



ASSESSING AND PREPARING FOR FUTURE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTION BAGS

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OUR MOST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE PORTFOLIO EVER

APPLICATION FIELDS



Blood & blood components



Biotechnology



Nutrition



COMPLEMENTARY

Ports & caps



SERVICES

Custom-made solutions



EMT equipment lease



IV & pharmacological applications



Dialysis



Further exciting areas are in development



Barrier films & secondary packaging



Tailor-made films





FLEXIBLE BAGS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTIONS

OUTLINE

- » Overview of the polymeric materials typically used.
- » Guidance for selection of polymeric components for use in bags:
 - » Film
 - » Tubing
 - » Ports
- » Requirements for suppliers of polymeric components used in the construction of bags for pharmaceutical solutions.







BAGS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTIONS

- » Typically comprised of film, ports and / or tubing.
- » Subject to multiple steps:
 - Manufacturing of components (film, tubing, ports, label, ...)
 - » Assembly (bag sealing)
 - » Filling
 - » Closing
 - » Overwrapping
 - » Sterilization
 - » Transport & storage

- » Subject to multiple requirements:
 - » Shelf life
 - » Drug compatibility
 - » Cleanliness
 - » Environmental
 - » In-use performance
 - » Validation
 - » Change Control

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MANY OPTIONS FOR SELECTION OF COMPONENTS FOR FLEXIBLE BAGS

- Broad range of material options available
- Different performance and properties
- » Shape/form
- » Multilayer structure of film and tubing
- » Port design

COMMON POLYMERS USED IN FLEXIBLE BAGS FOR PHARMA-CEUTICAL SOLUTIONS

- » PP » PET
 - » Tie layer copolymers
- » PVC » …
- » PVDF, FEP
- » EVOH

» PE

» EVA

- » PA
- » SEBS



KEY MATERIAL-RELATED PROPERTIES

- » Sterilization resistance: steam, radiation or ETO
- » Operational temperature
- » API compatibility
- » Gas permeability (WVTR, OTR, CO₂TR)
- » Bag manufacturing technology



| | PVC ¹ | PP ² | EVA ³ | PE |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Operational temperature | -30° – 90°C | -20° – 100°C | -196° – 80°C | -80° – 80°C |
| Sealing technology | HF | Heat FFS | HF | Heat |
| Sterilization of filled bags | Steam | Steam | _ | _ |
| Sterilization of empty bags | _ | _ | EtO, Radiation | Radiation |
| Fluid bags | Terminal steam sterilization | Terminal steam sterilization | Aseptic filling | Aseptic filling |
| Typical pharmaceutical use | IV, Dialysis | IV, Dialysis, Nutrition | Nutrition | Biotech SUS |
| API compatibility | to ++ | ++ | 0 to ++ | ++ |
| M/C bags peelable seal | no | yes | no | no |
| WVTR | high | medium | high | medium |
| OTR | high | high | high | high |

¹ Plasticizer selection influences PVC properties: gas permeability, hardness / flexibility, appearance (optical, odor), fluid compatibility / E&L

² PP films are typically multi-layer structures and including other polymers

³ EVA properties vary with copolymer content



FILM

- » Multilayer structure
 - » Combination of different polymers
 - » Tailored properties/performance
 - » Peelable seals for multi-chamber bags
 - » O₂/CO₂/UV barrier
- » Double wound, single wound or tubular,
 - » Different bag manufacturing equipment
 - » Different film production processes
- » Typical film thickness for fluid bags
 - » PP 0.18 0.25 mm
 - » EVA 0.30 0.40 mm
 - » PVC 0.25 0.40 mm





PORT SYSTEM

- » Tubing with ports
 - » Port assembled in tubing
 - » Adhesive bonding PC to PVC
 - » Heat bonding during steam sterilization
 - » PC to PVC
 - » PC to PP multilayer tube
 - » PP to PP mono/multilayer tube
 - » Option for variety in ports
- » Bag port system
 - » Port sealed to the film
 - » Port closed (sealed) after filling
 - » Less variety in ports; bag making machine modification
 - » In general lower cost





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SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA: QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- » Pharma-oriented Quality Management System
 - » ISO 13485, ISO 15378 certification
 - » Periodic customer audits
 - » Validation process
 - » Management of changes
 - » Customer notifications
 - » Management of non-conformances
 - » Traceability
 - » CoC / CoAs
 - »
- » Cleanliness
 - » Component surface exposed to environment during production
 - » ISO class 7 cleanroom production minimum preferred.





SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA: REGULATORY SUPPORT

- » Regulatory support
 - » DMF
 - » Statements on (absence of) substances of concern
 - » Pharmacopoeia compliance
 - »
- » Technical support
 - » Processing, performance troubleshooting
 - » Relevant biocompatibility reports
 - » ISO 10993
 - » Ph.Eur., JP, USP, ...
 - » Physical/chemical properties
 - » E&L
 - » USP 661.1
 - » BPOG (Single-use bioprocessing)



SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA: SECURITY OF SUPPLY

- » Security of supply
 - » IT HAPPENS
 - » Backup options
 - » Raw materials
 - » Component(s)
- » Multiple production sites
 - » Typically covers extra set of regional raw materials
 - » Supports global manufacturing strategy



SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA: CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- » Consistent, reliable supply is ideal. BUT change happens.
- » Supplier Change Management is fundamental
 - » Change control and notification process in place
 - » Timeliness of notification
 - » Last buy options
 - » Alternative products ready to go
- » Supplier understanding of the pharmaceutical industry is essential
- » Transparency/open communication always helps
- » BPSA/BPOG Change Notification guide for Single-Use Bioprocessing Systems





MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA

SUMMARY

- Pharmaceutical Solution
 Bags are not simple
- Many material options available
- It's more than a piece of plastic

» Changes can be long and complex Conduct a broad assessment of material and supplier requirements. Engage with suppliers early in the product development process Suppliers with a strong pharmaceutical experience and pharma industry business orientation are ideal. Design with supply

security embedded from the beginning.



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