



Standard Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 The purpose of this terminology is to provide uniform contractions of terms relating to plastics. Abbreviated terminology has evolved through widespread common usage. This compilation has been prepared to avoid both the occurrence of more than one abbreviated term for a given plastics term and multiple meanings for abbreviated terms.

1.2 The scope of these abbreviated terms includes plastics terms pertaining to composition and relating to type or kind according to mode of preparation or principle distinguishing characteristics. Also included are abbreviated terms for terms relating to copolymers, blends and alloys of plastics, and additives such as plasticizers, fillers, etc.

NOTE 1—A code relating to the composition of rubbers is given in Practice D1418.

1.3 No attempt is made here to systematize formally a shorthand terminology for polymers. Terminology, including nomenclature, codes, symbols, and formula designations for use in scientific literature in the field of natural and synthetic polymers, are being studied and standardized by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.²

1.4 These abbreviated terms are by no means all-inclusive of plastics terminology. They represent, in general, those terms that have come into established use. Since it is recognized that abbreviated terms serve no useful purpose unless they are generally accepted and used, no attempt has been made to establish a rigorous code for devising standard abbreviated terms. This would result in awkward departures from established usage of existing and accepted abbreviated terms and lead to cumbersome combinations in the future, which would not be likely to receive widespread acceptance. The abbreviated terms now in use have grown naturally out of the need for convenient, readily comprehended shorthand for long chemical names. This process can be expected to continue along the

natural lines of least resistance and will serve as a basis for further standardization as the need arises. A general guide for the preparation of abbreviated terms appears desirable, however, to facilitate more organized and uniform standardization in the future. An appendix is attached, which suggests a uniform way to prepare abbreviated terms.

1.5 Note that the uppercase letter F should be used to designate phosphate and that other elements may also be designated F.

1.6 An abbreviated term (FR) and code numbers are provided to identify classes of materials used as flame retardants added to plastics. The system is provided for use in situations where marking of plastics products is desired.

NOTE 2—Many of the abbreviated terms, codes, numbers, and symbols in ISO 1043 parts 1 through 4 and in ISO/DIS 1043-4 are the same as the corresponding item in ASTM D1600. D1600 includes a number of abbreviated terms that are not in ISO 1043.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:³

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1418 Practice for Rubber and Rubber Latices—Nomenclature

D1972 Practice for Generic Marking of Plastic Products (Withdrawn 2014)⁴

2.2 *ISO Standards*:⁵

ISO 472:1988 Plastics—Vocabulary

ISO 1043-1:2001 Plastics—Symbols—Part 1: Basic Polymers and Their Special Characteristics

ISO 1043-2:2000 Plastics—Symbols—Part 2: Fillers and Reinforcing Materials

ISO 1043-3:1996 Plastics—Symbols—Part 3: Plasticizers

ISO 1043-4:1998 Plastics—Symbols and Abbreviated Terms—Part 4: Flame Retardants

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

⁴ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁵ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

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² "Report on Nomenclature in the Field of Macromolecules," *Journal of Polymer Science*, Vol VIII, 1952, pp. 257–277.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of general terms, see Terminology D883.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *flame retardant, FR, n*—a substance that markedly retards the propagation of a flame. (See ISO 472.)

3.2.1.1 *Discussion*—Flame retardants may be incorporated in plastics as additives (external flame retardant) or as chemical groups in the base polymer by use of reactive intermediates in the polymerization process (internal flame retardant). The code numbers in this standard are restricted to external flame retardants.

4. Terms and Abbreviated Terms

4.1 Plastics and Resins:⁶

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Acrylonitrile/butadiene plastics	AB	Epoxy, epoxide	EP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics	ABA	Ethyl cellulose	EC
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics	ABS	Ethylene acrylate	EA
Acrylonitrile-chlorinated polyethylene-styrene plastics	ACPES	Ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer	E-CTFE
Acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene plastics	AES	Ethylene-ethyl acrylate plastics	EEA
Acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate-acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber	AMAB	Ethylene-methacrylic acid plastics	EMA
Acrylonitrile-methyl methacrylate plastics	AMMA	Ethylene-propylene polymer	EPM
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics	ASA	Ethylene-propylene-diene plastics	EPD
Acrylonitrile/ethylene-propylene-diene/styrene	AEPDMS	Ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer	ETFE
Aromatic polyester	ARP	Ethylene-vinyl acetate plastics	EVA
		Ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer	EVOH
Carboxymethyl cellulose	CMC	Fluorocarbon perfluoromethoxy	MPA
Casein	CS	Furan formaldehyde resin	FF
Caseine-formaldehyde resin	CSF	General purpose polystyrene	GPSS
Cellulose acetate	CA	High density polyethylene plastics	HDPE
Cellulose acetate-butyrate	CAB	High impact-resistant polystyrene	HIPS
Cellulose acetate propionate	CAP	Impact resistant polystyrene	IPS
Cellulose formaldehyde	CEF	Linear low density polyethylene plastics	LLDPE
Cellulose nitrate	CN	Linear medium density polyethylene plastics	LDPE
Cellulose plastics, general	CE	Liquid crystal polymer	LCP
Cellulose propionate	CP	Low density polyethylene plastics	LDPE
Cellulose triacetate	CTA	Medium density polyethylene plastics	MDPE
Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride)	CPVC	Melamine-formaldehyde resin	MF
Chlorinated polyethylene	CPE	Melamine/phenol-formaldehyde resin	MPF
Cresol-formaldehyde resin	CF	Methacrylate-butadiene-styrene plastics	MBS
		Methyl cellulose	MC
		Methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene resin	MMABS
		Nylon (see also polyamide)	PA
		Perfluoro(alkoxy alkane)	PFA
		Perfluoro(ethylene-propylene) copolymer	FEP
		Perfluoromethoxy resin	MFA
		Phenol-formaldehyde resin	PF
		Phenol-furfural resin	PFF
		Poly(acrylic acid)	PAA
		Poly(allyl diglycol carbonate)	PADC
		Poly(aryl ether ketone)	PAEK
		Poly(butyl acrylate)	PBA
		Poly(butylene adipate-co-succinate)	PBAS
		Poly(butylene adipate-co-terephthalate)	PBAT
		Poly(butylene succinate)	PBS
		Poly(butylene terephthalate)	PBT
		Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene cyclohexandicarboxylate), glycoland acid comonomer	PCCE
		Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate)	PCT

⁶ To prevent any confusion with or misuse of the registered trademark, PET[®] Milk, the guidelines of 8.1 shall be followed.

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), acid comonomer	PCTA	Polyisobutylene	PIB
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), glycol	PCTG	Polyisocyanurate	PIR
Poly(diallyl phthalate)	PDAP	Polyketone	PK
Poly(ester urethane)	PAUR	Polymethacrylimide	PMI
Poly(ether block amide)	PEBA	Polyoxymethylene, polyacetal	POM
Poly(ether sulfone)	PES	Polyphenylene	PPH
Poly(ether urethane)	PEUR	Polyphthalamide	PPA
Poly(ethylene furanoate)	PEF	Polypropylene	PP
Poly(ethylene oxide)	PEOX	Homopolymer polypropylene	HPP
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PET ⁶	Random copolymer polypropylene	RPP
Poly(ethylene terephthalate) acid comonomer	PETA	Impact copolymer polypropylene	CPP
Poly(ethylene terephthalate) glycol comonomer	PETG	Polystyrene	PS
Poly(lactic acid)	PLA	Polysulfone	PSU
Poly(methyl methacrylate)	PMMA	Polytetrafluoroethylene	PTFE
Poly(methyl methacrylimide)	PMMI	Polyurethane	PUR
Poly(methyl- α -chloroacrylate)	PMCA	Saturated polyester plastic	SP
Poly(phenyl sulfone)	PPSU	Silicone plastics	SI
Poly(phenylene ether) (or Poly(phenylene oxide), a deprecated term)	PPE	Styrene- α -methylstyrene plastic	SMS
Poly(phenylene sulfide)	PPS	Styrene-acrylonitrile plastic	SAN
Poly(phenylene sulfone)	PPSU	Styrene-butadiene plastic	SB
Poly(propylene oxide)	PPOX	Styrene-butadiene-styrene block copolymer	SBS
Poly(vinyl acetate)	PVAC	Styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block copolymer	SEBS
Poly(vinyl alcohol)	PVOH	Styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene block copolymer	SEPS
Poly(vinyl butyral)	PVB	Styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer	SIS
Poly(vinyl carbazole)	PVK	Styrene-maleic anhydride plastics	S/MA
Poly(vinyl chloride)	PVC	Styrene-rubber plastics	SRP
Poly(vinyl chloride-acetate)	PVCA	Thermoplastic elastomer	TPE
Poly(vinyl fluoride)	PVF	Thermoplastic elastomer, ether-ester	TEEE
Poly(vinyl formal)	PVFM	Thermoplastic elastomer, fully crosslinked elastomer alloy	FCEA
Poly(vinyl pyrrolidone)	PVP	Thermoplastic elastomer, highly crosslinked	HCTPV
Poly(vinylidene chloride)	PVDC	thermoplastic vulcanizate	
Poly(vinylidene fluoride)	PVDF	Thermoplastic elastomer, olefinic	TEO
Poly(ϵ -caprolactone)	PCL	Thermoplastic elastomer, polyether block amide	PEBA
Poly-4-methylpentene-1	PMP	Thermoplastic elastomer, styrenic	TES
Poly- α -methylstyrene	PMS	Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, saturated	TESS
Poly-p-oxybenzoate	POB	Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, unsaturated	TESU
Polyacrylonitrile	PAN	Thermoplastic polyester	TPES
Polyamide (nylon)	PA	Thermoplastic polyester:	
Polyamide 10	PA10	Copolyester [poly(aryl terephthalate)]	ARP
Polyamide 1010	PA1010	Polyarylate [poly(aryl terephthalate)]—liquid	PAT
Polyamide 11	PA11	crystal	
Polyamide 12	PA12	polymer	
Polyamide 1212	PA1212	Thermoplastic polyurethane	TPU
Polyamide 46	PA46	Thermoplastic polyurethane, reinforced	RTPU
Polyamide 410	PA410	Thermoplastic starch	TPS
Polyamide 6	PA6	Thermoset polyurethane	TSPU
Polyamide 610	PA610	Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene	UHMWPE
Polyamide 612	PA612	Unsaturated polyester	UP
Polyamide 66	PA66	Urea-formaldehyde resin	UF
Polyamide 69	PA69	Vinyl chloride-ethylene resin	VCE
Polyamide 6I	PA6I	Vinyl chloride-ethylene-methyl acrylate resin	VCEMA
Polyamide 6T	PA6T	Vinyl chloride-ethylene-vinyl acetate resin	VCEVAC
Polyamide-imide	PAI	Vinyl chloride-methyl acrylate resin	VCMA
Polyarylate	PAR	Vinyl chloride-methyl methacrylate resin	VC MMA
Polyaryl amide	PARA	Vinyl chloride-octyl acrylate resin	VCOA
Polyarylether	PAE	Vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate resin	VCVAC
Polyarylsulfone	PAS	Vinyl chloride-vinylidene chloride resin	VCVDC
Polybutadiene-acrylonitrile	PBAN	Vinylidene fluoride	VDF
Polybutadiene-styrene	PBS		
Polybutene-1	PB		
Polycarbonate	PC		
Polychlorotrifluoroethylene	PCTFE		
Polyester alkyd (or polyacrylate)	PAK		
Polyetheretherketone	PEEK		
Polyetheretherketoneketone	PEEKK		
Polyetherketoneetherketoneketone	PEKEKK		
Polyetherketoneketone	PEKK		
Polyetherimide	PEI		
Polyetherketone	PEK		
Polyethylene	PE		
Poly(ethylene naphthalate)	PEN		
Polyhydroxy butyrate	PHB		
Polyimide	PI		
Polyimidesulfone	PISU		

4.2 Blends and Alloys of Plastics:

Term	Abbreviated Term
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics + poly(methyl methacrylate)	ABA+PMMA
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics+poly(vinyl chloride)	ABA+PVC
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics+polycarbonate	ABA+PC
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+poly(vinyl chloride)	ABS+PVC
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polyphenylene sulfone	ABS+PPSU

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polytetrafluoroethylene	ABS+PTFE	Diisohexyl phthalate	DIHXP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+styrene maleic anhydride	ABS+SMA	Diisononyl adipate	DINA
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+thermoplastic polyurethane	ABS+TPU	Diisononyl phthalate	DINP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polyamide	ABS+PA	Diisooctyl adipate	DIOA
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polycarbonate	ABS+PC	Diisooctyl phthalate	DIOP
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+poly(methyl methacrylate)	ASA+PMMA	Diisopentyl phthalate	DIPP
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+polycarbonate	ASA+PC	Diisotridecyl phthalate	DITDP
Fully crosslinked elastomeric alloy	FCEA	Dimethyl phthalate	DMP
Poly(butylene terephthalate)+poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PBT+PET ⁶	Dinonyl phthalate	DNP
Poly(butylene terephthalate)+rubber	Abbreviated PBT+RBR	Diocetyl adipate	DOA
Poly(ethylene naphthalate)	PEN	Diocetyl azelate	DOZ
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(methyl methacrylate)	PET ⁶ +PMMA	Diocetyl isophthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl isophthalate)	DOIP
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(phenylene sulfone)	PET ⁶ +PPSU	Diocetyl phthalate	DOP
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+rubber	PET ⁶ +RBR	Diocetyl sebacate	DOS
Poly(phenylene ether)+impact resistant polystyrene	PPE+IPS	Diocetyl terephthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate)	DOTP
Poly(phenylene sulfide)+polytetrafluoroethylene	PPS+PTFE	Diphenyl octyl phosphate	DPOF
Poly(vinyl chloride)+chlorinated polyethylene	PVC+CPE	Diphenyl cresyl phosphate	DPCF
Poly(vinyl chloride)+nitrile-butadiene rubber	PVC+NBR	Diphenyl 2-ethylhexyl phosphate	DPOF
Poly(vinyl chloride)+poly(methyl methacrylate)	PVC+PMMA	Diundecyl phthalate	DUP
Poly(vinyl chloride) plastics+polyurethane	PVC+PUR	Epoxidized linseed oil	ELO
Polyamide (amorphous) blend	PA +	Epoxidized soya bean oil	ESO
Polyamide plastics+ethylene-methacrylic acid (ionomer)	PA+EMA	Heptyl nonyl undecyl adipate	HNUA
Polyamide+poly(phenylene ether)	PA+PPE	Heptyl nonyl undecyl phthalate	HNUP
Polyamide+polyethylene	PA+PE	Hexyl octyl decyl adipate	HXODA
Polyamide+rubber	PA+RBR	Hexyl octyl decyl phthalate	HXODP
Polyamide+styrene-acrylonitrile plastics	PA+SAN	n-Octyl decyl trimellitate	ODTM
Polycarbonate+poly(butylene terephthalate)	PC+PBT	Nonyl undecyl adipate	NUA
Polycarbonate+poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PC+PET ⁶	Nonyl undecyl phthalate	NUP
Polycarbonate+polyethylene	PC+PE	Octyl decyl adipate	ODA
Polycarbonate+styrene-maleic anhydride	PC+SMA	Octyl decyl phthalate	ODP
Polycarbonate+thermoplastic polyurethane	PC+TPU	Tetraoctyl pyromellitate (tetra-2-ethylhexyl pyromellitate)	TOPM
Polyoxymethylene+polytetrafluoroethylene	POM+PTFE	Trichloroethyl phosphate	TCEF
Polyoxymethylene+rubber	POM+RBR	Tricresyl phosphate (or tritoyl phosphate)	TCF
Polyurethane+polyisocyanate	PUR+PIR	Triheptyl trimellitate	THTM
Styrene-maleic anhydride plastics+impact resistant polystyrene	SMA+IPS	Triisooctyl trimellitate	TIOTM
Thermoplastic elastomer-chlorinated ethylene alloy	TECEA	Triocetyl phosphate	TOF
		Triocetyl trimellitate (tri-2-ethylhexyl trimellitate)	TOTM
		Triphenyl phosphate	TPP
		Trixylyl phosphate	TXF

4.4 Monomers:

NOTE 3—In general, blends and alloys of plastics shall be identified as Abbreviation 1+ Abbreviation 2 + Abbreviation n, where abbreviation n represents the abbreviation for component n, and the percentage, by weight, of component 1 > the percentage, by weight of component 2 > the percentage, by weight of component n.

4.3 Plastic and Resin Additives:

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Alkylsulfonic acid ester	ASE	Adipic acid	AA
Benzyl butyl phthalate	BBP	Allyl diglycol carbonate	ADC
Benzyl octyl adipate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl adipate)	BOA	Butanediol	BD
Benzyl octyl phthalate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl phthalate)	BOP	Chlorotrifluoroethylene	CTFE
Di-n-octyl phthalate	DNOP	Diallyl chlorendate (diallyl ester of 1,4,5,6,7,7-hexachlorobicyclo-(2,2,1)-5-heptene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid)	DAC
Dibutylphthalate	DBP	Diallyl fumarate	DAF
Dibutyl sebacate	DBS	Diallyl isophthalate	DAIP
Dicapryl phthalate	DCP	Diallyl maleate	DAM
Dicylohexyl phthalate	DCHP	Diallyl phthalate (diallyl orthophthalate)	DAP
Didecyl phthalate	DDP	Ethylene	ET
Diethyl phthalate	DEP	Ethylene Glycol	EG
Diheptyl phthalate	DHP	Lactic acid	LA
Dihexyl phthalate	DHXP	Methyl methacrylate	MMA
Diisobutyl phthalate	DIBP	Propylene	PR
Diisodecyl adipate	DIDA	Succinic acid	SA
Diisodecyl phthalate	DIDP	p-Terephthalic acid	PTA
Diisohexyl phthalate	DIHP		

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Tetrafluoroethylene	TFE	Diallyl chlorendate (diallyl ester of 1,4,5,6,7,7-hexachloro-	DAC
Triallyl cyanurate	TAC	bicyclo-(2,2,1)-5-heptene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid)	

4.5 Miscellaneous Plastics Terms:

Term	Abbreviated Term
General purpose	GP
Single stage	SS

NOTE 4—When listing one or more components, the order preferably should be in decreasing amount by mass. There are situations, however, where long standing usage indicates that this recommendation should not be followed. An example is ETFE.

5. Full List by Term and Abbreviated Term

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics+poly(methyl methacrylate)	ABA+PMMA	Diallyl fumarate	DAF
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics+poly(vinyl chloride)	ABA+PVC	Diallyl isophthalate	DAIP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics+polycarbonate	ABA+PC	Diallyl maleate	DAM
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics	ABA	Diallyl phthalate (diallyl orthophthalate)	DAP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+poly(vinyl chloride)	ABS+PVC	Dibutyl phthalate	DBP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polyphenylene sulfone	ABS+PPSU	Dibutyl sebacate	DBS
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polytetrafluoroethylene	ABS+PTFE	Dicapryl phthalate	DCP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+styrene maleic anhydride	ABS+SMA	Dicyclohexyl phthalate	DCHP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+thermoplastic polyurethane	ABS+TPU	Didecyl phthalate	DDP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene plastics	AB	Diethyl phthalate	DEP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polyamide	ABS+PA	Diheptyl phthalate	DHP
Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polycarbonate	ABS+PC	Dihexyl phthalate	DHXP
Acrylonitrile-chlorinated polyethylene-styrene plastics	ACPES	Diisobutyl phthalate	DIBP
Acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene plastics	AES	Diisodecyl adipate	DIDA
Acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate-acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber	AMAB	Diisodecyl phthalate	DIDP
Acrylonitrile-methyl methacrylate plastics	AMMA	Diisohexyl phthalate	DIHP
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+poly(methyl methacrylate)	ASA+PMMA	Diisononyl adipate	DIHXP
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+poly(vinyl chloride)	ASA+PVC	Diisononyl phthalate	DINA
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics	ASA	Diisooctyl adipate	DINP
Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+polycarbonate	ASA+PC	Diisooctyl phthalate	DIOA
Acrylonitrile/ethylene-propylene-diene/styrene plastics	AEPDMS	Diisopentyl phthalate	DIOP
Adipic Acid	AA	Diisotridecyl phthalate	DIPP
Alkylsulfonic acid ester	ASE	Diisotridecyl phthalate	DITDP
Allyl diglycol carbonate	ADC	Dimethyl phthalate	DMP
Aromatic polyester	ARP	Dinonyl phthalate	DNP
		Diethyl adipate	DOA
Benzyl butyl phthalate	BBP	Diethyl azelate	DOZ
Benzyl octyl adipate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl adipate)	BOA	Diethyl isophthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl isophthalate)	DOIP
Benzyl octyl phthalate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl phthalate)	BOP	Diethyl phthalate	DOP
Butanediol	BD	Diethyl sebacate	DOS
		Diethyl terephthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate)	DOTP
Carboxymethyl cellulose	CMC	Diphenyl 2-ethylhexyl phosphate	DPOF
Casein	CS	Diphenyl cresyl phosphate	DPCF
Caseine-formaldehyde resin	CSF	Diphenyl octyl phosphate	DPOF
Cellulose acetate	CA	Diundecyl phthalate	DUP
Cellulose acetate-butyrate	CAB	Epoxidized linseed oil	ELO
Cellulose acetate-propionate	CAP	Epoxidized soya bean oil	ESO
Cellulose formaldehyde	CEF	Epoxy, epoxide	EP
Cellulose nitrate	CN	Ethyl cellulose	EC
Cellulose plastics, general	CE	Ethylene	ET
Cellulose propionate	CP	Ethylene acrylate	EA
Cellulose triacetate	CTA	Ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer	E-CTFE
Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride)	CPVC	Ethylene-ethyl acrylate plastics	EEA
Chlorinated polyethylene	CPE	Ethylene Glycol	EG
Chlorotrifluoroethylene	CTFE	Ethylene-methacrylic acid plastics	EMA
Cresol-formaldehyde resin	CF	Ethylene-propylene polymer	EPM
		Ethylene-propylene-diene plastics	EPD
Di-n-octyl phthalate	DNOP	Ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer	ETFE
		Ethylene-vinyl acetate plastics	EVA
		Ethlene-vinyl alcohol copolymer	EVOH
		Fluorocarbon perfluoromethoxy	MPA
		Fully crosslinked elastomeric alloy	FCEA
		Furan-formaldehyde resin	FF
		General purpose	GP
		General purpose polystyrene	GPPS
		Heptyl nonyl undecyl adipate	HNUA
		Heptyl nonyl undecyl phthalate	HNUP
		Hexyl octyl decyl adipate	HXODA
		Hexyl octyl decyl phthalate	HXODP
		High density polyethylene plastics	HDPE
		High impact-resistant polystyrene	HIPS
		Homopolymer polypropylene	HPP
		Impact copolymer polypropylene	CPP
		Impact resistant polystyrene	IPS
		Lactic acid	LA

Term	Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term
Linear low density polyethylene plastics	LLDPE	Poly(vinyl chloride)+nitrile-butadiene rubber	PVC+NBR
Linear medium density polyethylene plastics	LMDPE	Poly(vinyl chloride)+poly(methyl methacrylate)	PVC+PMMA
Liquid crystal polymer	LCP	Poly(vinyl chloride) plastics+polyurethane	PVC+PUR
Low density polyethylene plastics	LDPE	Poly(vinyl chloride-acetate)	PVCA
		Poly(vinyl fluoride)	PVF
Medium density polyethylene plastics	MDPE	Poly(vinyl formal)	PVFM
Melamine-formaldehyde resin	MF	Poly(vinyl pyrrolidone)	PVP
Melamine/phenol-formaldehyde resin	MPF	Poly(vinylidene chloride)	PVDC
Methacrylate-butadiene-styrene plastics	MBS	Poly(vinylidene fluoride)	PVDF
Methyl cellulose	MC	Poly(ϵ -caprolactone)	PCL
Methyl methacrylate	MMA	Poly-4-methyl pentene-1	PMP
Methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene resin	MMABS	Poly- α -methylstyrene	PMS
		Poly-p-oxybenzoate	POB
		Polyacrylonitrile	PAN
n-Octyl decyl trimellitate	ODTM	Polyamide (amorphous) blend	PA +
Nonyl undecyl adipate	NUA	Polyamide (nylon)	PA
Nonyl undecyl phthalate	NUP	Polyamide 10	PA10
Nylon (See also <i>polyamide</i>)	PA	Polyamide 1010	PA1010
		Polyamide 11	PA11
Octyl decyl adipate	ODA	Polyamide 12	PA12
Octyl decyl phthalate	ODP	Polyamide 1212	PA1212
		Polyamide 46	PA46
Perfluoro(alkoxy alkane)	PFA	Polyamide 6	PA6
Perfluoro(ethylene-propylene) copolymer	FEP	Polyamide 610	PA610
Perfluoromethoxy resin	MFA	Polyamide 612	PA612
Phenol-formaldehyde resin	PF	Polyamide 66	PA66
Phenol-furfural resin	PFF	Polyamide 69	PA69
Poly(acrylic acid)	PAA	Polyamide 6I	PA6I
Poly(allyl diglycol carbonate)	PADC	Polyamide 6T	PA6T
Poly(aryl ether ketone)	PAEK	Polyamide plastics+ethylene-methacrylic acid (ionomer)	PA+EMA
Poly(butyl acrylate)	PBA	Polyamide+poly(phenylene ether)	PA+PPE
Poly(butylene terephthalate)	PBT	Polyamide+polyethylene	PA+PE
Poly(butylene terephthalate)+poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PBT+PET ⁶	Polyamide+rubber	PA+RBR
Poly(butylene terephthalate)+poly(phenylene ether)	PBT+PPE	Polyamide+styrene-acrylonitrile plastics	PA+SAN
Poly(butylene terephthalate)+rubber	PBT+RBR	Polyamide-imide	PAI
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene cyclohexandicarboxylate), glycol and acid comonomer	PCCE	Polyarylate	PAR
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate)	PCT	Polyaryl amide	PARA
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), acid comonomer	PCTA	Polyarylether	PAE
Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), glycol comonomer	PCTG	Polyarylsulfone	PASU
Poly(diallyl phthalate)	PDAP	Polybutadiene-acrylonitrile	PBAN
Poly(ester urethane)	PAUR	Polybutadiene-styrene	PBS
Poly(ether block amide)	PEBA	Polybutene-1	PB
Poly(ether sulfone)	PES	Polycarbonate	PC
Poly(ether urethane)	PEUR	Polycarbonate+poly(butylene terephthalate)	PC+PBT
Poly(ethylene furanoate)	PEF	Polycarbonate+poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PC+PC+PET ⁶
Poly(ethylene naphthalate)	PEN	Polycarbonate+polyethylene	PC+PE
Poly(ethylene oxide)	PEOX	Polycarbonate+styrene-maleic anhydride	PC+SMA
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)	PET ⁶	Polycarbonate+thermoplastic polyurethane	PC+TPU
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(methyl methacrylate)	PET ⁶ +PMMA	Polychlorotrifluoroethylene	PCTFE
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(phenylene sulfone)	PET ⁶ +PPSU	Polyester alkyd (or polyacrylate)	PAK
	PET ⁶ +RBR	Polyester, thermoplastic; polyarylate [poly(aryl terephthalate)]—liquid crystal polymer	PAT
Poly(ethylene terephthalate) acid	PETA	Polyetheretherketone	PEEK
Poly(ethylene terephthalate), glycol comonomer	PETG	Polyetheretherketoneketone	PEEKK
Poly(lactic acid)	PLA	Polyetherketoneetherketoneketone	PEKEKK
Poly(methyl methacrylate)	PMMA	Polyetherketoneketone	PEKK
Poly(methyl methacrylimide)	PMMI	Polyetherizimide	PEI
Poly(methyl- α -chloroacrylate)	PMCA	Polyetherketone	PEK
Poly(phenyl sulfone)	PPSU	Polyethylene	PE
Poly(phenylene ether) (or poly(phenylene oxide), a deprecated term)	PPE	Polyhydroxy butyrate	PHB
Poly(phenylene ether)+impact resistant polystyrene	PPE+IPS	Polyhydroxy butyrate-polyhydroxy valerate	PHBV
Poly(phenylene sulfide)	PPS	Polyimide	PI
Poly(phenylene sulfide)+polytetrafluoroethylene	PPS+PTFE	Polyimidesulfone	PISU
Poly(phenylene sulfone)	PPSU	Polyisobutylene	PIB
Poly(propylene oxide)	PPOX	Polyisocyanurate	PIR
Poly(vinyl acetate)	PVAC	Polyketone	PK
Poly(vinyl alcohol)	PVOH	Polymethacrylimide	PMI
Poly(vinyl butyral)	PVB	Polyoxymethylene+polytetrafluoroethylene	POM+PTFE
Poly(vinyl carbazole)	PVK	Polyoxymethylene+rubber	POM+RBR
Poly(vinyl chloride)	PVC	Polyoxymethylene, polyacetal	POM
Poly(vinyl chloride)+chlorinated polyethylene	PVC+CPE	Polyphenylene	PPH
		Polyphthalamide	PPA
		Polypropylene	PP
		Homopolymer polypropylene	HPP

Term	Abbreviated Term	6. Full List by Abbreviated Term	Abbreviated Term	Term
Random copolymer polypropylene	RPP		AB	Acrylonitrile/butadiene plastics
Impact copolymer polypropylene	CPP		ABA	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate plastics
Polystyrene	PS		ABA+PC	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate+polycarbonate
Polysulfone	PSU		ABA+PMMA	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate+poly(methyl methacrylate)
Polytetrafluoroethylene	PTFE		ABA+PVC	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-acrylate+poly(vinyl chloride)
Polyurethane	PUR		ABS	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics
Polyurethane+polyisocyanate	PUR+PIR		ABS+PA	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polyamide
Propylene	PR		ABS+PC	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene plastics+polycarbonate
Random copolymer polypropylene	RPP		ABS+PPSU	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene+polyphenylene sulfone
			ABS+PTFE	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene+polytetrafluoroethylene
Saturated polyester plastic	SP		ABS+PVC	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene+poly(vinyl chloride)
See TCF	TTP		ABS+SMA	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene+styrene maleic anhydride
Silicone plastics	SI		ABS+TPU	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene+thermoplastic polyurethane
Single stage	SS		ACPES	Acrylonitrile-chlorinated polyethylene-styrene plastics
Styrene- α -methylstyrene plastic	SMS		ADC	Allyl diglycol carbonate
Styrene-acrylonitrile plastic	SAN		AEPDMS	Acrylonitrile/ethylene-propylene-diene/styrene plastics
Styrene-butadiene plastics	SB		AES	Acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene plastics
Styrene-butadiene-styrene block copolymer	SBS		AMMA	Acrylonitrile-methyl methacrylate plastics
Styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block copolymer	SEBS		ARP	Aromatic polyester
Styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene block copolymer	SEPS		ARP	Thermoplastic polyester, (polyaryl terephthalate)
Styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer	SIS		ASA	Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics
Styrene-maleic anhydride plastics+impact resistant polystyrene	SMA+IPS		ASA+PC	Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate plastics+polycarbonate
Styrene-maleic anhydride plastics	S/MA		ASA+PMMA	Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate+poly(methyl methacrylate)
Styrene-rubber plastics	SRP		ASA+PVC	Acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate+poly(vinyl chloride)
Succinic acid	SA		ASE	Alkylsulfonic acid ester
p-Terephthalic acid	PTA			
Tetrafluoroethylene	TFE			
Tetraoctyl pyromellitate (tetra-2-ethylhexyl pyromellitate)	TOPM			
Thermoplastic elastomer	TPE			
Thermoplastic elastomer, ether-ester	TEEE		BBP	Benzyl butyl phthalate
Thermoplastic elastomer, fully crosslinked elastomer alloy	FCEA		BD	Butanediol
Thermoplastic elastomer, highly crosslinked thermoplastic vulcanizate	HCTPV		BOA	Benzyl octyl adipate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl adipate)
Thermoplastic elastomer, olefinic	TEO		BOP	Benzyl octyl phthalate (benzyl 2-ethylhexyl phthalate)
Thermoplastic elastomer, polyether block amide	PEBA			
Thermoplastic elastomer, styrenic	TES		CA	Cellulose acetate
Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, saturated	TESS		CAB	Cellulose acetate-butyrate
Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, unsaturated	TESU		CAP	Cellulose acetate-propionate
Thermoplastic elastomer-chlorinated ethylene alloy	TECEA		CE	Cellulose plastics, general
Thermoplastic polyester	TPES		CEF	Cellulose formaldehyde
Thermoplastic polyester:			CF	Cresol-formaldehyde resin
Copolyester [poly(aryl terephthalate)]	ARP		CMC	Carboxymethyl cellulose
Polyarylate [poly(aryl terephthalate)]—liquid crystal polymer	PAT		CN	Cellulose nitrate
Thermoplastic polyurethane	TPU		CP	Cellulose propionate
Thermoplastic polyurethane, reinforced	RTPU		CPE	Chlorinated polyethylene
Thermoplastic starch	TPS		CPP	Impact copolymer polypropylene
Thermoset polyurethane	TSPU		CPVC	Chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride)
Triallyl cyanurate	TAC		CS	Casein
Trichlorethyl phosphate	TCEF		CSF	Caseine-formaldehyde resin
Tricresyl phosphate (or tritoyl phosphate)	TCF		CTA	Cellulose triacetate
Triheptyl trimellitate	THTM		CTFE	Chlorotrifluoroethylene
Triisooctyl trimellitate	TIOTM			
Trioctyl phosphate	TOF		DAC	Diallyl chlorendate (diallyl ester of 1,4,5,6,7,7-hexachlorobicyclo-(2,2,1)-5-heptene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid)
Trioctyl trimellitate (tri-2-ethylhexyl trimellitate)	TOTM		DAF	Diallyl fumarate
Triphenyl phosphate	TTP		DAIP	Diallyl isophthalate
Trixylyl phosphate	TXF		DAM	Diallyl maleate
			DAP	Diallyl phthalate (diallyl orthophthalate)
Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene	UHMWPE		DBP	Dibutyl phthalate
Unsaturated polyester	UP		DBS	Dibutyl sebacate
Urea-formaldehyde resin	UF		DCHP	Dicyclohexyl phthalate
			DCP	Dicapryl phthalate
			DDP	Didecyl phthalate
			DEP	Diethyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-ethylene resin	VCE		DHP	Diheptyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-ethylene-methyl acrylate resin	VCEMA		DHXP	Dihexyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-ethylene-vinyl acetate resin	VCEVAC		DIBP	Diisobutyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-methyl acrylate resin	VCMA		DIDA	Diisodecyl adipate
Vinyl chloride-methyl methacrylate resin	VCMMA		DIDP	Diisodecyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-octyl acrylate resin	VCOA		DIHP	Diisohexyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate resin	VCVAC		DIHXP	Diisohexyl phthalate
Vinyl chloride-vinylidene chloride resin	VCVDC		DINA	Diisononyl adipate
Vinylidene fluoride	VDF			

Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term	Term
DINP	Diisononyl phthalate	PA10	Polyamide 10
DIOA	Diisooctyl adipate	PA1010	Polyamide 1010
DIOP	Diisooctyl phthalate	PA	Nylon (see also polyamide)
DIPP	Diisopentyl phthalate	PA11	Polyamide 11
DITDP	Diisotridecyl phthalate	PA12	Polyamide 12
DNOP	Di-n-octyl phthalate	PA1212	Polyamide 1212
DNP	Dinonyl phthalate	PA46	Polyamide 46
DOA	Diocetyl adipate (di-2-ethylhexyl adipate)	PA410	Polyamide 410
DOIP	Diocetyl isophthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl isophthalate)	PA6	Polyamide 6
DOP	Diocetyl phthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate)	PA610	Polyamide 610
DOS	Diocetyl sebacate (di-2-ethylhexyl sebacate)	PA612	Polyamide 612
DOTP	Diocetyl terephthalate (di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate)	PA66	Polyamide 66
DOZ	Diocetyl azelate (di-2-ethylhexyl azelate)	PA69	Polyamide 69
DPCF	Diphenyl cresyl phosphate	PA6I	Polyamide 6I
DPOF	Diphenyl 2-ethylhexyl phosphate	PA6T	Polyamide 6T
DPOF	Diphenyl octyl phosphate	PA+	Polyamide (amorphous) blend
DUP	Diundecyl phthalate	PA+EMA	Polyamide plastics+ethylene-methacrylic acid (ionomer)
EA	Ethylene acrylate	PA+PE	Polyamide+polyethylene
EC	Ethyl cellulose	PA+PPE	Polyamide+poly(phenylene ether)
E-CTFE	Ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer	PA+RBR	Polyamide+rubber
EEA	Ethylene-ethyl acrylate plastics	PA+SAN	Polyamide+styrene-acrylonitrile
ELO	Epoxidized linseed oil	PAA	Poly(acrylic acid)
EMA	Ethylene-methacrylic acid plastics	PADC	Poly(allyl diglycol carbonate)
EP	Epoxy, epoxide	PAEK	Poly(aryl ether ketone)
EPD	Ethylene-propylene-diene plastics	PAI	Polyamide-imide
EPM	Ethylene-propylene polymer	PAK	Polyester alkyd (or polyacrylate)
ESO	Epoxidized soya bean oil	PAN	Polyacrylonitrile
ETFE	Ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer	PAR	Polyarylate
EVA	Ethylene-vinyl acetate plastics	PARA	Polyaryl amide
EVOH	Ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer	PASU	Polyarylsulfone
FCEA	Thermoplastic elastomer, fully crosslinked elastomer alloy	PAT	Polyester, thermoplastic; polyarylate [poly(aryl terephthalate)]
FEP	Perfluoro(ethylene-propylene) copolymer	PAUR	Poly(ester urethane)
FF	Furan-formaldehyde resin	PB	Polybutene-1
GP	General purpose	PBA	Poly(butyl acrylate)
GPPS	General purpose polystyrene	PBAS	Poly(butylene adipate-co-succinate)
HCTPV	Thermoplastic elastomer, highly crosslinked thermoplastic vulcanizate	PBAN	Polybutadiene-acrylonitrile
HDPE	High-density polyethylene plastics	PBAT	Poly(butylene adipate-co-terephthalate)
HIPS	High impact-resistant polystyrene	PBS	Polybutadiene-styrene
HNUA	Heptyl nonyl undecyl adipate	PBS	Poly(butylene succinate)
HNUP	Heptyl nonyl undecyl phthalate	PBT	Poly(butylene terephthalate)
HPP	Homopolymer polypropylene	PBT+PET ⁶	Poly(butylene terephthalate)+poly(ethylene terephthalate)
HXODA	Hexyl octyl decyl adipate	PBT+PPE	Poly(butylene terephthalate)+poly(phenylene ether)
HXODP	Hexyl octyl decyl phthalate	PBT+RBR	Poly(butylene terephthalate)+rubber
IPS	Impact-resistant polystyrene	PC	Polycarbonate
LCP	Liquid crystal polymer	PC+PBT	Polycarbonate+poly(butylene terephthalate)
LDPE	Low density polyethylene plastics	PC+PE	Polycarbonate+polyethylene
LLDPE	Linear low density polyethylene plastics	PC+PET ⁶	Polycarbonate+poly(ethylene terephthalate)
LMDPE	Linear medium density polyethylene plastics	PC+SMA	Polycarbonate+styrene-maleic anhydride
MBS	Methacrylate-butadiene-styrene plastics	PC+TPU	Polycarbonate+thermoplastic polyurethane
MC	Methyl cellulose	PCCE	Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene cyclohexandicarboxylate), glycol and acid comonomer
MDPE	Medium density polyethylene plastics	PCL	Poly(ϵ -caprolactone)
MF	Melamine-formaldehyde resin	PCT	Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate)
MFA	Perfluoromethoxy resin	PCTA	Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), cid comonomer
MMA	Methyl methacrylate	PCTFE	Polychlorotrifluoroethylene
MMABS	Methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene resin	PCTG	Poly(cyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate), glycol
MPA	Fluorocarbon perfluoromethoxy	PDAP	Poly(diallyl phthalate)
MPF	Melamine/phenol-formaldehyde resin	PE	Polyethylene
NUA	Nonyl undecyl adipate	PEBA	Thermoplastic elastomer, polyether block amide
NUP	Nonyl undecyl phthalate	PEBA	Poly(ether block amide)
ODA	Octyl decyl adipate	PEEK	Polyetheretherketone
ODP	Octyl decyl phthalate	PEEKK	Polyetheretherketoneketone
ODTM	<i>n</i> -Octyl decyl trimellitate	PEF	Poly(ethylene furanoate)
PA	Polyamide (nylon)	PEI	Polyetherimide
		PEK	Polyetherketone
		PEKEKK	Polyetherketoneetherketoneketone
		PEKK	Polyetherketoneketone
		PEN	Poly(ethylene naphthalate)
		PEOX	Poly(ethylene oxide)
		PES	Poly(ether sulfone)
		PET ⁶	Poly(ethylene terephthalate)
		PETA	Poly(ethylene terephthalate) acid comonomer

Abbreviated Term	Term	Abbreviated Term	Term
PET ⁶	Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(methyl methacrylate)	TAC	Triallyl cyanurate
+PMMA		TCEF	Trichloroethyl phosphate
PET ⁶ +PPSU	Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+poly(phenylene sulfone)	TCF	Tricresyl phosphate (or tritoyl phosphate)
PET ⁶ +RBR	Poly(ethylene terephthalate)+rubber	TECEA	Thermoplastic elastomer-chlorinated ethylene alloy
PETG	Poly(ethylene terephthalate) glycol comonomer	TEEE	Thermoplastic elastomer, ether-ester
PEUR	Poly(ether urethane)	TEO	Thermoplastic elastomer, olefinic
PF	Phenol-formaldehyde resin	TES	Thermoplastic elastomer, styrenic
PFA	Perfluoro(alkoxy alkane)	TESS	Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, saturated
PFF	Phenol-furfural resin	TESU	Thermoplastic elastomer styrenic, unsaturated
PHB	Polyhydroxy butyrate	TFE	Tetrafluoroethylene
PHBV	Polyhydroxy butyrate-polyhydroxy valerate	THTM	Triheptyl trimellitate
PI	Polyimide	TIOTM	Triisooctyl trimellitate
PIB	Polyisobutylene	TOF	Trioctyl phosphate
PIR	Polyisocyanurate	TOPM	Tetraoctyl pyromellitate (tetra-2-ethylhexyl pyromellitate)
PISU	Polyimidesulfone	TOTM	Trioctyl trimellitate (tri-2-ethylhexyl trimellitate)
PK	Polyketone	TPE	Thermoplastic elastomer
PLA	Poly(lactic acid)	TPES	Thermoplastic polyester
PMCA	Poly(methyl- α -chloroacrylate)	TPP	Triphenyl phosphate
PMI	Polymethacrylimide	TPU	Thermoplastic polyurethane
PMMA	Poly(methyl methacrylate)	TPS	Thermoplastic starch
PMMI	Poly(methyl methacrylimide)	TSPU	Thermoset polyurethane
PMP	Poly-4-methylpentene-1	TXF	Trixylyl phosphate
PMS	Poly- α -methylstyrene	UF	Urea-formaldehyde resin
POB	Poly-p-oxybenzoate	UHMWPE	Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene
POM	Polyoxymethylene, polyacetal	UP	Unsaturated polyester
POM+PTFE	Polyoxymethylene+polytetrafluoroethylene	VCE	Vinyl chloride-ethylene resin
POM+RBR	Polyoxymethylene+rubber	VCEMA	Vinyl chloride-ethylene-methyl acrylate resin
PP	Polypropylene	VCEVAC	Vinyl chloride-ethylene-vinyl acetate resin
PPA	Polyphtalamide	VCMA	Vinyl chloride-methyl acrylate resin
PPE	Poly(phenylene ether) (or poly(phenylene oxide), a deprecated term)	VCMMA	Vinyl chloride-methyl methacrylate resin
PPE+IPS	Poly(phenylene ether)+impact-resistant polystyrene	VCOA	Vinyl chloride-octyl acrylate resin
PPH	Polyphenylene	VCVAC	Vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate resin
PPOX	Poly(propylene oxide)	VCVDC	Vinyl chloride-vinylidene chloride resin
PPS	Poly(phenylene sulfide)	VDF	Vinylidene fluoride
PPSU	Poly(phenyl sulfone)		
PPS+PTFE	Poly(phenylene sulfide)+polytetrafluoroethylene		
PS	Polystyrene		
PSU	Polysulfone		
PTA	p-Terephthalic acid		
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene		
PUR	Polyurethane		
PUR+PIR	Polyurethane+polyisocyanate		
PVAC	Poly(vinyl acetate)		
PVOH	Poly(vinyl alcohol)		
PVB	Poly(vinyl butyral)		
PVC	Poly(vinyl chloride)		
PVC+CPE	Poly(vinyl chloride)+chlorinated polyethylene		
PVC+NBR	Poly(vinyl chloride)+nitrile-butadiene rubber		
PVC+PMMA	Poly(vinyl chloride)+poly(methyl methacrylate)		
PVC+PUR	Poly(vinyl chloride) plastics+polyurethane		
PVCA	Poly(vinyl chloride-acetate)		
PVDC	Poly(vinylidene chloride)		
PVDF	Poly(vinylidene fluoride)		
PVF	Poly(vinyl fluoride)		
PVFM	Poly(vinyl formal)		
PVK	Poly(vinyl carbazole)		
PVP	Poly(vinyl pyrrolidone)		
RPP	Random copolymer polypropylene		
RTPU	Thermoplastic polyurethane, reinforced		
S/MA	Styrene-maleic anhydride plastics		
SAN	Styrene-acrylonitrile plastic		
SB	Styrene-butadiene plastics		
SBS	Styrene-butadiene-styrene block copolymer		
SEBS	Styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block copolymer		
SEPS	Styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene block copolymer		
SI	Silicone plastics		
SIS	Styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer		
SMA+IPS	Styrene-maleic anhydride+impact-resistant polystyrene		
SMS	Styrene- α -methylstyrene plastic		
SP	Saturated polyester plastic		
SRP	Styrene-rubber plastics		
SS	Single stage		

7. Code Numbers for Identifying Flame Retardant Compounds

7.1 The code numbers are grouped according to the chemical composition of the flame retardant.

7.1.1 Halogenated Compounds:

7.1.1.1 In compounds containing both aliphatic/alicyclic and aromatic groups, the group containing the halogen determines the code to be used.

Code	Compound
10	aliphatic/alicyclic chlorinated compounds
11	aliphatic/alicyclic chlorinated compounds in combination with antimony compounds
12	aromatic chlorinated compounds
13	aromatic chlorinated compounds in combination with antimony compounds
14	aliphatic/alicyclic brominated compounds
15	aliphatic/alicyclic brominated compounds in combination with antimony compounds
16	aromatic brominated compounds (excluding brominated diphenylether and biphenyls)
17	aromatic brominated compounds (excluding brominated diphenylether and biphenyls) in combination with antimony compounds
18	polybrominated diphenylether
19	polybrominated diphenylether in combination with antimony compounds
20	polybrominated biphenyls
21	polybrominated biphenyls in combination with antimony compounds
22 to 24	not allocated
25	aliphatic fluorinated compounds
26 to 29	not allocated

7.2 Nitrogen Compounds:

Code	Compound
30	nitrogen compounds (including but not limited to melamine, melamine cyanurate, urea)
31 to 39	not allocated

7.3 Organic Phosphorus Compounds:

Code	Compound
40	halogen free organic phosphorous compounds
41	chlorinated organic phosphorus compounds
42	brominated organic phosphorus compounds
43 to 49	not allocated

7.4 Inorganic Phosphorus Compounds:

Code	Compound
50	ammonium orthophosphates
51	ammonium polyphosphates
52	red phosphorus
53 to 59	not allocated

7.5 Metallic Oxides, Hydroxides, and Salts:

Code	Compound
60	aluminum hydroxide
61	magnesium hydroxide
62	antimony (III)-oxide
63	alkali antimonate
64	magnesium/calcium carbonate-hydrate
65 to 69	not allocated

7.6 Boron and Zinc Compounds:

Code	Compound
70	inorganic boron compounds (excluding zinc borate)
71	organic boron compounds
72	zinc borate
73	inorganic zinc compounds (excluding zinc borate)
74	not allocated

7.7 Silica Compounds:

Code	Compound
75	inorganic silica compounds
76	organic silica compounds
77 to 79	not allocated

7.8 Miscellaneous Compounds:

Code	Compound
80	graphite
81 to 89	not allocated
90 to 99	not allocated

8. Use of Abbreviated Terms

8.1 When abbreviated terms are used in publications or other written matter, their first occurrence in the text should be enclosed in parentheses and preceded by the written word or words being abbreviated. Subsequent references to such words in the article can then be made using the abbreviated term. For example, if one wishes to use PET⁶ as the acronym for poly(ethylene terephthalate), wording such as the following would be acceptable: “Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET⁶) is a crystalline plastic. PET⁶ offers many advantages in such articles as soft drink bottles.”

8.2 Additional information on use of abbreviated terms, symbols and codes for flame retardants is included in Guide [D1972](#).

9. Keywords

9.1 abbreviated terms; code numbers; flame retardants; monomers; plastic blends and alloys; plastics; plasticizers; terminology symbols

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. A SUGGESTED SYSTEM FOR PREPARING ABBREVIATED TERMS FOR PLASTICS AND RELATED TERMS⁶

NOTE X1.1—The use of the following guide in establishing abbreviated terms for plastics and related terms will promote uniform and systematic standardization.⁷

X1.1 Use upper case letters for the main components in the order in which they occur in the plastics term for which an abbreviated term is being established, for example:

Poly(vinyl chloride) = PVC

X1.2 Use generic terms for family designations, for example:

nylon for polyamide plastics

X1.3 Use figures and letters to distinguish among plastics prepared from various condensation units in a homologous series, for example:

Poly(hexamethylene sebacamide) = PA 610 where, with aliphatic components, the first number(s) refers to the number of

carbon atoms in the diamine and the second number(s) refers to the number of carbon atoms in the diacid. It is the convention not to use any separator, such as a comma, dash, or virgule (solidus,/), between the numbers. In these systems there is no confusion when the separator is not used. With alicyclic or aromatic diamines or diacids, a letter acronym is usually used. For example:

meta – phenylene diamine = MPD

terephthalic acid = T

isophthalic acid = I

X1.4 The components in copolymers are separated by hyphens “-” in the term, but usually no separation is required in the abbreviated term. In cases where use of the hyphen may cause confusion, it is acceptable to use a virgule, “/”, as the separator. The virgule also is correctly termed a solidus and often, incorrectly, referred to as a “slash” or “diagonal.”

X1.5 The components in blends of polymers are separated by a plus sign, “+”, in both the term and the abbreviated term.

⁷ Based in part on Proposals under Consideration by the Division of Plastics and High Polymers, IUPAC.

X1.6 A more elaborate system for developing abbreviated terms for plastics and related materials has been standardized by ISO in ISO 1043.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D20 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D1600 - 13) that may impact the use of this standard. (February 1, 2014)

(1) Revised subsections **2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, Section 6, and Note 2.**

Committee D20 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D1600 - 08) that may impact the use of this standard. (April 15, 2013)

(1) Added new abbreviation for poly(lactic acid) to **4.1.**

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