

China Price Monitor LDPE+LLDPE Pricing

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Comparison of Domestic vs Import Prices as CNY/tonne										
	Transaction Prices for Domestic Resin including VAT					Transaction Prices for Imported Resin CFR or CIF CMP including VAT & import duty				
	This Week		Next Week		Change	This Week		Next Week		Change
	Low	High	Low	High		Low	High	Low	High	
LDPE Coating	14560	14700	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*
LDPE Film	12000	15500	*	*	*	12300	13068	*	*	*
LLDPE General Film	10810	11380	*	*	*	11100	11670	*	*	*
Excludes delivery. Payment terms are T/T for domestic resin and LC at site for imported resin.										

This week's executive summary

- The Chinese PE market was in a heavy wait-and-see air this week with slight price falls registered for most grades. Weak buying interest resulted in sporadic transactions.
- Some products of Zhenhai Ethylene's 450 kt/yr HDPE/LLDPE swing plant were available in the market this week following the start-up a week ago. Producers and traders reported normal inventories at present, but their availability of some grades were expected to increase. Despite decreasing import arrivals, most importers were unwilling to slash offers due to high costs, which led to slow sales.
- Most distributors of domestic cargoes sold in line with the market trend as petrochemical producers' offers gave them limited speculative space. Most importers reduced sales done by CNY owing to the large gap between import and domestic values.
- End-users showed a weak buying interest largely due to falling feedstock prices and limited orders they received.
- Participants expected the domestic prices to remain in correction next week which included the Labor Day Holidays (1-3 May 2010) given volatile crude oil values.

PE China Shutdown Schedule - expected number of shut down days																	
Majority Owners	Plant	City	Province	Line	Annual Capacity KT	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan,10	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Comments
Sinopec	Yanshan PC	Beijing	Beijing	LDPE	380	18	31	30	14	1	1		2				
				HDPE	140		1										
Sinopec	Qilu PC	Zibo	Shandong	LDPE	140							13			7		
				LLDPE	140		2										
				HDPE	140												
Sinopec	Yangzi PC	Nanjing	Jiangsu	LLDPE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
				HDPE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sinopec	Shanghai PC	Shanghai	Shanghai	LDPE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
				HDPE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
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Total					8850	74	108	82	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	

Note: Only top ten resin suppliers included, all suppliers shutdown list is available in the full China Price Monitor

Production News & Shutdowns

- Daqing PC shut its 80 kt/yr Line C of HDPE unit on 29 March due to a short supply of feedstock, and restarted it on 5 April. Daqing PC shut down its 80 kt/yr Line C of HDPE unit on 14 April due to a short supply of ethylene. Daqing shut down its 85 kt/yr LLDPE unit during 12-13 April due to a technical problem.
- CSPC shut down its 200 kt/yr HDPE unit and 250 kt/yr LDPE unit on early March for maintenance, and restarted the two units at the end of April.
- Yangzi PC shut down its 200 kt/yr LLDPE unit on 25 March, and restarted the unit on 2 April. Yangzi PC shut down its 200 kt/yr LLDPE unit during 15-20 April due to a technical problem.
- Qilu PC shut down its 140 kt/yr LDPE unit during 5-12 April due to a technical problem.
- Yanshan PC shut down its 200 kt/yr LDPE unit during 3-4 April due to a technical problem.
- Jilin PC shut down its 300 kt/yr HDPE unit during 6-12 April for regular maintenance.
- BASF-YPC plans to shut down its 200 kt/yr LLDPE unit on 18 April for a month maintenance.

Note: * replaced the actual data which are only provided to CBI CPM subscribers.

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