

# EcoPaXX<sup>®</sup> Q–HXG6

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This quick start instruction gives an indication of the key settings for processing EcoPaXX<sup>®</sup> Q–HXG6 to ensure best crystallization and prevent material degradation as a result of hydrolysis or thermal load. It is a summary of the Injection Molding Recommendations which can be found in our Plastics Finder at <a href="https://plasticsfinder.com">https://plasticsfinder.com</a>. Our online guidelines are recommendations to help with material processing and/or to evaluate and resolve potential processing issues.

## MATERIAL HANDLING

#### Drying

 $EcoPaXX^{\circ}$  grades are hygroscopic and absorb moisture from the air relatively quickly. Moisture absorption is fully reversible under the following drying conditions without compromising material quality. Preferred driers are de-humidified driers with dew points maintained between -30 and -40°C / -22 and -40°F. Vacuum driers with N<sub>2</sub> purge can also be used. Hot air ovens or hopper driers are not suitable for pre-drying EcoPaXX<sup>°</sup> grades; the use of such driers may result in non-optimum performance.

Moisture content	Time	Temperature	
[%]	[h]	[° <b>C</b> ]	[° <b>F</b> ]
0.1–0.2 and as delivered	2–4	80	176
0.2–0.5	4–8	80	176

# TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

#### Barrel temperature

Optimal settings are governed by barrel size and residence time. Furthermore, the level of glass and/or mineral reinforcement and the presence or absence of flame retardant have to be taken into account.

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Mold/Tool	Measured melt	Nozzle	Front	Center	Rear	
80 – 140°C 176 – 284°F	275–310°C 527–590°F	270–300°C 518–572°F	270–290°C 518–554°F	260–280°C 500–536°F	250–270°C 482–518°F	

### MELT RESIDENCE TIME

The optimal Melt Residence Time (MRT) for EcoPaXX<sup>®</sup> Q–HXG6 is  $\leq$  6 minutes with preferably at least 50% of the maximal shot volume used. The MRT should not exceed 10 minutes. A full self–service MRT calculation can be done using the following <u>link</u>.

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