

**EASTMAN**

Eastman **TRITAN™**  
copolyester

## Innovations in IV components

*Exceptional clarity, durability, and chemical resistance  
deliver superior devices and patient safety.*



# Taking to heart the clear need for

In an environment that encourages the use of aggressive cleaners and disinfectants to prevent hospital acquired infections (HAIs), Eastman Tritan™ copolyester provides a welcome alternative. Tritan is a tough, clear polymer that delivers best-in-class chemical resistance. It helps manufacturers of intravenous (IV) components differentiate their products in the marketplace while improving user satisfaction and confidence.

## See a consistent difference in clarity.

Components made with Eastman Tritan™ copolyester experience little or no stress cracking or haziness from contact with cleaners and disinfectants, or from lipids, isopropyl alcohol, or bonding solvents. Limited testing with oncology drugs also shows little or no stress cracking or haziness.

- Unlike many other polymers, Tritan does not suffer color shifting or loss of properties following nonautoclave sterilization methods such as gamma or electron beam (e-beam) radiation.
- Tritan can offer significant advantages in components such as Y-sites, stopcocks, or manifolds where stress cracking is more prevalent on exposure to aggressive solvents, disinfectants, and cleaners.
- Improved visibility of IV fluids and pharmaceuticals by the health care team can result in improved patient safety.

Eastman Tritan™ copolyester has been rigorously tested by reputable third-party labs and shown to be free of estrogenic activity.

## See clear advantages over polycarbonate (PC).

Eastman Tritan™ copolyester provides toughness that is comparable with polycarbonate (PC) with minimal changes to tool design or molding process parameters. In addition, Tritan delivers greater color stability after sterilization and is manufactured without bisphenol A (BPA).

### *Eastman Tritan™ copolyester offers performance and processing advantages over PC.*

- Tritan does not require annealing to relieve inherent residual stress, which can reduce cycle time and energy costs. Low residual stresses offer significant chemical resistance advantages.
- Tritan is significantly more solvent compatible, allowing greater freedom in secondary operations and bonding with PVC tubing.
- Tritan provides superior chemical resistance in applications that encourage the use of aggressive cleansers and disinfectants.



# chemical resistance.

## Clearing the way for improved sustainability.

Eastman Tritan™ copolyester provides several advantages that can help manufacturers achieve sustainability goals, including:

- Inherent toughness helps reduce waste:
  - Less breakage in shipping and handling
  - IV components can be designed with thinner walls.
  - Components may require less packaging.
- Made without BPA or halogens and is not manufactured using *ortho*-phthalate plasticizers
- Free of chlorine
- Meets hospital Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) guidelines
  - Bisphenol A (BPA) free
  - No halogens (chlorine, bromine, etc.)
  - Free of *ortho*-phthalate plasticizers

## Helping you shape what's next.

Eastman Tritan™ copolyester is an important part of the robust portfolio of Eastman medical polymers for medical devices and rigid medical packaging. For more information on the entire portfolio and how Eastman can help you find the best solutions for developing IV components, visit [www.eastman.com/medical](http://www.eastman.com/medical) or call 800-EASTMAN (800-327-8626).



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