

Clysar AFG

Description

Clysar® AFG is a strong, clear, biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable, anti-fog polyolefin film. The film has excellent gloss, stretch recovery, toughness and tear resistance, and will not brittle with age.

Uses

Clysar® AFG is used for food applications where ambient temperature swings create fogging problems in the package. Clysar AFG is ideally suited to overwrap fresh food products, including sausage, poultry, fish, and other trayed meat products, as well as individual, prepared, and multipacked produce and fruit. This grade of Clysar combines anti-fog, excellent shrinkage and recovery properties to maintain good-looking packages through all distribution steps. Clysar AFG is designed for use on packages that will be frozen, refrigerated or stored at room temperature. Treated film can be printed for high quality, colorful consumer presentation.

Significant Features

Sealing

- Compatible with all shrink sealing systems.
- Sealing temperature range is wide, starting at temperatures 20 - 25°F lower than other polyolefin films.
- Seals easily even under less-than-optimum conditions.
- Seals at higher speeds than other cross-linked shrink films.
- Seals are thin and less likely to leak than ordinary polyolefin films.

Shrinking

- Has very high degree of shrinkage at minimum shrink temperatures.
- Allows lower tunnel temperatures that can result in utility cost savings.
- Runs on wide variety of tunnels and shrinks under less-than-optimum conditions. It is not dependent on high air velocity to get good shrink.
- Produces medium shrink force.
- Requires sufficient air evacuation for proper package appearance.

Standard Put-Ups

- Clysar AFG is available in 60, 75 and 100 gauge.
- Flat film is available as AFG or treated on one side for printing as AFGT.
- Flat film is available in widths from 4-68 inches in ¼ inch increments
- Folded film is available as AFGF.
- Folded film is available in widths from 5-36 inches in ½ inch increments
- Folded film will have half the linear footage of flat film in the same gauge and roll dimensions.
- Film is wound on 3" and 6" cores to the standard roll sizes shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Clysar® AFG
Linear Footage–Flat Film

Core I.D., in.	Roll O.D., in.	Gauge		
		60	75	100
3	9 ½	8,750	7,000	5,250
3	13	17,500	14,000	10,500
6	11	8,750	7,000	5,250
6	14	17,500	14,000	10,500
6	18 ¾	35,000	28,000	21,000

FDA/USDA Status

Clysar films sold for food packaging use comply with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requirements under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended. Clysar complies with FDA regulation 21 CFR 177.1520 -- Olefin polymers, allowing use for articles that contact food, except for articles used for packing or holding food during cooking. This FDA compliance and a continuing guarantee from Bemis Clysar will meet FDA requirements for packaging meat and poultry products.

Use

Bemis Clysar does not recommend heating or cooking foods in Clysar Shrink Film. High temperature and high speed sealing of Clysar will release small amounts of "smoke" which should be removed by adequate ventilation in normal commercial practice.

Disposal

Preferred options for disposal are (1) recycling SPI code-class 7, (2) incineration with energy recovery, and (3) landfill. The high fuel value of this product makes option (2) very desirable for material that cannot be recycled.

Storage

Storage below 32°C (90°F) is recommended. Prolonged exposure to temperatures moderately above 32°C (90°F) or brief exposure to temperatures well above 32°C (90°F) may cause difficulty in unwinding film.

For more detailed information on the safe handling of Clysar films a "Safety in Handling and Use" guide and OSHA Material Safety Data Sheets can be obtained from your Clysar representative.

Table 2
Typical Properties of Clysar® AFG

Property	ASTM Test Method	Unit	Gauge		
			60	75	100
Haze (avg)	D1003	%	3.0	3.0	3.0
Gloss at 20° (min)	D2457	(photocell)	110	110	110
COF, Kinetic	D1894		0.3	0.3	0.3
Shrinkage, 100°C	D1204	% (area)	60	60	60
Shrink Force, (100°C, 365 psi shrink stress)	D2838	g/in	100	120	150
Stiffness Modulus (avg)	D882	kpsi	28	28	28
Tensile Strength (avg)	D882	kpsi	11	11	11
Elongation (avg)	D882	%	150	150	150
WVTR	F1249	g/100 in ² /24 hr (37.8°C, 100% RH)	1.6	1.4	1.0
Oxygen Transmission	D3985	cc/100 in ² /24 hr (23°C, 50% RH)	900	800	600
CO ₂ Transmission	--	cc/100 in ² /24 hr. (23°C, 0% RH)	2300	2200	2000

*Film Temperature

Note: These values are typical data for Clysar AFG shrink film and are not product release specifications, warranties, or limiting specifications. Values are based on initial production and test run during development of this film.

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