

# *Innovative Polyester Acrylates – Solutions for Industrial Market Needs*

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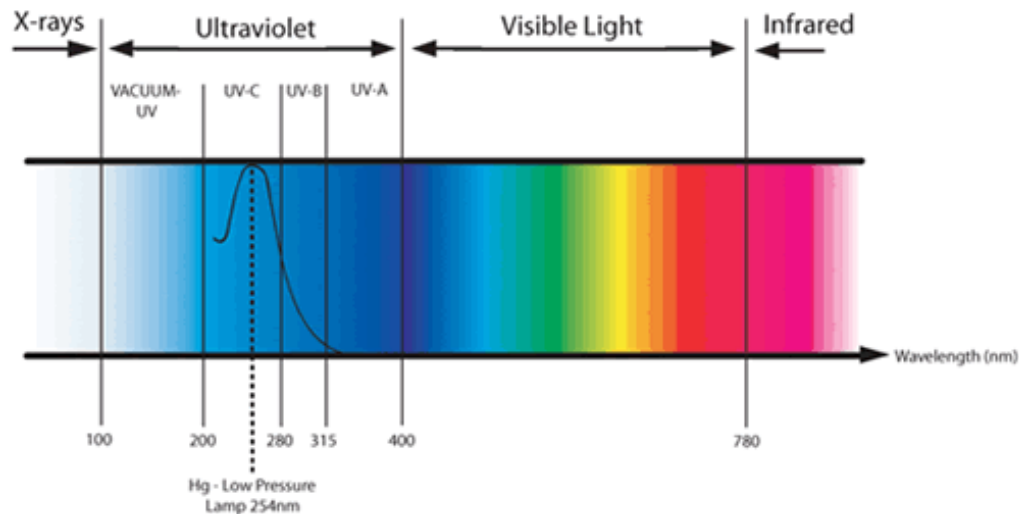
*All About Resins*

- **Energy Curing**
  - Definitions and benefits
- **Polyester Acrylates for IC Wood Applications**
  - PEA 1 - Low viscosity combined with high cure speed, high Tg, and low shrinkage
  - PEA 2 - Raw materials from recycled plastic
- **Performance**
- **Conclusions**

## What is Ultra-Violet (UV) curing?

- Using UV energy or visible light, as opposed to heat, solvent evaporation, or oxidation (air-drying), to convert a liquid formulation into a solid material
- Types of energy used:
  - Ultra Violet (UV): 200 – 400 nm
  - Visible light: typically 380 - 450 nm

ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



## **Productivity, Productivity, Productivity**

Seconds to cure vs. minutes or hours

## **No reaction until exposure to UV energy**

“Cure on Demand”, long pot life and reduced waste

## **Single component formulas**

Eliminates mixing errors found in 2 component systems

## **Lower Overall Cost (per cured part)**

100% solids, cure speed, recycling of coating, etc.

## **Regulatory concerns (VOC emissions)**

Low to no VOC

## **Energy Costs**

## Line of sight curing

- All areas of the part must be exposed to UV energy
- Lamp placement critical, but not difficult

## Absorbance of system

- Components that absorb/block UV may interfere with cure
- Select components that don't absorb UV or select PI that absorbs in another region of the UV spectrum

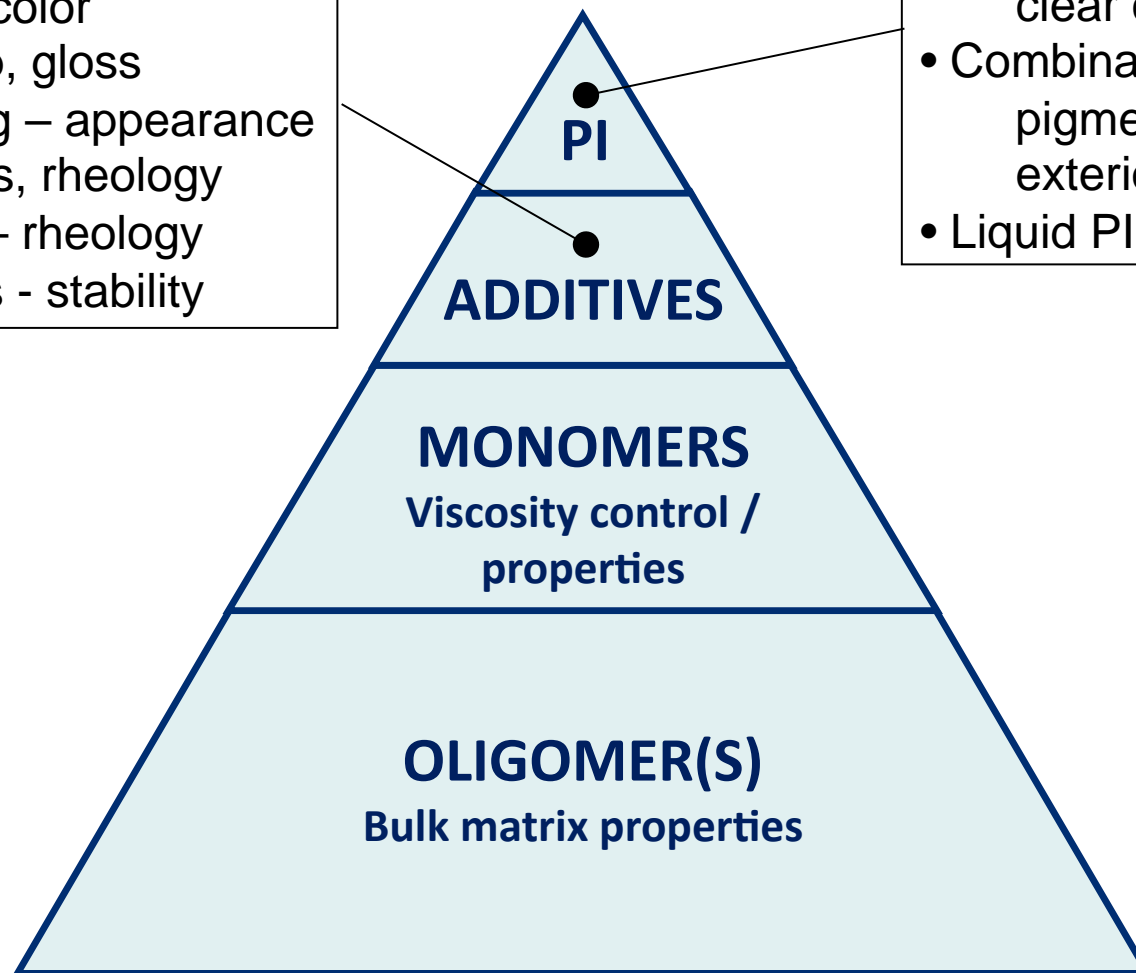
## Shrinkage

- All reactions generate shrinkage, which may lead to poorer adhesion
- Mitigate with selection of diluents, oligomers
- Use of WB systems can reduce shrinkage (no monomers needed to reduce viscosity)

## Energy Curing 100% Solids Formulation

- Matting agents – gloss
- Pigments – color
- Waxes – slip, gloss
- Flow/leveling – appearance
- Silica – gloss, rheology
- Thickeners – rheology
- pH adjusters - stability

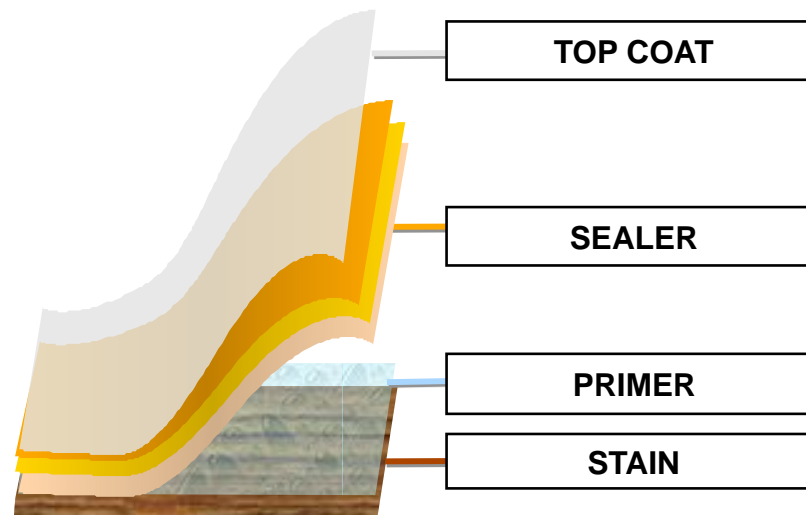
- Single PI – clear coatings
- Combination PI - pigmented, highly filled, exterior durable
- Liquid PI preferred



# UV Curable Coatings for Wood

## Floor Coating Layers

- Stain
- Primer - functional layer for **adhesion**
- Sealer - functional layer for **abrasion resistance**, may contain e.g. alumina to meet different abrasion tests (e.g. Taber, grit feeder or S42)
- Top Coat - functional layer for **scratch resistance, gloss**



# New PEA Resins for Industrial Wood Coatings

- **PEA 1 (experimental)**
  - **Low viscosity combined with high cure speed and low shrinkage**
  - **Good overall properties (hardness / flexibility) with high Tg**
  - **Good component for UV LED due to high reactivity**
  - **Biobased, 56% Renewable Content**
- **PEA 2 (experimental)**
  - **Recycled raw materials for cost benefit**
  - **Good performance properties**
  - **Excellent flow when filled**



## PEA 1 Physical Properties

Appearance	Yellow amber liquid
Viscosity 25°C mPa.s	5000
Color (Gardner)	3
Diluent content %	0
Tg °C <sup>(1)</sup> max Tan $\delta$ - DTMA	84
Tensile strength <sup>(1)</sup> MPa	16.5
Young modulus <sup>(1)</sup> MPa	1990
Elongation at break <sup>(1)</sup> %	0.9
Shrinkage – picnometer volume contraction (%)	6.52

<sup>(1)</sup> 80  $\mu$ m film; electron beam cured

**PEA 1 shows excellent thermal and mechanical properties combined with low viscosity**



## PEA 1 Shrinkage Comparison

UV Resin	% Volume shrinkage
PEA 1	-6.5
Bisphenol A based diacrylate	-6.2
Hard, trifunctional PEA	-8.1
Hard, hexafunctional UA	-8.4

**PEA 1 has less volumetric contraction than hard PEA and UA**



## PEA 1 Cure Speed and Hardness

Formulation	
<b>PEA 1</b>	100
Photoinitiator Blend	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>
Cure speed <sup>1</sup> & Hardness <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Viscosity</b> - c&p - CSR20 @ 25°C mPas	3330
<b>Cure speed Fingernail scratch</b> (m/min)	35
<b>Cure speed 100 Acetone double rubs</b> ( m/min )	< 50
<b>Persöz hardness</b> ( s ) Curing : 2 x 35 m/min	161

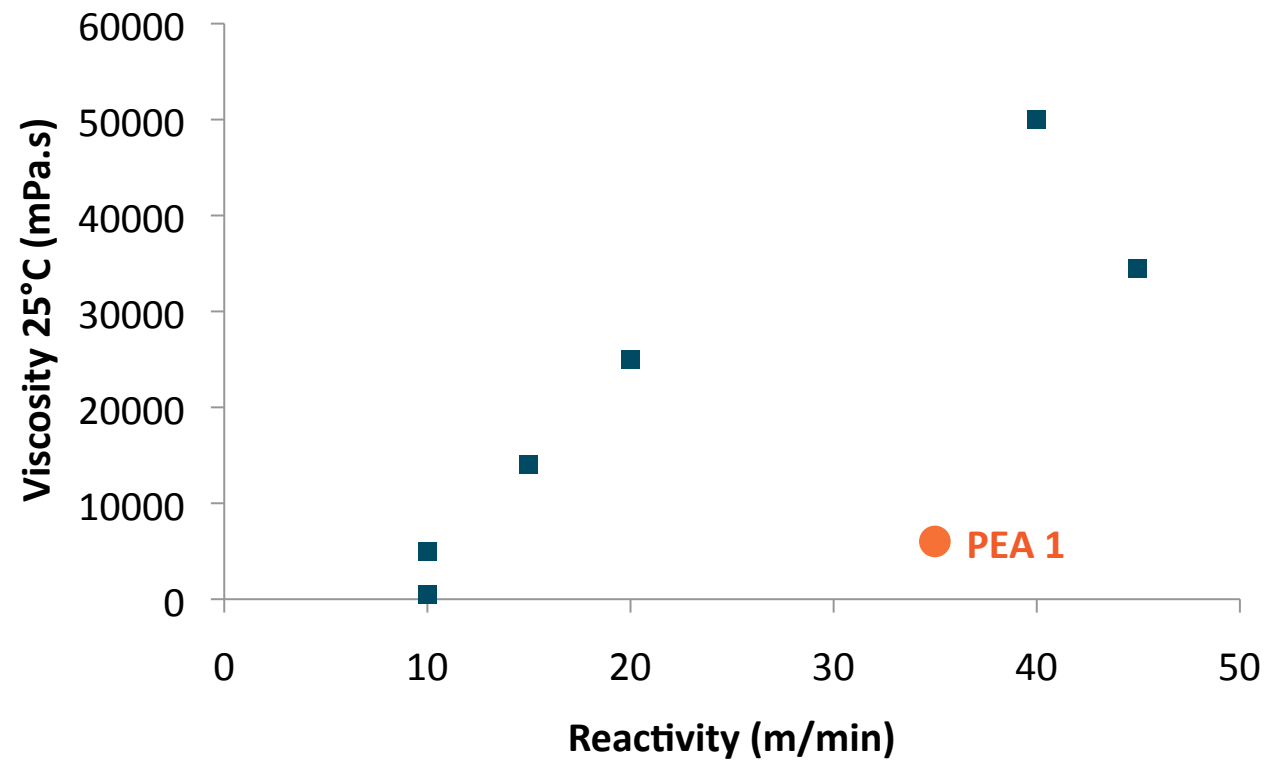
(1) 10 µm – 80 W/cm Hg lamp

(2) 60 µm coat on glass cured at 2 x 35 m/min

**PEA 1 shows high cure speed and hardness**



## PEA 1 Comparison with other PEAs



PEA 1 combines a high reactivity with a low viscosity without the addition of a diluent



## PEA 1 - Scratch Resistance Topcoat for Parquet SPF

Formulation	Parts
<b>PEA 1</b>	<b>55</b>
DPGDA	29.5
Flow and Leveling Agent	0.5
Photoinitiator 1	4
Photoinitiator 2	1
Silica 1	8
Silica 2	1
Wax	2
Substrate Wetting Agent	1



## PEA 1 - Scratch Resistance Topcoat for Parquet SPF

Stain resistance	80 µm coat on Leneta	120 µm coat on beech with WB primer
	24 hours Stain test ( 1 – 5 rating )	
Bleach water	5	3
ETOH/ water 1/1	5	5
10% Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	5	3
Coffee	5	5
Mustard	5	5
Adhesion/flexibility	120 µm coat on beech with WB primer	
Hamberger (N)	38<	
Erichsen (N)	27	
Coin test	OK	
Gloss on Black Leneta	80 µm coat on Leneta paper	
20°	7	
60°	40	

Coating on Beech and Leneta paper cured with 80-120W Hg lamp

**PEA 1 can be used as Topcoat for Parquet Flooring**

## PEA 1 Sprayable High Gloss Pigmented Topcoat SPF

Formulation	Parts
Trifunctional, hard PEA	35
<b>PEA 1</b>	<b>35</b>
DPGDA	30
White pigment paste	10
Wetting agent	0.5
Antisettling agent	2
Photo-initiator blend	3

Viscosity Cup 4 25°C : < 1 min 35 sec



## PEA 1 Sprayable High Gloss Pigmented Topcoat SPF

Stain- & solvent resistance	80 µm coat on Leneta paper
	24 hours Stain test ( rating 1 – 5 )
Bleach water	3
EtOH/ water 1/1	5
10% Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	3
Coffee	5
Mustard	3
Acetone DR	>100

80 µm wet coat	80 µm coating on MDF with 100% solids primer and sealer
Coin test	Pass without burnish mark

Gloss on Black Leneta	80 µm coat on Leneta paper
20°	36
60°	73

**PEA 1 can be used as 100% sprayable formulation for Furniture**





## PEA 1 LED Curing with Co-Initiator SPF

Formulation	A	B	C
<b>PEA 1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>
Hexafunctional UA	25	10	
Co-Initiator	25	25	25
Phosphine Oxide Photo initiator	5	5	5
<b>Cure speed : 10 <math>\mu</math>m on Leneta paper</b>			
Surface cure ( m/min ) measured by fingernail	1x10	1x5	2x5
Through cure measured by number of double acetone rubs	>100	>100	>100

Curing : 8W/cm<sup>2</sup> - 395 nm – 1 cm distance



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## Raw Materials From Recycled Plastics



- Different scrap shapes : cut, grinded, extruded pellets
- Different colors
- Different qualities

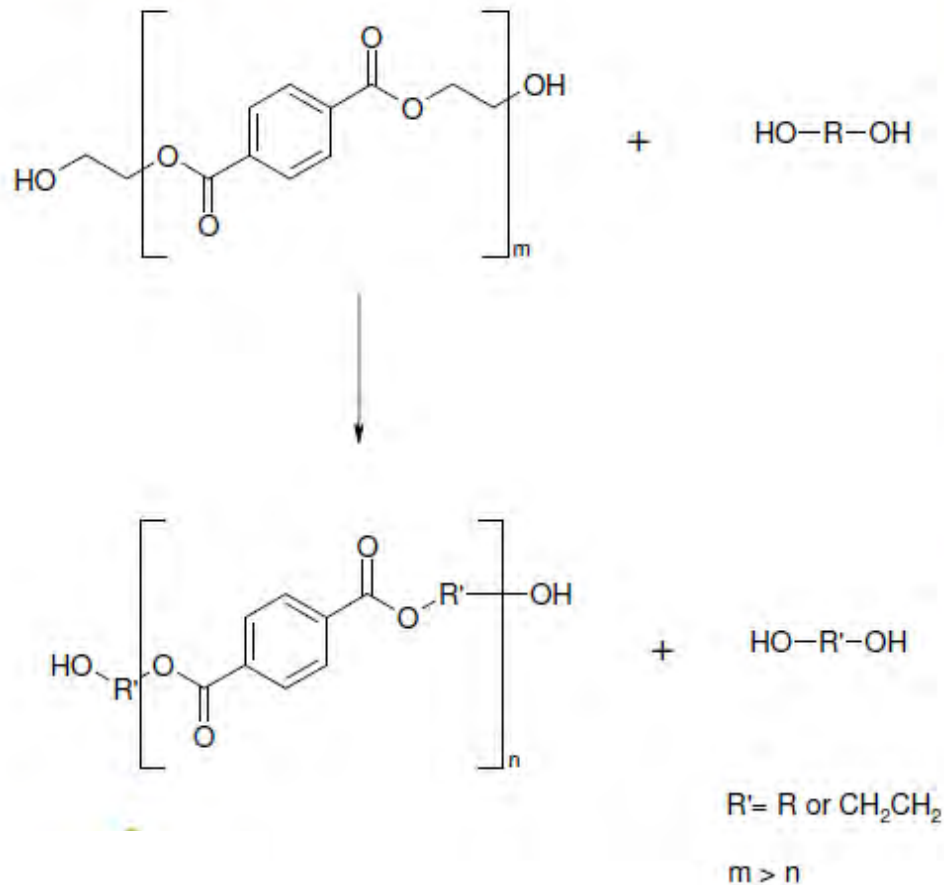


Europe (2011):

1.6 million tons of PET bottles collected  
1.12 million tons of PET flake produced

# Raw Materials From Recycled Plastics

PET glycolysis



Influence of:

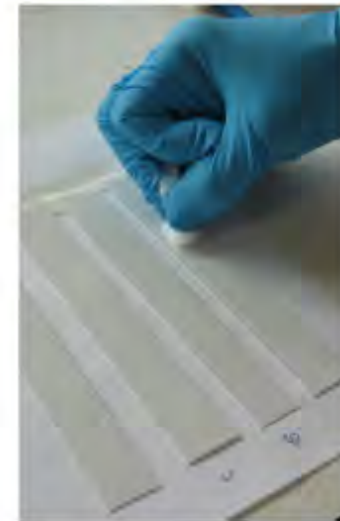
- Diol and stoichiometry
- Catalyst
- Temperature
- Time
  
- On
  
- Color
- Viscosity
- Crystallinity
- Molecular Weight

# Coating Properties of PEA 2

Properties	PEA 2
Viscosity 25°C (mPa.s)	17000
% recycled / renewable content	33
<b>FORMULATION</b>	
Polyester acrylate	80
TPGDA	20
BCPK	4
Viscosity 25°C (mPa.s)	1950
<b>RESULTS</b>	
Graphite (m/min)	7
Acetone Double rubs at 2x5 m/min	> 100
Persoz hardness (Seconds)	200



Graphite test



Acetone double rubs test



Persoz hardness

## Physical Properties of PEA 2

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	VALUE
Appearance	Clear liquid
Color, Gardner scale	<5
Density, g/ml at 21.5°C	1.28
Functionality, theoretical	2
Resin solids, %	100
Viscosity, 25°C, mPa·s	5000
Tensile strength, psi (MPa)	>2000
Elongation @ break, %	~1
Young's Modulus, psi (MPa)	>275,000
Glass Transition temperature, °C	>80

## Coating Properties of PEA 2

	PEA 2
<b>TABER HAZE :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-15u coatings on PC sheet</li> <li>• Cure 2x5m/min @ 300 WPI</li> <li>• CS10F wheels, 500g, 100 cycles</li> </ul>	9.8
<b>TABER ABRASION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25u coatings on PVC</li> <li>• Cure 3x5 min @ 300 WPI</li> <li>• CS17, 1 kg. load, wt. loss after 100/300 cycles</li> </ul>	3.9 / 12.8
<b>Flexibility: Mandrel test</b> 25u coating Cure 2x5 min@ 300 WPI on Al / PC	5mm / 4mm
<b>Coin Test:</b> 25u coating on oak Cure 2x5 m/min @ 300 WPI (0=bad, 5=good)	3



Taber CS 10F/ CS17



Cylindrical mandrel flexibility (BS EN 435:1994)



Coin test

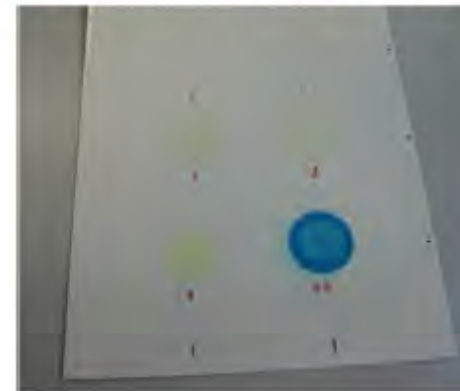


## Coating Properties of PEA 2

		PEA 2
<b>Adhesion:</b> cure 2x5 m/min @ 300WPI, cross hatch adhesion		
	25u on sanded oak	80%
	40u on sanded oak	80%
	25u on PVC floor	100%
<b>Stain/Solvent resistance – 25u white</b> Leneta chart (5=best, 0=worst)		
	Olive oil (16h)	5
	Coffee (16 h)	3
	Black marker (5 min)	2
	Betadine (16 h)	3
	Mustard (16 h)	3
	Ammonia 10% (16 h)	4
	Ethanol 48% (16 h)	5



Cross hatch adhesion test



Stain resistance



## Coating Properties of PEA 2

	Control	PEA 2
<b>Flow:</b> 1 gram coating (4% silica) on vertical Leneta chart, cm		
Flow after 1 minute	0.1	10.5
Flow after 5 minutes	0.2	> 20



## Conclusions

- Two new PEAs are in development which give formulators greater latitude
- PEA 1 delivers high cure speed, high Tg and low shrinkage at low viscosity, with the additional benefits of high reactivity for LED curing and high renewable content for our environment
- PEA 2 delivers good performance properties with excellent flow when filled with the additional benefit of using recycled raw materials for cost control and for our environment



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# Helios Products for Wood Floors – ABRASION RESISTANCE

## Abrasion Testing

- Related to toughness
- Different tests require different sealers to pass
- Taber abrasion more common in NA



S 42  
Rubber wheels +  
Abrasive Paper



Grit feeder  
Leather wheels +  
Falling Sand



Taber CS 10/CS 17  
CS 10/CS17 wheels

