



## Processing guide for Multiflex™ TES GSA & GTA

Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA are designed for injected application: easy mold feeding, for single or multiple cavities geometries are possible due to high fluidity.

Compatibility with polyolefin enables bi-injected, overmolded (continuous process or cold insert) parts molding.

Please find below some indications to follow for injection process. Of course, this doesn't replace molder know-how, every mold having its own specificity, but this document is useful for any initial parameter choice.

Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA can be injected between their melting temperatures from 170°C to 230-240°C.

In this temperature range, materials are stable, above, thermal degradation occurs, resulting in yellowing and significant odor emanation.

On a general point of view, viscosity of SEBS based material is principally dependant of applied shear, so Multiflex must be injected with high injection speed.

Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA have been designed to enlarge process window, and can be injected at medium speed.

### Pre-drying

As Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA are not humidity sensitive, Pre-drying is not needed.

In case of "incident", pre-drying at 80-90°C during 1 to 2 hours is necessary.

### Machinery cleaning

High flow thermoplastic must be used, PEHD, PELD or PP.

### Coloring

Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA are easily colorable by using color masterbatch based on PP, PE or ethylene copolymers (EVA).

## Processing parameters

### Screw:

Geometry: Standard injection machine, L/D > 20, Compression rate 2:1 to 3:1 (if higher, risk of thermal degradation)

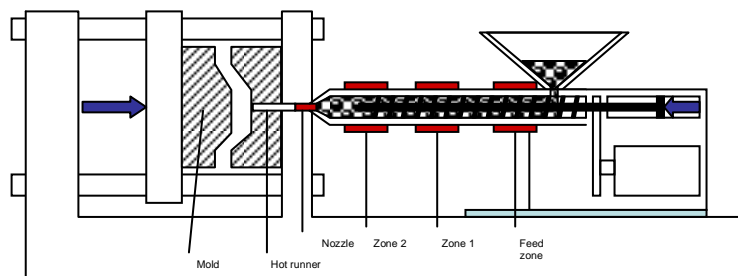
Screw speed between 100 to 150 rpm ensures thorough melting of the material without excessive temperature generation. Start with 120 rpm.

### Back pressure

Must be between 7 and 15 bars: This will ensure a uniform melt without severe shear heating

### Temperatures (°C) :

Feed Zone	Zone 1	Zone 2	Nozzle
150 +/- 10	170 +/- 10	190 +/- 10	200 +/- 10





### Injection speed:

Injection speed and fill time are highly dependent on part geometry, complexity and gate design. Faster speeds typically result in easier mold filling while lower speeds result in better surface appearance.

High injection speed, around 70% of maximum injection speed should be used initially.

### Holding pressure

Start with a pressure equivalent to 30% of maximum injection pressure. Excessive holding pressure can result in distortion in the area of the gate due to elastomeric characteristics of the material

### Holding time

3 second can be used to start to ensure sufficient time for gate freeze off.

Holding time can be slowly reduced until changes in part appearance or weight occur.

### Mold

Use conventional mold design (venting, finish, draft)

Temperature: from 40°C +/- 20°C, but typically chosen in the range 25-30°C gives good results.

### Hot Runners

Apply a temperature of 190°C +/- 10

### Recycling

Multiflex™ TES GSA and GTA are 100% recyclable without properties loss. We recommend a maximum level of 10% of recycling material in virgin material.

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