Ready for a new perspective?

High Performance Plastics for optical applications
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Evonik’s High Performance Polymers Business Line produces customized products, systems, and semi-finished goods based on high-performance polymers. For over 40 years, our plastics have been proving their worth in the automotive, communications and electrical engineering industries, in the sports world, and in medical technology. We have established a presence in the field of optics with our unique tailor-made polymers. The most common used transparent polymers are market under the TROGAMID® brand.

We assist you along the lifecycle of your product, from the initial product idea up to mass production. Accept our invitation to benefit from our expertise in various technical fields like surface technology, process technology, polymer design and compounding. Identify and commercialize the most attractive and innovative new products in partnership with Evonik High Performance Polymers.

To speed up your time-to-market for your product, we offer a full line of services: cooperative product development, chemical and physical analytical testing, global on-site support for planning your production processes, product trials in our technical centers in Germany, USA and China.

After product launch, take advantage of our production and warehouse locations as well as our expertise in global supply chain management and on-site production maintenance support. These services in conjunction with our top quality products will further improve your selling position and the profitability of your business. We manufacture our products – your raw materials – in highly advanced plants under strict quality guidelines that are certified according to ISO 9001:2008.
TROGAMID® CX nylon feature excellent, permanent, crystal-clear transparency and outstanding optical properties, in spite of their micro-crystalline character. No other lens material for sunglasses and sports glasses boasts this combination of outstanding properties. Thanks to their unique properties TROGAMID® CX nylon allow very efficient production of eyeglass lenses that can be combined with any frame material. Special product modifications with, for example, stabilizers, absorbers, or colors are available on request.

We offer a wide range of materials with high transparent, translucent and non-transparent characteristics. Our materials are easy to process and to color with no limits in design. To gain the maximum freedom of design, you can use this toolbox of material properties like:

- bio-based
- bendable
- stiff
- filigree
- soft
- skin friendly
- transparent
- glossy

Solutions for frames

Solutions for lenses
Lenses made from TROGAMID® CX, a grade developed specifically for optics, offer:

→ the highest degree of comfort, because they are ultralight
→ high durability because of their excellent mechanical properties
→ the highest possible reliability because of their excellent resistance to stress cracking and breaking
→ crystal clear pictures because of the high Abbe value

As your partner we understand the optical market as a complete process chain, besides our materials for frames and lenses. Therefore we offer following solutions like:

→ Materials for UV-protection
→ Pol films for contrast enriched view
→ Proofed coating chemicals and processes with different systems
TROGAMID® T5000

Transparent, amorphous long chain nylon for high stiff frames for sport, sun and reading glasses

TROGAMID® T5000

TROGAMID® T5000, an amorphous nylon with a transparency of 90%, is an ideal material for optical manufacturers. Compared to other transparent nylons, TROGAMID® T5000 offers higher modulus and rigidity. Moreover, the material is particularly suitable for manufacturing thin frames and semi-rimless eye wear frames, which can significantly reduce the frame weight without affecting performance. This in turn greatly improves wearing comfort.

Solutions for frames
While consumers tended to focus on aesthetics in the past, they now place greater emphasis on product quality and performance. Optical manufacturers carefully consider material properties for their choices. TROGAMID® T5000 is characterized by its outstanding chemical resistance, which prevents cracking from contact with chemicals. Furthermore, the material’s easy processing and coloring properties save time and money for maximum efficiency.

**Key features**

- Filigree, given by:
  - very high elastic modulus
  - flow ability
- Ultra-strong, given by:
  - high elastic modulus
  - high fatigue resistance
- Lightweight, given by:
  - toughness
  - low density
- Easy to design, given by:
  - amorphous and smooth surface
  - 90% transparency
- Less yellow stitch compared to other competitive materials

**Product offering**

TROGAMID® T5000 is supplied as spherical pellets in moisture–proof packaging, ready for processing.

**Typical applications**

- Frames in sport
- Sun and reading glasses
**TROGAMID® CX9704**

Transparent, amorphous nylon for frames in sunglasses

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**Key features**

- Filigree, given by:
  - high elastic modulus
  - flow ability
- Light colors, given by:
  - no yellow stitches
  - > 90% transparency
- Ultra-strong, given by:
  - high fatigue resistance
- Lightweight, given by:
  - 1.02 grams/qcm density
- Easy to clean, given by:
  - smooth surface
  - chemical resistance
- Permanently transparent
- Low water absorption

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**Product offering**

TROGAMID® CX9704 is supplied as spherical pallets in moisture-proof packaging, ready for processing.

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**Typical applications**

- Frames in sunglasses

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TROGAMID® CX9704 is an amorphous and transparent nylon for the manufacture of frames according the injection molding procedure. Due to the amorphous character, the frames can be easy colored or tinted. The low shrinkage performance gives freedom of design.
TROGAMID® CX7323

Transparent and micro-crystalline nylon for filigree and fatigue resistance frames of sport glasses

Key features

- Filigree, given by:
  - high elastic modulus
  - flow ability
- Light colors, given by:
  - no yellow stitches
  - > 90% transparency
- Ultra-strong, given by:
  - high fatigue resistance
  - high impact resistance
- Easy to clean, given by:
  - microcrystalline
  - smooth surface
- Medium viscous
- Permanently transparent

Product offering

TROGAMID® CX7323 is supplied as spherical pellets in moisture-proof packaging, ready for processing.

Typical applications

- Filigree and fatigue resistance frames
- Impact demanding sport frames
TROGAMID® CX impact

Microcrystalline long chain nylon with plasticizer for safety glasses and sport articles

TROGAMID® CX impact
TROGAMID® CX impact is an impact modified non transparent nylon for the manufacture of parts according the injection molding procedure.

Key features
→ Middle viscosity
→ Impact modified
→ Transparent nylon

Product offering
TROGAMID® CX impact is supplied as pellets in polyethylene packaging, ready for processing.

Typical applications
→ Safety glasses
→ Sport articles

TROGAMID® CX impact
Solutions for frames
VESTAMID® Terra

Semi-crystalline nylon, 100% bio-based for frames with the highest possible bio-content

Key features
→ Based on 100% natural resources
→ High mechanical resistance
→ High chemical stability
→ High melting point

Product offering
VESTAMID® Terra is supplied as pellets in polyethylene packaging, ready for processing.

Typical applications
→ Frames with the highest possible bio content

VESTAMID® Terra
VESTAMID® Terra is semi-crystalline, it’s the reason for its high mechanical resistance and chemical stability. It absorbs little water and as a result its mechanical properties and high dimensional stability change little when exposed to fluctuating environmental humidity.

VESTAMID® Terra is based on polyamide 1010 and is the polycondensation product of 1,10-decamethylene diamine (D) and 1,10-decanedioic acid (sebacic acid—S). Because both monomers are extracted from castor oil, VESTAMID® Terra is a material that is based on 100% natural resources.
VESTAMID® Care ME

Semi-crystalline, elastomer for kids glasses and soft parts in sport glasses

Key features

→ High flexibility and elasticity
→ Good rebound properties
→ High impact resistance
→ Excellent dimensional stability
→ High chemical resistance
→ Easy processability and colorability
→ Tough and resilient
→ Low density
→ No skin irritation

Product offering

VESTAMID® Care ME is supplied as spherical pellets in moisture-proof packaging, ready for processing.

Typical applications

→ Kids glasses
→ Soft parts in sport glasses

VESTAMID® Care ME standard grades have a proven history in medical applications. The biocompatibility of VESTAMID® Care ME grades has been tested for following recommendations of ISO 10993-10 for no skin irritations.
VESTAKEEP®

Semi-crystalline, PEEK medium and high flow for premium frames for reading glasses

VESTAKEEP®

VESTAKEEP® 4000G/2000G is a medium/high flow viscosity, unreinforced polyether ether ketone for injection molding. The semi-crystalline polymer features superior, thermal and chemical resistance. VESTAKEEP® is a high-end material and was developed for the aircraft industry. VESTAKEEP® can be processed by common machines for thermoplastics.

Key features

→ Filigree, given by:
  • ultra high elastic modulus
  • flow ability
→ Ultra-strong, given by:
  • high elastic modulus
  • high fatigue resistance
→ Lightweight, given by:
  • toughness
  • low density
→ Easy to clean, given by:
  • good chemical resistance
  • hydrophobic surface

Product offering

VESTAKEEP® is supplied as cylindrical pellets in moisture-proof polyethylene liners, ready for processing. VESTAKEEP® 4000G is also available in black color.

Typical applications

→ Premium frames for reading glasses

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*Melt: 360 °C, mold: 180 °C
Solutions for lenses

TROGAMID® myCX high flow

High flow for premium gradient tinted lenses

TROGAMID® myCX series

TROGAMID® myCX high flow is a microcrystalline transparent nylon for the manufacture of parts in the optical industry, e.g. lenses by the injection molding. The material appears transparent to the human eye because the crystallites are so small, that they do not scatter visible light. The crystalline structure causes the excellent crack resistance for this polymer.
The product has been approved for direct contact with foodstuffs by the European Community (Directive 10/2011/EC according 1935/2004 and FDA according to Food Contact Notification FCN-no. 1895). Besides the TROGAMID® myCX high flow, we offer with our TROGAMID® CX9711 a material with an ultra-high flow property for visors or thin optical parts, which require a high flow length performance.

**Key features**
- Durable
- Lightweight
- Superior stress cracking resistance
- Chemical resistance
- Ultra strong
- High Abbe value

**Product offering**
TROGAMID® myCX high flow and TROGAMID® CX9711 are supplied as spherical pellets in moisture proof polyethylene-packaging, ready for processing.

**Typical applications**
- Gradient tinted lenses
- Visors
## Comparison of key properties

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**Effect on tinting**

The perfect monitoring of the process with TROGAMID® myCX high flow

**TROGAMID® myCX series**

**Solutions for lenses**
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**Solutions for lenses**

**TROGAMID® myCX series**
Solutions for coatings

UV-protection*

TROGAMID® CX7323 and TROGAMID® myCX systems

→ TROGAMID® CX 1000
   UV masterbatch
→ TROGAMID® CX

* UV-cut off
Pol film solutions

TROGAMID® CX base pol films

- Chemical resistance
- Very good bonding to TROGAMID® CX lenses

Coatings

Solutions for coatings via partners

- Close contact to coating companies for best customer support.
- Proofed chemicals and processes with different systems which work especially with our TROGAMID® myCX high flow.
TROGAMID® resins are non-hazardous substances that are not governed by any particular safety regulations. TROGAMID® CX resins are classified under Water Hazard Class 0. They can be disposed of in landfills or incinerated as normal household waste in accordance with local ordinances. Further information can be obtained from the TROGAMID® CX material safety data sheets that we send upon request.

Recycling is, however, preferred and advisable for economic reasons. How reclaimed materials affect the functional properties of a molded part has to be judged in each individual case. Further information about the use of regrind can be obtained from the indicated contacts.

No dangerous by-products are formed if TROGAMID® CX is processed correctly. Care should be taken, however, to ventilate the working area properly.

TROGAMID® resins contain no halogenated flame retardants, e.g., brominated biphenyls or diphenyl-ethers. No pigments or additives containing cadmium are used.

If the melt is discolored or black specks appear, this is a sign that the material has degraded during processing. Degraded material should be removed quickly from the machine and cooled under water to minimize any offensive odors or fumes. At higher temperatures, most TROGAMID® CX resins will burn. From melt temperatures 360 °C/370 °C, flammable gases are released. Combustion with a sufficient supply of air produces carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, water, and nitrogen containing compounds as end products. Since the crack and combustion spectrum depends to a great extend on the combustion conditions, it is not possible to make any general statement here.
WE HAVE THE RIGHT MATERIALS TO TAKE YOU TO THE TOP!
The right service on site

- Selection of the right grade
- Support with CAE- and Moldflowanalysis
- Assistance at trials and prototyping
- Global technical team for your back up

The new material database containing all products of Evonik High Performance Polymers

Our new material database contains important information on plastic raw materials available from Evonik High Performance Polymers. From a given specific profile it is possible to preselect materials suitable to your application from a multitude of grades. The properties of the thermoplastic raw material are based on ISO-Standard and, therefore are interchangeable.

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