
Weathering Whites



Ampacet's Line of Weathering Grade White Masterbatches Provides Stability for Outdoor Applications.

Summary

Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) is the most important white pigment used in the polymer industry. TiO_2 is commercially available in two crystal forms—anatase and rutile. The rutile pigments are preferred for use in polymers over anatase pigments, because they scatter light more efficiently, are more stable, and are less likely to catalyze photodegradation.

Few commercial grades of titanium dioxide are pure TiO_2 . Most have treatments deposited on the surfaces of the TiO_2 . These surface treatments provide improvements in one or more performance properties of the pigment. Ampacet uses highly treated TiO_2 to make a line of white masterbatch products with exceptional weathering characteristics for use in outdoor applications.



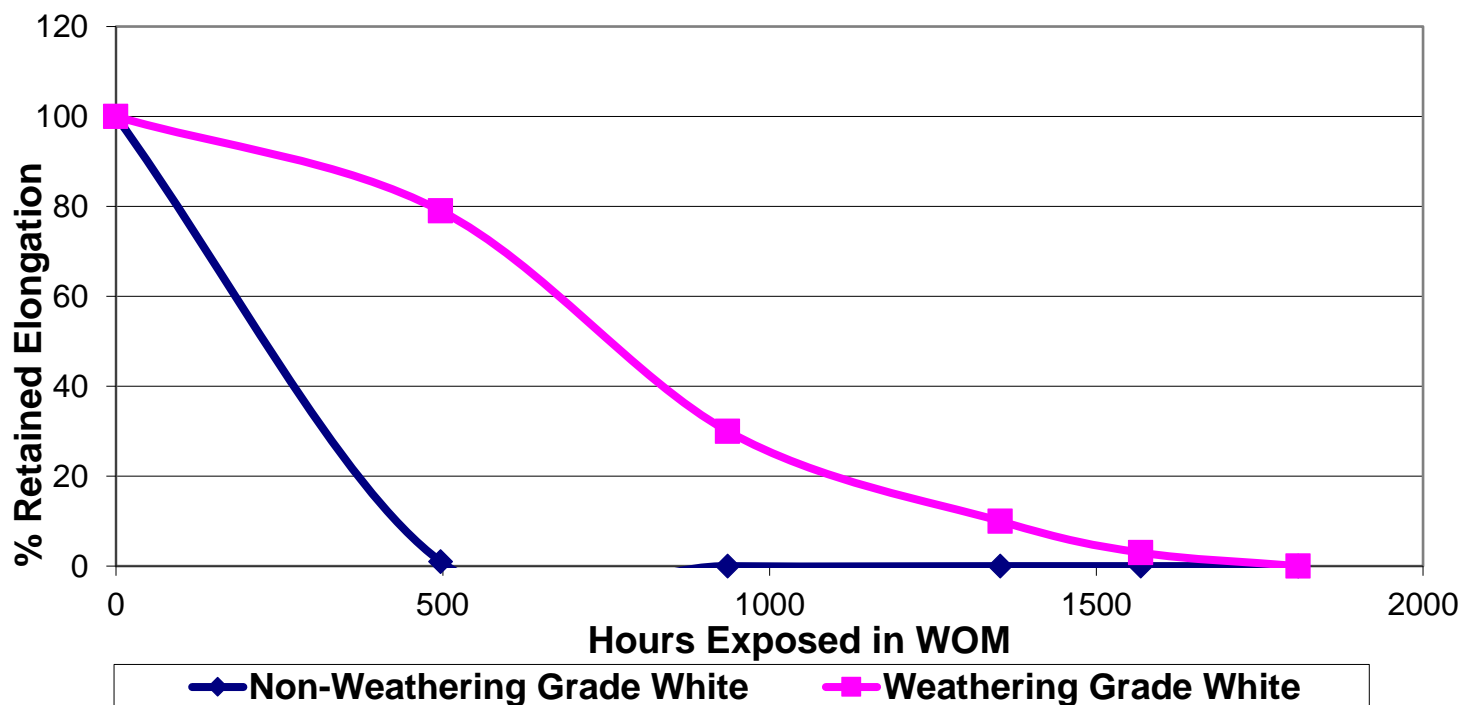
Weatherability of plastics is the phrase that describes the ability of a plastic part to maintain appearance and functional value during outdoor exposure. Whiteness retention, gloss retention and chalking are critical attributes when defining the weatherability of a plastic part. Ampacet's weathering grades of white masterbatch yield white products that will maintain color and gloss better, and chalk less, than white products made with standard TiO_2 masterbatch.

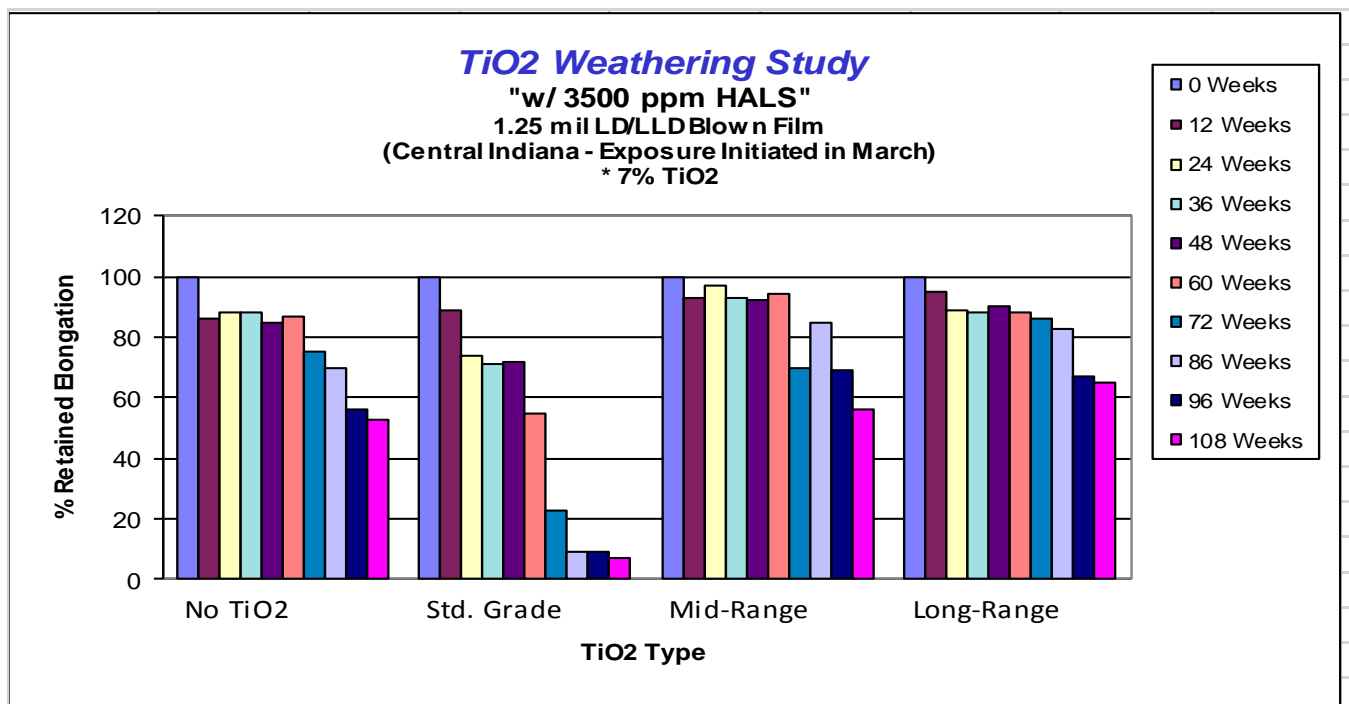
Weathering grade white masterbatch can also help maintain polymer integrity during exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. The graph below demonstrates how film made with weathering white masterbatch maintains strength better than film made with standard TiO_2 during UV exposure.

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Weathering grade white masterbatch can be used in conjunction with Hindered Amine Light Stabilizers (HALS) to achieve the best possible weatherability results for an outdoor product. The chart below demonstrates the synergistic effect of combining a HALS with a weathering grade white masterbatch.

Weathering Grade VS. Non-Weathering Grade White
1.5 mil unstabilized white films in LDPE





Products/Codes

Production Code	Resin	Loading	Application	LDR	Carrier
110607	PP, HDPE	70%	Outdoor	2.0% - 2.0%	LDPE
112122	PP, HDPE	70%	Outdoor	2.0% - 4.0%	LDPE
110456	PP, HDPE	50%	Outdoor	4.0% - 6.0%	LLDPE

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