

# **Somos® PerFORM Reflect**

Stereolithography



In motorsports – as in automotive, rail and aerospace – speed is key. Getting ready for a race, from design to the track you need to be the fastest. Printing your wind tunnel models with **Somos® PerFORM Reflect** saves more than 30% post treatment. So, you can get your aerodynamic designs onto your vehicle faster – and be more competitive on the track, road, rail or air.

In Formula One, typically a car body is printed at 60% of its normal size for simulation purposes and checked with particle imaging velocimetry (PIV) in critical areas. **Somos® PerFORM Reflect** is a new and unique Covestro stereolithography material developed specifically for 3D printing parts for wind tunnel testing with PIV. With this innovation, Covestro again sets a standard in enabling faster aerodynamic design optimizations – in motorsports and beyond.

**Somos® PerFORM Reflect** produces strong, stiff, high-temperature resistant composite parts that are ideal for wind tunnel testing. Extensive tests show that the new **Somos® PerFORM Reflect** reduces post-processing by more than 30% as it eliminates the need for additional PIV coatings. This translates into faster data collection, decreasing overall lead time per design iteration and allowing customers to conduct iterations faster.

**Somos® PerFORM Reflect** utilizes patented new technology that allows for reducing and even eliminating much of the finishing work required with traditional materials. Based on Covestro's industry standard **Somos® PerFORM**, **Somos® PerFORM Reflect** demonstrates all the performance attributes that customers rely on such as low viscosity, low settling, fast processing, high stiffness and heat resistance.

## **Key Benefits**

- · Ready-to-use material for PIV wind tunnel testing
- Faster image processing, higher accuracy wind tunnel models
- >30% reduction in post-processing time
- Excellent detail resolution
- Improved surface quality, faster part finishing
- Superior high heat properties

### **Ideal Applications**

- Wind tunnel testing for aerodynamic design optimization
- · High-temperature testing
- Electrical casings
- Automotive housings
- Tooling

# Technical Data

Liquid Properties		Optical Properties			
Appearance	Orange	E <sub>c</sub>	8.4 mJ/cm <sup>2</sup>	[critical exposure]	
Viscosity	~1,100 cP @ 30°C	D <sub>P</sub>	4.15 mil	[slope of cue-depth vs In (E) curve]	
Density	~1.61 g/cm <sup>3</sup> @ 25°C	E <sub>10</sub>	93.4 mJ/cm <sup>2</sup>	[exposure that gives 0.254 mm (.010 inch) thickness]	

# Somos<sup>®</sup> PerFORM Reflect

Mechanical Properties		UV Postcure		Thermal Postcure	
ASTM Method	Property Description	Metric	Imperial	Metric	Imperial
D638-14	Tensile Strength	63.3 MPa	9,180	72.4 MPa	10,500 psi
D638-14	Tensile Modulus	10,135 MPa	1,470 ksi	9,653 MPa	1,400 ksi
D638-14	Elongation at Break	0.79%		0.96%	
D638-14	Poisson's Ratio	0.318		0.315	
D790-15e2	Flexural Strength	119 MPAa	17,300 psi	130 MPa	18,800 psi
D790-15e2	Flexural Modulus	8,273 MPA	1,200 ksi	7,722 MPa	1,120 ksi
D256-10e1	Izod Impact (Notched)	16.9 J/m	0.316 ft-lbf/in	20 J/m	0.375 ft-lbf/in
D2240-15	Hardness (Shore D)	92		94	
D570-98	Water Absorption	0.19%		0.14%	

Thermal/Electric Properties		UV Postcure		Thermal Postcure		
ASTM Method	Property Description	Metric	Imperial	Metric	Imperial	
E831-14	C.T.E40–0°C (-40–32°F)	26.3 µm/m°C	9,180	25.7 µm/m°C	14.3 µin/in°F	
E831-14	C.T.E. 0–50°C (32–122°F)	35.8 µm/m°C	1,470 ks	31.5 µm/m°C	17.5 µin/in°F	
E831-14	C.T.E. 50–100°C (122–212°F)	88.3 µm/m°C		50.5 µm/m°C	28.1 µin/in°F	
E831-14	C.T.E. 100–150°C (212–302°F)	85.8 µm/m°C		87.4 µm/m°C	48.5 µin/in°F	
D150-18	Dielectric Constant 60 Hz	4.22				
D150-18	Dielectric Constant 1 kHz	3.96				
D150-18	Dielectric Constant 1 MHz	3.67		3.65		
D149-09	Dielectric Strength	6.6 kV/mm	675 V/mil	27.5 kV/mm	699 V/mil	
E1545-11	Tg via DMA (E")	70°C	158°F	94°C	201°F	
D648-16	HDT @ 0.46 MPa (66 psi)	94°C	201°F	276°C	529°F	
D150-18	HDT @ 1.81 MPa (264 psi)	76.5°C	170°F	122°C	252°F	

These values may vary and depend on individual machine processing and post-curing practices.

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