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# Processability of Different Polymer Fractions Recovered from Mixed Wastes and Determination of Material Properties for Recycling

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Abstract: To achieve future recycling targets and CO2 and waste reduction, the transfer of plastic contained in mixed waste from thermal recovery to mechanical recycling is a promising option. This requires extensive knowledge of the necessary processing depth of mixed wastes to enrich plastics and their processability in polymer processing machines. Also, the selection of a suitable processing method and product application area requires appropriate material behaviour. This paper investigates these aspects for a commercial processed, mixed waste, and two different mixed polyolefin fractions. The wastes are processed at different depths (e.g., washed/not washed, sorted into polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polystyrene/unsorted) and then either homogenised in the extruder in advance or processed heterogeneously in the compression moulding process into plates. The produced recyclates in plate form are then subjected to mechanical, thermal, and rheological characterisation. Most investigated materials could be processed with simple compression moulding. The results show that an upstream washing process improves the achievable material properties, but homogenisation does not necessarily lead to an improvement. It was also found that a higher treatment depth (recovery of plastic types) is not necessary. The investigations show that plastic waste recovery with simple treatment from mixed, contaminated wastes into at least downcycling products is possible.

**Keywords:** mixed wastes; polymer recycling; processability; material characterisation; material properties; circular economy

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#### 1. Introduction

The waste management industry often talks about "plastics" as if it were a single material, but this is not the case. Plastics are an extensive family of entirely different materials. Each plastic type is designed with specific characteristics that make it ideal for its intended application. Whatever their application was, at the end of their service life, plastic materials are necessary resources that should first be recycled (upstream/downstream), and only when this is no longer technically possible and economically feasible, they should be used as an alternative energy source in energy recovery facilities [1–3].

In 2019, 368 million tonnes (Mt) of plastic were produced worldwide—57.9 Mt in Europe (EU28+NO/CH) [1], and the EU converters' demand was about 50.7 Mt. "Packaging" (~40%) and "building and construction" (~20%) represent the largest end-use markets

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followed by the "automotive industry" with about 10% [4]. The most frequently used plastic types are the polyolefins (PO) (polyethylene—PE; polypropylene—PP) at approx. 50% [4]. These are mainly used in the packaging sector, e.g., food packaging, hinged caps, bags, trays, films, and bottles, but also for pipes, automotive parts, agricultural films, houseware parts, etc. Other common packaging plastics are polyethylene terephthalate (PET) at about 8% and polystyrene (PS) at about 6.5% [4]. The main areas of PET application are the production of fibres for the textile industry, moulding compounds, hollow bodies, and films, primarily for the packaging sector. Standard PS is mainly used to produce dimensionally stable food and other packaging products, e.g., cups, trays, caps, closures, boxes, and films. Expanded PS (EPS) and extruded PS (XPS) are also frequently used as insulation material for thermal insulation or impact sound insulation.

In 2018, 29.1 Mt plastic post-consumer waste was collected in the (EU28+NO/CH) [4], which ended up in three different waste management paths: 42.6% were used as SRF (solid recovered fuel) for energy recovery, 32.5% (81% within the EU) were recycled, and 24.9% were still landfilled in Europe [4]. However, the figures for the last ten years show that waste management is currently transforming in Central Europe, especially in Austria. It is further developing from a thermal recovery to a recycling economy [5]. Nowadays, most plastics present in mixed wastes like commercial and municipal solid waste end up as SRF in energy recovery and are irrevocably lost for recycling [6]. Only PET in bottle form for recycling and PVC (polyvinyl chloride) parts are discharged, representing a contaminant for further processing. According to the EU [7], municipal solid waste recycling rates of 65% are to be achieved by 2035. In 2018, 86.1% of mixed municipal solid waste (excluding bulky waste and separate collection) in Austria was treated thermally directly or after mechanical-biological waste treatment, and 12.3% was treated biologically. Only 1.6%, mainly metals and glass, were recycled [8]. The EU has released a plastic strategy that sets that by 2030, half of the plastic waste generated in the EU will be recycled. The sorting and recycling capacity has to be increased fourfold compared to the reference year 2015. Among others, future recycling rates can be met by upgrading relevant plastics from "Other recovery", e.g., "energy recovery", to "recycling" [3]. Recycled plastics are generally considered to be of lower quality than virgin plastics [1,2]. However, several key challenges need to be overcome. For a high recycled material quality, high purity of the input material is necessary, and external (e.g., glue) as well as internal impurities (e.g., adsorbed substances) must be removable. For pure, clean plastics, modern recycling processes can match virgin properties.

Nevertheless, many mixed waste streams (e.g., mixed commercial or municipal waste) are considered low value [9] and, therefore, not (economically) recyclable because of the high treatment costs or the high level of contamination [10]. Nevertheless, this does not mean that technical recycling is excluded. To investigate this, it is first of all necessary to determine whether a sufficient amount of plastic is contained in the mixed waste and whether separation is possible. If plastic mixtures or even individual types can be sorted out, the next step is to examine the processability with simple processing methods. If this is possible, a basic characterisation of the resulting materials follows. A suitable processing method can be selected only then, and the producible products can be determined [10].

The novelty of this research is the investigation of mixed, heterogenous, and contaminated (e.g., organic and inorganic impurities) mixtures with significant plastic amounts. Nowadays, such mixtures are declared as sorting residues (i.e., a non-recyclable fraction from material recovery facilities) and are utilised in energy recovery processes [10].

The plastic amount in the mixtures was investigated in two ways: on one side, at the polymer type (PE, PP, PET, and PS) level, and on the other side, as a varying mixture of unsorted polymers. Therefore, simple recoverability (i.e., sorting out with/without washing) and processability (i.e., compression moulding with/without homogenisation for production of recyclates) of the mentioned two ways were extensively investigated.

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Next, the material properties of the plates produced from the recyclates were determined to create a material database for further research work in the linking of waste management with the plastic recycling sector. Finally, the applied strategy and the characterisation included have been widely studied and validated both at the industrial level and the research stage.

#### 2. Materials and Methods

#### 2.1. Materials and Sampling

A common mixed waste, i.e., SRF (approx. 200 kg) produced from pre-treated and untreated mixed wastes (mixed municipal waste, commercial waste, etc., excluding separately collected wastes such as lightweight packaging waste) from a production facility near the city Graz in Austria, was used for the studies. In spring 2018, the sample was taken from the falling material stream according to ÖNORM S 2123-3 [11]. The material sample was taken from the SRF processing line after pre-shredding (< 500 mm), magnetic separation, and PVC separation using a NIR (near-infrared) sorter and had a particle size > 100 mm.

At the same time, about 20 kg of a sample of a PO-rich waste fraction (sample name: PO\_A) was taken at the same plant. According to ÖNORM S 2123-3 [11], the sample was taken from the falling material stream. The sampling is carried out after pre-shredding, magnetic separation, PVC discharge, separation of heavy materials by a wind sifter, and subsequent post-shredding (< 35 mm).

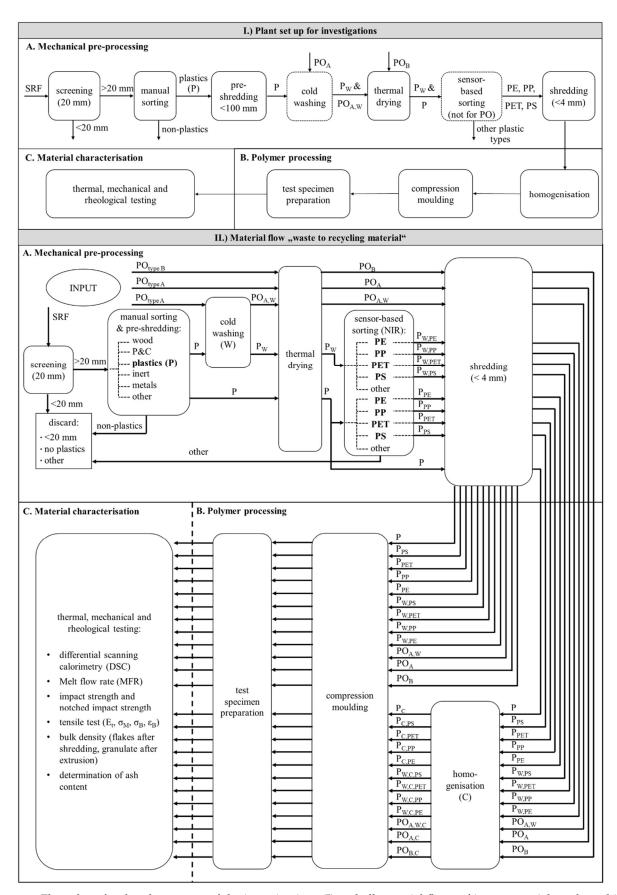
A further PO sample (approx. 8 kg) (sample name: PO\_B) was taken out from the wet-mechanical processing unit using a centrifugal force separator [12] with a particle size < 30 mm. The input material was a mixture of common SRF, mixed plastics from lightweight packaging treatment, and mixed plastics from the industry.

All samples mentioned are representative samples composed of individual increments taken continuously over several hours during the plant operation or test run. Exemplary photos of the three test materials are shown in Figure I1 in Appendix I.

#### 2.2. Methods

In this section, the experimental and analytical procedures are described. Figure 1 (I. Plant set up for investigations) shows the modular plant configuration for material preparation, as it could also look like in real processing plants. The investigation method is divided into three areas: A.) Mechanical pre-processing of the input materials; B.) Polymer processing consisting of material homogenisation, a compression moulding process, and test specimen preparation; and C.) Material characterisation with thermal, mechanical, and rheological material testing.

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**Figure 1.** Flow chart for the plant set up of the investigations (**I**) and all material flows of input materials and resulting flows during the investigations (**II**); The process is divided into three sub-processes: **A.** Mechanical pre-processing, **B.** Polymer processing and **C.** Material characterisation.

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The mechanical pre-processing consists of a drum screen for the separation of fine material (< 20 mm), a manual sorting station for the removal of non-plastics and other materials, a double shaft pre-shredder to reduce the average particle size of plastics below 100 mm, a cold washing aggregate (a self-built stirred washer), a thermal drying cabinet (drying at 105 °C up to constant weight according to ONR CEN/TS 15414-1), a sensor-based sorting system (near-infrared) for the manual sorting of the standard plastic types (PE, PP, PET, and PS), and a post-shredder (cutting mill) to reduce the particle size to <4 mm.

In the polymer processing step, one-half of the shredded plastic flakes per plastic type were fed to a counter-rotating parallel twin-screw extruder TSE 42/7D (screw diameter (D): 42 mm; screw length: 7D; model no.: 8324; type: Plasti-Corder PL2000 from Brabender® GmbH & Co. KG, Duisburg, Germany) with a three-zone screw for thermoplastics. This equipment is used for material homogenisation, e.g., thermoplastic multicomponent systems, polymer blends, or composite materials. The product (filament) was cooled in a water bath and granulated afterwards. The other half of the materials were directly processed into plates (dimensions: 160 mm × 160 mm × 4 mm) with a hot vacuum compression moulding process (vacuum press type P200PV, Dr. Collin GmbH, Maitenbeth, Germany). The material-specific four-zone temperature profile for material homogenisation is given in Table C1 in Appendix C. All materials were homogenised at a screw speed of 110 rpm. The material-specific, five-stage press profiles (temperature, pressure, and time) were determined empirically. The press profiles are presented in Table C2 in Appendix C.

Test specimens used for material characterisation were stamped or cut (CNC milling machine) from the plates. Extensive tests were carried out for this purpose: thermal characterisation with differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), melt mass flow rate (MFR), determination of ash content, mechanical characterisation with tensile tests, (notched) impact strength, and determination of the bulk density from plastic flakes after shredding and granulates after homogenisation.

Crystallinity ( $X_C$ ) is calculated from the melting enthalpy ( $\Delta H_m$ ) measured with DSC and the approximated melting enthalpy of totally crystalline material ( $\Delta H_0$ ) from the literature according to Equation (1) [21,22].

$$X_C = \frac{\Delta H_m}{\Delta H_0} \times 100\% \tag{1}$$

Figure 1 (II. Material flow "waste to recycling material") shows all material flows generated during the investigations from waste to finished test specimens.

The mixed waste, i.e., SRF, was the only input material screened and manually sorted into six material fractions (wood, paper, and cardboard (P&C), plastics, inert, metals, and other materials). Exemplary photos of the manually sorted material fractions are shown in Appendix I in Figure I2. Only the plastic fraction was further processed and investigated. The other fractions were discarded and, therefore, not relevant for further investigation. The plastic fraction was divided into three similar parts. One part was dried and shredded without NIR sorting. The second part was dried and sorted by NIR into five plastic types and the rest. Exemplary photos of plastic types sorted with NIR are given in Appendix I in Figure I3. The third SRF part was washed, dried, and NIR-sorted. The sorted plastic types were post-shredded separately.

The two PO materials were not screened and not manually sorted due to their small grain size (i.e., < 35 mm and < 30 mm).

The input material PO\_A was divided into two similar parts. One part was washed, dried, and shredded. The other part was dried and shredded without a washing step. As the input material, PO\_B came from wet-mechanical processing, it was only dried and shredded.

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All material flows were divided after shredding. Half of each material went into the extruder for homogenisation, and the other half was compression moulded directly into test plates without homogenisation.

#### C.) Material characterisation

For thermal characterisation of the materials, DSC measurements were performed using a DSC1 (Mettler-Toledo GmbH, Urdorf, Switzerland) in a temperature range from 0 to 230 °C for PE, PP, and PS materials, and from 0 to 200 °C for PO and P materials with a heating rate of 10 K/min in a nitrogen atmosphere (nitrogen flux rate 50 mL/min). The cooling rate was 20 K/min. To make the thermal history the same for all materials, a measuring program with one heating, one cooling, and second heating was chosen. Only the cooling and second heating curves were used for analysis. In advance, for checking the thermal stability, measurements up to 300 °C with a heating rate of 20 K/min in a nitrogen atmosphere were carried out for each material. This was used to determine the range of measurement itself. Seven reproducibility measurements for the heterogeneous and three for the homogeneous materials were carried out according to DIN EN ISO 11357-1 [13]. Standard 40  $\mu$ L aluminum crucibles with pierced lids were used.

Charpy impact tests and notched impact tests (Ceast Resil 25, INSTRON/Ceast, Pianezza, Italy) according to DIN EN ISO179-1 [14] were performed at room temperature using a pendulum with 2 J (unnotched) and 0.5 J (notched) for P\_PE, P\_W,PE, P\_W,C,PE, P\_W,PP, P\_W,C,PP, PO\_A,W, and PO\_B,C; a pendulum with 0.5 J (notched and unnotched) for P\_PP, P\_C,PP, all PS materials, PO\_A, PO\_A,C, PO\_A,W,C, PO\_B, and P; and a 7.5 J pendulum (unnotched) for P\_W,C,PE. Tensile tests (Zwick Z010, Zwick/Roell GmbH & Co. KG, Ulm, Germany) were performed at room temperature according to DIN EN ISO 527-1 [15] and EN ISO 527-2 [16]. The ash content was determined according to DIN EN ISO 3451-1 [17]. Due to the heterogeneity, three reproducibility measurements were carried out, and the mean values were calculated for the discussion. The bulk density was determined for the plastic flakes after shredding and for the granulates after compounding, respectively, according to DIN EN ISO 60 [18]. Five measurements per material were carried out. The MFR (Modular Melt (Mass) Flow Tester, INTERON/Ceast, I) was determined according to DIN EN ISO 1133-1 [19]. The test conditions were set to 190 °C and 2.16 kg for all materials except for the PS materials. For PS, the test conditions were set to 200 °C and 5 kg.

#### 3. Results

For the examined plastic materials, the following properties were investigated: The composition of mixed waste, i.e., SRF and its plastic type content, thermal and mechanical properties, characterisation of the flow behaviour (MFR), bulk density, and ash content.

All stated values are wt.%ps (DS—dry substance), given in full percent only for clarity purposes.

All PE, PP, PO, and P materials could be processed without any major problems. The PS materials emitted much gas in both processing variants, and several test runs were necessary to find a stable processing method. The PET materials could neither be homogenised nor compression moulded due to excessive contamination. Possible impurities are multilayer bottles, residual label material (PO), different non-compatible PET grades [10], diffused substances, etc. The reasons for non-processability were not further investigated in this paper. All other materials could be processed. The plates made out of the heterogeneous materials showed flow directions (see Appendix I: Figures I6–I8). These are due to material accumulations in the compression moulding process.

#### 3.1. Total Composition of the Mixed Wastes and Plastic Type Content

The composition of the input materials does not influence the subsequent investigations and is given here only to complete the information. Further extensive and current Polymers 2021, 13, 457 7 of 44

data on typical SRF composition are given by [20]. The detailed data of the investigated material are given in Appendix A.

Of the fine material (< 20 mm), 8.5%os (OS—original substance) was separated by pre-screening and discarded from SRF. The subsequent manual sorting analysis revealed the following composition of SRF > 20 mm. The plastics represented the largest material fraction with 86.5%os. The other fraction (sorting residue and composites) represented 6.5%os. The share of P&C was 5.8%os. The share of metals and inert materials was 0.6%os each, and 0.1%os was the content of wood. The mass losses caused by material drying during storage, sorting losses (mobile organic material, dust formation, etc.), and screening losses were not taken into consideration for calculation here. These are in the range of 3%os of the total sample.

The sorted out plastic fraction (86.5%os, see above) consisted of the following plastic types. The PE fraction represented the largest share with 36.4%os. The other fraction (black and other plastics as well as unidentified objects) represented 21.2%os. The PET share was 20.7%os, and PP was contained with 15.7%os. The smallest fraction was PS with 6%os.

#### 3.2. Thermal Material Properties

Table 1 displays the evaluations of the DSC measurements. Evaluated were the crystallisation temperature (Tc) with respective crystallisation enthalpy ( $\Delta H_c$ ), melting temperatures (Tm1 and Tm2) with respective melting enthalpy ( $\Delta H_{m1}$  and  $\Delta H_{m2}$ ), and glass transition temperature (Tg). A representative cooling curve and the second heating curve per analysed material for the respective material group (PE, PP, PS, PO, and P) are shown in Appendix B for better illustration.

<b>Table 1.</b> Results of the DSC measurements: crystallisation temperature ( $Tc$ ), crystallisation enthalpy ( $\Delta H_c$ ), melting tem-
peratures ( $T_{m1}$ and $T_{m2}$ ), melting enthalpy ( $\Delta H_{m1}$ and $\Delta H_{m2}$ ), and glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ).

Parameters	Tc	$\Delta H_c$	T <sub>m1</sub>	$\Delta H_{m1}$	T <sub>m2</sub>	$\Delta H_{m2}$	$T_{\mathrm{g}}$
Material	(°C)	(J/g)	(°C)	(J/g)	(°C)	(J/g)	(°C)
P_PE	$110.3 \pm 2.2$	$115.8 \pm 18.6$	$129.3 \pm 2.8$	$94.4 \pm 18.6$	$162.8 \pm 1.2$	$4.8 \pm 4$	_
P_W,PE	$105.1 \pm 1.8$	$118.9 \pm 8.2$	$125.4 \pm 0.7$	$97.1 \pm 10.4$	$161.5 \pm 0.6$	$4 \pm 1.4$	_
P_C,PE	$107.6 \pm 0.3$	$109.7 \pm 4.8$	$127.6 \pm 0.2$	$80.9 \pm 2.3$	$162.7 \pm 0.1$	$4.5 \pm 0.2$	_
P_W,C,PE	$108.8 \pm 1.3$	$128.3 \pm 3$	$127.1 \pm 0.8$	$98.7 \pm 1.8$	_	_	_
P_PP	$116 \pm 2.9$	$86.7 \pm 8.8$	$165.3 \pm 0.8$	$74.2 \pm 11.2$	-	-	-
P_W,PP	$115.5 \pm 2.5$	$91.8 \pm 2.7$	$166.3 \pm 1$	$79.6 \pm 6.9$	-	-	-
P_C,PP	$119.4 \pm 1.6$	$83.5 \pm 4.1$	$164 \pm 1$	$47.6 \pm 18.3$	$128.1 \pm 0.6$	6.1±0.2	-
P_W,C,PP	$119 \pm 0.8$	$83.5 \pm 2.1$	$163.8 \pm 0.7$	$63.6 \pm 0.5$	-	-	-
P_PS	$119.6 \pm 3.9$	$10.4 \pm 8.9$	$163.5 \pm 1.4$	$7.7 \pm 9.5$	_	_	$99.5 \pm 0.9$
P_W,PS	$113.4 \pm 3.5$	$5.2 \pm 2.4$	$162.2 \pm 0.9$	$2.8 \pm 2.2$	_	_	$98.9 \pm 1.6$
P_C,PS	$114 \pm 0.3$	$7.7 \pm 0.9$	$161.5 \pm 0.1$	$4.5 \pm 0.3$	_	_	$98.3 \pm 0.2$
P_W,C,PS	_	_	$161.9 \pm 0.1$	$3.6 \pm 0.2$	_	_	$98.9 \pm 0.4$
PO_A	$108.7 \pm 4.6$	$74.1 \pm 18.9$	$124.2 \pm 1.2$	$46.1 \pm 14.9$	$163.1 \pm 1.1$	$13.7 \pm 4.2$	-
PO_A,W	$107.9 \pm 2.4$	$81.1 \pm 4.6$	$125.4 \pm 0.8$	$50.8 \pm 4.8$	$163.5 \pm 1.3$	$15 \pm 4.6$	-
PO_A,C	$108.3 \pm 1.1$	$83.8 \pm 0.3$	$125.4 \pm 0.3$	$50.2 \pm 2.9$	$162 \pm 0.5$	$15.1 \pm 0.2$	-
PO_A,W,C	$107.8 \pm 1.5$	$86.6 \pm 3.2$	$125.4 \pm 0.6$	$51 \pm 0.5$	$162 \pm 0.7$	$17.5 \pm 1.4$	-
PO_B	$110.4 \pm 3.9$	$105 \pm 10.3$	$129 \pm 4.9$	$54.6 \pm 12.4$	$163.7 \pm 1$	$18.8 \pm 3.9$	_
PO_B,C	$110.4\pm1.4$	$110 \pm 1.5$	$126.7 \pm 0.3$	$61.9 \pm 3.1$	$162 \pm 0.6$	$22.1 \pm 0.9$	_
P	$111.2 \pm 1.8$	$52.2 \pm 10.6$	$128.2 \pm 6.9$	$31.5 \pm 9.4$	$164.2 \pm 1.2$	$12 \pm 7.1$	_
P_C	$110.6 \pm 0.5$	$67.3 \pm 2.4$	$126.4 \pm 0.3$	$39.6 \pm 3.1$	$161.1 \pm 0.4$	$13.1 \pm 0.3$	_

The measured Tc for the investigated PE materials is, on average, 108 °C. The calculation of the crystallinity for the PE materials according to [21] and [22] with 293 J/g for totally crystalline PE resulted in values between 36% and 38% for a cooling rate of 20 K/min. This is a comparatively low crystallinity for PE and corresponds to that for virgin

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(v)LLDPE (10–50%) [23]. vLDPE typically has a crystallinity in the range of 45–55% and vHDPE in the range of 70–80% [23].

Two melting temperatures were determined for the PE materials. The primary melting point ( $T_{m1}$ ) is that most of the material melts are between 125 and 129 °C. The measured secondary melting point  $T_{m2}$  is about 162 °C and is due to contained impurities (higher melting foreign plastics such as PP, for example). Only P\_W,PE shows a more distinct secondary melting point at approx. 110 °C. In the literature, melting temperature ranges for different vPE types are given as follows: 120–130 °C for LLDPE, 105–115 °C for LDPE, and 128–136 °C for HDPE [25]. It is interesting to note that the DSC curves are very similar, especially for the heterogeneous PE materials. As was to be expected, these become even more similar through homogenisation, which is evident in the smaller fluctuation margins.

The measured Tc for the investigated PP materials is 117 °C on average. According to [21] and [22], the calculation of the crystallinity with 207 J/g for totally crystalline PP yields values between 55% and 58% for a cooling rate of 20 K/min. This is a relatively high crystallinity for PP. Isotactic vPP has a crystallinity of 70–80%, syndiotactic PP of 30–40%, and atactic PP is amorphous and has no crystallinity [23, 26]. The T<sub>m1</sub> at approx. 165 °C was determined for the PP materials. Only P\_PP and P\_C,PP show a distinct T<sub>m2</sub> at about 128 °C, which is due to contamination with foreign material, which can be removed by washing. In the literature, melting temperature ranges for vPP types are given between 161 and 186 °C [27]. Likewise, the DSC curves of the heterogeneous PP materials are very similar and, after homogenisation, even closer to each other.

Both heating curves of all investigated PS materials show a continuous decrease over the measured temperature range. This corresponds to the literature, as PS has low heat resistance, and from 55 °C onwards, an acceleration of ageing starts, which is why PS is usually only used up to 70 °C [28]. The measured  $T_g$  is about 99 °C on average, which corresponds to the literature value of about 80–100 °C for vPS [25, 26]. The vPS types predominantly used are atactic and are, thus, in amorphous form and, therefore, have neither a Tc nor a  $T_m$  [25]. Therefore, it is remarkable that both a Tc (113–120 °C) and a  $T_{m1}$  (161–164 °C) were measured for the PS materials. The melting temperature is 240°C [29] for isotactic vPS and 270 °C [29] for syndiotactic vPS. The heterogeneous PS materials' curves are much more heterogeneous compared to those of PE and PP and show more fluctuations and deviations from each other. Due to the homogenisation, these are smoothed considerably and are more similar to each other.

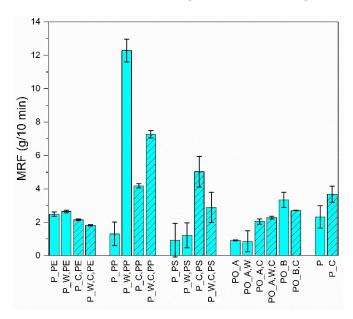
For the PO materials, a Tc at approx.  $108\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a distinct  $T_{m1}$  at approx.  $125\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\Delta H_m = 50\,\text{J/g}$ ), and a  $T_{m2}$  at approx.  $163\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\Delta H_m = 15\,\text{J/g}$ ) are measured. Furthermore, a further secondary melting temperature is measured at approx.  $110\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This has already been observed with P\_W,PE. With PO\_B,C, it is evident compared to the other PO materials that  $T_{m1}$  is more distinct and the secondary melting temperature at  $110\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  is hardly present. Additionally, with PO\_B,C, a second crystallisation peak at approx.  $120\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  becomes clear from the HDPE content [25]. The comparison of the curves of the PO\_A materials shows major deviations only for the cooling curves. The other curves are very similar, especially those of the homogeneous PO\_A materials. For PO\_B, the  $2^{nd}$  heating curves also show major deviations from each other.

The **mixed plastic fraction** (**P**) curves are surprisingly similar and show a high degree of similarity with those of PO materials. This is especially true for P\_C and PO\_B,C.

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#### 3.3. Melt Mass Flow Rate

Figure 2 shows a comparison of the mean MFR values of all materials investigated. The MFR results of all investigated materials are given in Appendix D.



**Figure 2.** Averaged mass flow rate (MFR) values with standard deviation of all materials investigated.

#### 3.4. Mechanical Material Properties

The measured MFR for the PE materials is between 1.8 and 2.6 g/10min. These are very low values. In the literature, MFR values between 0.5 and 25 g/10 min (test conditions: 190/2.16) are given for vLDPE and 0.35–17 g/10 min for vHDPE [25]. These are surprisingly good values, which indicate low material damage and, thus, good processability. No influence of the washing process can be seen.

PP materials show a significant increase in MFR due to washing. Thus, the MFR of P\_PP is increased by a factor of 12 for P\_W,PP. The MFR for P\_C,PP is higher by a factor of three than for P\_PP. The homogenised PP materials also show that a 40% higher MFR is achieved by washing. During all PP sample measurements, outgassing of volatile components was observed, which pushed the sample upwards [30, 31]. This leads to certain measurement uncertainties. The reasons for this have not been further investigated in this paper. In the literature, MFR values of 0.5–65 (test conditions: 190/5) are found for vPP [25].

The large fluctuation ranges of all PS materials can be explained by the measurement uncertainties caused by clogging of the nozzle after a certain time. This was observed in all PS samples and can be explained by contaminants with a higher melting temperature [30]. The two heterogeneous PS materials show low MFR values compared to the homogenised PS materials. P\_W,C,PS shows a lower MFR than P\_C,PS. In the literature, MFR values between 1.5 and 18 g/10 min (test conditions: 200/5) are achieved for vPS [25]. Thus, the heterogeneous PS materials can be classified as very easy flowing and the homogeneous materials as normal flowing.

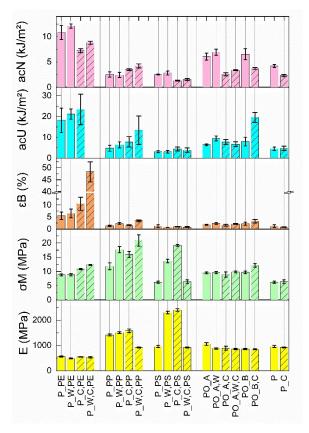
The heterogeneous PO\_A materials show the lowest MFR values (below 1 g/10min). There is no influence of washing on the MFR of the PO\_A materials seen. Due to the homogenisation, the MFR rises to the MFR level of the PE materials. PO\_B has a mean MFR of 3.3, which is reduced to 2.7 by homogenisation.

P has a mean MFR of 2.3, which is increased to 3.7 by homogenisation. The fluctuation ranges of the mean values can be explained by the measurement uncertainty caused

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by the outgassing of volatile components after a certain time [30, 31]. The reasons for this have not been further investigated in this paper.

The tensile parameters, the Charpy impact strength (acu), and the Charpy notched impact strength (acn) are reported in Figure 3 for all materials. The results of the impact tests of all investigated materials are given in Appendix E, and the results of the tensile tests are given in Appendix F.



**Figure 3.** The results of the tensile tests  $(E, \sigma_M, \epsilon_B)$ , the Charpy impact strength  $(a_{cU})$ , and the Charpy notched impact strength  $(a_{cN})$  for all materials investigated.

Only P\_W,C,PE displays plastic deformation with a well-defined yield point in the stress–strain curves [32]. P\_PS, P\_W,C,PP, P\_PE, PO\_A, and PO\_A,C showed this behaviour only with single test specimens. The other materials showed mainly brittle behaviour [32].

The Young's modulus (E) is for all PE materials in a similar range around  $530 \pm 40$  MPa, and no significant influences due to washing or homogenisation can be detected. Comparison with data from the literature (vLDPE: ~200 MPa; vHDPE: ~1,000 MPa) [25, 32] shows that the achievable values are acceptable. According to the literature, vPE has the following tensile strengths ( $\sigma_M$ ) and elongations at the yield point ( $\epsilon_M$ ): vLDPE—8–15 MPa at ~20%; and vHDPE—20–30 MPa at ~12% [25, 32]. The literature gives elongations at break ( $\epsilon_B$ ) of 400–800% [25]. The measured values for  $\sigma_M$  correspond to those for vLDPE. However, both  $\epsilon_M$  and  $\epsilon_B$  are far below the literature values. The notched impact strength for all PE materials is in the range between 6 and 15 kJ/m². In the literature, values of about 6 kN/m² or without a break are given for vPE [25, 32]. For the impact strength, the literature predominantly states "no break". The examined PE materials are mostly only partially broken, and P\_W,C,PE is not broken at all (see notes in Tables E1–E20 in Appendix E) [33].

The PP materials have Young's moduli ( $\sim$ 1,500 MPa) almost three times higher than PE. Interestingly, P\_W,C,PP is the lowest value of this material series at 923  $\pm$  19 MPa.

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Again, a comparison with the literature values (E: 1300–1800 MPa) [23, 34] shows that these values are acceptable. For vPP,  $\sigma_M$  between 25 and 40 MPa at  $\epsilon_M$ , around 20% [25], depending on the type, can be found in the literature. Depending on the vPP type,  $\epsilon_B$  of 200–900% is possible [25]. The measured  $\sigma_M$  for PP materials is below 25 MPa, and only an  $\epsilon_B$  of 2.5 ± 0.4% was measured. As with the PE materials, this indicates significant material embrittlement. The impact strength determined for the PP materials is below 20 kJ/m², which corresponds to the literature values [25]. The  $\alpha_C N$  determined is between 2 and 5 kJ/m², which is slightly below the literature's values (vPP: 4–12 kJ/m²) [25].

The Young's modulus of P\_PS (~955 MPa) shows a sharp increase to ~2,300 MPa for P\_W,PS and about 2,400 MPa for P\_C,PS and thus, are the highest values of all materials examined. However, the combination of washing and homogenisation causes E (~923 MPa) to drop even below the initial value of P\_PS. In the literature, values between 2,200 and 3,300 MPa [25] are given for vPS. For vPS,  $\sigma_B$  between 45 and 65 MPa/mm² and 3 and 4% for  $\epsilon_B$  are found in the literature [25, 34]. The measured acu of the PS materials is below 5 kJ/m² and below the values found in the literature (5–20 kJ/mm²) for vPS [32, 34]. The acn of the PS materials are between 1 and 2.5 kJ/m², and this is in the field of the literature values (vPS: ~2.0 kJ/m²) [25].

Except for PO\_A (1,053  $\pm$  56 MPa), the PO materials have very similar Young's moduli between 830 and 900 MPa. Significant influences due to washing or homogenisation are not recognisable. The Young's moduli of the P and P\_C material (~940 MPa) are also very similar, and no influence of homogenisation can be seen.

The values of  $\sigma_M$  and  $\epsilon_B$  increases due to the homogenisation of PE, PP, and PO\_B materials. With PS, a significant increase is measured of  $\sigma_M$  and  $\epsilon_M$  by washing or compounding, but in combination, no significant change to P\_PS is observed. The PO\_A materials all show very similar values for  $\sigma_M$  and  $\epsilon_M$ , with the higher values for PO\_A,W,C being achieved.

#### 3.5. Ash Content

Figure 4 shows the ash contents (AC) of all investigated materials. The results of the ash content measurements of all investigated materials are given in Appendix H.

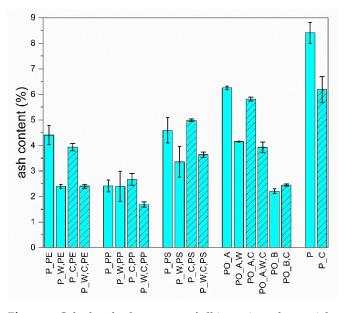


Figure 4. Calculated ash contents of all investigated materials.

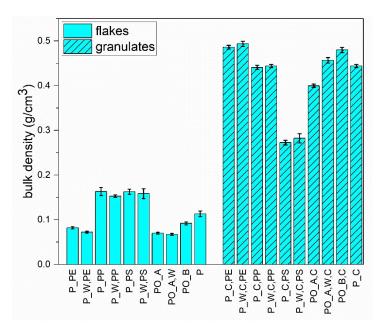
The AC for the PE materials decreases for both the heterogeneous and the homogeneous fraction from about 4% to 2.4% by about 40% due to the washing process. For the two heterogeneous PP materials, no influence of the washing on the AC of about 2.4% was

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observed. In the homogenised PP fraction, the AC decreases by approx. 40% from 2.7% to 1.7% due to washing. The AC of the PS and PO\_A materials has been reduced by approx. 30% for both the heterogeneous and the homogeneous fraction by washing. The unwashed PO\_A materials have the second-highest AC of all investigated materials. The average AC for the PO\_B is 2.2%, and for PO\_B,C 2.5%. The lower contents compared to PO\_A can be explained by the cleaner input materials (e.g., pre-sorted mixed plastic fraction) used for PO\_B production. As expected, the unwashed, unsorted mixed plastic fraction (P) has the highest AC (approx. 8.4% for P and 6.2% for P\_C) since there was no surface cleaning by washing or losing fine material, e.g., by sorting.

#### 3.6. Bulk Densities

The determined bulk densities of all materials are shown in Figure 5 before (flakes <4mm) and after homogenisation (granulates). The results of the bulk densities of all investigated materials are given in Appendix G. Exemplary photos of the produced flakes (Figure I4), and granulates (Figure I5) are given in Appendix I.



**Figure 5.** Determined bulk densities of all investigated materials before (flakes <4mm) and after homogenisation (granulates).

#### 3.6.1. Flakes

As expected, the bulk densities of all flakes are lower than those of the granules. The PE flakes have a bulk density of  $0.082 \pm 0.0023$  g/cm³ (P\_PE) and  $0.072 \pm 0.0022$  g/cm³ (P\_W,PE). The PP and PS flakes have a bulk density of approx. 0.16 g/cm³, almost twice as high. For PP, this can be explained by the higher proportion of compacted, three-dimensional particles, although vPP (0.895-0.91 g/cm³) is in the same material density range as vPE (0.87-0.97 g/cm³) [25]. The PE flakes consist mainly of flat, thin, two-dimensional particles, although vPS has a higher material density (0.104-0.109 g/cm³) [25] than vPE or vPP, and 2D particles are less common. Nevertheless, PS can occur in an expanded form (EPS: 0.0015-0.009 g/cm³) [32], which would significantly reduce the bulk density. The PO\_A flakes have a bulk density of about 0.07 g/cm³. This suggests that the flakes contain a high proportion of mainly PE films. The bulk density of PO\_B is 0.092 g/cm³ and of P is 0.113 g/cm³. No feeding problems (e.g., bridge formation) were observed for the flakes of all materials.

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#### 3.6.2. Granulates

The homogeneous PE granulates have the highest bulk density with 0.49 g/cm³. The PP granulates have a bulk density of 0.44 g/cm³. The PS granulates have the lowest bulk density of the homogeneous materials with approx. 0.27 g/cm³. This can be explained by the fact that degradation processes caused increased outgassing during extrusion, which could not be sufficiently removed (see Figure I5 in Appendix I). Additionally, the different bulk densities of PO\_A,C (0.4 g/cm³) and PO\_A,W,C (0.46 g/cm³) can be explained in this way. The bulk density of PO\_B,C was the second highest with 0.48 g/cm³. P\_C had a bulk density of 0.44 g/cm³. Commercially available plastic granulates have a bulk density between 0.5 and 0.9 g/cm³ [33]. No feeding problems (e.g., bridge formation) were observed for the granulates produced from all materials.

#### 4. Discussion

The degree of crystallinity of polymers is directly related to their material properties: the more crystalline a polymer is, the harder and more brittle it is, and dimensional stability and melting point or softening point increase because intermolecular forces can act more effectively due to the more uniform arrangement of the molecules [20,21]. Despite the low crystallinity (36–38%), the PE materials examined, except for P\_W,C,PE, show predominantly brittle material behaviour. Since a washing process somewhat improves the mechanical properties, it can be concluded that these are mainly impurities that negatively influence the material properties and that material ageing plays a subordinate role. Likewise, the distinct, second melting temperature at about 128 °C for P\_PP and P\_C,PP can be explained by the presence of organic impurities (e.g., other plastics with a density >1 g/cm³), which can also be removed by washing. Therefore, Tc and T<sub>m1</sub> of the PS materials can only be explained by contained organic impurities, e.g., PP.

The DSC curve progressions of the investigated PO materials as well as the determined values of  $T_{\rm C}$  and a distinct  $T_{\rm m1}$  at approx. 125 °C and a  $T_{\rm m2}$  at approx. 163 °C indicate a higher PE than PP content of the PO materials. The melting temperature at approx. 110 °C of some PO materials and P\_W,PE can be attributed to organic impurities or a higher LDPE content. A second crystallisation peak at approx. 120 °C for PO\_B,C becomes clear from the HDPE content [24]. This and the higher  $\Delta H_{\rm m}$  of  $T_{\rm m2}$  allow the assumption of a somewhat higher PP content than in PO\_A. The similar DSC curves of mixed plastics (P) to the investigated PO materials lead to the hypothesis that most investigated P materials consist of PO. This indicates that a separation, and separate PE, PP, and PO processing is not necessary since the thermal properties do not change significantly.

The MFR results are surprisingly good for almost all materials examined, which indicate low material damage and thus, good processability. Depending on the material (high or low viscosity), suitable processing methods must be selected. The investigated PO and P materials have similar MRF values to the investigated PE materials. From this, it can be concluded for the MFR that a separation of the PE materials out of mixed plastics is not mandatory.

Except for the very brittle PS materials, all other materials investigated have surprisingly good mechanical properties. The mechanical characteristics show that wet processing, combined with a homogenisation step, does not necessarily lead to an improvement in mechanical properties. Most of the investigated materials show a clear decrease in mechanical properties compared to virgin homopolymers known from the literature. This indicates the existence of organic and inorganic impurities as well as material degradation due to ageing [36].

The investigations on the ash content of the materials show high inorganic contents, which are mostly significantly reduced by washing. These inorganic impurities are a plausible explanation for the observed deviations between the washed and unwashed materials. Additionally, a short service life (<1 year) is to be expected for the plastics in the wastes examined. It is therefore assumed that material ageing plays only a minor role. A part of

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the AC is due to inorganic fillers (e.g., glass fibres, silicates, oxides, and hydroxides) in the polymer matrix. Thus, despite the comparatively high ash contents (3–8%), the PO and P materials investigated show a good mechanical property profile. This suggests that the inorganic impurities contained act to a certain extent as a reinforcing material.

Knowledge of the bulk density of free-flowing materials is an essential parameter for the design of storage, transport, and dosing equipment. The bulk density is also essential for the material feed behaviour and the pressure build-up in solid conveying areas of extruders or injection moulding machines [35]. It should be noted that the pelletising system's settings and the melt strand temperature have a significant influence on the pellet geometry and, thus, on the bulk density [32]. Commercially available plastic granulates have a bulk density between 0.5 and 0.9 g/cm³ [34]. As the granulate bulk densities determined are only slightly lower, with the exception of P\_C,PS, and P\_W,C,PS, it is assumed that these materials have good conveying and feeding properties. No feeding problems (e.g., bridging) occurred with the flakes and granulates produced from all materials.

#### 5. Conclusions

The investigations have shown that all waste materials could be processed into plastic-rich fractions with a grain size < 4 mm using simple waste treatment without any significant problems. The processing of the different plastic fractions with simple compression moulding showed that all PE, PP, PO, and P materials could be processed without any major problems. This, together with the low MFR values, suggests that conventional extrusion into semi-finished products such as pipes or plates could be technically possible. A list of potential products for the materials investigated is given in Appendix J. The injection moulding process must be tested, and investigations must be carried out with a high-pressure capillary rheometer. Furthermore, thermogravimetric (TGA) and Fouriertransform infrared (FTIR) analysis to determine chemical structure changes possible for polymeric waste during the technological process of the materials is recommended for future investigations. The PS materials emitted gas in both processing variants, and several test runs were necessary to find a stable processing method. Therefore, an evaluation of volatile organic compound emissions from the materials is necessary if they would be implemented in industrial processes. The PET materials could neither be homogenised nor compression moulded due to excessive contamination.

In some cases, the material properties determined are (Young's modulus, impact strength) clearly below those of virgin polymers. This limits the product range that can be manufactured and its range of applications. The results also show that an upstream washing process improves the achievable properties, but homogenisation does not necessarily improve properties. It was also found that a higher treatment depth (recovery of plastic types) from mixed wastes is not necessary since the PO and mixed plastics fractions showed similarly good material data with good processability.

In summary, the investigations show that the recovery and simple treatment of plastics from mixed, contaminated wastes into at least downcycling products seems to be possible. The transfer of used plastics from thermal recovery to recycling could make an important contribution to achieving additional recycling targets, resource conservation, and CO<sub>2</sub> and waste reduction.

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#### List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
$\Delta H_{\text{C}}$	crystallisation enthalpy
$\Delta H_{\text{m}}$	melting enthalpy
ЕВ	elongation at break
Ем	maximum elongation at the yield point
<b>О</b> В	tensile strength at break
ØМ	maximum tensile strength
AC	ash content
acN	notched impact strength
<b>a</b> cU	impact strength
C	homogenised
$CO_2$	carbon dioxide—greenhouse gas
D	screw diameter
DS	dry substance
DSC	differential scanning calorimetry
E	Young's modulus
e.g.,	for example
EPS	expanded polystyrene
EU	European Union
FTIR	Fourier-transform infrared
HDPE	high-density polyethylene
LDPE	low-density polyethylene
LLDPE	linear low-density polyethylene
min	minutes
MFR	melt (mass) flow rate
Mt	million tonnes
NIR	near-infrared
OS	original substance
P	plastics
P&C	paper and cardboard
PO	polyolefins
(v)PE	(virgin) polyethylene

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PET	polyethylene terephthalate
PP	polypropylene
PS	polystyrene
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
rpm	revolutions per minute
SRF	solid recovered fuel
Tc	crystallisation temperature
Tg	glass transition temperature
$T_{\mathrm{m}}$	melting temperature
TSE	twin-screw extruder
v	virgin
W	washed

# Appendix A. Total composition of SRF and plastic type content

**Table A1.** Total composition of SRF determined by manual sorting analysis (Note: fine fraction <20 (8.5%) mm was separated and is not considered in the table).

	Mass	Mass
Fraction	(kg)	(%)
Plastics	150.4	86.5
Metals	1.01	0.6
P&C 1	10.03	5.8
Inert	1.04	0.6
Wood	0.17	0.1
Other	11.27	6.5
Total	173.92	100

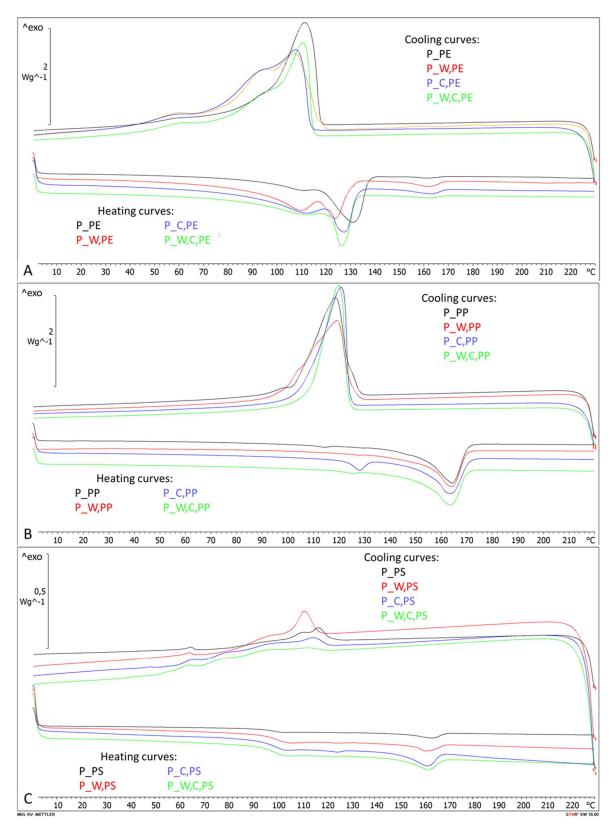
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P&C: paper and cardboard

**Table A2.** Plastic type content of P determined by sensor-based sorting with near-infrared.

Fraction	Mass	Mass
rraction	(kg)	(%)
PE	44.64	36.42
PP	19.19	15.66
PET	25.34	20.67
PS	7.41	6.04
Other	26	21.21
Total	122.58	100

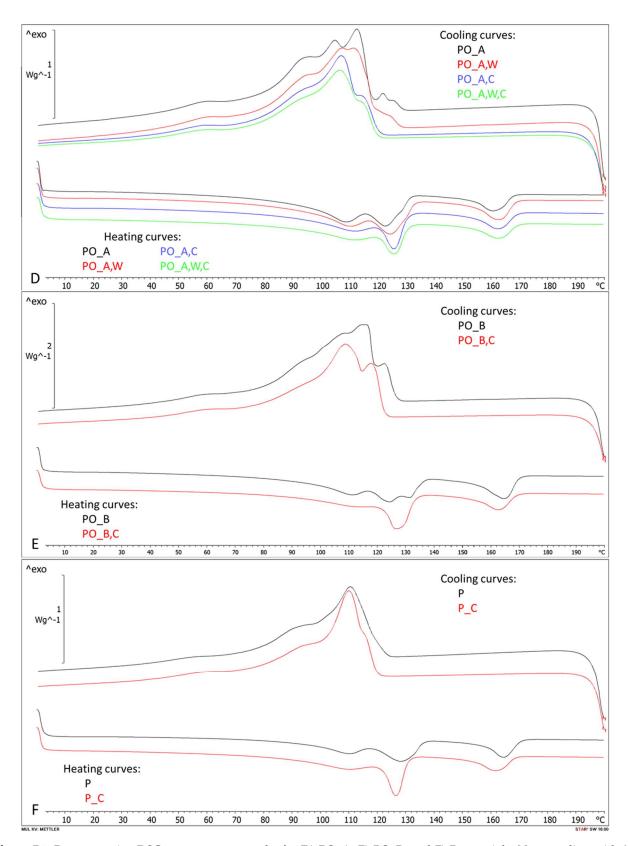
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# Appendix B. DSC Measurements



**Figure B1.** Representative DSC measurement results for **A**) PE, **B**) PP, and **C**) PS materials. Note: cooling with 20 K/min on top and second heating with 10 K/min at the bottom of each diagram.

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**Figure B2.** Representative DSC measurement results for **D**) PO\_A, **E**) PO\_B, and **F**) P materials. Note: cooling with 20 K/min on top and second heating with 10 K/min at the bottom of each diagram.

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# Appendix C. Processing conditions

Table C1. Extrusion conditions for homogenization of all investigated materials.

Materials	P_PE; P_W,PE; P_PP; P_W,PP; P_PS; P_W,PS								
Zones	Zone 1	Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 4							
Temperature (°C)	150	170	170	170					
Materials	PO_A; PO_A,W;	PO_B							
Zones	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4					
Temperature (°C)	150	180	200	205					

**Table C2.** Compression moulding conditions of all investigated materials.

Materials	P_PE; P_W,I	PE			
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	210	210	210	210	30
Pressure (bar)	1	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	8	5	4	4	15
Materials	P_C,PE; P_V	V,C,PE			
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	200	200	200	200	30
Pressure (bar)	1	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	10	5	4	4	15
Materials	P_PP; P_W,l	PP; P_C,PP; P_	W,C,PP		
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	200	200	200	200	30
Pressure (bar)	1	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	14	5	4	4	15
Materials	P_PS; P_W,l	PS; P_C,PS; P_	W,C,PS		
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	207	205	205	205	30
Pressure (bar)	5	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	10	5	4	4	15
Materials	PO_A; PO_A	A,W; PO_A,C;	PO_A,W,C; PO_	B; PO_B,C	
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	210	210	210	210	30
Pressure (bar)	1	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	8	5	4	4	15
Materials:	P; P_C				
Phases	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Temperature (°C)	210	210	210	210	30
Pressure (bar)	1	10	50	100	100
Time (min)	8	5	4	4	15

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# Appendix D. MFR Measurements

Table D1. MFR measurement results.

Sample	Sample	Total mass	Time interval	MFR	Mean value	Standard deviation
identification	number	(g)	(min)	(g/10min)	(g/10min)	(g/10min)
P_PE	P1	2.10	10	2.571	2.470	0.120
P_PE	P2	2.09	10	2.387	2.479	0.130
P_W,PE	P1	2.71	10	2.586	0.641	0.070
P_W,PE	P2	3.08	10	2.696	2.641	0.078
P_C,PE	P1	2.38	10	2.184	2 147	0.052
P_C,PE	P2	2.31	15	2.110	2.147	0.053
P_W,C,PE	P1	2.41	20	1.794	1.020	0.027
P_W,C,PE	P2	2.40	20	1.846	1.820	0.037
P_PP	P1	2.20	5	1.805	1.304	0.708
P_PP	P2	2.18	10	0.803	1.304	0.708
P_W,PP	P1	2.78	10	11.801	12.286	0.687
P_W,PP	P2	3.35	5	12.772	12.200	0.007
P_C,PP	P1	2.53	10	3.932	4.178	0.130
P_C,PP	P2	2.62	10	4.029	4.170	0.130
P_W,C,PP	P1	2.31	10	7.114	7.273	0.225
P_W,C,PP	P2	3.19	10	7.432	7.273	0.223
P_PS	P1	2.82	20	0.218	0.927	1.003
P_PS	P2	2.56	10	1.636	0.727	1.003
P_W,PS	P1	3.21	20	1.744	1.217	0.746
P_W,PS	P2	2.94	20	0.689	1.217	0.7 40
P_C,PS	P1	2.00	10	5.673	5.026	0.914
P_C,PS	P2	2.00	10	4.380		0,711
P_W,C,PS	P1	2.78	10	3.526	2.891	0.898
P_W,C,PS	P2	2.73	10	2.255	2,071	0.050
PO_A	P1	2.67	20	0.936	0.920	0.023
PO_A	P2	2.72	20	0.904		2.2.2
PO_A,W	P1	2.56	20	0.410	0.855	0.630
PO_A,W	P2	2.50	20	1.301		*****
PO_A,C	P1	2.23	20	1.934	2.042	0.153
PO_A,C	P2	2.56	20	2.150		
PO_A,W,C	P1	2.34	15	2.220	2.280	0.085
PO_A,W,C	P2	2.71	15	2.341		
PO_B	P1	2.40	10	3.012	3.338	0.460
PO_B	P2	2.44	10	3.663		
PO_B,C	P1	2.64	10	2.690	2.700	0.013
PO_B,C	P2	2.39	10	2.709		
P P	P1	2.32	10	2.798	2.319	0.677
	P2	2.94	10	1.840		
P_C	P1	2.35	10	3.333	3.676	0.485
P_C	P2	2.50	10	4.019		

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# Appendix E. Impact tests

Table E1. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_PE.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.54	10.10	3.51	0.000035	0.988	0.004	0.000984	27.8	partially broken
P2	78.35	10.09	3.40	0.000034	0.500	0.004	0.000496	14.5	partially broken
P3	78.50	10.07	3.42	0.000034	0.596	0.004	0.000592	17.2	partially broken
P4	78.62	10.09	3.42	0.000035	0.452	0.004	0.000448	13.0	
P5	78.26	10.08	3.48	0.000035	0.660	0.004	0.000656	18.7	
P6	78.62	8.12	3.51	0.000029	0.322	0.007	0.000315	11.1	
P7	78.64	8.15	3.51	0.000029	0.298	0.007	0.000291	10.2	
P8	78.72	7.89	3.48	0.000027	0.357	0.007	0.000350	12.7	
P9	78.55	8.00	3.53	0.000028	0.324	0.007	0.000317	11.2	
P10	78.71	7.95	3.49	0.000028	0.255	0.007	0.000248	8.9	

**Table E2.** Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_W,PE.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.94	10.08	3.50	0.000035	0.808	0.004	0.000804	22.8	partially broken
P2	79.04	10.04	3.52	0.000035	0.732	0.004	0.000728	20.6	partially broken
P3	79.03	9.95	3.49	0.000035	0.604	0.004	0.000600	17.3	partially broken
P4	78.58	10.03	3.51	0.000035	0.844	0.004	0.000840	23.9	partially broken
P5	79.10	10.15	3.51	0.000036	0.772	0.004	0.000768	21.6	partially broken
P6	77.55	7.90	3.70	0.000029	0.348	0.007	0.000341	11.7	
P7	78.45	7.94	3.53	0.000028	0.337	0.007	0.000330	11.8	
P8	78.46	7.84	3.54	0.000028	0.345	0.007	0.000338	12.2	partially broken
P9	78.30	8.03	3.49	0.000028	0.348	0.007	0.000341	12.2	
P10	77.60	7.79	3.60	0.000028	0.364	0.007	0.000357	12.7	partially broken

**Table E3.** Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_C,PE.

Scheme	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$W_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.17	10.14	3.69	0.000037	0.764	0.004	0.000760	20.3	
P2	79.06	10.15	3.72	0.000038	1.068	0.004	0.001064	28.2	
P3	79.17	10.18	3.75	0.000038	0.604	0.004	0.000600	15.7	
P4	79.03	10.17	3.65	0.000037	0.716	0.004	0.000712	19.2	
P5	78.08	10.14	3.64	0.000037	1.240	0.004	0.001236	33.5	
P6	78.13	7.96	3.58	0.000028	0.213	0.007	0.000206	7.2	
P7	78.04	7.95	3.55	0.000028	0.213	0.007	0.000206	7.3	
P8	78.03	8.01	3.56	0.000029	0.230	0.007	0.000223	7.8	
P9	78.10	8.00	3.68	0.000029	0.206	0.007	0.000199	6.8	
P10	78.10	8.01	3.61	0.000029	0.214	0.007	0.000207	7.2	

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**Table E4.** Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_W,C,PE.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(m²)	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.52	10.18	3.59	0.000037	2.080	0.030	0.002050	56.1	not broken
P2	78.18	10.16	3.54	0.000036	1.260	0.030	0.001230	34.2	not broken
P3	78.37	10.19	3.53	0.000036	3.250	0.030	0.003220	89.5	not broken
P4	78.25	10.22	3.55	0.000036	2.770	0.030	0.002740	75.5	not broken
P5	78.49	10.15	3.53	0.000036	3.000	0.030	0.002970	82.9	not broken
P6	78.67	8.00	3.57	0.000029	0.270	0.007	0.000263	9.2	
P7	78.72	7.90	3.58	0.000028	0.251	0.007	0.000244	8.6	
P8	78.77	7.82	3.56	0.000028	0.255	0.007	0.000248	8.9	
P9	78.74	8.05	3.60	0.000029	0.267	0.007	0.000260	9.0	
P10	78.79	8.06	3.59	0.000029	0.252	0.007	0.000245	8.5	

Table E5. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_PP.

Sample number	1 (mm)	bв (mm)	d (mm)	A (m <sup>2</sup> )	W (J)	W <sub>empty</sub> (J)	W <sub>corr</sub> (kJ)	a <sub>cN</sub> (kJ/m²)	Note
P1	78.60	10.24	3.81	0.000039	0.188	0.008	0.000180	4.6	
P2	77.92	10.25	3.62	0.000037	0.258	0.008	0.000250	6.7	
Р3	77.94	10.25	3.62	0.000037	0.126	0.008	0.000118	3.2	
P4	77.92	10.25	3.63	0.000037	0.152	0.008	0.000144	3.9	
P5	77.91	10.25	3.62	0.000037	0.213	0.008	0.000205	5.5	
P6	78.80	8.37	3.59	0.000030	0.084	0.007	0.000077	2.6	
P7	79.26	8.29	3.63	0.000030	0.073	0.007	0.000066	2.2	
P8	78.20	8.20	3.60	0.000030	0.097	0.007	0.000090	3.0	
P9	78.06	8.13	3.63	0.000030	0.095	0.007	0.000088	3.0	
P10	77.68	8.57	3.67	0.000031	0.069	0.007	0.000062	2.0	

 $\textbf{Table E6.} \ \text{Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of } P\_W, PP.$ 

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	77.24	10.25	3.65	0.000037	0.220	0.004	0.000216	5.8	
P2	77.65	10.30	3.60	0.000037	0.180	0.004	0.000176	4.7	
P3	77.40	10.24	3.58	0.000037	0.312	0.004	0.000308	8.4	
P4	77.88	10.18	3.60	0.000037	0.216	0.004	0.000212	5.8	
P5	77.59	10.20	3.55	0.000036	0.264	0.004	0.000260	7.2	
P6	79.02	7.96	3.65	0.000029	0.068	0.007	0.000061	2.1	
P7	77.68	7.96	3.80	0.000030	0.064	0.007	0.000057	1.9	
P8	77.86	8.38	3.76	0.000032	0.106	0.007	0.000099	3.1	
P9	77.92	8.01	3.77	0.000030	0.072	0.007	0.000065	2.2	
P10	79.02	8.22	3.80	0.000031	0.096	0.007	0.000089	2.8	

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Table E7. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_C,PP.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	77.61	10.35	3.88	0.000040	0.197	0.008	0.000189	4.7	
P2	78.07	10.25	3.70	0.000038	0.221	0.008	0.000213	5.6	
P3	77.84	10.10	3.70	0.000037	0.357	0.008	0.000349	9.3	
P4	78.05	10.22	3.73	0.000038	0.363	0.008	0.000355	9.3	
P5	77.47	10.02	3.69	0.000037	0.382	0.008	0.000374	10.1	
P6	77.77	8.06	3.68	0.000030	0.121	0.007	0.000114	3.8	
P7	78.08	8.24	3.64	0.000030	0.116	0.007	0.000109	3.6	
P8	77.89	8.37	3.66	0.000031	0.106	0.007	0.000099	3.2	
P9	77.85	8.14	3.69	0.000030	0.108	0.007	0.000101	3.4	
P10	77.94	8.43	3.92	0.000033	0.119	0.007	0.000112	3.4	

Table E8. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_W,C,PP.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	77.87	10.25	3.70	0.000038	0.948	0.004	0.000944	24.9	
P2	77.85	10.20	3.71	0.000038	0.464	0.004	0.000460	12.2	
P3	77.49	10.25	3.80	0.000039	0.508	0.004	0.000504	12.9	
P4	77.50	10.25	3.63	0.000037	0.244	0.004	0.000240	6.5	
P5	77.47	10.00	3.65	0.000037	0.412	0.004	0.000408	11.2	
P6	77.74	8.14	3.65	0.000030	0.131	0.007	0.000124	4.2	
P7	77.68	8.02	3.65	0.000029	0.133	0.007	0.000126	4.3	
P8	77.74	8.22	3.65	0.000030	0.113	0.007	0.000106	3.5	
P9	77.78	7.99	3.67	0.000029	0.139	0.007	0.000132	4.5	
P10	77.63	8.28	3.61	0.000030	0.147	0.007	0.000140	4.7	

Table E9. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_PS.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.32	10.30	3.88	0.000040	0.121	0.006	0.000115	2.9	
P2	79.54	10.30	3.86	0.000040	0.098	0.006	0.000092	2.3	
P3	79.24	10.30	3.85	0.000040	0.129	0.006	0.000123	3.1	
P4	79.75	10.30	3.91	0.000040	0.143	0.006	0.000137	3.4	
P5	79.59	10.10	3.90	0.000039	0.149	0.006	0.000143	3.6	
P6	79.10	8.03	3.93	0.000032	0.091	0.006	0.000085	2.7	
P7	78.58	7.93	3.98	0.000032	0.085	0.006	0.000079	2.5	
P8	78.46	7.83	3.96	0.000031	0.083	0.006	0.000077	2.5	
P9	78.62	7.95	3.98	0.000032	0.085	0.006	0.000079	2.5	
P10	78.78	8.01	3.95	0.000032	0.088	0.006	0.000082	2.6	

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Table E10. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_W,PS.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.61	10.29	3.89	0.000040	0.101	0.008	0.000093	2.3	
P2	79.39	10.18	3.88	0.000039	0.152	0.008	0.000144	3.6	
P3	80.18	10.21	3.85	0.000039	0.109	0.008	0.000101	2.6	
P4	79.55	10.27	3.95	0.000041	0.145	0.008	0.000137	3.4	
P5	79.47	10.35	3.87	0.000040	0.157	0.008	0.000149	3.7	
P6	78.44	7.88	3.89	0.000031	0.110	0.007	0.000103	3.4	
P7	78.31	8.17	3.93	0.000032	0.109	0.007	0.000102	3.2	
P8	79.49	8.39	3.84	0.000032	0.092	0.007	0.000085	2.6	
P9	79.65	8.18	3.85	0.000031	0.079	0.007	0.000072	2.3	
P10	79.74	8.50	3.86	0.000033	0.091	0.007	0.000084	2.6	

**Table E11.** Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_C,PS.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.92	10.40	3.99	0.000041	0.157	0.008	0.000149	3.6	
P2	79.79	10.40	4.03	0.000042	0.230	0.008	0.000222	5.3	
P3	78.26	10.36	3.95	0.000041	0.175	0.008	0.000167	4.1	
P4	79.78	10.40	4.02	0.000042	0.157	0.008	0.000149	3.6	
P5	79.92	10.14	3.99	0.000040	0.222	0.008	0.000214	5.3	
P6	78.64	8.26	3.97	0.000033	0.050	0.007	0.000043	1.3	
P7	78.68	8.12	3.96	0.000032	0.048	0.007	0.000041	1.3	
P8	78.73	8.07	3.98	0.000032	0.047	0.007	0.000040	1.2	
P9	78.72	8.01	3.99	0.000032	0.052	0.007	0.000045	1.4	
P10	78.85	7.95	4.02	0.000032	0.047	0.007	0.000040	1.3	

Table E12. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P\_W,C,PS.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(m²)	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.42	10.30	4.04	0.000042	0.155	0.008	0.000147	3.5	
P2	79.09	10.25	4.00	0.000041	0.114	0.008	0.000106	2.6	
Р3	79.28	10.35	3.95	0.000041	0.163	0.008	0.000155	3.8	
P4	79.44	10.30	3.91	0.000040	0.179	0.008	0.000171	4.2	
P5	79.45	10.31	3.90	0.000040	0.217	0.008	0.000209	5.2	
P6	79.08	8.02	3.94	0.000032	0.067	0.007	0.000060	1.9	
P7	79.12	8.04	3.87	0.000031	0.055	0.007	0.000048	1.5	
P8	79.36	8.08	3.99	0.000032	0.054	0.007	0.000047	1.5	
P9	79.29	7.88	3.98	0.000031	0.049	0.007	0.000042	1.3	
P10	79.37	8.20	3.89	0.000032	0.055	0.007	0.000048	1.5	

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Table E13. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_A.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.36	10.03	3.76	0.000038	0.276	0.008	0.000268	7.1	partially broken
P2	79.57	10.06	3.73	0.000038	0.245	0.008	0.000237	6.3	partially broken
P3	79.46	10.13	3.76	0.000038	0.252	0.008	0.000244	6.4	partially broken
P4	79.66	10.06	3.75	0.000038	0.242	0.008	0.000234	6.2	partially broken
P5	79.38	10.03	3.80	0.000038	0.247	0.008	0.000239	6.3	partially broken
P6	78.64	8.13	3.79	0.000031	0.200	0.007	0.000193	6.3	
P7	78.57	8.00	3.80	0.000030	0.203	0.007	0.000196	6.4	partially broken
P8	78.63	8.08	3.78	0.000031	0.159	0.007	0.000152	5.0	
P9	78.61	8.15	3.83	0.000031	0.193	0.007	0.000186	6.0	partially broken
P10	78.59	8.13	3.78	0.000031	0.215	0.007	0.000208	6.8	

**Table E14.** Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_A,W.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	Wcorr	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.52	10.11	3.68	0.000037	0.316	0.004	0.000312	8.4	
P2	78.98	10.11	3.82	0.000039	0.388	0.004	0.000384	9.9	partially broken
Р3	78.64	10.10	3.70	0.000037	0.308	0.004	0.000304	8.1	partially broken
P4	78.66	10.20	3.68	0.000038	0.396	0.004	0.000392	10.4	partially broken
P5	78.70	10.15	3.65	0.000037	0.396	0.004	0.000392	10.6	partially broken
P6	78.85	8.01	3.67	0.000029	0.234	0.007	0.000227	7.7	
P7	78.86	8.30	3.61	0.000030	0.219	0.007	0.000212	7.1	
P8	78.85	8.13	3.62	0.000029	0.191	0.007	0.000184	6.3	
P9	78.75	8.15	3.65	0.000030	0.217	0.007	0.000210	7.1	
P10	78.70	8.09	3.64	0.000029	0.200	0.007	0.000193	6.6	

Table E15. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_A,C.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.55	10.05	3.87	0.000039	0.234	0.008	0.000226	5.8	
P2	78.61	10.03	3.61	0.000036	0.289	0.008	0.000281	7.8	
P3	78.66	9.96	3.75	0.000037	0.311	0.008	0.000303	8.1	
P4	78.37	9.95	3.63	0.000036	0.318	0.008	0.000310	8.6	
P5	78.59	9.81	3.65	0.000036	0.325	0.008	0.000317	8.9	
P6	78.56	8.35	3.65	0.000030	0.073	0.007	0.000066	2.2	
P7	78.51	8.21	3.65	0.000030	0.097	0.007	0.000090	3.0	
P8	78.75	8.62	3.59	0.000031	0.084	0.007	0.000077	2.5	
P9	78.21	8.35	3.68	0.000031	0.086	0.007	0.000079	2.6	
P10	78.60	8.18	3.63	0.000030	0.088	0.007	0.000081	2.7	

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Table E16. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_A,W,C.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$W_{corr}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.96	9.90	3.61	0.000036	0.232	0.007	0.000225	6.3	
P2	79.11	9.89	3.85	0.000038	0.245	0.007	0.000238	6.3	
P3	78.71	9.97	3.59	0.000036	0.231	0.007	0.000224	6.3	
P4	78.62	9.98	3.61	0.000036	0.214	0.007	0.000207	5.7	
P5	78.48	10.04	3.57	0.000036	0.321	0.007	0.000314	8.8	
P6	79.21	7.94	3.54	0.000028	0.105	0.007	0.000098	3.5	
P7	79.15	8.14	3.53	0.000029	0.106	0.007	0.000099	3.4	
P8	79.42	8.02	3.88	0.000031	0.106	0.007	0.000099	3.2	
P9	79.10	8.00	3.57	0.000029	0.105	0.007	0.000098	3.4	
P10	79.20	8.08	3.57	0.000029	0.105	0.007	0.000098	3.4	

Table E17. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_B.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.79	9.96	3.61	0.000036	0.202	0.008	0.000194	5.4	partially broken
P2	78.55	9.96	3.57	0.000036	0.342	0.008	0.000334	9.4	partially broken
P3	78.90	9.92	3.56	0.000035	0.284	0.008	0.000276	7.8	partially broken
P4	78.42	9.97	3.61	0.000036	0.390	0.008	0.000382	10.6	
P5	78.49	10.02	3.53	0.000035	0.245	0.008	0.000237	6.7	partially broken
P6	78.46	8.08	3.69	0.000030	0.206	0.007	0.000199	6.7	
P7	78.41	7.95	3.50	0.000028	0.183	0.007	0.000176	6.3	partially broken
P8	78.55	7.92	3.59	0.000028	0.147	0.007	0.000140	4.9	partially broken
P9	78.53	7.94	3.52	0.000028	0.195	0.007	0.000188	6.7	
P10	78.39	7.85	3.77	0.000030	0.245	0.007	0.000238	8.0	

Table E18. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of PO\_B,C.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	Wempty	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.64	9.99	3.51	0.000035	0.708	0.004	0.000704	20.1	
P2	78.58	9.93	3.52	0.000035	0.820	0.004	0.000816	23.3	
P3	78.72	10.00	3.56	0.000036	0.676	0.004	0.000672	18.9	
P4	78.72	9.95	3.60	0.000036	0.680	0.004	0.000676	18.9	
P5	78.61	9.99	3.54	0.000035	0.596	0.004	0.000592	16.7	
P6	78.68	8.08	3.56	0.000029	0.121	0.007	0.000114	4.0	
P7	78.70	7.95	3.58	0.000028	0.111	0.007	0.000104	3.7	
P8	78.72	7.92	3.57	0.000028	0.106	0.007	0.000099	3.5	
P9	78.70	7.94	3.55	0.000028	0.113	0.007	0.000106	3.8	
P10	78.81	7.85	3.56	0.000028	0.112	0.007	0.000105	3.8	

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Table E19. Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of P.

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{leer}}$	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(m²)	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	78.72	10.07	4.08	0.000041	0.162	0.008	0.000154	3.7	parcially broken
P2	79.23	10.16	3.87	0.000039	0.214	0.008	0.000206	5.2	parcially broken
P3	79.14	10.32	3.88	0.000040	0.189	0.008	0.000181	4.5	parcially broken
P4	79.20	10.15	3.87	0.000039	0.151	0.008	0.000143	3.6	parcially broken
P5	79.10	10.17	4.15	0.000042	0.231	0.008	0.000223	5.3	parcially broken
P6	79.00	8.43	3.88	0.000033	0.129	0.007	0.000122	3.7	
P7	79.17	8.05	3.95	0.000032	0.155	0.007	0.000148	4.7	
P8	79.28	8.01	3.93	0.000031	0.135	0.007	0.000128	4.1	
P9	79.24	8.02	3.89	0.000031	0.143	0.007	0.000136	4.4	
P10	79.20	8.01	3.97	0.000032	0.138	0.007	0.000131	4.1	

 $\textbf{Table E20.} \ \text{Results of the notched impact tests and unnotched impact tests of } P\_C.$ 

Sample	1	bв	d	A	W	$\mathbf{W}_{empty}$	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{corr}}$	<b>a</b> cN	Note
number	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(m^2)$	<b>(J)</b>	<b>(J)</b>	(kJ)	$(kJ/m^2)$	
P1	79.23	9.92	3.65	0.000036	0.184	0.008	0.000176	4.9	
P2	78.38	10.05	3.72	0.000037	0.132	0.008	0.000124	3.3	
P3	78.42	10.01	3.69	0.000037	0.235	0.008	0.000227	6.1	
P4	78.42	9.97	3.65	0.000036	0.169	0.008	0.000161	4.4	
P5	78.19	9.95	3.66	0.000036	0.188	0.008	0.000180	4.9	
P6	79.47	7.98	3.70	0.000030	0.077	0.007	0.000070	2.4	
P7	78.38	8.00	3.67	0.000029	0.074	0.007	0.000067	2.3	
P8	79.41	7.97	3.69	0.000029	0.078	0.007	0.000071	2.4	
P9	79.55	7.96	3.70	0.000029	0.066	0.007	0.000059	2.0	
P10	79.35	8.06	3.67	0.000030	0.083	0.007	0.000076	2.6	

# Appendix F. Tensile tests

**Table F1.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_PE.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	Ao
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	С	532.0	9.12	325.6	6.06	3.028	9.12	325.6	6.06	3.028	8.227	293.7	7.08	3.54	9.89	3.61	35.70
P2	a	560.6	_	_	_	-	8.67	320.9	4.44	2.219	8.393	310.6	4.93	2.47	10	3.7	37.00
P3	c	579.0	9.19	329.4	5.43	2.714	9.19	329.4	5.43	2.714	1.836	65.9	7.36	3.68	9.88	3.63	35.86
P4	a	550.6	_	_	_	-	8.30	292.5	3.48	1.738	7.969	281.0	3.81	1.90	9.85	3.58	35.26
P5	c	593.3	_	_	_	-	8.61	315.9	3.79	1.897	8.404	308.4	3.93	1.96	9.89	3.71	36.69
P6	c	551.5	9.01	321.2	5.17	2.586	9.01	321.2	5.17	2.586	8.320	296.5	6.13	3.07	9.9	3.6	35.64
Mean value		561.2	9.11	325.4	5.55	2.776	8.82	317.6	4.73	2.363	7.192	259.3	5.54	2.77			
Standard devi	ation	21.9	0.09	4.1	0.45	0.227	0.35	13.1	1.00	0.499	2.628	95.4	1.55	0.77			
Relative devia	tion (%)	3.91	0.97	1.27	8.18	8.18	3.93	4.13	21.10	21.10	36.55	36.78	27.94	27.95			

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**Table F2**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,PE.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	С	486.5	9.04	321.2	7.21	3.604	6.472	230.0	9.75	4.87	10.04	3.54	35.54
P2	c	498.6	9.13	324.5	5.68	2.842	8.884	315.7	6.00	3.00	10.01	3.55	35.54
P3	c	459.6	9.16	330.1	6.70	3.352	9.163	330.1	6.70	3.35	9.98	3.61	36.03
P4	С	494.7	8.82	314.8	6.63	3.316	8.824	314.8	6.63	3.32	10.05	3.55	35.68
P5	c	483.5	8.12	291.8	3.95	1.973	7.898	284.0	4.16	2.08	10.1	3.56	35.96
P6	С	497.0	8.75	306.7	5.94	2.970	8.753	306.7	5.94	2.97	10.04	3.49	35.04
Mean value		486.6	8.84	314.9	6.02	3.010	8.33	296.9	6.53	3.265			
Standard deviat	ion	14.5	0.39	13.9	1.16	0.578	1.01	36.1	1.82	0.912			
Relative deviation	on (%)	2.98	4.42	4.41	19.20	19.20	12.08	12.16	27.93	27.93			

**Table F3**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_C,PE.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	540.2	10.89	389.8	9.03	4.513	10.621	380.0	10.30	5.15	9.94	3.6	35.78
P2	a	537.2	11.10	397.3	11.82	5.911	10.593	379.3	15.06	7.53	9.89	3.62	35.80
P3	a	574.2	10.71	388.4	8.67	4.337	10.406	377.4	9.42	4.71	9.91	3.66	36.27
P4	a	557.6	10.58	378.8	6.22	3.111	10.481	375.2	6.41	3.21	9.89	3.62	35.80
P5	a	533.2	10.90	390.8	9.78	4.890	10.517	377.0	11.20	5.60	9.93	3.61	35.85
P6	a	540.8	10.91	391.0	9.70	4.850	10.611	380.3	10.73	5.36	10.01	3.58	35.84
Mean value		547.2	10.85	389.4	9.20	4.602	10.538	378.2	10.52	5.26			
Standard deviat	ion	15.6	0.18	6.0	1.82	0.912	0.085	2.0	2.80	1.40			
Relative deviati	on (%)	2.86	1.66	1.54	19.82	19.82	0.81	0.52	26.64	26.64			

**Table F4**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,C,PE.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	С	499.2	12.14	429.7	11.45	5.727	12.14	429.7	11.45	5.727	9.511	336.8	44.26	22.13	9.89	3.58	35.41
P2	c	533.9	12.26	435.7	11.56	5.781	12.26	435.7	11.56	5.781	8.435	299.7	49.63	24.82	9.87	3.6	35.53
P3	С	526.4	12.23	435.4	12.30	6.150	12.23	435.4	12.30	6.150	5.915	210.6	53.86	26.93	9.86	3.61	35.59
P4	c	539.7	12.36	436.6	12.39	6.193	12.36	436.6	12.39	6.193	4.356	153.9	43.94	21.97	9.84	3.59	35.33
P5	c	535.3	12.34	431.0	11.57	5.784	12.34	431.0	11.57	5.784	3.918	136.9	46.26	23.13	9.84	3.55	34.93
P6	С	578.9	12.56	449.8	12.31	6.154	12.56	449.8	12.31	6.154	4.634	166.0	52.04	26.02	9.87	3.63	35.83
Mean value		535.6	12.31	436.4	11.93	5.965	12.31	436.4	11.93	5.965	6.128	217.3	48.33	24.17	_	-	_
Standard dev	iation	25.7	0.14	7.2	0.44	0.221	0.14	7.2	0.44	0.221	2.327	82.7	4.15	2.08	_	-	_
Relative devi	ation (%)	4.80	1.16	1.64	3.71	3.71	1.16	1.64	3.71	3.71	37.97	38.07	8.59	8.59	_	_	_

**Table F5.** Results of the tensile tests of  $P\_PP$ .

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	<b>A</b> 0
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	1373.1	13.09	469.8	1.69	0.843	12.596	452.2	1.84	0.92	10	3.59	35.90
P2	a	1435.4	13.19	473.4	1.64	0.820	13.186	473.4	1.64	0.82	10	3.59	35.90
P3	a	1399.6	11.65	418.2	1.30	0.648	11.648	418.2	1.30	0.65	10	3.59	35.90
P4	a	1414.2	11.88	426.7	1.24	0.620	11.884	426.7	1.24	0.62	10	3.59	35.90
P5	a	1380.5	10.16	364.8	0.97	0.487	10.035	360.3	0.99	0.50	10	3.59	35.90
P6	a	1467.9	11.01	395.4	1.02	0.508	11.014	395.4	1.02	0.51	10	3.59	35.90
Mean value		1411.8	11.83	424.7	1.31	0.655	11.727	421.0	1.34	0.67	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	35.6	1.17	42.2	0.30	0.151	1.121	40.3	0.34	0.17	-	-	-
Relative deviati	on (%)	2.52	9.93	9.93	23.01	23.01	9.56	9.56	25.35	25.35	-	-	-

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**Table F6.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,PP.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	1509.3	15.69	555.8	1.50	0.748	15.690	555.8	1.50	0.75	10.15	3.49	35.42
P2	a	1517.7	18.16	657.4	2.50	1.250	18.160	657.4	2.50	1.25	10.14	3.57	36.20
P3	a	1508.4	18.65	678.4	2.48	1.242	18.654	678.4	2.48	1.24	10.13	3.59	36.37
P4	a	1552.9	17.90	644.2	2.30	1.150	17.897	644.2	2.30	1.15	10.14	3.55	36.00
P5	a	1452.3	17.58	642.2	2.30	1.150	17.579	642.2	2.30	1.15	10.29	3.55	36.53
P6	a	1502.7	18.21	652.6	2.58	1.292	18.213	652.6	2.58	1.29	10.18	3.52	35.83
Mean value		1507.2	17.70	638.4	2.28	1.139	17.699	638.4	2.28	1.14	-	-	-
Standard deviati	ion	32.4	1.05	42.5	0.40	0.200	1.047	42.5	0.40	0.20	-	-	-
Relative deviation	on (%)	2.15	5.92	6.66	17.54	17.54	5.92	6.66	17.54	17.54	-	-	-

**Table F7.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_C,PP.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	1697.3	14.46	525.1	1.24	0.620	14.455	525.1	1.24	0.62	9.98	3.64	36.33
P2	a	1573.2	16.34	592.8	1.74	0.872	16.345	592.8	1.74	0.87	9.91	3.66	36.27
P3	a	1599.2	17.61	618.4	1.99	0.995	17.614	618.4	1.99	1.00	9.78	3.59	35.11
P4	a	1481.3	16.23	576.5	1.59	0.794	16.137	573.3	1.59	0.79	9.68	3.67	35.53
P5	a	1589.4	15.35	551.9	1.44	0.720	15.352	551.9	1.44	0.72	9.69	3.71	35.95
P6	a	1549.7	16.31	599.0	1.60	0.798	16.276	597.6	1.60	0.80	9.87	3.72	36.72
Mean value		1581.7	16.05	577.3	1.60	0.800	16.030	576.5	1.60	0.80	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	70.6	1.06	34.0	0.26	0.128	1.060	33.8	0.26	0.13	-	-	-
Relative deviati	on (%)	4.46	6.63	5.89	16.01	16.01	6.61	5.87	16.01	16.01	-	-	-

**Table F8**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,C,PP.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	<b>A</b> 0
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	1484.0	-	-	-	-	23.88	869.9	3.88	1.942	23.880	869.9	3.88	1.94	9.98	3.65	36.43
P2	a	1556.5	-	-	-	-	21.07	765.5	3.28	1.638	21.069	765.5	3.28	1.64	9.9	3.67	36.33
P3	c	1542.1	17.54	638.0	2.14	1.071	17.54	638.0	2.14	1.071	10.456	380.3	2.89	1.45	9.91	3.67	36.37
P4	a	1282.4	-	-	-	-	21.20	778.5	3.57	1.783	21.202	778.5	3.57	1.78	9.87	3.72	36.72
P5	a	2039.3	-	-	-	-	20.64	746.1	3.50	1.749	19.999	722.9	3.72	1.86	9.93	3.64	36.15
P6	a	1616.8	-	-	-	-	20.87	758.9	3.55	1.776	20.867	758.9	3.55	1.78	9.91	3.67	36.37
Mean value		1586.9	17.54	638.0	2.14	1.071	20.87	759.5	3.32	1.660	19.579	712.7	3.48	1.74	-	-	-
Standard devi	ation	249.7	-	-	-	-	2.02	74.2	0.61	0.304	4.657	170.0	0.35	0.18	-	-	-
Relative devia	tion (%)	15.74	-	-	-	-	9.66	9.77	18.34	18.34	23.78	23.86	10.09	10.07	-	-	-

**Table F9**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_PS.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	924.8	-	-	-	-	5.83	216.3	0.78	0.391	5.664	210.1	0.79	0.40	10	3.71	37.10
P2	a	914.5	-	-	-	-	6.01	223.4	0.93	0.464	5.663	210.3	1.01	0.50	10.01	3.71	37.14
P3	С	1005.8	6.24	227.9	0.86	0.429	6.24	227.9	0.86	0.429	1.246	45.5	1.82	0.91	9.95	3.67	36.52
P4	С	909.4	6.25	229.0	1.02	0.510	6.25	229.0	1.02	0.510	1.248	45.8	1.90	0.95	9.91	3.7	36.67
P5	a	983.7	-	-	-	-	6.89	259.1	1.13	0.565	6.647	249.9	1.19	0.60	10	3.76	37.60
P6	a	990.5	-	-	-	-	6.12	219.6	0.78	0.389	5.959	213.8	0.80	0.40	9.91	3.62	35.87
Mean value		954.8	6.24	228.5	0.94	0.469	6.22	229.2	0.92	0.458	4.404	162.6	1.25	0.63	-	-	-
Standard dev	iation	43.1	0.00	0.8	0.11	0.057	0.36	15.4	0.14	0.070	2.472	91.8	0.50	0.25	-	-	-
Relative devi	ation (%)	4.52	0.06	0.35	12.11	12.11	5.80	6.71	15.19	15.19	56.13	56.48	39.55	39.55	-	-	

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**Table F10.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,PS.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	2265.6	12.65	483.4	0.64	0.318	12.545	479.2	0.64	0.32	10	3.82	38.20
P2	a	2336.9	13.34	511.0	0.69	0.346	12.800	490.4	0.72	0.36	10.03	3.82	38.31
P3	a	2309.6	14.40	547.8	0.74	0.370	14.402	547.8	0.74	0.37	10.01	3.8	38.04
P4	a	2244.1	13.65	527.9	0.69	0.343	13.436	519.6	0.68	0.34	10.07	3.84	38.67
P5	a	2267.7	14.25	559.5	0.78	0.391	14.246	559.5	0.78	0.39	10.2	3.85	39.27
P6	a	2379.6	13.81	536.7	0.65	0.323	13.785	535.5	0.65	0.32	10.09	3.85	38.85
Mean value		2300.6	13.68	527.7	0.70	0.348	13.536	522.0	0.70	0.35	-	-	-
Standard deviati	ion	51.3	0.64	27.3	0.06	0.028	0.755	31.9	0.06	0.03	-	-	-
Relative deviation	on (%)	2.23	4.66	5.18	8.05	8.05	5.58	6.11	8.04	8.04	-	-	-

**Table F11.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_C,PS.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	$e_{\rm m}$	ем	Sb	SB	eь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	$(mm^2)$
P1	a	2453.1	19.15	771.9	0.95	0.474	18.830	759.1	1.03	0.51	10.18	3.96	40.31
P2	a	2438.1	19.44	773.0	0.96	0.480	19.041	757.2	1.08	0.54	10.17	3.91	39.76
P3	a	2374.3	19.21	786.4	0.95	0.474	17.708	725.1	1.19	0.59	10.16	4.03	40.94
P4	a	2351.4	18.78	769.8	0.90	0.451	18.776	769.8	0.90	0.45	10.25	4	41.00
P5	a	2446.2	19.51	782.2	0.93	0.467	19.461	780.2	0.95	0.48	10.15	3.95	40.09
P6	a	2363.5	18.75	755.2	0.86	0.429	18.751	755.2	0.86	0.43	10.17	3.96	40.27
Mean value		2404.4	19.14	773.1	0.92	0.462	18.761	757.8	1.00	0.50	-	-	-
Standard deviati	ion	46.1	0.32	10.9	0.04	0.019	0.580	18.6	0.12	0.06	-	-	-
Relative deviation	on (%)	1.92	1.67	1.41	4.12	4.12	3.09	2.45	12.23	12.23	-	-	-

**Table F12**. Results of the tensile tests of P\_W,C,PS.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	930.4	6.80	248.6	0.86	0.432	6.729	245.9	0.87	0.43	9.85	3.71	36.54
P2	a	923.3	7.33	266.0	1.04	0.519	6.714	243.8	1.09	0.55	9.84	3.69	36.31
P3	a	936.5	5.46	196.1	0.67	0.334	4.349	156.1	0.64	0.32	9.78	3.67	35.89
P4	a	896.6	6.33	227.0	0.85	0.425	6.333	227.0	0.85	0.42	9.82	3.65	35.84
P5	a	945.8	6.12	222.7	0.76	0.381	6.119	222.7	0.76	0.38	9.89	3.68	36.40
P6	a	904.8	6.38	229.3	0.88	0.438	6.378	229.3	0.88	0.44	9.85	3.65	35.95
Mean value		922.9	6.40	231.6	0.84	0.422	6.104	220.8	0.85	0.42	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	18.9	0.63	23.8	0.12	0.062	0.891	33.0	0.15	0.08	-	-	-
Relative deviation	on (%)	2.05	9.83	10.28	14.71	14.71	14.60	14.96	17.72	17.72	-	-	-

**Table F13.** Results of the tensile tests of PO\_A.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	<b>A</b> 0
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	994.1	8.87	352.3	1.74	0.872	8.847	351.4	1.81	0.91	10.03	3.96	39.72
P2	a	1043.2	9.59	360.6	1.68	0.838	8.960	337.1	1.82	0.91	10.06	3.74	37.62
P3	a	1113.7	9.44	356.1	1.70	0.852	9.283	350.2	1.79	0.89	9.98	3.78	37.72
P4	a	1115.3	9.50	359.0	1.47	0.733	9.368	354.0	1.50	0.75	9.97	3.79	37.79
P5	a	986.5	9.79	371.1	1.80	0.901	9.449	358.3	1.97	0.99	9.98	3.8	37.92
P6	a	1066.1	9.67	361.7	1.78	0.889	9.241	345.5	1.95	0.98	9.97	3.75	37.39
Mean value		1053.2	9.48	360.2	1.70	0.848	9.191	349.4	1.81	0.90	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	56.1	0.32	6.4	0.12	0.061	0.237	7.4	0.17	0.09	-	-	-
Relative deviation	on (%)	5.32	3.39	1.76	7.14	7.14	2.58	2.11	9.43	9.43	-	-	-

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**Table F14**. Results of the tensile tests of PO\_A,W.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	845.8	9.29	341.8	2.19	1.096	8.707	320.4			9.92	3.71	36.80
P2	a	896.9	10.07	358.5	2.66	1.331	9.856	351.0	2.83	1.41	9.92	3.59	35.61
P3	a	855.9	9.77	350.7	2.11	1.054	9.581	343.9	2.17	1.09	9.97	3.6	35.89
P4	a	908.6	9.98	358.3	2.54	1.268	9.763	350.4	2.76	1.38	9.97	3.6	35.89
P5	a	905.5	9.55	342.7	1.87	0.934	9.289	333.1	1.99	0.99	9.99	3.59	35.86
P6	a	860.9	8.95	325.2	2.04	1.018	8.746	317.7	2.20	1.10	9.98	3.64	36.33
Mean value		878.9	9.60	346.2	2.23	1.117	9.324	336.1	2.39	1.19	-	-	-
Standard devia	ation	27.8	0.43	12.5	0.31	0.153	0.502	14.7	0.38	0.19	-	-	-
Relative devia	tion (%)	3.16	4.44	3.62	13.65	13.65	5.38	4.37	15.86	15.86	-	-	-

**Table F15**. Results of the tensile tests of PO\_A,C.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	1037.3	10.16	350.1	1.96	0.980	10.158	350.1	1.96	0.98	9.82	3.51	34.47
P2	a	920.6	8.65	306.6	1.43	0.713	8.555	303.2	1.42	0.71	9.9	3.58	35.44
P3	a	835.9	9.37	344.9	2.06	1.029	9.366	344.9	2.06	1.03	9.82	3.75	36.83
P4	a	873.2	9.16	322.3	1.56	0.779	9.161	322.3	1.56	0.78	9.8	3.59	35.18
P5	a	825.4	7.34	258.4	1.11	0.556	7.224	254.3	1.12	0.56	9.78	3.6	35.21
P6	a	840.7	8.70	307.7	1.52	0.760	8.541	302.0	1.53	0.77	9.85	3.59	35.36
Mean value		888.9	8.90	315.0	1.61	0.803	8.834	312.8	1.61	0.80	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	80.5	0.94	33.2	0.35	0.175	0.990	35.1	0.35	0.17	-	-	-
Relative deviati	on (%)	9.06	10.55	10.54	21.85	21.85	11.21	11.20	21.68	21.68	-	-	-

**Table F16**. Results of the tensile tests of PO\_A,W,C.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	<b>A</b> 0
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	814.3	9.52	338.5	1.85	0.925	9.351	332.6	1.87	0.93	9.88	3.6	35.57
P2	a	884.0	10.31	367.3	2.43	1.217	10.310	367.3	2.43	1.22	9.84	3.62	35.62
P3	a	876.0	9.93	352.6	2.05	1.027	9.499	337.4	2.12	1.06	9.84	3.61	35.52
P4	a	860.8	10.19	364.3	2.35	1.174	10.037	358.8	2.40	1.20	9.82	3.64	35.74
P5	a	855.1	9.66	343.3	1.97	0.983	9.663	343.3	1.97	0.98	9.95	3.57	35.52
P6	a	840.7	9.58	338.5	2.03	1.015	9.449	333.7	2.08	1.04	9.92	3.56	35.32
Mean value		855.1	9.87	350.7	2.11	1.057	9.718	345.5	2.15	1.07	-	-	-
Standard deviat	ion	25.2	0.33	12.8	0.23	0.114	0.377	14.3	0.23	0.11	-	-	-
Relative deviati	on (%)	2.95	3.36	3.64	10.77	10.77	3.88	4.15	10.61	10.61	-	-	-

**Table F17.** Results of the tensile tests of PO\_B.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	eь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	С	830.6	-	-	-	-	9.47	332.6	1.85	0.925	9.368	329.0	1.86	0.93	10.15	3.46	35.12
P2	c	830.7	-	-	-	-	10.35	384.5	2.52	1.260	10.120	375.8	2.67	1.34	10.2	3.64	37.13
P3	c	877.0	-	-	-	-	9.48	333.7	1.81	0.903	9.302	327.6	1.85	0.92	10.18	3.46	35.22
P4	С	837.6	-	-	-	-	9.35	338.8	1.82	0.910	9.174	332.5	1.85	0.93	10.21	3.55	36.25
P5	c	847.8	10.21	369.3	2.53	1.263	10.21	369.3	2.53	1.263	7.597	274.7	3.20	1.60	10.3	3.51	36.15
P6	С	904.5	-	-	-	-	9.47	350.5	1.58	0.788	9.347	345.9	1.62	0.81	10.25	3.61	37.00
Mean value		854.7	10.21	369.3	2.53	1.263	9.72	351.6	2.02	1.008	9.151	330.9	2.18	1.09	-	-	-
Standard devi	iation	29.9	-	-	-	-	0.44	21.2	0.40	0.202	0.832	32.9	0.62	0.31	-	-	-
Relative devia	ation (%)	3.50	-	-	-	-	4.53	6.02	20.05	20.05	9.09	9.95	28.47	28.47	-	-	

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**Table F18.** Results of the tensile tests of PO\_B,C.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	eь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	836.5	-	-	-	-	12.51	435.6	3.64	1.818	12.512	435.6	3.64	1.82	9.89	3.52	34.81
P2	a	845.2	-	-	-	-	11.75	415.5	2.79	1.393	11.689	413.3	2.82	1.41	9.96	3.55	35.36
P3	a	845.3	-	-	-	-	12.43	428.7	3.20	1.600	12.178	419.9	3.34	1.67	9.88	3.49	34.48
P4	С	864.0	12.92	447.9	3.66	1.829	12.92	447.9	3.66	1.829	12.453	431.8	4.27	2.13	9.85	3.52	34.67
P5	a	814.7	-	-	-	-	11.07	384.1	2.23	1.113	11.066	384.1	2.23	1.11	9.86	3.52	34.71
P6	a	870.5	-	-	-	-	12.35	432.6	3.27	1.636	12.043	421.7	3.35	1.68	9.92	3.53	35.02
Mean value		846.0	12.92	447.9	3.66	1.829	12.17	424.0	3.13	1.565	11.990	417.7	3.27	1.64	-	-	-
Standard dev	iation	20.0	-	-	-	-	0.66	22.2	0.55	0.273	0.542	18.4	0.70	0.35	-	-	-
Relative devia	ation (%)	2.36	-	-	-	-	5.42	5.24	17.48	17.48	4.52	4.40	21.31	21.31	-	-	-

**Table F19.** Results of the tensile tests of P.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sy	Fy	ey	ey	Sm	SM	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	924.8	-	-	-	-	5.83	216.3	0.78	0.391	5.664	210.1	0.79	0.40	10	3.71	37.10
P2	a	914.5	-	-	-	-	6.01	223.4	0.93	0.464	5.663	210.3	1.01	0.50	10.01	3.71	37.14
P3	c	1005.8	6.24	227.9	0.86	0.429	6.24	227.9	0.86	0.429	1.246	45.5	1.82	0.91	9.95	3.67	36.52
P4	c	909.4	6.25	229.0	1.02	0.510	6.25	229.0	1.02	0.510	1.248	45.8	1.90	0.95	9.91	3.7	36.67
P5	С	983.7	-	-	-	-	6.89	259.1	1.13	0.565	6.647	249.9	1.19	0.60	10	3.76	37.60
P6	a	990.5	_	-	-	-	6.12	219.6	0.78	0.389	5.959	213.8	0.80	0.40	9.91	3.62	35.87
Mean value		954.8	6.24	228.5	0.94	0.469	6.22	229.2	0.92	0.458	4.404	162.6	1.25	0.63	-	-	_
Standard dev	riation	43.1	0.00	0.8	0.11	0.057	0.36	15.4	0.14	0.070	2.472	91.8	0.50	0.25	-	_	_
Relative devi	ation (%)	4.52	0.06	0.35	12.11	12.11	5.80	6.71	15.19	15.19	56.13	56.48	39.55	39.55	-	-	-

**Table F20.** Results of the tensile tests of P\_C.

Sample	Curve	Et	Sm	Fм	еm	ем	Sb	SB	еь	ев	b	h	$\mathbf{A}_0$
number	type	(MPa)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(MPa)	(N)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm <sup>2</sup> )
P1	a	930.4	6.80	248.6	0.86	0.432	6.803	248.6	0.86	0.43	9.85	3.71	36.54
P2	a	923.3	7.33	266.0	1.04	0.519	7.327	266.0	1.04	0.52	9.84	3.69	36.31
P3	a	936.5	5.46	196.1	0.67	0.334	5.465	196.1	0.67	0.33	9.78	3.67	35.89
P4	a	896.6	6.33	227.0	0.85	0.425	6.333	227.0	0.85	0.42	9.82	3.65	35.84
P5	a	945.8	6.12	222.7	0.76	0.381	6.119	222.7	0.76	0.38	9.89	3.68	36.40
P6	a	904.8	6.38	229.3	0.88	0.438	6.378	229.3	0.88	0.44	9.85	3.65	35.95
Mean value		922.9	6.40	231.6	0.84	0.422	6.404	231.6	0.84	0.42	-	-	-
Standard deviat	tion	18.9	0.63	23.8	0.12	0.062	0.629	23.8	0.12	0.06	-	_	_
Relative deviati	on (%)	2.05	9.83	10.28	14.71	14.71	9.83	10.28	14.71	14.71	-	_	-

Appendix G. Bulk densities

**Table G1.** Results of bulk density tests of P\_PE; P\_C,PE; P\_W,PE; and P\_W,C,PE.

Material	P_PE		P_C,PE		P_W,PE		P_W,C,PE	
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>						
number	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )						
P1	8.486	0.0849	48.996	0.4900	7.272	0.0727	48.983	0.4898
P2	8.237	0.0824	48.538	0.4854	7.373	0.0737	48.992	0.4899
P3	8.178	0.0818	49.016	0.4902	7.466	0.0747	49.069	0.4907
P4	8.211	0.0821	48.050	0.4805	7.192	0.0719	50.302	0.5030
P5	7.854	0.0785	48.420	0.4842	6.891	0.0689	49.531	0.4953

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**Table G2.** Results of bulk density tests of P\_PP; P\_C,PP; P\_W,PP; and P\_W,C,PP.

Material	P_PP		P_C,PP		P_W,PP		P_W,C,PP	
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>
number	(g)	$(g/cm^3)$	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
P1	16.825	0.1683	43.877	0.4388	15.463	0.1546	46.074	0.4607
P2	16.368	0.1637	44.926	0.4493	15.625	0.1563	47.104	0.4710
P3	17.537	0.1754	43.697	0.4370	15.075	0.1508	46.296	0.4630
P4	15.492	0.1549	44.057	0.4406	15.196	0.1520	47.222	0.4722
P5	15.415	0.1542	43.769	0.4377	14.955	0.1496	46.712	0.4671

**Table G3.** Results of bulk density tests of P\_PS; P\_C,PS; P\_W,PS; and P\_W,C,PS.

Material	P_PS		P_	P_W,PS		W,PS	PS_W,C,PS	
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>
number	(g)	$(g/cm^3)$	(g)	(g/cm³)	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(g)	(g/cm³)
P1	16.986	0.1699	26.825	0.2683	16.369	0.1637	28.51	0.2851
P2	16.08	0.1608	27.184	0.2718	17.167	0.1717	28.062	0.2806
P3	16.506	0.1651	26.986	0.2699	14.616	0.1462	27.355	0.2736
P4	15.464	0.1546	27.859	0.2786	16.297	0.1630	27.326	0.2733
P5	16.216	0.1622	27.357	0.2736	14.762	0.1476	28.576	0.2858

Table G4. Results of bulk density tests of PO\_A; PO\_A,C; PO\_A,W; and PO\_A,W,C.

Material	PO_A		PC	PO_A,C		_A,W	PO_A,W,C	
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>						
number	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )						
P1	6.955	0.0696	40.454	0.4045	7.046	0.0705	46.537	0.4654
P2	7.202	0.0720	39.489	0.3949	6.758	0.0676	45.656	0.4566
P3	7.133	0.0713	40.002	0.4000	6.483	0.0648	45.822	0.4582
P4	6.671	0.0667	39.872	0.3987	6.574	0.0657	45.478	0.4548
P5	7.091	0.0709	40.090	0.4009	6.640	0.0664	44.83	0.4483

 $\textbf{Table G5.} \ \text{Results of bulk density tests of PO\_B; PO\_B,C; P; and P\_C.}$ 

Material	P	O_B	PC	D_B,C		P	]	P_C
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>						
number	(g)	(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )						
P1	8.944	0.0894	47.328	0.4733	10.362	0.1036	44.022	0.4402
P2	8.805	0.0881	48.663	0.4866	11.124	0.1112	44.705	0.4471
P3	9.143	0.0914	48.607	0.4861	11.679	0.1168	44.073	0.4407
P4	9.586	0.0959	47.541	0.4754	12.066	0.1207	44.469	0.4447
P5	9.452	0.0945	47.759	0.4776	11.326	0.1133	44.847	0.4485

**Table G6.** Results of bulk density tests of P\_PET and P\_W,PET.

Material	P	_PET	P_'	W,PET
Sample	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>	Net mass	<b>Bulk density</b>
number	(g)	(g/cm³)	(g)	(g/cm³)
P1	24.481	0.2448	18.762	0.1876
P2	24.018	0.2402	16.966	0.1697
P3	23.101	0.2310	19.372	0.1937
P4	24.342	0.2434	18.594	0.1859
P5	24.587	0.2459	17.674	0.1767
Mea	an value	0.2411		0.1827
Standa	rd deviation	0.0060		0.0095

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# Appendix H. Ash contents

 $\textbf{Table H1.} \ \text{Results of ash content tests of P\_PET and P\_W,PET.}$ 

Sample identification	Crucible empty (g)	Crucible and sample (g)	Crucible containing ash (g)	Ignition residue (g)	Ash content (AC)	Mean value AC (%)	Relative deviation (%)
P_PE	36.81	38.90	36.89	0.086	4.08		
P_PE	38.59	40.46	38.67	0.081	4.32	4.40	0.37
P_PE	36.51	38.92	36.62	0.116	4.81		
P_W,PE	34.33	36.30	34.37	0.046	2.31		
P_W,PE	38.15	40.07	38.19	0.048	2.48	2.40	0.08
P_W,PE	33.20	34.84	33.24	0.039	2.40		
P_C,PE	32.97	34.58	33.03	0.063	3.89		
P_C,PE	38.04	39.99	38.12	0.080	4.09	3.93	0.14
P_C,PE	36.40	38.01	36.46	0.061	3.81		
P_W,C,PE	32.72	34.60	32.77	0.044	2.32		
P_W,C,PE	39.22	40.96	39.26	0.043	2.47	2.40	0.08
P_W,C,PE	34.45	36.01	34.48	0.038	2.43		
P_PP	34.92	37.02	34.96	0.045	2.16		
P_PP	34.89	36.85	34.94	0.051	2.60	2.41	0.23
P_PP	35.70	38.24	35.76	0.063	2.48		
P_W,PP	32.67	34.59	32.72	0.045	2.37		
P_W,PP	35.33	37.33	35.39	0.060	3.00	2.39	0.59
P_W,PP	37.50	39.66	37.53	0.040	1.82		
P_C,PP	34.98	37.00	35.04	0.059	2.91		
P_C,PP	39.22	41.00	39.26	0.044	2.46	2.67	0.23
P_C,PP	31.23	32.67	31.27	0.038	2.63		
P_W,C,PP	34.86	36.70	34.89	0.032	1.72		
P_W,C,PP	34.98	36.63	35.01	0.026	1.57	1.68	0.10
P_W,C,PP	35.64	37.28	35.67	0.029	1.77		
P_PS	39.17	41.17	39.25	0.083	4.17		
P_PS	32.72	34.65	32.81	0.086	4.46	4.59	0.50
P_PS	39.48	40.96	39.55	0.076	5.14		
P_W,PS	33.10	35.11	33.17	0.071	3.53		
P_W,PS	39.98	40.94	40.01	0.026	2.69	3.36	0.60
P_W,PS	37.68	39.95	37.77	0.088	3.85		
P_C,PS	39.48	41.24	39.56	0.088	4.97		
P_C,PS	39.04	41.02	39.14	0.100	5.04	4.98	0.05
P_C,PS	31.23	33.28	31.33	0.101	4.94		
P_W,C,PS	38.81	40.94	38.88	0.078	3.63		
P_W,C,PS	39.81	41.94	39.88	0.075	3.53	3.63	0.11
P_W,C,PS	33.64	35.25	33.70	0.060	3.74		

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Table H1. Continued.

Sample identification	Crucible empty (g)	Crucible and sample	containing	Ignition residue		Mean value AC	
	24.55	(g)	ash (g)	(g)	(%)	(%)	(%)
PO_A	34.55	36.60	34.67	0.127	6.18		
PO_A	33.56	35.43	33.68	0.118	6.32	6.25	0.07
PO_A	39.06	41.03	39.18	0.124	6.27		
PO_A,W	36.39	38.37	36.47	0.082	4.13		
PO_A,W	34.48	36.53	34.56	0.085	4.16	4.15	0.01
PO_A,W	32.13	34.51	32.23	0.099	4.15		
PO_A,C	33.17	35.05	33.28	0.110	5.90		
PO_A,C	34.10	35.73	34.19	0.094	5.76	5.81	0.08
PO_A,C	39.17	40.54	39.25	0.079	5.78		
PO_A,W,C	37.67	39.67	37.76	0.082	4.12		
PO_A,W,C	40.03	41.28	40.08	0.050	3.96	3.92	0.21
PO_A,W,C	33.37	34.51	33.42	0.042	3.70		
PO_B	38.58	40.23	38.62	0.036	2.20		
PO_B	33.44	35.33	33.48	0.040	2.12	2.21	0.10
PO_B	37.67	39.87	37.72	0.051	2.31		
PO_B,C	39.04	40.77	39.08	0.043	2.46		
PO_B,C	34.44	36.07	34.48	0.040	2.48	2.45	0.05
PO_B,C	35.64	36.95	35.67	0.031	2.40		
P	33.41	35.43	33.59	0.176	8.71		
P	34.53	36.85	34.72	0.184	7.95	8.41	0.41
P	33.53	36.45	33.78	0.251	8.57		
РС	36.54	38.42	36.67	0.122	6.47		
P_C	38.43	40.20	38.54	0.115	6.48	6.19	0.51
P_C	38.59	39.76	38.66	0.065	5.60		

Appendix I. Exemplary material photos



**Figure I1.** Exemplary photos of the input materials: SRF in **A** and **B**, PO\_A in **C**, and PO\_B in **D**.

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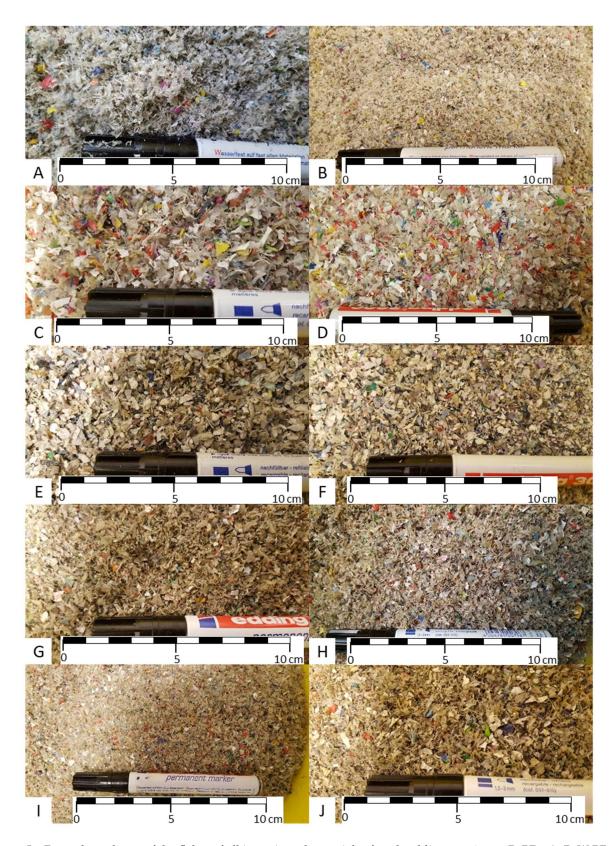
**Figure 12.** Exemplary photos of the manually sorted material fractions: wood-A; P&C-B; plastics-C; inert-D; metals-E; others-F.

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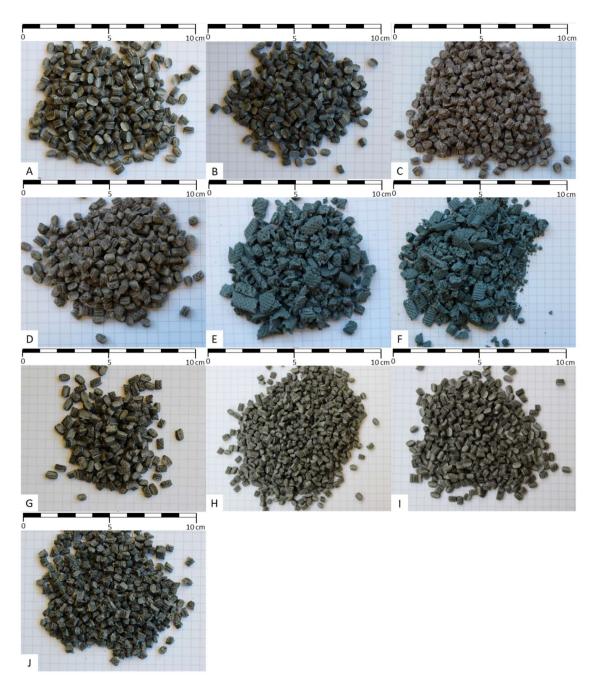
**Figure I3:** Exemplary photos of plastic types sorted with NIR: PE-A; PP-B; PET-C; PS-D; and others-E.

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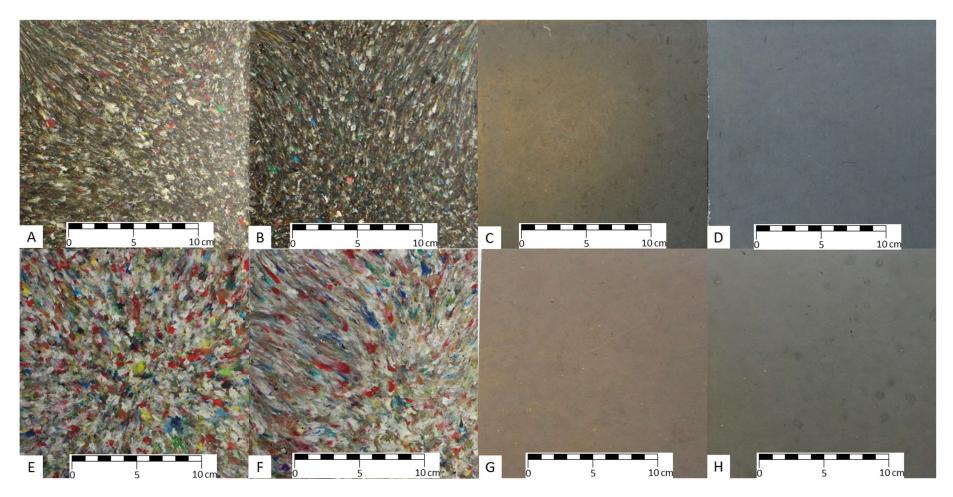
**Figure I4.** Exemplary photos of the flakes of all investigated materials after shredding to < 4 mm:  $P_PE-A$ ;  $P_W,PE-B$ ;  $P_PP-C$ ;  $P_W,PP-D$ ;  $P_PS-E$ ;  $P_W,PS-F$ ;  $PO_A-G$ ;  $PO_W,A-H$ ;  $PO_B-I$ ; and P-J.

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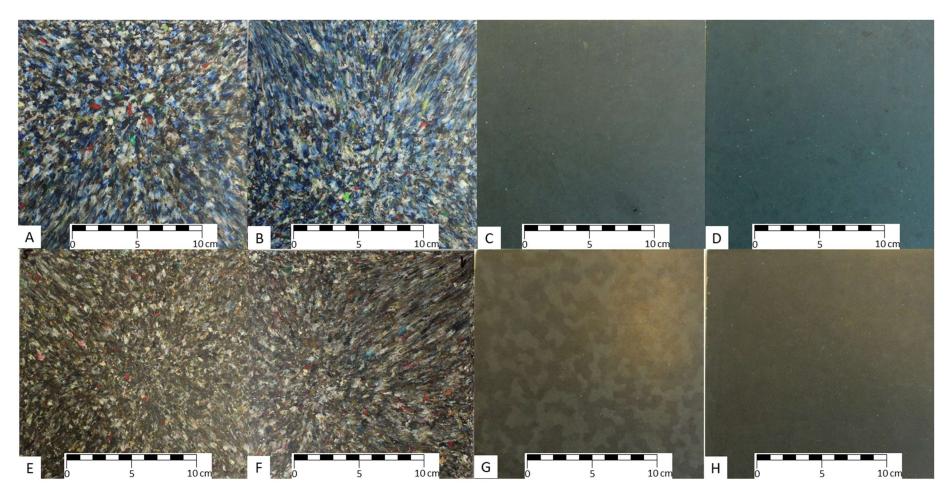
**Figure I5.** Exemplary photos of the granulates of all investigated materials after homogenisation and pelletising: P\_C,PE—A; P\_W,C,PE—B; P\_PP\_C—C; P\_W,C,PP—D; P\_C,PS—E; P\_W,C,PS—F; PO\_A,C—G; PO\_W,C,A—H; PO\_B,C—I; and P\_C—J.

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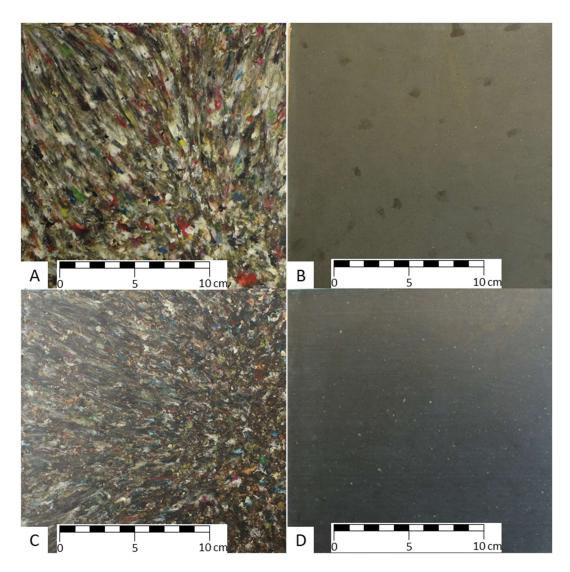
**Figure I6.** Exemplary photos of vacuum compression moulded plates: P\_PE-**A**; P\_W,PE-**B**; P\_C,PE-**C**; P\_W,C,PE-**D**; P\_PP-**E**; P\_W,PP-**F**; P\_C,PP-**G**; and P\_W,C,PP-**H**.

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**Figure I7.** Exemplary photos of vacuum compression moulded plates: P\_PS-**A**; P\_W,PS-**B**; P\_C,PS-**C**; P\_W,C,PS-**D**; PO\_A-E; PO\_A,W-F; PO\_A,C-**G**; and PO\_A,W,C-H.

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 $\textbf{Figure I8.} \ \ \text{Exemplary photos of vacuum compression moulded plates: PO\_B-A; PO\_B,W-B; P-C; and P\_C-D.}$ 

# **Appendix J.** Application options

 $\label{thm:constraints} \textbf{Table J1.} \ Possible \ applications \ for \ the \ materials \ investigated.$ 

Material	Processability	Potential products for application
P PE	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates
r_rr	compression moduling	for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
P W,PE	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates
1 _ vv ,1 L	compression moduling	for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
P_C,PE	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
P_W,C,PE	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
P PP	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates
1_11	compression modiums	for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
P W,PP	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates
1 _ v v ,1 1	compression moduling	for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
P_C,PP	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
P_W,C,PP	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
P_PET	No processing possible	No application
P_W,PET	No processing possible	No application
P_C,PET	No processing possible	No application
P_W,C,PET	No processing possible	No application

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P_PS	compression moulding	roofing and fencing sheets, plates for thermal insulation, office equipment, cases, plant pots, desk items [39]
P_W,PS	compression moulding	roofing and fencing sheets, plates for thermal insulation, office equipment, cases, plant pots, desk items [39]
P_C,PS	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in and outdoor applications
P_W,C,PS	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in and outdoor applications
PO_A	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
PO_A,W	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
PO_A,C	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
PO_A,W,C	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in- and outdoor applications
PO_B	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
PO_B,C	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications
P	compression moulding	distribution pallets [34], bins, pails, roofing [35] and fencing [36] sheets [37], plates for impact sound and thermal insulation, lawn stones
P_C	extrusion	Round, square and flat profiles [38], sheets, plates for in-and outdoor applications

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