Technical Data Sheet





Hybrid cotton fabric based **Gala rigid thermoplastic counters** are designed for automation production of soft shoes, sneakers, high fashion men and women shoes and boots. **Gala** has excellent shape retention properties and can be used premoulded.

| PRODUCT CODE | COATING TYPE | THICKNESS* | CUTTING DIRECTION |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| GALA 20 CC | EVA, Hybrid PU | 1,20 - 1,25 mm | |
| GALA 30 CC | EVA, Hybrid PU | 1,30 - 1,35 mm | |

^{*}Thickness tolerance may vary with natural range of +/- 0,05 mm.

Typical Applications:

Can be used for all types of soft shoes, sneakers, high fashion men and women shoes and boots.

Mode of Use:

The counter is put between upper and lining, then moulded by a backpart moulding machine. It can also be preformed before the backpart moulding process. Application temperature, pressure and timing are critical for best results. Make sure to run a test trial for your specific application style.

Temperature of the mold: 130°C to 150°C according to the type of lining and upper used (natural or synthetic).

Minimum effective interface temperature: 120°C

Contact time: 10 to 20 seconds (higher temperature allows shorter contact time).

Cutting: Machine direction

Skiving: Silicone and air lubricated skiving machine will provide best results. **Pressure:** 5-15 psi depending on the thickness of upper and lining used.

We recommend you to carry out a preliminary test of application as the conditions may vary depending on the characteristics of the upper. We recommend a subsequent cold stabilization of the counter after backpart moulding for perfect shape retention.

Application of solvent based glue at any stage of the manufacturing can degrade the adhesive layer present on the sheet, which may cause detachment from the upper.

Storage:

Pallets of Gala should be stored in a dry atmosphere, with an ambient temperature of under 40°C. The sheets and pallets should be kept away from direct sunlight or any other UV radiation source to protect from premature degredation of polymer coating and impregnated polymers.