

Nano4health - PSZ12 & PPZ12

Nano4health is a family of antibacterial thermoplastic compounds. The antibacterial activity is achieved by adding different nanoparticles. Nano4health – PSZ12 and PPZ12 are antibacterial thermoplastic compound based on polystyrene and polypropylene respectively. In addition to antibacterial activity PSZ12 and PPZ12 have very good mechanical properties and are easy to use in injection molding

Antibacterial evaluation

Standard : JIS Z2801, ISO 12296 Bacteria: E. Coli ATCC 8739

Contact time: 24h Temperature°: 37°C

Results:

Counting of living bacteria on each sample – three specimens of reference and three specimens of each "unknown" samples. The result is transformed on logarithm \log_{10} of the value of the counting

E. Coli ATCC 8739	Log ₁₀ bacterial population	% of reduction
PS based materials		
Virgin PS - reference	6.8 ± 0.2	NA
PSZ12	0 no living bacteria	100
PP based materials		
Virgin PP - reference	7.2 ± 0.1	NA
PPZ12	no living bacteria	100

Conclusions

- the references have not antibacterial activity
- **PSZ12 and PPZ12** have antibacterial activity estimated to closed to 100% efficiency

Due to the very low amount of nanoparticles, the thermal and mechanical properties (evaluation in progress) of the virgin polymer are almost not affected.



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Possible applications:

Mobile: keyboard, Socket mobile, remote control

Home: cutting board, door clench, toilet, air conditioning unit

Kids: pens, toys, baby buggy, schoolbag...

Cleaning: brushes, vacuum, broom

Public places: caddie supermarket shopper, hanging straps, cash points, coated parts in trains, aircrafts, casinos...

Food and entertainment:

