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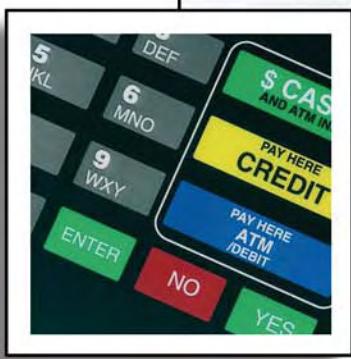
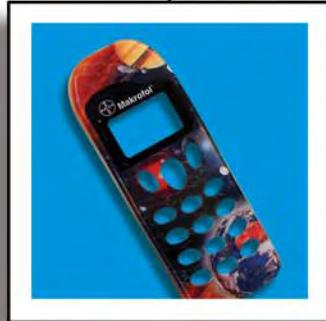
EXCELLENCE

Bayer Films Americas

World Leaders in Polycarbonate Film Technology, Performance, and Optics

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Achieving Higher Levels of Innovation and Excellence in Film Applications with Makrofol® and Bayfol® Polycarbonate Films



Typical applications include:

- ◆ Instrument Panel Overlays
- ◆ Thermoformed Medical Packaging
- ◆ Indoor/Outdoor Labels and Decals
- ◆ Mousepads
- ◆ Automotive Dials
- ◆ Nameplates
- ◆ Exhibit and Display Components
- ◆ Floor Graphics
- ◆ Automotive Control Panels
- ◆ Keypads
- ◆ Chip Packaging
- ◆ Membrane Switch Overlays
- ◆ Menu Boards
- ◆ Film Insert Molding
- ◆ Electrical Insulation

...Clearly the Right Choice

Outstanding Product Line Provides Creative Design Options for New Applications

Bayer polycarbonate films offer the clarity, variety of surface textures, and specific properties you need to meet the most demanding application requirements.

Graphic Arts Quality

Makrofol® DE and PC polycarbonate films are available in a wide variety of surface textures, including glass clear with both sides gloss. These films offer high light transmittance, excellent surface uniformity, and ease of processing. All films use pure Bayer MAKROLON® polycarbonate resin. Most meet FDA approval and have the necessary UL ratings.



Chemical Resistant Blends

Bayfol® CR film is a polycarbonate/polyester blend that provides improved mechanical and chemical resistant properties.

Flame Retardant

Makrofol® FR films have flame retardant properties and can be easily fabricated or printed. They are ideal for electrical insulation and are available in white and clear.

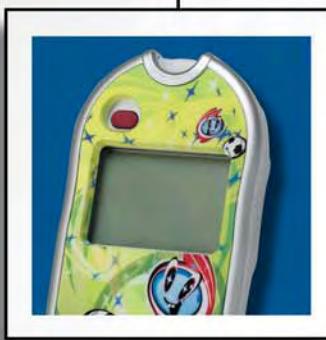


Light Diffusing

Makrofol® LT and BL films have been specially developed to provide light diffusion capability which surpasses the capability of films that rely on surface texturing for light scattering. Makrofol® LT and BL are available in natural color and smoke tint. Smoke tint is suitable for "dead front panels".

Specialty Films and Composites

Specialty films have been developed to provide increased weatherability and durability under harsh conditions. Makrofol® EPC film is a special composite film that provides excellent first surface chemical and UV resistance. Bayfol® AS-A (black) film is suitable for antistatic packaging of sensitive electronic components.



New Products

A variety of new products have been developed to meet customer special needs. Those products, designated by Makrofol/Bayfol DPF or TP names, offer special features such as unique textures and colors, UV and flame resistance, high Vicat softening temperature, soft feel, metallic look, adhesive coating, low stress, etc.

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Bayer Polycarbonate Films and Advanced Molding Technology

Bayer has developed Film Insert Molding (FIM) technology that can satisfy "a designer's wish list" for 3-dimensional parts. Bayer's materials and processes for insert molding polycarbonate-based films provide the features you need for quality parts...at reduced costs.

- ◆ Compound curves
- ◆ Complex geometrics
- ◆ Registered graphics
- ◆ Multiple colors
- ◆ Opaque or transparent
- ◆ Selectively textural
- ◆ Scratch resistant
- ◆ Long lasting finishes

Film insert molding consists of placing a decorated film, either flat or formed into the mold of an injection molding machine. Resin is shot behind the film, bonding the film surface to the molding resin to form a finished integral part. The development of water-based and high heat polycarbonate inks, innovative forming methods, and precision registering equipment provide major advantages in part decoration by FIM.

- ◆ Unlimited decoration possibilities with precisely registered graphics
- ◆ Design flexibility including complex designs and simplified backlighting
- ◆ Cost savings via productivity improvements such as reduction in post-molding operations

Many different film and resin combinations are possible using FIM. Typically, the insert molding process incorporates the use of polycarbonate or polycarbonate blend film substrates, allowing a wide variety of injection molded resins to be used. Key factors to consider in choosing materials are: the need for heat and/or chemical resistance; impact resistance requirements; and aesthetic appearance. Designers must also consider the compatibility of materials with the decoration process and graphic construction with the injection molding resin.

Several different forming methods are being used for insert molding. Each forming process has its own benefits and limitations which must be considered in the design phase.

Thermoforming

The primary advantage offered by thermoforming is the ability to achieve deep draws on the formed appliquéd. The process does suffer from registration problems on the graphic appliquéd. This can cause problems where critical graphic registration is required.

High Pressure Forming (HPF)

Developed by Bayer AG, high pressure forming offers several advantages. Due to the uniform force applied to the film, very little residual stress remains in the part. The inks used to print the film may be heated prior to forming, allowing the graphic to be formed without cracking the ink. Since the front surface of the film is only contacted by the air injected into the tool, rejects from contaminants are reduced. Automatic presses built for this process can be considerably faster than other processes. They have cycle times of seven to ten seconds, depending on gauge.

Hydroforming

The hydroforming process provides excellent registration of the graphics to the molded part. However, it does not allow the films to be heated to increase the elongation of the graphic inks. It allows for fast tool setup and changeover. Formed parts exhibit relatively low stress. The main drawback is long cycle times.

Match Metal Dies

This process has been used for prototypes and low volume applications. One advantage is that tool halves can be heated to improve ink elongation during the forming process. The primary limitation of the process is that metal tooling contacts the front surface of the formed appliquéd. This can result in gloss variations and contaminants being forced into the film's surface.

Trimming

There are presently three methods being used to pretrim inserts prior to molding. Die-cutting offers high quality, low cost trimming and is primarily used for medium to long production runs. Laser cutting is a low volume prototype method of trimming parts. Hard tooling is the choice for high quality, long run parts.

Other Key Parameters

Other key parameters which affect the insert molding process have to do with design of the injection molding tool, the location of the film appliquéd in the mold, and the process conditions related to molding the final assembly.



...Clearly the Right Choice for Molded Part Decoration

Fabrication

Printing

Makrofol and Bayfol can be screen printed using acrylic and PVC-based inks. Ink adhesion is excellent and no pretreatment of the film is required. Because of the film's high heat resistance, printing inks can be quickly dried at high temperatures.

Die-Cutting

Makrofol can be easily die-cut with a variety of steel rule dies. For the best overall results in terms of clean cuts, precision and die longevity, side-bevel rule is recommended. With this configuration, the long-bevel side should face the scrap material displacement rather than the short side bevel.

Thermoforming

Makrofol can be thermoformed at a temperature of 190°C (374°F), with the mold temperature at 110°C (230°F). If the film is to be heated very rapidly, it should first be dried for 3 to 4 hours at 100°C (212°F).

Embossing

Except for Makrofol LT and BL films, all Makrofol and Bayfol films are suitable for cold forming and offer dimensional stability at high service temperatures up to 130°C (266°F) for Makrofol and 100°C (212°F) for Bayfol films.

Bonding

Substrates carrying printed information can be bonded using transfer adhesives, double-sided adhesive tapes, screen printed adhesives or two-component adhesives. For film-to-film bonding, solvents such as methylene chloride are normally used.

Welding

Makrofol and Bayfol can be welded to certain other thermoplastics such as PC and ABS using ultrasonic methods.

Custom Extrusion Capabilities

Gauge: .005" to .030"
Width: up to 53"
Surface Finishes: Gloss, velvet, suede, matte, micro-matte, and combinations

Converting Services

In-line sheeting is done at the extruder; sheets are stacked flat and delivered flat eliminating roll set. Standard trimmed and squared sheeting is available for tighter dimensional tolerances. Masking of gloss surfaces is available for films 7 mil and thicker. Choices of masking are cling or stick.

makroFOL®/BayFOL® Films Selection Guide

Resin	Texture Designations		Products Bayer	Comments
	1st Surface	2nd Surface		
PC	Gloss	Gloss	DE 1-1	Virgin Resin-No Additives
	Gloss	Gloss	DE 1-1	Medical Grades
	Gloss	Fine Matte	DE 1-4	No Masking Required-Low Internal Stress
	Gloss	Fine Matte	DE 1-4 White 3723	White
	Gloss	Micromatte	DE 1-mm	Low Stress for Accurate Registration
	Fine Velvet	VF Matte	DE 6-2	Printable Velvet Surface
	Velvet	Matte	PCVM	Standard Velvet Matte
	Velvet	VF Matte	DE 7-2 CG	Tight Gloss Control-1 st Surface
	Velvet	VF Matte	DE 7-2	Minimize Pin Holing
	Velvet	VF Matte	DE 7-2 (6)	Black
	Velvet	Gloss	PCVE	High Color Retention
	Velvet	Gloss	VLG 7-1	Very Low Gloss
Light Diffusion	Suede	Matte	PGSM	Standard Suede Matte
	Gloss	Gloss	LS 1-1	Low Stress DE 1-1
	Fine Matte	Fine Matte	BL 2-2 820812	Light Diffusing
	Fine Matte	Matte	BL 2-4 820816	Light Diffusing
	Fine Velvet	VF Matte	BL 6-2 820812	Light Diffusing
	Fine Velvet	VF Matte	BL 6-2 820802	Black Translucent
PC Blends	Fine Velvet	VF Matte	BL 6-2 820803	Minimum Pigment Contact
	Fine Matte	Fine Matte	LT 4-4	Antiglare
	Fine Matte	Matte	LT 6-4	Antiglare
	Fine Velvet	Fine Matte	LT 6-4 900009	Antiglare
	Fine Velvet	VF Matte	CR 6-2	Increased Actuation Life
	Gloss	Matte	CR 1-4	Increased Actuation Life
FR Materials	Gloss	Micromatte	DPF 5023	Increased Actuation Life
	VF Matte	Matte	ASA 2-4	Anti-Stat
	Velvet	Gloss	PCVE 600	FR White-Flame Retardant
	Velvet	Matte	PCVM 600	FR White-Flame Retardant
Weatherable	Velvet	VF Matte	FR 7-2	FR Clear-Flame Retardant
	Velvet	Matte	EPC VTM	Chemical/UV Resistant
	Velvet	Gloss	EPC VTE	Chemical/UV Resistant
	Gloss	Gloss	EPC ETE	Chemical/UV Resistant
Enhanced Films	Velvet	VF Matte	UVI 7-2	UV Resistant
	Gloss	Matte	DPF 5014	High Heat
	Velvet	VF Matte	DPF 5072	Metallic Film
			DPF 5073	Soft Feel-Weatherable

Typical Properties of Makrofol®/Bayfol® Weatherable Films and FR Films

Property*	Test Method	Units	EPC VTM	EPC VT/E	EPC ETE	UV1 7-2	PCVE 600	PCVM 600	FR 7-2
Physical									
Specific Gravity	ASTM D-792		1.20	1.20		1.20		1.20	1.30
Conversion Factor	ft²/lb-mil	161	161	161		160		160	148
Water Absorption (Immersion at 73°F 24 hr.)	ASTM D-570	%	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.25		0.25	0.30
First Surface Gloss -60° angle, black inked second surface	ASTM D2457	gloss unit	15 - 30	15 - 25	4.5 - 8.5				3.0 - 4.5
First Surface Roughness, R32	ISO 4288	microns				11 - 21		19 - 23	19 - 23
Optical									
Haze	ASTM D-1003	%				1.0		98.0	
Light Transmission	ASTM D-1003	%	89	89	93			90	
Yellowness Index	ASTM E313		2	2	2	1		1	
Mechanical									
Tensile Strength, Yield	ASTM D-882	psi	8,200	8,200	8,200	7,500	8,500	10,600	
Tensile Strength, Break	ASTM D-882	psi	8,200	8,200	8,200	7,400	7,500	8,530	
Elongation @ Break	ASTM D-882	%	110	110	110	110	110	100	5
Tear Strength, Initiation	ASTM D1004	lb/in	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Thermal									
Heat Deflection Temperature 264 psi load 66 psi load	ASTM D648	°F °F							
Vicat Softening Temperature, Rate A	ASTM D1525	°F							
Flammability									
UL 94 V-0	UL 94	min. thickness (in)		0.019				0.010	
UL 94 V-2	UL 94	min. thickness (in)					0.010	0.010	
UL 94 VTM-0	UL 94	min. thickness (in)	0.006	0.009	0.008		0.006	0.006	
UL 94 VTM-2	UL 94	min. thickness (in)							
Burn Rate	FMVSS302	mm/min.							
Features									
		chemical and UV resistant	chemical and UV resistant	chemical and UV resistant	UV resistant	flame retardant	flame retardant	flame retardant	flame retardant

*These typical properties are provided as general information only. They are approximate values and are not part of the product specifications.



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Developmental Products—Film (DPF's) are new products undergoing development. As such, some of their characteristics may vary from lot to lot until development is complete and final specifications have been established.



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