

# M77A SERIES

## Styroppek Expandable

### POLYSTYRENE RESINS



**PRODUCT  
DATA SHEET**  
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## Insulation, Bean Bags, Fabricated Packaging, Flotation

### Features/Attributes:

- Low Density Potential
- Controlled / Uniform Expansion

### Applications:

- Insulation
- Bean Bags
- Fabricated Packaging
- Flotation

Properties	Typical Values (English Units)	Typical Values (S.I. Units)
<b>Product Properties:</b>		
(A) Bead Size – avg. bead size diameter	0.047 inches	1.20 millimeter
Pentane Content (Avg.)	6.2% by weight	6.2% by weight
Bulk Density	38 – 40 pounds per cubic foot	608 – 640 grams per liter
<b>Thermal Properties:</b>		
Thermal Resistance (R-Value)	3.9- 4.2 per inch	
Thermal Conductivity <sup>1</sup> (K-factor, Lambda) Foot (ft) British Thermal Unit (Btu) Degree Fahrenheit (°F) Degree Centigrade (°C)	0.240 - 0.210 Btu-in/(hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F)	34.5 - 30.2 milli-Watts/ (meters-°Kelvin)
Coefficient of Linear Expansion Inch (in) Centimeter (cm)	3.5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> in/in/° F	6.3 cm/cm/° C
Maximum Continuous Service Temperature	175° F	80° C

<sup>1</sup> The thermal conductivity of expanded polystyrene at an average temperature of 75°F (24°C) is lowest at 3.5 pounds per cubic foot (pcf). It rises slightly at lower density until about 1.5 pcf where it increases rapidly. The rate of increase is much less at higher densities:

8,0 pcf (128 g/l) → 0,269 Btu-in/(hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F) or 38,7 mW/(m-K)  
12,0 pcf (192 g/l) → 0,276 Btu-in/(hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F) or 39,8 mW/(m-K)

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## TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES:



### AVAILABILITY

**STYROPEK® expandable polystyrene (EPS) resins** are produced at the Beaver Valley plant site (Monaca, PA) and are available in 2205 pound (1 metric tonne) bulk bags. The product type and batch number are clearly marked on each bag. Contact the STYROPEK sales office in your region.

### QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

M77A resins are manufactured at an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registered facility.

### STORAGE AND HANDLING

M77A should be stored in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. This product can release pentane during expansion and molding. Pentane is a highly flammable gas in the presence of open flames, lit cigarettes, sparks, static electricity discharges, or heat. Prolonged or improper storage can result in deterioration of product properties. Care should be taken when handling and transferring product to prevent foreign matter contamination. The STYROPEK **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and EPS Storage and Handling Safety Guide** contain important safety information and should be reviewed before using the product.

### PROCESSING CONDITIONS

#### Recommended Conditions:

#### Minimum Density:

Batch pre-expander:

- 0.85 pounds per cubic foot or 13.6 grams per liter

Continuous pre-expander:

- 0.90 pounds per cubic foot or 14.4 grams per liter

#### Pre-puff age time:

12-48 hours – depending on pre-expanded density and method of bead pre-expansion.

Comprehensive assistance with processing conditions and Technical Services are available from STYROPEK Styrenics Technology Center.

### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

STYROPEK® EPS resins are biologically and chemically inert. STYROPEK® EPS resins does not contain CFC's (Chlorofluorocarbons). STYROPEK® EPS resins are recyclable.



PS is the SPI resin code for polystyrene to identify material type for sorting and recycling. Significant information regarding EPS recycling is available from the [Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers](#).

Where recycling of EPS resins is not possible, disposal to landfill or incineration in accordance with applicable laws and regulations is recommended. Contact STYROPEK Styrenics Technology Center for further information on recycling and disposal.

STYROPEK® is a proud member of EPS Industry Alliance. For additional EPS information please visit: <http://epsindustry.org/>

### ICC-ES EVALUATION REPORT – ESR 1798

[http://www.icc-es.org/reports/pdf\\_files/ICC-ES/ESR-1798.pdf](http://www.icc-es.org/reports/pdf_files/ICC-ES/ESR-1798.pdf)

### UL LISTINGS

<http://database.ul.com/cgi-bin/XYV/template/LISEXT/1FRAME/index.html>

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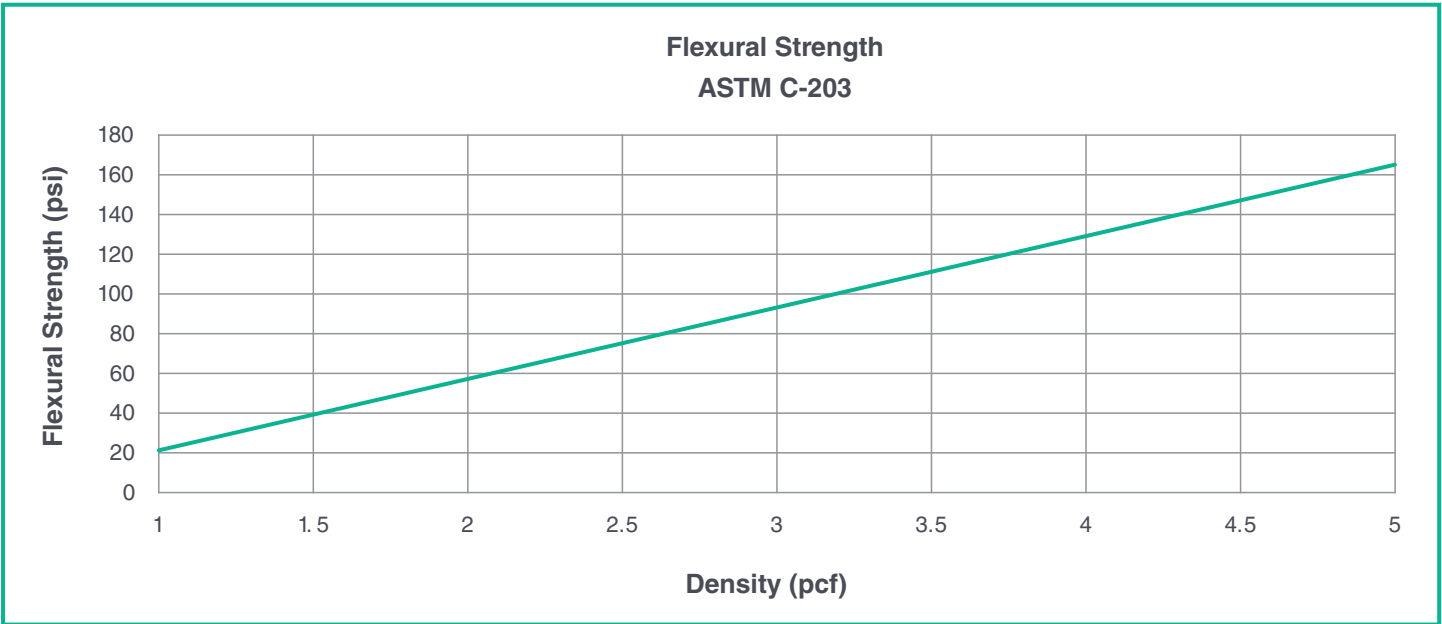
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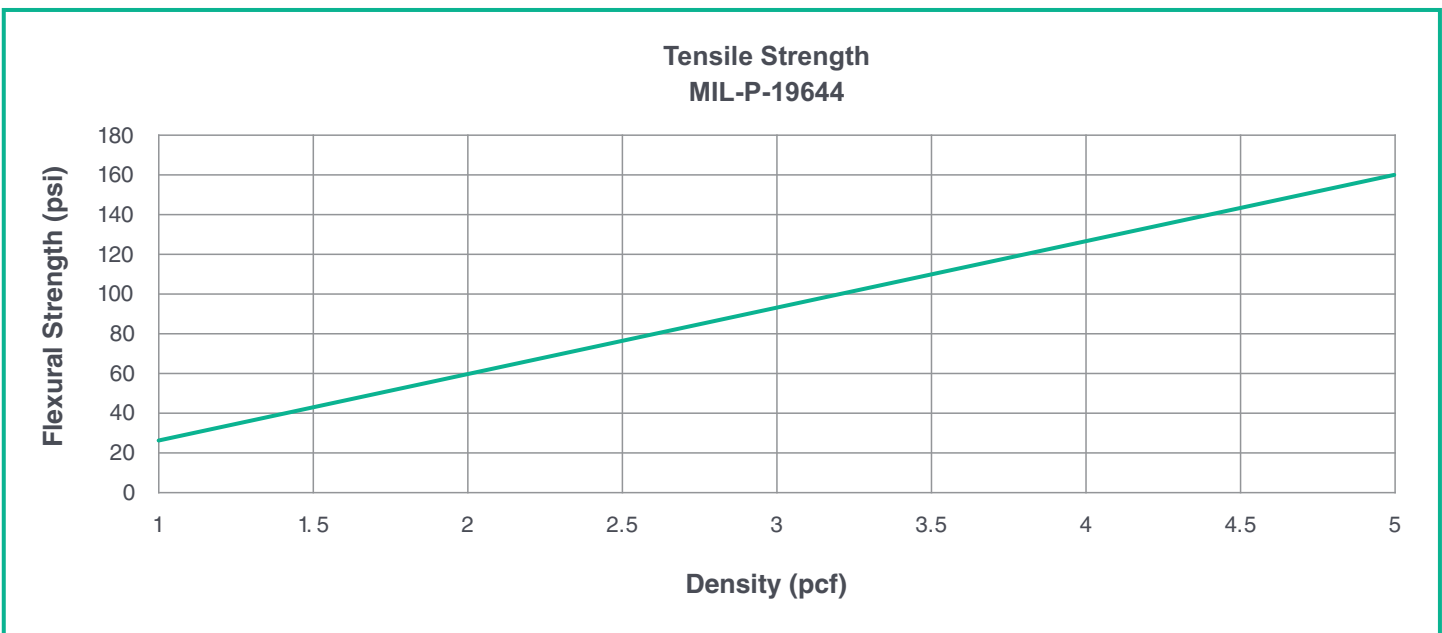


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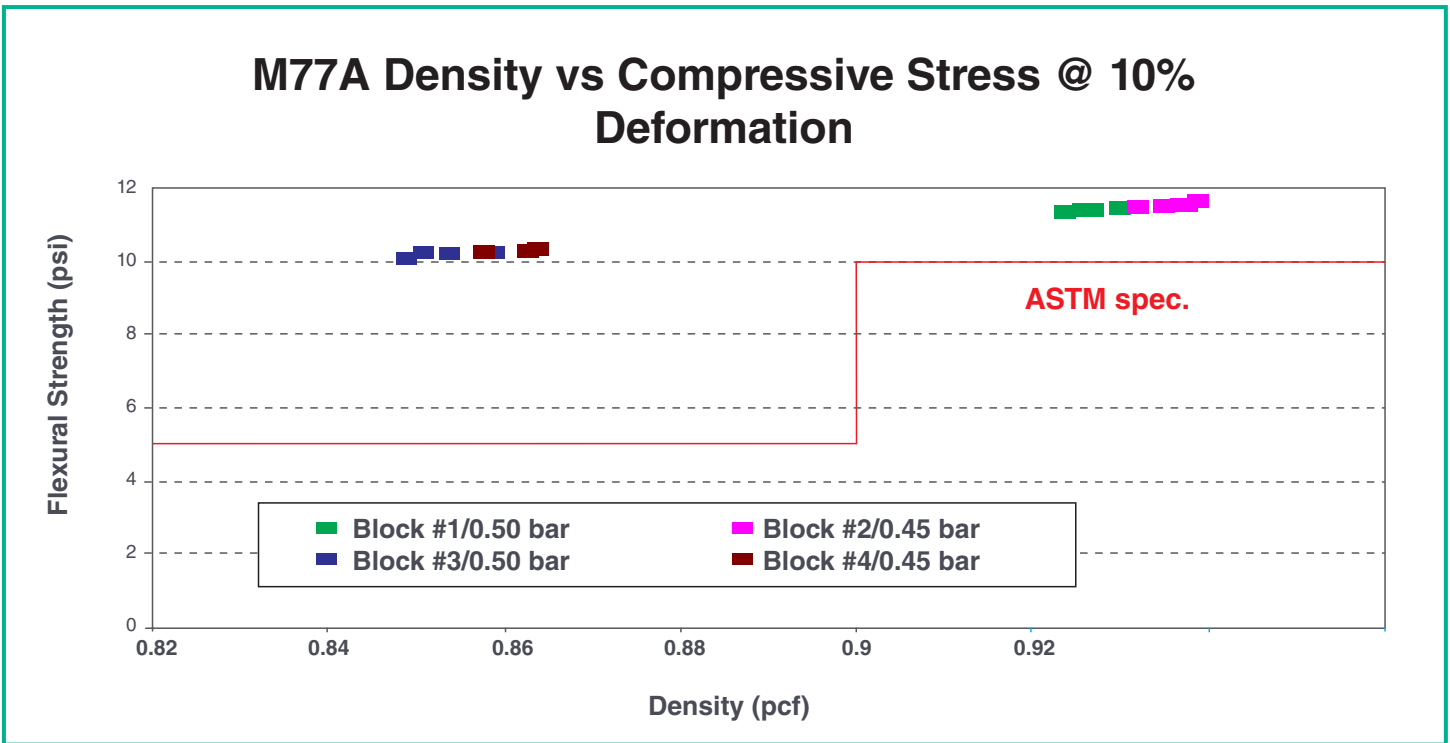
Flexural Strength - Pounds per square inch (psi) and Density – Pounds per Cubic Foot (pcf).)





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The product properties in the data sheet have been determined in accordance with the current testing methods of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), wherever possible.

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