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**Light Weight**
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Colorless ACRYLITE PLUS sheet’s light transmittance is greater than 91% (1/8" thickness). It retains high light transmitting properties for many years.

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ACRYLITE PLUS sheets’ forming temperature range is 270°F - 350°F. ACRYLITE PLUS sheet softens with temperature increases above 220°F, thus passing through the thermoplastic to the thermoplastic state. This change is gradual, rather than sharply defined. Because this change is gradual, certain procedures should be considered during thermoforming. If the sheet is to be hung in an oven, a continuous clamp rather than several individual clamps must be used, preventing permanent deformation of the sheet between clamps. If the sheet is heated by infrared heaters supported in a horizontal frame, control of the heaters positioned over the center of the sheet will prevent over heating the center of the sheet, which could cause an excessive amount of sagging. Shrinkage occurs in the machine direction when heating is performed without clamping. The shrinkage range is 3-5%, depending on thickness and forming temperature. Expansion can be expected in the cross machine direction. This will range from 0-2.2%, again depending on thickness and forming temperature.

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Strength & Stresses
The tensile strength of ACRYLITE PLUS sheet is 8,900 psi at room temperature (ASTM D 638). For applications subject to continuous loadings, the design should allow for a load that will not exceed 600 psi at 23°C (73°F). Continuous loads well below 8,900 psi will lead to stress crazing and eventual failure.

Heat resistance
ACRYLITE PLUS sheet keeps its rigid shape up to 160°F. When subjected to temperatures below 32°F and higher than 100°F, ACRYLITE PLUS sheet begins to appear hazy. Once the sheet equilizes (between 60-80°F), it returns to its original, high light transmitting clarity.

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Cementing
Common solvent cements or polymerizable cements work well when joining ACRYLITE PLUS sheet to itself or other acrylic sheet products. Care must be taken to provide a sheet edge that is machined properly and contains low stress. A generous amount of cement should be applied along the entire length of pieces being joined, taking care to ensure the cement fills the entire area between the pieces.

Please refer to the “ACRYLITE PLUS Sheet Fabrication Manual” for detailed information.

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ACRYLITE PLUS sheet may be annealed at 180°F with the heating and cooling times dependent on sheet thickness. An approximate guideline is: annealing time in hours is equal to the sheet thickness in millimeters (to a minimum of 2 hrs); the cool down period should be a minimum of 2 hours, ending when sheet temperature falls below 140°F.

Weather Resistance
ACRYLITE PLUS sheet is manufactured from a weatherable acrylic polymer. It can be used outdoors for many years with little loss of impact strength or its acrylic-like appearance.

Flammability
ACRYLITE PLUS sheet is a combustible thermoplastic. Precautions should be taken to protect this material from flames and high heat sources. ACRYLITE PLUS sheet usually burns rapidly to completion if not extinguished. The products of combustion, if sufficient air is present, are carbon dioxide and water. However, in many fires, sufficient air will not be available and toxic carbon monoxide will be formed, as it will when other common combustible materials are burned. We urge good judgement in the use of this versatile material and recommend that building codes be followed carefully to assure it is used properly.

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<td>Maximum Recommended Continuous Service Temperature</td>
<td>D 156</td>
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<td>Conducted Heat Transfer Rate</td>
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<td>Shrinkage</td>
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<td>Average Blown Rate</td>
<td>D 630-98</td>
<td>1.4 in/min (35 mm/min) at 1.0 mm (0.030)</td>
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<td>1.0 in/min (25 mm/min) at 6.0 mm (0.240)</td>
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### Water Absorption

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<td>24 hrs. @ 72°C</td>
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Typical values not intended for design purposes.
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Chemical Stability
This data was realized at test temperature 68°F (20°C) and 50% relative humidity. Results vary depending on the temperature and moisture content of the material. In practice, resistance is dependent on internal and external stresses as well as the method of fabrication. We recommend appropriate testing.

Drinks and Edible Liquids
- Beer, wine, fruit juices
- Coffee, tea
- Cooking oil
- Liqueurs, wine, ethyl alcohol
- Milk, chocolate
- Vinegar
- Water, mineral water

Spices
- Aniseed, bay leaves, nutmeg
- Cloves
- Pepper, cinnamon, onions

Greasers & Oils Without Additives
- Animal
- Mineral
- Vegetable

Paints, Waxes, Etc.
- Acrylic paints
- Colloidal paints
- Paint thickeners
- Perchlorate paints
- Wax polish

Organic Solvents & Plasticizers
- Acetone
- Bromine
- Carbon disulfide
- Chlorine
- Methane
- Natural gas
- Nitrogen dioxide
- Nitrogen monoxide
- Sulfur dioxide (dry)

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Inorganic Substances
- Acetic acid
- Carbonic acid
- Carbamic acid
- Hydrochloric acid
- Hydrofluoric acid, up to 20%
- Nitric acid, up to 20%
- Nitric acid, 20 to 70%
- Sulfuric acid, up to 30%
- Sulfuric acid, 30 to 50%
- Sulfuric acid, up to 70%
- Sulfuric acid, concentrated

Disinfectants
- Bleaching powder paste
- Bleaching powder solution
- Calcium hypochlorite
- Hydrogen peroxide, up to 40%
- Tincture of iodine, 5%

Alkalis
- Caustic potash
- Lime, sand
- Soda
- Sodium

Organic Solvents & Plasticizers
- Acetone
- Bromine
- Carbon disulfide
- Chlorinated hydrocarbons
- Chlorophenol
- Cresol
- Ethyl alcohol
- Ethyl alcohol, over 30%
- Ethyl alcohol, up to 30%
- Ethyl acetate
- Ethyl ether
- Ethyl formate
- Ethyl bromide
- Ethyl butyrate
- Ethylene bromide
- Ethylene glycol
- Ethanol
- Ether
- Hydrogen peroxide, up to 40%
- Nitric acid, up to 20%
- Sulfuric acid, up to 70%
- Sulfurous acid, concentrated

Organic Solvents & Plasticizers
- Acetone
- Ammonia
- Benzene
- Carbon disulfide
- Chloroform
- Chloroprene
- Chlorotoluenes
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General
- Photographic baths
- Nail polish
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- Acrylic paints
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- Petroleum paints
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Inorganic Substances
- Cyanide
- Hydrocyanic acid
- Hydrochloric acid
- Hydrofluoric acid, up to 20%
- Nitric acid, up to 20%
- Phosphoric acid, up to 20%
- Sulfuric acid, up to 30%
- Sulfuric acid, concentrated
- Sulfuric acid, up to 5%
- Sulfur dioxide, liquid

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- Anise
- Benzaldehyde
- Benzene
- Butanol
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- Chlorinated hydrocarbons
- Chloroform
- Creosol

Organic Solvents & Plasticizers Continued
- Cyclohexane
- Diacetyl
- Diethyl phthalate
- Diisopropyl glycol
- Diurethane
- Ether
- Ethyl acetate
- Ethyl alcohol, up to 30%
- Ethyl alcohol, over 30%
- Ethyl formate
- Ethyl butyrate
- Ethylene bromide
- Ethylene glycol
- Heptane
- Heptene
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Lactic acid butyl ester
- Methyl ethyl ketone
- Methanol, up to 30%
- Methanol, over 30%
- Methyl chloride
- Motor fuel mixture, with benzene
- Motor fuel mixture, without benzene
- Paraffin
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