



## APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

**AMCO**  
POLYMERS

### APPLICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

At Amco Polymers, application and business development is essential to our company, and we love solving puzzles. We specialize in the following:

- Metal to Plastic Replacement
- Part Design
- Material Specifications
- Material Development
- Problem Solving
- Opportunity Discoveries
- Process Support
- Teardown Capability
- Moldflow Analysis
- Lunch & Learns (Training Seminars)

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### LUNCH AND LEARNS

Our Lunch and Learn's offer the opportunity for an Amco Polymers expert to engage in person with your team. Sessions run anywhere from 45 minutes to 3 hours and focus on a variety of topics, including:

- Plastics 101
- Plastics 201
- Designing for Plastics
- The Clear Advantage
- Medical 101
- Polyamide 101
- Processing 101

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### REQUIREMENTS

Please provide customer, application and volume info, a brief description of the part and function, a picture and/or CAD file of the part, the material needs, any agency requirements, and any cost targets.

Material needs include strength needs (glass filled, target tensile strength, flex mod, etc), impact resistance or modification, max/min temperatures, continuous use temperatures, anti-stat or conductive needs, optical requirements, chemicals the material will come into contact with, secondary operations, outdoor/UV requirements, appearance part/ colors needed, and tooling requirements.

The Periodic Table of the elements by Mendeleev was a historic achievement in chemistry and enabled chemists to see the relationship between structure and properties of the basic elements.  
 Polymers also have a strong relationship between structure and properties and this 'Periodic Table of Polymers' is a first attempt to provide a simple classification of the basic polymer types and structures.  
 The diversity of polymer types makes it impossible to include all of the variations in one simple table and this table only includes the most common polymers.

# Tangram Technology Periodic Table of Thermoplastics

**TANGRAM  
TECHNOLOGY**

Consulting  
Engineers

Increasing performance

## Commodity

## Engineering

## Performance

**Amorphous**

Increasing crystallinity

General Characteristics  
 Random molecular orientation in both molten and solid phases  


<b>PS-HI</b> High Impact Polystyrene	<b>SAN</b> Styrene Acrylonitrile (Copolymer)	<b>PMMA</b> Polymethyl methacrylate (Acrylic)	<b>PC</b> Polycarbonate	<b>PPO</b> (Modified) Polyphenylene Oxide	<b>PSU</b> Polyethersulfone (Block copolymer)	<b>PAR</b> Polyarylate	<b>PS</b> Polyethersulfone	<b>PSU</b> Polyethersulfone	<b>PBI</b> Polybenzimidazole azole
<b>PS-GP</b> General Purpose Polystyrene	<b>ABS</b> Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (Copolymer)	<b>ASA</b> Acrylonitrile Styrene Acrylate (Copolymer)	<b>SB</b> Styrene-Butadiene (Copolymer)	<b>SMA</b> Styrene-Maleic Anhydride (Copolymer)	<b>PVC-U</b> Unplasticised Polyvinylchloride	<b>PET-G</b> Glycolised Polyethylene Terephthalate	<b>PVC-C</b> Chlorinated PVC	<b>PI</b> Polyimide	<b>PAI</b> Polyetherimide
<b>PVC-P</b> Plasticised Polyvinylchloride	<b>SBS</b> Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (Copolymer)	<b>CAB</b> Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	<b>CP</b> Cellulose Propionate	<b>CAP</b> Cellulose Acetate Propanate	<b>PVC-UX</b> Crosslinked Unplasticised PVC	<b>PA 6/3/T</b> Amorphous polyamide	<b>PPA</b> Poly-phthalimide (Amorphous)	<b>PA 46</b> Polyamide 46 (Nylon 46)	<b>PEEK</b> Polyetheretherketone
<b>PVC-U</b> Unplasticised Polyvinylchloride	<b>CA</b> Cellulose Acetate	<b>CA</b> Cellulose Acetate	<b>CP</b> Cellulose Propionate	<b>CAP</b> Cellulose Acetate Propanate	<b>PVC-C</b> Chlorinated PVC	<b>PA 12</b> Polyamide 12 (Nylon 12)	<b>PPA</b> Poly-phthalimide (Amorphous)	<b>PAK</b> Polyetheretherketone	<b>PTFE</b> Poly-tetrafluoroethylene
<b>PVC-U</b> High-impact Unplasticised PVC	<b>PE-UHMW</b> Ultra-high Molecular Weight PE	<b>PE-X</b> Crosslinked Polyethylene	<b>PA 11</b> Polyamide 11 (Nylon 11)	<b>PA 66</b> Polyamide 66 (Nylon 66)	<b>PA 6</b> Polyamide 6 (Nylon 6)	<b>PBT</b> Polybutylene-Terephthalate	<b>LCP</b> Liquid Crystal Polymer (Aromatic copolyester)	<b>PAK</b> Polyetheretherketone	<b>PVDF</b> Polyvinylidene-fluoride
<b>PE-LD</b> Low Density Polyethylene	<b>PE-MD</b> Medium Density Polyethylene	<b>EVA</b> Ethylene-vinyl Acetate (12% VA)	<b>PE-YLD</b> Very Low Density Polyethylene	<b>PE-C</b> Chlorinated Polyethylene	<b>PA 6/10</b> Polyamide 6/10 (Nylon 6/10)	<b>PA 6/12</b> Polyamide 6/12 (Nylon 6/12)	<b>EVOH</b> Ethylene-vinyl Alcohol	<b>PE-HD</b> High Density Polyethylene	<b>ETFE</b> Ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene
<b>PE-LD</b> Linear Low Density Polyethylene	<b>PE-LLD</b> Linear Low Density Polyethylene	<b>EMA</b> Ethylene-methyl Acrylate	<b>PP</b> Polypropylene (Copolymer)	<b>PP</b> Polypropylene (Homopolymer)	<b>PA 6/10</b> Polyamide 6/10 (Nylon 6/10)	<b>PA 6/12</b> Polyamide 6/12 (Nylon 6/12)	<b>POM</b> Polyoxymethylene (Acetal Copolymer)	<b>POM</b> Polyoxymethylene (Acetal Homopolymer)	<b>FEP</b> Fluorinated ethylene-propylene
									<b>TFE</b> Tetrafluoroethylene

General Characteristics  
 Random molecular orientation in molten phase, densely packed crystallites in solid phase.  


**Semicrystalline**

Increasing crystallinity

## KEY TO MAJOR POLYMER FAMILIES:

Fluoropolymers

Polysulfones

Acetals

Polyacetals

Polyesters

Polyamides

Cellulosics

Vinyls

Styrenes

Polyolefins

Acrylics

Polyvinyls

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