



# Provisional PRODUCT DATA AVALON® 95 AHT

**Thermoplastic Polyurethane**

## INTRODUCTION

AVALON 95 AHT is a transparent and UV-stabilised polyester based thermoplastic polyurethane for injection moulding applications, especially sport plates.

AVALON 95 AHT is part of the AVALON Crystal Range and offers a specially designed, flexible material with a high degree of transparency compared with conventional TPU's at the same hardness. AVALON Crystal materials are particularly suitable for the sporting goods and fashion markets and are protected against premature yellowing from sunlight.

The features offered include :

- Transparency
- UV resistance
- Durability
- Phthalate free

Property	Method	Unit	Value
Density	DIN 53479	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.21
Hardness, Shore A	DIN 53505	A	95
Hardness, Shore D	DIN 53505	D	48
Tensile Strength	DIN 53504	MPa	47
Elongation at Break	DIN 53504	%	390
100% Modulus	DIN 53504	MPa	12
300% Modulus	DIN 53504	MPa	31
Tear Strength (Angle)	DIN 53515	kN/m	118
Abrasion Resistance	DIN 53516	mm <sup>3</sup>	28

<sup>(1)</sup> : Test plates conditioned 20 hours at 100°C before testing

## COMPONENT ASSEMBLY

The AVALON Crystal range can be combined with the full range of AVALON TPUs though a variety of assembly methods and gluing.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE

Before undertaking any trials with this product it is essential that all personnel are aware of the necessary precautions that must be taken. These are detailed in the relevant Safety Data Sheet that will be provided by Huntsman Polyurethanes.

## POLYMER SELECTION

Before selecting this product it is necessary that the user ensures its performance will meet all operational and end use requirements. Having satisfied these requirements, should changes be contemplated in method of application, materials, service conditions or any other change that could affect the ultimate performance of the end product, then further tests and trials should be carried out.

For assistance with particular problems and applications, please contact the AVALON TPU Technical Service Department.

## PACKAGING & STORAGE

AVALON TPU is supplied in 25 kg moisture guarded sacks, 40 or 45 per pallet and shrink wrapped.

AVALON 95 AHT has an expected shelf life of minimum 12 months after shipment date. The product should be stored in a dry and cool place in the manufacturer's original packaging.



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**MATERIAL PREPARATION**

AVALON TPU grades are supplied pre dried in moisture guarded sacks.

To ensure trouble free processing and high quality injection moulded parts, it is preferable to dry AVALON TPU grades.

The recommended drying conditions are 3 hrs at 100-110°C in circulating air.

For specific advice on colouring AVALON TPU grades, the use of additives and regrind, please contact the AVALON TPU Technical Service group.

**SCREW DESIGN**

Injection moulding machines with general purpose polyethylene type 3 stage screws are most suitable for processing AVALON TPU grades.

High shear screws with mixing pins, nylon type screws or short compression stage screws are not recommended.

The most suitable configuration is listed in Table 2.

**MOULD CONSIDERATIONS**

To avoid shear degradation the runner system should be as generous as possible with a full round / circular or trapezoid section offering the best results.

Gating should be as large as possible with a relatively short length to ensure maximum transference of holding pressure.

Most designs are appropriate with the exception of submarine and pin gating.

Mould cavities with a sand blasted finish will improve demoulding.

However polished moulds give best transparency properties.

Standard venting techniques should be employed to eliminate air trapping and burn marks.

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Typical Screw Diameter	40 – 120 mm
L/D Ratio	20 – 25 :1
Compression ratio	2.0 – 3.0 :1
3 Stage Design	
Feed Zone	0.4L
Compression Zone	0.3L
Metering Zone	0.3L
Screw rotation speed	20 – 80 rpm
Injection pressure	20 – 100 Bar
Secondary or holding pressure	10 – 50 Bar
Back pressure	0.3 – 3 Bar
Injection speed	As slow as possible
Mould temperature	25 – 50°C
Temperature profile:	
Feed Zone	25 – 35°C
Rear Zone	195 – 205°C
Centre Zone	205 – 215°C
Front Zone	210 – 220°C
Nozzle Tip	205 – 215°C

