



The Pigment Selection Process:
Balancing the MUSTs, WANTS and the NICE TO HAVEs

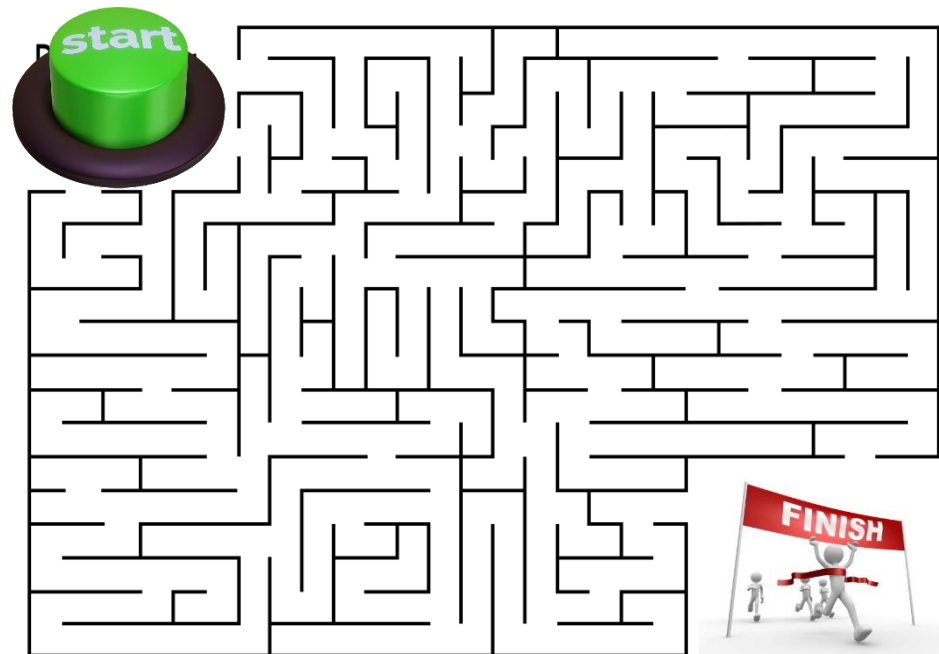
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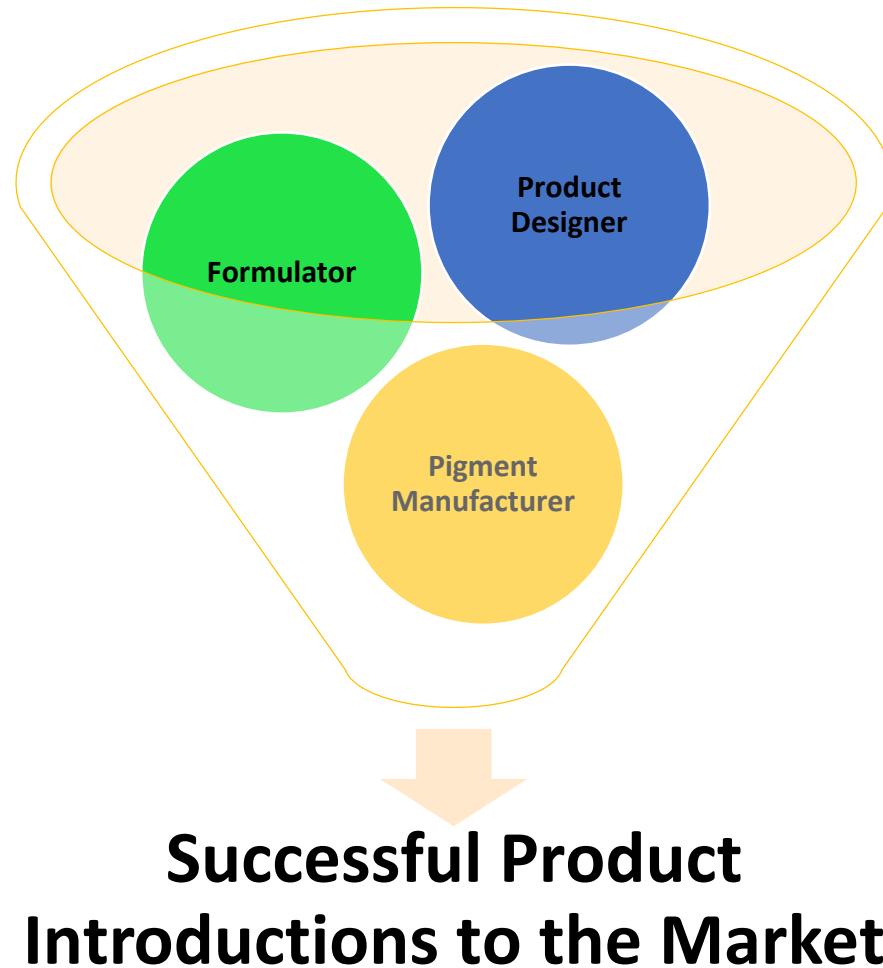
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Pigment suppliers have the deep knowledge and understanding of their technologies and are best positioned to recommend optimal pigment solutions for a given application.

Colorant Selection Process

- A pigment is only technically valuable to a customer if it performs in the correct manner required for the application it is used for.

- Added functionality is an area of anticipated development but functionality differs from person to person or industry to industry.
 - ***Who is asking?***

- ***The true cost of a raw material in context of the total formulation is the cost in use.***
 - ➔ This considers the price and amount of material needed to make the formulation meet the customers expectations.



Colorant Selection Process

➤ Color and Effect

- Transparency/Opacity
- Mica or aluminum

➤ Application

- Type of substrate
- Type of resin system
- Interactions in formulations
- Indoor / Outdoor Light / Weather

➤ Compliance

- Food
- Toy
- Medical

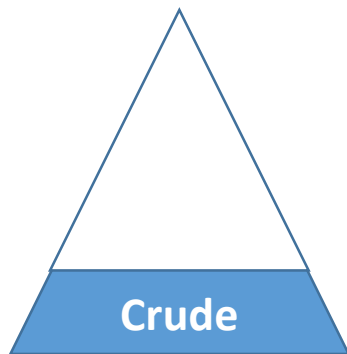
➤ Cost / Value

➤ Performance

- Transparency, Opacity
- Flow, viscosity
- Gloss
- Acid and alkali resistance
- Heat stability
- Migration
- Strength
- Fineness of grind
- And on
- And on
- And on



Synthesis



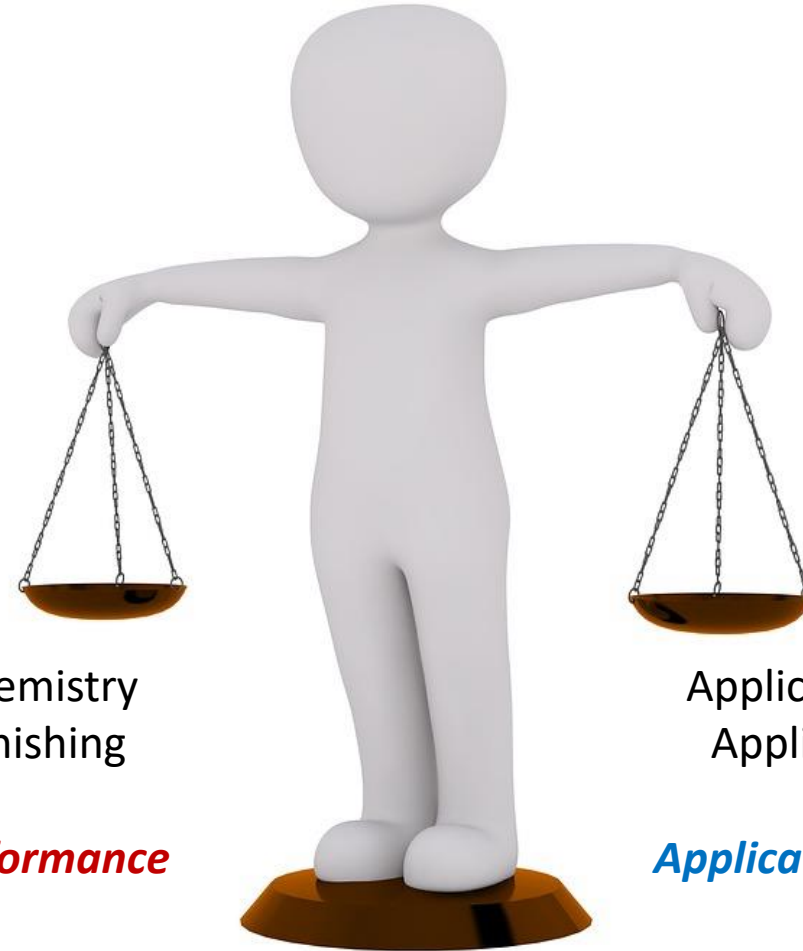
Crude is the
base of the
pigment

~75-80%
of the pigment
performance

- The first manufacturing step(s) determine the chemical identity of the pigment.
- Crude pigment is the end product of the synthesis.
- Finishing and surface treatment provide the end use properties.
 - Finishing → primary particle size
 - Surface treatment → dispersibility



It is a balance!



Pigment Chemistry
Pigment Finishing
=
Pigment Performance

Application Chemistry
Application Process
=
Application Performance

MUST's

WANT's

NICE TO HAVE's

Example #1

- Powder Coating
- Blue color
- Exterior weatherability
- Good hiding

Must

- Blue
- Extended weatherability (AAMA 2605)
 - UV, Water, Temperature, Acid Rain

Want

- Good hiding/opacity
- High transfer efficiency

Nice to have

- Lowest cost for the performance

Fuming Nitric Acid Test

- The Fuming Nitric Acid test is used to **simulate** a pigment's response to acid rain resistance.
- This test was taken from the AAMA (American Architecture Manufacturing Association) standards – AAMA 2604-17a.
- These standards are typically used when the coating is required to have a long-term durability **property** like for buildings and other parts that are hard to reach and/or are repaired infrequently (many years).
- 50:50 **TiO₂** ratio is primarily used for the test.

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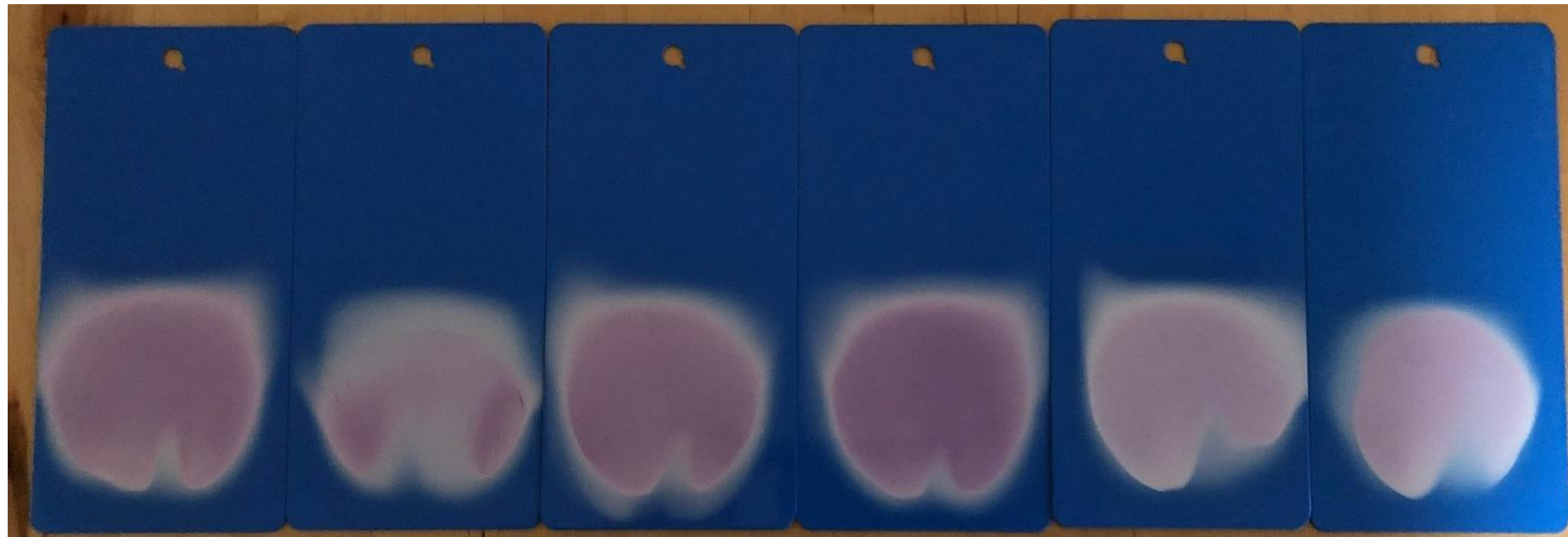


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susceptible to ozone oxidation especially under TiO₂ catalysis

50:50 TiO₂ blend

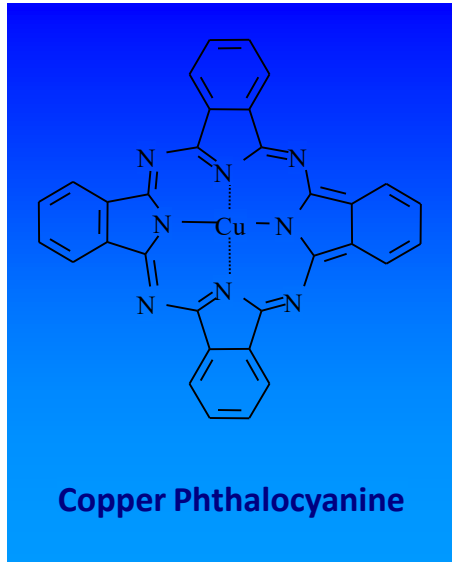
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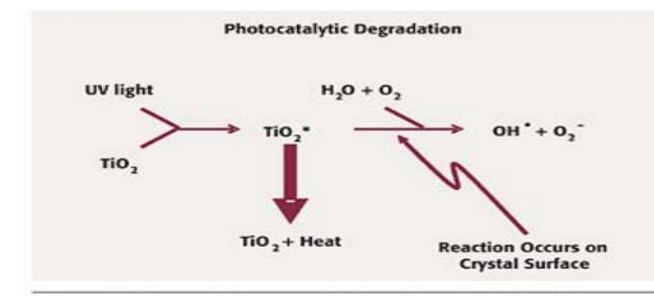
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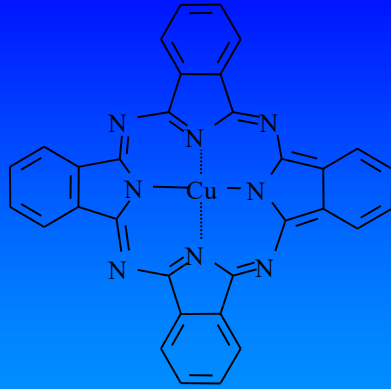
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10:90 TiO₂ blend



**Severe acid rain
impact:
dE coatings ~20-25**

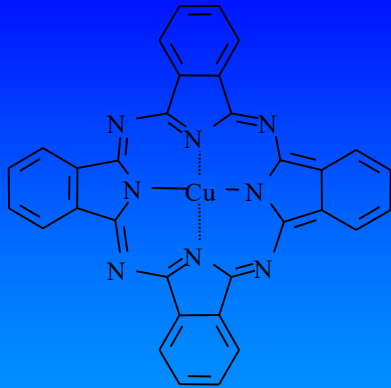




Copper Phthalocyanine



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Copper Phthalocyanine



PBI 28



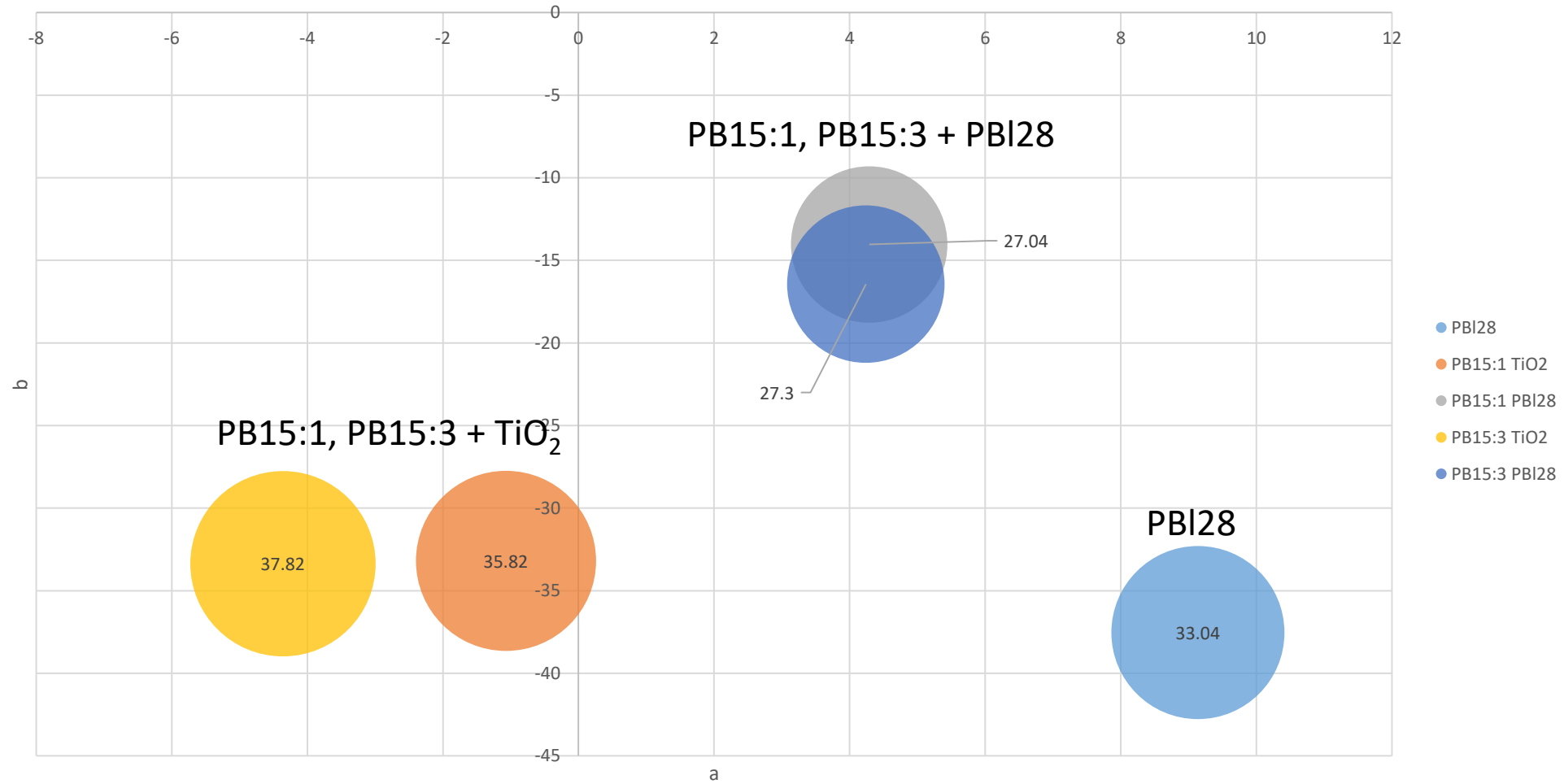
Spinel Lattice Structure



Less acid rain
impact:
dE coatings ~10-15
(1/2)

Coatings Evaluation (SBPU)	dE after exposure	Comments After Exposure	Color L	Color a	Color b
PBI28 full tone	2.13	Moves green and yellow	33.04	9.14	-37.54
PB15:1:TiO2, 50:50	20.32	Moves red and very, very yellow	35.82	-1.07	-33.20
PB15:1:PBI28, 50:50	12.74	Moves green and very yellow	27.04	4.29	-14.04
PB15:3:TiO2, 50:50	21.51	Moves red and very, very yellow	37.82	-4.36	-33.37
PB15:3:PBI28, 50:50	12.77	Moves green and very yellow	27.30	4.24	-16.44

SBPU Coatings
bubble size = L



Example #2

- Liquid Coating
- RAL 1003 (yellow) and 2000 (orange)
- Exterior weathering
- High hide/opacity

Must

- RAL 1003 and RAL 2000
- Extended weatherability

Want

- High hiding
- Solvent and water

Nice to have

- Good value in use to the customer

RAL 1003 – Signal Yellow

Shade	CI Name	% Pigment
RAL 1003	PY 154	7.28
	PY 139	0.21
	PW 6	1.13
	PY 42	0.31
	Resin & Additives	91.07

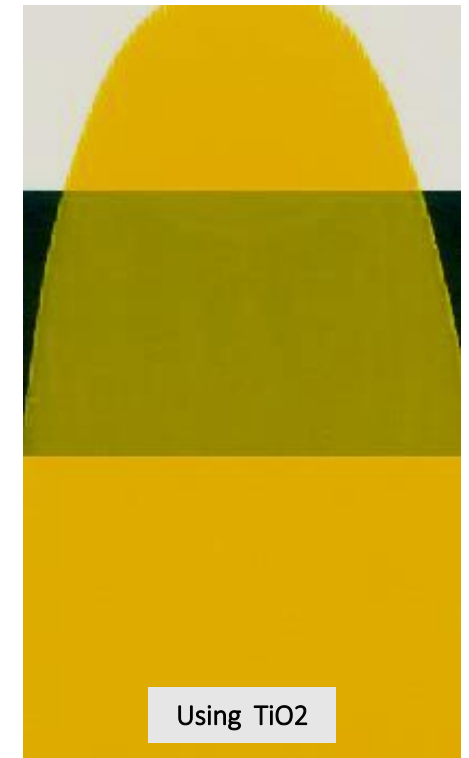
PY 139 Isoindoline

- TiO2 sensitive (weather fastness) – use CICPs or move to PY110.
- Performs poorly when in contact with alkali (WB or with YIO).

PY 154 Benzimidazolone

- One “negative” is that its strength is lower than other organic yellow pigments.
- Not TiO2 sensitive (weather fastness).

RAL 1003

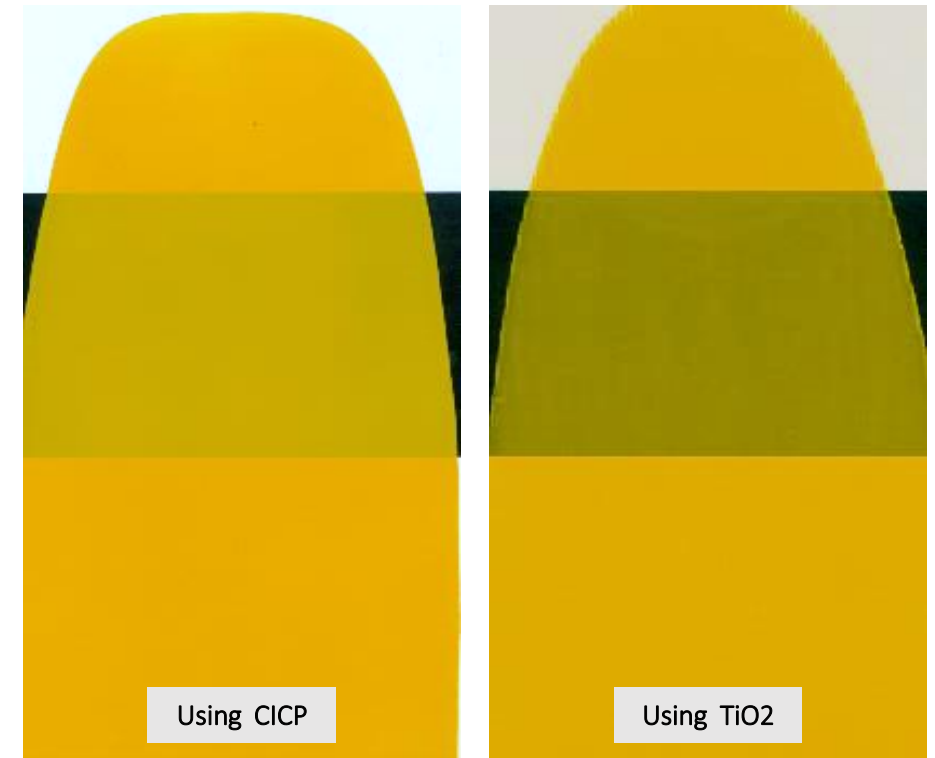


RAL 1003 – Signal Yellow

Shade	CI Name	% Pigment
RAL 1003	PY 154	6.13
	PBr 24	5.47
	PY 53	0.39
	Resin & Additives	88.02

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RAL 1003	PY 154	7.28
	PY 139	0.21
	PW 6	1.13
	PY 42	0.31
	Resin & Additives	91.07

RAL 1003



RAL 2000 – Yellow Orange

Shade	CI Name	% Pigment
RAL 2000	PY 139	6.5
	PO 36	0.8
	PR 254	0.03
	PW 6	2.03
	PBk 7	0.007
	Resin & Additives	90.63

PY 139 Isoindoline

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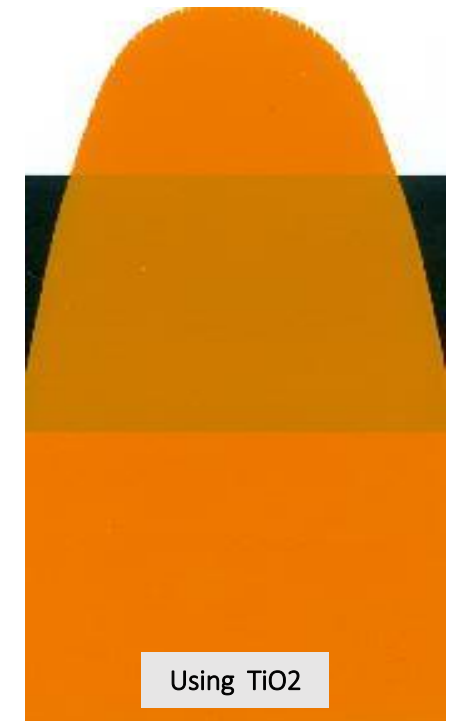
PO 36 Benzimidazolone

- TiO2 sensitive (weather fastness) – use CICPs.

PR 254 Diketopyrrolopyrrole (DPP)

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RAL 2000

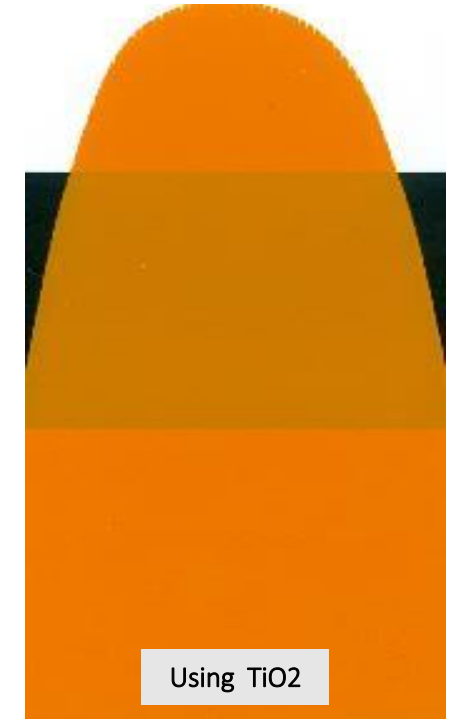


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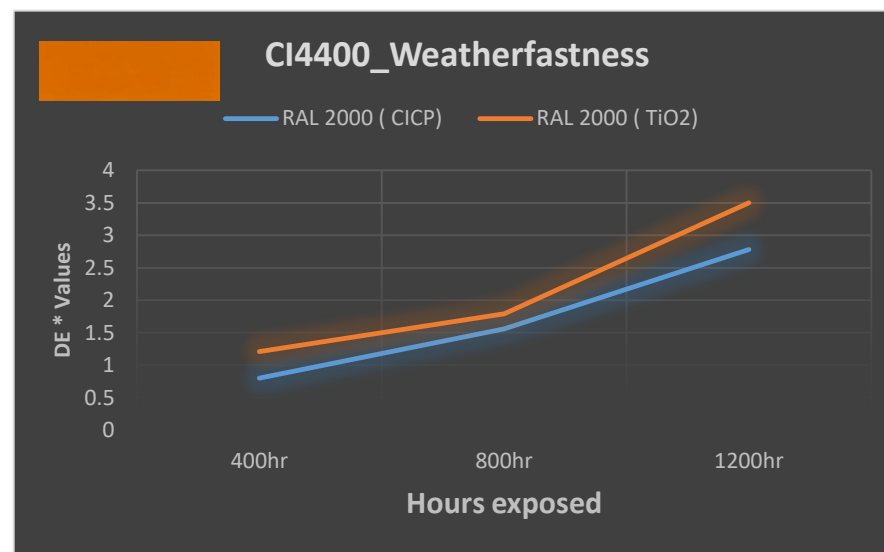
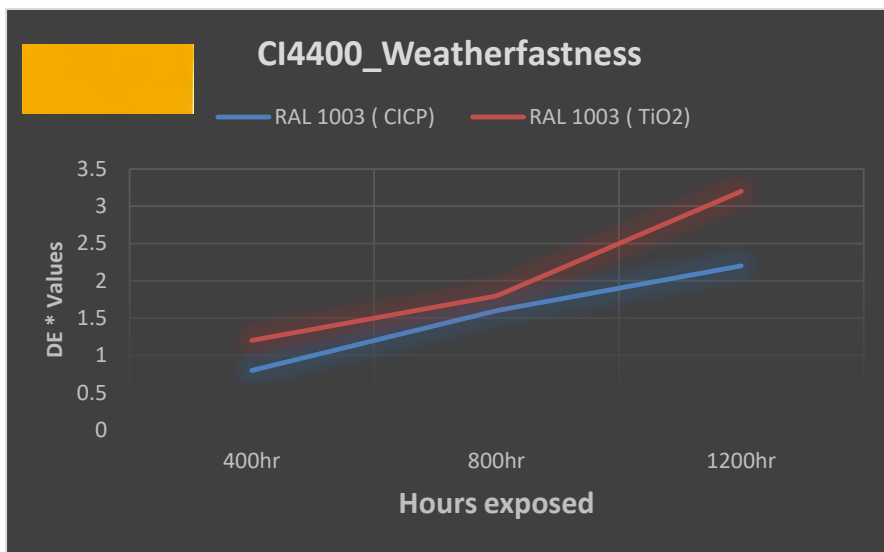
Shade	CI Name	% Pigment
RAL 2000	PY 139	6.16
	PO 36	0.67
	PBr 24	0.86
	PY 119	2.82
	Resin & Additives	89.50

Shade	CI Name	% Pigment
RAL 2000	PY 139	6.5
	PO 36	0.8
	PR 254	0.03
	PW 6	2.03
	PBk 7	0.007
	Resin & Additives	90.63

RAL 2000



Case study - Weather Fastness



Example #3

- Mono coat coating
 - Powder
 - Liquid
- Very long term exterior weatherability
- Silver/white, low luster effect

Must

- Mono coat (powder, liquid)
- Extended weatherability

Want

- AAMA 2605 weathering standards
- Silver/white, low sparkle effect

Nice to have

- High heat stability
- Multi application use (coatings and plastics)

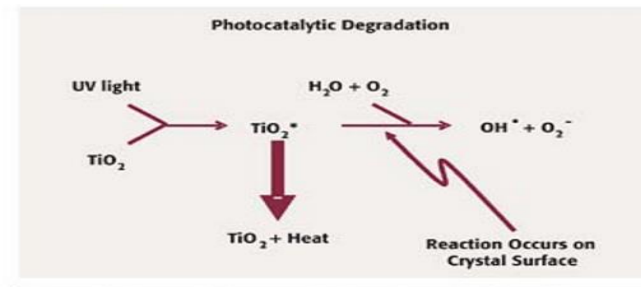
Effect Pigments

- ❖ Colors support the balancing act between **function** and **aesthetics**, technology and art.



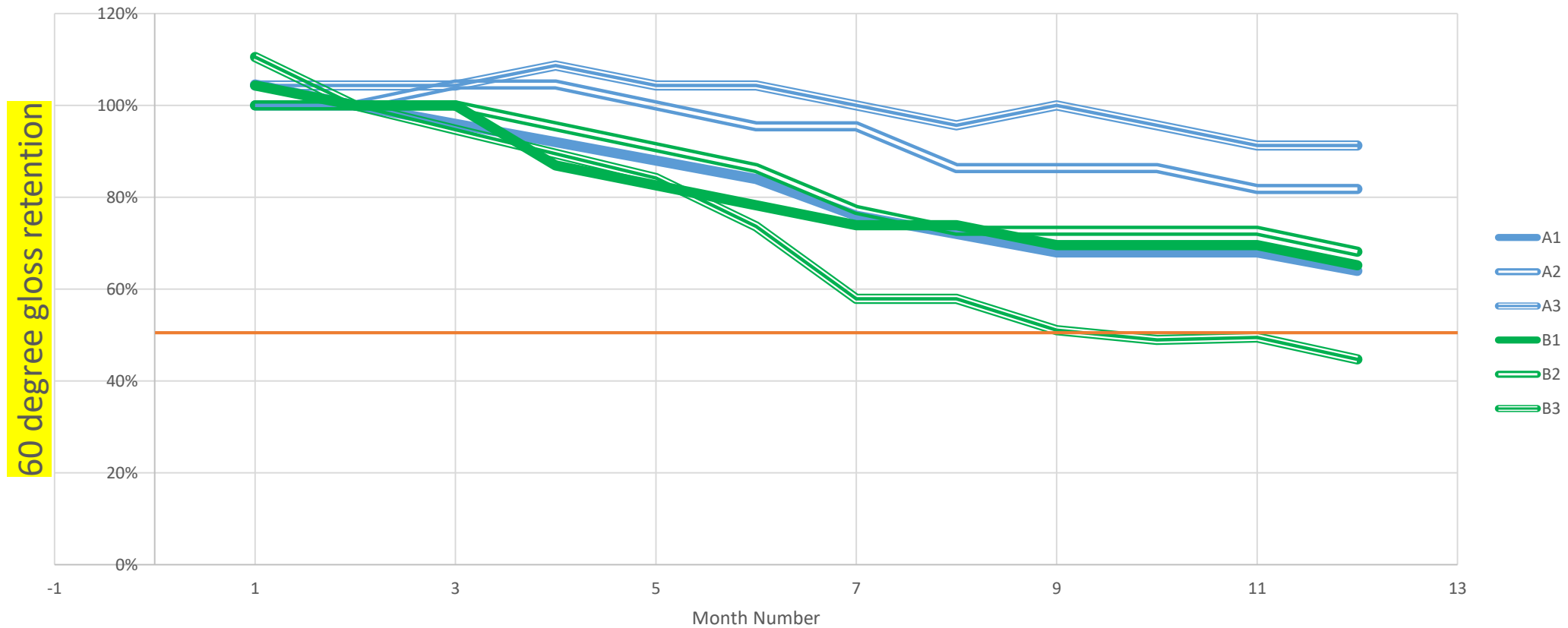
Mica Surface Treatment

- *Why use a surface treatment?*
 - Primary coatings for mica's are titanium dioxide and iron oxide.
 - *Iron oxide is stable when exposed to UV radiation, however titanium dioxide may undergo photocatalytic degradation*



Surface Treatments for Pearlescent Pigments

ST Chemistry and Amount Impact (UA)



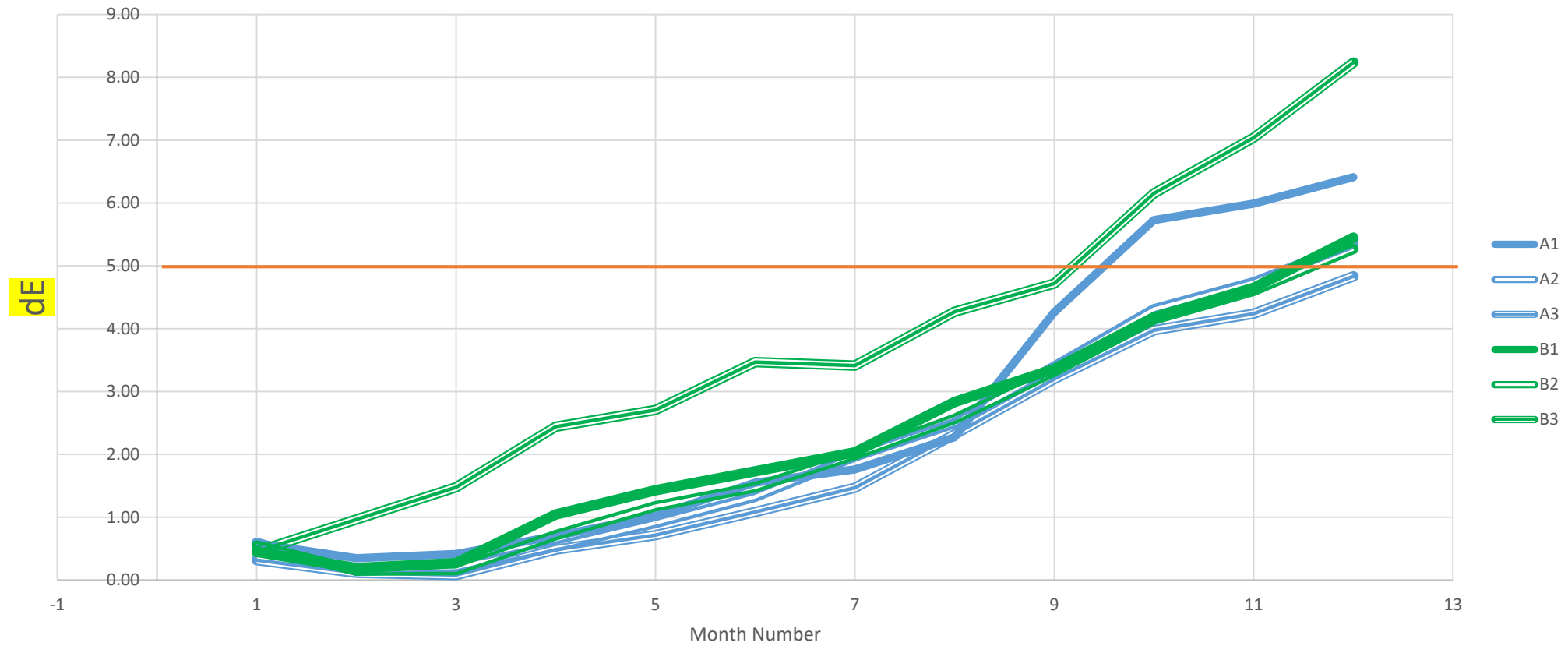
1 – 15 micron silver mica

A – Chrome-Containing Surface Treatment (WR)

B – Chrome-Free Surface Treatment (NXR)

Surface Treatments for Pearlescent Pigments

ST Chemistry and Amount Impact (UA)



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Example #4

- Solvent based coating
- Blue and Green
- High loading

Must

- Solvent based
- High loading

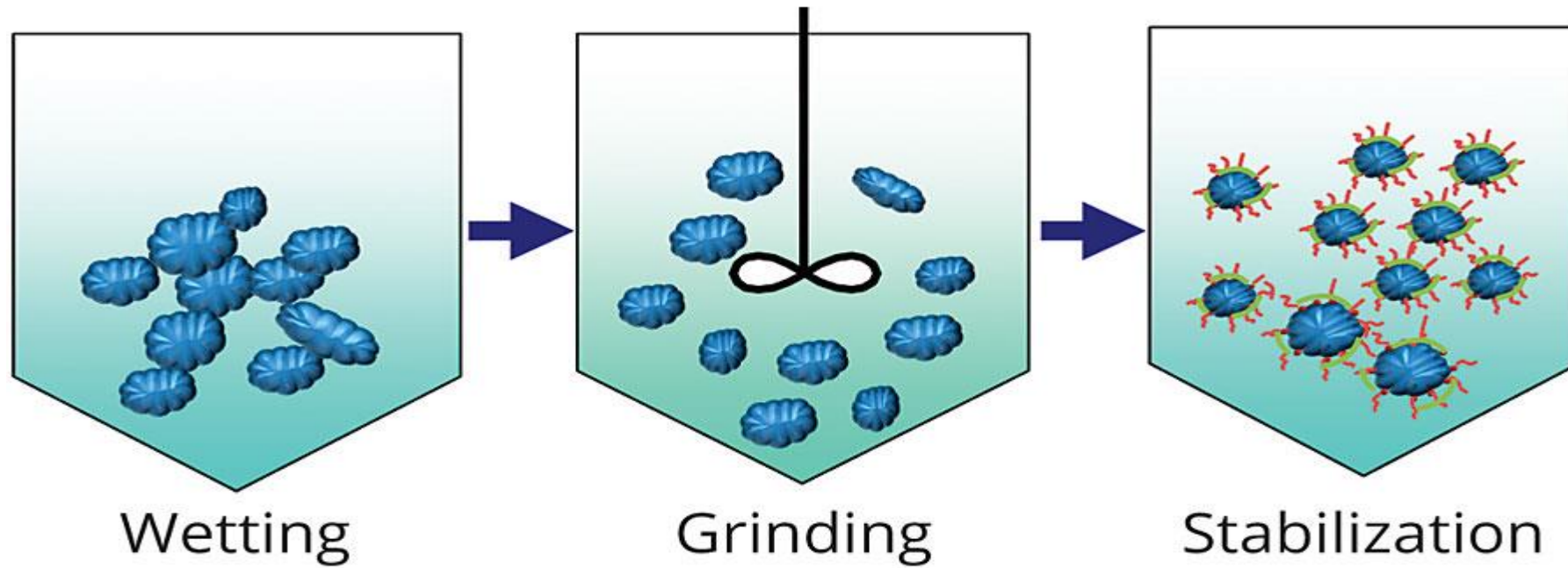
Want

- 1 dispersant for all green and blue pigments

Nice to have

- Lowest viscosity
- Highest strength
- Highest transparency

Dispersion Steps



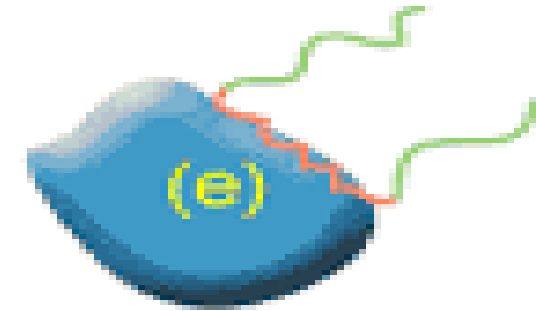
Dispersants



Polymer with terminal functional groups



Polymer with functional groups either end



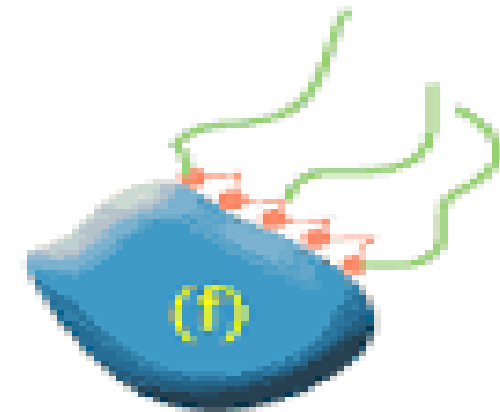
BAB block copolymer



ABA block copolymer

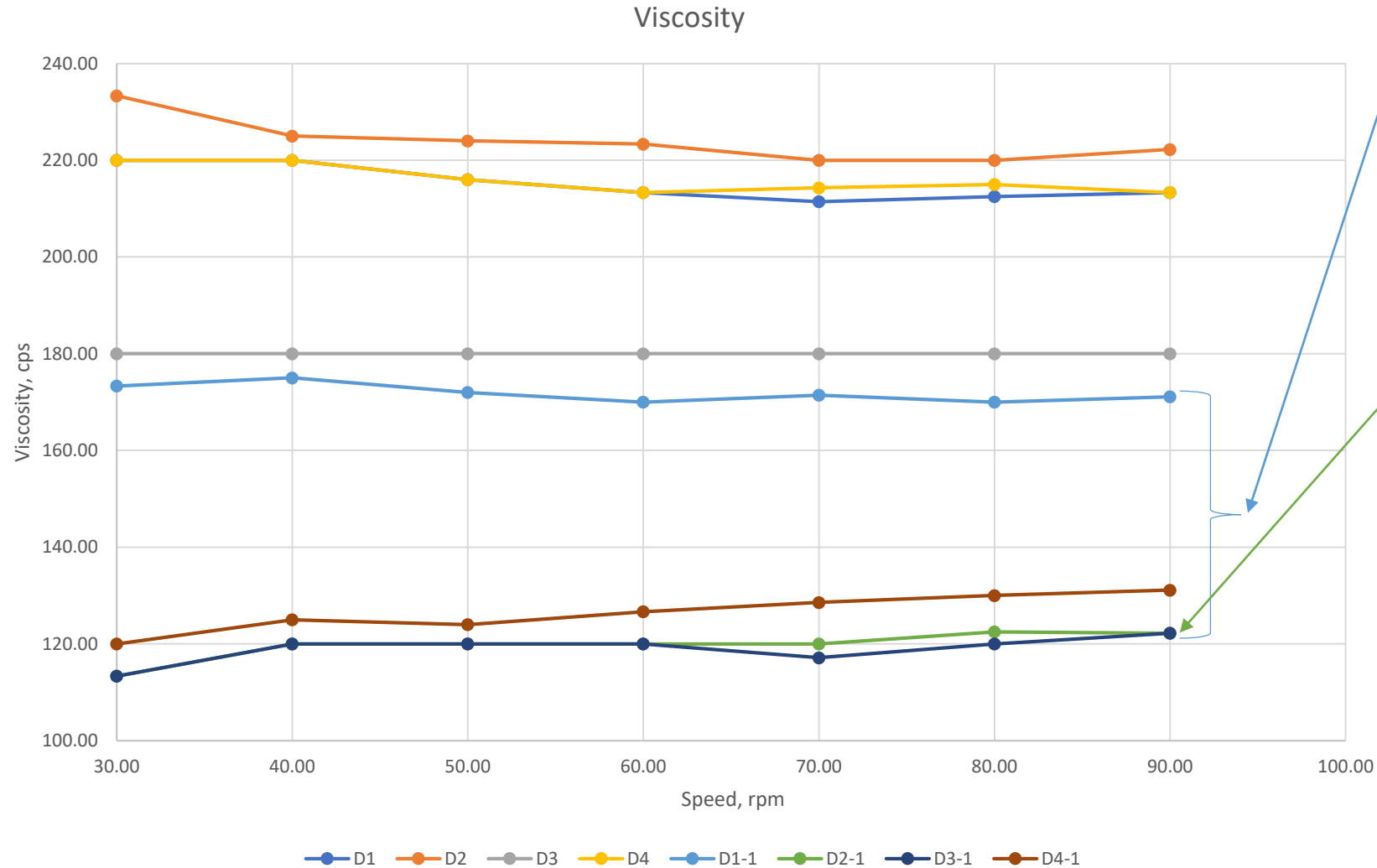


Random copolymer



"COMB" copolymer

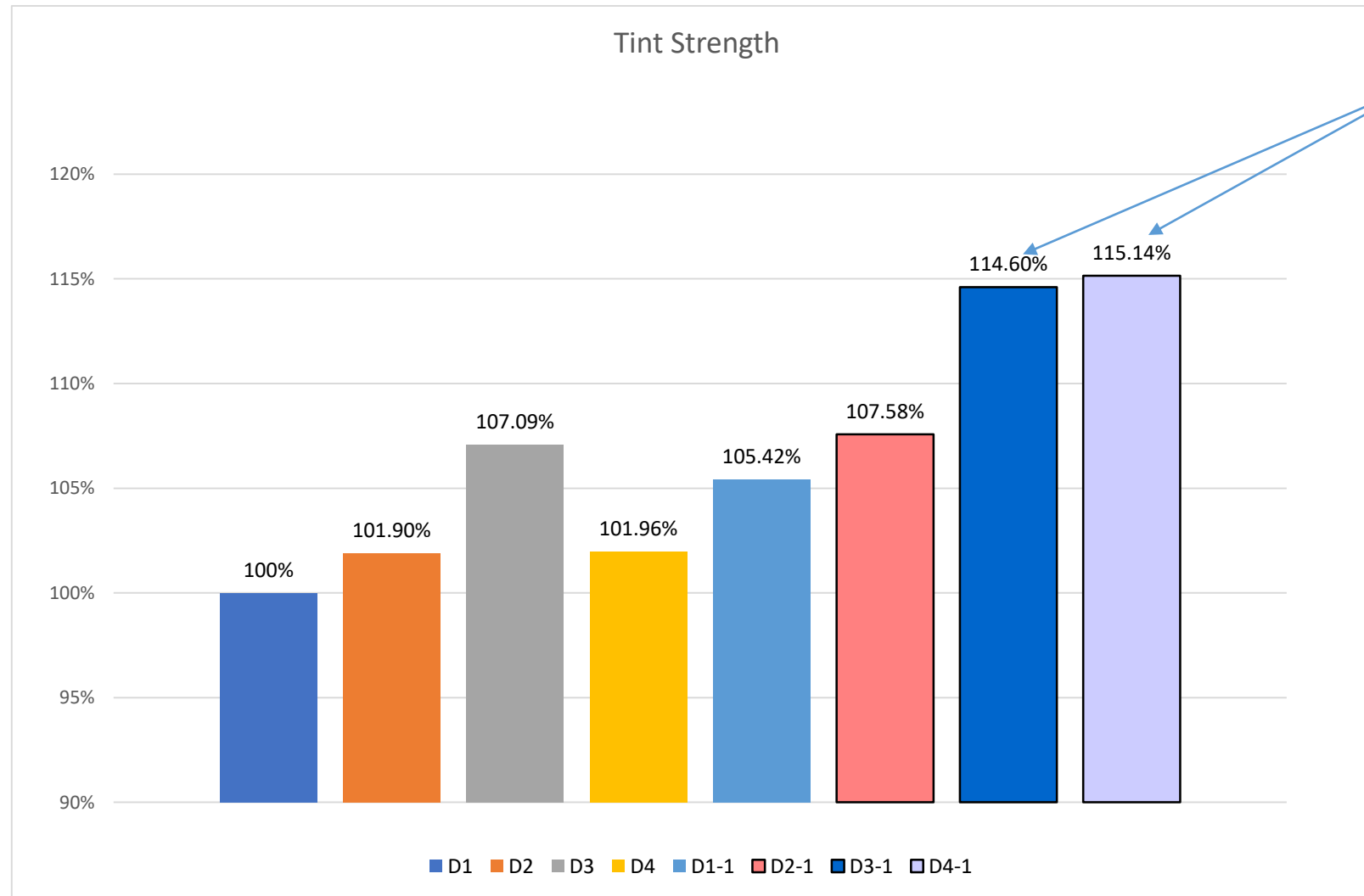
Dispersant Screening for PB15:2



The addition of "-1" lowers viscosity of all dispersants.

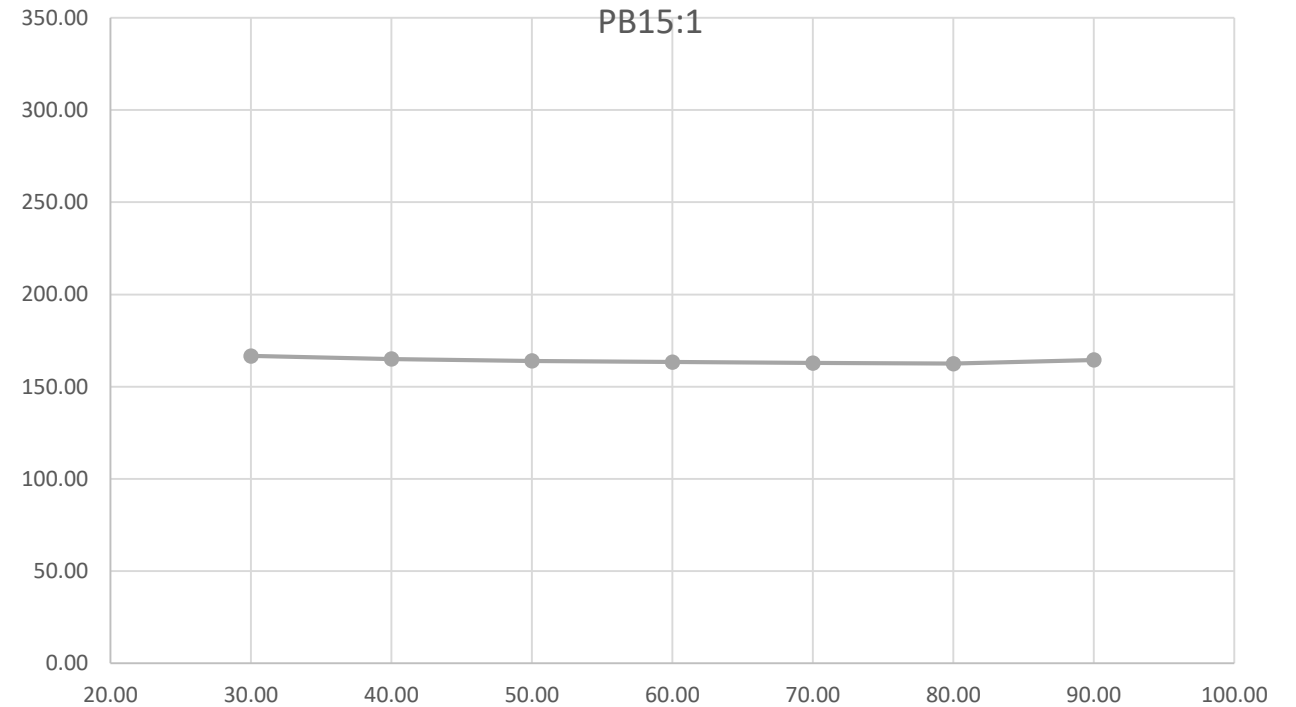
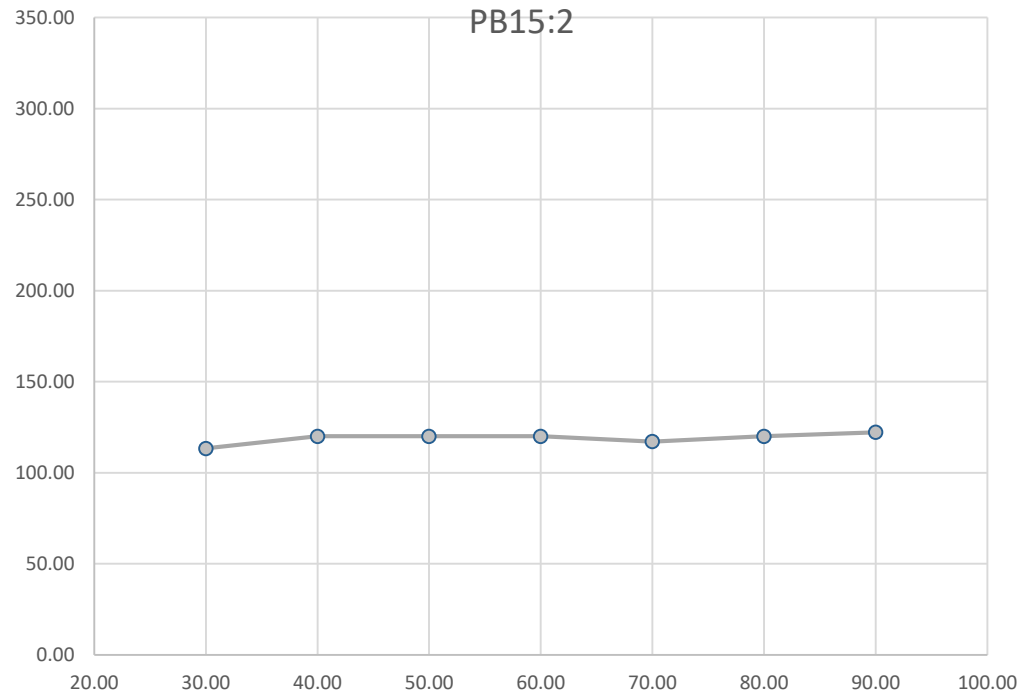
D2-1 and D3-1 provide the lowest viscosity overall.

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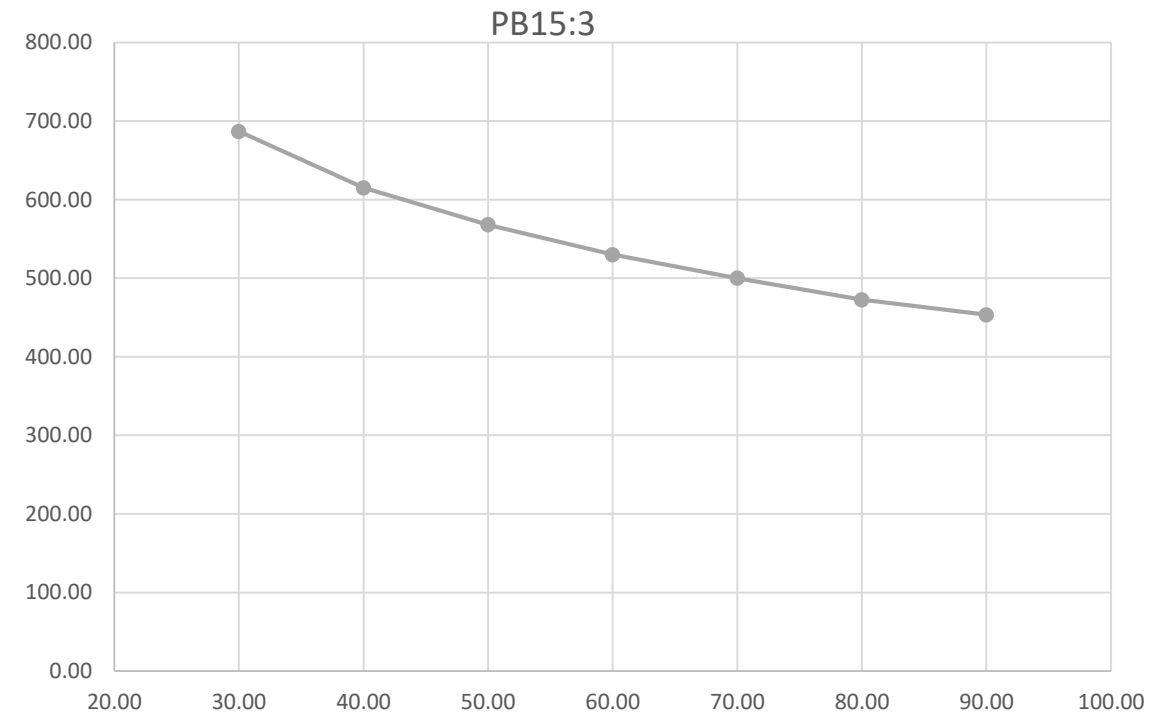
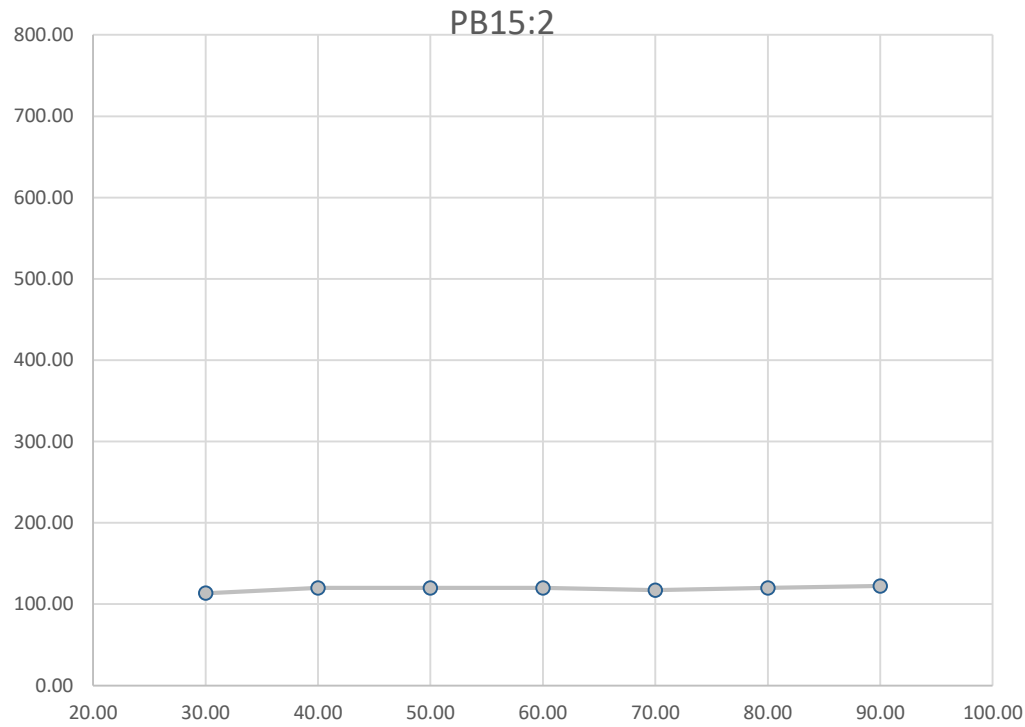
- Highest strength is D3-1 and D4-1.
- In all cases the addition of “-1” increased the strength.

Applying D3-1 to PB15:1



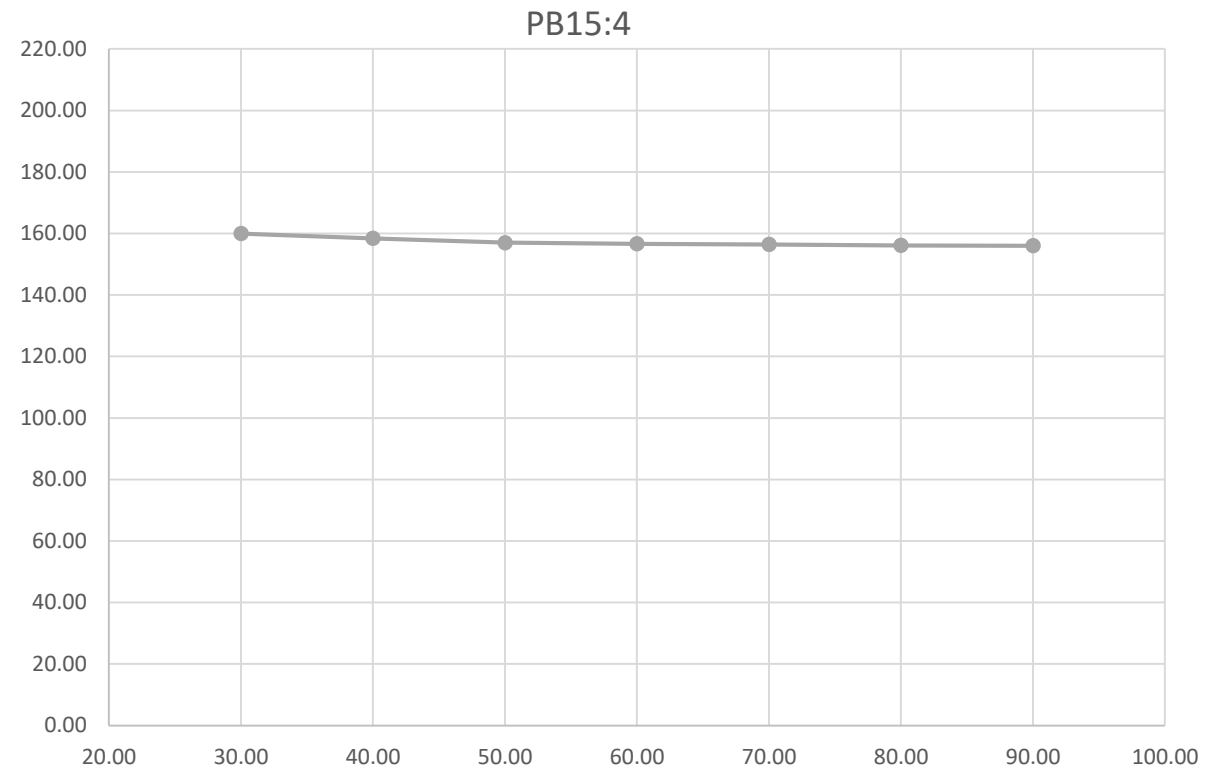
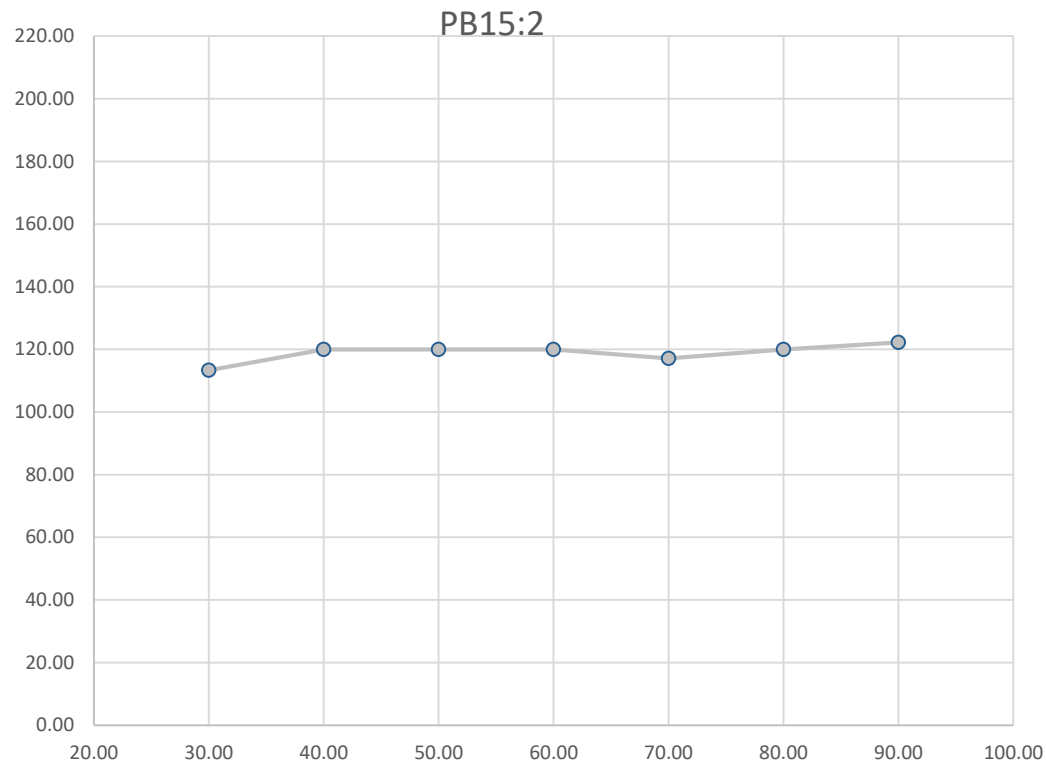
Alpha =====> Alpha

Applying D3-1 to PB15:3



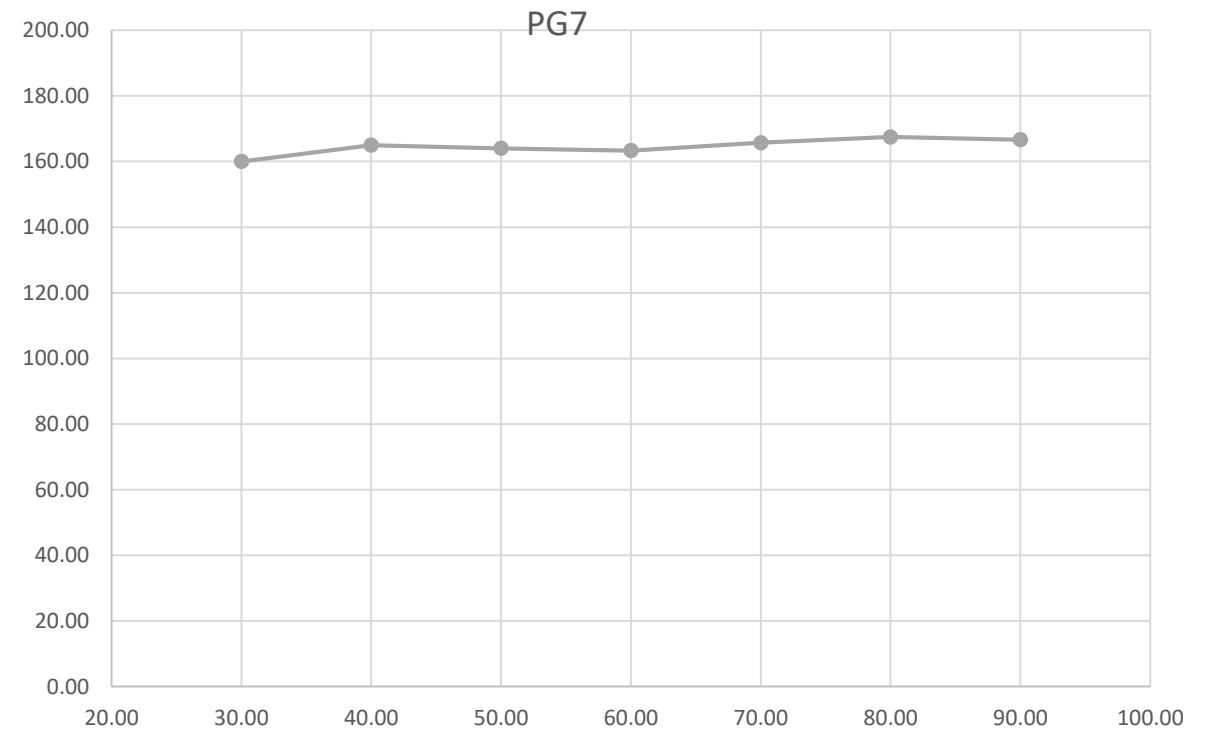
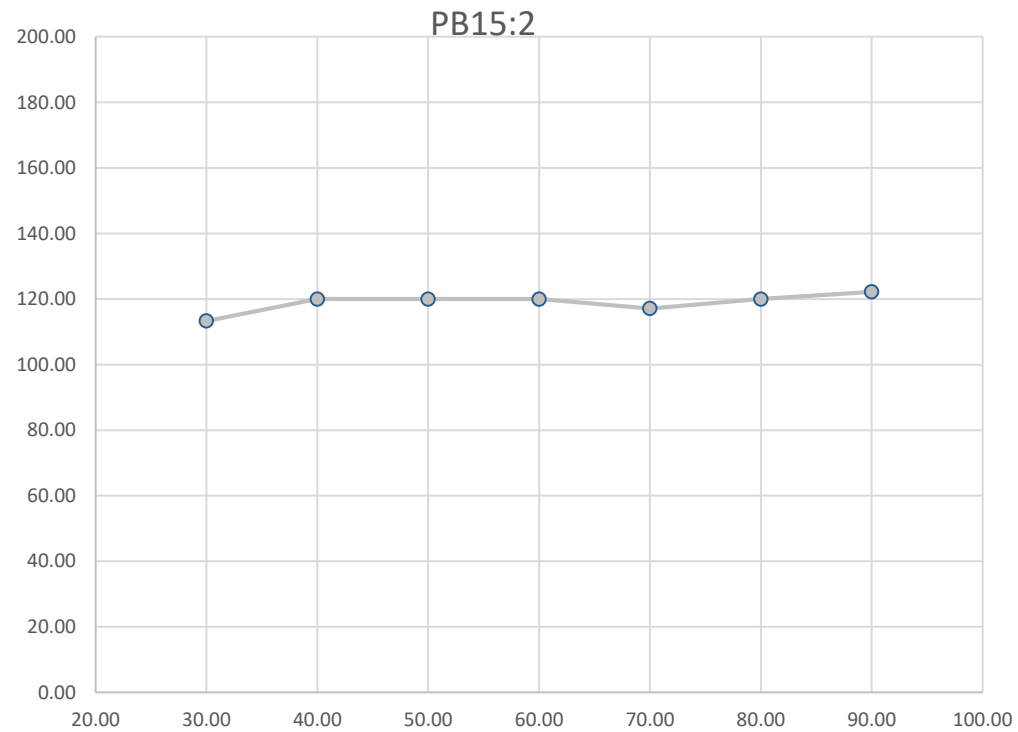
Alpha =====> Beta

Applying D3-1 to PB15:4



Alpha, ST =====> Beta, ST

Applying D3-1 to PG 7



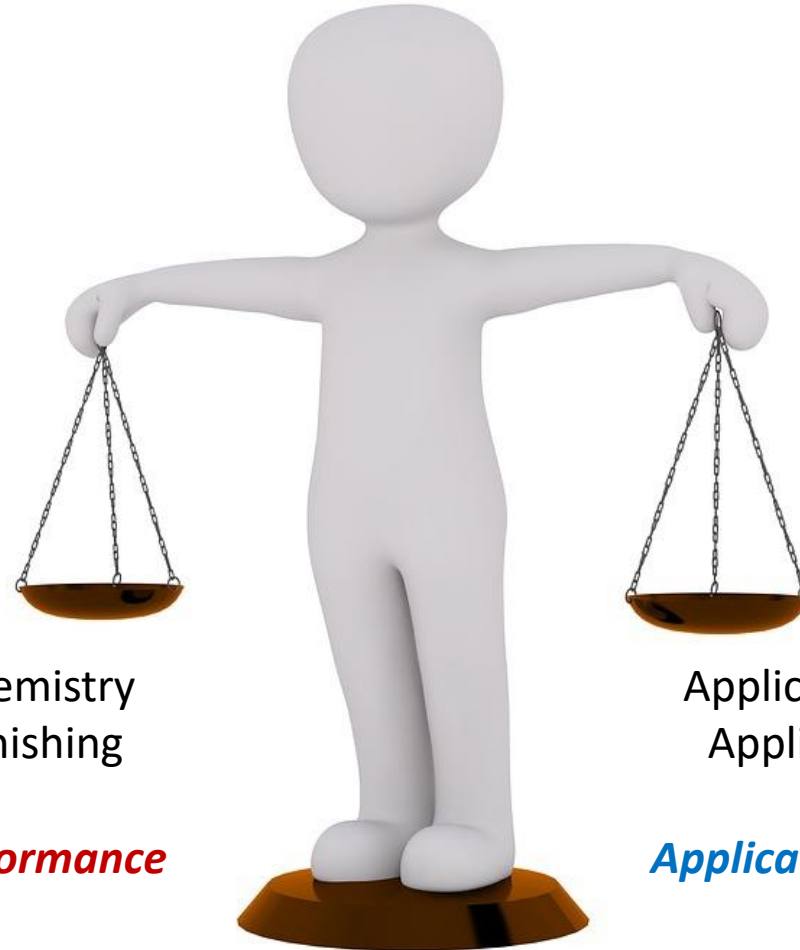
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