

Product Data Sheet
AMC® 8590
Engineered Structural Composite (ESC) Molding Compound

AMC 8590 is a vinyl ester, chopped carbon fiber reinforced ESC molding compound. It is easily moldable and provides parts that are high strength, fatigue resistant, with high heat resistance and a low density. The carbon fiber is PAN based 12K tow.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES – UNCURED

Form and Color Sheet, Black Fiber Length 1.0 inch
Carbon Fiber Content 53% Shelf Life: @ 75°F 2 months

TYPICAL PROPERTIES -- CURED

<u>Test</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Value</u>
Specific Gravity	ASTM D-792	1.48
Molding Shrinkage, inch/inch (mm/mm)	ASTM D-955	<0.000 (<0.000)
Flexural Strength, psi (MPa) ¹	ASTM D-790	88,000 (606)
Flexural Modulus, psi (GPa) ¹	ASTM D-790	5.6 x10 ⁶ (38.5)
Tensile Strength, psi (MPa) ¹	ASTM D-638	41,000 (282)
Tensile Modulus, psi (GPa) ¹	ASTM D-638	8.0x10 ⁶ (55)
Compression Strength, psi (MPa)	ASTM D-695	41,500 (286)
Compression Modulus, psi (GPa)	ASTM D-695	4.9x10 ⁶ (33.8)
Poisson's Ratio	ASTM D-638	0.305
Heat Deflection Temp. °F (°C)	ASTM D-648	>550 (287)
Glass Transition Temp. °F (°C)		245 (118)

Molding Suggestions -- AMC 8590 can be molded at temperatures in the range of 260-310°F, with 280°F suggested as a starting point. Cure times will be dependent on molding temperature and part thickness and will typically be 5-10 minutes. Detailed molding suggestions are available on request.

Precautions -- AMC 8590 contains carbon fibers and should be handled carefully in order to minimize skin contact. Molding areas should be well-ventilated to minimize exposure to fumes. Presses must be provided with local exhaust to remove vapors from work areas. If adequate ventilation is not available, a respirator approved for removing organic vapor must be used. Care must be taken to prevent contact of carbon fibers with electrical equipment.

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¹ Tensile and Flexural Properties are determined using net shape molded specimens. Values obtained on cut specimens will typically be lower.