

Catalloy technology process for Industrial applications Product properties

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Catalloy production process – an 'ALLOY' not a blend



Ethylene Propylene Rubber Blend

Hifax CA10A



TEM (transmission electron microscopy) 3700x

During production, the *Catalloy* technology evenly distributes the rubber phase within a co-continuous PP phase, yielding superior properties when compared to a physical blend.

Source: LyondellBasell

Grades from Catalloy technology: Hifax, Adflex, Softell and Hiflex product families

Hifax

Outstanding impact for durable industrial and automotive applications.

Grades with an outstanding balance of mechanical performance, processability, high thermal resistance and aesthetics. Utilized by customers in durable applications, such as building and construction (e.g. single ply roofing), industrial, (e.g. wire and cable) and automotive (e.g. interior and exterior parts).



Hiflex

Improved impact stiffness and shrinkage performance balance.

The *Hiflex* TPO resins combine the uniqueness of LyondellBasell's existing *Hifax* and *Adflex* TPO resins, offering easy processing, flexibility, durability, low density, high thermal resistance and low gloss, with improved impact, stiffness and shrinkage performance balance when used in a compound.



Softell

Generation of soft products for industrial and consumer applications.

Combining toughness with flexibility, customers select these resins due to their resistance and elasticity. *Softell* resins provide an enhanced soft-touch feel and slip resistant grip used in electrical appliances and tools. Additional benefits include the ability to bond well with other polyolefins and additives and the capacity to effectively incorporate fillers.

Adflex

Very soft, flexible polyolefins.

Our *Adflex* family are very soft and flexible TPO resins used by a wide number of our customers in applications such as specialty films, as a blending partner to improve impact performance, extrusion coating, bitumen modification and consumer applications. In addition to enhanced flexibility, the *Adflex* resins exhibit excellent impact performance at low temperatures, outstanding haptic properties and soft touch.

Grades from Catalloy technology: key properties

Grades from *Catalloy* technology enable the control of key properties such as:





Grades from Catalloy technology: Hifax, Hiflex properties

	Low Tem	perature		Low Shrink			
	CA7320A CA12A		CA10A	CA7700A	CA212A	CA60A	CA207A
Melt Flow (ISO 1133)	2.1	0.8	0.6	1.4	8	15	7.5
Flexural Modulus	200	330	90	170	80	80	550
Tensile Strength at Yield	No Yield	9	No Yield	7.5	6	5	14
Elongation at Break	500	550	500	450	600	600	700
Charpy Impact Notched -20°C	100	100	110	NB	105	105	45
Charpy Impact Notched -40°C	95	100	5	110	4	2	5
Haze 1mm Plaque (Internal) LYB)			-	-	-	-	23
Gloss 1mm Plaque (Internal LYB)	85 35		85	84	-	-	110
Post Molding Shrinkage (Internal LYB)	0.6	-	1.7	-	0.8	0.8	0.5
	 Low tempe Excellent si 	rature impact tiffness-impact		 Low shrinkage 			

- balance Low gloss
- High thermal resistance

- Broad MFR range
- Low temperature impact

Good clarity

- High gloss
- Low Tg

Grades from Catalloy technology: Roofing Membranes

(Compounding)



Application Areas

- Single-ply Roofing, "Green" and "White" roofs
- Replacement for alternative roofing materials, such as PVC, EPDM and Bitumen-membranes

Key Features

- Cost-Effective production and installation
- Durability more than 20 years of proven performance (with suitable stabilization)
- Weight Reduction / Low Specific Gravity
- Free of plasticizers, chlorine or heavy metals

Technical Properties

- Flexible for easy detailing
- High filler absorption
- High dimensional stability
- Heat resistant
- Good chemical resistance
- Flexibility without plasticizers at low temperatures

Source: Imper

Hifax grades from *Catalloy* technology: Automotive Interior and Exterior Applications (Technical Compound)



Application Areas

- Interior parts like consoles, pillar trims, door panels and dashboard skin
- Bumpers, side cladding and front grills

Key Features

- Processability
- Aesthetic
- Weight Reduction / Controlled Shrinkage
- Free of plasticizers, chlorine or heavy metals

Technical Properties

- Controllable gloss, good aesthetics, grain retention
- High softness and the excellent behavior at high and low temperatures
- Good haptics
- Excellent impact resistance at room temperature and low temperature resistance
- Flow mark free (anti-tiger striping) surface
- Low shrinkage

Softell grades from Catalloy technology: Automotive Interior Applications (Technical Compound)



Application Areas

Automotive interior parts which are technically demanding

Key Features

- Can replace engineering plastics for use in demanding customer applications
- Outstanding combination of performance
- Pleasing aesthetic look, without additional need for painting
- Dimensional stability

Technical Properties

- High Flexibility and low Shore hardness
- Excellent mechanical behavior at high and low temperatures
- High Grip effect
- Good haptic, soft touch
- Low Gloss surface finish without the needs for additional decoration (PP compounds containing Glass fiber)
- Good compatibility with PP, PE

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Grades from Catalloy technology: Soft Profiles, Gaskets



Application Areas

Soft Profiles and Sheets

Key Features

 Suitable for the extrusion, calendaring and extrusion blow molding of very soft film and sheet and extrusion of flexible profiles

Technical Properties

- Low stiffness
- Excellent low Shore Hardness
- Very good impact resistance

Grades from *Catalloy* technology: Wire and Cables



Application Areas

Wire & Cable

Key Features

- Building blocks for energy distribution cables and flame retardant compounds
- Processability
- Mechanical balance
- Free of plasticizers, chlorine or heavy metals

Technical Properties

- Good mechanical property performance
- High thermal resistance
- Environmental advantages over other insulating materials
- High filler loading
- Halogen free (in FR formulations)
- Flexibility of use and their ease of handling during the extrusion process

Key properties of *Catalloy* technology grades



Addressing customer performance requirements with *Hifax, Hiflex* and *Softell* grades from *Catalloy* technology

In rigid polypropylene-based compounds:
Improve impact resistance
Modify stiffness
Mould shrinkage adjustment
Gloss modification and aesthetics
Flow improvement
CLTE adjustment (coefficient of linear thermal expansion)
Improved soft-touch performance
Improved incorporation of mineral fillers
Elimination of "Tiger Stripes"

Addressing customer performance requirements with *Hifax, Hiflex* and *Softell* grades from *Catalloy* technology

In soft compounds (TPO, TPV and TPE):										
Softness and impact strength optimisation										
Improved temperature resistance										
Increased toughness										
Soft-touch enhancement										
Weathering enhancement										
Mold shrinkage and process ability improvement										
Gloss control										
Cost optimisation										
In masterbatches and concentrates:										
Carriers and flow aids, especially for hyperfilled concentrates and liquid additives										
TPO: Thermoplastic Polyolefins blends with outstanding properties. TPE: Thermoplastic blends of hard polymer (Styrene) and elastomer particles. (D>0.97g/cm ³)										

TPV: Thermoplastic vulcanisates. In most cases EPDM dispersed in PP. (D >0.9g/cm³)

Modification of a PP Filled Compound Heco PP + 12% talc + 35% *Hifax* impact modifier



Low Temperature Impact Modification of Filled Compound Heco PP + 12% talc + 35% *Hifax* impact modifier



Grades from *Catalloy* technology properties

- Easy handling and storage (free flowing pellets)
- Broad Process ability (extrusion, injection molding, calandering, blow molding, cast film ...)
- Flexibility
- Softness
- High impact resistance at low temperature
- Good elongation at yield and at break
- Good Tear and Puncture resistance
- Good Thermal resistance
- Esthetic (mat or glossy)
- Medium to Low shrinkage
- High compatibility to PP, PE, TPE's, TPO
- Good Chemical Resistance
- Long Durability (when correctly stabilized)
- Low C-emissions
- Low density
- Halogen and plasticizer free

Main characteristics

Catalloy Products

PROPERTIES	PHYSICAL		MECHANICAL								THERMAL			CAL			
	Density	MFR	Flexural	Tensile	Tensile	Notched Charpy impact strength		Shore D	Tg	Heat Deflect.	Vicat	Gloss at	Tm				
	23ºC	230°C, 2,16kg	Modulus	Stress at Break	Elong. at Break	23 °C	-20 °C	-40 °C	Hardness	DMTA	Temp. HDT/B	Softening Temp.	60°1mm plate			TYPICAL APPLICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY FEATURES	
Test Method	ISO 1183	ISO 1133	ISO 178	ISO 527- 1, -2	ISO 527- 1,-2		ISO 179		ISO 868	Internal Method	ISO 758-1, -2 (0.45 MPa)	ISO 306/ A50	ASTM D2457	ISO 11357-3	STEEPIC PROFERINES FEATURES		
Units	g/cm ^a	g/10 min	MPa	MPa	*		kJ/m²		Points	°C	°C	°C		°C			
Catalloy Grades																	
Softell CA7469A	0.88	0.5	130	7	500	NB	NB	80	87 (Sh.A)	-40	39	50	36	142	Outstanding softness, low gloss	Extrusion, injection molding, compounds for automotive interiors	
Softell CA 02 A	0.88	0.6	30	10	500	NB	NB	9	75 (Sh.A)	-25	38	41	72	142	Very good impact, supersoft	Extrusion, injection molding, impact modifier for compounds	
Hifax CA 10 A	0.88	0.6	90	11	500	NB	110	5	30	-25	40	60	85	142	High softness, low vicat	Extrusion, softness and impact modifier in automotive compounds	
Hifax CA 7441 A	0.88	0.8	85	12	500	NB	NB	6	30	-25	40	56	85	163	Combination of excellent thermal properties and flexibility	Extrusion, injection molding, impact modifier for compounds	
Hifax CA 12 A	0.88	0.8	330	13	550	70	100	100	36	-45	50	78	35	163	Good balance between softness and vicat, low gloss	Extrusion, softness and impact modifier in automotive compounds	
Hifax X 1956 A	0.89	0.9	800	30	500	95	10	5	57	-30	70	145	57	163	Tiger stripes corrector	Extrusion, injection molding	
Hiflex CA 7700 A	0.88	1.4	170	10	450	NB	NB	110	33	-45	40	75	84	142	High softness, toughness at very low temperature, high thermal properties; good compatibility with PO	Impact modifier, injection molding and extrusion	
Hiflex CA 7800 A	0.88	1.2	210	11	450	NB	85	110	35	-45	40	85	87	163	High softness, toughness at very low temperature, high thermal properties; good compatibility with PO	Impact modifier, injection molding and extrusion	
Softell CA 7413 A	0.87	2.5	30	8	600	NB	NB	8	75 (Sh.A)	-25	38	41	85	142	Outstanding softness, high flowability	Extrusion, injection molding, impact modifier for compounds	
Hifax CA 7320 A	0.88	2.1	200	10	500	NB	100	95	32	-40	40	62	85	163	Very good impact, processability	Extrusion, injection molding, impact modifier for compounds	
Hifax CA 138 A	0.88	2.8	500	10	400	70	100	50	41	-45	58	90	20	163	Low-temperature impact modifier, low gloss, good processability	Impact modifier for automotive compounds	
Hifax CA 207 A	0.89	7.5	550	22	700	65	45	5	45	-35	58	94	110	163	Impact modifier, low shrinkage, low CLTE, high gloss	Injection molding, impact modifier for compounds	
Hifax CA212A	0.88	8	80	10	>600	NB	105	4	30	-25	40	56	>85	142	High softness and flowability	Injection molding, softness and impact modifier	
Hifax CA 7201 A	0.89	12	800	16	600	50	45	10	50	-45	65	120	32	163	Good impact, paintability, processability	Injection molding, impact modifier for auto compounds	
Hifax CA7442A	0.89	12	1100	17	400	35	7.5	4.5	•	-48	86	121	55	163	Good impact stiffness balance, very low shrinkage	Injection molding, shrinkage modifier for auto compounds	
Hifax CA 7271 A	0.89	11	800	16	600	60	>10	6	48	-50	70	105	45	163	Low gloss, CLTE, good paintability	Injection molding, impact modifier for auto compounds	
Hifax CA 7378 A	0.89	13	1200	18	600	37	8	5		-50	95	138	70	163	Good impact stiffness balance	Injection molding	
Hifax CA 60 A	0.88	15	80	10	>600	NB	105	2	30	-25	40	56	>85	142	High softness and flowability	Injection molding, softness and impact modifier in automotive compounds	
Hifax CA 7153 S	0.9	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	143	Porous PP	Carrier for liquid additives concentrates	
Adflex Z101H	0.88	27	80	10	800	NB	100	2	30	-25	37	53	>85	142	High softness and very high flowability, high filler loading	Softness and impact modifier, color MB carrier, bitumen modification	
Adflex X101H	0.88	8	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-25	NA	NA	NA	142	Good chemical resistance, flexibility at low and high temperature	Bitumen modification	

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