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PURGING PROCEDURE FOR EXTRUSION

Blow Molding: Accumulators



Preparation Before Purging

- 1. Empty resin from machine.
- 2. Increase accumulator temperature/manifold temperature by 100°F to 120°F (40°C to 50°C) without exceeding 520°F (270°C).
- 3. Clean hopper and feed throat.
- 4. Load established amount of Purgex[™] into hopper/feed zone.
 - Note: When purging accumulators with Purgex[™], use at least 3 times the accumulator weight capacity. For example, if accumulator holds 20 lbs use at least 60 lbs of Purgex[™].
- 5. Fill accumulator to 100% capacity with Purgex™.
- 6. Center the die.
- 7. Open the valve gap .030 inches (0.5mm) and allow a small amount of Purgex™ to flow out (about 5% of total).
- 8. Allow Purgex[™] to soak for 15 minutes.
 - Note: For highly contaminated systems or after very long runs, a longer soak time may prove to be beneficial.
- 9. Open the valve gap to maximum.
- 10. Empty Purgex[™] from the accumulator with continuous, sequential flow.
- 11. Refill accumulator and empty until no Purgex™ remains, followed by the next production resin.
- 12. Reset accumulator temperature to process settings.
- 13. Begin production.

Comments & Recommendations

- ☐ If machine has more than one accumulator, each accumulator must be purged with the recommended amount of Purgex™.
- Purgex[™] is stable and is safe to leave in the barrel for long term shutdowns.
- Purgex[™] can be used effectively in many ways. These procedures are offered as a reference and have been shown to be the most effective in plant trials and our controlled lab experiments.
- Purgex[™] should be thoroughly tested on any process following these basic guidelines as a baseline before using any alternative method.

