

StatiCon® Glazing (Bending Grade) PC-350™ Polycarbonate for Cleanroom Construction

Description

StatiCon® Glazing is a family of transparent plastic sheet products designed to control static electricity in cleanroom construction applications. **PC-350™ Polycarbonate**, a member of this family, is a premium quality polycarbonate sheet which has been surfaced with SciCron Technologies proprietary, clear, C-350™ static dissipative surfacing. This unique technology prevents charge generation on the sheet surfaces, thereby controlling particulate attraction and preventing electrostatic discharge (ESD) events. This performance is permanent and totally independent of humidity. **PC-350 Polycarbonate** offers the cleanroom builder exceptional design versatility since it fabricates simply with field tools, has 250 times greater impact resistance than tempered glass, is less than half the weight of glass for the same thickness sheet, and is available in large sheet sizes. It also exhibits superior flame spread properties plus excellent clarity, chemical resistance, fabrication properties and bending characteristics.

Applications

PC-350 Polycarbonate resists tribocharging under all circumstances and cannot generate a charge when properly grounded. This makes it ideal for use in manufacturing and assembly operations for charge sensitive electronic components where it can help prevent both immediate and latent ESD caused defects. Since it resists charge build-up it does not attract contaminants, so it can also help prevent contamination-related rejects in ultra-clean manufacturing operations. Consequently, it is suitable for use in cleanrooms for the semi-conductor, electronic, micro-manufacturing, pharmaceutical, and bio-medical industries. Applications include contoured panels and fabricated items which require heat forming or bending, such as; equipment enclosures and covers, laminar flow air containment screens, mini-environment glazing panels, transparent room partition panels, and fluorescent lamp covers.

Fabrication

PC-350 Polycarbonate is easily fabricated into flat and bent configurations using the same equipment and fabrication techniques generally employed with unsurfaced polycarbonate sheet products. *This product is designed to accommodate heat bending, however, care must be taken to avoid applying too much heat to prevent damage to the C-350 surface.* For more information refer to SciCron Technologies Technical Information Bulletin No. SP-02.

Features and Benefits

- *Cannot be tribocharged when properly grounded*
Prevents build-up of static charge and accumulation of harmful contamination.
- *Electrostatic decay in less than 0.05 second per Federal Test Standard 101C, Method 4046.1*
Results in rapid static dissipation without arcing.
- *Surface resistivity of $10^6 - 10^8$ ohms per square*
Provides for ESD control without the need for ionization.
- *Permanence in static dissipation performance*
Avoids cost of application of temporary topical anti-stats.
- *Humidity independent static charge control*
Avoids inconvenience of maintaining high levels of humidity and damage caused by such humidity.
- *Advanced technology, uniform surface treatment*
Avoids charged "hot spots" often found with non-uniform temporary topical anti-stats.
- *Superior impact resistance*
Provides exceptional shatter resistance for safety.
- *Superior flame spread properties*
Provides additional protection for equipment in a fire.
- *Inherently light weight, bendable material with large sheet size availability*
Allows much greater design variation and installation flexibility than heavy, fragile, rigid, conventional glazing.
- *Excellent clarity*
Premium optical quality polycarbonate with clear C-300 surface minimizes visible distortion.
- *Superior chemical resistance*
Reduces risk of solvent or chemical surface damage.

Availability

PC-350 Polycarbonate is available in clear and transparent gray and bronze tints. Other colors are available by special order.

Standard Dimensions (Nominal)

Thickness: 3mm (1/8"), 4.5mm (3/16"), 6mm (1/4"), 9mm (3/8"), 12mm (1/2") plus films 10-90 mils

Standard Sheet Size: 48" x 96"

Other sizes and thicknesses, available upon request.

Made in USA

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Typical Physical Properties (Typical but not guaranteed values for 0.25 inch material)

Property	Test Method	Units	PC-350 Polycarbonate
Physical			
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792	--	1.20
Pencil Hardness	ASTM D3363	Hardness Scale	2B
Mechanical			
Tensile Strength Ultimate	ASTM D638	psi	9,500
Elongation	ASTM D638	%	100
Tensile Modulus	ASTM D638	psi	340,000
Flexural Strength	ASTM D790	psi	13,500
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D790	psi	340,000
Compressive Strength	ASTM D695	psi	12,500
Izod Impact Strength (milled notch)	ASTM D256	ft-lb/inch of notch	16
Thermal			
Deflection Temperature (264 psi load)	ASTM D648	°F	270
Vicat Softening Point	ASTM D1525	°F	310
Maximum Continuous Service Temperature	--	°F	180
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	ASTM D696	in/in/°F	3.8×10^{-5}
Coefficient of Thermal Conductivity	Cenco-Fitch	BTU•in/hr•ft ² •°F	1.35
Flammability			
Horizontal Burn (Flame Spread)	ASTM D635	in/min	Less than 1.0
UL 94 Rating	UL 94	UL Classification	V-2 0.118 - 0.236 in V-0 > 0.236 in
Optical			
3mm Transparent Clear Transmittance - Total Haze	ASTM D1003	%	75
	ASTM D1003	%	Less than 3.0
Electrical			
Surface Resistivity	ASTM D257	ohms/sq	$10^6 - 10^8$
Surface Resistance	EOS/ESD S11.11	ohms	$10^5 - 10^7$
Electrostatic Decay	FTS 101C, Method 4046.1*	sec	Less than 0.05

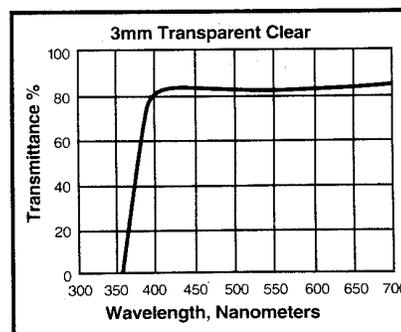
* Federal Test Standard 101C, Method 4046.1 as described in EIA-541, Appendix F, Measurement of Electrostatic Decay Properties of Dissipative Planar Materials

Chemical Resistance ASTM D543

Samples immersed in the specified chemicals for 24 hours at room temperature and visually examined.

Chemical	Surface Attack	Visual Evaluation
Deionized Water	None	Clear
30% Sodium Hydroxide	None	Cloudy
30% Sulfuric Acid	None	Clear
30% Nitric Acid	Some Pitting	Cloudy
48% Hydrofluoric Acid	Pitted Coating	Clear
Methanol	Slight Pitting	Clear
Ethanol	None	Clear
Isopropyl Alcohol	None	Clear
Acetone	Severe Pitting	Opaque
Methylene Chloride	Sample Dissolved	Sample Dissolved

Light Transmission Spectral Analysis



Precautions:

- Polycarbonate plastic is a combustible thermoplastic. Avoid exposure to flame and excessive heat. Observe fire precautions appropriate for comparable forms of wood and paper.
- For building applications, comply with applicable code regulations.
- Clean with soap and water. Do not use abrasives. Avoid inappropriate contact with solvents.