



# STYPOL<sup>®</sup>

## 040-8003

### Flame-Retardant RTM Resin

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#### Description

STYPOL<sup>®</sup> 040-8003 is a pre-promoted, flame-retardant polyester resin containing styrene monomer. It is especially formulated for production of reinforced plastic products using resin transfer molding (RTM). Certain applications with specific flame-retardant needs may require the addition of methyl methacrylate (MMA) and modest amounts of alumina trihydrate or antimony oxide/ammonium dimolybdate.

#### Features and Benefits

- Extremely fast wet-out
- Early development of Barcol hardness
- Good cure in thin sections
- Excellent retention of physical properties after water boil
- FMVSS 302 Flammability of Interior Materials - Passenger Cars, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles, Trucks and Buses
- Flame-Retardant meeting UL 94 Plastics Flammability Standard, VE-1 and VE-2 classification

#### Typical Liquid Properties (77°F)

Liquid properties of STYPOL<sup>®</sup> 040-8003 are shown below. These values may or may not meet manufacturing control criteria. They are listed as a reference guide only. Particular batches will not conform exactly to the numbers listed because storage conditions, temperature changes, age, and testing equipment (type and procedure) can each have a significant effect on the testing. Resin properties outside of these readings can perform acceptably. Final suitability of this product is in the end use performance.

Test	STYPOL <sup>®</sup> 040-8003
Viscosity <sup>(1)</sup>	110 cps
Gel Time <sup>(2)</sup>	7 minutes
Weight per Gallon	10.0 lbs.

<sup>(1)</sup> Brookfield LVF #2 at 60 rpm

<sup>(2)</sup> 100 g mass, 1.5% United Initiators Norox<sup>®</sup> Azox



## Physical Properties

The physical properties of STYPOL® 040-8003 are shown below. Properties are shown for both neat resins casting and for a glass fiber reinforced laminates. These are typical values and are provided for reference only.

Note: The physical properties of thermoset resins evolve as the resin cures. The properties given below are for well cured castings and laminates. Resin and laminates at different stages of cure will have varying properties.

Test	Test Method <sup>(1)</sup>	Neat Resin Casting <sup>(2)</sup>	Laminate <sup>(3)</sup>
Tensile Strength	ASTM D638	7,950 psi	13,200 psi
Tensile Modulus		490,000 psi	890,000 psi
Tensile Elongation		2.3%	1.8%
Flexural Strength	ASTM D790	15,200 psi	22,400 psi
Flexural Modulus		520,000 psi	770,000 psi
Flexure Strength after 2-hour water boil		--	20,100 psi (90% retention)
Impact (un-notched)	ASTM D256	1.90 ft.-lbs.	1.67 ft.-lbs.
Barcol Hardness, Model #934	ASTM D2583	39	45
Heat Distortion Point at 264 psi	ASTM D648	145°F (63°C)	--
Specific Gravity	--	1.19	--
Intermittent Flame Test (HLT-15), rating	--	--	80

<sup>(1)</sup> All tests run per internal Polynt Composites test methods. These methods are similar to the ASTM method listed above.

<sup>(2)</sup> Neat resin casting catalyzed with 1.0% benzoyl peroxide. Casting was cured at 180°F (82.2°C) and post cured for 1 hour at 240°F (115.5°C).

<sup>(3)</sup> Laminate - Resin initiated with 1.5% United Initiators Norox® Azox. The laminate schedule was 2 plies of 2.0 oz. CSM. Glass content was 25%. The panel was cured at room temperature for 1 week.

## Flammability

Flammability test results for STYPOL® 040-8003 laminates are provided below. Test results for actual parts will vary depending on its structure and conditions of use. Each fabricator should verify the performance of STYPOL® 040-8003 in their specific application to ensure compliance with applicable industry codes and insurance standards.

Test	Application	Results
<b>UL-94:</b> Standard test for flammability of plastic materials for parts in devices and appliances; vertical burn test	Electrical	VE-1 and VE-2 rating
<b>FMVSS 302:</b> Flammability of interior materials – passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses	Transportation	Pass



## Application

STYPOL® 040-8003 must be mixed prior to use. Ingredients in the STYPOL® 040-8003 will settle during storage. Failure to thoroughly reincorporate these ingredients will compromise the flame-retardant properties of the end product. Use mixing equipment with sufficient horsepower (relative to container size) to achieve thorough circulation from top to bottom and out to the sides of the container. The agitator must be properly sized for the container and must allow for uniform mixing regardless of the liquid level in the container. Scrape the bottom of the container to ensure that all ingredients are being pulled into the mix. After settled materials have been reincorporated, mixing once a day for 10 minutes is typically sufficient.

Air bubbling should not be used for mixing. It is not effective and only serves as a potential source of water or oil contamination. Do not overmix STYPOL® 040-8003. Overmixing can break down the resin viscosity increasing the tendency to sag.

The cure rate of polyester resins depends on a number of factors including the product's age, temperature, catalyst type, catalyst level and ambient humidity. When used in a laminating application the laminate cure rate also depends on reinforcement content and laminate thickness as well as other factors. For these reasons, we recommend that customers check the cure rate in their plant.

STYPOL® 040-8003 is quality control tested using United Initiators Norox® AZOX (acetyl acetone peroxide or AAP). Arkema Luperox 224 is expected to give equivalent results. The catalyst level should not exceed 2.4% or fall below 0.9% for proper cure. A catalyst level of 1.25% at 77°F is considered ideal. This product should not be used when temperature conditions are below 60°F, as curing may be adversely affected.

## Caution

Do not add any material, other than MMA, recommended fillers and peroxide catalyst, to this product without the advice of a representative of Polynt Composites.

## Storage

STYPOL® 040-8003 has a shelf life of 120 days from date of manufacture when stored at 73°F or below in a closed, factory sealed, opaque container, and out of direct sunlight. The shelf life is cut in half for every 20°F over 73°F.

## SDS / Data Sheets

SDS and data sheets can be obtained by contacting your Polynt representative or Polynt Customer Service at 800-322-8103.

## POLYNT SAFETY INFORMATION

All sales of products manufactured by Polynt Composites USA Inc. and described herein, are made solely on condition that Polynt Composites USA customers comply with applicable health and safety laws, regulations and orders relating to the handling of our products in the workplace. Before using, read the following information, and both the product label and Safety Data Sheet pertaining to each product.

Most products contain styrene. Styrene can cause eye, skin and respiratory tract irritation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Impermeable gloves, safety eyewear and protective clothing should be worn during use to avoid skin and eye contact. Wash thoroughly after use.

Styrene is a solvent and may be harmful if inhaled. Reports have associated repeated and prolonged occupational overexposure to solvents with permanent brain and nervous system damage. Extended exposure to styrene at concentrations above the recommended exposure limits may cause central nervous system depression causing dizziness, headaches or nausea and, if overexposure is continued indefinitely, loss of consciousness, liver and kidney damage.

Do not ingest or breathe vapor, spray mists or dusts caused by applying, sanding, grinding and sawing products. Wear an appropriate NIOSH/MSHA approved and properly fitted respirator during application and use of these products until vapors, mists and dusts are exhausted, unless air monitoring demonstrates vapors, mists and dusts are below applicable exposure limits. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use.

The 12th Report on Carcinogens issued by the National Toxicology Program lists styrene as a "reasonably anticipated" carcinogen, but the Report cautions that the NTP listing does not mean that styrene presents a risk to persons in their daily lives. The Styrene Information and Research Center does not agree with the classification as it did not include a review of all available data. SIRC states: "HHS included styrene in the 12th RoC despite the fact that European Union regulators have determined styrene does not represent a human cancer concern. E.U. scientists reviewed the full styrene database, weighing all of the available data in reaching their conclusion."

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reclassified styrene as Group 2B, "possibly carcinogenic to humans." This revised classification was not based on new health data relating to either humans or animals, but on a change in the IARC classification system. The Styrene Information and Research Center does not agree with the reclassification and published the following statement: Recently published studies tracing 50,000 workers exposed to high occupational levels of styrene over a period of 45 years showed no association between styrene and cancer, no increase in cancer among styrene workers (as opposed to the average among all workers), and no increase in mortality related to styrene.

Styrene is classified by OSHA and the Department of Transportation as a flammable liquid. Flammable products should be kept away from heat, sparks, and flame. Lighting and other electrical systems in the workplace should be vapor-proof and protected from breakage.

Vapors from styrene may cause flash fire. Styrene vapors are heavier than air and may concentrate in the lower levels of molds and the work area. General clean air dilution or local exhaust ventilation should be provided in volume and pattern to keep vapors well below the lower explosion limit and all air contaminants (vapor, mists and dusts) below the current permissible exposure limits in the mixing, application, curing and repair areas.

Some products may contain additional hazardous ingredients. To determine the hazardous ingredients present, their applicable exposure limits and other safety information, read the Safety Data Sheet for each product (identified by product number) before using. If unavailable, these can be obtained, free of charge, from your Polynt Composites representative or from: Polynt Composites USA Inc., 99 East Cottage Avenue, Carpentersville, IL 60110, 800-322-8103.

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