MASTERBATCH AND TECHNICAL COMPOUNDS

BUYERS' GUIDE

British Plastics Federation

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COLOURING PLASTICS….

Colour is all around us in both natural and man-made objects; we make use of colour for many purposes, including identification, control and decoration. We are able to avoid electric shocks because the insulation of a live cable is a particular colour and identify a product because of its distinctive colour branding.

Colours are used to create a sense of belonging and to identify members of a team or associated products. The colours in traffic signals control priority at road junctions and convey information to road users. We use colours to decorate our homes, whether by wall coverings, by furnishings or with pictures, and create a pleasant environment in which to live.

Plastics materials are major contributors to modern living; they enable versatility in design and manufacture, are light in weight, hygienic, durable and can be recycled at the end of their useful life. For identification, control and decoration plastics can be coloured to almost any shade and effect desired by the designer and end-user, with the expertise of the member companies of the Masterbatch and Technical Compounds Group ensuring that the pigments and dyes selected to create the colour are suitable for use in the polymer, process and application concerned and meet the requirements of any applicable legislation.

The Group also supplies additives, either alone or in combination with colours, to enhance the processability or physical and chemical properties of the polymer concerned. This may range from slip additives to assist in the production and conversion of films, to impact modifiers which provide an increase in mechanical durability, to anti-microbial additives for contribution to improved hygiene, and ultra-violet stabilisers that increase the resistance of plastics to the degradation effects of exposure to sunlight.

Masterbatch and Technical Compounds Group Members have been instrumental in compiling this guide. Information on each member company including the services they offer and contact details are shown on the following pages providing a one-stop shop for all your colour needs.

Addmaster (UK) Ltd

www.biomastertechnology.com

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www.addmaster.co.uk | info@addmaster.co.uk

Americhem Ltd

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Tel: +44(0)1617 897 832 | Fax: +44(0)1617 877 832
www.americhem.com | info@americhem.com

A Schulman Inc. Ltd

Croespermaen Industrial Estate, Kendon, Crumlin, Newport NP11 3AG

Tel: +44(0)1495 244 090 | Fax: +44(0)1495 249 277
www.aschulman.com | aschulman@uk.aschulman.com

Broadway Colours Ltd

Unit 2, Broadway Drive, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8QR

Tel: +44(0)1986 875 100 | Fax: +44(0)1986 875 700
www.broadwaycolours.com | sales@broadwaycolours.com

Colloids Ltd

Kirkby Bank Road, Knowsley Industrial Park, Merseyside L33 7SY

Tel: +44(0)151 546 9222 | Fax: +44(0)151 545 4741
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ColorMatrix

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www.colormatrix.com | infoEMEA@colormatrix.co.uk

ColourTone Masterbatch Ltd

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Tel: +44(0)2920 888 910 | Fax: +44(0)2920 868 487
www.colourtone-masterbatch.co.uk | email@colourtone-masterbatch.co.uk

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www.gabriel-chemie.com | info@uk.gabriel-chemie.com

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

All the companies listed below are members of the BPF's Masterbatch and Technical Compounds Group. This means that you can contact them with complete confidence and trust - confidence in companies that operate in highly competitive markets - trust in companies whose products achieve the highest possible standards.

All of these companies operate in the UK, Europe and Internationally. Readers are advised to consult individual company websites as shown in the company profiles for further information.

	Form				Polymer Systems								Colours				
	Pellet	Micropellet *	Liquid	Powder	Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Styrenics	PET	Vinyl	PC	PA	Universal	Black	White	Pantone Colours	RAL Colours	Standard Range
Addmaster (UK)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Americhem Europe	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
A Schulman Inc	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Broadway Colours	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colloids	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colormatrix			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colourtone Masterbatch	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gabriel-Chemie UK	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hubron (International)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
PMB	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prisma Colour	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Silvergate Plastics	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wells Plastics	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					

*** Micropellet size (<1mm)**

			Additives												Compounds		Service #				
Custom Matched	Effect Colours	Colour / additive combinations	Processing Aids	Flame Retardants	UV Stabilisers	Antistatic Agents	Anti Block	Laser Additives	Blowing Agents	Nucleating Agent	Anti Fogging	Antimicrobial	Bio-Degradable	Others	Technical Compounds	Colour Compounds	Colour Match Lead Time	Additive Enquiry Lead Time	Order Lead Time Custom Products	Minimum Despatch Time Ex-Stock	Min Stock Order Quantity in Kg
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1	3	3	1	50
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			5	1	10	1	25
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			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			3	10	0	25

Service time (in days)

Hubron (International) Ltd

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Tel: +44(0)161 681 2691 | Fax: +44(0)161 683 4658
www.hubron.com | sales@hubron.com

Performance Masterbatch Ltd

Blaenant Industrial Estate, Brynmawr, Gwent NP23 4BX

Tel: +44(0)1495 310 583 | Fax: +44(0)1495 312 158
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Prisma Colour Ltd

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Wells Plastics Ltd

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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MASTERBATCH AND TECHNICAL COMPOUNDS GROUP

The BPF Masterbatch and Technical Compounds Group represents the interests of UK colour and additives masterbatch manufacturers and suppliers. The Masterbatch industry in the UK is estimated to have a turnover of around £200 million with an increasing profile. Principal objectives:

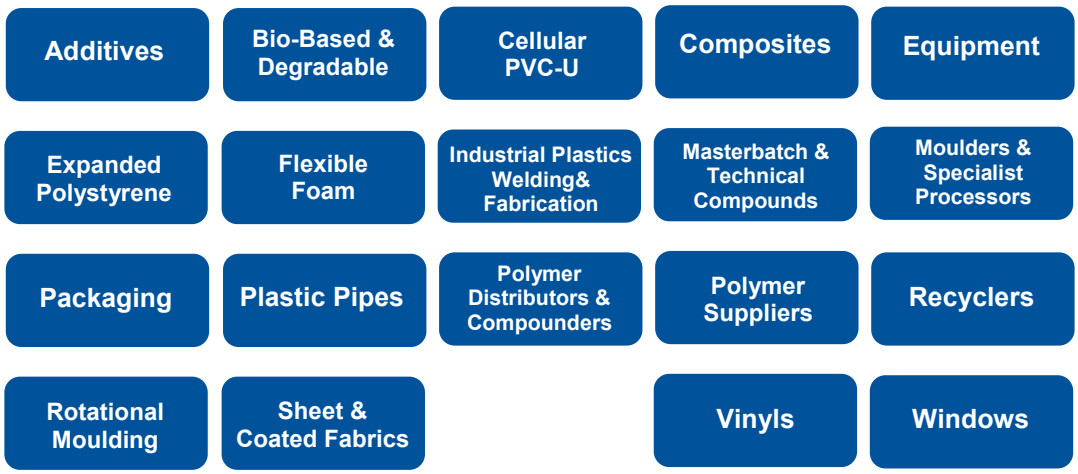
- To help group members to develop sales through the promotion and use of appropriate colours and additives in plastics
- To develop industry standards/norms in terms of testing, measuring and specifying colours and addtives for use in plastics
- To provide a platform from which influence can be exerted on relevant legislative and regulatory affairs
- To develop clear and consistent advice for distribution to customers, media and other agencies
- To provide information to members about changes in legislation and any other commercial influences pertinent to the industry and to provide advice on how to deal with them, for
- example, employment law
- To promote best practice in health and safety issues
- To establish links outside the industry with other bodies / organisations / BPF groups, who can provide advice and help with relevant topics of interest to members
- To establish links with other national bodies representing the Masterbatch Industry outside the UK

ABOUT THE BRITISH PLASTICS FEDERATION

The British Plastics Federation (BPF) is the leading trade association of the UK Plastics Industry, with 400 direct members and over 1600 affiliated members. The Federation is a platform for industry action that exists to exploit common opportunities and resolve shared issues.

The BPF consists of some 22 Business Groups with its membership incorporating the entire plastics supply chain including materials, processors, equipment suppliers and recyclers…

BPF GROUP STRUCTURE



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