



# Polyethylene ME2592

Medium Density Polyethylene for Crosslinked Pipes (PE-X)

## Description

**ME2592** is a high molecular weight, medium density polyethylene specially designed for production of crosslinked pipes (PE-X)

## Applications

**ME2592** is recommended for the production of crosslinked pipes used in

Plumbing  
Heating

Industrial applications

The product is used for single as well as for multilayer pipes, where you then differentiate between plastic multilayer with integrated EVOH layer and aluminium multilayer pipes.

## Specifications

**ME2592** is intended to fulfill following standards and regulations, in case of appropriate industrial manufacturing standard procedures applied and a continuous quality system is implemented.

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## Special features

**ME2592** is a ready made compound in pellet form for the production of crosslinkable pipes by the electron beam beta-irradiation process (PE-Xc) and included is a specially selected additive package to ensure:

Enhanced processability  
Economical pipe production  
Effective crosslinking behaviour

Excellent product consistency  
High temperature resistance  
High resistance to additive washout

## Physical Properties

Property	Typical Value	Test Method
	Data should not be used for specification work	
Density	936 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	ISO 1872-2/ISO 1183
Melt Flow Rate (190 °C/21,6 kg)	10 g/10min	ISO 1133
Flexural Modulus (2 mm/min)	680 MPa	ISO 178
Tensile Modulus (1 mm/min)	840 MPa	ISO 527-2
Tensile Strain at Break	> 600 %	ISO 527-2
Tensile Stress at Yield (50 mm/min)	16 MPa	ISO 527
Oxidation Induction Time (210 °C),	> 40 min	EN 728

## Processing Techniques

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## Extrusion

The actual extrusion conditions will depend on the type of equipment used. They will also depend on size and wall thickness of the pipe produced.

Typically an HDPE extruder with modified screw design for HMW materials is used. The inner and outer surface of the pipe can be optimized with an additional heating unit at the tip of the die tool.

Melt temperature	210 - 230 °C
Tooling	220 °C

## Crosslinking

Whereas normal PE requires higher irradiation dose, we recommend 8-12MRad for this product. This means less energy consumption and higher speed or thicker pipe walls possible when crosslinked.

Specific recommendations for processing conditions can be determined only when the application and type of equipment are known. Please contact your local Borealis representative for such particulars.

## Storage

**ME2592** should be stored in dry conditions at temperatures below 50°C and protected from UV-light. Improper storage can initiate degradation, which results in odour generation and colour changes and can have negative effects on the physical properties of this product.

## Safety

The product is not classified as dangerous.

## Recycling

The product is suitable for recycling using modern methods of shredding and cleaning. In-house production waste should be kept clean to facilitate direct recycling.

Please see our "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet" for details on various aspects of safety, recovery and disposal of the product. For more information, contact your Borealis representative.

## Related Documents

The following related documents are available on request, and represent various aspects on the usability, safety, recovery and disposal of the products.

Recovery and disposal of polyolefins  
 Information on emissions from processing and fires  
 "Safety data sheet" / "Product safety information sheet"  
 Statement on compliance to food contact regulations  
 Statement on compliance to regulations for drinking water pipes



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