



MATERIAL PLA **OVERVIEW**



PLA

ECONOMY THERMOPLASTIC FOR STRATASYS F123 SERIES PRINTERS

PLA is a renewable plastic material offered as a low-cost material option for fast-draft part iterations. Available on the office-friendly Stratasys F123TM Series 3D printers, PLA offers a higher stiffness than ABS and its low melting point and HDT mean less heat and power required to print parts.

PLA works well at high speeds, specifically fast-draft mode on the Stratasys F123 Series, for quick concept verification and design development. PLA offers good tensile strength and is available in a wide range of colors, including a variety of translucent colors. Ideal applications for PLA include fast, early concept modeling and low-cost prototyping.



Find the Perfect Material for Your Application

From strength and flexibility to biocompatibility and color, our experts help you select materials that meet your part performance and production goals - every time.

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At the core: Advanced FDM Technology

Stratasys' FDM® (fused deposition modeling) technology works with engineering-grade thermoplastics to build strong, long-lasting and dimensionally stable parts with the best accuracy and repeatability of any FDM technology. These parts are tough enough to be used as advanced conceptual models, functional prototypes, manufacturing tools and production parts.

Meet production demands

FDM systems are as versatile and durable as the parts they produce. Advanced FDM 3D Printers boast the largest build envelopes and material capacities in their class, delivering longer, uninterrupted build times, bigger parts and higher quantities than other additive manufacturing systems, delivering high throughput, duty cycles and utilization rates.

Opening the way for new possibilities

FDM 3D Printers streamline processes from design through manufacturing, reducing costs and eliminating traditional barriers along the way. Industries can cut lead times and costs, products turn out better and get to market faster.

No special facilities needed

FDM 3D Printers are easy to operate and maintain compared to other additive fabrication systems because there are no messy powders or resins to handle and contain, and no special venting is required because FDM systems don't produce noxious fumes, chemicals or waste.



MECHANICAL	TEST	ENGLISH		METRIC	
PROPERTIES ¹	METHOD	XZ AXIS	ZX AXIS	XZ axis	ZX axis
Tensile Strength, Yield (Type 1, 0.125", 0.2"/min)	ASTM D638	6,580 psi	3,790 psi	45 MPa	26 MPa
Tensile Strength, Ultimate (Type 1, 0.125", 0.2"/min)	ASTM D638	6,990 psi	3,830 psi	48 MPa	26 MPa
Tensile Modulus (Type 1, 0.125", 0.2"/min)	ASTM D638	440,730 psi	368,200 psi	3,039 MPa	2,539 MPa
Elongation at Break (Type 1, 0.125", 0.2"/min)	ASTM D638	2.5%	1.0%	2.5%	1.0%
Elongation at Yield (Type 1, 0.125", 0.2"/min)	ASTM D638	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%
Flexural Strength (Method 1, 0.05"/min)	ASTM D790	12,190 psi	6,570 psi	84 MPa	45 MPa
Flexural Modulus (Method 1, 0.05"/min)	ASTM D790	425,010 psi	358,290 psi	2,930 MPa	2,470 MPa
Flexural Strain at Break	ASTM D790	4.1%	1.9%	4.1%	1.9%
IZOD impact - notched (Method A, 23 °C)	ASTM D256	0.5 ft-lb/in	N/A	27 J/m	N/A
IZOD impact - unnotched (Method A, 23 °C)	ASTM D256	3.6 ft-lb/in	N/A	192 J/m	N/A

THERMAL PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	ENGLISH	METRIC
Heat Deflection (HDT) @ 66 psi	ASTM D648	127 °F	53 °C
Heat Deflection (HDT) @ 264 psi	ASTM D648	124 °F	51 °C
Vicat Softening Temperature (Rate B/50)	ASTM D1525	129 °F	54 °C
Glass Transition Temperature (Tg)	DMA (SSYS)	145 °F	63 °C
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (flow)	ASTM E831	56x10 ⁻⁰⁶ μin/(in·°F)	101x10 ⁻⁰⁶ μm/(m·°C)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (xflow)	ASTM E831	57x10 ⁻⁰⁶ μin/(in·°F)	102x10 ⁻⁰⁶ μm/(m·°C)



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ELECTRICAL	TEST METHOD	VALUE		
PROPERTIES		XY	ZX	
Volume Resistivity	ASTM D257	2.9E+15 ohm-cm	3.24E+15 ohm-cm	
Dielectric Constant	ASTM D150-98	1.51	2.33	
Dissipation Factor	ASTM D150-98	0.003	0.005	
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D149-09, Method A	154 V/mil	293 V/mil	

OTHER	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792	1.264 g/cc

SYSTEM	LAYER THICKNESS	SUPPORT	AVAILABLE
AVAILABILITY	CAPABILITY	STRUCTURE	COLORS
F123 Series	0.010 in. (0.254 mm)	Breakaway	■ Black □ White □ Light Gray ■ Medium Gray ■ Red ■ Blue ■ Natural Trans ■ Red Trans ■ Blue Trans ■ Yellow Trans ■ Green Trans

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