Performance

A Winning Formula

PEEK-OPTIMA® is a polyaromatic semicrystalline thermoplastic based on the basic formula \((-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{O}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{O}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{CO}-)\text{n}\) and is known generically as polyetheretherketone.
PEEK-OPTIMA® polymer from Invibio® is a high performance biomaterial providing advanced solutions for implant manufacturers. Formulated to meet the most exacting in-vivo criteria, PEEK-OPTIMA is biocompatible, safe and stable.

Manufacturers of cardiovascular, dental, neurological and orthopaedic implants choose PEEK-OPTIMA for its:

- Excellent mechanical performance
- High wear resistance
- Ability to be repeatedly sterilized without impairing performance
- Biocompatibility
- Drug and Device Master Files lodged with the FDA

Invibio offers a ‘no-change’ agreement for the assured long-term supply of PEEK-OPTIMA. This guarantees its specification and production methods over an agreed period of time.

Quality Assured, Every Time

In compliance with ISO 9000 and ISO 13485 standards, Invibio embraces all the principles of Good Manufacturing Practice in relation to the manufacture of PEEK-OPTIMA unfilled granules, compounds and stock shapes. Enhanced quality control procedures and standards ensure a tight product specification for PEEK-OPTIMA including:

- cGMP
- Complete batch and raw materials traceability
- Accredited independent testing laboratory
- Packaging in double lined, tamper-evident drums suitable for clean-room production.
The Decision is Simple

PEEK-OPTIMA is an inherently pure, inert material. Extensive biocompatibility testing demonstrated no evidence of cytotoxicity, systemic toxicity, irritation or any macroscopic reaction response. Furthermore, very low levels of residual and extractable metal ions minimize the potential risk of allergic reactions commonly associated with nickel and other metal ions.

DMF and MAF files containing the results of these tests have been lodged with the FDA.

Tried and Tested

Test material implanted in paravertebral muscle for one year caused virtually no response—mild fibrosis, or in some cases a light fibrous capsule. There was no muscle degeneration, nor necrosis, or any other significant change.

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Unlimited Design Solutions

The PEEK-OPTIMA family, comprising three grades - standard viscosity, medium viscosity and low viscosity - is available in granular form for injection molding and/or extrusion.

PEEK-OPTIMA can be processed by:
•  injection molding
•  extrusion (e.g. rod, tube, plate, monofilament and film)
•  compression molding

Stock shapes are produced in a broad range of diameters for machined components.

It’s in the Mix

PEEK-OPTIMA compounds can be formulated using a variety of additives including carbon fiber, barium sulphate and glass fiber to satisfy a complete spectrum of application-specific requirements.

Glass Fiber for Property Enhancement

Glass fibers may be compounded with PEEK-OPTIMA polymer to enhance mechanical properties without substantially changing the color of the base material.

Barium Sulphate for Radiopacity

PEEK-OPTIMA polymer is naturally radiolucent. Adding barium sulphate at varying concentrations, as shown, allows the optical density of devices to be tailored from mild to strong radiopacity.

Carbon Fiber for Added Strength

The compounding of PEEK-OPTIMA with short carbon fibers, allows the strength of natural unfilled polymer to be increased significantly to address higher stress demanding applications.

Composites

In certain applications for which superior mechanical properties are required, PEEK-OPTIMA may be used as the matrix polymer in combination with continuous carbon fibers to form reinforced composite materials.
Resilient and Enduring

Natural, unfilled PEEK-OPTIMA is characterized by its high strength, extreme resistance to hydrolysis and resistance to the effects of ionizing radiation. Therefore, PEEK-OPTIMA can be repeatedly sterilized using conventional gamma irradiation, steam and ethylene oxide without significant deterioration of mechanical properties.

**Gamma Sterilization**

The resilient chemical structure of PEEK-OPTIMA makes it very tolerant to gamma irradiation. However, gamma irradiation of other polymeric materials induces cross-linking and/or chain scission leading to weakening and embrittlement as shown below.

**Steam Sterilization**

The chemical structure of PEEK-OPTIMA ensures extreme stability against hydrolysis, even at elevated temperatures. PEEK-OPTIMA can be steam sterilized repeatedly without reduction or deterioration in mechanical properties.

**EtO Sterilization**

EtO residues are within the limits specified in ISO 10993-7, even following three repeated sterilization cycles.
Invibio® provides biomaterial solutions for the implantable medical device market. Headquartered in the UK with offices in the USA and Europe it is the sole world-wide manufacturer and distributor of PEEK-OPTIMA® polymer, an advanced biomaterial suitable for long term implantation. The data provided is for evaluative purposes only. Actual PEEK-OPTIMA material specifications must be agreed to by Invibio and customer.

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