# Sheet Extrusion Seminar, May 21-22, 2012

## Introduction
- Basic extruder components
- Screw, barrel, and feed system
- Grooved feed extruders
- High speed extruders
- Screw drive systems
- Breaker plate and screens
- Gear pumps
- Heating and cooling
- Instrumentation and control

## Important polymer properties
- Melt flow properties
- Thermal properties
- Viscous heat generation
- Optimizing process conditions
- How to set process conditions
- Orientation: what is it?
- How to control orientation

## Requirements for efficient extrusion
- Efficient machinery
- Efficient operation
- Efficient changeover
- Maintenance
- Resin quality
- Training
- Statistical process control
- Design of experiments
- Data acquisition system
- Instrumentation and control

## Functional aspects
- Solids conveying
- Plasticating
- Melt conveying
- Mixing
- Energy efficiency

## Screw Design
- Standard extruder screw
- Barrier type extruder screws
- Multi-stage screws for venting
- Mixing screws

## From head to sheet die
- The head adaptor
- The screen changer
- The choke valve
- The gear pump
- The feed block

## The flat sheet die
- Various die configurations
- Decking options
- Die adjustments
- Auto die lip adjusters

## The cooling roll stack
- Roll stack configurations
- Roll face and diameter
- Cooling roll construction
- Roll stack actuators and controls

## Downstream equipment
- Pull roll (haul-off) unit
- Cooling rack and other cooling methods
- Sheet slitters
- Gauge scanners and monitoring systems
- Sheet coating options
- Lamination for decoration and barriers
- Sheet accumulators
- The winding system
- Extrusion control systems
- Safety
- Start-up and shut down procedures
- Pre-start setup procedures and checks
- Maintaining steady state conditions
- Stringing up the roll stand the correct way
- Process parameters
- Maintenance

## Troubleshooting sheet extrusion problems
- Requirements for efficient troubleshooting
- Troubleshooting tools and techniques
- Surging
- High melt temperature
- Sheet defects
- Case studies

## Books authored by Chris Rauwendaal and available with registration of any seminar at discount:
- Polymer Extrusion
- Understanding Extrusion
- Troubleshooting the Extrusion Process
- SPC in Injection Molding and Extrusion
- Polymer Mixing
- Mixing in Polymer Processing
Books are offered at a discount only if ordered with a seminar and will be delivered at the seminar.

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