

## NOVA Chemicals® Expandable Polystyrene Resins

Product Data Sheet

Packaging/Fabricated Packaging

34R Series

#### **Features/Attributes:**

- Various Pentane Levels
- Low Pentane/Faster Aging Times/Faster Cycle Times

#### **Applications:**

- Packaging
- Fabricated Packaging
- Shippers/Coolers/Fish Boxes

Properties		<b>Typical Values</b> (English Units)	<b>Typical Values</b> (S.I. Units)	
Product Pro	perties:			
Pentane Cor "A" Bead "B" Bead "C" Bead	ntent Low Pentane/High Pentane Low Pentane/High Pentane Low Pentane/High Pentane	4.5/6.3 by weight 4.2/5.9 by weight 4.0/5.4 by weight	4.5/6.3 by weight 4.2/5.9 by weight 4.0/5.4 by weight	
Bulk Density		38 – 40 pounds per cubic foot	608 – 640 grams per liter	
Maximum Continuous Service Temperature		175° F	80° C	

### **Bead Size Description:**

	Cumulative US Standard Sieve		
"A" Large	96% thru 10 on 20		
"B" Intermediate	96% thru 16 on 30		
"C" Small	98% thru 25 on 45		



## **NOVA Chemicals® EPS**

#### **Availability**

NOVA Chemicals® expandable polystyrene (EPS) resins are produced at the Painesville, OH plant site and are available in 2205 pound (1 metric tonne) bulk bags. The product type and batch number are clearly marked on each bag. Contact the NOVA Chemicals sales office in your region.

#### **Quality and Environmental Management Systems**

34R resins are manufactured at an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registered facility.

#### **Storage and Handling**

34R resins should be stored in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. This product can release pentane during expansion and molding. Pentane is a highly flammable gas in the presence of open flames, lit cigarettes, sparks, static electricity discharges, or heat. Prolonged or improper storage can result in deterioration of product properties. Care should be taken when handling and transferring product to prevent foreign matter contamination. The NOVA Chemicals' Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and EPS Storage and Handling Safety Guide contain important safety information and should be reviewed before using the product. These and additional safety and health information are available on our **Product Care** webpage.

#### **Processing Conditions**

#### **Recommended Conditions:**

For recommended minimum densities of Nova EPS Resins, please visit:

http://www.novachem.com/EPS/Documents/EPS Product Chart eng.pdf

#### Pre-puff age time:

4-48 hours – depending on pre-expanded density and method of bead pre-expansion.

Comprehensive assistance with processing conditions and Technical Services are available from NOVA Chemicals Styrenics Technology Center.

#### **Environmental Information**

NOVA Chemicals® EPS resins are biologically and chemically inert. NOVA Chemicals® EPS resins does not contain CFC's (Chlorofluorocarbons). NOVA Chemicals® EPS resins are recyclable.

is the SPI resin code for polystyrene to identify material type for sorting and recycling. Significant information regarding EPS recycling is available from the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers. Where recycling of EPS resins is not possible, disposal to landfill or incineration in accordance with applicable laws and regulations is recommended. Contact NOVA Chemicals Styrenics Technology Center for further information on recycling and disposal.

NOVA Chemicals® is a proud member of EPS Industry Alliance. For additional EPS information please visit: <a href="http://epsindustry.org/">http://epsindustry.org/</a>

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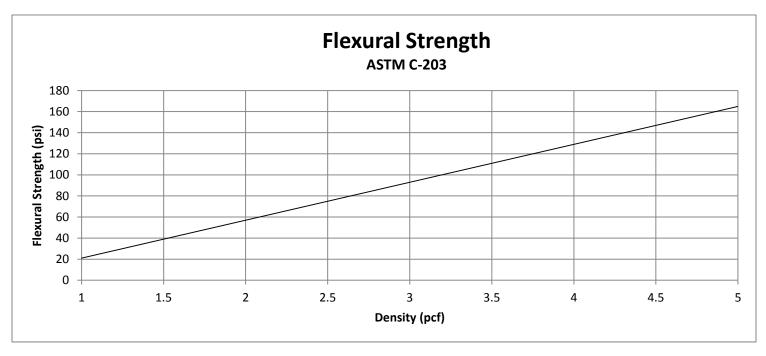
#### **Technical Center**

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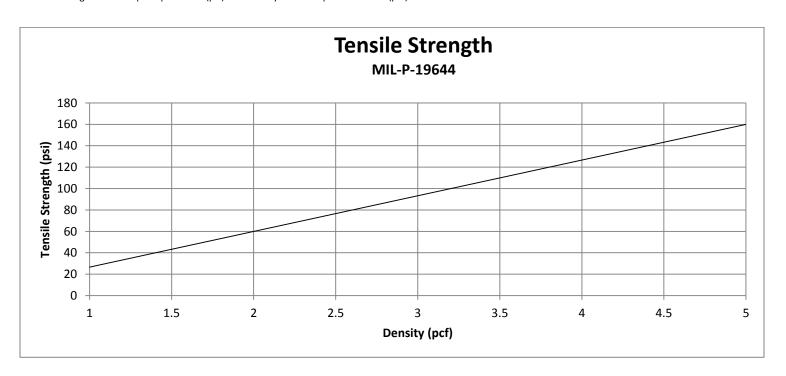
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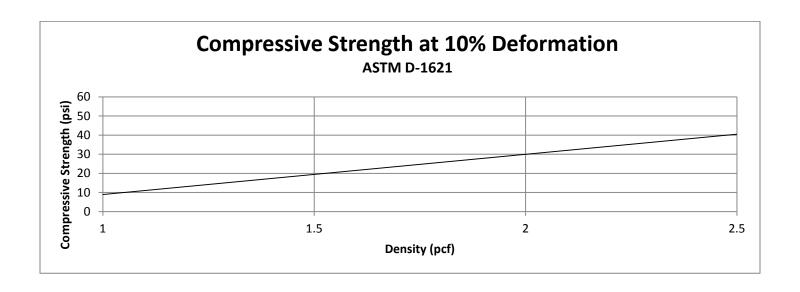
#### TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES:



Flexural Strength - Pounds per square inch (psi) and Density - Pounds per Cubic Foot (pcf).



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### Water Absorption MIL-P-19644

Lbs of Water Absorbed per sq. ft. of Specimen Surface.		Kg of Water Absorbe sq. meter of Specime	•				
Nominal	Nominal Density						
pcf	kg/m³	Actual	Specification	Actual	Specification	% By	
			Max		Max	Voliume	
1.0	16	0.05	0.12	0.24	-	2.8	
1.5	24	0.04	-	0.20	-	2.3	
2.0	32	0.04	0.12	0.20	0.59	2.3	
2.5	40	0.04	-	0.20	-	2.3	
3.0	48	0.04	0.12	0.20	0.59	2.3	
5.0	80	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.49	1.7	

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#### Water Vapor Permeability ASTM C-355

Nominal Density		Perm-In.		Perm-Cm.	
pcf	Fusion	Plaques	Blocks	Plaques	Blocks
1.0	Optimum	1.0-2.0	1.5-3.0	1.5-3.5	2.0-5.0
1.4	Optimum	0.5-2.0	1.5-3.0	1.5-3.0	2.0-5.0
2.2	Optimum	0.5-1.5	1.0-2.5	1.0-2.5	2.0-4.0
2.5	Optimum	0.5-1.5	1.0-2.5	1.0-2.5	1.5-4.0
1.0	Minimum	1.5-3.0	2.0-3.5	2.5-5.0	2.5-6.0
2.3	Minimum	1.0-2.0	1.5-3.0	1.5-3.5	2.5-5.0

# Thermal Conductivity, k, vs Density Mean Temperature 75°F (24°C) ASTM C-518

	Density (pcf)				
Units	1.0	1.25	1.5	2.0	2.5
Btu in./hr-ft-°F	.255	.244	.242	.239	.235

The product properties in the data sheet have been determined in accordance with the current testing methods of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), wherever possible.

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