

VACUUM THERMOFORMING PROCESS DESIGN GUIDELINES

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Vacuum Thermoforming Process Design Guidelines Introduction

Fundamentals of Plastics Thermoforming

The process of heating and reshaping plastics sheet and film materials has been in use since the beginning of the plastics industry. This process is known as thermoforming. Today this process is used for industrial products including signage, housings, and hot tubs. It also produces much of the packaging in use today including blister packs, egg cartons, and food storage containers. This process has many advantages over other methods of producing these products, but it has some limitations. This book has a twofold purpose. It is designed to be used as a text book for a course on thermoforming. It is also intended to be an application guide for professionals in the field of thermoforming including manufacturing, process and quality engineers, and managers. This book is focused on process application rather than theory. It refers to real products and processes with the intent of understanding the real issues faced in this industry. In addition to materials and processes, part and tool design are covered. Quality control is critical to any operation and this is also covered in this text. Two areas of focus in today's industry include Lean operations and environmental issues. Both of these topics are also included. Table of Contents: Introduction / Plastics Materials / Thermoforming Process Overview / The Forming Process / Part Design Mold / Tool Design / Quality Control Issues / Lean Operations / Environmental Issues

Thermoforming

FROM THE FOREWORD Dr. Gruenwald has indicated the desirable properties of polymeric materials for differing applications; thus, his text is especially useful for polymer chemists who must "tailor" plastic materials for specific groups of applications. Engineers in extruding and calendaring film and sheet will benefit from the intimate relationships elucidated between processing parameters imposed upon stocks employed in thermoforming and the products thereof. Mold designers are provided with a complete guide that will enable them to avoid the less obvious pitfalls and wasted effort so often experienced in the evolution of molds for (especially) complex parts. Quite likely, Dr. Gruenwald's suggestions will lead to considerable benefits to those who read and practice by this remarkable exposition of thermoforming technology. Robert K. Jordan
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Advanced Thermoforming

Introduces the latest innovations in thermoforming materials, processes, and applications Advanced Thermoforming brings readers fully up to date with the latest standards, processes, materials, and applications in the field. From forming to filling to sealing processes, the author explains everything that can now be accomplished using the most advanced thermoforming technologies available. Moreover, readers learn how to fully leverage these technologies in order to design and manufacture products that meet all specifications at minimum cost and maximum efficiency. Emphasizing the application of advanced thermoforming for the production of technical parts and packaging, the book: Guides readers through all facets of development, design, and machine and mold technology Recommends new technologies that offer higher

productivity, better quality, and lower costs Describes common raw materials used in thermoforming, including how specific materials affect the production process Explains the proper handling of semi-finished products and formed parts Sets forth the basic principles of extrusion, an essential process underlying thermoforming Introduces the latest software techniques to simulate the thermoforming of new products Throughout the book, readers learn about the latest innovations in thermoforming, from thermoformed automobile body parts to fully automated packaging assembly lines. The author offers valuable content from his interviews with leading industrial thermoformers, sharing insights and tips from their years of hands-on experience with readers. With *Advanced Thermoforming* as their guide, polymer and plastics engineering professionals and students can now explore and exploit the full range of possibilities that thermoforming technology offers.

Blow Molding Design Guide

Comprehensive guide to plastics processing methods, equipment and materials

Plastics Engineering Handbook Of The Society Of The Plastics Industry

Thermoforming is a processing technique involving air pressure applied to heated plastic, and combines the earlier terminology of vacuum-formed and pressure-formed operations. A specialist in thermoforming, mechanical engineer Rosen describes the roll-fed process, properties of plastic materials, designing products, thermoforming machines, trim presses, knife-like trim dies, and off-line punch-and-die trimming. Chapters on molds cover mold design, system components, layout and base design, and cost estimating. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Thermoforming: Improving Process Performance

This review provides a brief discussion of the thermoforming process, including its historical development and machinery and material requirements. An additional indexed section containing several hundred abstracts from the Rapra Polymer Library database provides useful references for further reading.

Advances in Thermoforming

Manufacturing and Design presents a fresh view on the world of industrial production: thinking in terms of both abstraction levels and trade-offs. The book invites its readers to distinguish between what is possible in principle for a certain process (as determined by physical law); what is possible in practice (the production method as determined by industrial state-of-the-art); and what is possible for a certain supplier (as determined by its production equipment). Specific processes considered here include metal forging, extrusion, and casting; plastic injection molding and thermoforming; additive manufacturing; joining; recycling; and more. By tackling the field of manufacturing processes from this new angle, this book makes the most out of a reader's limited time. It gives the knowledge needed to not only create well-producible designs, but also to understand supplier needs in order to find the optimal compromise. Apart from improving design for production, this publication raises the standards of thinking about producibility. Emphasizes the strong link between product design and choice of manufacturing process Introduces the concept of a "production triangle" to highlight tradeoffs between function, cost, and quality for different manufacturing methods Balanced sets of questions are included to stimulate the reader's thoughts Each chapter ends information on the production methods commonly associated with the principle discussed, as well as pointers for further reading Hints to chapter exercises and an appendix on long exercises with worked solutions available on the book's companion site: <http://booksite.elsevier.com/9780080999227/>

Manufacturing and Design

This book provides a wealth of practical guidance on how to design parts to gain the maximum benefit from what additive manufacturing (AM) can offer. It begins by describing the main AM technologies and their respective advantages and disadvantages. It then examines strategic considerations in the context of designing for additive manufacturing (DfAM), such as designing to avoid anisotropy, designing to minimize print time, and post-processing, before discussing the economics of AM. The following chapters dive deeper into computational tools for design analysis and the optimization of AM parts, part consolidation, and tooling applications. They are followed by an in-depth chapter on designing for polymer AM and applicable design guidelines, and a chapter on designing for metal AM and its corresponding design guidelines. These chapters also address health and safety, certification and quality aspects. A dedicated chapter covers the multiple post-processing methods for AM, offering the reader practical guidance on how to get their parts from the AM machine into a shape that is ready to use. The book's final chapter outlines future applications of AM. The main benefit of the book is its highly practical approach: it provides directly applicable, "hands-on" information and insights to help readers adopt AM in their industry

A Practical Guide to Design for Additive Manufacturing

In this report Dr Lewis surveys the current state of the art in designing with plastics, in terms of materials properties and processing technologies. He also considers the legal implications of intellectual property and product liability, as well as ergonomic and aesthetic design, parts consolidation and recyclability. His review is supported throughout by references to key processes and applications, including many well known consumer products, and further information can be derived from the 435 abstracts of published papers which complete the report.

Designing with Plastics

The explosion of plastic material development continues to generate a proliferation of conversion processes and variants of these methods. Unfortunately, most books on plastics conversion focus on a single process, such as injection molding, limiting their usefulness to readers without prior knowledge of the field. Few, if any, single-source texts adequately describe and compare each of the plastic conversion processes together. *Plastic Conversion Processes: A Concise and Applied Guide* addresses that need. It provides a basic overview of each of the seven major conversion processes, which account for the creation of more than 97 percent of all plastics products today. This detailed guide assembles and integrates the wealth of information scattered throughout various literature, to provide a basic yet complete illustration of plastic conversion processes. Learn Methods to Compare, Evaluate, and Select the Best Process for Your Product This book is unique in that it employs an all-encompassing approach, offering more than a mere overview of basic theory and application related to each major process. Chapters begin with a process-attribute table to serve as a quick guide, and then briefly describe a particular conversion process. To ensure comprehensive understanding of each method and how it works, sections include a short history and detailed explanation of the particular equipment, tooling, and materials used, as well as general piece part design guidelines and case studies gleaned from real-life experience. There is a plastic term for every letter of the alphabet, making it one of the most complex fields in science. A "quick reference" section at the end of the book includes an exhaustive collection of more than 350 terms, definitions, acronyms, and a key process characteristics comparison chart. Supplemented with photos, diagrams, and illustrations that bolster understanding of the material, this book characterizes the plastics industry in a way that makes it less intimidating, to help those new to the field fully grasp the entire spectrum of the field. With its uncommon consolidation of information, this volume quickly and effectively brings readers up to speed on plastic conversion processes.

Plastic Conversion Processes

Industrial Design: Materials and Manufacturing Guide, Second Edition provides the detailed coverage of materials and manufacturing processes that industrial designers need without their depth and overly technical discussions commonly directed toward engineers. Author Jim Lesko gives you the practical knowledge

you need to develop a real-world understanding of materials and processes and make informed choices for industrial design projects. In this book, you will find everything from basic terminology to valuable insights on why certain shapes work best for particular applications. You'll learn how to extract the best performance from all of the most commonly used methods and materials.

Industrial Design

Injection moulding is one of the most versatile and important manufacturing processes, capable of mass-producing complicated plastic parts in a variety of complex shapes with high dimensional precision. It is a major processing technique for converting thermoplastic and thermosetting materials with the aid of heat and pressure into complicated parts, consuming world-wide approximately 32% of all plastics. This book presents current research data in the study of injection moulding from across the globe, including an overview of injection moulding as a manufacturing technique for pharmaceutical applications; melt/solid weldline in over injection moulding; metal injection moulding of Co for biomedical applications; and the application of ultrasonic technology in the injection moulding process.

Injection Molding

ADVANCED THERMOFORMING Overview of advanced technologies in thermoforming including forming, filling, and sealing processes, and practical applications in various industries **Advanced Thermoforming** offers an overview of and new insights into thermoforming by comparing current and new standards for forming and mold technologies, presenting concepts from the practitioner's perspective in a case-study format showing the possibilities of automated processes, reviewing the forming, filling, sealing processes, and applications of technical parts and packaging. The reader is guided along the path of design and development for machine and mold technologies and production processes. Along with updated content, this revised Second Edition adds new coverage of sustainability in packaging, circular economy principles, mold technology, electromotive applications, and developments in new polymeric materials. The text opens thermoforming to new applications and demands on plastic parts by covering advances in thermoforming machines, molds, and automation. **Advanced Thermoforming** covers topics such as: Basics of thermoforming and thermoplastics, production of semifinished products, extrusion, and coextrusion Introduction to both heavy and thin gauge thermoforming New approaches for more sustainable rigid packaging through thermoforming Fuel tank production on sheet machines, automotive body and commercial vehicle applications, and production of refrigerator liners Sustainability and circular economy principles in thermoforming Presenting an impressive variety of advanced thermoforming technologies in a very readable form, **Advanced Thermoforming** is an essential reference for polymer and plastics engineers as well as processors, technical engineers, R & D managers, new product development managers, automotive engineers, technicians, and equipment designers.

Advanced Thermoforming

Polypropylene is now the third largest consumed plastic material after polyethylene and polyvinyl chloride. This book discusses the advantages and disadvantages of working with polypropylene, offering practical comment on the available types of polypropylene, its mechanical properties and in-service performance, and processing. Comparisons with other common plastics are also provided, which highlight the advantages of this polyolefin.

Practical Guide to Polypropylene

Blow moulding is a manufacturing process used to form hollow plastic parts. It evolved from the ancient art of glass blowing and it is used to particular advantage with plastic materials. Celluloid was used first to blow mould baby rattles and novelties in the 1930s, linear low-density polyethylene was used in the 1940s for high production bottles and these days polyethylene terephthalate is used to make anything from soda bottles, to

highly sophisticated multilayered containers and automotive fuel tanks in the last decade. When designing a product it is important to consider aspects such as a material's characteristics, the processing methods available, the assembly and finishing procedures, and the life cycle and expected performance of the product. This book presents the basics of blow moulding as well as the latest state-of-the-art and science of the industry. A key feature is the approach of discussing the 'basics' and then taking the reader through the entire process from design development through to final production.

Practical Guide to Blow Moulding

To make designs that work and endure (and are also legal), designers need to know—or be able to find—an endless number of details. Whether it's what kind of glue needs to be used on a certain surface, metric equivalents, thread sizes, or how to apply for a patent, these details are essential and must be readily available so designers can create successful products efficiently. The Industrial Design Reference & Specification Book provides designers with a comprehensive handbook they can turn to over and over again. These pages are filled with information that is essential to successful product design, including information on measurement conversions, trademark and copyright standards, patents and product-related intellectual property rights/standards, setting up files for prototyping and production runs, and manufacturing and packaging options to optimize the design. It is an essential resource for any industrial or product designer.

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Applied Plastics Engineering Handbook: Processing, Sustainability, Materials, and Applications, Third Edition presents the fundamentals of plastics engineering, helping bring readers up-to-speed on new plastics, materials, processing and technology. This revised and expanded edition includes the latest developments in plastics, including areas such as biodegradable and biobased plastics, plastic waste, smart polymers, and 3D printing. Sections cover traditional plastics, elastomeric materials, bio-based materials, additives, colorants, fillers and plastics processing, including various key technologies, plastic recycling and waste. The final part of the book examines design and applications, with substantial updates made to reflect advancements in technology, regulations, and commercialization. Throughout the handbook, the focus is on engineering aspects of producing and using plastics. Properties of plastics are explained, along with techniques for testing, measuring, enhancing, and analyzing them. Practical introductions to both core topics and new developments make this work equally valuable for newly qualified plastics engineers seeking the practical rules-of-thumb they don't teach you in school and experienced practitioners evaluating new technologies or getting up-to-speed in a new field. Offers an ideal reference for new engineers, experienced practitioners and researchers entering a new field or evaluating a new technology Provides an authoritative source of practical advice, presenting guidance that will lead to cost savings and process improvements Includes the latest technology, covering 3D printing, smart polymers and thorough coverage of biobased and biodegradable plastics

The Industrial Design Reference & Specification Book

The all-encompassing guide to total quality process control for injection molding In the same simple, easy-to-understand language that marked the first edition, Total Quality Process Control for Injection Molding, Second Edition lays out a successful plan for producing superior plastic parts using high-quality controls. This updated edition is the first of its kind to zero in on every phase of the injection molding process, the most commonly used plastics manufacturing method, with an all-inclusive strategy for excellence. Beginning with sales and marketing, then moving forward to cover finance, purchasing, design, tooling, manufacturing, assembly, decorating, and shipping, the book thoroughly covers each stage to illustrate how elevated standards across individual departments relate to result in the creation of a top-notch product. This Second Edition: Details ways to improve plastic part design and quality Includes material and process control procedures to monitor quality through the entire manufacturing system Offers detailed information on machinery and equipment and the implementation of quality assurance methods—content that is lacking in

similar books Provides problem-analysis techniques and troubleshooting procedures Includes updates that cover Six Sigma, ISO 9000, and TS 16949, which are all critical for quality control; computer-guided process control techniques; and lean manufacturing methods With proven ways to problem-solve, increase performance, and ensure customer satisfaction, this valuable guide offers the vital information today's managers need to plan and implement quality process control—and produce plastic parts that not only meet, but surpass expectations.

Applied Plastics Engineering Handbook

Design for Manufacturing assists anyone not familiar with various manufacturing processes in better visualizing and understanding the relationship between part design and the ease or difficulty of producing the part. Decisions made during the early conceptual stages of design have a great effect on subsequent stages. In fact, quite often more than 70% of the manufacturing cost of a product is determined at this conceptual stage, yet manufacturing is not involved. Through this book, designers will gain insight that will allow them to assess the impact of their proposed design on manufacturing difficulty. The vast majority of components found in commercial batch-manufactured products, such as appliances, computers and office automation equipment are either injection molded, stamped, die cast, or (occasionally) forged. This book emphasizes these particular, most commonly implemented processes. In addition to chapters on these processes, the book touches upon material process selection, general guidelines for determining whether several components should be combined into a single component or not, communications, the physical and mechanical properties of materials, tolerances, and inspection and quality control. In developing the DFM methods presented in this book, he has worked with over 30 firms specializing in injection molding, die-casting, forging and stamping. Implements a philosophy which allows for easier and more economic production of designs Educates designers about manufacturing Emphasizes the four major manufacturing processes

Total Quality Process Control for Injection Molding

The origins of this book not only include Moldflow Design Principles, but also includes Warpage Design Principles published by Moldflow, and C-Mold Design Guide. Collectively, these documents are based on years of experience in the research, theory and practice of injection molding. These documents are now combined into one book, the Moldflow Design Principles. This book is intended to help practicing engineers solve problems they encounter frequently in the design of parts and molds, as well as during production. This book can also be used as a reference for training purpose at industrial, as well as educational institutions.

Thomas Regional Industrial Buying Guide

Do you know how best to manage and reduce your energy consumption? This book gives comprehensive guidance on effective energy management for organisations in the polymer processing industry. This book is one of three which support the ENERGYWISE Plastics Project eLearning platform for European plastics processors to increase their knowledge and understanding of energy management. Topics covered include: Understanding Energy,

Instructor's Guide for Packaging and Packing Operations

Design Engineering Manual offers a practical guide to the key principles of design engineering. It features a compilation of extracts from several books within the range of Design Engineering books in the Elsevier collection. The book is organized into 11 sections. Beginning with a review of the processes of product development and design, the book goes on to describe systematic ways of choosing materials and processes. It details the properties of modern metallic alloys including commercial steels, cast irons, superalloys, titanium alloys, structural intermetallic compounds, and aluminum alloys. The book explains the human/system interface; procedures to assess the risks associated with job and task characteristics; and environmental factors that may be encountered at work and affect behavior. Product liability and safety rules

are discussed. The final section on design techniques introduces the design process from an inventor's perspective to a more formal model called total design. It also deals with the behavior of plastics that influence the application of practical and complex engineering equations and analysis in the design of products. Provides a single-source of critical information to the design engineer, saving time and therefore money on a particular design project. Presents both the fundamentals and advanced topics and also the latest information in key aspects of the design process. Examines all aspects of the design process in one concise and accessible volume.

Plastics Education Guide

Polypropylene: The Definitive User's Guide and Databook presents in a single volume a panoramic and up-to-the-minute user's guide for today's most important thermoplastic. The book examines every aspect of science, technology, engineering, properties, design, processing, applications of the continuing development and use of polypropylene. The unique treatment means that specialists can not only find what they want but for the first time can relate to and understand the needs and requirements of others in the product development chain. The entire work is underpinned by very extensive collections of property data that allow the reader to put the information to real industrial and commercial use. Despite the preeminence and unrivaled versatility of polypropylene as a thermoplastic material to manufacture, relatively few books have been devoted to its study. **Polypropylene: The Definitive User's Guide and Databook** not only fills the gap but breaks new ground in doing so. Polypropylene is the most popular thermoplastic in use today, and still one of the fastest growing. **Polypropylene: The Definitive User's Guide and Databook** is the complete workbook and reference resource for all those who work with the material. Its comprehensive scope uniquely caters to polymer scientists, plastics engineers, processing technologists, product designers, machinery and mold makers, product managers, end users, researchers and students alike.

Design for Manufacturing

This report explains the fundamentals of rotational moulding, with particular reference to advances in the key areas of materials, machinery, moulds and process control. He considers relationships between processing conditions and product properties, and looks briefly at the future of the process, and the likely advances still to be made. An additional indexed section containing several hundred abstracts from the Rapra Polymer Library database provides useful references for further reading.

Moldflow Design Guide

This design manual is intended to assist the practicing engineer in the evaluation and use of plastics as structural materials. Consequently, it emphasizes those technological aspects of the broad class of materials which affect structural behavior and outlines the various categories of plain and modified plastics, noting their basic behavior under the conditions of stress, strain, time, and temperature that control design. It reviews fabrication processes and their effects on materials usage and characteristics, and considers influences of the environment that result in degradation of structural properties. Above all, it examines the design principles and practices applicable to plastics and composites when employed structurally.

Practical Guide to Energy Management for Processors

This book deals with all aspects of advanced composite materials; what they are, where they are used, how they are made, their properties, how they are designed and analyzed, and how they perform in-service. It covers both continuous and discontinuous fiber composites fabricated from polymer, metal, and ceramic matrices, with an emphasis on continuous fiber polymer matrix composites.

Plastics Processing Technology

Understanding materials, their properties and behavior is fundamental to engineering design, and a key application of materials science. Written for all students of engineering, materials science and design, this book describes the procedures for material selection in mechanical design in order to ensure that the most suitable materials for a given application are identified from the full range of materials and section shapes available. Fully revised and expanded for this third edition, *Materials Selection in Mechanical Design* is recognized as one of the leading texts, and provides a unique and genuinely innovative resource. Features new to this edition • New chapters on topics including process selection, material and shape selection, design of hybrid materials, environmental factors and industrial design. • Reader-friendly approach and attractive, easy to use two-color presentation. • The methods developed in the book are implemented in Granta Design's widely used CES Educational software. Materials are introduced through their properties; materials selection charts (now available on line) capture the important features of all materials, allowing rapid retrieval of information and application of selection techniques. Merit indices, combined with charts, allow optimization of the materials selection process. Sources of material property data are reviewed and approaches to their use are given. Material processing and its influence on the design are discussed. New chapters on environmental issues, industrial engineering and materials design are included, as are new worked examples, and exercise materials. New case studies have been developed to further illustrate procedures and to add to the practical implementation of the text. The new edition of the leading materials selection text *Expanded and fully revised throughout*, with new material on key emerging topics, an even more student-friendly approach, and attractive, easy to use two-color presentation

Design Engineering Manual

Quality Management in Plastics Processing provides a structured approach to the techniques of quality management, also covering topics of relevance to plastics processors. The book's focus isn't just on implementation of formal quality systems, such as ISO 9001, but about real world, practical guidance in establishing good quality management. Ultimately, improved quality management delivers better products, higher customer satisfaction, increased sales, and reduced operation costs. The book helps practitioners who are wondering how to begin implementing quality management techniques in their business focus on key management and technical issues, including raw materials, processing, and operations. It is a roadmap for all company operations, from people, product design, sales/marketing, and production – all of which are impacted by, and involved in, the implementation of an effective quality management system. Readers in the plastics processing industry will find this comprehensive book to be a valuable resource. Helps readers deliver better products, higher customer satisfaction, and increased profits with easily applicable guidance for the plastics industry Provides engineers and technical personnel with the tools they need to start a process of continuous improvement in their company Presents practical guidance to help plastics processing companies organize, stimulate, and complete effective quality improvement projects

Polypropylene

Covering a broad range of polymer science topics, *Handbook of Polymer Synthesis, Characterization, and Processing* provides polymer industry professionals and researchers in polymer science and technology with a single, comprehensive handbook summarizing all aspects involved in the polymer production chain. The handbook focuses on industrially important polymers, analytical techniques, and formulation methods, with chapters covering step-growth, radical, and co-polymerization, crosslinking and grafting, reaction engineering, advanced technology applications, including conjugated, dendritic, and nanomaterial polymers and emulsions, and characterization methods, including spectroscopy, light scattering, and microscopy.

Rotational Moulding

While the original way of thermoforming had been more of a manual operation, today it has increasingly

become integrated in manufacturing processes, competing successfully with other plastics molding methods. This book is based on a proven teaching program employed in training courses, with comprehensive information on thermoforming principles and processes. The book introduces students, as well as engineers and technicians with practical field experience, to this subject, improving basic knowledge and also providing in-depth answers to individual problems.

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