

## Safety and Handling Considerations

### Safety Considerations

Material Safety Data Sheets for Dow polyethylene resins are available from the Dow sales offices to help customers further satisfy their own safe handling and disposal needs. Such information should be requested from the supplier(s) of any product(s) prior to working with it (them). The comments that follow are pertinent only to the resins discussed, as supplied. Various additives and processing aids used in fabrication will have their own safe use profile and must be investigated separately.

### Health and Safety

Polyethylene resins are among the most inert commercial polymers and constitute no hazard in normal handling. For "Regulated" uses, such as food contact, your Dow sales representative can obtain compliance letters for specific resins. Normal good housekeeping practice should be followed. Workers should be protected from possibility of skin or eye contact with molten polymer. Safety glasses are suggested as a minimal precaution to prevent possible mechanical or thermal injury to the eyes. Fabrication areas should be ventilated to carry away fumes or vapours; workers should be assured of supply of fresh air. Work place environments should be kept clean and free of dust.

### Combustibility

Polyethylene resins will burn when supplied with adequate amounts of heat and oxygen.

They should be handled and stored away from contact with direct flames and/or other ignition sources. In burning, polyethylene resins contribute high heat and may generate a dense black smoke. Fires can be extinguished by conventional means with water fog preferred. In enclosed areas, fire fighters should be provided with self-contained breathing apparatus.

### Recycling

Polyethylene resins can be recycled. Production rejects and/or conversion waste should preferably be recycled instead of being disposed of.

### Disposal

In disposal of any wastes, be certain all applicable national and local regulations are met. If these regulations are met, the following is applicable for the polyethylene resins as supplied. If fillers, processing aids or other materials have been added, their possible influence on handling and disposal should be judged separately. Polyethylene resins can be disposed of either by incineration or landfill. With properly controlled industrial, commercial or municipal incineration, particulate or gaseous discharge into the air can be maintained within allowable levels. Thermoplastic products, such as polyethylene resins, have high heat values and should be incinerated only in units designed to handle high heats of combustion.

In landfill, polyethylene resins are inert, do not degrade quickly, form a strong and

permanent soil base, and evolve virtually no gases or leachates known to pollute water resources.

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### Customer Notice

Dow strongly encourages its customers to review both their manufacturing processes and their applications of Dow products from the standpoint of human health and environmental quality to help ensure that Dow products are not used in ways for which they are not intended or tested. Dow personnel will assist customers in dealing with ecological and product safety considerations. Dow product literature, including MSD sheets, should be consulted prior to use of Dow products. Your Dow Plastics sales representative can arrange the proper contacts.

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# DOW LDPE 352E

## Low Density Polyethylene Resin

Melt Index:	2
Density:	0.925

DOW LDPE 352E Low Density Polyethylene Resin is a high clarity resin designed for clarity over wrap applications. This resin does contain erucamide slip and antiblock additives. It can be readily extruded using conventional blown film techniques utilising melt temperatures between 160 and 175 °C.

This resin when properly fabricated exhibits:

- Excellent processability and draw down.

- Outstanding toughness and impact properties.
- Superior optical properties.
- Excellent tensile and tear strength.

### Note:

DOW LDPE 352E Low Density Polyethylene Resin should comply with FDA regulation 177.1520 and with most European food contact regulations when used unmodified and processed according to good manufacturing practices for food contact applications.

Please, contact your nearest Dow office for food contact compliance statements. The purchaser remains responsible for determining whether the use complies with all relevant regulations.

### Applications:

- Light-produce bags.
- Soft goods packaging.
- Textile packaging.
- Good optical general purpose bags.
- Hygiene films.
- Food packaging films.

Physical Properties <sup>(1)</sup>	Unit	Test Method	Values	
Melt Index, 190 °C/2.16 kg	g/10 min	ISO 1133	2	
Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D-792	0.925	
Vicat Softening Point	°C	ISO 308 (Method A)	98	
Film Properties, 50 µm thickness <sup>(1,2)</sup>	Unit	Test Method	Values	
Dart Impact	g	ASTM D-1709 (Method A)	110	
Elmendorf Tear	g	MD	450	
		CD	350	
Tensile Yield	MPa	MD	10	
		CD	11	
Ultimate Tensile	MPa	MD	22	
		CD	20	
Ultimate Elongation	%	MD	450	
		CD	650	
Tensile Modulus, 2% Secant	MPa	MD	190	
		CD	210	
Optical Properties				
Gloss 20°	units	ASTM D-2457	60	
Haze	%	ASTM D-1003	8	
Coefficient of Friction			ASTM D-1894	0.15 - 0.20

(1) Typical values; not to be construed as specification limits.

(2) Blow-Up ratio 1:2.5.

-See "Handling Considerations" attached

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