

PURGING PROCEDURE 202

Extrusion: Accumulators

Preparation Before Purging

1. Empty resin from the machine.
2. Increase accumulator temperature by 40°C to 50°C (100°F to 120°F), without exceeding 270°C (518°F).
3. Load PURGEX into the hopper.



Note: When purging accumulators with PURGEX, use at least 3 times the accumulator weight capacity and purge with PURGEX 456 Plus or PURGEX 457 Plus.

4. Fill accumulator to capacity with PURGEX.
5. Center the die.
6. Open the valve gap 1/2 mm to allow a small amount of PURGEX to flow out (about 5% of total).
7. Soak 45 minutes.
8. Open the valve gap to maximum.
9. Empty PURGEX from the accumulator with continuous, sequential flow.
10. Continue removing PURGEX from the accumulator with the next production resin.
11. Begin production when PURGEX and previous resin have been removed from the accumulator.

Comments & Recommendations



If the accumulator is holding an engineering resin, it may be more efficient to purge with PURGEX 3056 Plus or PURGEX 3057 Plus.



Example amount of PURGEX to purge accumulator: If accumulator holds 10KG, at least 30KG should be loaded to the hopper (2.2 pounds = 1KG).



If the machine has more than one accumulator, each accumulator must be filled with the recommended amount of PURGEX.



Accumulators designed with internal agitation or pumps of different variety: It would be beneficial to turn these mechanical devices on and off periodically during the 45 minute soak time, and when removing PURGEX with the next resin.

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