

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	13460	14060	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*
LDPE Film	11560	12500	*	*	*	11622	12898	*	*	*
LLDPE General Film	12200	12900	*	*	*	11111	11877	*	*	*
Excludes delivery. Payment terms are T/T for domestic resin and LC at site for imported resin.										

This week's executive summary

- The Chinese polyethylene (PE) market experienced a large downtrend this week. Due to weak demand, financial market exerted heavy impact on traders' sentiment.
- Domestic producers issued settlement policies this week and most of them lowered list prices, with unconfirmed reports saying they were in a panic air on high inventories. Traders were in a hurry to move cargoes to ease sales pressure, but end users stood aside, resulting in limited deals.
- Falling domestic prices weighed on the import market. Some importers slashed offers, but end users' weak buying interest led to sluggish trades.
- Due to a lack of favorable factors, poor demand and higher inventories made most traders negative at the outlook. The market was expected to remain on a downtrend in the near future and some traders hoped producers' offers in the second half of May to support the domestic prices.

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									7	
				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

- Shanghai PC shut down its 250 kt/yr HDPE unit during 9-13 May for maintenance.
- Zhongsha PC shut down its 300 kt/yr LLDPE unit during 7-10 May due to a technical problem.
- Maoming PC shut down its 200 kt/yr FDPE unit during 5-11 May for maintenance. Maoming shut down its 120 kt/yr old LDPE unit on 12 May for maintenance.
- Zhenhai Ethylene shut down its 450 kt/yr FDPE unit on 29 April due to a technical problem.
- Qilu PC shut down its 140 kt/yr LLDPE unit during 5-11 May due to a technical problem.
- Lanzhou PC shut down its 200 kt/yr LDPE unit on 6 May due to a technical problem.
- Daqing PC shut down its 80 kt/yr Line C of HDPE unit during 14-29 April due to a short supply of Ethylene.
- BASF-YPC plans to shut down its 200 kt/yr LLDPE unit on 18 April for a month maintenance.
- CSPC shut down its 200 kt/yr HDPE unit and 250 kt/yr LDPE unit on early March for maintenance, and restart the two units at the end of April.

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

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