens which has a UV absorbing capabilities. NOT physical protection but UV protection.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1) If someone else has weathered a polycarbonate/PMMA material, do I have to weather my polycarbonate/PMMA material?
- A) Yes, every company's material stands independently from what another company has done. Each coating, pigment and additive must be tested with each company's own material. Each separate material stands alone for weathering performance unless bracketed by materials of higher and lower concentrations or molecular weights.
- Q2) If someone else has weathered a pigment with another plastic do I have to weather the pigment with my plastic?
- A) Yes, every company's material stands independently from what another company has done. Each coating, pigment and additive must be tested with each company's own material. Each separate material stands alone for weathering performance unless bracketed by materials of higher and lower concentrations or molecular weights.
- Q3) If someone else has weathered a coating do I have to weather my material with that coating?
- A) Yes, every company's material stands independently from what another company has done. Each coating, pigment and additive must be tested with each company's own material. Each separate material stands alone for weathering performance unless bracketed by materials of higher and lower concentrations or molecular weights.
- Q4) How many thicknesses to I have to test?
- A) SAE 576: 1.6 ± 0.25 mm, 2.3 ± 0.25 mm, 3.2 ± 0.25 mm, and 6.4 ± 0.25 mm.
- Q5) Even if it's for a coating?
- A) Yes.
- Q6) Do materials have to meet the color requirements before testing?
- A) Yes: Samples for the thicknesses specified by the manufacturer must conform to the applicable color test requirement of this standard prior to testing. If no special thicknesses apply, then all 4 used by SAE J576 must comply.

Testing outline. Note, we also recommend you send DOUBLE samples to prevent any errors.

▶ 4 Thicknesses

- For each colour
- For each coating
- For each molecular weight (MW)

► For example:

- 4 thickness samples of dark red, uncoated, Lowest MW
- 4 thickness samples of light red, uncoated, Lowest MW
- 4 thickness samples of dark red, uncoated, Highest MW
- 4 thickness samples of light red, uncoated, Highest MW
- 4 thickness samples of dark red, coating 1, Lowest MW
- 4 thickness samples of light red, coating 1, Lowest MW
- 4 thickness samples of dark red, coating 1, Highest MW
- 4 thickness samples of light red, coating 1, Highest MW
- Now repeat for clear, yellow, blue, coating 2 & coating 3

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MFR.	TRADE NAME AND FLOW FORMULATION	TYPE OF RESIN	NUMBER	COLOR
Asahi Kasei Corporation www.asahi-kase	80N i.co.jp	Polymethyl Methacrylate	KML1069 KML1070 KML1071 KML1090 KML1091 NS00165 NS00178	White White White White White Clear Clear

MFR. Polymer Base PRODUCT NAME COLOUR-CODE



Covestro Deutschland AG (Europe)
Covestro LLC (America)
Covestro (Hong Kong) Limited (Asia Pacific)
.www.covestro.com.

Diffusive Film Product Grades

Protected Applications Only Polycarbonate White

Makrofol® LM228 in 300/500 micron thickness Makrofol® LM243 in 150/500 micron thickness Makrofol® DE14 in 175/500 micron thickness Makrofol® DE62 in 175/500 micron thickness Makrofol® DE72 in 175/500 micron thickness Makrofol® LM302 in 175/500 micron thickness Makrofol® UV503 14 250 / 500 micron thickness,

Makrofol® Films were tested behind coated Makrolon AL2447 and uncoated Roehm PMMA 8N.



Covestro Deutschland AG (Europe)
Covestro LLC (America)
Covestro (Hong Kong) Limited (Asia Pacific)
www.covestro.com

Makrol Makrol	Polycarbonate Protected Applications Only Approved Color Codes	0 0 0	21531 21532 21533	White White White White White
Makrol	Polycarbonate Protected Applications Only Approved Color Codes	-		White White
Makrol	Polycarbonate Edge-Lighting Product Grades Protected Applications Only	s 0	21760 21767	White White White White

Note: Makrolon® LED2245EL may not be used as a reflex reflector.

Makrolon® LED2245EL is considered a diffused material above 3.2 mm when behind PMMA,

and above 6.4 mm when behind polycarbonate.

Note: All Covestro inner lens products are tested behind clear coated 2.3mm Makrolon AL 2647

Makrolon 2407 in diffusive colors listed is protected by Makrolon®AL2647 with Momentive Performance Materials Inc. PHC587.

Coating in Alphabetical Order and Corresponding Manufacturer

PHC587: See Momentive Performance Materials, Inc.

Coating Manufacturer in Alphabetical Order



Information on PHC 587C hard coat may be obtained by writing to the following:

Momentive Performance Materials GmbH Building V7 51368 Lverkusen Germany Momentive Performance Materials Inc. 260 Hudson River Road Waterford, NY 12118 www.momentive.com

MFR.	Polymer Base	PRODUCT NAME	COLOUR-CODE	
LX MMA CORP.	Polymethyl	HI835MS	ID59	Diffusion
www.lxmma.com	Methacrylate	IH830C IH830HR	ID68 ID88 ID178	Diffusion Diffusion Diffusion
Formery LGMMA	Corproation		ID188 ID193	Diffusion Diffusion
			ID195 ID198 ID1558	Diffusion Diffusion Diffusion

Color ID59 is available on HI835MS from 1.6 mm to 3.2 mm only

Color ID59 is available on IH830C from 1.6 mm to 3.2mm only

Color ID88 is available on HI835MS from 1.6 mm to 3.2 mm only

Color ID88 is available on IH830C from 1.6 mm to 3.2 mm only

Material HI835MS is available in colors ID68, ID178, ID188, ID193, ID195 ID198, ID1558, and ID1559 in all thicknesses

Material IH830C is available in colors ID1559 in all thicknesses

Material IH830C is available with colors ID68, ID178, ID188, ID193, ID195 ID198, and ID1558 in 3.2 mm only

Material IH830HR is not available in Color ID193 in any thickness

MFR.	Polymer Base	PRODUCT NAME	COLOUR-CODE		
Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	DURABIO D7342R www.m-chemical.co.jp	Aliphatic Polycarbonate	06D075	Diffusive	

MFR. Polymer Base PRODUCT NAME COLOUR-CODE

M:COM Polycarbonate Alcom PC 740/4 UV	CC1320-08LG CC1321-08LG	Clear/ light scattering Clear/
MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG	CC1322-08LG	light scattering Clear/ light scattering
www.mocom.eu	CC1323-08LG RD1123-05 LD	Clear/ light scattering Red, diffusive

Alcom LG PC 1000 UV 14094 CC1323-08 Clear/

light scattering

Note:

All Mocom inner lens products are tested behind clear 2.0 mm Makrolon GP 099 coated with protective Momentive Performance Materials Inc. PHC 587.

MFR.	Trade And Family Name	Product Base <u>Resin</u>	Diffusion <u>Grade</u>	COLOR
IRÖHM TRADITIONALLY INNOVATIVE	PMMA ACRYLITE®/ PLEXIGLAS® Softlight	8N zk3BR zk4BR zk5BR zk6BR AG100	df20 df21 df22 df23	Clear 0 1 9V913
Roehm America LLC Röhm GmbH Roehm Chemical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd www.roehm.com www.acrylite- polymers.com	PMMA ACRYLITE®/ PLEXIGLAS® Softlight	8N AG100	df42 df43 df44 df46 df47	Neutral 543A Yellow 13025 23085 1V400 2V404
www.Plexiglas.de	PMMA ACRYLITE®/ PLEXIGLAS® Softlight	8N AG100	df92 df93 df95 df97 df98 df99	Amber 23340 23095 23335 13115 23105 2V401
				Red 3V137 3V136 3V126 3V125 33661 33681 33780(901) 33721 33711 33701 33691 3V401 3V402 3V403 3V408 Green 65122
				65542 Gray 7V274 7V275 7V273 7V271 7V272 7V270 7V269 7V268 7V265 7V205 7V336 7V337 7V338 7V244 75451
Note: 7\/336 7\/338	and 7\/337 are listed f	irom 1.6 to 3.2 mm only		7V244

MFR.	TRADE NAME AND FLOW FORMULATION	TYPE OF RESIN	NUMBER	COLOR	_
Sumitomo Cher Co., Ltd. www.sumitomo	mical SUMIPEX® F10 -chem.co.jp	Polymethyl Methacrylate	011	White	_
Sumitomo Cher Asia PTE Ltd. http://sumitomo	mical SUMIPEX® F10 -chem.com.sg	Polymethyl Methacrylate	011	White	_
Sumitomo Cher Europe S.A./N.\ www.sumitomo		Polymethyl Methacrylate	011	White	

MFR.	TRADE NAME AND FLOW FORMULATION	TYPE OF RESIN	NUMBER	COLOR
Teijin Limited	PANLITE ML-2200 PANLITE ML-2205	Polycarbonate		Clear
www.teijin.co.jp				
Note: Only 1.6mm	thickness was tested.			





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Trinseo Inc.	ALTUGLAS™(Or PLEXIGLAS™)	Polymethyl		Colorless/Clear
Altuglas Division	ALTUGLAS™ R-Life	Methacrylate	58102	White
Altuglas S.r.l. (Italy)	PLEXIGLAS™ R-Life		58200	White
Trinseo Korea Ltd.	V045		58235	White
Altuglas Division	V825		66080	White
www.trinseo.com	V825 CR50		68177	White
www.plexiglas.com	V920T		616	Red
www.altuglas.com	DR		756	Red
	Diffuse 81		18242	Red
	Diffuse 101		883	Amber
	Diffuse 301		937	Amber
	Diffuse 302			
	Diffuse 502			
	MI7			

V920T is only available in color 68177 white.

PLEXIGLAS™ or ALTUGLAS™ Frosted V045 is only in white 68177

Note: Red 756 is only listed for the thickness 0.177 inches and thicker. Note: Amber 937 is only listed for thickness 0.125 inches and thinner.

TRADE NAME AND FLOW FORMULATION

TYPE OF RESIN

NUMBER COLOR

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Appendix A: AMECA Accredited Laboratory Information

Arizona Desert Testing 21212 West Patton Road Wittman, Arizona 85361 Tel: (623) 388-9500

FAX: (623) 388-9007 **Website:** www.aztest.com

Atlas Weathering Services Group DSET Laboratories 45601 N. 47th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85027-7042

Tel: (623) 465-7356; (800) 255-DSET

FAX: (623) 465-9409

Website: www.atlas-mts.com

Q-Lab Arizona Test Services 24742 West Durango Street Buckeye, Arizona 85326 Tel: (623) 386-5140 FAX: (623) 386-5143

FAX: (623) 386-5143 **Website:** <u>www.q-lab.com</u>

Atlas Weathering Services Group South Florida Test Services Everglades Division 16100 S.W. 216th Street Miami, Florida 33170

Tel: (305) 245-3659 FAX: (305) 245-9122

Website: www.atlas-mts.com

Q-Lab Florida Test Services and 1005 S.W. 18th Avenue, P.O. Box 349490 Homestead, Florida 33034 **Tel**: (305) 245-5600

FAX: (305) 245-5656 Website: www.q-lab.com

Trade And **Product Base** Diffusion MFR. **Family Name** <u>Grade</u> **COLOR** <u>Resin</u>

Appendix B: Supplemental Lab Information