

# TRAYTUF® 8100

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)



## Product Data Sheet

### Product Description

**TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin is a TPA-based polyethylene terephthalate resin designed for clear thermoformed non-ovenable container applications such as trays, lids, clamshells, blister packs, and cups. It is a high molecular weight polymer with an 0.81 intrinsic viscosity (IV).

**TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin is designed to provide highly desirable container properties. These include high transparency, high clarity and sparkle, high strength and toughness, low temperature impact resistance, and shatter resistance. **TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin is designed with a special catalyst and stabilizer system that offers property retention during both extrusion and thermoforming processing at high production rates over a wide range of sheeting thicknesses, while maintaining bright crystal clarity. This superior stability also enables use of the required drying conditions without affecting color or molecular weight.

The following table provides the Parameters that characterize the grade. Some Parameters are shown with values that are specified to fall within certain limits. Other Parameters are shown as a single value that we regard as typical of the grade. Minor differences around this typical value will not detract from the performance of the product. All Parameters are measured, under laboratory conditions, by the M&G analytical method shown. Different methods or conditions of analysis may give rise to different values. Purchased material may be accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis or other document, confirming that the product is within specified limits and is consistent with the other values for the stated Parameters.

Parameter	Unit	Value	Limits	Test method
Intrinsic viscosity (IV)	dl/g	0.81	± 0.03	M&G/QC-01
Color (L*-value)	--	70	Min	M&G/QC-02
Color (b*-value)	--	1.0	Max	M&G/QC-02
Melting point +	°C	250	± 5	M&G/QC-06
Foreign particles	--	None	--	Visual Detection

+ monitored on feed resin only

### Regulatory status

**TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin is suitable for the manufacture of articles for numerous food packaging applications. Since food packaging regulations differ from country to country, for information about the regulatory status within the United States under FDA regulations or within Europe under EC and/or national regulations, please contact your local account manager.

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## Important aspects of use in processing

### Drying

Thermoplastic polyesters such as **TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin can undergo hydrolysis if moisture is not eliminated prior to extrusion leading to a decrease in molecular weight and loss in mechanical properties of the container, particularly impact strength. Moisture content of the resin must be reduced to a level of 0.005% (50ppm) or less, prior to melt processing. Drying is best accomplished in a continuous high heat dehumidifying type air hopper dryer with a regenerative desiccant bed using -40°F max (-40°C max) dew point air. Typical drying conditions are an air temperature of 350°F (175°C), 4-6 hours residence time and a minimum air flow rate of 1.0 ft<sup>3</sup> per minute per pound of polymer consumed per hour.

### Injection molding and Stretch blow molding

Sheet Extrusion temperatures should be maintained at the minimum levels needed to produce clear quality sheet. In addition to temperature limits, care should be taken to avoid excessive shear during extrusion. Typical processing temperatures are generally between 10°C and 30°C hotter than the Melting Point Parameter indicated on the front of this Data Sheet, largely dependent upon extruder barrel dynamics such as residence time and shear. When thermoforming, a cool temperature-controlled mold is required and sheet temperatures should be kept as low as possible.

## Safety aspects

Please read the **Safety Data Sheet** written for this product. It may be obtained from your account manager.

- **Handling**  
**TRAYTUF® 8100** Ultra-Clear Polyester Resin presents no toxic hazards, either from skin contact or inhalation, under normal conditions. Contact with melted polymer should be avoided. Product delivered in bags must not be stacked.
- **Fire precautions**  
In common with most other organic polymers, PET polymers will burn. They are difficult to ignite, but are defined as 'combustible' but not 'highly inflammable'. Reasonable precautions should be taken to ensure absence of sources of ignition in warehouses and storage areas. If large quantities are stored, normal good housekeeping should be enforced, including freedom from dust, uncluttered access ways, sprinkler system, etc.

## Warranty

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