



MASTERBATCH FOR SILICONE APPLICATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

TUBALL™ MATRIX is a line of concentrates based on TUBALL™ single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) produced by OCSiAl. TUBALL™ MATRIX concentrates are available in several matrixes, are easy to handle, and can be processed using standard equipment. Depending on the TUBALL™ MATRIX percentage in the final compound and the processing conditions and other system components, the volume resistivity can be adjusted within the range of 10^2 – 10^8 Ω ·cm.

TUBALL™ is a unique SWCNT additive that provides electrical conductivity at low dosages not achievable with any standard conductive additive. These low dosages enable the electrical resistivity of the material to be reduced with minimal impact on the host matrix, including retaining and even improving mechanical properties, minimally increasing density, and limiting the influence on the rheological properties and colour.

TUBALL™ MATRIX 602 is a concentrate specifically designed to provide superior electrical conductivity to silicone compounds (LSR — liquid silicone rubber, RTV — room temperature vulcanised rubber) while retaining mechanical properties and minimally impacting the host matrix.

BENEFITS

- TUBALL™ SWCNT, carried by TUBALL™ MATRIX, enable ultra-low dosage of conductive filler starting from just 0.03 wt.% for **anti-static, static dissipative and conductive applications**
- Allow production of conductive parts that retains **bright colours**
- Ensure permanent and uniform **electrical conductivity without “hot spots”**
- **Maintain rheology** of the uncured compound
- **Standard processing** and mixing equipment
- Improve mechanical properties and retain softness

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Test method	Value
Concentrate carrier	–	Vinyl-terminated polydimethylsiloxane
Colour and appearance	–	Black paste
Density at 25°C	DIN 51757	Approx. 1.02 g/cm ³
Vinyl groups	–	0.36 mmol/g

TYPICAL DOSAGE LEVEL

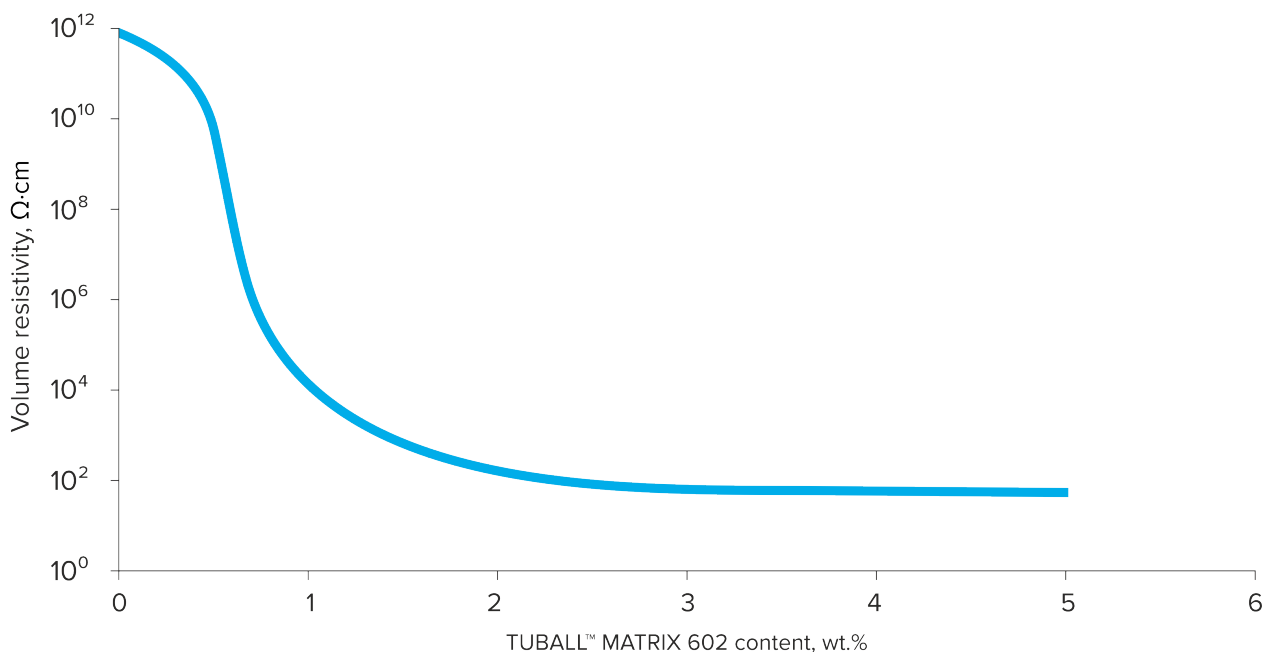
The concentration of **TUBALL™ MATRIX 602** that is required in the final compound should be determined according to the desired level of conductivity, as shown in Figure 1 for LSR.

The loading required to obtain a specific conductivity can vary by type of silicone, by the final formulation and by the type of application/molding process.

It is also important to note that the required dosage level of **TUBALL™ MATRIX** refers to the whole system. For example, if the system consists of 50% part A and 50% part B, and the required level of volume resistivity in liquid silicone is 10⁴ Ω·cm, the required **TUBALL™ MATRIX** concentration should be 1 wt.% for the whole system (**Figure 1**).

For more information refer to the Processing Guidelines.

Figure 1. Volume resistivity of LSR with **TUBALL™ MATRIX 602** is in the range 10²–10¹² Ω·cm*



* Tested in LSR Silopren© LSR 2030 (viscosity 350 Pa.s).
Measurements conducted according to ASTM D257, D991 standards.

METHOD OF ADDITION

To enable the development of a well-distributed network of percolating TUBALL™ nanotubes in the silicone matrix, a compounding step of the concentrate is essential.

TUBALL™ MATRIX 602 can be diluted into compounds through the use of standard silicone compounding equipment. Other approaches for masterbatch dilution may be used provided that their mixing efficiency is sufficient. More information about the key parameters for masterbatch dilution and compound processing can be found in the “Processing Guidelines for TUBALL™ MATRIX 601/602 for Liquid Silicones”.

PACKAGING

Plastic or metal cans (0.2, 0.5, 1, 5, 10 kg).

OCSiAl provides TUBALL™ MATRIX 602 test samples in plastic cans (50, 100 or 200 g concentrate).

STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

The product is stable in its unopened original packaging when stored under normal temperature conditions. The recommended storage life is up to 24 months when stored as directed.

SAFETY

To ensure safe handling, the appropriate safety regulations should be observed. OCSiAl recommends that every user should be able to apply the safe handling procedures necessary for the user’s applications before any handling or manufacturing takes place. A Safety Data Sheet outlining the hazards and handling methods for TUBALL™ MATRIX is available.

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