

# suncolor circolor® 100

## Technical data sheet | Revision: 03

### Description:

**suncolor circolor® 100** is bulk-dyed, expandable polystyrene granulate (EPS), which can be processed into coloured, moulded parts with a density above 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. It is made of 100 % recycled PS and manufactured by an extrusion process. **suncolor circolor® 100** bears the flustix RECYCLED trustmark.



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| <b>Density range:</b>                                 | 40 - 120 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>Granulate geometry:</b>                            | bead-shaped granulate      |
| <b>Typical granulate diameter:</b>                    | 0.6 - 1.2 mm               |
| <b>Pentane content</b><br>(at the time of packaging): | > 4.0 % by weight          |
| <b>Water content</b><br>(at the time of packaging):   | < 0.3 % by weight          |

### Colour:

- > **black** (grade 738xu)

Minor colour fluctuations between individual batches cannot be excluded. Colour appearance depends on foam density therefore colour variation may also result from differences in the density of the foam.

### Packaging and storage:

**suncolor circolor® 100** is shipped in octabins (height max. 192 cm) on wooden pallets (114 x 114 cm) containing 1,150 kg or in corrugated metal drums containing 125 kg net of material.

The octabins are not weather- or water-proof and must therefore not be exposed to outdoor conditions.

It is not recommended to stack octabins more than one layer high. In case of double-stacking octabins under controlled conditions, the recommendations laid out in the document „Instructions for stacking sunpor octabins“ must be followed.

In order to obtain the desired properties of **suncolor circolor® 100**, the raw material should be stored below 25 °C and be processed within six months.

### Processing:

#### > Pre-expansion:

With discontinuously operating state-of-the-art pre-expanders, **suncolor circolor® 100** can be pre-expanded to densities of 40 - 120 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. However, it is important that the pre-expanded beads are completely expelled from the pre-expander after each cycle because any beads remaining in the machine will become lighter in weight and in colour after repeated pre-expansion; this can lead to irregularities in the distribution of colour in the finished parts.

The special gloss finish absorbs somewhat more moisture during the pre-expansion than normal EPS raw materials. For this reason, an efficient fluidised bed dryer is required.

#### > Intermediate aging:

The intermediate aging time should be minimum 24 hours.

At higher densities, the intermediate aging time may be prolonged without difficulty.

#### > Moulding:

**suncolor circolor® 100** can be processed in industry standard automatic moulding machines.

Special steam settings are not required. The cooling period should be longer than for other types of EPS to prevent the moulded parts from swelling.

Densities lower than 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup> should not be used as this may lead to moulding difficulties (collapse of the moulded parts, difficulties in demoulding, unsatisfactory foam quality).

### Shipping:

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| <b>UN-Number:</b>     | 2211                        |
| <b>Designation:</b>   | Polymeric beads, expandable |
| <b>Class:</b>         | 9                           |
| <b>Packing Group:</b> | III ADR                     |

**Safety instructions:**

Flammable pentane-air mixtures may be generated during storage and processing of **suncolor circolor<sup>®</sup> 100**. For this reason, adequate ventilation must be ensured (LEL pentane 1.3 % by volume).

The blowing agent pentane escapes relatively slowly from mouldings. Thus, when cutting recently moulded parts, the formation of a flammable pentane-air mixture has to be anticipated.

In addition, all conceivable sources of ignition must be kept away, and the build-up of electric charges has to be prevented.