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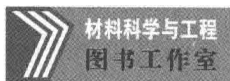
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ABBREVIATIONS

- AA** acrylic acid
- AAE** American Association of Engineers
- AAES** American Association of Engineering Societies
- ABR** polyacrylate
- ABS** acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene
- AC** alternating current
- ACS** American Chemical Society
- ACTC** Advanced Composite Technology Consortium
- ad** adhesive
- ADC** allyl diglycol carbonate (also CR-39)
- AFCMA** Aluminum Foil Container Manufacturers' Association
- AFMA** American Furniture Manufacturers' Association
- AFML** Air Force Material Laboratory
- AFPA** American Forest and Paper Association
- APPR** Association of Foam Packaging Recyclers
- AGMA** American Gear Manufacturers' Association
- AIAA** American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts
- AICHe** American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- AIMCAL** Association of Industrial Metallizers, Coaters, and Laminators
- AISI** American Iron and Steel Institute
- AMBA** American Mold Builders Association
- AMC** alkyd molding compound
- AN** acrylonitrile
- ANSI** American National Standards Institute
- ANTEC** Annual Technical Conference (of the Society of the Plastic Engineers)
- APC** American Plastics Council
- APET** amorphous polyethylene terephthalate
- APF** Association of Plastics Fabricators
- API** American Paper Institute
- APME** Association of Plastics Manufacturers in Europe
- APPR** Association of Post-Consumer Plastics Recyclers
- AQL** acceptable quality level
- AR** aramid fiber; aspect ratio
- ARP** advanced reinforced plastic
- ASA** acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate
- ASCII** american standard code for information exchange
- ASM** American Society for Metals

- ASME** American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASNDT American Society for Non-Destructive Testing
ASQC American Society for Quality Control
ASTM American Society for Testing Materials
atm atmosphere
bbl barrel
BFRL Building and Fire Research Laboratory
Bhn Brinell hardness number
BM blow molding
BMC bulk molding compound
BO biaxially oriented
BOPP biaxially oriented polypropylene
BR polybutadiene
Btu British thermal unit
buna polybutadiene
butyl butyl rubber
CA cellulose acetate
CAB cellulose acetate butyrate
CaCO₃ calcium carbonate (lime)
CAD computer-aided design
CAE computer-aided engineering
CAM computer-aided manufacturing
CAMPUS computer-aided material preselection by uniform standards
CAN cellulose acetate nitrate
CAP cellulose acetate propionate
CAS Chemical Abstract Service (a division of the American Chemical Society)
CAT computer-aided testing
CBA chemical blowing agent
CCA cellular cellulose acetate
CCV Chrysler composites vehicle
CEM Consorzio Export Mouldex (Italian)
CFA Composites Fabricators Association
CFC chlorofluorocarbon
CFE polychlorotrifluoroethylene
CIM ceramic injection molding; computer integrated manufacturing
CLTE coefficient of linear thermal expansion
CM compression molding
CMA Chemical Manufacturers' Association
CMRA Chemical Marketing Research Association
CN cellulose nitrate (celluloid)
CNC computer numerically controlled
CP Canadian Plastics
CPE chlorinated polyethylene
CPET crystallized polyethylene terephthalate
CPI Canadian Plastics Institute
cpm cycles/minute
CPVC chlorinated polyvinyl chloride
CR chloroprene rubber; compression ratio
CR-39 allyl diglycol carbonate
CRP carbon reinforced plastics
CRT cathode ray tube
CSM chlorosulfonyl polyethylene
CTFE chlorotrifluoroethylene
DAP diallyl phthalate
dB decibel
DC direct current
DEHP diethylhexyl phthalate
den denier
DGA differential gravimetric analysis
DINP diisononyl phthalate
DMA dynamic mechanical analysis
DMC dough molding compound
DN *Design News* publication
DOE Design of Experiments
DSC differential scanning calorimeter
DSD Duales System Deutschland (German Recycling System)
DSQ German Society for Quality
DTA differential thermal analysis
DTGA differential thermogravimetric analysis
DTMA dynamic thermomechanical analysis
DTUL deflection temperature under load
DV devolatilization
DVR design value resource; dimensional velocity research; Druckverformungsrest (German

- compression set); dynamic value research;
dynamic velocity ratio
- E** modulus of elasticity; Young's modulus
- EBM** extrusion blow molding
- E_c** modulus, creep (apparent)
- EC** ethyl cellulose
- ECTFE** polyethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene
- EDM** electrical discharge machining
- E/E** electronic/electrical
- EEC** European Economic Community
- EI** modulus \times moment of inertia (equals stiffness)
- EMI** electromagnetic interference
- EO** ethylene oxide (also EtO)
- EOT** ethylene ether polysulfide
- EP** ethylene-propylene
- EPA** Environmental Protection Agency
- EPDM** ethylene-propylene diene monomer
- EPM** ethylene-propylene fluorinated
- EPP** expandable polypropylene
- EPR** ethylene-propylene rubber
- EPS** expandable polystyrene
- E_r** modulus, relaxation
- E_s** modulus, secant
- ESC** environmental stress cracking
- ESCR** environmental stress cracking resistance
- ESD** electrostatic safe discharge
- ET** ethylene polysulfide
- ETFE** ethylene tetrafluoroethylene
- ETO** ethylene oxide
- EU** entropy unit; European Union
- EUPC** European Association of Plastics Converters
- EUPE** European Union of Packaging and Environment
- EUROMAP** European Committee of Machine Manufacturers for the Rubber and Plastics Industries (Zurich, Switzerland)
- EVA** ethylene-vinyl acetate
- E/VAC** ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer
- EVAL** ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (trade-name for EVOH)
- EVE** ethylene-vinyl ether
- EVOH** ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (or EVAL)
- EX** extrusion
- F** coefficient of friction; Farad; force
- FALLO** follow all opportunities
- FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- FEA** finite element analysis
- FEP** fluorinated ethylene-propylene
- FFS** form, fill, and seal
- FLC** fuzzy logic control
- FMCT** fusible metal core technology
- FPC** flexible printed circuit
- fpm** feet per minute
- FRCA** Fire Retardant Chemicals Association
- FRP** fiber reinforced plastic
- FRTF** fiber reinforced thermoplastic
- FRTS** fiber reinforced thermoset
- FS** fluorosilicone
- FTIR** Fourier transformation infrared
- FV** frictional force \times velocity
- G** gravity; shear modulus (modulus of rigidity); torsional modulus
- GAIM** gas-assisted injection molding
- gal** gallon
- GB** gigabyte (billion bytes)
- GD&T** geometric dimensioning and tolerancing
- GDP** gross domestic product
- GFRP** glass fiber reinforced plastic
- GMP** good manufacturing practice
- GNP** gross national product
- GP** general purpose
- GPa** giga-Pascal
- GPC** gel permeation chromatography
- gpd** grams per denier
- gpm** gallons per minute
- GPPS** general purpose polystyrene
- GRP** glass reinforced plastic
- GR-S** polybutadiene-styrene
- GSC** gas solid chromatography

- H** hysteresis; hydrogen
HA hydroxyapatite
HAF high-abrasion furnace
HB Brinell hardness number
HCFC hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HCl hydrogen chloride
HDPE high-density polyethylene (also PE-HD)
HDT heat deflection temperature
HIPS high-impact polystyrene
HMC high-strength molding compound
HMW-HDPE high molecular weight-high density polyethylene
H-P Hagen-Poiseuille
HPLC high-pressure liquid chromatography
HPM hot pressure molding
HTS high-temperature superconductor
Hz Hertz (cycles)
I integral; moment of inertia
IB isobutylene
IBC internal bubble cooling
IBM injection blow molding; International Business Machines
IC *Industrial Computing* publication
ICM injection-compression molding
ID internal diameter
IEC International Electrochemical Commission
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IGA isothermal gravimetric analysis
IGC inverse gas chromatography
IIE Institute of Industrial Engineers
IM injection molding
IMM injection molding machine
IMPS impact polystyrene
I/O input/output
ipm inch per minute
ips inch per second
IR synthetic polyisoprene (synthetic natural rubber)
ISA Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation
ISO International Standardization Organization or International Organization for Standardization
IT information technology
IUPAC International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
IV intrinsic viscosity
IVD in vitro diagnostic
J joule
JIS Japanese Industrial Standard
JIT just-in-time
JIT just-in-tolerance
J_p polar moment of inertia
JSR Japanese SBR
JSW Japan Steel Works
JUSE Japanese Union of Science and Engineering
JWTE Japan Weathering Test Center
K bulk modulus of elasticity; coefficient of thermal conductivity; Kelvin; Kunststoffe (plastic in German)
kb kilobyte (1000 bytes)
kc kilocycle
kg kilogram
KISS keep it short and simple
Km kilometer
kPa kilo-Pascal
ksi thousand pounds per square inch ($\text{psi} \times 10^3$)
lbf pound-force
LC liquid chromatography
LCP liquid crystal polymer
L/D length-to-diameter (ratio)
LDPE low-density polyethylene (PE-LD)
LIM liquid impingement molding; liquid injection molding
LLDPE linear low-density polyethylene (also PE-LLD)
LMDPE linear medium density polyethylene
LOX liquid oxygen
LPM low-pressure molding
m matrix; metallocene (catalyst); meter

- mμ** micromillimeter; millicron; 0.000001 mm
μm micrometer
MA maleic anhydride
MAD mean absolute deviation; molding area diagram
Mb bending moment
MBTS benzothiazyl disulfide
MD machine direction; mean deviation
MD&DI Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry
MDI methane diisocyanate
MDPE medium density polyethylene
Me metallocene catalyst
MF melamine formaldehyde
MFI melt flow index
mHDPE metallocene high-density polyethylene
MI melt index
MIM metal powder injection molding
MIPS medium impact polystyrene
MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology
mLLDPE metallocene catalyst linear low-density polyethylene
MMP multimaterial molding or multimaterial multiprocess
MPa mega-Pascal
MRPMA Malaysian Rubber Products Manufacturers' Association
Msi million pounds per square inch ($\text{psi} \times 10^6$)
MSW municipal solid waste
MVD molding volume diagram
MVT moisture vapor transmission
MW molecular weight
MWD molecular weight distribution
MWR molding with rotation
N Newton (force)
NACE National Association of Corrosion Engineers
NACO National Association of CAD/CAM Operation
NAGS North America Geosynthetics Society
NASA National Aeronautics Space Administration
NBR butadiene acrylonitrile
NBS National Bureau of Standards (since 1980 renamed the National Institute Standards and Technology or NIST)
NC numerical control
NCP National Certification in Plastics
NDE nondestructive evaluation
NDI nondestructive inspection
NDT nondestructive testing
NEAT nothing else added to it
NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers' Association
NEN Dutch standard
NFPA National Fire Protection Association
NISO National Information Standards Organization
NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology
nm nanometer
NOS not otherwise specified
NPCM National Plastics Center and Museum
NPE National Plastics Exhibition
NPFC National Publications and Forms Center (US government)
NR natural rubber (polyisoprene)
NSC National Safety Council
NTMA National Tool and Machining Association
NWPCA National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
OD outside diameter
OEM original equipment manufacturer
OPET oriented polyethylene terephthalate
OPS oriented polystyrene
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P load; poise; pressure
Pa Pascal
PA polyamide (nylon)
PAI polyamide-imide
PAN polyacrylonitrile

- PB** polybutylene
- PBA** physical blowing agent
- PBNA** phenyl- β -naphthylamine
- PBT** polybutylene terephthalate
- PC** permeability coefficient; personal computer; plastic composite; plastic compounding; plastic-concrete; polycarbonate; printed circuit; process control; programmable circuit; programmable controller
- PCB** printed circuit board
- pcf** pounds per cubic foot
- PCFC** polychlorofluorocarbon
- PDFM** Plastics Distributors and Fabricators Magazine
- PE** plastic engineer; polyethylene (UK polythene); professional engineer
- PEEK** polyetheretherketone
- PEI** polyetherimide
- PEK** polyetherketone
- PEN** polyethylene naphthalate
- PES** polyether sulfone
- PET** polyethylene terephthalate
- PETG** polyethylene terephthalate glycol
- PEX** polyethylene crosslinked pipe
- PF** phenol formaldehyde
- PFA** perfluoroalkoxy (copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene and perfluorovinylethers)
- PFBA** polyperfluorobutyl acrylate
- phr** parts per hundred of rubber
- PI** polyimide
- PIA** Plastics Institute of America
- PID** proportional-integral-differential
- PIM** powder injection molding
- PLASTECH** Plastics Technical Evaluation Center (US Army)
- PLC** programmable logic controller
- PMMA** Plastics Molders and Manufacturers' Association (of SME); polymethyl methacrylate (acrylic)
- PMMI** Packaging Machinery Manufacturers' Institute
- PO** polyolefin
- POE** polyolefin elastomer
- POM** polyoxymethylene or polyacetal (acetal)
- PP** polypropylene
- PPA** polyphthalamide
- ppb** parts per billion
- PPC** polypropylene chlorinated
- PPE** polyphenylene ether
- pph** parts per hundred
- ppm** parts per million
- PPO** polyphenylene oxide
- PPS** polyphenylene sulfide
- PPSF** polyphenylsulfone
- PPSU** polyphenylene sulphone
- PS** polystyrene
- PSB** polystyrene butadiene rubber (GR-S, SBR)
- PS-F** polystyrene-foam
- psf** pounds per square foot
- PSF** polysulphone
- psi** pounds per square inch
- psia** pounds per square inch, absolute
- psid** pounds per square inch, differential
- psig** pounds per square inch, gauge (above atmospheric pressure)
- PSU** polysulfone
- PTFE** polytetrafluoroethylene (or TFE)
- PUR** polyurethane (also PU, UP)
- P-V** pressure-volume (also PV)
- PVA** polyvinyl alcohol
- PVAC** polyvinyl acetate
- PVB** polyvinyl butyral
- PVC** polyvinyl chloride
- PVD** physical vapor deposition
- PVDA** polyvinylidene acetate
- PVdC** polyvinylidene chloride
- PVDF** polyvinylidene fluoride
- PVF** polyvinyl fluoride
- PVP** polyvinyl pyrrolidone

- PVT** pressure-volume-temperature (also P-V-T or pvT)
- PW** *Plastics World* magazine
- QA** quality assurance
- QC** quality control
- QMC** quick mold change
- QPL** qualified products list
- QSR** quality system regulation
- R** Reynolds number; Rockwell (hardness)
- rad** Quantity of ionizing radiation that results in the absorption of 100 ergs of energy per gram of irradiated material.
- radome** radar dome
- RAPRA** Rubber and Plastics Research Association
- RC** Rockwell C (R_c)
- RFI** radio frequency interference
- RH** relative humidity
- RIM** reaction injection molding
- RM** rotational molding
- RMA** Rubber Manufacturers' Association
- RMS** root mean square
- ROI** return on investment
- RP** rapid prototyping; reinforced plastic
- RPA** Rapid Prototyping Association (of SME)
- rpm** revolutions per minute
- RRIM** reinforced reaction injection molding
- RT** rapid tooling; room temperature
- RTM** resin transfer molding
- RTP** reinforced thermoplastic
- RTS** reinforced thermoset
- RTV** room temperature vulcanization
- RV** recreational vehicle
- Rx** radiation curing
- SAE** Society of Automotive Engineers
- SAMPE** Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering
- SAN** styrene acrylonitrile
- SBR** styrene-butadiene rubber
- SCT** soluble core technology
- SDM** standard deviation measurement
- SES** Standards Engineering Society
- SF** safety factor; short fiber; structural foam
- s.g.** specific gravity
- SI** International System of Units
- SIC** Standard Industrial Classification
- SMC** sheet molding compound
- SMCAA** Sheet Molding Compound Automotive Alliance
- SME** Society of Manufacturing Engineers
- S-N** stress-number of cycles
- SN** synthetic natural rubber
- SNMP** simple network management protocol
- SPC** statistical process control
- SPE** Society of the Plastics Engineers
- SPI** Society of the Plastics Industry
- sPS** syndiotactic polystyrene
- sp. vol.** specific volume
- SRI** Standards Research Institute (ASTM)
- S-S** stress-strain
- STP** Special Technical Publication (ASTM); standard temperature and pressure
- t** thickness
- T** temperature; time; torque (or T_t)
- TAC** triallylcyanurate
- T/C** thermocouple
- TCM** technical cost modeling
- TD** transverse direction
- TDI** toluene diisocyanate
- TF** thermoforming
- TFS** thermoform-fill-seal
- T_g** glass transition temperature
- TGA** thermogravimetric analysis
- TGI** thermogravimetric index
- TIR** tooling indicator runout
- T-LCP** thermotropic liquid crystal polymer
- TMA** thermomechanical analysis; Tooling and Manufacturing Association (formerly TDI); Toy Manufacturers of America
- torr** mm mercury (mmHg); unit of pressure equal to 1/760th of an atmosphere

TP thermoplastic	V vacuum; velocity; volt
TPE thermoplastic elastomer	VA value analysis
TPO thermoplastic olefin	VCN vinyl chloride monomer
TPU thermoplastic polyurethane	VLDPE very low-density polyethylene
TPV thermoplastic vulcanizate	VOC volatile organic compound
T_s tensile strength; thermoset	vol% percentage by volume
TS twin screw	w width
TSC thermal stress cracking	W watt
TSE thermoset elastomer	W/D weight-to-displacement volume (boat hull)
TX thixotropic	WIT water-assist injection molding technology
TXM thixotropic metal slurry molding	WMMA Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America
UA urea, unsaturated	WP&RT World Plastics and Rubber Technology magazine
UD unidirectional	WPC wood-plastic composite
UF urea formaldehyde	wt% percentage by weight
UHMWPE ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (also PE-UHMW)	WVT water vapor transmission
UL Underwriters Laboratories	XL cross-linked
UP unsaturated polyester (also TS polyester)	XLPE cross-linked polyethylene
UPVC unplasticized polyvinyl chloride	XPS expandable polystyrene
UR urethane (also PUR, PU)	YPE yield point elongation
URP unreinforced plastic	Z-twist twisting fiber direction
UV ultraviolet	
UVCA ultra-violet-light-curable-cyanoacrylate	

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PREFACE

This book, as a two-volume set, offers a simplified, practical, and innovative approach to understanding the design and manufacture of products in the world of plastics. Its unique review will expand and enhance your knowledge of plastic technology by defining and focusing on past, current, and future technical trends. Plastics behavior is presented to enhance one's capability when fabricating products to meet performance requirements, reduce costs, and generally be profitable. Important aspects are also presented to help the reader gain understanding of the advantages of different materials and product shapes. The information provided is concise and comprehensive.

Prepared with the plastics technologist in mind, this book will be useful to many others. The practical and scientific information contained in this book is of value to both the novice, including trainees and students, and the most experienced fabricators, designers, and engineering personnel wishing to extend their knowledge and capability in plastics manufacturing including related parameters that influence the behavior and characteristics of plastics. The toolmaker (who makes molds, dies, etc.), fabricator, designer, plant manager, material supplier, equipment supplier, testing and quality control personnel, cost estimator, accountant, sales and marketing personnel, new venture type, buyer, vendor, educator/trainer, workshop leader, librarian, industry information provider, lawyer, and consultant can all benefit from this book. The intent is to provide a review of the many aspects of plastics that range from the elementary to the practical to the advanced and more theoretical approaches. People with different interests can focus on and interrelate across subjects in order to expand their knowledge within the world of plastics.

Over 20000 subjects covering useful pertinent information are reviewed in different chapters contained in the two volumes of this book, as summarized in the expanded table of contents and index. Subjects include reviews on materials, processes, product designs, and so on. From a pragmatic standpoint, any theoretical aspect that is presented has been prepared so that the practical person will understand it and put it to use. The theorist in turn will gain an insight into the practical

limitations that exist in plastics as they exist in other materials such as steel, wood, and so on. There is no material that is “perfect.” The two volumes of this book together contain 1800-plus figures and 1400-plus tables providing extensive details to supplement the different subjects.

In working with any material (plastics, metal, wood, etc.), it is important to know its behavior in order to maximize product performance relative to cost and efficiency. Examples of different plastic materials and associated products are reviewed with their behavior patterns. Applications span toys, medical devices, cars, boats, underwater devices, containers, springs, pipes, buildings, aircraft, and spacecraft. The reader’s product to be designed or fabricated, or both, can be related directly or indirectly to products reviewed in this book. Important are behaviors associated with and interrelated with the many different plastics materials (thermoplastics [TPs], thermosets [TSs], elastomers, reinforced plastics) and the many fabricating processes (extrusion, injection molding, blow molding, forming, foaming, reaction injection molding, and rotational molding). They are presented so that the technical or nontechnical reader can readily understand the interrelationships of materials to processes.

This book has been prepared with the awareness that its usefulness will depend on its simplicity and its ability to provide essential information. An endless amount of data exists worldwide for the many plastic materials, which total about 35000 different types. Unfortunately, as with other materials, a single plastic material that will meet all performance requirements does not exist. However, more so than with any other materials, there is a plastic that can be used to meet practically any product requirement. Examples are provided of different plastic products relative to critical factors ranging from meeting performance requirements in different environments to reducing costs and targeting for zero defects. These reviews span products that are small to large and of shapes that are simple to complex. The data included provide examples that span what is commercially available. For instance, static physical properties (tensile, flexural, etc.), dynamic physical properties (creep, fatigue, impact, etc.), chemical properties, and so on, can range from near zero to extremely high values, with some having the highest of any material. These plastics can be applied in different environments ranging from below and on the earth’s surface to outer space.

Pitfalls to be avoided are reviewed in this book. When qualified people recognize the potential problems, these problems can be designed around or eliminated so that they do not affect the product’s performance. In this way, costly pitfalls that result in poor product performance or failure can be reduced or eliminated. Potential problems or failures are reviewed, with solutions also presented. This failure-and-solution review will enhance the intuitive skills of people new to plastics as well as those who are already working in plastics. Plastic materials have been produced worldwide over many years for use in the design and fabrication of all kinds of plastic products. To profitably and successfully meet high-quality, consistency, and long-life standards, all that is needed is to understand the behavior of plastics and to apply these behaviors properly.

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