



RADEL® R

R-5500 SERIES

RADEL® R is a Polyphenylsulfone produced by Solvay Advanced Polymers. RADEL® R is in the same performance category as products like Polysulfone and ULTEM® (PEI). RADEL®

R has increased performance versus Polysulfone and ULTEM® in terms of temperature, impact strength and chemical resistance. RADEL® R has exceptional resistance to repeated steam

autoclaving without loss of dimensional stability or physical properties. RADEL® R comes in both opaque and transparent grades. The transparent grade is R-5500 and the opaque grade is R-5100.

- **High tensile strength**
- **Excellent heat resistance**
- **Very high resistance to environmental stress**
- **Great mechanical strength**
- **High dielectric strength and stability**
- **Low dissipation factor**
- **Very good machinability and finishing**
- **Available in opaque and transparent grades**

RADEL® R series products are targeted at a number of industries and applications. The initial target market is the medical industry. RADEL® R is used in applications for surgical tools and instruments because of its resistance to autoclave sterilization damage. A second market for RADEL® R is electronics because of its temperature resistance and dielectric properties.

TYPICAL PROPERTY VALUES

	PROPERTIES	ASTM Test Method	Units	RADEL® R 5500
PHYSICAL	Density	D792	lbs/in ³	0.0466
	Specific Gravity	D792	-	1.29
	Water Absorption, @ 24 hours, 73°F	D570	%	0.37
	@ Saturation, 73°F	D570	%	1.1
MECHANICAL	Tensile Strength @ Yield, 73°F	D638	psi	10,100
	Tensile Modulus	D639	psi	340,000
	Elongation @ Break, 73°F	D638	%	60
	Flexural Strength, 73°F	D790	psi	13,200
	Flexural Modulus, 73°F	D790	psi	350,000
	Compressive Strength	D695	psi	14,350
	Izod Impact Strength, 73°	D256	ft-lb/in	13
	Rockwell Hardness, 73°F	D785	R Scale	R123
	Shure Hardness	-	D Scale	-
	Wear Factor Against Steel, 40 psi, 50 fpm	D3702	in ³ x $\frac{1}{hr}$ PV	-
	Static Coefficient of Friction	D3702	-	-
	Dynamic Coefficient of Friction, 40 psi, 50 fpm	D3702	-	-
	THERMAL	Heat Deflection Temperature @ 66 psi	D648	°F
@ 264 psi		D648	°F	420
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion		D696	in/in/°F	1.7
Maximum Servicing Temperature, Intermittent		-	°F	360
Long Term		UL746B	°F	-
Specific Heat		-	BTU/lb-°F	0.27
Thermal Conductivity		-	-	-
Vicat Softening Point		-	°F	424
Melting Point		D2133	°F	-
Flammability		UL94	-	V-0
ELECTRICAL	Surface Resistivity	D257	Ohm/square	-
	Volume Resistivity	D257	ohm-cm	1 x 10 ¹⁵
	Dielectric Strength	D149	V/mil	360
	Dielectric Constant, @ 60Hz, 73°F, 50% RH	D150	-	3.44
	@ 1MHz	D150	-	-
	@ 20GHz	D150	-	-
	@ 30GHz	D150	-	-
	Dissipation Factor, @ 60Hz, 73°F	D150	-	-

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MATERIAL AVAILABILITY

Rods: Diameters: 1" to 3-1/2"
Length: 4' and 8'

Primary Specification (Typical) (Resin)

ASTM-D-6394 SP0311

Profiles, tubes, and special sizes are custom-produced on request.



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