

RP-400 PLASTIC SCINTILLATOR



RP-400 EMISSION SPECTRUM 1.2 1.0 AMPLITUDE 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 375 400 425 450 475 500 525 WAVELENGTH (nm)

GENERAL PROPERTIES

- Polymer Base: Polvinyltoluene
- Density, g/cc: 1.032
- Refractive Index: (ND): 1.58
- Softening Point: 70 °C.
- Coeff. of Linear Expansion:(<67°C): 7.8x10⁻⁵ / °C
- **Vapor Pressure:** Negligible. May be used in high vacuum.
- Light Output vs. Temperature: Independent of temperature from -60°C to +20 °C. At 60°C is 95% that at 20 °C.
- Radiation Length: 43cm

SCINTILLATION PROPERTIES

Light Output, % Anthracene:65Scintillation Efficiency, Photons/ MeV: 10,000Wavelength of Max. Emission, nm: 423Rise Time, ns:0.9Decay Time, ns:2.4Pulse Width, FWHM, ns:2.7Atomic Ratio, H/C: 1.10No. of H Atoms per cm³, x 10^{22} :5.23No. of C Atoms per cm³, x 10^{22} :4.74

Plastic Scintillators offer high performance, ease of handling, mechanical stability at a relatively low cost. The versatility of plastic scintillators makes them the ideal choice for large area and specially shaped detectors.

RP-400 (having the same formulation as NE 102A) is truly the general purpose scintillator that has been the mainstay over the past fifty years for use in industrial and health physics measurement of alpha, beta, gamma and neutron radiation as well as numerous medical instruments and scientific research ranging from low background shields in nuclear physics to space-borne astrophysics systems. It is available in geometries ranging from very thin films to thick cast sheet, rods and ingots.

For applications that require the scintillation light to traverse over 100 cm, a slight modification of the formulae provides the RP-408. While the light output decreases from 65% to 64% in RP-408, the decay time becomes shorter (from 2.4 ns to 2.1 ns) with a MAJOR IMPROVEMENT (≈50%) in the Bulk Light Attenuation Length. Refer to RP-408 Data Sheet for additional details.

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The plastic scintillators are soluble in aromatic solvents, acetone chlorinated solvents etc. They are unaffected by water, dilute acids, alkalis, lower alcohols, pure methyl alcohol, silicone grease or fluid.

Standard Sizes and Shapes

Sheet Sizes range up to 200" (5m) long by 36" (914mm) wide. Blocks are available up to 96" (2.5m) long, while Rods up to 48" (1220mm) diameter are manufactured. Call for standard sizes of annuli, well counters, thin films and spheres.

Handling and cleaning

Plastic scintillators sheets are supplied with a protective paper that should not be removed until ready for use. It is advisable to handle all plastic scintillators with cotton or tervlene gloves. If the scintillator requires cleaning we recommend a dilute solution of liquid detergent and a Selvyt polishing cloth or BPC grade cotton wool. Alternatively, Rexon can supply an excellent cleaning/polishing cream. Use of this can often increase the measured light attenuation length. Ethanol or methanol may be used. Machining instructions are available upon request.





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