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Customer:	M/s. Premier Seals (I) Pvt. Ltd., Pune
Process:	Batch Microwave Heat Treatment for Rubber Preheating

TEST REPORT No: 47/KRDC/LAB/17 Mum 01/10/2018

Date Sample reception : 01/10/2018 ID : 47/LAB/61

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:

Sampling : As Requested Sample Condition : Acceptable Quantity : 3 bags

Sampling date : 15/11/2018
Product : Natural Rubber

Requirement : Rubber Preheating (Temperature of core of product after treatment

must be range between 60-70°C)

 Start Date test
 : 15/11/2018

 End Date test
 : 15/11/2018

EXPERIMENTAL SET UP:





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BATCH MICROWAVE HEATING SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

Microwave Power	1.45 kW
Frequency	2450 MHz ± 50
Convective Power	1.5 kW
Microwave Exposure Zone (cavity)	500*350*350 mm³
Exhaust Power	0.5 HP

ENVIRONMENT-LABORATORY AMBIENT CONDITIONS:

Temperature (degree C)	27.8°C (±5°C)
Humidity (%)	≤63% RH
Pressure (kN/m2 or kPa)	Not recorded

Note for recommendation: Environmental conditions have a direct impact on test results. Accuracy and consistency of test data are affected by the laboratory conditions







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EQUIPMENTS USED:

Name of Equipment	Picture of Equipment	Specifications
Digital Thermometer with sensor	259	Model No: TM-902C Temperature range: -50~750°C Temperature accuracy: ±1°C
Thermo Hygrometer	20 E	Model No: HTC-2 Temperature accuracy: ±°C (1.8°F) Temperature resolution: 0.1°C (0.2°F) Humidity range: 10%~99% RH Humidity accuracy: ±5% RH Humidity resolution: 1% RH

SAMPLE PREPARATION AND METHOD/PROCEDURE:

The experiment has been performed on given of rubber slabs having same shape and size in batch microwave heating system for rubber preheating. For this, rubber slabs has been placed on turntable in microwave system and heating treatment has been given for various parameters. The inner core temperature of samples has been noted.







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ANALYTICAL RESULTS:

	Trial (samples placed vertically)
No. of samples	12
Microwave Power Gain (%)	84
Chamber Temperature (°C)	70
Hot Air Temperature (°C)	60
Heating Cycle Time (minutes)	3
Microwave Current (A)	7
Surface Temperature (°C)	45-50
Core Temperature (°C)	60-75

PICTURES DURING TRIALS:









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OBSERVATIONS:

By the physical observation, it has been found that preheating of natural rubber, which is having low elastic properties, when exposed to microwave radiation, it get more resilience and elasticity. The requirement of core temperature between 60-70°C has been successfully achieved.

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