

# RT273

## TECHNICAL DATA BULLETIN

**DESCRIPTION:** RT273 uses a heavy weave glass fabric substrate and an epoxy resin. Designed to have excellent strength at elevated temperatures and has been formulated to facilitate the production of thick-walled tubes.

**TUBE TESTED:** ID = 2.00", OD = 3.25" and ID = 2.50", OD = 4.50"

### TYPICAL PROPERTIES

PROPERTY	Test Method	Conditioning**	Unit	Typical Value	
				2.00" x 3.25"	2.50" x 4.50"
Density	ASTM D792	A	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	2.1	2.1
Axial Tensile Strength	ASTM D3039	A	psi	38,200	39,400
		E-1/300 T300	psi	30,300	34,300
Axial Tensile Modulus	ASTM D3039	A	Msi	3.6	5.2
		E-1/300 T300	Msi	3.8	4.4
Axial Compressive Strength	ASTM D695	A	psi	42,000	55,100
		E-1/300 T300	psi	30,300	30,800
Axial Compressive Modulus	ASTM D695	A	Msi	1.0	1.3
		E-1/300 T300	Msi	0.7	0.6

PROPERTY	Test Method	Conditioning**	Unit	Typical Value	
				2.00" x 3.25"	2.50" x 4.50"
Radial Compressive Strength	ASTM D695	A	psi	72,500	85,000
		E-1/300 T300	psi	58,400	58,300
Radial Compressive Modulus	ASTM D695	A	Msi	0.8	0.9
		E-1/300 T300	Msi	0.6	0.6
Flexural Strength	ASTM D790	A	psi	63,500	56,100
		E-1/300 T300	psi	39,700	39,300
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D790	A	Msi	4.5	4.6
		E-1/300 T300	Msi	3.9	3.8
Short Beam Shear Strength	ASTM D2344	A	psi	4,900	6,500
		E-1/300 T300	psi	4,500	4,900
Combined Loading Compression (CLC)	ASTM D6641	A	psi	38,700	54,600
		E-1/300 T300	psi	40,200	40,300
Glass Transition Temperature (T <sub>g</sub> ) via DMA onset****	ASTM E1640	A	°F	365	
Glass Decomposition Temperature (T <sub>d</sub> ) via TGA ****	ASTM E1131-08	2% weight loss	°F	600	
Glass Decomposition Temperature (T <sub>d</sub> ) via TGA ****	ASTM E1131-08	5% weight loss	°F	660	

\*\* Coupons related to elevated temperature testing were conditioned in an oven for one hour at 300°F temperature, (e.g. E-1/300) followed by testing at the same temperature, 300°F, (e.g. T300).

\*\*\* Glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>): The temperature at which the material begins to exhibit viscoelastic behavior. Below the T<sub>g</sub>, the material will generally exhibit elastic behavior. T<sub>g</sub> is not a maximum use temperature, as the maximum use temperature will depend on many application specific factors as well as the T<sub>g</sub>. Consult with an applications engineer for assistance.

\*\*\*\* Decomposition Temperature (T<sub>d</sub>): The temperature at which the polymer resin matrix begins to breakdown and is irreversibly degraded. T<sub>d</sub> values reported here are based on a limited number of samples via TGA at the 5% weight loss point. Operation for extended periods of time at or above the T<sub>d</sub> is not recommended. Consult with an applications engineer for assistance.

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