

Recyclates with virgin material content Sustainability vs. performance

The demand for the use of sustainable materials (recyclates) is increasing. Industry experts assume that the carbon footprint of a plastic granulate will soon become just as important a selection criterion as technical characteristics such as strength and toughness.

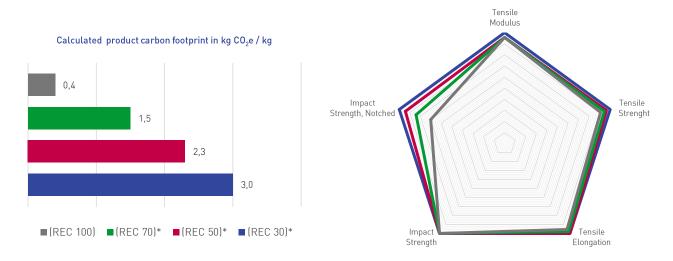
But how does the daily handling of the use of recyclates look like...?

- Are there enough raw materials available to cover the demand according to the requirements?
- Is the technical performance sufficient and is the greater tolerance acceptable for the processing industry?

The answer could be in the mixing ratio recyclates / virgin raw materials. Therefore, LEHVOSS considered different mixing ratios with 30% (REC 30), 50% (REC 50), 70% (REC 70) and 100% (REC 100) recycled content. Results see next page.



LUVOTECH® eco PC/ABS T85 BK Carbon footprint vs. technical performance



The Carbon footprint of the 100% the recyclates was calculated using established, science-based methods and the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) software GaBi. The calculation was conducted based on the international LCA standards DIN EN ISO 14040, DIN EN ISO 14044 and the standard DIN EN ISO 14067 "Carbon footprint of products". The calculation of the mixtures are based on these results.

Technical data

Basic- and development types (*) with recycled content

Properties	Unit	(REC 30)*	(REC 50)*	(REC 70)*	(REC 100)
Tensile Modulus	MPa	2.300	2.200	2.200	2.200
Tensile Strenght	MPa	55	53	52	50
Tensile Elongation	%	4,7	4,7	4,6	4,5
Impact Strength	kJ/m²	100	100	100	100
Impact Strength, Notched	kJ/m²	50	47	42	35

 $The \ technical \ data \ of \ the \ development \ types \ \{*\} \ was \ determined \ on \ a \ non-representative number \ of \ samples.$

The test speeds used correspond to research and non-common series standards. The values listed are therefore only to be regarded as guide values.

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