

## PEKUTHERM® EX

## **EXTRUDER PURGING DIRECTIONS**

375°F to 572°F (190°C to 300°C)

(For lower or higher temperatures, we recommend our HLT product)

- 1. Only purge with an open screw. Dies & profiles should be separated out and away from the screw.
- 2. Filters and static mixers should be removed before purging.
- **3.** Clean hopper, throat, etc. of all remaining material. Any ledges on the inside of the feed throat should be free from any type of debris.
- **4.** Leave the barrel full of the out-going polymer.
- **5.** Increase the temperature of the back heat zone by 10-15% (heat zone nearest the hopper throat).
- **6.** Purge at 50% of extrusion speed in order to let the PekuTherm® soft-scrub the screw/barrel clean.
- 7. Introduce the PekuTherm® onto a continuously running screw.
- 8. Continue to run PekuTherm® until our thermoplastic compound is free of colorant/contaminant.
- **9.** Introduce incoming polymer and run until clean. If a lot of color is still present, run some more PekuTherm® through the extruder. Follow with incoming material.
- **10.** After purge is complete, clean out the venting zone.

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

Use proper Pekutherm® grade (Determined by screw diameter):

PekuTherm® EX should be used for 1 ½" diameter or larger.

PekuTherm® SM should be used for 1" diameter or smaller.

\*\*\* If higher or lower temperatures are needed, refer to PekuTherm® HLT.

For further assistance, please contact us at UniTemp, Inc. or our sales representative.

