# **Powder Coatings**

Impact of Pigment Finishing on Powder Coating Performance



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#### **AGENDA**

Pigment Classification

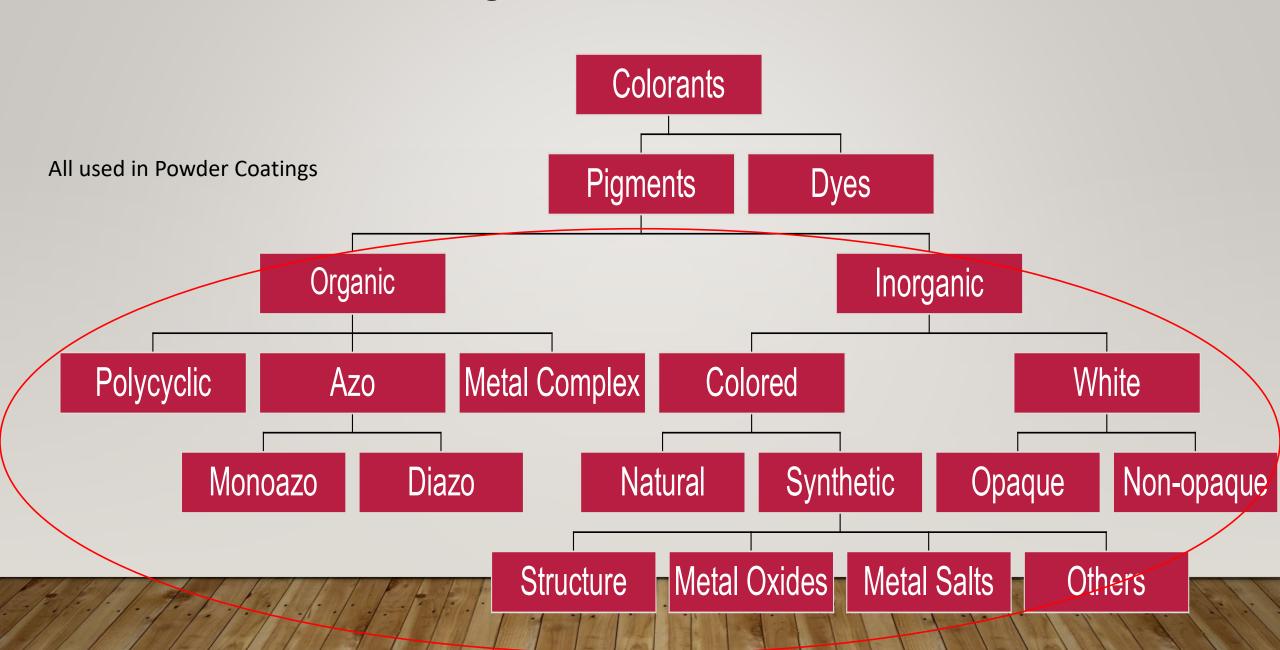
Pigment Selection Process

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



**Appliance** 



**ACE** 



Architectural



Automotive



**Functional** 



**Furniture** 



General Industrial



IT



General Trade Coaters

## Powder Coating applications

## Powder Coatings – Pigment Requirements

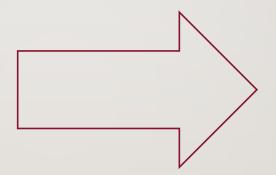
- Excellent range of heat fast colors
- ➤ Good light and weather fastness
- ➤ Good acid- alkali resistance
- ➤ Good dispersibility
- ➤ Good over bake resistance
- ➤ Good rheology and flow
- ➤ Non-migratory during extrusion
- >Compatible with wide number of polymers
- Compatible with TGIC and non TGIC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



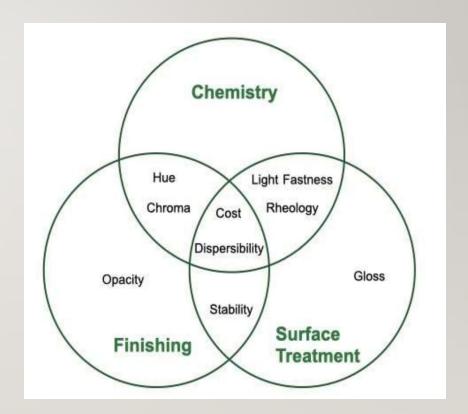
#### **PIGMENT SYNTHESIS**

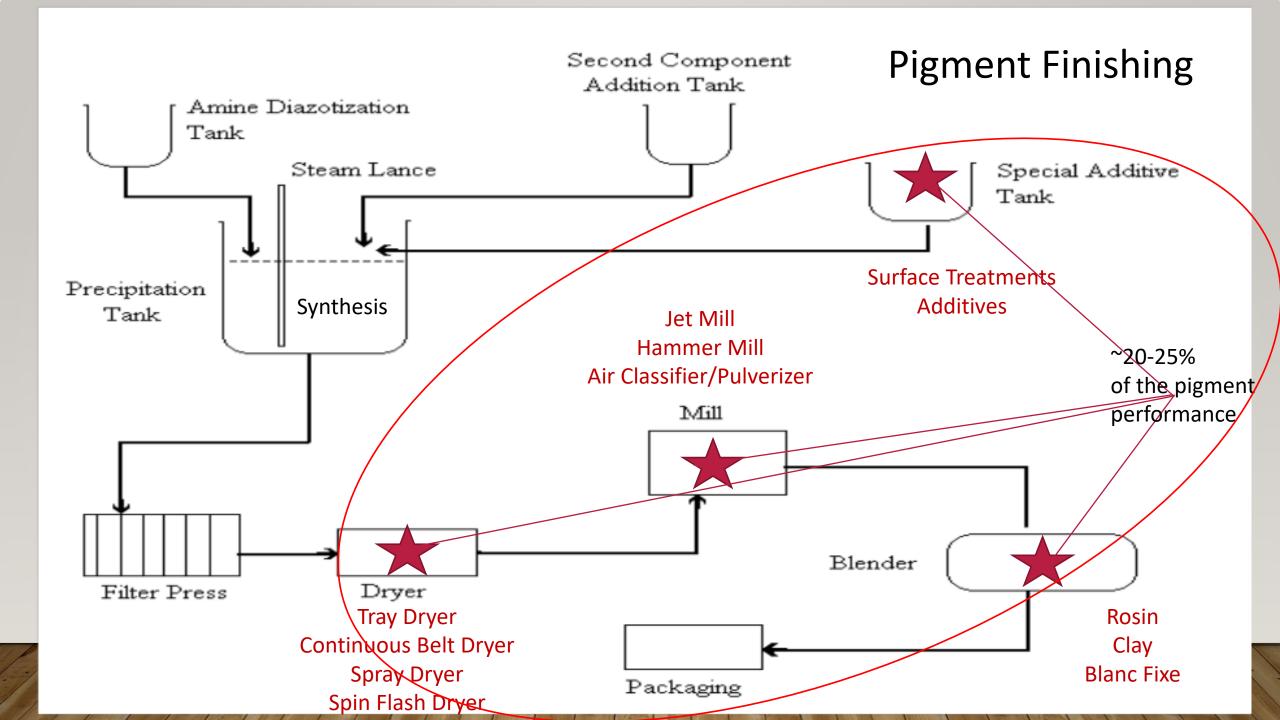
~75-80% \_\_\_ of the pigment performance

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

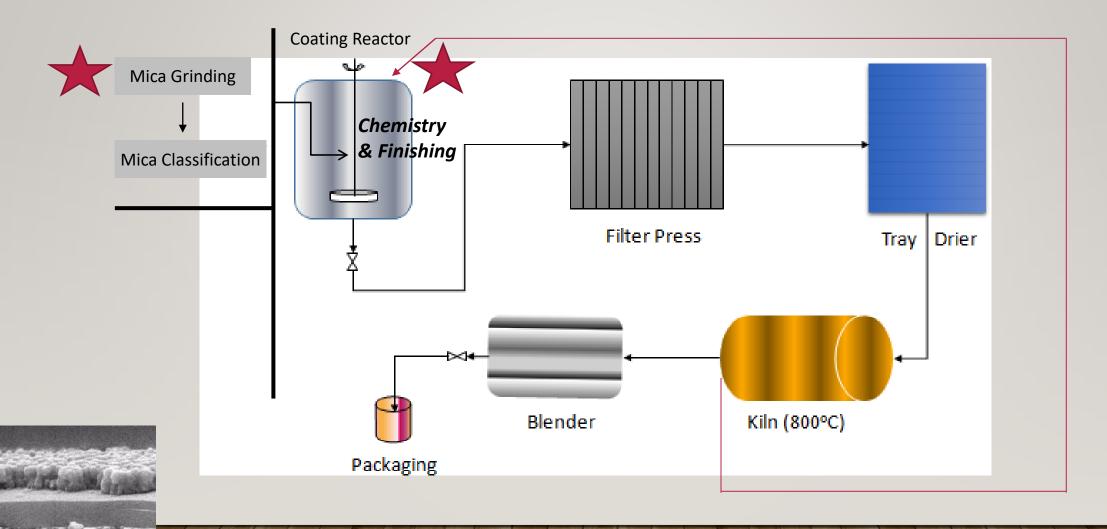
• Crude pigment is the end product of the synthesis.

• Finishing and surface treatment provide the end use properties.





#### 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
- let 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 variety of finishing steps.

**Powder Coating** 



#### 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

- Single pigment dispersion.
- 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.
- Shading is done in the mixer as the final step.

#### Powder

- Multiple pigment dispersion.
- 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.
- Shading is done via re-extrusion with added "raw" pigment powder.

#### Plastic

- Can be <u>single</u> pigment master batches (high pigment loading) <u>or 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 - Similar Color; Different Chemistry PO 36/PO 64/PO 34 - Similar Color; Different Chemistry

PB 15:4 - Resin Formulation Differences

PR 170 - Same Chemistry; Shade Differences

Mica - Surface Treatment Chemistry

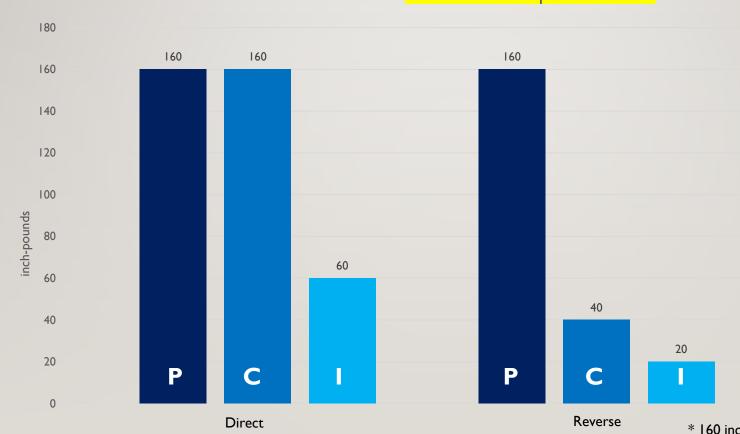
Property
Specific gravity
Specific surface area (m2/g)
Particle size (nm, media)
Oil Absorption

PB15:3 - Plastics
1.55
56.9
118
45

PB15:3 - Coatings
1.70
57.0
159
40

PB15:3 - Inks
1.45
34.3
161
34

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PB15:3 - 10:90 Impact Resistance

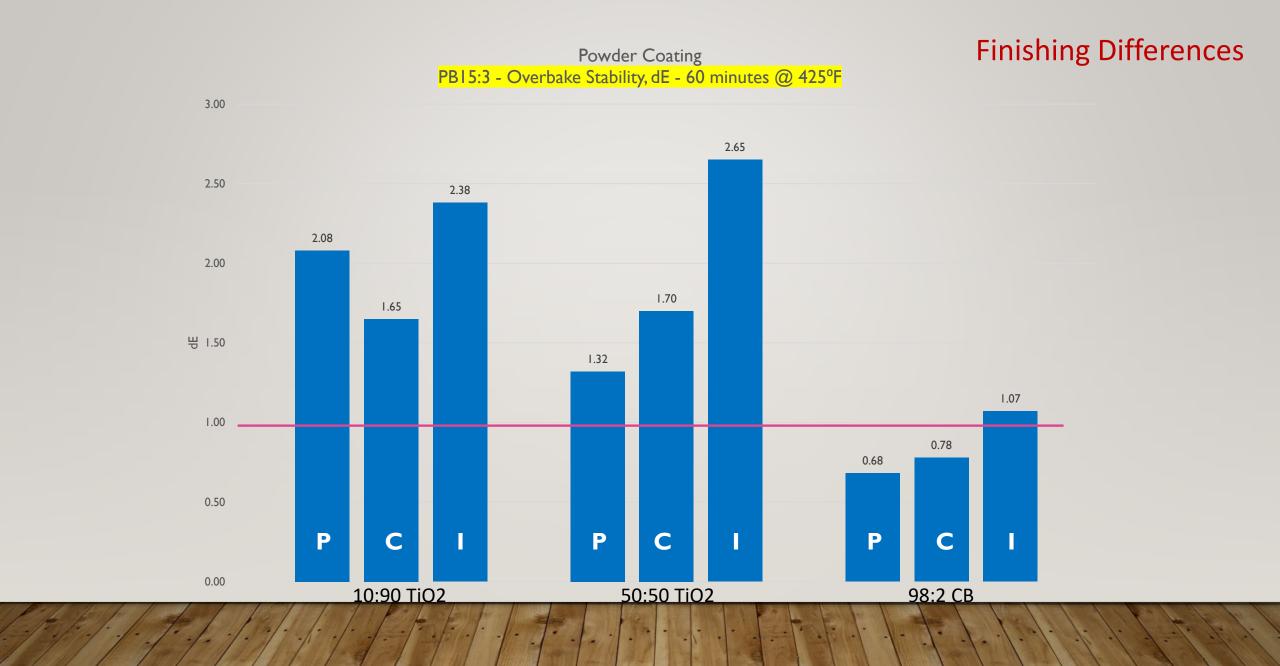


### Finishing Differences

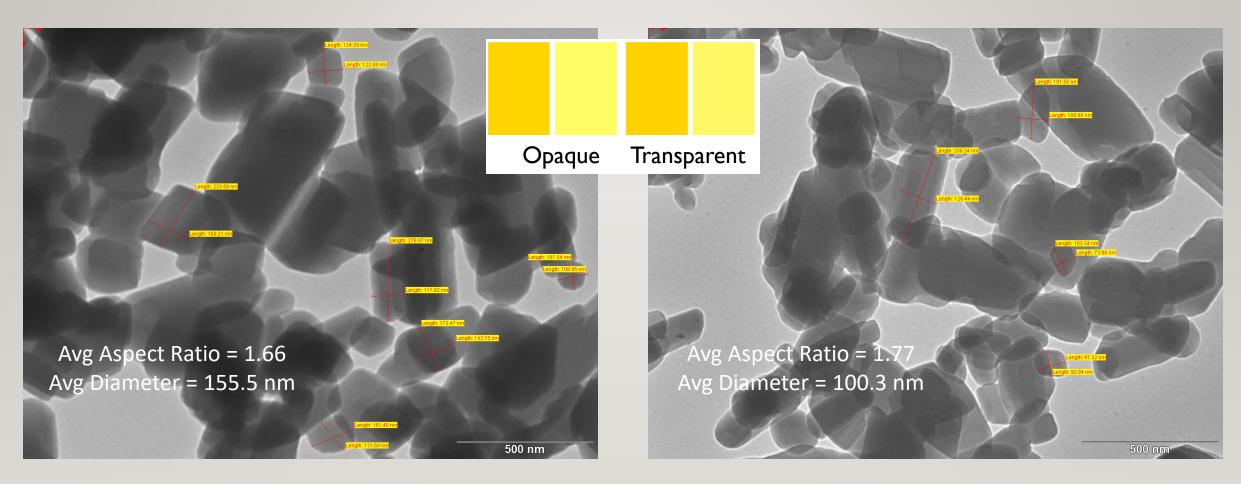
\* 160 inch-pounds is maximum of test

#### **Finishing Differences**





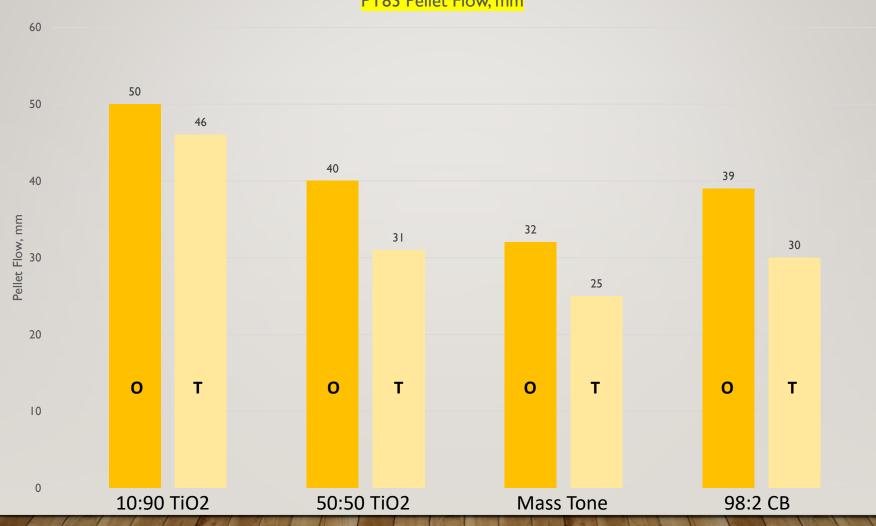
#### TEM: PY83 Particle Size Differences



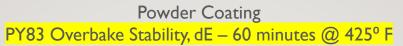
Opaque Transparent

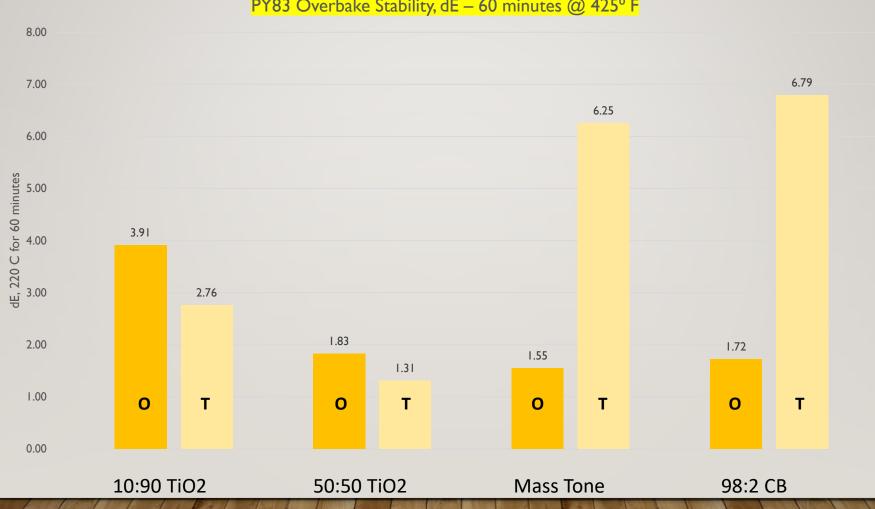
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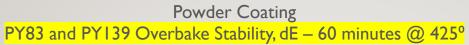


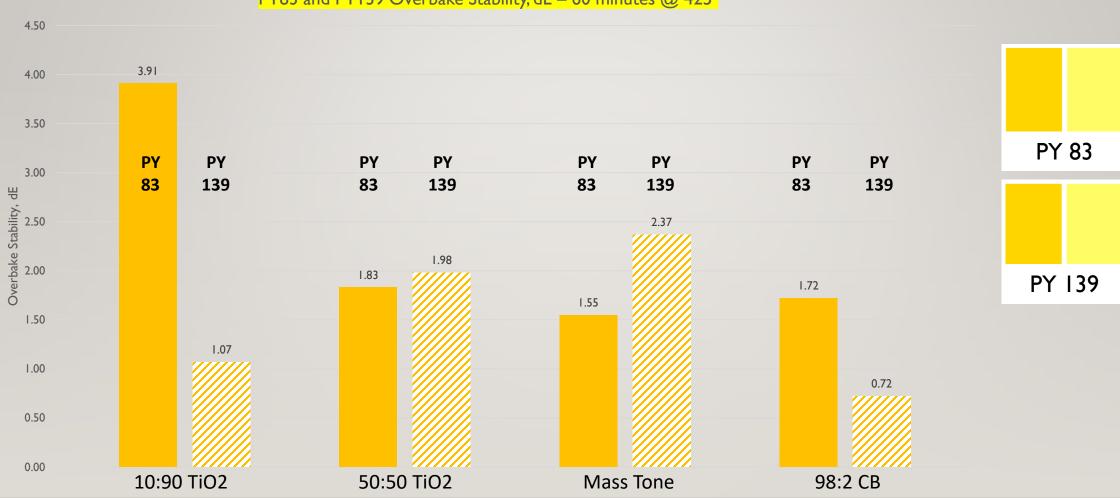
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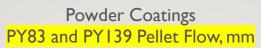


## Chemistry Differences Similar Color



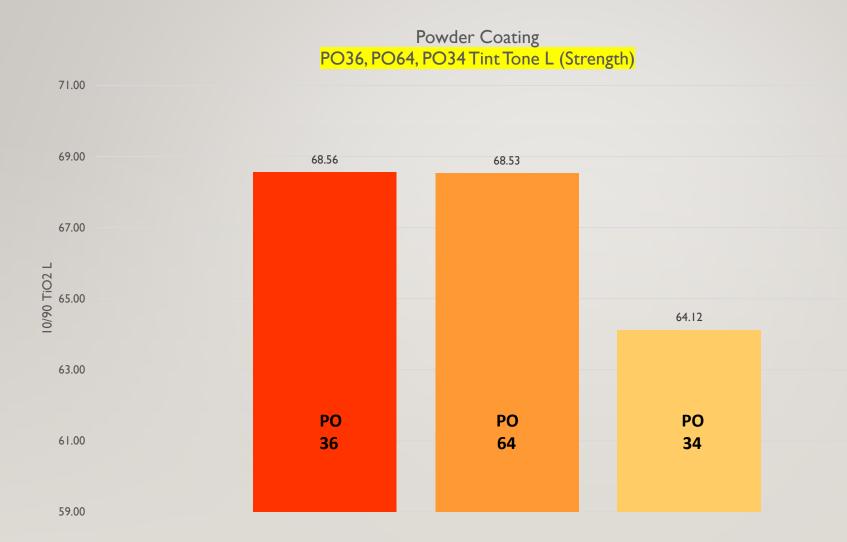


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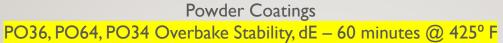


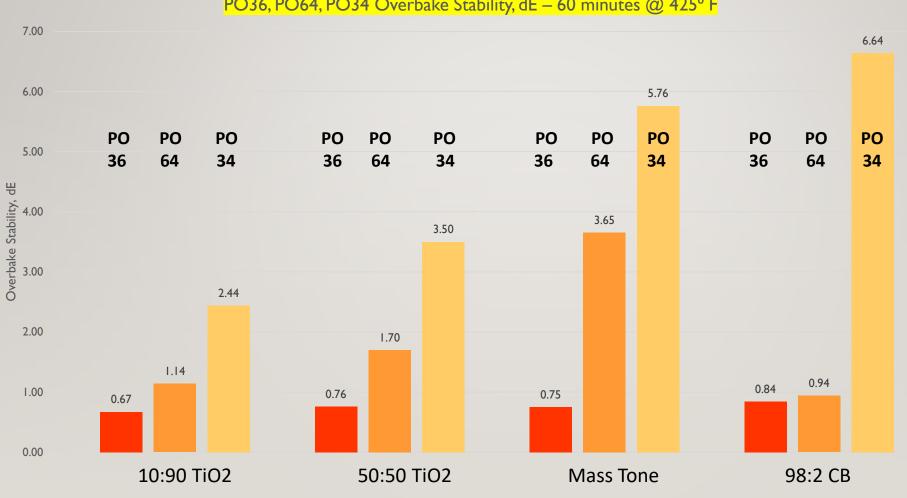
# Chemistry Differences Similar Color Space



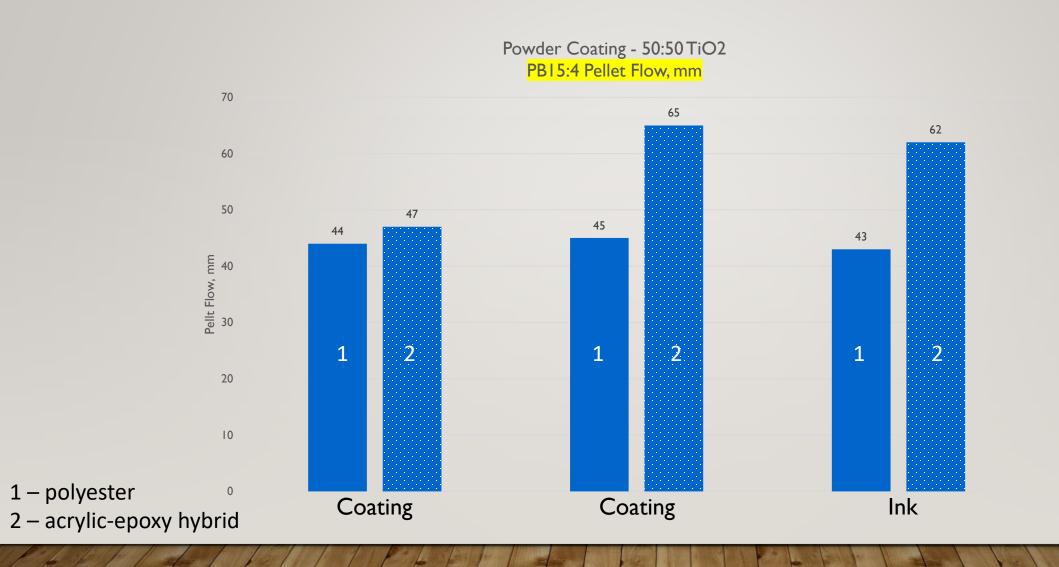


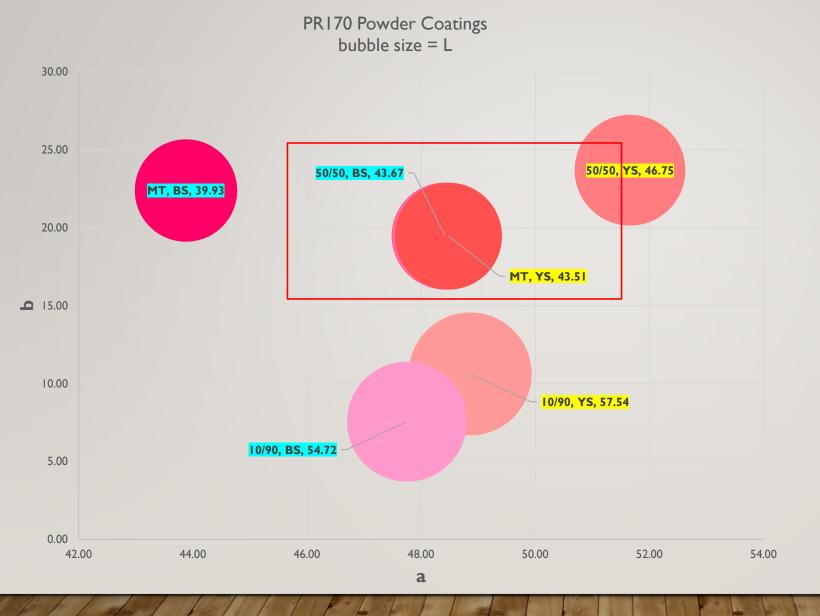
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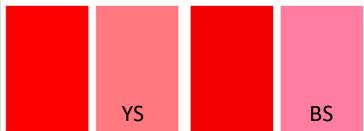


#### Resin Chemistry Differences Finishing Differences



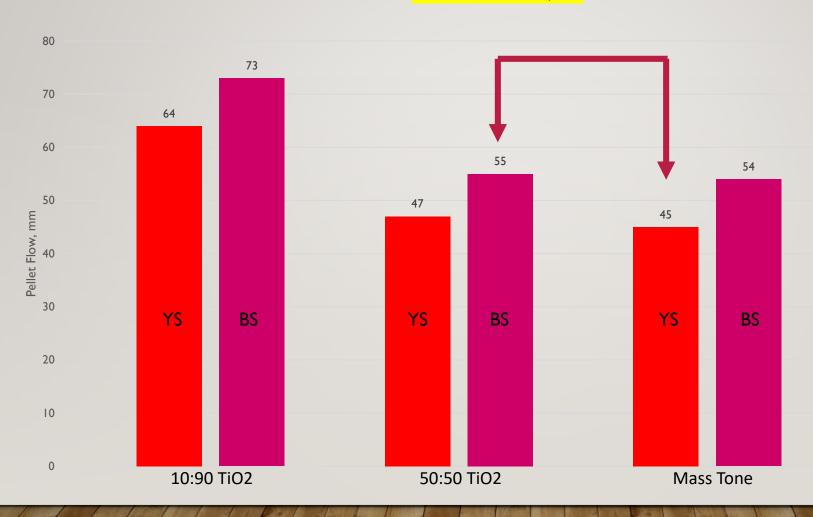


## Same Chemistry Yellow Shade vs Blue Shade



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Powder Coating PR 170 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

