

**MIXER  
COMPOUNDS**

**Lead Free EPDM Compounds  
for MV Cables**

# LEAD FREE

- EPDM based compounds combine superior mechanical and electrical properties
- For these reasons, they are used in a wide variety of voltages and applications, such as

## EPDM Compounds for MV Cables

Low, medium and high voltage cables

Control and instrumentation cables

Mining cables

Power cords

Cables accessories

# LEAD FREE

## EPDM Compounds for MV Cables

- In EPDM compound the rubber resin is mixed with other additives to improve the mechanical and electrical properties
- Lead oxides are used as additives in today's commercially available EPDM compounds for Medium Voltage (MV) insulations as stabilizers for long lasting performances.





Currently in the European Union the Red Lead Oxide is listed in Reach SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) list, forcing MV cable producers to substitute the material with a



**LEAD FREE  
ALTERNATIVE**

**R&D**

new **LEAD FREE** product

Mixer is producing MV cable compounds since 1996.

Main features:

- Base polymers: EPR/EPDM.
- Coated and uncoated mineral fillers.
- Peroxide soaking process at low temperature.
- Clean compounding process without contamination.

What's **NEW**

**STABILIZER SYSTEM:  
LEAD FREE SYNERGISTIC  
MIXTURE OF ORGANIC AND  
INORGANIC ADDITIVES  
WITH ENHANCED ION  
SCAVENGING PROPERTIES**

# Optimization

for the new **LEAD FREE** product

The following parameters have been taken into consideration:

- Easy dispersion and compatibility of new stabilizers into polyolefin matrix.
- Good electrical properties of new stabilizers, especially in wet conditions.
- No interference between crosslinking system and lead free stabilizing pack.
- Final cost of the compound.



# MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

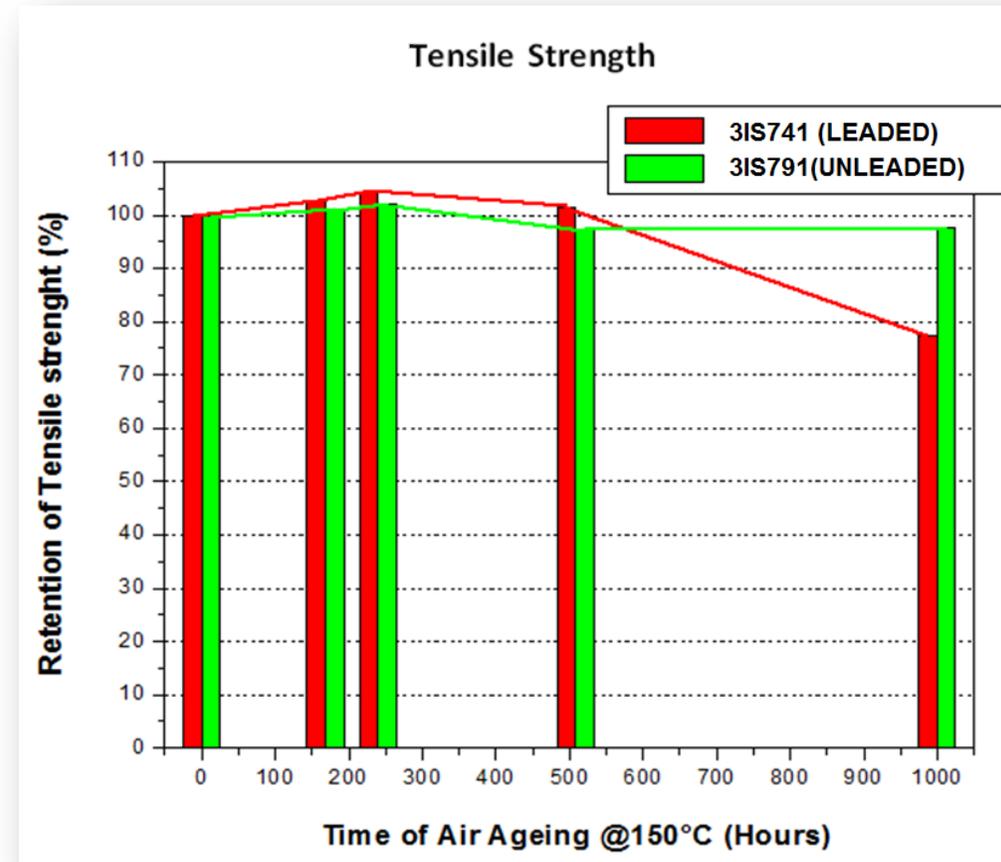
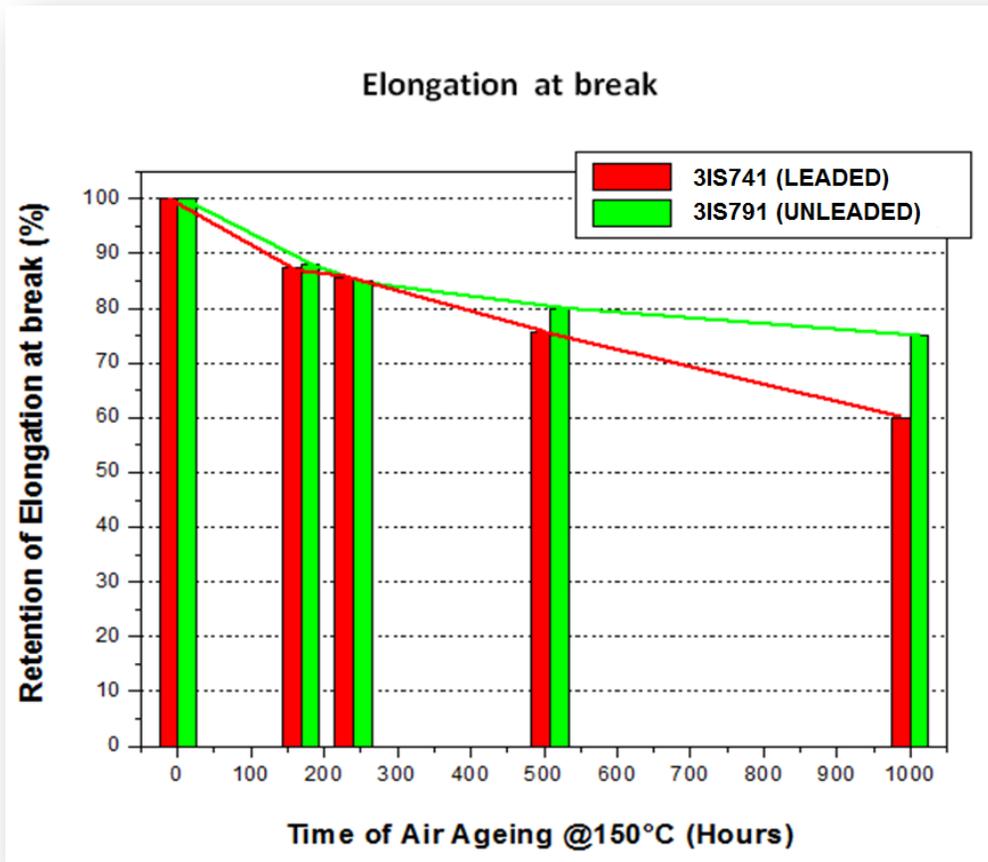
## Lab Simulation

PROPERTIES	UNIT	3IS741 (LEADED)	3IS791 (LEAD FREE)
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	g/cc	1.20	1.18
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES			
MODULUS AT 200%	PSI	1000	1000
TENSILE STRENGTH, MINIMUM	PSI	2000	2000
ELONGATION, MINIMUM	%	430	430
HARDNESS	Shore A	84	84
VISCOSITY MOONEY ML (1+4) 100 °C		46	56
CROSSLINKING TIME T90 @ 180°C	minutes	7' 26"	7' 46"



# AGEING RESISTANCE

# Lab Simulation



# MV POWER 65 KV CABLES

## Tests

# MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

PROPERTIES	UNIT	REQUIRED BY EU CUSTOMERS	3IS741 (LEADED)	3IS791 (LEAD FREE)
<b>MECHANICAL PROPERTIES</b>				
MODULUS AT 150%	PSI	> 650	1480	1770
TENSILE STRENGTH, MINIMUM	PSI	> 1450	2640	2450
ELONGATION, MINIMUM	%	> 200	410	320
<b>AIR OVEN AGEING (168 H @ 150 °C)</b>				
TENSILE STRENGTH, VARIATION	△	± 30%	-11	+14
ELONGATION, MAXIMUM VARIATION	△	± 30%	-9	-7
<b>AIR OVEN AGEING (504 H @ 150 °C)</b>				
TENSILE STRENGTH, VARIATION	△	± 30%	-21	+18
ELONGATION, MAXIMUM VARIATION	△	± 30%	-22	-15
<b>AIR BOMB AGEING (40 H @ 127 °C)</b>				
TENSILE STRENGTH, VARIATION	△	± 30%	-2	+14
ELONGATION, MAXIMUM VARIATION	△	± 30%	-2	+2



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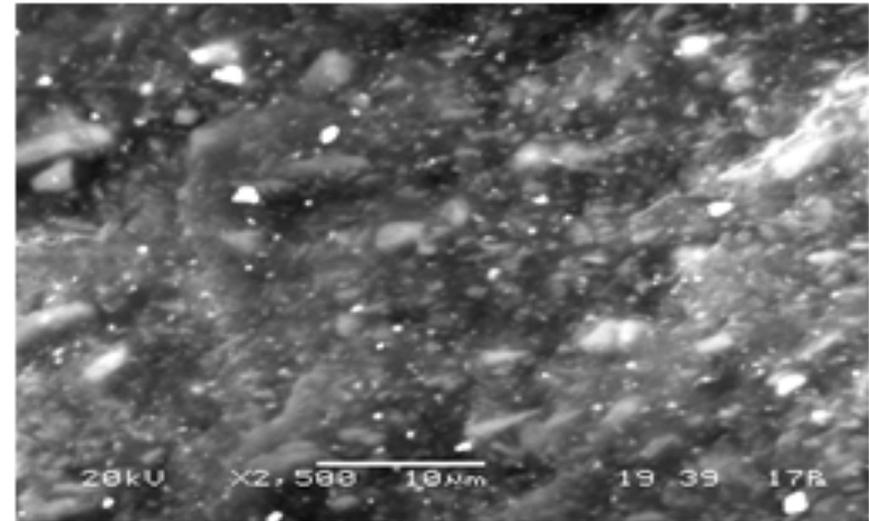
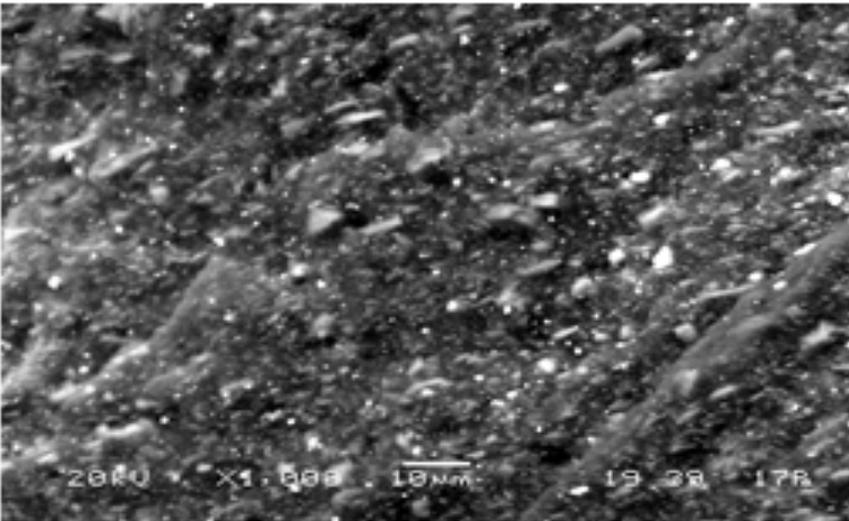
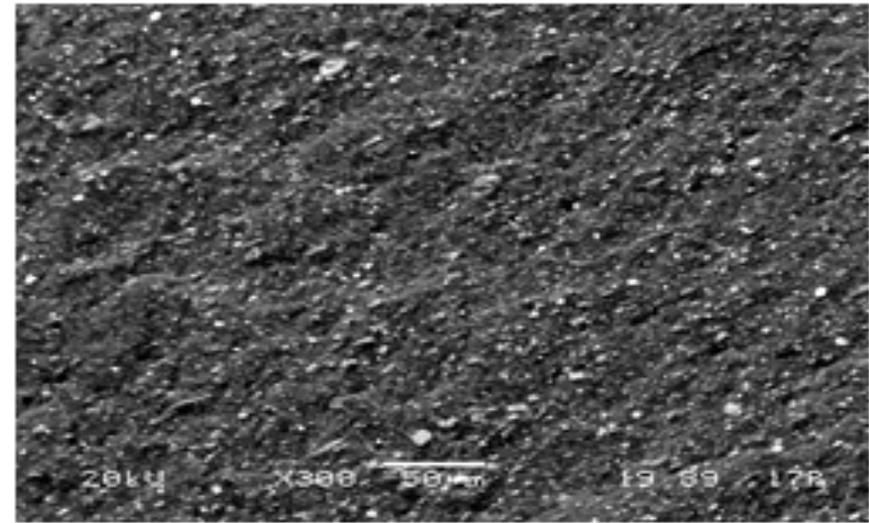
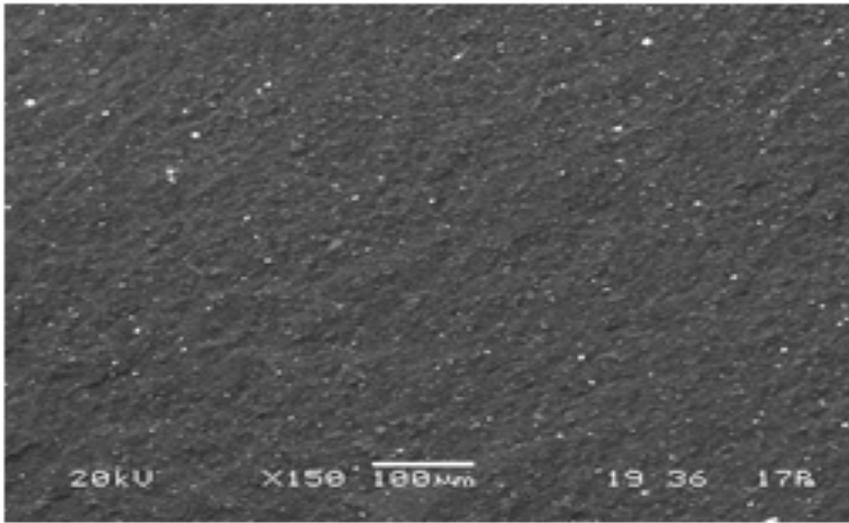
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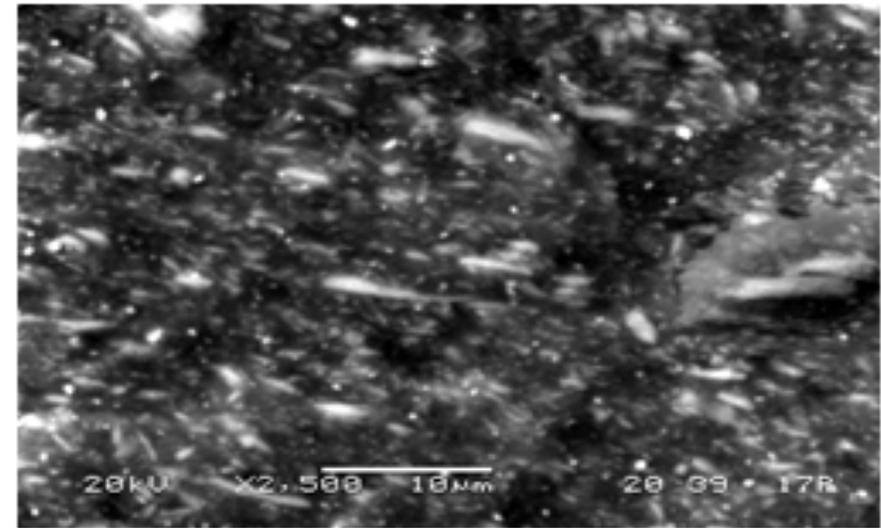
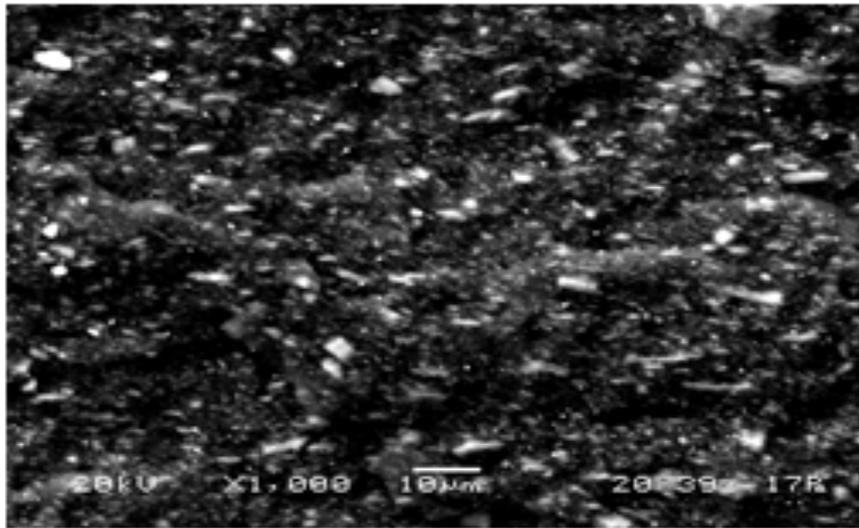
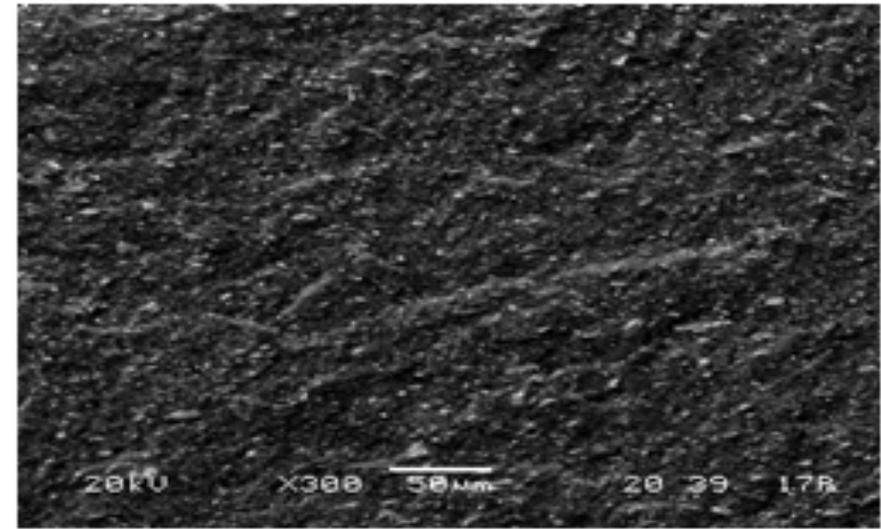
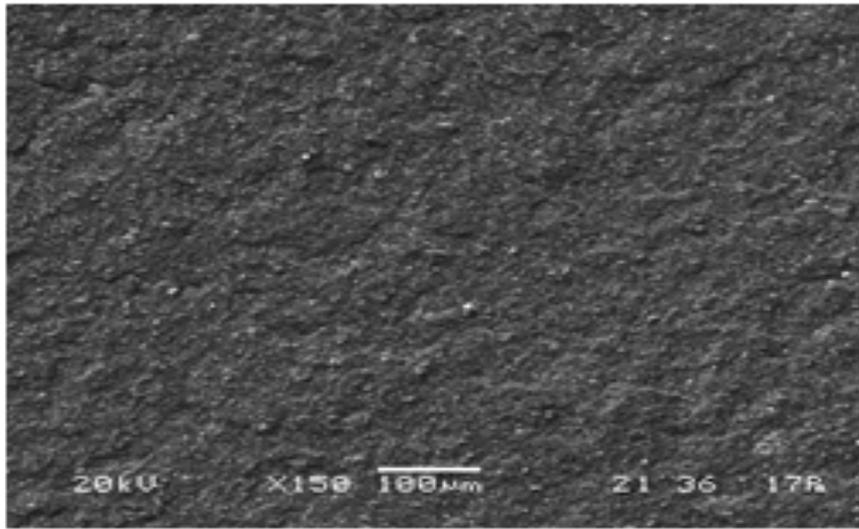
PROPERTIES	UNIT	3IS741 (LEADED)	3IS791 (LEAD FREE)
<b>DIELECTRICAL PROPERTIES</b>			
DIELECTRICAL CONSTANT @ 25 °C (UNAGED)	-	2.57	2.61
DIELECTRICAL CONSTANT @ 25 °C (AFTER AGEING)	-	2.65	2.76
DIELECTRIC LOSS FACTOR TAN $\delta$ @ 25 °C/50HZ (UNAGED)	-	$2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-3}$
DIELECTRIC LOSS FACTOR TAN $\delta$ @ 25 °C/50HZ (AFTER AGEING)	-	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>INSULATING PROPERTIES</b>			
INSULATION CONSTANT @ 20 °C	M $\Omega$ Km	6000	8000
INSULATION CONSTANT @ 90 °C	M $\Omega$ Km	6	7
<b>WATER ABSORPTION TEST (24H @ 100 °C)</b>			
VARIATION OF MASS, MAXIMUM	mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.09	0.04
DIELECTRIC STRENGTH CABLE 95 MM <sup>2</sup> 20/12 KV	kV/mm	30	40



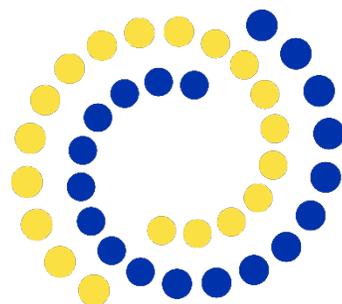
Ageing conditions: Aged 136 °C Oven for 7 days and immersed for 2h in 100 °C water



# Morphology of MV LEADED compound



**Morphology of MV LEAD FREE compound**



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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