



FAQs

Makrolon Sheet and UL 94 Ratings

What is the change and which products are affected?

Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR are undergoing a transition. On March 1 we will be segregating these products into two separate product platforms. Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR, as they are produced today, will be renamed Makrolon GP-V, SL-V, OP-V and AR-V. Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR are then being re-launched and as a result will be carrying forward new ratings under UL File# E351891. All of these products manufactured and sold by Bayer up until March 1 can be considered “-V” equivalent.

What happens to the original product names after March 1?

Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR come March 1 will be re-established with different flammability ratings in our new Bayer MaterialScience Semi-Finished Products File # E351891. Makrolon GP-V, SL-V, OP-V and AR-V will be recognized in the new Bayer file with the “V” ratings once carried by GP, SL, OP, and AR in the old File# E71069.

New ratings for Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR will be in effect as listed in the new file. For example, GP will carry an “HB” rating at 3mm while the new GP-V grade will carry a “V2” rating at 3mm.

Why is this change occurring?

This change is being made as part of our optical sheet initiative targeting sustained continuous improvement to Makrolon sheet optical quality, enhanced product performance and overall reliability.

What should customers do who require a UL 94 “V” rated product?

Makrolon sheet grades are still available with these “V” ratings, but customers must be informed about making changes now in specifying the “-V” grade product before March 1, 2012.

Should customers unaware of this change be notified about this upcoming change?

Yes. If you know of a customer who requires a V-rated product notify them now about this name change taking affect March 1.

How do I ensure that I continue to meet my customer’s demands?

Communicate with your customer and with Bayer. Identify your customer’s product mix and forecast and relay that to your Bayer representative so that we can support you through this time of transition.

Are the other performance characteristics and/or listings for these grades affected?

No, both versions Makrolon GP, SL, OP and AR and GP-V, SL-V, OP-V and AR-V maintain all previously established ratings.



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When is this change occurring?

The plan for fully implementing this change is March 1, 2012.

Are any other grades changing?

No. Popular grades like Makrolon LF, Makrolon LD, Makrolon FI and others that are UL listed will see no changes in either their ratings or grade designations.

How long will my "GP" products be recognized as "V" rated.

All "GP" sheet purchased from Bayer up to March 1, 2012 will be recognized as "-V" rated providing you can demonstrate traceability that it was purchased prior to that date.

Will "GP" products purchased from Bayer on or after March 1, 2012 be considered "V" rated?

No, you will need to plan accordingly and purchase "-V" grade products as needed. Please advise your Bayer representative of your forecast.

Will Bayer be carrying in inventory all of the same items for both standard and "-V" grades?

No, our inventory position for "-V" grades will not be as extensive and will be based on your forecast and demand information.

Can I order custom configurations for any of these grades?

Yes, all products will continue to be offered in custom configurations.

What will be the UL file number to reference going forward?

Bayer MaterialScience PCS – Semi Finished Products File# E351891

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