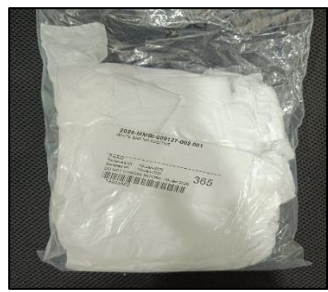


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Sample Registration Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Starting Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Completed on	In process
Sampling Done by	Sample drawn and supplied by customer
Deviation from the test methods:	None
Packaging Condition/sealed/unsealed	Sealed with box
Sample Image	 Figure 1: PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010  Figure 2: WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE Sample

DETAILS PROVIDED BY THE CUSTOMER

Customer Name:	BYCSA S.A.
Contact Person:	Mr. Carolina Perez Quiros
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Sample submitted as	1) PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010/ (Aditivo Acelerador ECOBYC ECP-010), Group sample for NEXU GROUP-BYCSA COSTUMERS-CAMARA AMBIENTAL DEL PLASTICO AFILIATES-BIOSUSTAINABLE 2) WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Description on label/Sample Bottle	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Sample type	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Quantity	1 Packet
Mode of Packaging	Courier Box
Sample condition	Sample was at ambient temperature in good condition

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Test Method	ASTM D5338: Determining Aerobic Biodegradation of Plastic Materials Under Controlled Composting Conditions, Incorporating Thermophilic Temperatures	
Procedure number	NA	

LABORATORY

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SAMPLE RECEIPT

The PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010/ (Aditivo Acelerador ECOBYC ECP-010), Group sample for NEXU GROUP-BYCSA COSTUMERS-CAMARA AMBIENTAL DEL PLASTICO AFILIATES-BIOSUSTAINABLE and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE Samples Sample was received on 10/01/2025 at the Intertek testing facility. The sample was sent through courier. The sample was at ambient temperature in good condition with no evidence of damage or contamination. No temperature preservation was required.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE samples were submitted by BYCSA S.A. for testing under standard ASTM D5338. This method determines the degree and rate of aerobic biodegradation of plastic materials on exposure to a controlled composting environment under laboratory conditions, at thermophilic temperatures. The samples were exposed to an inoculum that is derived from compost from municipal solid waste. The aerobic composting takes place in an environment where temperature, aeration and humidity are closely monitored and controlled. The percentage of biodegradability is obtained by determining the percentage of carbon in the test sample that is converted into CO₂ during the duration of the test.

Apparatus Setup:

A series of 09 composting vessels of 5-liter volume (1 blank i.e. compost, 1 positive i.e. cellulose mixed with compost, and 1 test plastic sample mixed with compost, all in 3 replicates). The entire composting vessel were kept in Incubator capable of maintaining the temperature of composting vessels at 58 ± 2°C (Figure 2). Pressurized air system that provides CO₂ free, H₂O saturated air to each of the composting vessels at accurate aeration rate. CO₂ evolved will be absorbed by 0.024 N Ba (OH)₂ and the amount of CO₂ will be determined by titrating with 0.05 N HCl.

Compost Inoculum:

The compost inoculum should be 2 to 4 months old, well aerated compost from organic fraction of municipal solid waste, sieved on a screen of less than 10 mm, compost from plants, treating green or yard waste or mixtures of municipal solid waste and green waste should be used. The compost inoculum should produce 50-150 mg of CO₂ per gram of volatile solids over the first 10 days of the test and an ash content of less than 70% and a pH between 7 and 8.2, is desired. The amount of

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total dry solids may range from 50 to 55%. Compost should have sufficient porosity to enable aerobic conditions. The compost inoculum should be as free from larger inert materials (glass, stones, metals, etc.) as possible.



Figure 2: compost inoculum

PROCEDURE:

The composting vessels will be incubated in diffuse light minimum for a period of 45 days, or more & the temperature of the system will be maintained at 58°C. The CO₂ & O₂ concentrations will be checked in the outgoing air. The air flow will be adjusted to maintain a CO₂ concentration of at least 2% vol /vol to allow accurate determination of CO₂ level in the exhaust air. Composting vessels will be shaken weekly to prevent extensive channeling, provide uniform attack on test specimen and provide an even distribution of moisture.

Carbon Dioxide Analysis:

The carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced in each vessel reacted with Ba(OH)₂ and will be precipitated as barium carbonate (BaCO₃). The amount of carbon dioxide produced will be determined by titrating the remaining barium hydroxide with 0.05N hydrochloric acid to a phenolphthalein end point. Data obtained from the titration will be used to calculate the amount of CO₂ produced.

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RESULTS:

The PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE Samples were subjected to biodegradation as per ASTM D5388 biodegradability test under controlled composting conditions at 58°C ± 2°C and biodegradability was determined by measuring the actual metabolic conversion of the compostable material into carbon dioxide using the standard test method. After 405 days of incubation under dry (58 °C ± 2°C), aerobic controlled composting conditions using test method ASTM D5338, the reference (Positive control) and sample were gradually biodegraded. The reference sample degraded around 100 % (after 97 days) and The PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE Sample showed 57.28% and 2.10% respectively after 405 days.

Table 1: Percentage Biodegradation of Positive control and Test samples

Day	Percentage Biodegradation		
	Positive Control	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010	Control- WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
0	0.00	0.00	0
3	5.24	0.67	0
6	9.25	1.21	0.08
10	18.25	2.67	0.13
14	23.45	3.88	0.18
18	29.83	4.11	0.22
21	36.50	4.89	0.28
24	42.67	5.29	0.29
27	52.80	5.89	0.32
30	60.53	6.27	0.38
35	68.92	7.12	0.42
40	71.53	7.40	0.49
45	76.88	8.20	0.55
52	80.82	8.62	0.60
60	84.82	9.29	0.64
67	87.46	10.27	0.66
72	90.62	11.46	0.69
80	94.45	12.69	0.71
90	98.67	13.35	0.75
97	100.00	14.94	0.81
105	100.00	15.63	0.87
115	100.00	16.30	0.91

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125	100.00	16.90	0.96
135	100.00	17.28	1.01
145	100.00	18.40	1.09
155	100.00	19.99	1.12
160	100.00	22.07	1.16
170	100.00	22.71	1.27
180	100.00	23.51	1.30
187	100.00	23.82	1.34
192	100.00	24.06	1.38
200	100.00	24.45	1.39
208	100.00	24.86	1.43
215	100.00	25.82	1.48
225	100.00	25.82	1.56
233	100.00	27.08	1.74
240	100.00	28.30	1.77
248	100.00	29.59	1.79
255	100.00	30.87	1.80
263	100.00	32.18	1.84
270	100.00	33.52	1.85
278	100.00	34.82	1.86
285	100.00	36.13	1.87
292	100.00	37.47	1.88
300	100.00	38.79	1.88
308	100.00	40.12	1.91
315	100.00	41.43	1.92
322	100.00	41.43	1.92
330	100.00	44.04	1.93
337	100.00	45.34	1.94
345	100.00	46.63	1.94
352	100.00	47.92	1.95
360	100.00	49.23	1.96
368		50.55	1.97
375		51.88	1.98
383		53.22	2.01
390		54.57	2.04
398		55.93	2.07
405		57.28	2.10

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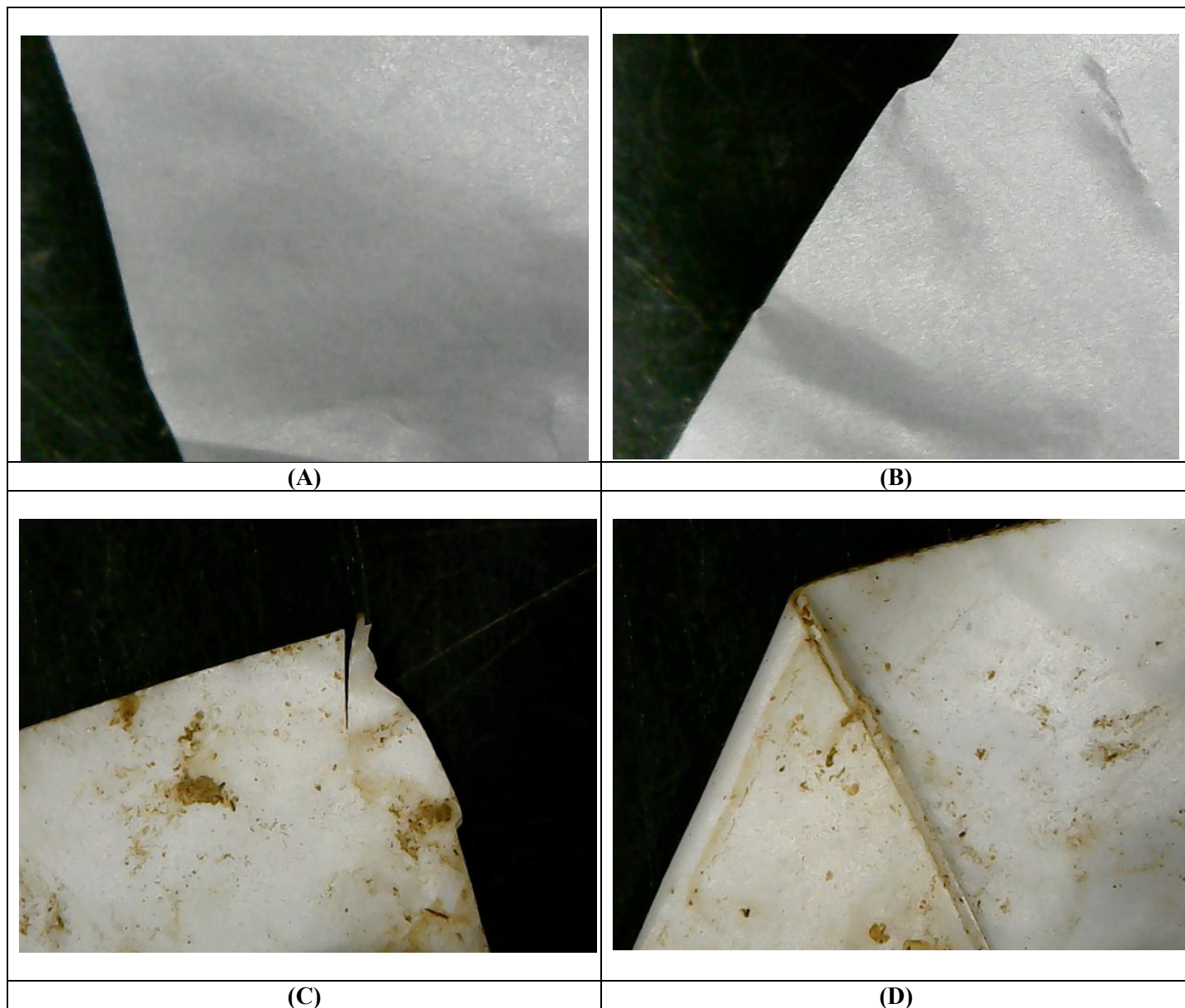


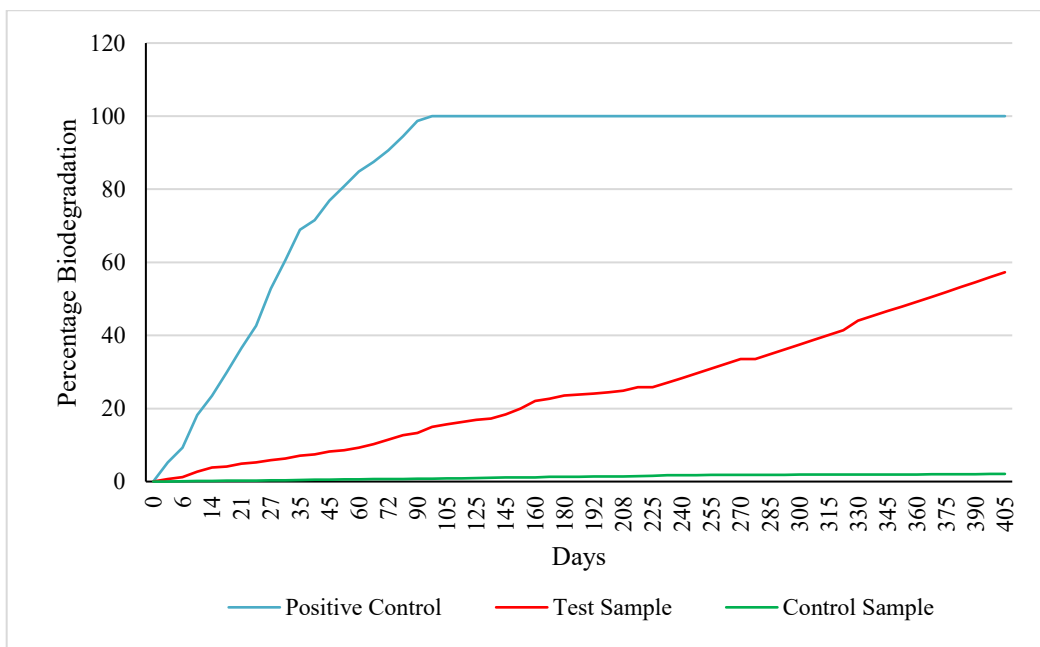
Figure 3: Microscopic image of Test samples Before and After 45 days Incubation Condition

A & B – Unexposed Test Sample PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 Sample to aerobic biodegradation process

C & D – Exposed Test Sample PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 Sample to aerobic biodegradation process

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Graph 1: Percentage biodegradation of Positive Control, Test sample and Control sample under aerobic composting

INTERPRETATION:

After 125 days of incubation, the level of biodegradation for the positive control (cellulose) was **100%** while the PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 Sample submitted by BYCSA S.A. showed **57.28%** and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE showed **2.10%** after 360 days relative to the positive control.

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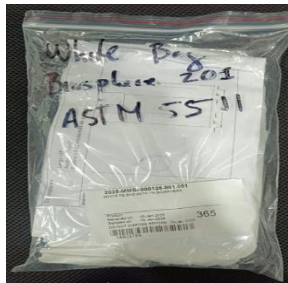
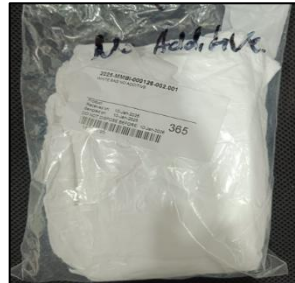
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Sample Registration Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Starting Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Completed on	In process
Sampling Done by	Sample drawn and supplied by customer
Deviation from the test methods:	None
Packaging Condition/sealed/unsealed	Sealed with box
Sample Image	 Figure 1: PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201  Figure 2: WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE

DETAILS PROVIDED BY THE CUSTOMER

Customer Name:	BYCSA S.A.
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Sample submitted as	1) PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201(Aditivo Acelerador ECOBYC) (Group sample for BYCSA-BYCSA COSTUMERS-CAMARA AMBIENTAL DEL PLASTICO AFILIATES-BIOSPHERE) 2) WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Description on label/Sample Bottle	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Sample type	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Quantity	1 Packet
Mode of Packaging	Courier Box
Sample condition	Sample was at ambient temperature in good condition
Test Method	ASTM D5511: Standard Test Method for Determining Anaerobic Biodegradation of Plastic Materials Under High-Solids Anaerobic-Digestion Conditions
Procedure number	NA

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LABORATORY

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SAMPLE RECEIPT

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201 and WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE samples were submitted by BYCSA S.A. for testing under standard ASTM D5511. This test method covers the determination of the degree and rate of anaerobic biodegradation of plastic materials in high-solids anaerobic conditions. The test materials are exposed to a methanogenic inoculum derived from anaerobic digesters operating only on pretreated household waste. The anaerobic decomposition takes place under high-solids (more than 30 % total solids) and static non-mixed conditions. This test method is designed to yield a percentage of conversion of carbon in the sample to carbon in the gaseous form under conditions found in high-solids anaerobic digesters, treating municipal solid waste.

INOCULUM COLLECTION AND CONDITIONING

The anaerobic digested sewage sludge (Figure 2) mixed with household waste was obtained from the Chembur (Mumbai). To make the sludge adapted and stabilized during a short post-fermentation at 53°C, the sludge was pre-incubated (one week) at 53°C. This means that the concentrated inoculum was not fed but allowed to post ferment the remains of previously added organics allowing large easily biodegradable particles were degraded during this period and reduce the background level of biogas from the inoculums itself.

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Figure 3: Anaerobic microbial inoculum

INOCULUM PROPERTIES

A sample of the anaerobic digested sewage sludge was analyzed for pH, percent dry solids, and volatile solids, as well as, the amount of CO₂ and CH₄ evolution during the testing. Table 1 lists the results of this initial testing.

METHODOLOGY:

Inoculum Medium: Remove enough inoculum (approximately 15 kg) from the post-fermentation vessel and mix carefully and consistently by hand in order to obtain a homogeneous medium. Test three replicates each of a blank (inoculum only), Positive control (Reference material) (thin-layer chromatography cellulose), negative control (optional), and the test substance being evaluated.

Manually mix 1000 g wet weight (at least 20 % dry solids) of inoculum in a small container for a period of 2 to 3 min with 15 to 100 g of volatile solids of the test substance or the controls for each replicate. For the three blanks containing inoculum only, manually mix 1000 g of the same inoculum in a small container for a period of 2 to 3 min with the same intensity as was done for the other vessels containing test substance or controls. Determine the weight of the inoculum and test substance added to each individual Erlenmeyer flask accurately. Add the mixtures to a 2-L wide-mouth Erlenmeyer flask and gently spread and compact the material evenly in the flask to a uniform density.

After placing the Erlenmeyer flask in incubator, connect it with the gas collection device. Incubate the Erlenmeyer flasks in the dark or in diffused light at 52°C (± 2°C) for thermophilic conditions, The incubation time shall be run until

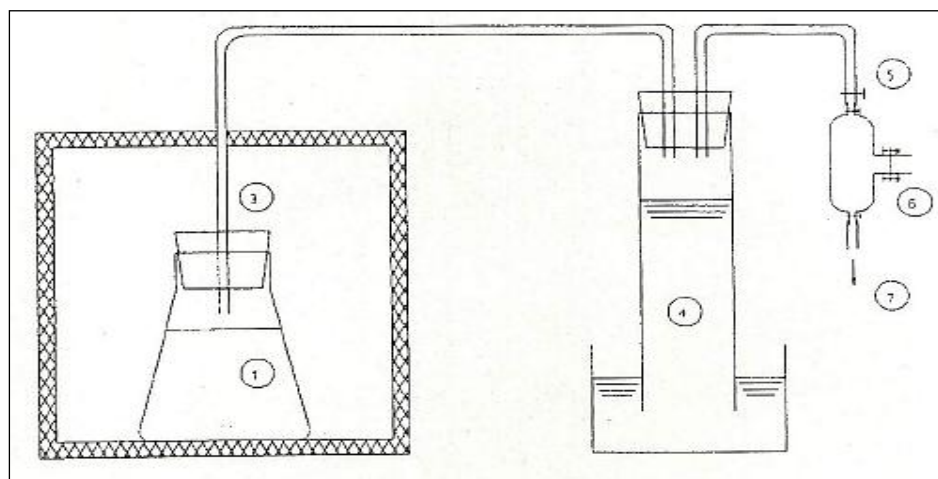
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no net gas production is noted for at least five days from both the Positive control (Reference material) and test substance reactors. Control the pH of the water used to measure biogas production to less than two by adding HCl.

ANAEROBIC DIGESTER SETUP FOR THE PLASTIC BIODEGRADATION

The biodegradation testing of sample was performed in the digester as shown in the (Figure-3).



1. Digester
2. Incubator
3. Gas outlet
4. Gas collector
5. Valve
6. Gas Sampling
7. Gas Discharge

Figure-4: Digester setup

RESULT:

The most important biochemical characteristics of the inoculum such as pH, Volatile Fatty Acids, $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ — and dry solids were studied.

Table 1: Results of Initial testing of the anaerobic digested sewage sludge.

Parameters	Requirement	Actual results
pH	7.5 to 8.5	8.10
Kjeldahl nitrogen	0.5 to 2 g/kg wet weight	1.42
Dry Solids at 105 °C	>20%	44.00
Volatile Solids at 550 °C	Below 1 g/kg wet weight	0.76

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The biogas volume in the gas sampling bag was measured (Table- 2a & 2b). Presence of gas in the gas collector of Positive control (Reference material) indicated that the inoculum was viable and gas displacement was observed both in Positive control (Reference material) and Test Sample.

ASTM D 5511 states that for the test to be considered valid, the Positive control (Reference material) must achieve 70 % within 30 days with deviation less than 20% of the mean between the replicates.

The gas displacement observed after 90 days and 405 days is as shown in the table 2a & 2b, respectively below.

Table-2a: Biogas volume of the evolved gas during the biodegradation process at 90 days

Biodegradation Test	Total Volume 90 days(mL)
Inoculum	2900
Positive control (Reference material)	10250

Table-2b: Biogas volume of the evolved gas during the biodegradation process at 405 days

Biodegradation Test	Total Volume 405 days(mL)
Inoculum	3790
PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201	14330
WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE	3980

The percent biodegradation of Positive control (Reference material) and Test sample was calculated by the measured cumulative carbon dioxide and methane production from each flask after subtracting carbon dioxide evolution and methane evolution from the blank samples at the end of 405 days of testing. Calculations were based on Total Organic Carbon obtained of both Positive control (Reference material) and Test sample.

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Table-3a: Percentage biodegradability of Inoculum with respect to Positive control (Reference material) Cellulose at 90 days.

Group	Inoculum control	Positive control (Reference material)
Weight	1000ml	10.2483 g
Total volume (ml)	3640	10250.00
% CH₄	14.6	44.60
Volume of CH₄ (ml)	531.44	4571.50
weight of CH₄ (g)	0.3486	2.9989
% CO₂	16.3	44.90
Volume of CO₂ (ml)	593.32	4602.25
Weight of CO₂ (g)	1.1748	9.1125
Total weight of carbon in grams	0.5787	4.7095
Theoretical weight of carbon in grams (Ci)	-	4.3115
Biodegradation	-	0.99518
% Biodegradation	-	99.52

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Table-3b: Percentage biodegradability of Test sample, Control Sample with respect to Inoculum control at 405 days.

Group	Inoculum control	PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201	Control- WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE
Weight	1000ml	15.5825 g	15.4237 g
Total volume (ml)	3790	14330	3980
% CH₄	14.9	26.5	21.3
Volume of CH₄ (ml)	564.71	3800.32	847.74
weight of CH₄ (g)	0.3704	2.4930	0.5561
% CO₂	16.6	46.6	18.1
Volume of CO₂ (ml)	629.14	6677.78	721.18
Weight of CO₂ (g)	1.2457	13.2220	1.4279
Total weight of carbon in grams	0.6142	5.4397	0.8026
Theoretical weight of carbon in grams (Ci)	-	12.1472	12.2717
Biodegradation	-	0.39726	0.01536
% Biodegradation	-	39.73	1.54

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INTERPRETATION:

Considering the gas production as observed in Table 2 & 3 and its analysis indicates that the process of biodegradation has occurred in Test samples (Control- WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE & PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201) as tested using the anaerobic biodegradable method. After 90 days of incubation, the level of biodegradation for the Positive control (Reference material) was **100 %** while the Control- WHITE BAG NO ADDITIVE sample shown **1.54%** after 405 days and PE PLASTIC BAG 99% PE 1% Biosphere 201 sample shown **39.73%** after 405 days submitted by BYCSA S.A.

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Sample Registration Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Starting Date	10/01/2025
Analysis Completed on	In process
Sampling Done by	Sample drawn and supplied by customer
Deviation from the test methods:	None
Packaging Condition/sealed/unsealed	Sealed with box
Sample Image	 Figure 1: PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010  Figure 2: PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE Samples

DETAILS PROVIDED BY THE CUSTOMER

Customer Name:	BYCSA S.A.
Contact Person:	Mr. Carolina Perez Quiros
Address:	CALLE 20 SUR # 25B 91 INT 130 0500001 MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA
Sample submitted as	1) PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010(Aditivo Acelerador ECOBYC ECP-010) Group sample for BYCSA-BYCSA COSTUMERS- CAMARA AMBIENTAL DEL PLASTICO AFILIATES-BIOSUSTAINABLE 2) PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE Samples
Description on label/Sample Bottle	PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE
Sample type	PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE
Quantity	1 Packet
Mode of Packaging	Courier Box
Sample condition	Sample was at ambient temperature in good condition

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Test Method	ASTM D5338: Determining Aerobic Biodegradation of Plastic Materials Under Controlled Composting Conditions, Incorporating Thermophilic Temperatures
Procedure number	NA

LABORATORY

Testing as presented in this report was conducted by Environmental division of Intertek India Private Limited. The testing facility is located at F wing, 2nd Floor, Chandivali Saki vihar Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400 072, India.

SAMPLE RECEIPT

PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 (Aditivo Acelerador ECOBYC ECP-010) Group sample for BYCSA-BYCSA COSTUMERS- CAMARA AMBIENTAL DEL PLASTICO AFILIATES-BIOSUSTAINABLE and and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE samples was received on 10/01/2025 at the Intertek testing facility. The sample was sent through courier. The sample was at ambient temperature in good condition with no evidence of damage or contamination. No temperature preservation was required.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE samples were submitted by BYCSA S.A. for testing under standard ASTM D5338. This method determines the degree and rate of aerobic biodegradation of plastic materials on exposure to a controlled composting environment under laboratory conditions, at thermophilic temperatures. The samples were exposed to an inoculum that is derived from compost from municipal solid waste. The aerobic composting takes place in an environment where temperature, aeration and humidity are closely monitored and controlled. The percentage of biodegradability is obtained by determining the percentage of carbon in the test sample that is converted into CO₂ during the duration of the test.

Apparatus Setup:

A series of 09 composting vessels of 5-liter volume (1 blank i.e. compost, 1 positive i.e. cellulose mixed with compost, and 1 test plastic sample mixed with compost, all in 3 replicates). The entire composting vessel were kept in Incubator capable of maintaining the temperature of composting vessels at $58 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Figure 2). Pressurized air system that provides CO₂ free, H₂O saturated air to each of the composting vessels at accurate aeration rate. CO₂ evolved will be absorbed by 0.024 N Ba (OH)₂ and the amount of CO₂ will be determined by titrating with 0.05 N HCl.

Compost Inoculum:

The compost inoculum should be 2 to 4 months old, well aerated compost from organic fraction of municipal solid waste, sieved on a screen of less than 10 mm, compost from plants, treating green or yard waste or mixtures of municipal solid waste and green waste should be used. The compost inoculum should produce 50-150 mg of CO₂ per gram of volatile solids over the first 10 days of the test and an ash content of less than 70% and a pH between 7 and 8.2, is desired. The amount of

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total dry solids may range from 50 to 55%. Compost should have sufficient porosity to enable aerobic conditions. The compost inoculum should be as free from larger inert materials (glass, stones, metals, etc.) as possible.



Figure 3: compost inoculum

PROCEDURE:

The composting vessels will be incubated in diffuse light minimum for a period of 45 days, or more & the temperature of the system will be maintained at 58°C. The CO₂ & O₂ concentrations will be checked in the outgoing air. The air flow will be adjusted to maintain a CO₂ concentration of at least 2% vol /vol to allow accurate determination of CO₂ level in the exhaust air. Composting vessels will be shaken weekly to prevent extensive channeling, provide uniform attack on test specimen and provide an even distribution of moisture.

Carbon Dioxide Analysis:

The carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced in each vessel reacts with Ba(OH)₂ and will be precipitated as barium carbonate (BaCO₃). The amount of carbon dioxide produced will be determined by titrating the remaining barium hydroxide with 0.05N hydrochloric acid to a phenolphthalein end point. Data obtained from the titration will be used to calculate the amount of CO₂ produced.

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RESULTS:

The PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE Samples were subjected to biodegradation as per ASTM D5388 biodegradability test under controlled composting conditions at $58^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and biodegradability was determined by measuring the actual metabolic conversion of the compostable material into carbon dioxide using the standard test method. After 405 days of incubation under dry ($58^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$), aerobic controlled composting conditions using test method ASTM D5338, the reference (Positive control) and sample were gradually biodegraded. The reference sample degraded 100 % after 97 days and The PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 and PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE Samples showed 51.00% and 2.22% respectively after 405 days.

Table 1: Percentage Biodegradation of Positive control and Test samples

Day	Percentage Biodegradation		
	Positive Control	PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010	PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE
0	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	5.24	0.55	0.00
6	9.25	0.98	0.02
10	18.25	1.77	0.10
14	23.45	2.45	0.13
18	29.83	3.16	0.17
21	36.50	3.52	0.18
24	42.67	4.22	0.25
27	52.80	4.56	0.30
30	60.53	4.92	0.35
35	68.92	5.18	0.41
40	71.53	5.46	0.45
45	76.88	5.91	0.51
52	80.82	6.62	0.59
60	84.82	7.17	0.63
67	87.46	7.58	0.68
72	90.62	8.46	0.72
80	94.45	8.92	0.77
90	98.67	9.76	0.81
97	100.00	10.68	0.95
105	100.00	10.72	1.01
115	100.00	11.61	1.05
125	100.00	12.33	1.10
135	100.00	12.88	1.19
145	100.00	13.28	1.27

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155	100.00	13.93	1.30
160	100.00	13.92	1.31
170	100.00	14.46	1.45
180	100.00	14.99	1.48
187	100.00	15.35	1.53
192	100.00	16.23	1.64
200	100.00	16.21	1.65
208	100.00	16.76	1.69
215	100.00	17.36	1.74
225	100.00	17.97	1.83
233	100.00	18.67	1.87
240	100.00	20.01	1.95
248	100.00	21.46	1.99
255	100.00	22.92	2.01
263	100.00	24.40	2.00
270	100.00	25.90	2.00
278	100.00	27.37	2.01
285	100.00	28.75	2.01
292	100.00	30.11	2.04
300	100.00	31.51	2.04
308	100.00	32.90	2.07
315	100.00	34.27	2.08
322	100.00	35.66	2.10
330	100.00	37.02	2.10
337	100.00	38.38	2.10
345	100.00	39.77	2.11
352	100.00	41.17	2.13
360	100.00	42.56	2.12
368	100.00	43.95	2.13
375	100.00	45.35	2.14
383	100.00	46.76	2.16
390	100.00	48.18	2.18
398	100.00	49.59	2.20
405	100.00	51.00	2.22

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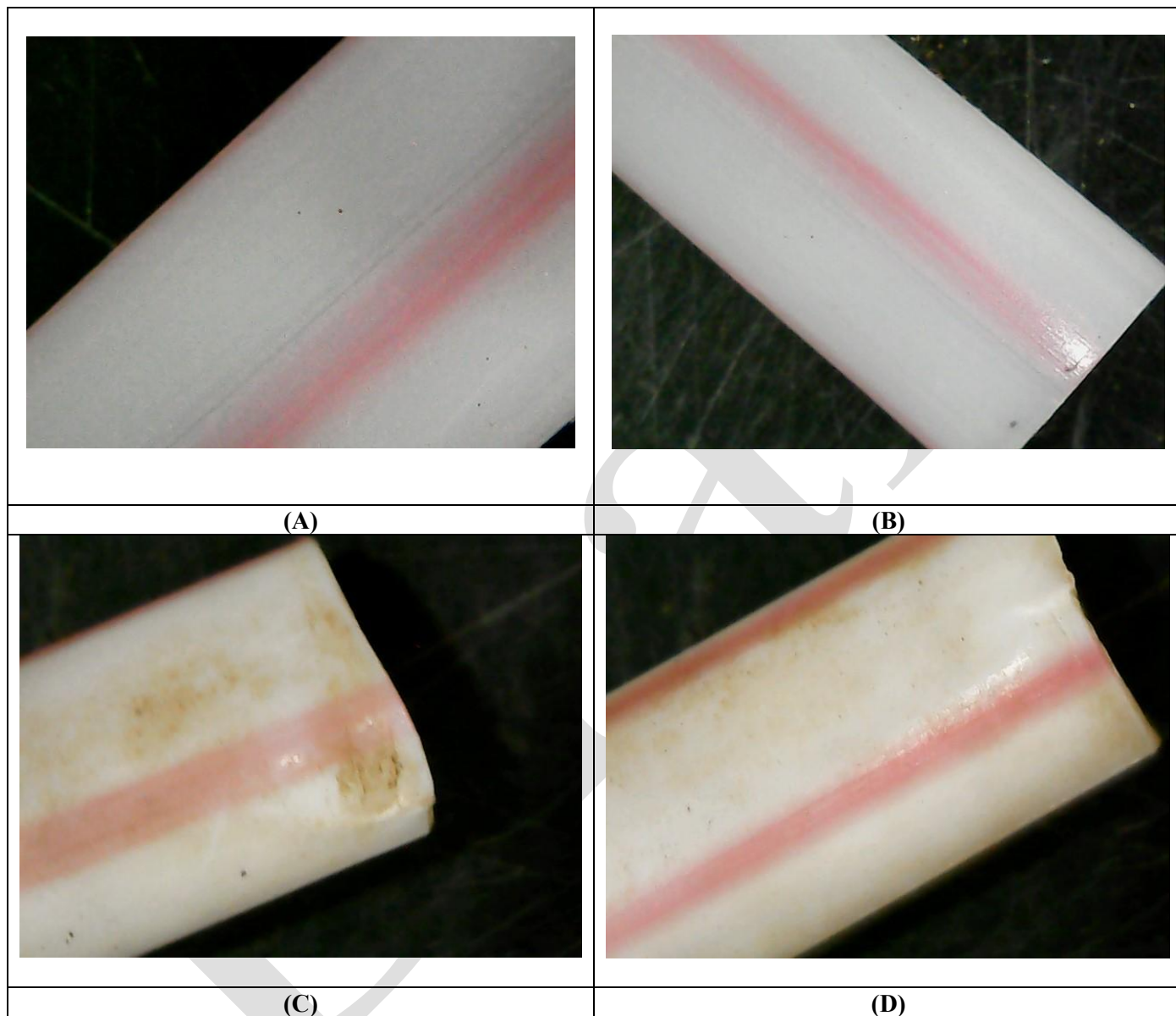


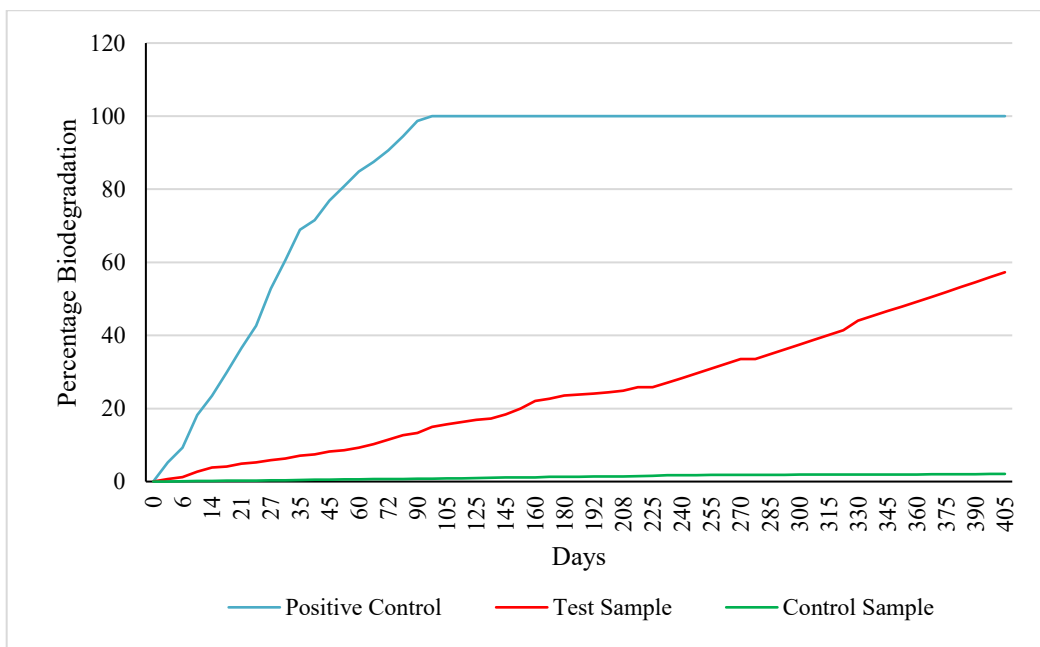
Figure 3: Microscopic image of Test samples Before and After 45 days Incubation Condition

A & B – Unexposed Test Sample PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 Sample to aerobic biodegradation process

C & D – Exposed Test Sample PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 Sample to aerobic biodegradation process

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Graph 1: Percentage biodegradation of Positive Control, Test sample and Control sample under aerobic composting

INTERPRETATION:

After 97 days of incubation, the level of biodegradation for the positive control (cellulose) was **100%** while the Test sample- PP STRAW 99% PE 1% Biosustainable/NEXU ECP-010 submitted by BYCSA S.A. showed **51.00%** and Control sample (PP STRAW NO ADDITIVE) showed **2.22%** after 315 days relative to the positive control.

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