

Clysar® ABL

Description

Bemis Clysar® ABL is a strong, clear, crosslinked, biaxially oriented, heat-shrinkable, polyolefin shrink film.

Uses

Clysar® ABL is used where lower processing temperatures, superior package characteristics, and a tough, durable wrap are required. Excellent shrinkage and seal strength are obtained under a wide range of operating conditions. It is specifically designed to function on the complete range of L-sealers and tunnels. Its outstanding memory and recovery provides attractive packaging after repeated handling.

Significant Features

Sealing

- Compatible with all sealing mechanisms including systems designed for PVC films.
- Clysar ABL is excellent on L-sealers and fin/trim systems. Due to its relatively low modulus other Clysar films are more suited to high-speed form/fill/seal systems.
- Sealing temperature range is the widest of any polyolefin shrink film and overlaps the PVC range.
- The sealing temperature range starts 11 to 14°C lower than most polyolefin films.
- Seals easily even under less-than-optimum conditions with virtually no pinholes in the seal.
- Consistently seals at higher speeds than most other polyolefin films.
- Does not corrode sealing wires or equipment.
- Does not leave carbon deposit on sealing wires.

Shrinking

- Has a very wide shrink temperature range starting at ~ 140°C.
- This film has no definite burn-through point. It will begin to cloud when approaching overheating.
- Compatible with all air evacuation systems. Pin perforation requires a backup roller or the film may stretch and not perforate over the pins. Air evacuation is critical, as the lack of pinholes will not allow evacuation through the seals.
- This film can be run on all shrink tunnels with consistently good results. It is not dependent on high air velocity to achieve good shrinkage.
- Has medium shrink force and very high available shrinkage.
- Shrinkage is balanced.

General

- Outstanding film memory
- Good tear and puncture resistance
- Very forgiving on less than optimum equipment
- Resists embrittlement with age
- Remains durable at freezer temperatures

Standard Put-Ups

- Clysar ABL is available in 12.5, 15, 19, 25, 31.5, and 50 micron in either single-wound (SW) or center-folded (CF or F) film.
- Single-wound film is available in widths from 110 – 1720 mm in 10 mm increments. Standard CF stock sizes are available in 50mm width increments.
- Center-folded film is available in widths from 130 – 910 mm in 10 mm increments.
- Center-folded film will have approximately half the linear length of flat film for same thickness and roll dimensions.
- Available in standardized pre-perforated pattern or as plain film.

- Film is wound on 76 and 152 mm cores to the standard roll sizes shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Clysar® ABL
Linear Length (m) – Flat Film

Core ID, mm.	Roll OD, mm.	Micron					
		12.5	15	19	25	31.5	50
76	242	3,200	2,660	2,130	1,600	1,280	800
76	331	6,400	5,330	4,260	3,200	2,560	1,600
152	280	3,200	2,660	2,130	1,600	1,280	800
152	356	6,400	5,330	4,260	3,200	2,560	1,600
152	458	--	10,660	8,530	6,400	5,120	3,200

EU Regulation/FDA/USDA Status

Clysar films sold for food packaging use comply with the food contact regulations of European Union and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requirements under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended. Bemis complies with FDA regulation 21 CFR 177.1520 -- Olefin polymers, allowing use for articles that contact food, except for articles used for packing or holding food during cooking. This FDA compliance and a continuing guarantee from Bemis Clysar will meet USDA requirements for packaging meat and poultry products.

Use

Bemis Clysar does not recommend cooking foods in Clysar. High temperature and high speed sealing of polyolefin shrink films will release small amounts of "smoke," which should be removed by adequate ventilation in normal commercial practice.

Disposal

Preferred options for disposal are (1) recycling, SPI Code – Class 7 (2) incineration with energy recovery, and (3) landfill. The high fuel value of this product makes option (2) very desirable for material that cannot be recycled.

Storage

Prolonged exposure to temperatures moderately above 32°C (90°F) or brief exposure to temperatures well above 32°C (90°F) may cause difficulty in unwinding film.

For more detailed information on the safe handling of Clysar films a "Safety in Handling and Use" guide and OSHA Material Safety Data Sheets can be obtained from your Clysar representative.

Table 2
Typical Properties of Clysar® ABL

Property	ASTM Test Method	Unit	Thickness (Micron)					
			12.5	15	19	25	31.5	50
Haze (avg)	D1003	%	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.5
Gloss at 20° (min)	D2457	(photocell)	135	130	130	125	120	105
COF, Kinetic	D1894		0.28	0.26	0.23	0.20	0.16	0.15
Shrinkage, 102°C (216°F)* 10 minutes	D1204	% (Area)	65	65	65	65	65	65
Shrink Force	D2838	N/15mm @ 100°C	0.550	0.637	0.753	0.927	1.100	1.622
Stiffness Modulus (avg)	D882	MPa	255	255	255	255	255	255
Tensile Strength (avg)	D882	MPa	90	90	90	90	90	90
Elongation (avg)	D882	%	120	125	130	135	140	155
Tear Strength (avg) (Elmendorf)	D1922	N	0.196	0.245	0.294	0.343	0.392	0.539
Spencer Impact	D3420	mm-kg	92	92	104	173	185	219
WVTR	F1249	g/m ² /24 hr	35.7	38.8	31.0	23.3	15.5	7.8
Oxygen Transmission	D3985	cc/m ² /24 hr	15500	13950	12400	9300	6200	4650
CO ₂ Transmission	D1434	cc/m ² /24 hr	38750	37200	34100	30225	27900	20925

*Film Temperature

Note: These values are typical for Clysar® ABL shrink film and are not for use as limiting specifications.

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