Technical Specification

UPM Formi 3D20/19

08.02.2022



Material

UPM Formi 3D20/19 is cellulose fiber filled biocomposite. Principal ingredients are specially selected cellulose fibers and native polylactide acid.

Applications

UPM Formi 3D20/19 is grade developed especially for large scale additive manufacturing. Recommended applications include: Furnitures, Moulds (e.g. concrete casting, vacuum infusion), Art and decor, Prototyping.

Environment

UPM Formi 3D is manufactured from renewable cellulose fibers. Material can be recycled or burned for energy. All cellulose fibres are from certificated forests.

Physical and mechanical properties

Property	Test method	Injection moulded	3D printed*
Density, g/cm ³	EN ISO 1183	1,2	1,2
Tensile strength, N/mm ²	ISO 527	39	32
Tensile strength (z-direction), N/mm2	ISO 527		10
Tensile modulus, N/mm ²	ISO 527	3600	3200
Tensile modulus (z-direction), N/mm2	ISO 527		2000
Strain (tensile), %	ISO 527	4	4
Impact Strength, Charpy, kJ/m ²	ISO 179/1eU	20	13
Peak melt temperature, °C	ISO 11357	135-180	135-180
Glass transition temperature,°C	ISO 11357	65	65
Melt flow index (190 °C/10kg)	ISO 1133	16	16
Fibre content (%)		20	20

^{* 3}D printed with 4mm nozzle / 1,5mm layer

Colours

Lignin free fibres enable richer colors which, whilst gently lightening over time. The light color remain bright. In 3D extrusion, it is recommended to use PLA-based color masterbatch for coloring.

Post processing

3D printed parts can be post processed by conventional wood post processing methods including: milling, sawing, sanding, staining, waxing, varnishing, painting

Pretreatment

UPM Formi contains cellulose fibres which may absorb moisture if the package is open. Close the package at all times when possible. UPM Formi composite should be dried for minimum of 3 hours at 80 °C (dehumidifying dryer preferred).

Safety

Maximum recommended processing temperature is 200 °C. Overheating may cause risk of thermal degradation. Auto-ignition of UPM Formi material is possible after purging the moulding machine. Recommended to purge into cool water. Product is non-flammable under normal conditions of storage, manipulation and use. In the case of inflammation as a result of improper manipulation, or storage, it is preferable to use polyvalent powder extinguishers (ABC powder) or water, in accordance with fire protection system regulations.

Storage

UPM Formi granulates should be protected from UV-light and stored in closed packages in dry conditions at temperature below 50 °C. Air humidity can increase moisture content of the material and have negative effects on the end product properties.

All information is based on our knowledge and experience. This information has as sole purpose to act as a manual for safe handling, use, processing, transport, storage, removal and release and cannot be used as guarantee or identification of quality. You are required to comply with all rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to the use of the UPM Formi material. In all cases, you are fully responsible for any claims or liabilities resulting from your handling, use, processing, transport, storage, removal and release of the UPM Formi material.