



Meldin[®] 7021 - Vespel[®] SP-21 Comparison

	Method	English (Metric)	Meldin 7021 DF*	Meldin 7021 HCM**	Meldin 7021 ISO***	Vespel SP-21
General						
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792	—	1.42	1.51	1.51	1.51
Hardness	ASTM D785	—	—	25-40 [Rockwell E]	50 [Shore E]	25-45 [Rockwell E]
Water Absorption						
24 hours	ASTM D570	%	0.28	0.19	0.2	0.19
48 hours		%	0.34	0.50	—	0.57
Coefficient of Friction						
@ 25000 PV, 250 psi x 100 fpm	ASTM D3702	—	—	0.23	—	0.24
@ 100000 PV, 500 psi x 200 fpm		—	—	0.12	—	0.12
High Temperature Dimensional Stability @500°F	INTERNAL	% Change	0.04 MAX	—	—	—
Limiting Oxygen Index	ASTM D2863	—	—	100	—	49
Mechanical						
Tensile Strength						
@ RT		psi (MPa)	9,700 [66.9]	9,500 [65.5]	9,500 [65.5]	9,500 [65.5]
@ 230°F [110°C]	ASTM D638	psi (MPa)	8,000 [55.1]	—	—	—
@ 500°F [260°C]		psi (MPa)	5,000 [34.5]	5,700 [39]	5,500 [38]	5,500 [38]
@ 572°F [300°C]		psi (MPa)	4,600 [31.7]	—	—	—
Elongation						
@ RT	ASTM D638	%	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.5
@ 500°F [260°F]		%	5.2	3.2	4.3	3.0
Flexural Strength						
@ RT	ASTM D790	psi (MPa)	13,000 [89.6]	15,800 [109]	15,600 [108]	16,000 [110.3]
@ 500°F [260°F]		psi (MPa)	7,500 [51.7]	8,600 [59]	—	9,000 [62]
Flexural Modulus						
@ RT	ASTM D790	psi x 10 ⁵ (GPa)	4.5 [3.1]	5.3 [3.7]	5.7 [3.9]	5.5 [3.79]
@ 500°F [260°F]		psi x 10 ⁵ (GPa)	2.6 [1.8]	3.5 [2.4]	—	3.7 [2.55]
Compressive Stress						
@ 1% Strain	ASTM D695	psi (MPa)	3,400 [23]	4,300 [30]	3,800 [26.2]	4,200 [29]
@ 10% Strain		psi (MPa)	15,300 [106]	18,000 [124]	19,300 [133]	19,300 [133]
Compressive Modulus	ASTM D695	psi x 10 ⁵ (GPa)	3.0 [2.1]	4.5 [3.1]	3.3 [2.3]	4.2 [2.90]
Thermal						
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion						
23 – 260 °C (73 – 500 °F)	ASTM E831	in/in/°F (m/m/°C) x 10 ⁻⁵	2.5 [4.5]	2.2 [4.0]	2.5 [4.5]	2.7 [4.9]
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM F433	BTU in/hr ft ² °F (W/m°C)	3.0 [0.43]	5 [0.72]	—	6.03 [0.87]
Flammability	UL94	—	V-O, 5VA	V-O, 5VA	—	—
Electrical						
Dielectric Strength						
Short time 2mm (.08") thick	ASTM D149	V/mil (MV/m)	—	280 [11]	104 [4.0]	255.8 [9.84]
Dielectric Constant						
100 Hz		—	—	6.49	—	13.53
10 KHz	ASTM D150	—	—	6.42	—	13.28
1 MHz		—	—	6.28	—	13.41
Dissipation Factor						
100 Hz		—	—	0.003	—	0.0053
10 KHz	ASTM D150	—	—	0.007	—	0.0067
1 MHz		—	—	0.011	—	0.0106
Surface Resistivity	ASTM D257	Ohm·sq	—	10 ⁸ -10 ⁹	—	—
Volume Resistivity	ASTM D257	Ohm·m	—	—	—	10 ¹² -10 ¹³

* DF = Direct Formed ** HCM = Hot Compression Molded *** ISO = Isostatically Molded

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