

# AC-350<sup>™</sup> Acrylic (Bending Grade) Static Dissipative Plastic

### **Description**

AC-350<sup>™</sup> Acrylic is a plastic sheet product designed to control static electricity for a wide range of end uses. It is a premium quality acrylic sheet which has been surfaced with SciCron Technologies proprietary, clear, C-350<sup>™</sup> static dissipative surfacing. This unique technology prevents charge generation on the sheet surfaces, thereby controlling particulate attraction and preventing electrostatic discharge (ESD) events. This performance is permanent and totally independent of humidity. AC-350 Acrylic offers exceptional design versatility since it fabricates simply, is light in weight and is available in large sheet sizes. It also exhibits excellent optical properties and chemical resistance, and superior bending properties.

#### **Applications**

AC-350 Acrylic resists tribocharging under all circumstances and cannot generate a charge when properly grounded. This makes it ideal for use in manufacturing and assembly operations for charge sensitive electronic components where it can help prevent both immediate and latent ESD caused defects. Since it resists charge build-up it does not attract contaminants, so it can also help prevent contamination-related rejects in ultra-clean manufacturing operations. Consequently, it is suitable for use in the semi-conductor, electronic, and micro-manufacturing industries. Typical applications include contoured panels and fabricated items which require heat forming or bending, such as; covers, windows, doors, and access panels for electronic equipment, machines and instruments; fabricated desiccators, cabinets, and boxes with heat bent parts; and formed process equipment enclosures. The product also has many general industrial uses, including protection for static charge sensitive manufacturing devices and control of spark discharge in explosive environments.

#### **Fabrication**

**AC-350 Acrylic** is easily fabricated into a variety of flat and bent configurations using the same equipment and fabrication techniques generally employed with unsurfaced acrylic sheet products. This product is designed to accommodate heat bending, however, care must be taken to avoid applying too much heat to prevent damage to the C-350 surface. When solvent welding, it is recommended that the C-350 surface be removed to achieve the best bond strengths. For more information on fabrication refer to SciCron Technologies Technical Information Bulletin No. SP-02.

#### Features and Benefits

Cannot be tribocharged when properly grounded Prevents build-up of static charge and accumulation of harmful contamination.

Electrostatic decay in less than 0.05 second per Federal Test Standard 101C, Method 4046.1

Results in rapid static dissipation without arcing. Surface resistivity of 10<sup>6</sup> - 10<sup>8</sup> ohms per square

Provides for ESD control without the need for ionization. Permanence in static dissipation performance

Avoids cost of application of temporary topical anti-stats. Humidity independent static charge control

Avoids inconvenience of maintaining high levels of humidity and damage caused by such humidity.

Advanced technology, uniform surface treatment Avoids conductive discontinuities (charged "hot spots") often found with non-uniform temporary topical anti-stats. Excellent optical properties

C-350 surface provides excellent clarity for optimum use of available light.

Superior chemical resistance

Reduces risk of solvent or chemical surface damage.

Superior fabrication and bending characteristics Provides maximum versatility and workability during part fabrication.

#### **Availability**

**AC-350 Acrylic,** in cell cast type, is available in clear and a variety of standard transparent colors including tints which filter wave-lengths that can interfere with processing operations. White translucent and colored opaque grades are also available. Continuously cast and extruded types are available in some sizes and thicknesses upon request.

**Note:** Cell cast is a premium form of acrylic plastic but it has a wider thickness variation than other acrylic types. Therefore, continuously cast or extruded material should be specified if a narrow thickness tolerance range is required.

Standard Dimensions (Nominal)

Thickness: 3mm (1/8"), 4.5mm (3/16"), 6mm (1/4"), 9mm (3/8"), 12mm (1/2") - Note: 9mm and 12mm - cell cast only. Standard Sheet Size: 48" x 96"

Other sizes and thicknesses, including oversize sheets, available upon request.

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## AC-350 Acrylic (Bending Grade)

Property	Test Method	Units	AC-350 Acrylic
Physical			
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792		1.19
Pencil Hardness	ASTM D3363	Hardness Scale	3H
Mechanical			
Tensile Strength			
Ultimate	ASTM D638	psi	10,000
Elongation	ASTM D638	%	4.2
Tensile Modulus	ASTM D638	psi	400,000
Flexural Strength	ASTM D790	psi	16,500
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D790	psi	475,000
Compressive Strength	ASTM D695	psi	18,000
Izod Impact Strength (milled notch)	ASTM D256	ft-lb/inch of notch	0.4
Thermal			
Deflection Temperature (264 psi load)	ASTM D648	°F	210
Vicat Softening Point	ASTM D1525	°F	239
Maximum Continuous Service Temperature		°F	180
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	ASTM D696	in/in/°F	3.5 x 10⁻⁵
Coefficient of Thermal Conductivity	Cenco-Fitch	BTU in/hr ft <sup>2</sup> °F	1.3
Flammability			
Horizontal Burn (Flame Spread)	ASTM D635	in/min	1.1
UL 94 Rating of the Uncoated Substrate	UL 94	UL Classification	HB
Optical			
3mm Transparent Clear Transmittance - Total	ASTM D1003	%	80
Haze	ASTM D1003	%	Less than 3.0
Electrical			
Surface Resistivity	ASTM D257	ohms/sq	10 <sup>6</sup> - 10 <sup>8</sup>
Surface Resistance	EOS/ESD S11.11	ohms	10 <sup>5</sup> - 10 <sup>7</sup>
Electrostatic Decay	FTS 101C,	sec	Less than 0.05
	Method 4046.1*		

\* Federal Test Standard 101C, Method 4046.1 as described in EIA-541, Appendix F, Measurement of Electrostatic Decay Properties of Dissipative Planar Materials

### **Chemical Resistance ASTM D543**

Samples immersed in the specified chemicals for 24 hours at room temperature and visually examined.

Chemical	Surface Attack	Visual Evaluation
Deionized Water	None	Clear
30% Sodium Hydroxide	None	Clear
30% Sulfuric Acid	None	Clear
30% Nitric Acid	Slight Pitting	Cloudy
48% Hydrofluoric Acid	Severe Attack	White, Rubbery
Methanol	None	Clear
Ethanol	None	Clear
Isopropyl Alcohol	None	Clear
Acetone	Severe Pitting	Very Cloudy and Rubbery
Methylene Chloride	Sample Dissolved	Sample Dissolved

## **Light Transmission Spectral Analysis**



#### **Precautions:**

1. Acrylic plastic is a combustible thermoplastic. Avoid exposure to flame and excessive heat. Observe fire precautions appropriate for comparable forms of wood and paper.2. For building applications, comply with applicable code regulations.3. Clean with soap and water. Do not use abrasives. Avoid inappropriate contact with solvents.