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### Makrolon® DX Line

# Solid polycarbonate sheet for LED lighting



#### Your benefits:

- extreme high light transmission and high diffusivity at the same time
- extreme impact strength
- resistance to wide range of temperature

Solid **Makrolon® DX** sheets are polished polycarbonate diffuser sheets. **Makrolon® DX** is developed for applications based on LED light sources, which do not emit UV light. It offers a combination of high light transmission and light diffusion as well as an extreme impact strength which exceeds the physical properties of other thermoplastics. Makrolon® sheets resist tempe-ratures of -100 to +120 °C.

**Makrolon® DX warm** is a diffuser sheet with a warm and pleasant color appearance, especially when backlit with cold white LEDs. **Makrolon® DX warm** enhances color rendering of light coming from red, green, blue LEDs and/or from the combination thereof.

Makrolon® DX cool is a diffuser sheet with a cool and fresh color appearance, even when the LEDs are in off mode.

Makrolon® DX-NR (warm/ cool) is a diffuser sheet with one side matt finish to prevent glare and reflections. The matt side contains also UV protection for improved weatherability.

Makrolon® DX-UV (warm/cool) is a diffuser sheet with one side UV protection for improved weatherability.

**Makrolon® DX-NR** and **Makrolon® DX-UV** are the perfect choice for a long service life because of their good weathering performance, backed up by a 10-year warranty. **Attention:** the sheet must be mounted with the UV protection layer facing the sun.

#### **Applications**

Typical applications for **Makrolon® DX** diffuser sheets include all kinds of LED lighting fixtures and luminaires. The sheets offer protection against involuntary breakage and willful destruction therefore can also be applied in LED-based signage applications and street furniture where efficient lighting technologies are in use. **Makrolon® DX** sheets can be thermoformed, cold-curved and fabricated with ease.

	Test Conditions	Typical Values	Unit	Test Method
PHYSICAL Density Water absorption saturation Water absorption equilibrium Refractive Index	water at 23°C 23°C, 50 % RH Procedure A	1200 0.3 0.12 1,586	kg/m³ % % -	ISO 1183-1 ISO 62 ISO 62 ISO 489
MECHANICAL Tensile modulus Yield stress Yield strain Nominal strain at break Flexural modulus Flexural strength Charpy impact strength Izod impact strength	1 mm/min 50 mm/min 50 mm/min 50 mm/min 2 mm/min 2 mm/min 2 mm/min 23°C, unnotched 23°C, 3 mm, notched 23°C, 3.2 mm, notched	2300 >60 6 >50 2300 90 non-break 70P 80P	MPa MPa % % MPa MPa kJ/m² kJ/m²	ISO 527-1,-2 ISO 527-1,-2 ISO 527-1,-2 ISO 527-1,-2 ISO 178 ISO 178 ISO 179-1eU ISO 179-1eU ISO 180-A
THERMAL Vicat softening temperature Thermal conductivity Coefficient of thermal expension Temperature of deflection under load	50 N; 50°C/h 23°C 23 to 55°C 1.8 Mpa 0.45 Mpa	144 0.2 0.65 126 138	°C W/(mK) 10 <sup>4</sup> K °C °C	ISO 306 ISO 8302 ISO 11359-1,-2 ISO 75-1,-2 ISO 75-1,-2
ELECTRICAL Electrical strength Volume resistivity Surface resistivity Relative permittivity Relative permittivity Dissipation factor Dissipation factor	1 mm  100 Hz 1 MHz 100 Hz 1 MHz 100 Hz 1 MHz	34 1E14 1E16 3.1 3 5	kV/mm Ohm.m Ohm - - 10 <sup>4</sup>	IEC 60243-1 IEC 60093 IEC 60093 IEC 60250 IEC 60250 IEC 60250 IEC 60250

<sup>(1)</sup> These values are measured on injection molded samples, and are not intended for specification purposes.

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#### **Light Transmission:**

Test Method according to CIE 130-1998, on a spherical photometer with a diameter of 1.5 m. Please ask us for more information. The stated values are typical values only.

Sample Thickness (mm)	Makrolon® DX warm		Makrolon® DX cool	
	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0
$\tau_{ t D65}$	76%	72%	65%	64%

#### **Light diffusion:**

According to DIN 5036-3 with a swivel-arm device using a luminance meter of class L (Fa. LMT) and a illuminance meter of class A (Fa. Czibula & Grundmann GmbH).

Sample Thickness (mm)	Makrolon® DX warm		Makrolon® DX cool	
	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0
Half-power angle [Y]	47°	60°	76°	75°
Light diffusion factor [σ]	58%	65%	79%	77%

#### **Dimensions:**

Thicknesses: Makrolon® DX line will be available in 1.5 mm and 3.0 mm Sizes: Makrolon® DX line will be available in 2,050 x 1,250 mm Upon request and quantity requirements, other dimensions can be offered.

#### **Permanent Service Temperature:**

The permanent service temperature without load is approx. 120 °C.

#### Fire Rating\*:

Oxygen index (LOI) 27% ISO 4589-2 Method A.

Country	Standard	Rating	Thickness	Colour	
Europe**	EN 13501-1	B-s1-d0	1.5/ 3.0 mm	warm/cool	
Germany	DIN 4102-2			warm/cool	
UK	BS 476-7			warm/cool	
USA***	UL 94	V2 V2 HB	1.5/ 3.0 mm 1.5 mm 3.0 mm	warm cool cool	

<sup>\*</sup> Fire certificates are limited in time and scope, always check if the mentioned certificate is valid for the purchased polycarbonate sheet type at the date of delivery. Polycarbonate sheets may change their fire behavior due to ageing and weathering. The indicated fire rating was tested on new / unweathered product in accordance with the indicated fire classification standards.

\*\* Tests in progress.

#### **Glow Wire Flammability Tests:**

Glow Wire Flammability Index (GWFI): 1.5/3.0 mm warm and cool: 850°C Glow Wire Ignition Test (GWIT): 1.5/3.0 mm warm and cool: 875°C



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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Only indicative test result, no Yellow Card.