PCTG 3D Printing Filament – Technical Data Sheet (TDS)

Product Name: PCTG Filament

Material Type: Copolyester (PETG Family – Enhanced Grade)

Brand: Fabbxible

1. Product Overview

PCTG (PolyCyclohexylenedimethylene Terephthalate Glycol) is a high-performance copolyester known for its **excellent impact strength**, **clarity**, and **enhanced heat resistance** compared to standard PETG. It offers a balance of toughness, chemical resistance, and ease of printing, making it suitable for functional parts, mechanical components, and consumer products.

2. Key Features & Benefits

- **High impact resistance** (up to 3× stronger than PETG)
- **Improved heat resistance** (up to 90–95°C depending on grade)
- Low warping & stable dimensional accuracy
- High clarity (transparent colors)
- Good layer adhesion
- Odorless during printing
- Excellent chemical resistance
- Suitable for mechanical prototypes & end-use parts

3. Recommended Printing Settings

Parameter Value

Nozzle Temperature 250–270°C

Bed Temperature 70–90°C

Chamber Temperature Not required (optional 30–50°C for best results)

Nozzle Size 0.4 mm (recommended), 0.6 mm also suitable

Print Speed 40–80 mm/s

Cooling Fan 30–70%

Drying Temperature 65–70°C for 4–6 hours

Note: PCTG absorbs some moisture; drying before printing is recommended for best clarity and layer adhesion.

4. Mechanical Properties

(Typical values; may vary depending on printer, environment, and test method)

| Property | Test Standard | Typical Value |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Density | ASTM D792 | 1.27 g/cm³ |
| Tensile Strength | ASTM D638 | 48–55 MPa |
| Tensile Modulus | ASTM D638 | 1900–2200 MPa |
| Elongation at Break | ASTM D638 | 80–150% |
| Flexural Strength | ASTM D790 | 65–75 MPa |
| Flexural Modulus | ASTM D790 | 1900–2100 MPa |
| Impact Strength (Izod, Notched) | ASTM D256 | 10-12 kJ/m² (very high impact) |

5. Thermal Properties

| Property | Test Standard | Typical Value |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Glass Transition (Tg) | DSC | 75–80°C |
| Heat Deflection Temperature | ASTM D648 | 90-95°C (at 0.45 MPa) |
| Melting Point | _ | Amorphous (no clear melting point) |

6. Other Properties

Property Typical Value

Shrinkage Low (0.2–0.4%)

UV Resistance Moderate

Chemical Resistance Good against oils, detergents, dilute acids/bases

Food Contact Safety Raw PCTG resin is FDA-compliant (self-declaration required)

7. Storage & Handling

- Store in a dry, cool environment.
- Seal filament in a ziplock bag or dry box when not in use.
- If moisture is present (stringing, popping sound), dry before printing.

8. Applications

- Mechanical prototypes & enclosures
- High-strength functional parts
- Transparent components
- Household products
- Industrial jigs & fixtures

- Cosmetic containers & consumer products
- Food-contact concepts (subject to compliance requirements)

9. Packaging Information

• **Diameter:** 1.75mm

• Weight: 1kg (net) per spool

• Diameter Tolerance: ±0.03mm

• Vacuum-sealed with desiccant