

# Technical Specification

UPM Formi EcoAce WB

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**Material** UPM Formi EcoAce WB is renewable biocomposite made from 40-60% wood fibers and wood waste derived ISCC certified polypropylene. It is specially designed for injection moulding applications. Very high renewable content is ensured by wood fibres and renewable polypropylene. Wood fibres significantly increase stiffness and strength of polypropylene.

**Applications** UPM Formi EcoAce biocomposite material can be used in injection moulding applications instead of polypropylene, filled polypropylene or several other plastics.

**Environment** UPM Formi EcoAce is manufactured from softwood fibers and wood waste derived ISCC-certified polypropylene, which are together reducing the usage of fossil based plastics. Material is fully recyclable or can be burned for energy.

Physical and mechanical properties	Property	Test method	WB 40	WB 50	WB 60
	Density, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ISO 1183	1.02	1.05	1.08
Tensile strength, 50mm/min, N/mm <sup>2</sup>	ISO 527-2	43	46	50	
Tensile modulus, 50mm/min, N/mm <sup>2</sup>	ISO 527-2	3550	3750	4470	
Elongation at break, 50mm/min, %	ISO 527-2	2.5	2.0	1.8	
Charpy impact strength, unnotched +23 °C , kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	ISO 179-2/1eU	16	16	16	
Wood fibre content, weight %		40	50	60	

**Pretreatment** UPM Formi granulates are ready to use, but it is highly recommended to dry granulates before injection moulding. Recommended drying temperature and time is 115 °C and 3 hours in a desiccant air dryer.

**Injection moulding** UPM Formi does not need special equipment for processing. Recommended processing parameters for typical injection moulding machine are:

Temperature profile from nozzle	190/185/180/175 °C
Injection pressure	<1200 bar
Mould temperature	+60 - +120 °C
Injection speed	As high as possible

**Safety** Maximum recommended processing temperature is 200 °C. Overheating may cause risk for thermal degradation. Auto-ignition of UPM Formi material is possible after purging the injection moulding machine.

**Storage** UPM Formi granulates should be protected from UV-light and stored in closed packages in dry conditions at temperature below 50 °C. Air humidity can increase moisture content of the material and have negative effects on the end product properties.

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