ESD - Electro Static Discharge



For the safe delivery and storage of sensitive electronic components



Corex Australia's ESD (Electro Static Discharge) sheet is a twin walled fluted sheet manufactured from polypropylene impact copolymer. This ESD sheet is unique due to the incorporation of a special grade of carbon black in the polymer matrix during production. This significantly changes the electrical characteristics of the sheet.

Corex ESD sheet is used widely in the packaging, storage and transportation of electrical and electronic components. Corex ESD sheet can be readily formed and fabricated into



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ESD Sheet advantages:

Electrical Properties:

Generally, polypropylene is considered to be an excellent electrical insulator. However, during manufacture of the ESD sheet, a special carbon black masterbatch is added to the polypropylene formulation which alters the surface resistivity of the polypropylene to produce a conductive sheet. The surface resistivity of the sheet reducing from >10 14 to a level <10 5 (ohms/cm2). Since the special carbon black is an integral part of the sheet, the conductivity of the sheet is maintained throughout it's life and is unaffected by temperature extremes, moisture and solvents.

Chemical Resistance:

Polypropylene exhibits outstanding chemical resistance and is generally considered to be chemically inert and stain resistant. Polypropylene is extremely resistant to organic and inorganic chemicals but is liable to attack by oxidising agents such as chlorosulphonic acid, fuming nitric and sulphuric acids and the halogens. A superior substrate for long term use with no out-gassing. It is resistant to water, oils and most common solvents at room temperature.

Thermal stability:

At elevated temperatures, carbon black can act as an oxidation catalyst in polypropylene. Grades containing 2% carbon black may offer a considerably reduced service life when compared to "natural" grades at 100°C - particularly if continued contact with water is involved. Particular care must therefore be taken in considering the specific requirements of any such application.

Optional stability to ultraviolet (UV) Light:

Unless specified or requested, Corex ESD sheet is free from ultraviolet stabilisers. Excessive UV exposure of unstabilised polypropylene will degrade and cause brittleness with a resultant deterioration in mechanical properties. UV stabilisers can be added on request.

Printability:

The very conductive nature of Corex ESD sheet prevents Corona treatment during production. Consequently, caution must be exercised when printing with screen or flexographic processes to ensure adequate adhesion is experienced. Test process is essential.

Reuse/Recyclability:

Corex ESD sheet and containers can be reused many times over and the product is well suited to closed loop vendor supply applications. Even then, at the end of their working polypropylene containers and sheet may then be recycled to satisfy the need for protecting the environment and minimising landfill waste.

Conductive ESD sheet properties	
The general specifications are as follow:	
Resin type	Polypropylene
Board type	Hollow profile
Board weight	700gsm to 900gsm
Gauge thickness	4.00mm to 5.0mm
Colour	Black
Surface Resistivity	<10 5 ohms/cm 2
Compression strength	4.4 kgf/cm2
Impact absorbance	84%





























