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# Tough 1500 Resin V2

Stiff but compliant material with toughness that rivals polypropylene

Prototypes requiring the toughness, compliance and resilience of polypropylene.

Impact resistant jigs and fixtures that survive long term use on the factory floor.

Tough and rugged enclosures with functional elements like self-tapping screw bosses and snap fits.

Parts that need a combination of stiffness and ductility to create compliant mechanisms like latches, flexures, and dampers.



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Tough 1500 Resin V2 is a resilient material with strength, stiffness, and toughness comparable to polypropylene (PP), offering exceptional resistance to fractures, impacts, and shattering.

Create parts that balance stiffness and ductility, whether for compliant mechanisms like rugged enclosures with self-tapping screws and snap fits. Tough 1500 Resin V2 enables a wide range of applications, from functional prototypes to end-use jigs and fixtures.

Tough 1500 Resin V2 is a new material formulation that leverages the Form 4 Series to deliver 10 times higher fracture toughness than the previous version.

Material Properties	MET	METRIC <sup>1</sup> IMPERIAL <sup>1</sup>		RIAL 1	METHOD
	Green <sup>2</sup>	Post-Cured <sup>3</sup>	Green <sup>2</sup>	Post-Cured <sup>3</sup>	
Tensile Properties	MET	METRIC <sup>1</sup>		RIAL 1	METHOD
Ultimate Tensile Strength	30 MPa	34 MPa	4350 psi	4930 psi	ASTM D638-14
Tensile Modulus	1250 MPa	1460 MPa	181 ksi	212 ksi	ASTM D638-14
Tensile Strength at Yield	30 MPa	34 MPa	4350 psi	4930 psi	ASTM D638-14
Elongation at Yield	5.6%	6.1%	5.6%	6.1 %	ASTM D638-14
Elongation at Break	210%	155%	210%	155%	ASTM D638-14
Flexural Properties	MET	RIC 1	IMPERIAL 1		METHOD
Flexural Strength	26 MPa	41 MPa	3770 psi	5950 psi	ASTM D790-17
Flexural Modulus	900 MPa	1370 MPa	130 ksi	199 ksi	ASTM D790-17
Toughness Properties	MET	METRIC 1		RIAL 1	METHOD
Notched Izod	45 J/m	42 J/m	0.84 ft-lb/in	0.79 ft-lb/in	ASTM D256-10
Unnotched Izod	1080 J/m	910 J/m	20.2 ft-lb/in	17.0 ft-lb/in	ASTM D4812-11
Notched Charpy	8.9 kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	7.5 kJ/m²	4.2 ft-lb/in <sup>2</sup>	3.6 ft-lb/in²	ISO 179-1
Unnotched Charpy	63 kJ/m²	57 kJ/m²	30 ft-lb/in <sup>2</sup>	27 ft-lb/in²	ISO 179-1
Gardner Impact Strength at 1/32″ (0.79 mm) thickness	7.0 J	5.9 J	62 in-lb	52 in-lb	ASTM D5420-21
Gardner Impact Strength at 1/16″ (1.6 mm) thickness	12.4 J	11.1 J	110 in-lb	98 in-lb	ASTM D5420-21
Ross Flex Fatigue at 23°C	11000 cycles	8000 cycles	11000 cycles	8000 cycles	Internal (23°C, 60 Degree deflection at 1 hz)
Fracture Properties	METRIC 1		IMPERIAL <sup>1</sup>		METHOD
Maximum Stress Intensity Factor (Kmax)	1.7 MPa · m <sup>1/2</sup>	1.7 MPa · m <sup>1/2</sup>	1550 psi · in <sup>1/2</sup>	1550 psi · in <sup>1/2</sup>	ASTM D5045-14
Work of Fracture (W <sub>f</sub> )	1090 J/m <sup>2</sup>	1011 J/m <sup>2</sup>	74.7 ft-lb/ft²	69.3 ft-lb/ft <sup>2</sup>	ASTM D5045-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Material properties can vary with part geometry, print orientation, print settings, and temperature. <sup>2</sup> Data was obtained from green parts, printed using Form 4,100 μm, Tough 1500 V2 settings, without additional treatments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data for post-cured samples were measured on Type I tensile bars printed on a Form 4 printer with 100 µm Tough 1500 Resin V2 settings, washed in a Form Wash for 10 minutes in x F97% isopropyl Alcohol, and post-cured at 70°C for 12 minutes in a Form Cure (2nd generation).

Material Properties	METRIC 1		IMPERIAL <sup>1</sup>		METHOD
	Green <sup>2</sup>	Post-Cured <sup>3</sup>	Green <sup>2</sup>	Post-Cured <sup>3</sup>	
Thermal Properties	MET	METRIC <sup>1</sup>		RIAL <sup>1</sup>	METHOD
Heat Deflection Temp. @ 1.8 MPa	42 °C	53 °C	107 °F	127 °F	ASTM D648-16
Heat Deflection Temp. @ 0.45 MPa	54 °C	66 °C	129 °F	151 °F	ASTM D648-16
Thermal Expansion (0-150 °C)	116 µm/m/°C	99 µm/m/°C	64 µin/in/°F	55 µin∕in∕°F	ASTM E 831-19
Flammability	Not Tested	НВ	Not Tested	НВ	UL 94
Electric Properties		METRIC 1			METHOD
	Gre	Green <sup>2</sup> Post-Cured <sup>3</sup>			
Dielectric Strength	Not 1	Not Tested		V/mm	ASTM D149-20
Dielectric Constant (50 Hz)	Not 1	Not Tested		.5	ASTM D150 (50 Hz)
Dielectric Constant (1 kHz)	Not Tested		3.9		ASTM D150 (1 kHz)
Dissipation Factor (50 Hz)	Not 1	Not Tested		D18	ASTM D150 (50 Hz)
Dissipation Factor (1 kHz)	Not 1	Not Tested		013	ASTM D150 (1 kHz)
Volume Resistivity	Not 1	Not Tested		<sup>15</sup> Ω · cm	ASTM D257-14
Other Properties		METRIC 1			METHOD
Shore D Hardness	70	70D		6D	ASTM D2240
Bulk Density		1.12 g/mL			ASTM D792-20
Viscosity at 25 °C		1000 cP			ASTM D792-20
Liquid Density	1.02 g/mL				ASTM D792-20

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<sup>3</sup> Data for post-cured samples were measured on Type I tansile bars printed on a Form 4 printer with 100 µm Tough ISU0 Resin V2 settings, washed in a Form Wash for 10 minutes in >9% isopropyl Alcohol, and post-cured at 70°C for 12 minutes in a Form Cure (2nd generation).

#### CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITY

Percent weight gain over 24 hours for a printed 1 x 1 x 1 cm cube immersed in respective solvent:

Solvent	24 hr weight gain, %	Solvent	24 hr weight gain, %
Acetic Acid (5%)	0.5	Mineral Oil (Heavy)	0.3
Acetone	37.3	Mineral Oil (Light)	0.3
Bleach (5% NaOCl)	0.4	Salt water (3.5% NaCl)	0.9
Butyl Acetate	4.5	Skydrol 5	6.9
Diesel	6.9	Sodium Hydroxide Solution (0.025% pH = 10)	0.6
Diethyl Glycol Monomethyl Ether	6.2	Strong Acid (HCl Conc)	0.4
Hydraulic Oil	0.3	TPM	0.9
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)	0.6	Water	0.8
Isooctane	3.4	Xylene	4.1
Isopropyl Alcohol	15.6		

#### Chemical Compatibility (ASTM D543)

Tough 1500 Resin V2 was tested for chemical compatibility according to ASTM D543. The influence of various chemicals was tested by measuring flexural modulus and strength after different exposure times. Exposed samples were stored in containers and fully immersed in the test chemicals for 1 day and 1 week. After removal, exposed samples were washed and conditioned for 24 hours at 22°C before mechanical testing. Mechanical testing was conducted according to ASTM D543 at standard lab conditions (22°C). Results are reported as a % difference from the measured values of non-exposed samples.

Chemical	Exposure Time	Relative Change in Flexural Modulus (%)	Relative Change in Flexural Strength (%)	Relative Change in Mass (%)
Isopropanol	1 day	-41%	-47%	8.7%
	1 week	-69%	-77%	23.6%
Acetone	1 day	-51%	-59%	42.0%
	1 week	-46%	-54%	42.0%
NaOH (10%)	1 day	0%	-1%	0.3%
	1 week	1%	2%	0.5%
HCl (10%)	1 day	0%	1%	0.3%
	1 week	3%	0%	0.4%
Deionized Water	1 day	2%	0%	0.3%
	1 week	0%	-2%	0.7%
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)	1 day	-1%	-2%	0.4%
	1 week	0%	0%	0.7%
Bleach (6%)	1 day	1%	1%	0.4%
	1 week	3%	3%	0.5%
Diesel Fuel	1 day	-16%	-15%	2.6%
	1 week	-54%	-55%	7.9%
Motor Oil (5W-30)	1 day	1%	-1%	-1.8%
	1 week	2%	1%	0.1%
Skydrol 5	1 day	-25%	-24%	3.9%
	1 week	-44%	-41%	6.6%

# Representative Tensile Curve (ASTM D638-14)

Type I, 5 mm/min





## Heat Aging (ASTM D3045)

Formlabs evaluated the heat aging performance of Tough 1500 Resin V2 using ASTM D3045, a test method for evaluating heat aging of plastics without load. In this test, mechanical properties of samples placed at 50 °C environments are measured at different durations of time for up to 6 weeks.



### Indoor Aging (ASTM D4459)

Formlabs evaluated the UV aging performance of Tough 1500 Resin V2 using ASTM D4459, a test standard for xenon-arc exposure of plastics for indoor applications. This test simulates polymer aging due to solar radiation exposure through glass. Exposed samples were conditioned for 24 hours at 22 °C before mechanical testing. Control samples were stored at a constant 22 °C. Mechanical testing was conducted according to ASTM D638 at standard lab conditions (22 °C). "O hrs" represents non-aged samples stored at 22 °C and tested 24 hours after post-processing.

Please note, accelerated weathering testing cannot fully represent all aging conditions. Formlabs recommends conducting additional outdoor testing relevant for your specific application needs.



## Outdoor Aging (ASTM D4329)

Tough 1500 Resin V2 was tested in accelerated outdoor weathering conditions according to ASTM D4329 (Cycle A). Test samples were exposed to defined conditions of heat, water condensation and UV light. Exposed samples were conditioned for 24 hours at 22°C before mechanical testing. Control samples were stored at a constant 22°C. Mechanical testing was conducted according to ASTM D638 at standard lab conditions (22°C). "O hrs" represents non-aged samples stored at 22°C and tested 24 hours after post-processing.

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ASTM D4329: Cycle A for general applications, QUV/se, UVA 340 nm, 0.89 W/m2-nm, 8 hours UV light at 60°C followed by 4 hours at 50°C condensation in the dark. To reduce any sample warpage during test time samples were placed in failer-made holders without any fixation clamps or mechanical load. Exposed samples were always removed from QUV before next condensation cycle to avoid samples that are soaked excessively with water before testing.

#### Flexural Creep ISO 6602

Formlabs evaluated the creep resistance of Tough 1500 Resin V2 using ISO 6602. This test measures a materials rate of deformation at a constant temperature under a fixed load. Speciments were tested at 22 °C under a 4.0 MPa load. Deflection was measured once a day over the course of 14 days.



#### Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)

A DMA curve of Tough 1500 Resin v2 from 0 °C to 140 °C at 3 °C/min is shown. A glass transition is observed at 109.6 °C, and an inflection of the storage (elastic) modulus is observed at 60.8 °C.

