

Technical Specification

UPM Formi EXP

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Material UPM Formi is a cellulose fibre reinforced plastic composite with high renewable material content. Principal ingredients are specially selected cellulose fibres and virgin polypropylene. Cellulose fibres significantly increase stiffness and strength of polypropylene.

Applications Environmentally sound UPM Formi EXP grades are optimized for use in extrusion applications instead of polypropylene, filled polypropylene or several other plastics.

Environment UPM Formi is manufactured from renewable cellulose fibres which reduce usage of oil based plastics. Material is fully recyclable or can be burned for energy. All cellulose fibres are from sustainably managed forests.

Physical and mechanical properties	Property	Test method	EXP 30	EXP 40
	Density, g/cm ³	ISO 1183	1.03	1.08
Tensile strength, 50mm/min, N/mm ²	ISO 527-2	42	47	
Tensile modulus, 1mm/min, N/mm ²	ISO 527-2	2500	3100	
Elongation at break, 50mm/min, %	ISO 527-2	8.2	6.5	
Charpy impact strength, notched +23 °C , kJ/m ²	ISO 179-2/1eA	8.6	8.3	
Charpy impact strength, unnotched +23 °C , kJ/m ²	ISO 179-2/1eU	43	42	
Cellulose content, weight %		30	40	

Pretreatment It is highly recommended to dry granulates before processing. Recommended drying temperature and time is 115 °C and 3 hours in a desiccant air dryer.

Safety Maximum recommended processing temperature is 200 °C. Overheating may cause risk for thermal degradation. Auto-ignition of UPM Formi material is possible after purging the processing equipment.

Storage UPM Formi granulates should be protected from UV-light and stored in closed packages in dry conditions at temperature below 50 °C. Air humidity can increase moisture content of the material and have negative effects on the end product properties.

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