

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	10460	11140	10300	11000	-160	9920	10175	9920	10005	+0
LDPE Film	9560	10420	9400	10300	-160	9664	9920	9749	9920	+85
LLDPE General Film	9880	10260	9800	10100	-80	9069	9920	8643	9324	-426
Excludes delivery. Payment terms are T/T for domestic resin and LC at site for imported resin.										

This week's executive summary

- Domestic PE market moved down after an increase this week.
- Price rise of LDPE and LLDPE in earlier time was largely driven by high HDPE prices and offer lifting of petrochemical producers.
- As a result, the prices fell in mid week due to traders' profit taking and strong interest in selling.
- Traders hold divergent outlooks. Some of them were optimistic supported by low market inventories. But according to others, buyers showed strong reluctance to high prices.
- Many end-users were reported to shut down productions. Thus, the market is likely to be on a fast falling streak if suppliers reduce their offers.

Production News & Shutdowns

- Maoming PC shut down its 200 kt/yr LLDPE unit during 22-29 March for maintenance.
- Golden Phillips PC shut down its 150 kt/yr HDPE unit its 25-29 March due to shortage of ethylene.
- Yanshan PC shut down its 70 kt/yr No1.line of HDPE unit during 23-30 March for maintenance. Yanshan shut down its 60 kt/yr No 2 Line of Old LDPE unit during 5-9 April due to unexpected accidents.
- Panjin Ethylene shut down its 130 kt/yr HDPE unit on 9 December for maintenance, and plans to restart on May 2009.
- Daqing PC shut down its 6.5 kt/yr old LDPE unit during 16-23 March. Daqing PC shut down its 80 kt/yr Line B of HDPE unit during 4-11 March for maintenance, Daqing shut down the unit again during 16-25 March. Daqing shut down its 80 kt/yr Line C of HDPE unit during 16-23 March for maintenance. Daqing PC shut down its 80 kt/yr Line A of HDPE unit during 11-25 March due to shortage of feedstock ethylene. Daqing shut down its 65 kt/yr old LDPE unit on 2 April due to shortage of ethylene.
- Lanzhou PC shut down its 85 kt/yr No.2 line of HDPE unit during 10-26 March for regular maintenance.
- Shanghai Secco shut down its 300 kt/yr LDPE and 300 kt/yr HDPE units on 8 March due to unexpected accidents, and restarted LLDPE unit on 23 March, HDPE unit on 26 March.
- Qilu PC planned to shut down its all PE units with capacity of 420 kt/yr from 15 April to 21 May for maintenance.

PE China Shutdown Schedule - expected number of shut down days																	
Majority Owners	Plant	City	Province	Line	Annual Capacity KT	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan,09	Feb	Mar	Apr	Comments
Sinopec	Yanshan PC	Beijing	Beijing	LDPE	380		2	7	4	3	30	11			1	4	
				HDPE	140	1		3	2		2	2			7		
Sinopec	Qilu PC	Zibo	Shandong	LDPE	140	2				1	3	7				15	
				LLDPE	140			8	0.5		4				15		
				HDPE	140	2		4	9			4	3		15		
Sinopec	Yangzi PC	Nanjing	Jiangsu	LLDPE	200		18				5						
				HDPE	260			10	10		4			4			
Sinopec	Shanghai PC	Shanghai	Shanghai	LDPE	190		23	11	29	1	30	30	5				
				HDPE	250						3						
Sinopec	Maoming PC	Maoming	Guangdong	LDPE	120	4	6	4	1	3	5		17	7	1		
				New LDPE	250	20	8	1	1	5	8	7	4	4			
				LLDPE	200	5	1			2	4		1	1	15		
				HDPE	350	17		7	5	10	1	9	4				
Petrochina	Daqing PC	Daqing	Heilongjiang	LDPE	65			2		4	12			5	10	8	
				New LDPE	200					17					1		
				LLDPE	85	1	12						6				
				HDPE	240	17		7	5	7	4	17	6	7	16		
Petrochina	Jilin PC	Jilin	Jilin	LLDPE	275	14											
				HDPE	300	15								6			
Petrochina	Lanzhou PC	Lanzhou	Gangsu	LDPE	200			2	21	2			2				
				LLDPE	60			16	23		5						
				HDPE	170			16	23		5	21	6	3			
				New HDPE	300				21	2							
Sinopec and BP	Shanghai Secco	Shanghai	Shanghai	LLDPE	300										15		
				HDPE	300									18			
CNOOC and Shell	CSPC	Huizhou	Guangdong	LDPE	250												
				HDPE	200												
Total					7065	140	100	121	194	83	145	163	132	90	138	87	

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

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