

Technical Bulletin

BIOEAZE™ Bags — Polyethylene (PE) Film



APPLICATIONS

BIOEAZE™ BAGS	STERILE SAMPLING	FILTRATION	FLUID TRANSFER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media storage • Harvest • Waste collection • Water • Buffers • Bulk therapeutics • Replacement of glass bottles and carboys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality control, retention, pH • During scale-up • From bioreactor • During formulation, fill and finish • Concentration/purification • Harvest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Concentration, buffer exchange • Purification • Virus removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media in/out to bioreactors • Inoculation • Feeds • Supplements, reagents • Product harvest • Buffers, buffer exchange • Replace flex lines

BIOEAZE™ DISPOSABLE BIOPROCESS BAGS

FEATURES	AVAILABLE BAG CONFIGURATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-layer, single-web laminate film • Barrier to oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide • Chlorine free • Translucent material providing excellent clarity • Puncture resistant • Non-leachable, inert plastic • Assembly in a Class 10,000 HEPA filtered clean room • Complete documentation and traceability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard bag sizes with various port configurations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ PE: 1 L to 1,000 L ♦ Custom: 60 mL to 2000 + L • Designed with or without rigging sets • Designed with or without filter sets • Sterile, gamma irradiated (irradiation certificate provided) • Custom bag sizes available on request • Non-sterile bags available on request

BIOEAZE™ bags and disposable bioprocessing systems are designed by SAFC Biosciences to address your specific needs and applications. Disposable technology provides many advantages, including the elimination of cleaning and sterilization procedures and the validation of these processes.

BIOEAZE™ disposable bioprocess bags are routinely used as flexible containers for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. BIOEAZE™ bioprocess bags are specifically designed to provide strong seals, extraordinary robustness, superior flex, crack and pin-hole resistance, plus desirable gas and moisture barrier performance.

BIOEAZE™ polyethylene (PE) bags are constructed with two layers (a dual-web) of translucent film, where the fluid contact surface (the innermost layer) is a single layer of Dow ATTANE™ ultra low-density polyethylene (ULDPE). ULDPE offers low temperature flexibility, is non-leachable and inert, making it ideal for containing liquids. The outer layer is a laminate of nylon, polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC) and linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE). These resins provide a barrier to gas transmission and are puncture resistant.

BIOEAZE™ PE bags are assembled in a Class 10,000 HEPA filtered clean room, and all materials and processes are in accordance with Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs)

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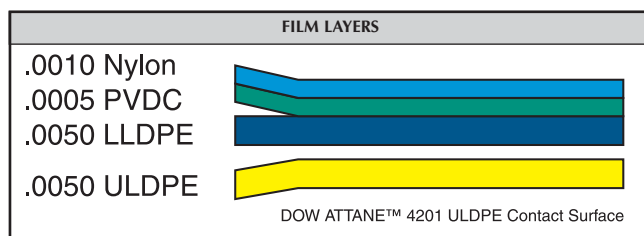
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and meet United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Class VI Plastics Guidelines. In addition, the bags have been tested using the appropriate specifications of the following methods/guidelines:

- American Standards Test Methods (ASTM)
- International Standards Organization (ISO) Quality System Requirements
- Japanese Pharmacopoeia Test Methods
- European Pharmacopoeia Monograph Testing Section 3.2.2.1
- European Pharmacopoeia Monograph Testing Section 3.1.5



PE Contact Layer		
Size Liter	Bag Style 2-D (pillow)	Bag Style 3-D
1 L	x	
5 L	x	
10 L	x	
20 L	x	
50 L	x	
100 L	x	
200 L	x	x
500 L	x	x
1000 L		x
1000 - 2000 + L		x
Rocker - 10 L	x	
Rocker - 20 L	x	

Sterility Assurance Level	
	Value
SAL	10 ⁻⁶

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF INNER AND OUTER PE BAG FILMS

	LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION (INNER / OUTER FILM)	TRANSVERSE DIRECTION (INNER / OUTER FILM)	METHOD
Tensile strength (psi)	5024 / 4604	5061 / 4420	ASTM D-882-00
Elongation at Break (%)	906 / 518	980 / 580	ASTM D-882-00
Modulus @ 100% Elongation (psi)	1391 / 2100	1300 / 1931	ASTM D-882-00
Initial Tear Resistance (Newtons)	15.34 / 18.32	14.58 / 18.04	ASTM D-1004-03
Initial Tear Resistance (lb)	3.447 / 4.117	3.227 / 4.054	ASTM D-1004-03
	VALUE (INNER / OUTER FILM)	METHOD(S)	
Oxygen Transmission Rates (cc/100 in ² /24 hours/atm O ₂)	132.26 / 2.52		ASTM D-1434
Permeance (mol/m ² • sec • Pa)	1.04E-13 / 1.97E-15		ASTM D-1434
Permeability (mol/m ² • sec • Pa)	2.15E-17 / 4.80E-19		ASTM D-1434
Carbon Dioxide Transmission Rates (cc/100 in ² /24 hours)	656.7 / 3.02		ASTM D-1434
Permeance (mol/m ² • sec • Pa)	5.23E-13 / 2.41E-15		ASTM D-1434
Permeability (mol/m ² • sec • Pa)	1.07E-16 / 5.68E-19		ASTM D-1434
Density (g/cm ³)	0.935 / 1.011		ASTM D-1505, D-792-00
Thickness (mils)	5.26 / 6.20		ASTM D-1434
Slow Rate Puncture Resistance Load @ Rupture (lb)	36.00 / 62.78		FTMS 101-2031
Brittleness at Low Temperature by Impact	< -40 F / < -40 F		ASTM D-746, D-1790

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF COMPLETE PE BAGS (BOTH FILM LAYERS TESTED AS A WHOLE)

	RESULT	METHODS
Puncture Resistance and Elongation Maximum Load (lbf)	22.9	FTMS 101C-2065
Load/Thickness at Max Load (lbf/in)	1990	FTMS 101C-2065
Displacement at Max Load (in)	0.79	FTMS 101C-2065
Water Vapor Transmission Rate (g/100 in ² /24 hours @ 37.8 C, 100% RH)	0.124	F-1249-90
Oxygen Transmission Rate (cc/100 in ² /24 hours @ 23 C, 0% RH)	0.470	D-3985

BIOCOMPATIBILITY AND BIOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

	VALUE (INNER / OUTER)	METHOD
Intracutaneous Reactivity Test in Rabbits	Pass / Pass	USP<88>
Acute Systemic Injection Test in Mice	Pass / Pass	USP<88>
Intramuscular Implantation Test in Rabbits	Pass / Pass	USP<88>
Cytotoxicity	Pass / Pass	USP<87>
Non-Volatile Residue	Pass / Pass	USP<661>
Heavy Metals	Pass / Pass	USP<661>
Buffering Capacity	Pass / Pass	USP<661>
Hemolysis (Direct Contact Method)	Nonhemolytic / Nonhemolytic	NIH
Endotoxin (EU/mL)	< 0.025 / < 0.015	LAL

European Pharmacopoeia (4th Edition, 2004) Monograph Testing Section 3.2.2.1, Plastic Containers for Aqueous Solutions for Parenteral Infusion.

TESTING PERFORMED ON FLUID CONTACT FILM

ANALYSIS	SPECIFICATION	RESULT
Appearance	Clear and colorless	Pass
Initial Color of Solution	The solution was colorless with the addition of phenolphthalein	Pass
Acidity	Solution is pink with addition of sodium hydroxide	Pass
Alkalinity	Solution is orange-red with the addition of hydrochloric acid and methyl red	Pass
UV Absorbance at 231.1 nm	≤ 0.02 units	Pass
Reducing Substances	Difference between titration volumes for test and blank solutions is ≤ 1.5 mL	Pass
Transparency	Cloudiness is perceptible when viewed through the container	Pass

The Japanese Pharmacopoeia 14th Edition, 2001 61 (pages 95 - 101). Test Methods for Plastic Containers. Polyethylene or Polypropylene Containers for Aqueous Injections.

TESTING PERFORMED ON FLUID CONTACT FILM

ANALYSIS	SPECIFICATION	RESULT
Transparency	The containers have a transmittance of not less than 55%	Pass
Appearance	The containers do not have strips, cracks, bubbles or other faults which cause difficulties in practical use	Pass
Heavy Metals	The turbidity of the test solution is not greater than that of the control solution when the amount of the sample is 1.0 g	Pass
Lead	The absorbance of the sample is not more than that of the standard solution	Pass
Cadmium	The absorbance of the sample is not more than that of the standard solution	Pass
Residue on Ignition	The residue is not more than 0.10%	Pass
Foaming Test	The foam formed almost disappears within 3 minutes	Pass
pH	The difference in the reading between the test solution and the blank solution is not more than 1.5	Pass
Potassium-Permanganate Reducing Substances	The difference between the sample of the blank is not more than 1.0 mL	Pass
UV Spectrum	The maximum absorbance between 220 nm and 240 nm is not more than 0.08, and that between 241 nm and 350 nm is not more than 0.05	Pass
Residue on Evaporation	Not more than 1.0 mg	Pass

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