



# **Novel Light Stabilizer for Automotive Interior**

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- □ Emissions & odor, acid interaction behavior
- Other substrates and applications

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## Market Trends Evolving Requirements and Challenges



#### **Processability**

- Broad processing window (insensitive to sub-optimal processing conditions)
- Good flowability and mold reproduction
- Recyclability
- Enable design innovations

### **Mechanics**

- High stiffness for structural integrity and lightweight constructions
- Good impact behavior, safety, e.g. for passengers (stiffnessimpact balance)
- Low Coefficient of Linear Thermal
   Expansion (CLTE), low shrinkage and warpage (zero-gap design), good part tolerance control, better mating to metals

#### **Surface Aesthetics**

- Excellent initial properties (gloss, color match)
- Weatherability and long term thermal stability
- Retention of surface aspects (scratch, mar, visual properties)
- Paintability

#### "Secondary" Prop.

- Product safety & regulations
- Low emissions, low fogging, low VOC, low FOG, neutral odor
- Appropriate haptic (e.g. no/low blooming, no/low stickiness, soft touch)

#### For a given application/segment, the winning design combines many attributes





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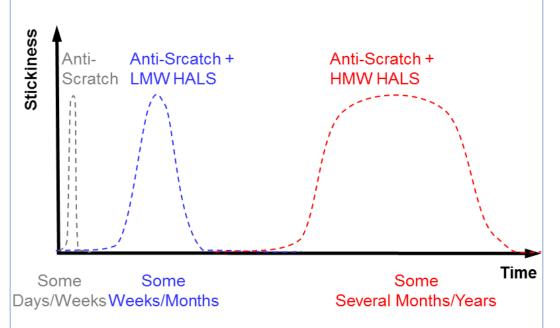
- Three Market Trends (three potential problem zones)
  - #1: Extensive use of anti-scratch additives  $\rightarrow$  potential blooming/surface-stickiness

#### **Targets Conflict**

- Compounding polymers in combination with certain additives (e.g. additives used for anti-scratch improvement) might lead to migration.
- Substances that migrated to the surface can degrade into components similar to tackifiers due to sunlight. Thus a sticky surface layer is created.
- Occurrence of such sticky surface layer depend on multiple parameters, incl. the polymer matrix, the migrating substance, and the chosen light stabilizer package.

#### **Stickiness During Solar Exposure**

- Different behavior of low and high molecular HALS
- HALS also acts as a stabilizer for the "stickiness effect"



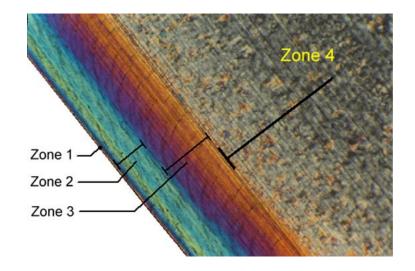
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 #2: More extreme processing conditions and thereof resulting polymer morphology

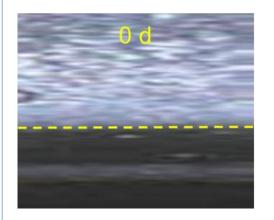
#### **Processing Determines Morphology**

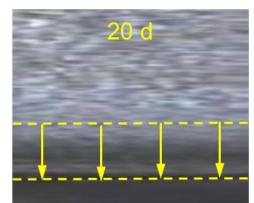
- Materials and processing conditions determine the morphology and thus the properties of the final part.
- Different processing conditions generate variations in morphology, leading to different migration behavior.



#### **Morphology Affects Blooming/Stickiness**

- The demand for reducing cycle time leads to fast injection rate and low mold temperature. Surface amorphous layer gets larger. Additives have higher solubility near surface.
- Re-crystallization reduces the amorphous volume, thus results in a higher concentration of additives, and eventually stickiness in combination with certain anti-scratch additives.





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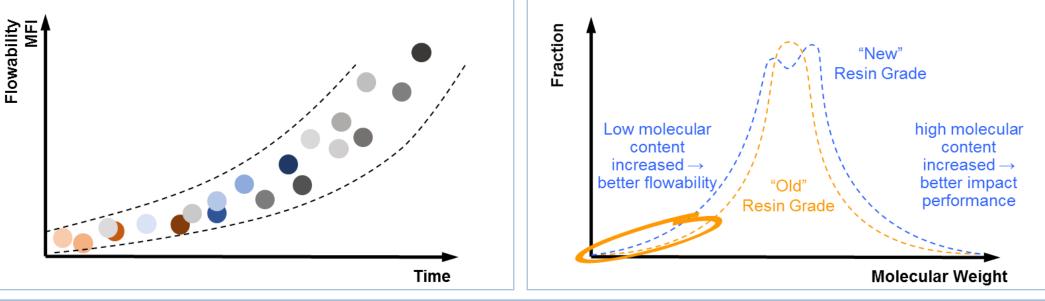
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 #3: Extensive use of polymers with high melt flow

#### Polymer Rheology

- One target in last decade was to optimize flow properties.
  Polymer grades with high melt flow gained more attractions.
- High flow grades enable more complex part geometries.

#### **Increased Low Mw Content**

- The higher melt flow is obtained by decreasing the Mw, or combination of shorter chains and longer chains, which are needed to maintain stiffness and impact properties.
- Increased low Mw content might lead to more migrations.



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- Major changes have taken place in the plastic industry over the last decades
  - 1) Anti-scratch additives  $\rightarrow$  increased blooming
  - 2) More severe processing  $\rightarrow$  potential for sub-optimal morphology
  - 3) High-flow grades  $\rightarrow$  more low molecular weight content
- "Sticky Surface" is a result of inappropriately formulated combination of additives and components (not one component alone!)

□ Matrix and its properties (processing, morphology, molecular weight distribution, ...)

- □ Sum of all "additives" (stabilizer, anti-scratch, fillers, dispersing aid, filler deactivator ...)
- Take on the challenges rising from the latest trends in the automotive industry.
- Develop a new HALS specifically to fulfill unmet needs and stringent requirements.

#### New development to enable optimized solution for automotive market trends





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## **Introducing a Novel Light Stabilizer**



# **BASF** Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880

## Designed to meet all important industry standards

- Appearance: White crystalline granules
- Chemical class: N-R
- Molecular weight: Medium
- Composition: 100 % (neat additive)
- Melting point: > 100 °C
- Volatility: Low
  (TGA weight loss)

## Brand-new chemistry, specifically optimized for automotive PP/TPO interior parts

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Product Form and Dosability (Pressure-Storage-Test)

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	Tinuvin <sup>®</sup> 880	Competition 1 (HALS MB)	Competition 2 (HALS+BZ MB)	Competition 3 (HALS+BZ MB)
<b>Initial</b> (As received)			×	×
<b>Initial</b> (Broken-up)	√ Good to Use			
<b>72 h at 40 °C</b> (2 bags in carton box)		X Not able to measure (Not possible to purge material out of glass cylinder)	×	×
<b>72 h at 50 °C</b> (bags on pallet)		X Not able to measure (Not possible to purge material out of glass cylinder)	X Not able to measure (Not possible to purge material out of glass cylinder)	X Not able to measure (Not possible to purge material out of glass cylinder)

**Product form of Tinuvin® 880 is far more user friendly than competitive systems** 

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Automotive Interior Weathering



## **Experiment and Exposure**

State-of-the-Art Automotive PP/TPO
Black
20 % Talc
Yes
0.2% active





Processing: Twin-screw Compounding, 230 °C Injection Molding Plaques, 230 °C

Weathering:PV1303, VW interior, Dry XenonContinuous light, 1.2 W/m² @ 420 nmBlack Standard Temp: 100 °C

Testing: Gray Scale, Delta E



Harsh Interior Weathering – very high temperature, very high irradiance

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Surface Aesthetics (Non-Blooming, Non-Stickiness)

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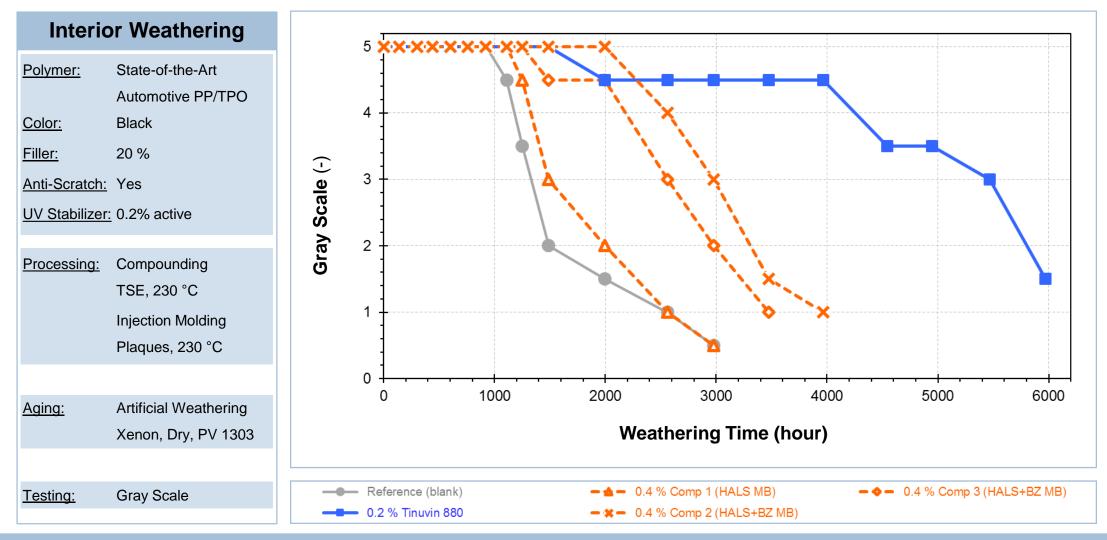
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## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Light Stability (Gray Scale)

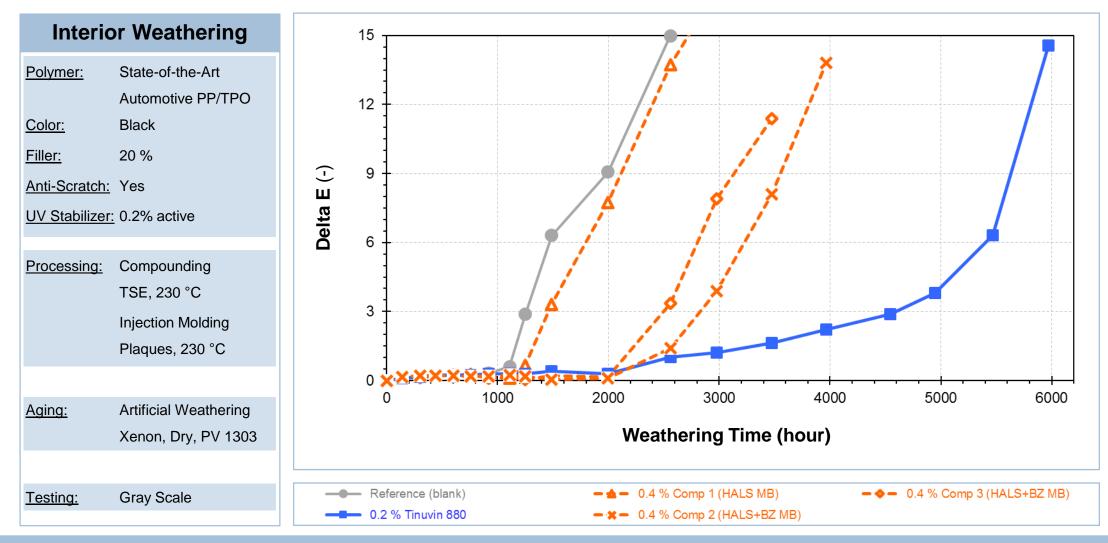




Superior weathering performance, especially in very demanding interior weathering

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Light Stability (Delta E)

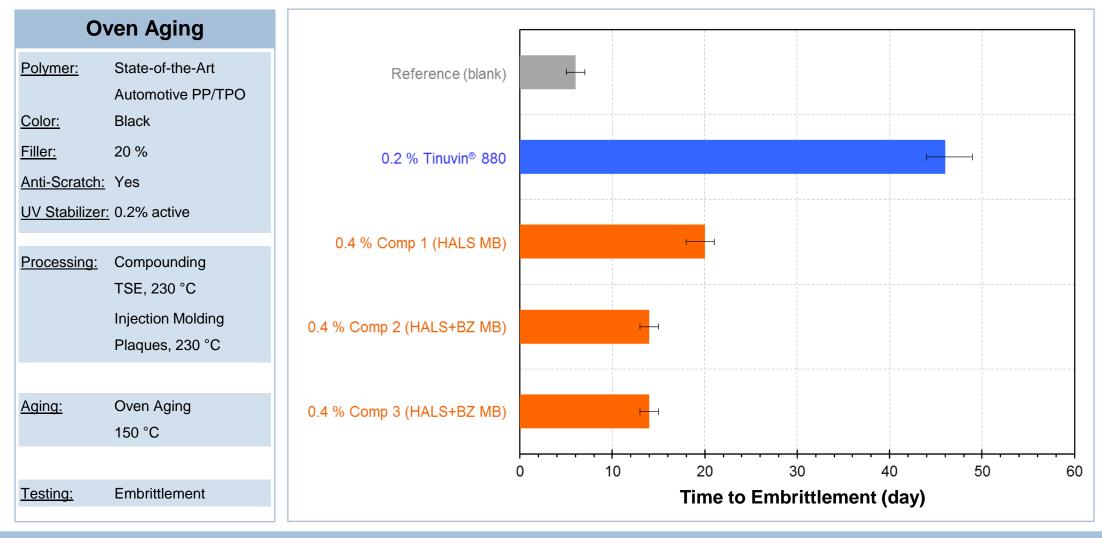




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## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Long-term Thermal Stability (150 °C)

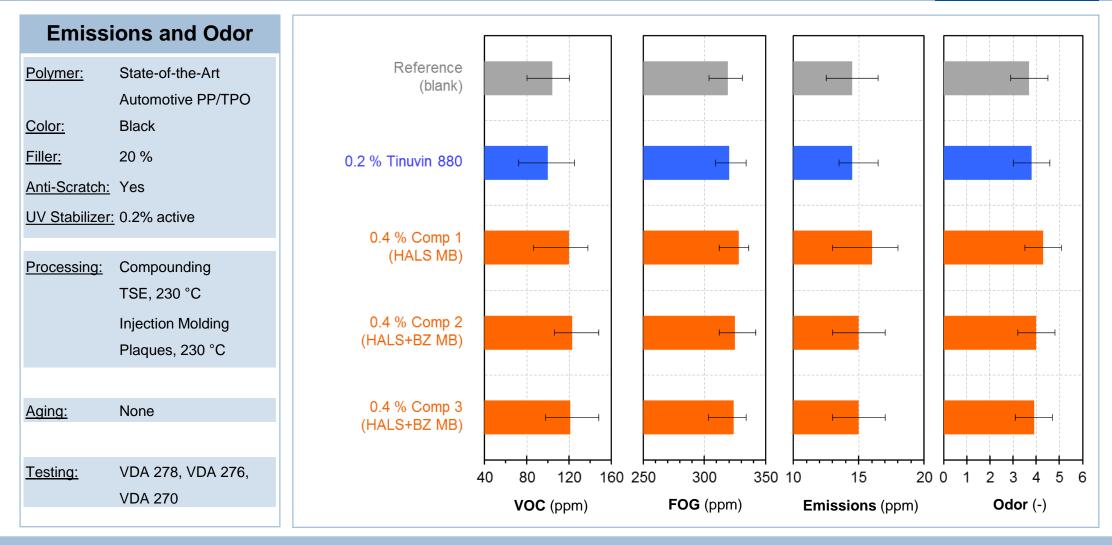
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Superior long-term thermal stability, even at high temperature

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Emissions and Odor

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#### No contribution to emissions and odor

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Mold Deposition Behavior (Acid Interaction Behavior)



- Mold deposit can be generated, when light stabilizers based on HALS chemistry interact with acidic species and form an insoluble salt.
- To simulate this effect during processing, Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 is mixed with stearic acid, and no precipitation is observed.
  - No precipitate
    No insoluble salt has been formed
     No/low tendency for the formation of a mold deposit



## **Problem-free injection molding without mold deposit**





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## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 Other Substrates and Applications



## Suitable substrates

- Chemistry very effective in all kind of polymers, like thermoplastics and elastomers
- □ Performance optimized for polyolefins, esp. all grades of PP/TPOs both filled and unfilled
- Suitable substrates include PP, PE, PA, POM, styrenic, styrenic-block-copolymers, alloys (e.g. PC/ABS, PC/ASA) and blends and many others
- Possible substrates are also elastomers and duroplasts

## Suitable applications

- Performance of new light stabilizer perfectly suited for PP/TPO used in automotive interior applications like instrument panels, interior trims, consoles etc., as well as exterior applications like bumpers, fenders or others
- The use of Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 is not limited to automotive: other possible applications range from building & construction, e.g. roofing, siding and others, household/appliances, electrical and electronics, rubbers and elastomers, agro, packaging, fibers and tapes

## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880: Universal applicability across a broad range of thermoplastics and applications





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## Tinuvin<sup>®</sup> 880 **Summary of Key Features and Benefits**

- Performance as light stabilizer
  - Excellent weathering performance and surface protection, esp. in very long lasting applications, even at low loading levels (very efficient)
  - □ Very low/no migration behavior, even in anti-scratch improved polymer grades
  - Light Stabilit □ Can be used with migratory anti-scratch: Non-migratory Si-based can be potentially replaced by more cost effective migratory anti-scratch (depending on polymer matrix)

## Performance as long-term-thermal-stabilizer

□ Best-in-class thermal aging behavior, esp. at very high temperatures like 150 °C

## Secondary properties

- No blooming or stickiness
- No development of emissions or odor
- No negative impact on paintability
- Product form
  - □ 100 % active additive enabling more freedom for tailor made formulations
- ormulation Flexibility Iser Friendly Product Form Easy dosing (high melting temperature well above problematic temperatures; no stickiness/ lumping; "ED" Durable Dust Free product form

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Ion-Blooming

Ion-Stick

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