# **rPET QUALITY GRADING**

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What is the expected visual quality of the part?

### **Like Virgin**

This resin can be processed identically to that of virgin PET. The manufacturer correctly specified the material properties within tolerance. Appearance will be clear and nearly virgin.

#### 155°C Drying

rPET quality grading identified the recommended drying temperature to be abnormally low. There is a high potential for downtime from clumping in the dryer, or in the extruder feed throat from stoppages. Parts are expected to be hazy and yellow in colour.

# **35% Haze**

Solid contamination is high yielding a part with high haze and a dark yellow appearance. This resin is also expected to clump at typical drying temperatures. Once in the injection molding system the material is not expected to impact the injection

# Large Pellet

molding process.

Characterized by a larger than typical pellet size, this rPET is at risk for extrusion process challenges. It is generally poor quality across many characteristics and is not recommended for 100% recycled content. The larger size creates a risk of processing challenges that may also be present when blending with virgin PET.

## AA >2ppm

Virgin PET

AA in the resin measured higher than the <1ppm specified by producer. **High AA** is a risk for water applications. Lower drying temperature will also be required due to the risk of clumping. Parts expected to be yellow.

### **High Dust**

Fines and dust can create challenges with operation and part quality concerns. Filters in air and vacuum handling equipment can be expected to require more frequent changing. Additionally, parts may exhibit more black specks which can impact optical quality of the part.



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