

Understanding and Optimizing Extrusion Seminar, Nov 12-14, 2007

Introduction

- Basic components of an extruder
- Review of terminology

Hardware components of an extruder

- Screw, barrel, and feed system
- Grooved feed extruders
- Screw drive systems
- Breaker plate and screens
- Gear pumps
- Heating and cooling
- Instrumentation and control

Polymer properties important in extrusion

- Melt flow properties
- How to determine flow properties directly from the extruder
- Thermal properties
- Viscous heat generation
- How polymer properties can be used to set correct processing condition and improve the extrusion process

Functional aspects

- Solids conveying
 - * Gravity induced conveying
 - * Drag induced conveying
 - * How to improve solids conveying
- Plasticating or melting
 - * Contiguous solids melting
 - * Dispersed solids melting
 - * How to improve melting
- Melt conveying
 - * Drag flow
 - * Pressure flow
 - * Leakage flow
- Devolatilization or degassing
- Mixing
 - * Basic mechanism of mixing
 - * Distributive mixing
 - * Dispersive mixing
 - * How to improve mixing

Screw design

- Standard extruder screw
- Variations on standard screw
- Mixing screws
- Barrier type screws
- Multi-stage screws for venting
- How to improve performance by optimizing screw geometry

Die Design

- General rules and guidelines
- Analysis of dies
- Die flow instabilities
- Sheet and flat film dies
- Tubing and pipe dies
- Profile dies
- Coextrusion dies

Twin Screw Extruders

- Twin vs. single screw extruder
- Co-rotating twin screw extruders
- Counter-rotating twin screw extruders
- Co- versus counter-rotating extruders
- Non-intermeshing extruders

Troubleshooting Extruders

- Methodology
- Machine & material related problems
- Functional problems & practical examples
- Details of troubleshooting discussed in the seminar following this one.

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