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# Mold Design And Processing Conditions

A Guide to Processing  
Injection Molding Grade Specialty Compounds

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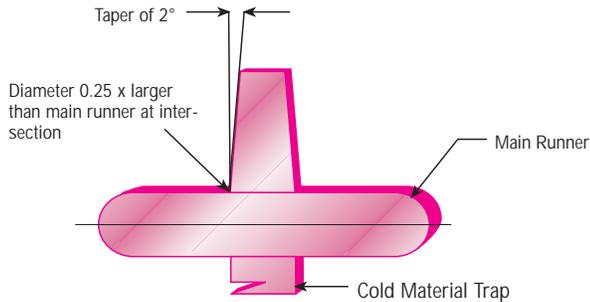
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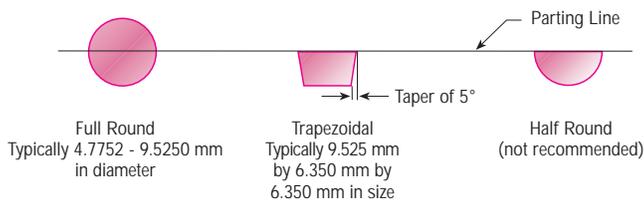
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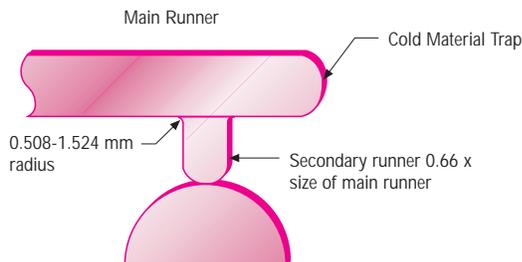
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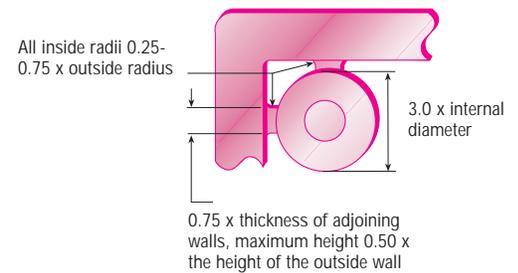
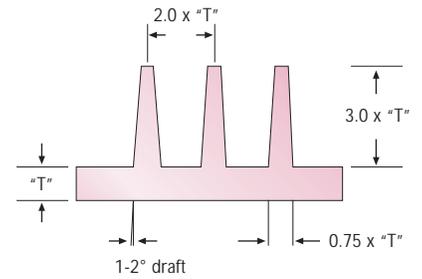
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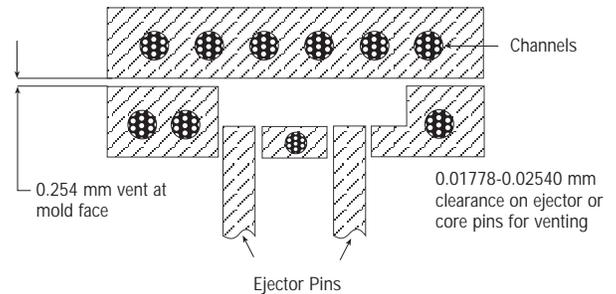
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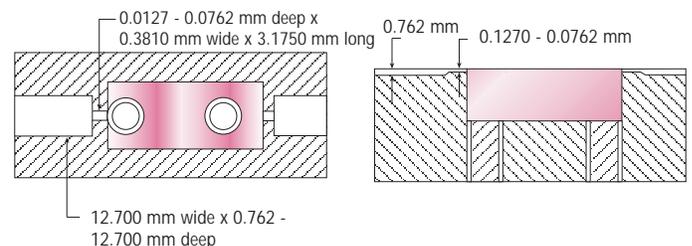
Molds must be provided with adequate cooling to take advantage of the faster cooling rates of reinforced compounds. Poor cooling results in rising mold temperatures and longer cycle times. Inadequate heating can result in voids, shorts and poor surface finish. Cooling and heating channels should be located directly in the mold inserts and cores if mold design permits.



**Ejector Pins:** Should be located on the heaviest sections of the part to minimize distortion when it leaves the core. They should be balanced as much as possible over the part's surface. Reinforced thermoplastic require more pins due to lower mold shrinkage and greater potential for drag during ejection.

## Venting

Proper venting of cavities is very important. Inadequate venting can result in gas burns, poor weld line strength and nonfilled parts. Too much venting can result in excessive flash and poor weld lines due to inadequate pressure buildup. Venting should primarily be located at the last point of fill and where weld line occur. Vent size depends on the viscosity of the polymer and can vary from 0.01270 mm to 0.07620 mm deep. Venting can also be used around knockout pins, moving cores and mold inserts.



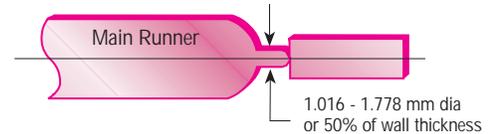
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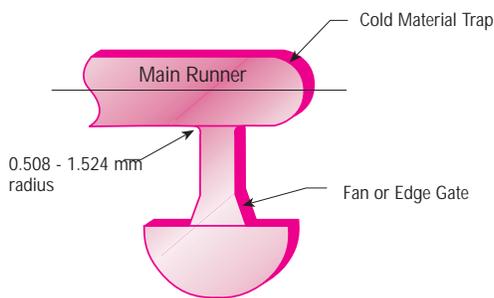
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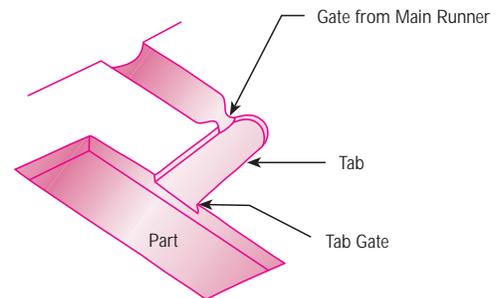
**Pinpoint or Restricted Gate** - A restricted opening between the runner and molded part. Normally used with thin wall parts.



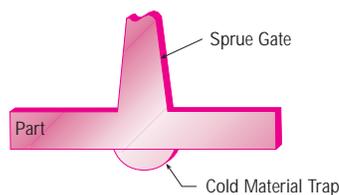
**Fan or Edge Gate** - A common gate located in the sidewall of the part to prevent restriction of resin flow. Normally used with multi-cavity, two-plate molds.



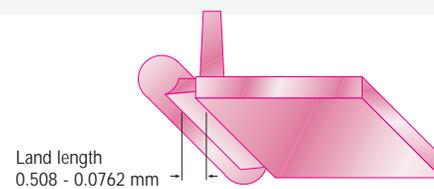
**Tab Gate** - Used for melt orientation when a large volume is needed for mold fill. The tab helps avoid surface splotches due to high shear, direct gating, or jetting.



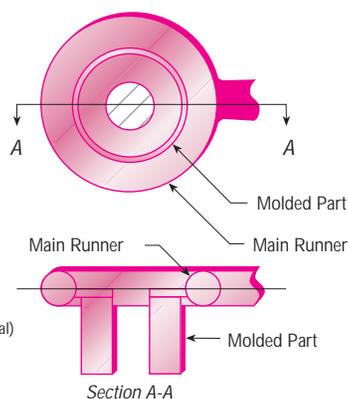
**Sprue Gate** - Recommended for single cavity molds requiring symmetrical filling. Usually used with circular parts.



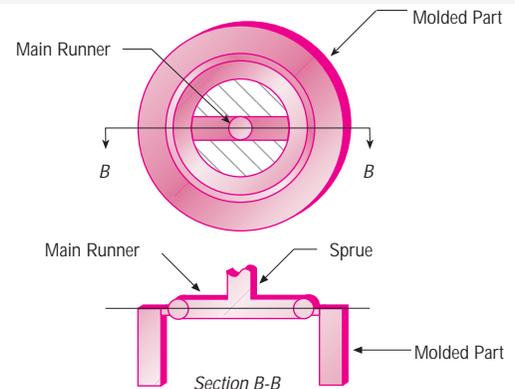
**Flash Gate** - A long, shallow, rectangular edge gate.



**External Ring Gate** - A system used when concentricity and a smooth interior surface are important. Can be used in multi-cavity molds.



**Internal Ring Gate** - A system used with large circular parts when concentricity and smooth outer surface are required. Can only be used with single-cavity molds.



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# Troubleshooting Guide



SUGGESTED REMEDIES Perform in numerical order by column	PROBLEM											
	Blisters	Excessive Brittleness	Gas Flash	Poor Surface Finish	Poor Weld Lines	Short Shots	Silver Streaking	Sink Marks	Undersized Part	Voids	Warping	
Change Gate Location						8						6
Clean Mold Faces			4	5	6							
Clean Vents	5			2		5	11				12	
Check for Material Contamination	6	4						4				
Check for Uneven Mold Temperature												1
Check Mold Faces for Proper Fit			5									
Dry Material	1	6	6	6	7			1			11	
Increase Amount of Material						4	1		8	7	10	
Increase Back Pressure					5		6			6		
Increase Clamp Pressure			2									
Increase Cooling Time								10				9
Increase Holding Pressure					8		12		11	1		
Increase Injection Hold Time						2			2	2	2	
Increase Injection Pressure					2	1	2		1		1	2
Increase Injection Speed					3	9	3	2		8		
Increase Injection Time									12	5		
Increase Mold Temperature		7			5	1	3	7		9	8	3
Increase Size of Gates								8	6	4	10	4
Increase Size of Runners								9		5	11	5
Increase Size of Sprue								10		6		6
Increase Size of Vent				4			6	4				
Locate Gates Near Heavy Cross Sections										7		7
Raise Material Temperature					7	4	10	5			4	
Redesign Ejection Mechanism												10
Reduce Amount of Regrind		5										
Reduce Back Pressure		2							7			
Reduce Cylinder Temperature	2	1	8	3	4				3			7
Reduce Holding Pressure			7		3							8
Reduce Injection Pressure			3		2							
Reduce Injection Speed	3		1	1	1	9	7		8	3		3
Reduce Mold Temperature									9	3	9	4
Reduce Molded Stress		8										5
Reduce Overall Cycle Time					6							
Reduce Screw Speed	4	3							5			

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		MELT	MOLD	TEMP (°C)	TIME (HRS)		
100	POLYPROPYLENE (PP)	191-232	32-66	79	2	NA	NA
200	NYLON 6/6† (PA)	277-299	66-107	79	4	-18	0.20
200A	NYLON 6† (PA)	243-279	54-93	82	2	-18	0.20
200B	NYLON 6/10 (PA)	277-299	66-107	79	2	-18	0.20
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200D	NYLON 6/12† (PA)	249-285	60-93	79	4	-18	0.20
200E	NYLON, AMORPHOUS (PA)	271-299	66-99	79	4	-34	0.10
200F	NYLON 12† (PA)	221-274	66-104	79	4	-40	0.10
200H	NYLON 6/6 IMPACT MODIFIED (PA)	277-299	66-107	79	4	-18	0.20
300	POLYCARBONATE† (PC)	288-316	82-121	121	4	-29	0.02
400	POLYSTYRENE† (PS)	210-249	38-66	82	2	NA	NA
500	STYRENE ACRYLONITRILE† (SAN)	238-279	52-82	82	2	NA	NA
600	ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE STYRENE† (ABS)	204-238	63-85	82	2	-18	0.10
700	HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE)	193-232	21-66	79	2	NA	NA
700A	LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE)	193-232	21-66	79	2	NA	NA
800	ACETAL (POM)	182-218	79-107	121	2	-32	0.15
900	POLYSULFONE (PSU)	332-371	93-149	135	4	-32	0.15
1000	POLYBUTYLENE TEREPHTHALATE† (PBT)	238-271	79-107	121	4	-29	0.03
1100	POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE† (PET)	260-298	135-162	121	4	-40	0.01
1200	POLYURETHANE THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TPUR)	185-218	38-60	107	6	-18	0.01
1300	POLYPHENYLENE SULFIDE (PPS)	307-329	135-177	149	6	NA	0.04
1400	POLYETHERSULFONE† (PES)	343-377	135-177	149	6	-32	0.04
1500	POLYESTER THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TPE)	210-238	21-49	93	2-4	NA	NA
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1800	ACRYLIC (PMMA)	182-218	79-107	93	4	-18	0.02
1800A	POLYCARBONATE/ACRYLIC ALLOY (PC/PMMA)	238-266	32-66	82	3-4	-18	0.02
2100	POLYETHERIMIDE† (PEI)	354-399	135-177	149	4	-29	0.04
2200	POLYETHERETHERKETONE† (PEEK)	349-399	163-218	149	3	-29	0.10
2300A	RIGID THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE† (RTPU)	221-243	52-93	107	4-6	-32	0.01
2300C	RIGID THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE† (RTPU)	238-260	93-121	132	4-6	-32	0.01
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2800	OLEFINIC THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TEO)	182-210	16-66	79	2	-18	0.03
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3400-3	LIQUID CRYSTAL POLYMER (LCP)	332-366	66-121	149	8	-29	NA
3400-4	LIQUID CRYSTAL POLYMER (LCP)	363-399	66-93	149	8	-29	NA
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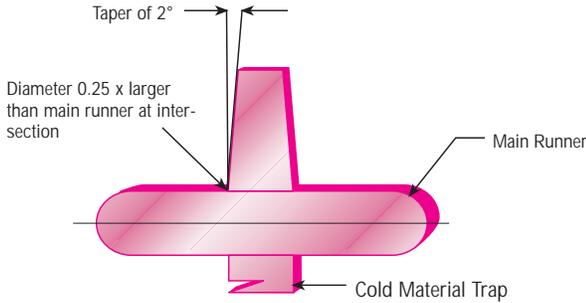
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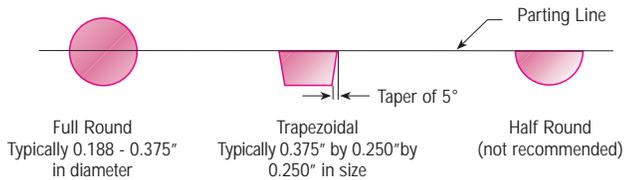
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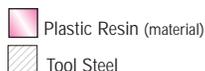
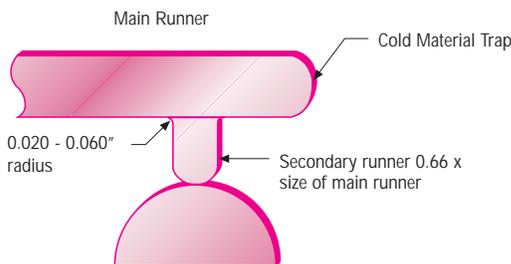
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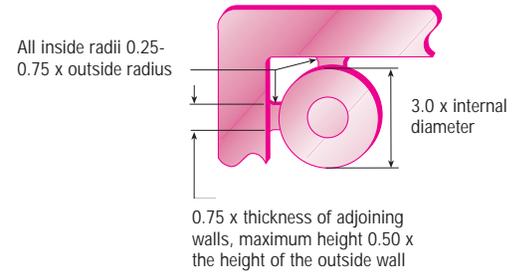
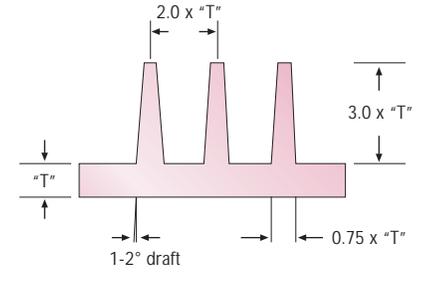


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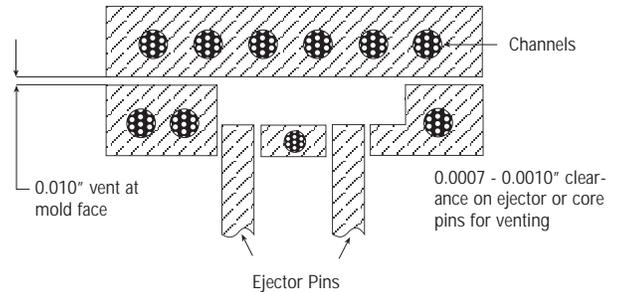
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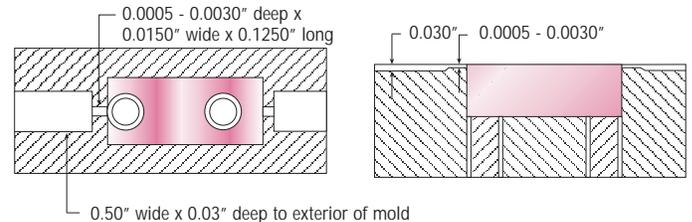
Molds must be provided with adequate cooling to take advantage of the faster cooling rates of reinforced compounds. Poor cooling results in rising mold temperatures and longer cycle times. Inadequate heating can result in voids, shorts and poor surface finish. Cooling and heating channels should be located directly in the mold inserts and cores if mold design permits.



**Ejector Pins:** Should be located on the heaviest sections of the part to minimize distortion when it leaves the core. They should be balanced as much as possible over the part's surface. Reinforced thermoplastic require more pins due to lower mold shrinkage and greater potential for drag during ejection.

## Venting

Proper venting of cavities is very important. Inadequate venting can result in gas burns, poor weld line strength and nonfilled parts. Too much venting can result in excessive flash and poor weld lines due to inadequate pressure buildup. Venting should primarily be located at the last point of fill and where weld line occur. Vent size depends on the viscosity of the polymer and can vary from 0.0005" to 0.0030" deep. Venting can also be used around knockout pins, moving cores and mold inserts.



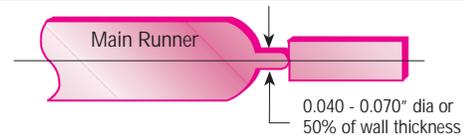
## Gate Design

The gate serves as the entrance to the cavity and should be designed to permit the mold to fill easily. A cavity can have more than one gate. Gates should be small enough to ensure easy separation of the runner and the part but large enough to prevent early freeze-off of polymer flow, which can adversely affect the consistency of part dimensions. A variety of gate designs and locations are shown below:

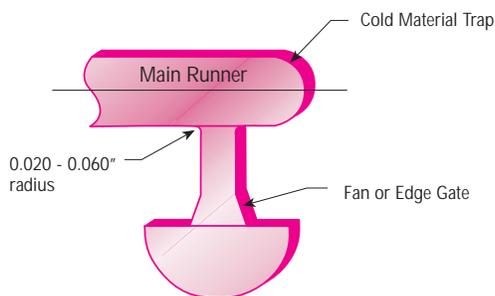
**Submarine or Tunnel Gate** - An edge gate located below the parting line or molded surface.



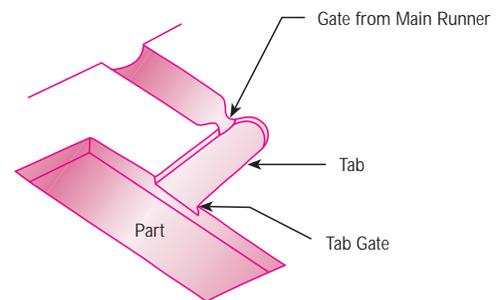
**Pinpoint or Restricted Gate** - A restricted opening between the runner and molded part. Normally used with thin wall parts.



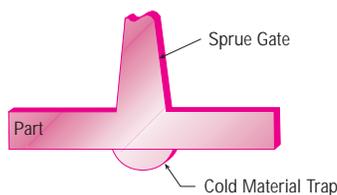
**Fan or Edge Gate** - A common gate located in the sidewall of the part to prevent restriction of resin flow. Normally used with multi-cavity, two-plate molds.



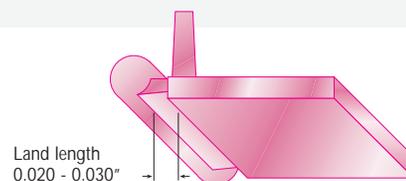
**Tab Gate** - Used for melt orientation when a large volume is needed for mold fill. The tab helps avoid surface splotches due to high shear, direct gating, or jetting.



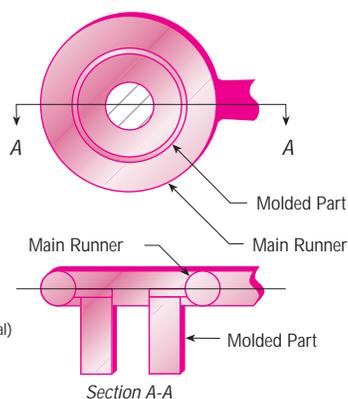
**Sprue Gate** - Recommended for single cavity molds requiring symmetrical filling. Usually used with circular parts.



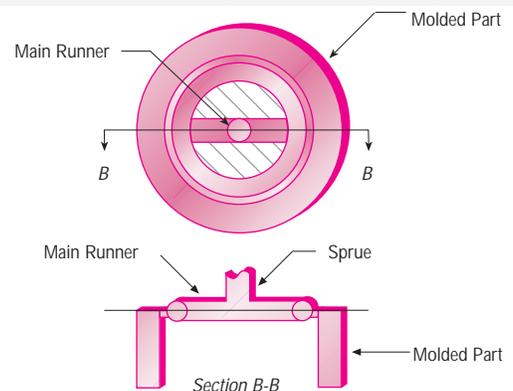
**Flash Gate** - A long, shallow, rectangular edge gate.



**External Ring Gate** - A system used when concentricity and a smooth interior surface are important. Can be used in multi-cavity molds.



**Internal Ring Gate** - A system used with large circular parts when concentricity and smooth outer surface are required. Can only be used with single-cavity molds.



 Plastic Resin (material)  
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# Troubleshooting Guide



SUGGESTED REMEDIES Perform in numerical order by column	PROBLEM												
	Blisters	Excessive Brittleness	Gas Flash	Poor Oversized Part	Poor Surface Finish	Poor Weld Lines	Short Shot	Silver Streaking	Sink Marks	Undersized Part	Voids	Warping	
Change Gate Location							8					6	
Clean Mold Faces			4	5	6								
Clean Vents	5			2		5	11					12	
Check for Material Contamination	6	4							4				
Check for Uneven Mold Temperature												1	
Check Mold Faces for Proper Fit			5										
Dry Material	1	6	6	6		7			1			11	
Increase Amount of Material							4	1		8	7	10	
Increase Back Pressure						5		6			6		
Increase Clamp Pressure			2										
Increase Cooling Time										10		9	
Increase Holding Pressure						8		12		11	1		
Increase Injection Hold Time							2			2	2	2	
Increase Injection Pressure						2	1	2		1		1	2
Increase Injection Speed						3	9	3	2		8		
Increase Injection Time										12	5		
Increase Mold Temperature		7			5	1	3	7			9	8	3
Increase Size of Gates								8	6	4	10	4	
Increase Size of Runners								9		5	11	5	
Increase Size of Sprue								10		6		6	
Increase Size of Vent				4			6	4					
Locate Gates Near Heavy Cross Sections										7		7	
Raise Material Temperature					7	4	10	5			4		
Redesign Ejection Mechanism													10
Reduce Amount of Regrind		5											
Reduce Back Pressure		2								7			
Reduce Cylinder Temperature	2	1	8	3	4					3			7
Reduce Holding Pressure			7		3								8
Reduce Injection Pressure			3		2								
Reduce Injection Speed	3		1	1	1	9	7		8	3		3	
Reduce Mold Temperature										9	3	9	4
Reduce Molded Stress		8											5
Reduce Overall Cycle Time					6								
Reduce Screw Speed	4	3								5			

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# Processing Conditions

RTP SERIES	POLYMER TYPE	TEMPERATURE °F		DRYING		DEW POINT °F	MOISTURE CONTENT %
		MELT	MOLD	TEMP (°F)	TIME (HRS)		
100	POLYPROPYLENE (PP)	375-450	90-150	175	2	NA	NA
200	NYLON 6/6† (PA)	530-570	150-225	175	4	0	0.20
200A	NYLON 6† (PA)	470-535	130-200	180	2	0	0.20
200B	NYLON 6/10 (PA)	530-570	150-225	175	2	0	0.20
200C	NYLON 11 (PA)	435-550	100-150	175	4	0	0.20
200D	NYLON 6/12† (PA)	480-545	140-200	175	4	0	0.20
200E	NYLON, AMORPHOUS (PA)	520-570	150-210	175	4	-30	0.10
200F	NYLON 12† (PA)	430-525	150-220	175	4	-40	0.10
200H	NYLON 6/6 IMPACT MODIFIED (PA)	530-570	150-225	175	4	0	0.20
300	POLYCARBONATE† (PC)	550-600	180-250	250	4	-20	0.02
400	POLYSTYRENE† (PS)	410-480	100-150	180	2	NA	NA
500	STYRENE ACRYLONITRILE† (SAN)	460-535	125-180	180	2	NA	NA
600	ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE STYRENE† (ABS)	400-460	145-185	180	2	0	0.10
700	HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE)	380-450	70-150	175	2	NA	NA
700A	LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE)	380-450	70-150	175	2	NA	NA
800	ACETAL (POM)	360-425	175-225	250	2	-25	0.15
900	POLYSULFONE (PSU)	630-700	200-300	275	4	-25	0.15
1000	POLYBUTYLENE TEREPHTHALATE† (PBT)	460-520	175-225	250	4	-20	0.03
1100	POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE† (PET)	500-570	275-325	250	4	-40	0.01
1200	POLYURETHANE THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TPUR)	365-425	100-140	225	6	0	0.01
1300	POLYPHENYLENE SULFIDE (PPS)	585-625	275-350	300	6	NA	0.04
1400	POLYETHERSULFONE† (PES)	650-710	275-350	300	6	-25	0.04
1500	POLYESTER THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TPE)	410-460	70-120	200	2-4	NA	NA
1700	POLYPHENYLENE OXIDE, MODIFIED (PPO)	480-550	150-200	200	2	0	0.10
1800	ACRYLIC (PMMA)	360-425	175-225	200	4	0	0.02
1800A	POLYCARBONATE/ACRYLIC ALLOY (PC/PMMA)	460-510	90-150	180	3-4	0	0.02
2100	POLYETHERIMIDE† (PEI)	670-750	275-350	300	4	-20	0.04
2200	POLYETHERETHERKETONE† (PEEK)	660-750	325-425	300	3	-20	0.10
2300A	RIGID THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE† (RTPU)	430-470	125-200	225	4-6	-25	0.01
2300C	RIGID THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE† (RTPU)	460-500	200-250	270	4-6	-25	0.01
2500	POLYCARBONATE/ABS ALLOY† (PC/ABS)	470-525	125-200	200	4	-20	0.02
2700	STYRENIC THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER (TES)	360-450	60-100	175	2	NA	NA
2800	OLEFINIC THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER† (TEO)	360-410	60-150	175	2	0	0.03
3000	POLYMETHYLPENTENE (PMP)	510-580	150-200	175	2	NA	NA
3100	PERFLUOROALKOXY (PFA)	650-725	300-450	250	2	NA	NA
3200	ETHYLENE TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (ETFE)	560-650	150-300	250	2	NA	NA
3300	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)	410-550	180-220	250	2	NA	NA
3400-3	LIQUID CRYSTAL POLYMER (LCP)	630-690	150-250	300	8	-20	NA
3400-4	LIQUID CRYSTAL POLYMER (LCP)	685-750	150-200	300	8	-20	NA
3500	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE PROPYLENE (FEP)	650-725	200+	250	2-4	NA	NA
4000	POLYPHTHALAMIDE† (PPA)	575-625	275-325	175	6	-25	0.05
4000A	POLYPHTHALAMIDE HOT WATER MOLDABLE (PPA)	625-650	150-325	175	6	-20	0.10
4200	THERMOPLASTIC POLYIMIDE† (TPI)	750-780	350-450	400	6	-40	0.01
4300	POLYSULFONE/POLYCARBONATE ALLOY (PSU/PC)	540-620	150-210	250	4	-20	0.02
4400	NYLON, HIGH TEMPERATURE (NHT)	590-650	275-325	175	4	-40	0.10
4500	ALIPHATIC POLYKETONE (PK)	430-500	180-300	140	4	-25	0.02
4600	SYNDIOTACTIC POLYSTYRENE (SPS)	560-620	160-300	180	2	-20	0.02
4700	POLYTRIMETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PTT)	450-500	190-250	260	4-6	-40	0.01

†Hygroscopic Materials

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