# Advanced Extrusion Seminar, May 6-7, 2013

# **Plastics compounding**

- What is plastics compounding?
- Compounding machinery
- Plastics used in compounding
- Fillers used in compounding
- Direct extrusion
- Starve feeding vs. flood feeding
- Degree of fill

#### Twin screws for compounding

- Twin vs single screw extruders
- Co-rotating extruders
- Counter-rotating extruders
- Barrel heating and cooling
- New TSE developments

## **Functions of co-rotating TSE**

- Feeding and solid conveying
- Melting
- Melt conveying
- Mixing
  - Distributive mixing
  - Dispersive mixing
- Degassing
- Viscous dissipation
- Pressure generation
- Computer simulation

#### Screw design for co-rotating TSE

- Basic screw geometry
- 1-, 2-, and 3-flighted screws
- Basic geometrical relationships
- Conveying elements
- Mixing elements
- Special screw elements
- Screw design principles
- Proper assembly of screw elements
- Screw design examples
- Materials of construction
- Coatings and surface treatment
- Computer aided screw design

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# Scale-up of co-rotating TSE

- Volumetric scale-up
- Specific energy consumption
- Shear rate
- Heat transfer
- Residence time
- Examples

### **Operating twin screw extruders**

- Safety issues
- Starting the extruder
- Screw speed and degree of fill
- Temperature controllers
- Current limit protection
- Shut-down

#### **Troubleshooting TSE**

- Mechanical problems
  - Screw wear
  - Barrel wear
  - Overloading the motor
  - Excessive torque on screws
- Functional problems
  - Venting problems
  - Feed problems
  - Pressure development
  - Poor mixing
- Quality problems
  - Poor dispersion
  - Degradation
  - Filler agglomeration

#### **Maintenance guidelines**

- Safety issues
- Gear box maintenance
- Screw drive motor
- Vacuum system
- Screw and barrel sections
- Preventive maintenance

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