# **Powder Coatings**

#### Impact of Pigment Finishing on Powder Coating Performance

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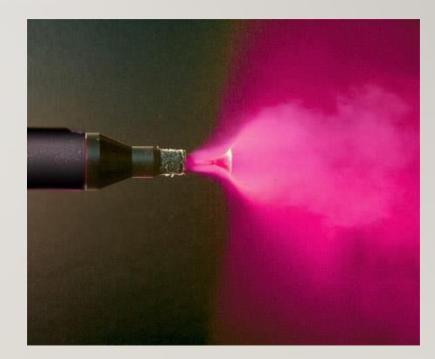
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Pigment Classification

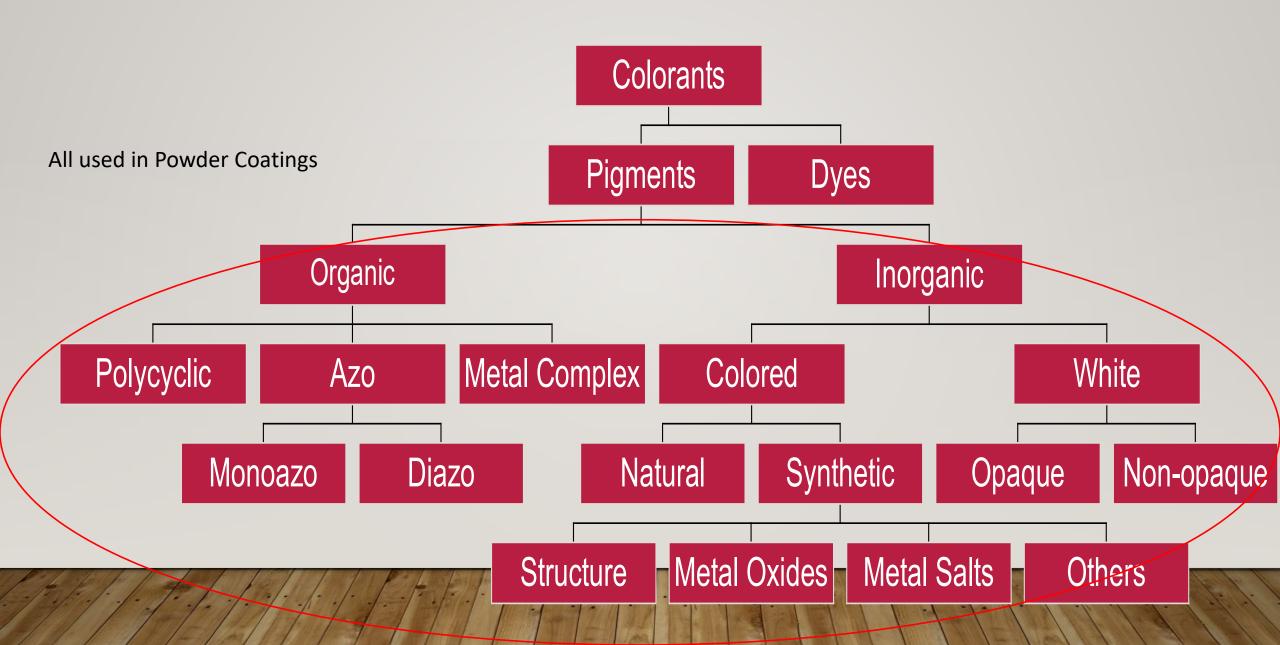
Pigment Selection Process

• Pigment Manufacturing Process



• Examples of Chemistry and Finishing on Performance

### **Pigment Classification**



## **Pigment Selection Process**

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

>Each market segment has unique technical requirements



## Powder Coatings – Pigment Requirements

- Excellent range of heat fast colors
- ➤Good light and weather fastness
- ➤Good acid- alkali resistance
- ➤Good dispersibility
- ➤Good over bake resistance
- ➤Good rheology and flow
- Non-migratory during extrusion
- Compatible with wide number of polymers
- Compatible with TGIC and non TGIC curing agent



## COLORANTS - PHYSICAL PARAMETERS

- Oil absorption
- Surface Area
- Pigment Volume Concentration
- Average particle size
- Particle distribution
- Particle shape
- Texture
- Surface treatment
- Partial Solubility

- Moisture Content
- Conductivity
- Refractive Index
- pH
- Viscosity
- Nucleating
- Shear Stability
- Inertness
- Hardness
- Density



### Pigment parameters directly impact application performance

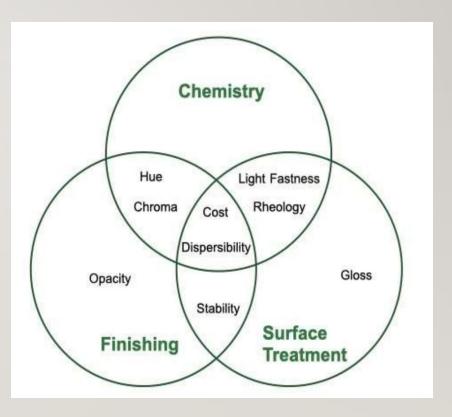


### **PIGMENT SYNTHESIS**

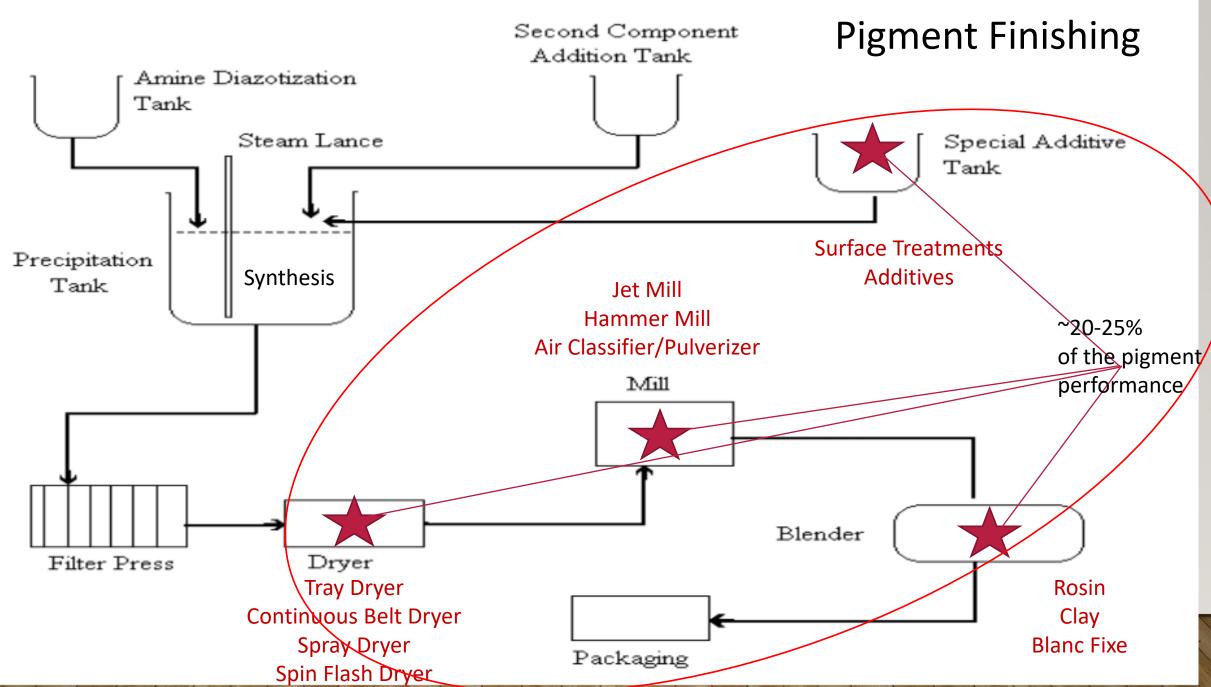
• The first manufacturing step(s) determine the chemical identity of the pigment.

• Crude pigment is the end product of the synthesis.

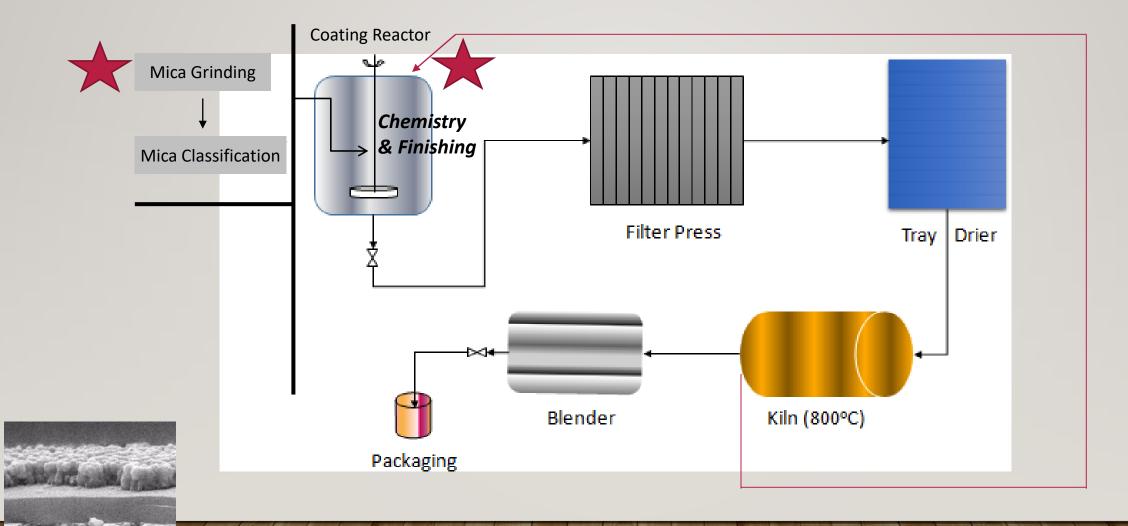
• Finishing and surface treatment provide the end use properties.



~75-80% \_\_\_\_\_ of the pigment performance



### EFFECT PIGMENT MANUFACTURING



Example of substrate coated with metal

oxide

### Finishing Steps – Impact on Application.....in general



#### Pigments for Plastics

- No additives or surface treatments
- Spray or Spin Flash Dryer
- Jet mill or hammer mill
- No fillers
- Plastic formulations require "clean", softer and smaller in size for improved polymer dispersion.



#### Pigments for Coatings

- Additives and surface treatments are used to improve dispersing and stability
- Tray dryers or continuous belt dryers
- Hammer mills or air classifiers
- Fillers can be used
- Coatings formulations are the most complex resulting in a wide varjety of finishing steps.

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#### Pigments for Inks

- Additives and surface treatments can be used especially for the more "high tech" inks like inkjet
- A variety of drying methods are used
- Different pulverizing methods are used
- Fillers are rarely used
- Ink formulations span the gamut of "low to high tech" thus pigments "designed" for another application maybe more appropriate.

### POWDER COATING DISPERSION – IS IT MORE LIKE A LIQUID DISPERSION OR PLASTICS DISPERSION?

#### Liquid

- <u>Single pigment dispersion</u>.
- Dispersant used is matched to the pigment chemistry.
- Carrier resin is typically nonfunctional to the dispersing of the pigment.
- Pigment loading is maximized but dictated by pigment chemistry and rheology of the dispersion.
- Final product color is achieved by mixing the single pigmented dispersions.
- <u>Shading is done in the mixer</u> as the final step.

#### Powder

- <u>Multiple pigment dispersion</u>.
- No dispersing agent is typically used but other additives are part of the formulation.
- Pigment loading is dictated by opacity needs and other physical property limitations of the formula.
- Final product color is achieved in the extruder chamber.
- <u>Shading is done via re-extrusion</u> with added "raw" pigment powder.

#### Plastic

- Can be <u>single pigment master</u> batches (high pigment loading) <u>or</u> <u>multiple</u> pigment dispersion.
- No dispersing agent is typically used but other additives are part of the formulation.
- Pigment loading is dictated by pigment chemistry for master batches and by physical property limitations for the final product needs.
- Final product color is achieved by mixing single pigmented master batches and re-extruding or from the mixed pigment extrusion.

Answer: It depends on the pigment chemistry (CI)

### **Examples of Pigments on Powder Coating Performance**

PB 15:3 -	Finishing Differences (Plastic/Coating/Ink)
PY 83 -	Particle Size Differences
PY 83/PY 139 - PO 36/PO 64/PO 34 -	Similar Color; Different Chemistry Similar Color; Different Chemistry
PB 15:4 -	Resin Formulation Differences
PR 170 -	Same Chemistry; Shade Differences
Mica -	Surface Treatment Chemistry



Direct

Reverse

\* 160 inch-pounds is maximum of test

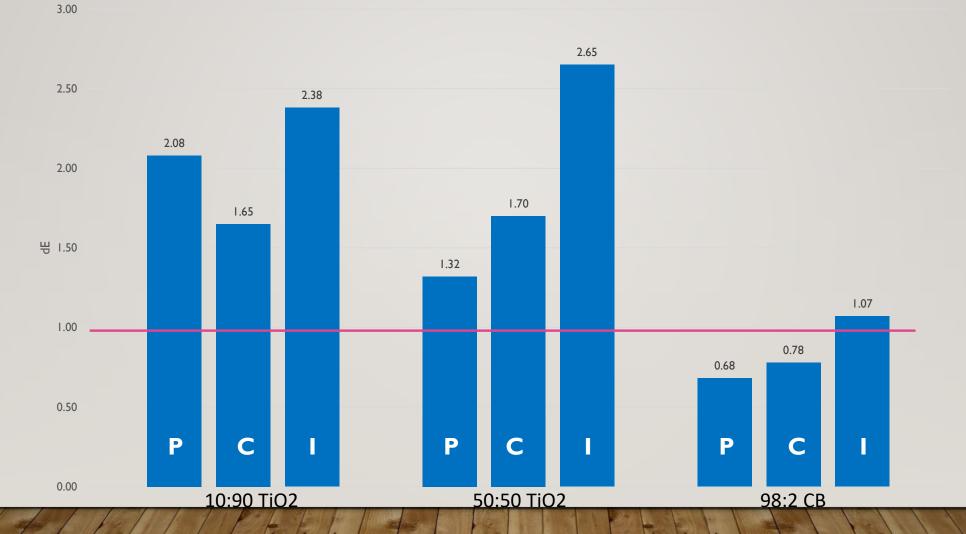
#### Finishing Differences



Powder Coating PB15:3 - Tint Tone L, 10:90 (Strength)

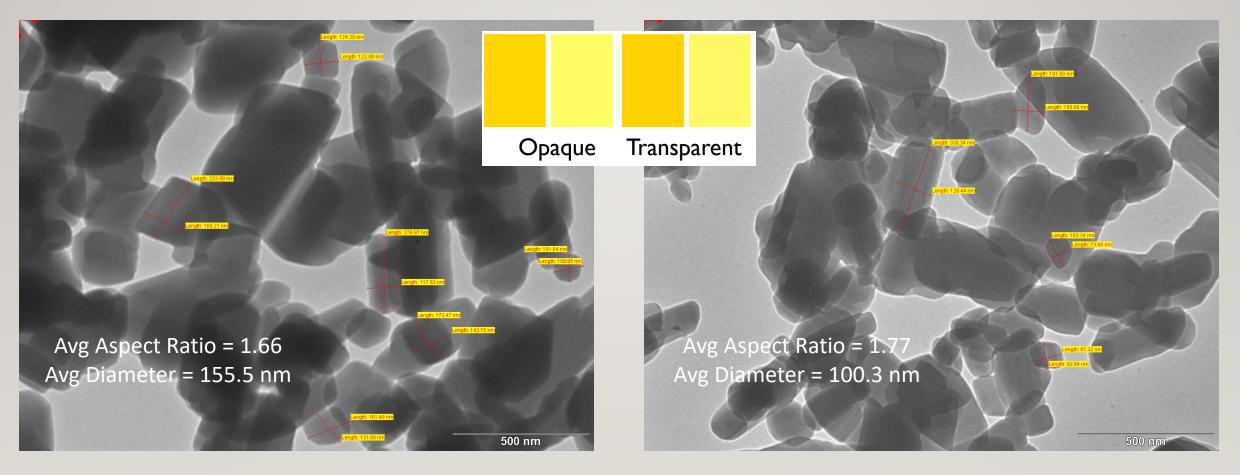
#### Powder Coating PB15:3 - Overbake Stability, dE - 60 minutes @ 425°F

#### **Finishing Differences**



### TEM: PY83

#### Particle Size Differences



Transparent

Opaque

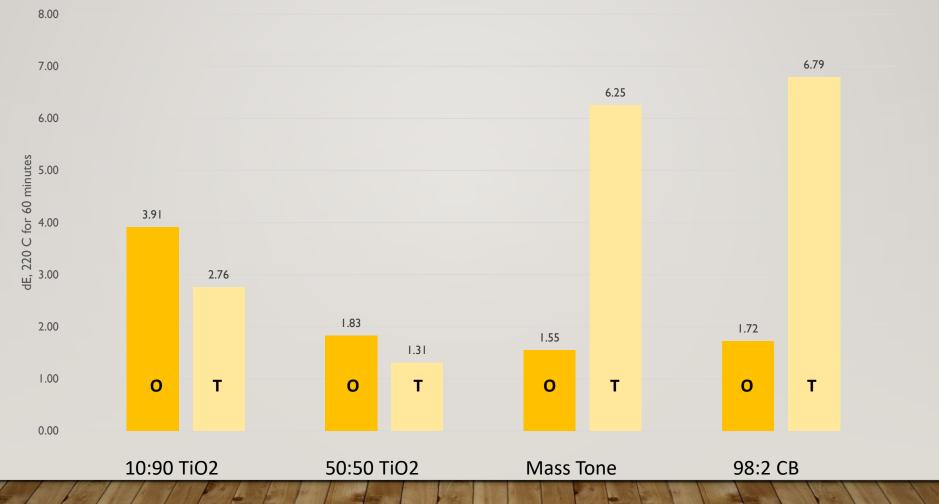
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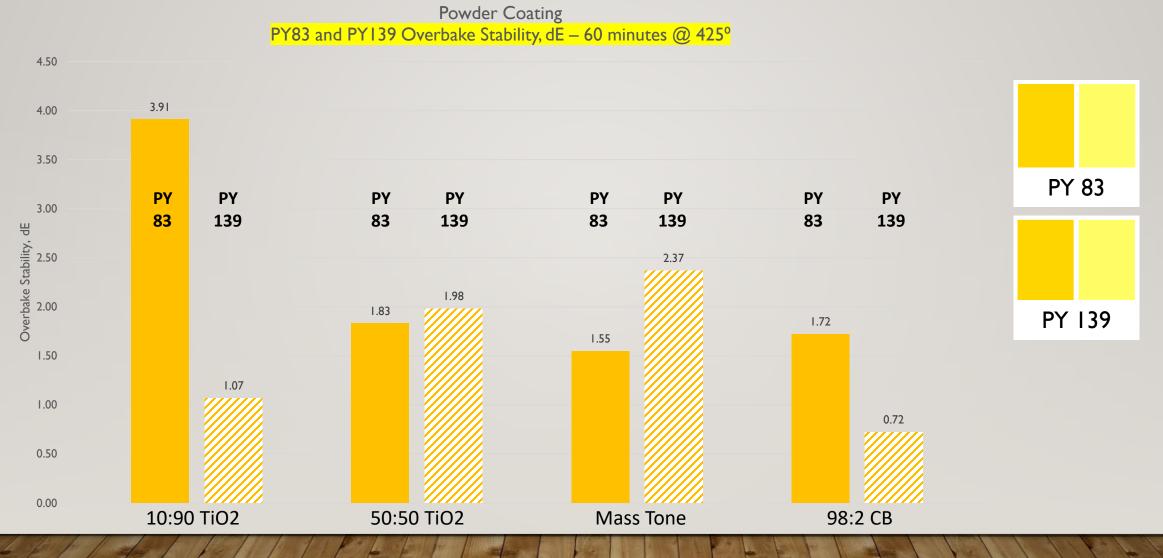


#### Particle Size Differences

Powder Coating PY83 Overbake Stability, dE – 60 minutes @ 425° F

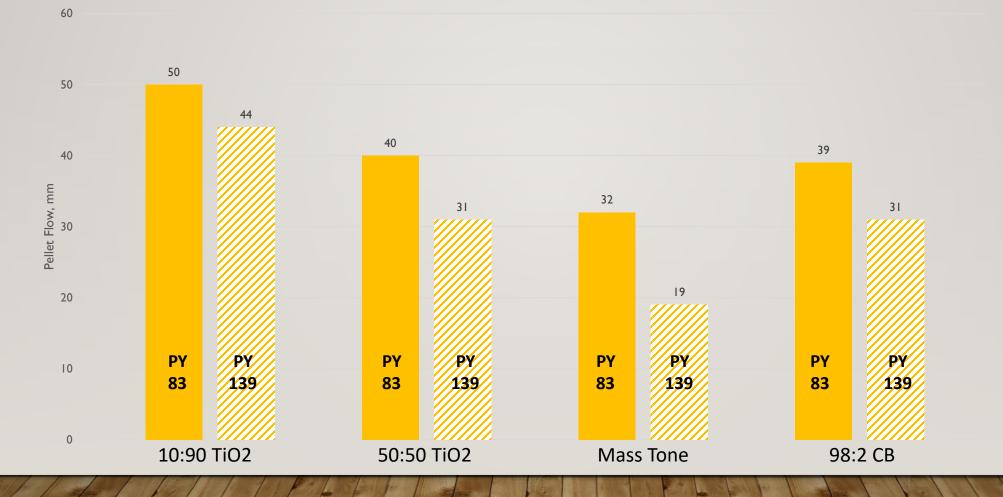


#### Chemistry Differences Similar Color

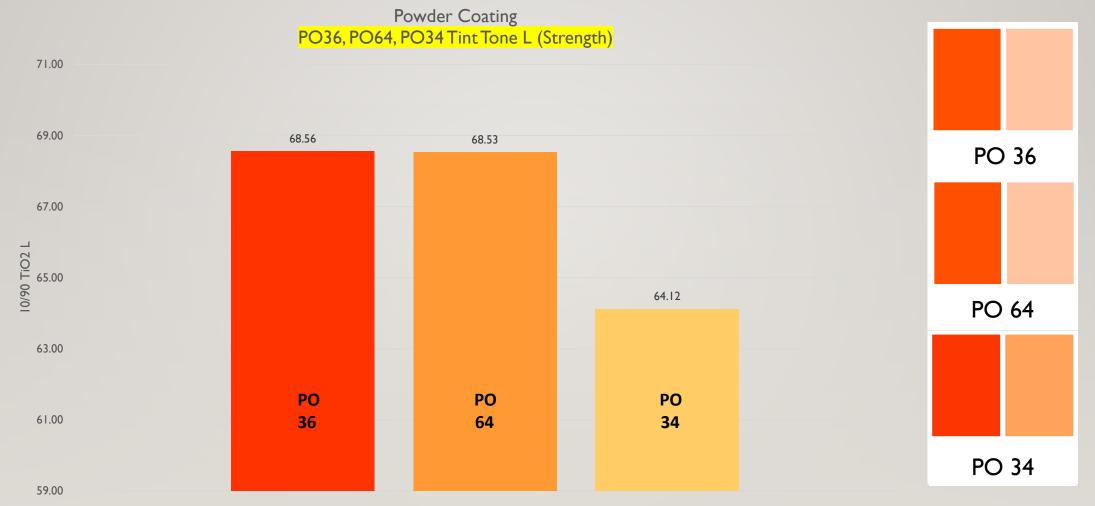


#### Chemistry Differences Similar Color

Powder Coatings PY83 and PY139 Pellet Flow, mm



### Chemistry Differences Similar Color Space



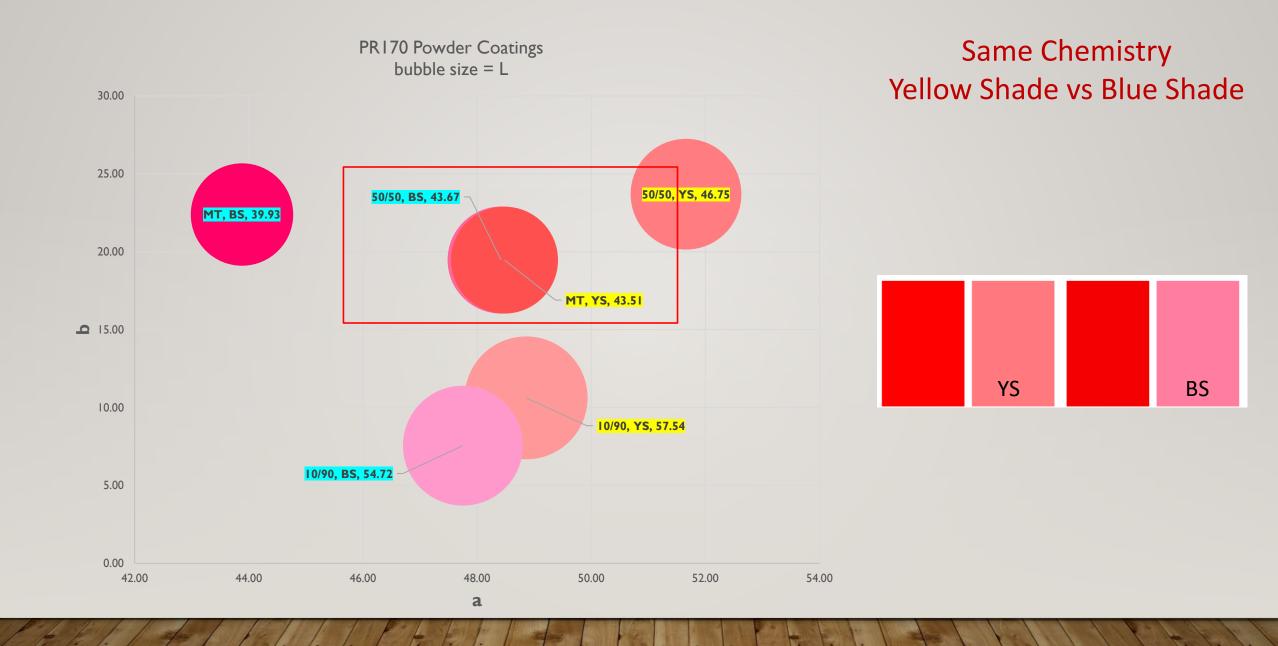
#### **Chemistry Differences** Similar Color Space

PO36, PO64, PO34 Overbake Stability, dE – 60 minutes @ 425° F 7.00 6.64 6.00 5.76 PO 5.00 36 64 34 36 64 34 36 64 34 36 64 34 Overbake Stability, dE 00°F 3.65 3.50 2.44 2.00 1.70 1.14 0.94 0.84 1.00 0.76 0.75 0.67 0.00 10:90 TiO2 50:50 TiO2 98:2 CB Mass Tone

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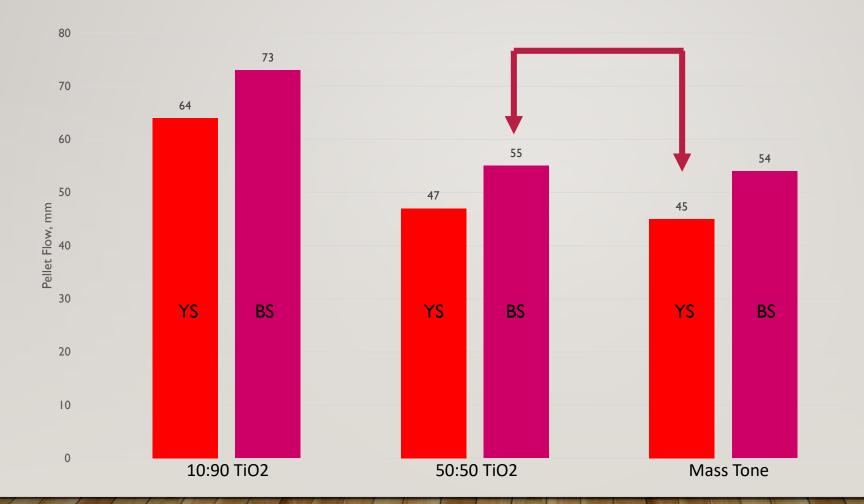
#### Resin Chemistry Differences Finishing Differences





#### Same Chemistry Yellow Shade vs Blue Shade

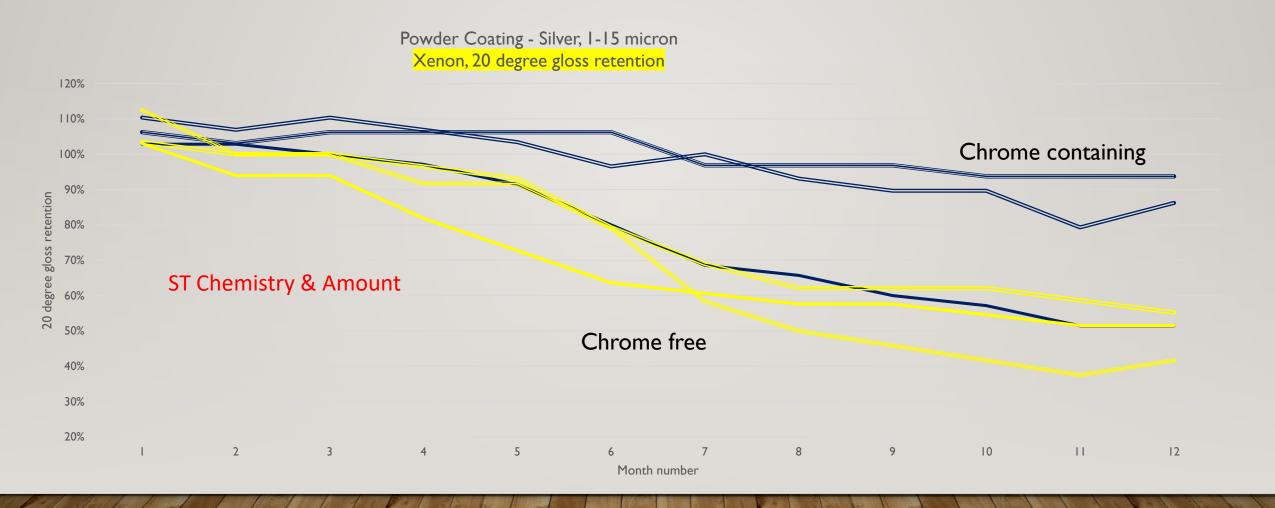
Powder Coating PR170 Pellet Flow, mm



### **Surface Treatments for Pearlescent Pigments**

- Why use a surface treatment or encapsulation?
  - To slow or prevent an undesirable reaction from occurring
    - Photo degradation
    - Humidity effects
  - To change the rheology of the system
    - Improve dispersion
    - Compatibility with the system
  - ✓ To improve overall performance
    - Durability
    - Adhesion
  - To reduce or eliminate and undesired effect in the formulation
    - Cure inhibition or acceleration

### **Surface Treatments for Pearlescent Pigments**



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## **QUESTIONS?**

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