



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Material Science Division (MSD) undertakes R&D projects leading to development of processes, products & devices based on different kinds of materials. Apart from development of materials with tailor made properties, the activities include development of technologies with cradle-to-grave concept.

Research Expertise

SRI has developed a number of technologies in various research areas involving synthesis and modification of polymers and chemicals. SRI's expertise in these areas along with the scope of activities are given below:

Research Areas

- · Green Technologies
- Strategic Polymers
- Engineering Polymers
- Smart Materials
- Nanotechnology
- · Radiation Processing
- Fluoropolymers
- Biofuels & Energy
- Waste Utilization
- Optical Polymers
- Biomedical Polymers
- Packaging
- Automobile & Transport
- Paints & Inks
- Adhesives
- Oils, Lubricants & Greases
- Textiles
- Rubbers
- Paper

Research Scope

- Process Development
- Scale-up Studies
- Synthesis
- Polymer Modification
- Process Optimization & Validation
- Performance & Life Cycle
- Data Generation
- Application Development
- · Specialized Studies
- Feasibility Studies
- Structure activity Correlation
- Consultancy & Trouble Shooting

Expertise in Synthesis

- Derivatisation
- Crosslinking
- Sulphonation
- Sulphation
- Thiolation
- Phosphation
- Alkylation
- Etherification
- Esterification
- Hydroxyalkylation
- Fluorination
- Polymerization
 - Anionic
 - Cationic
 - Free Radical
 - Condensation
 - Addition
 - Grafting
 - Substitution
 - Radiation

Pilot Plant Facilities

MSD has state-of-the-art pilot plant facility for polymer processing, synthesis of chemicals and formulating coatings & adhesives. The facility includes:

- Compression Molding Machine
- Extruders
- Injection Molding Machines
- Multi Layer Film Plant
- Thermoforming

- Kneader cum Pelletizer
- Rubber Kneader
- · High Speed Mixer
- Two Roll Mill
- Heavy Duty Grinders
- Three Roll Mill
- Bead Mill
- · High Speed Disperser
- Ball Mill
- Glass Lined Reactor
- Pressure Reactor



Technologies Developed by SRI

Nanotechnology

- Metal Containing Nanocomposites for Optical Application
- Nanophotocatalyst for Effluent Treatment
- · Nanofluids for Improved Heat Transfer

Radiation Processing

- Specialty Coatings for Wooden Handicrafts
- Cross-linked Polyamides
- Pressure Sensitive Adhesives
- Shelf Life Enhancement of Fruits & Vegetables
- Epoxy Composites
- Destruction of PCBs
- Optical Plastics

Utilization of Waste & Renewable Resources

- Recycled Rubber Flyash Tiles
- Cellular Lightweight Concrete
- Process Engineered Fuel
- Low Cost Sanitary Napkins & Diapers
- Micronized Teflon
- Novel Green Composites

Strategic Polymers

- Bootings for Master Slave Manipulator
- Radiation Resistant Lip Seals
- Perfluorinated Lubricants
- Fluoroelastomers
- Centering & Driving Bands for Projectiles

Engineering Plastics

- Composites
- Smart Polymers
- Modified Polymer for High Mechanical & Thermal Properties

Biomedical Application

- Disposable Speculum
- Spectacle Lenses, Contact Lenses & Intraocular Lenses
- Wound Dressings from Textile Waste & Plant Fiber
- Personal Care Products
- Bio Absorbable Sutures
- Super Absorbent Polymers
- X-Ray Resistant Garments
- Dental Cement
- Antimicrobial Textiles
- PSA Tapes













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ANALYTICAL SUPPORT: PAINTS, INKS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

Enamel Paint

- Synthetic: Exterior and Interior Purpose
- Epoxy Glossy Enamel (Two Components)
- Polyurethane Full Gloss Enamel

Ready Mixed Paint/Others

- > For General Purpose
- For Railway Coaches
- Stoving Paints
- ➤ Brushing Bituminous Black, Lead-Free, Acid, Alkali & Heat Resistant
- Road Marking Paint
- Antifouling Paint for Ship Bottoms and Hulls
- Distemper (Dry/ Washable)& Cement Paint
- Plastic Emulsion Paint
- Aluminium Paint for General Purpose

- Heat Resistant Aluminium Paint
- Powder Coating

Primer

- Zinc Chromate Primer
- Red Oxide-Zinc Chromate Primer
- Epoxy-Zinc Phosphate Primer
- Polyurethane-Zinc Phosphate (Two Pack) Primer for Exterior Painting of Railway Coaches

Varnish

- Varnish Finishing Exterior Synthetic, Air Drying and General Purpose
- Varnish Medium for Aluminium Paint
- Black Japan (Type A,B,C)

Road Marking Material

Thermoplastic Material

- Glass Bead
 - Type 1
 - Type 2 (Drop on)

Ink

- Fountain Pen Ink (Dye Based)
- Ferrogallotannate
- Stamp Pad Ink
- > Indelible Ink

Allied Products

- Knifing Stopper for Railway Coaches
- Grey Fillers for Enamel Use over Primer
- Putty for Use in Window Frame
- Polyurethane based Knifing Fillers
- ➤ Aluminium Paste for Paint
- Sealing Wax

Raw material

- Pigments
- Drier

Analytical Parameters

Physical and Chemical

- Drying Time
- Viscosity (Flow cup no.4)
- > Finish
- Fineness of Grind
- > Gloss (60°, 20° & 45°)
- Colour
- Water Content
- Wet Opacity
- > Flexibility and Adhesion
- Flash Point

- Accelerated Storage Stability
- Dry Film Thickness
- ➤ Mass in kg/10 Lit.
- Composition: Volume Solids, Phthallic anhydride.
- Accelerated Tests: Resistance to
 - Suphuric Acid
 - Caustic Potash
 - Oil
 - Solvents
- Durability Test

- Colour Fastness to Light
- ➤ Washability & Cleanability
- Temperature Stability
- Ratio of Ethyl Acetate Extract to Iron Content
- Compatibility with Thinner
- Resistance to Wear
- > Resistance to Bleeding
- Volume Solid
- Relative Consistency
- Resistance to Salt Spray



- Recoating Properties
- Outdoor Exposure
- Accelerated Weathering Test
- Protection against Corrosion under Condensation
- Volatile Matter
- Resistance to Water
- > Resistance to Alkali
- Resistance to Acid
- Resistance to Chlorine
- Lead Free Material
- Heavy Metals
- Pot Life
- Pigment Composition
- Cracking Resistance at Low Temperature
- Binder Content
- Softening Point
- Luminance Factor
- Titanium Dioxide
- ➤ Calcium Carbonate & Inert Fillers
- Free Flowing Properties of Glass Beads
- Gradation of Glass Beads
- Glass Beads Content
- Flow Resistance
- Roundness of Glass Beads
- > Iron Content
- Sedimentation
- Corrosion
- ➤ Hue and Intensity of Colour Penetration & Permanence

- Freedom from Clogging
- Stability
- Colour Uniformity & Intensity
- > Test for Resistance to Light
- Glycerol (Glycerin Content)
- Performance
- Odour & Fuming
- Adhesion to Surface
- ➤ Heat Resistance
- Resistance to Heat Polymerization

Instruments

- Wet Abrasion Tester
- Flow Cup No. 4
- Wear Resistance Apparatus
- Scratch Hardness Apparatus
- Pressure Test Apparatus
- Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer
- Cupping Tester
- Hegman Gauge
- ► Gloss Meter (60°, 20° & 45°)
- Humidity Cabinet
- Coat Measure
- Colour Spectrophotometer
- Skid Resistance Tester
- > Flow Resistance Tester
- Cylindrical & Conical Mandrel
- Metal Pyknometer
- > Salt Spray Chamber
- Q Sun Weather-o-Meter

- Centrifuge Machine
- Pfund Cryptometer
- Abel Close Cup Flash Point Apparatus
- Sun Tester
- > UV 2000 (Atlas)
- UV-Visible Spectrophotometer

Focus Areas

- Development of Products
- > Technology for Generalized & Specialized Application
- Modification of Existing Process for Paint Manufacturing
- > Import Substitution

Protocols Followed

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
- British Standards (BS)
- International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)
- Customer/Sponsor Provided Specification
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Specification (MORTH)
- > American Association of State Highways & Transportation Official (AASHTO)



ANALYTICAL SUPPORT: PAPER, LEATHER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

- Writing and Printing Paper
- Photocopier Paper
- Newsprint Paper
- Carbon Paper
- Kraft Paper
- Pleated Filter Paper
- Computer Paper
- Germination Paper

- Paper Board
- Solid Press Board
- Type Writer Ribbons
- Diaries
- Tissue Paper
- Blotting Paper
- Stencil Paper
- Coated and Art Paper
- Cover Paper

- Office Paste
- Corrugated Boxes / Cartons
- Exercise / Drawing Note Books
- Calendars
- File Covers
- Leather Cloth
- Footwear

- Upholstery
- Bags
- Belts
- Leather Goods
- Leather Garments
- Wallets
- Toys
- Shoe Sole
- Covers
- Gloves

Analytical Parameters

Physical and Mechanical

- Dimensions / Size
- Thickness
- Weight/Mass/Substance / Grammage
- Bulk
- Tensile Strength/Tensile Index
- Elongation at Break
- Tear Strength (Elmendorf)
- TearIndex
- Bursting Strength (Mullen Type)
- Burst Factor/Burst Index
- Adhesive Strength
- Hardness
- Smoothness & Porosity
- Double Fold
- Bending Stiffness
- Edgewise Crush
- Flat Crush
- Pore Size (Mean & Maximum)
- Durability
- Recuperation
- Typed Work
- Resistance of Writing Paper to Feathering
- Grammage of Each Ply (Corrugated Box)
- Brightness
- Opacity

- Gloss
- Water Absorbency
- Cobb Test
- Fastness to Light
- Flexing Demattia
- UV Resistance
- Thermal Stability
- Ozone Resistance
- Durability Test
- Mildew Resistance
- Coefficient of Friction
- Abrasion Resistance
- Thermal Conductivity
- Flame Spread Test
- Smoke Density
- Toxicity Index

Chemical

- Water Soluble Chloride
- Water Soluble Sulphate
- Ash Content
- Mass of Coating
- Heavy Metals (Cadmium, Mercury, Lead, Arsenic)
- Solid Content
- Surface pH
- pH of Aqueous Extract
- Matter Soluble in Ether
- Benzene Soluble Matter

Water Soluble Matter

- Moisture Content
- Volatile Content
- Solvent Extractable
 Matter

- Nitrogen Content
- Chromium Content
- Aluminium Content
- Iron Content
- Copper Content
- Silica Content
- Total Chloride Content
- Formaldehyde Content
- Oil Content
- Hide Substance
- Degree of Tannage
- Sulphated Ash
- Water Insoluble Ash
- Water Soluble Organics
- Chromic Oxide
- Zirconium Content
- Water Soluble Magnesium Salt
- Sugar Content as Glucose
- Corrosion Resistance
- Phosphorus Content
- Chemical Resistance

❖ Instruments

- Universal Tensile Testing Machine
- Bursting Strength Apparatus (Mullen Type)
- Elmendorf Tear Tester
- Sun Tester CPS (+)
- Q Sun Weather-o-Meter
- Polarizing Microscope
- pH Meter

- Weighing Balance
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❖ Specialized Studies

- Studies Related to Various Environmental Exposures:
- High Temperature
- Low Temperature
- Thermal Shock
- Relative Humidity
- Fungus Growth

Other Services

- Setting-up of New Laboratory
- Quality Assurance Services
- Third Party Inspection

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ANALYTICAL SUPPORT: TEXTILE AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

- Uniform Clothes
- Carpets
- HDPE/PP Bags
- Jute Bags
- · Bitumen Felts
- Socks
- · Jerseys/Sweaters
- · Yarn/Threads
- Towels

- · Geo-Textiles
- Bed Sheets
- Cotton Canvas
- · Cotton Bandages
- · Cotton Drill
- · Tarpaulins
- · Woolen Felts
- School Bags
- Cloth Bags

- · Ropes/Twines
- Blankets
- · Woolen Shawl
- Filter Cloth
- · Inner Vest
- · Binding Cloth
- · Rain Coat
- High Efficiency Floorings

- · Mosquito Nets
- · Mesh Nets
- Webbing
- Flame Retardant Fabrics
- · Woolen Serge
- Upholstery/Vinyl Coated Fabrics
- · Cloth Shirting Angola

Analytical Parameters

❖ Physical & Mechanical

- Dimensions
- Thickness
- Weight/Mass
- Threads/Dm
- · Twist Per Inch
- Count of Yarn
- Breaking/Tensile Strength
- Elongation at Break
- Tear Strength (Tongue/ Elmendorf)
- Peel Strength
- Bursting Strength (Mullen Type & Ball Bursting)
- Puncture Resistance
- Martindale Abrasion
- Pilling
- · De-Mattia Flexing
- Crease Recovery Angle
- Storage Sticking Test
- Fibre Diameter/Fibre Fineness
- Type of Weave
- Pile Density
- Shorn Pile Weight
- Tuft Withdrawal Force
- · Pile Height
- Pile Thickness
- Pressure Head Test
- Water Spray Test
- Cone Test
- Water Penetration Test

- Chemical
- Identification of Fibres & Blend
- Scouring Loss
- Water Soluble Matter
- Ether Soluble Matter
- Chloride Content
- Azo Dyes
- Dimensional Change to Water
- Dimensional Change to Washing
- Total Pile Weight
- Colour Fastness to Water
- Colour Fastness to Organic Solvents
- Colour Fastness to Sea Water
- Colour Fastness to Shampooing
- Sulphate Content
- DDT Content
- Oil Content
- pH of Aqueous Extract
- Heavy Metal Analysis (Mercury, Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead)
- PCP Content
- Benzidine Content
- Pile Composition
- Ash Content
- Moisture Content
- Colour Fastness to Artificial Light/ Day Light
- Colour Fastness to Washing

- Colour Fastness to Perspiration
- Colour Fastness to Hot Pressing
 Colour Fastness to
- Rubbing (Dry & Wet)
- Vertical FlammabilityHorizontal Flammability
- Tablet Test
- Limiting Oxygen Index
- Toxicity Index

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- Carpet Thickness Gauge
- pH Meter
- Weighing Balance
- Washing Machine
- · Digi-Crock
- Digi-Pill
- Digi-Twist

- Digi-Wash
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- Perspirometer
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ANALYTICAL SUPPORT: RUBBER, PLASTICS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS

- · Black LDPE Films
- HDPE Films
- Multilayered Cross Laminated Films
- PVC/UPVC Pipes
- HDPE Pipes
- Tarpaulins
- Conveyor Belts
- Surgical Rubber Gloves
- V- Belts
- · Cycle Tubes

- Tubal Rings
- Copper-T
- Latex Condoms
- PLB HDPE Ducts
- Non-percolating Fire Fighting Hose
- Decorative Thermosetting Laminate
- Rigid Cellular Foam
- Plywood Adhesives (Phenolic and Amino)
- Polymeric Bitumen Membrane
- PET Bottles
- HDPE Water Tanks
- Fiber-reinforced Composite Cylinders
- Reflective Road Stud
- Foot Rest
- Rubber Hose
- Rubber Grommet
- Geo-grid/Geo-membrane

- · Polycarbonate Globe
- PVC Flooring
- · Epoxy Flooring
- False Ceiling
- Water-proofing Membrane
- CPVC Sprinkler Pipe
- PPR Pipe
- FRP Pipe
- PTFE Products
- PVC Shoes
- Plastic Chairs

Analytical Parameters

Physical and Mechanical

- Dimensions
- Thickness
- Density/Specific Gravity
- Bulk Density
- Resistance to Indentation
- Weight/Mass
- · Tensile Strength
- Elongation at Break
- Flexural Strength
- Tear Strength (Tongue/ Elmendorf)
- Bursting Strength (Mullen Type)
- Peel Strength
- Bond Strength
- Intrinsic Viscosity
- Particle Size
- Puncture Resistance
- Adhesion Strength
- Hardness (Shore A , Shore D & IRHD)
- Indentation Hardness Index
- Melt Flow Index/Rate
- Flexing Test
- Compression Test
- Compression Set
- Izod Impact Test
- Dart Impact Test
- Abrasion (Taber)
- Heat Deflection Temperature (HDT)
- Vicat Softening

- Temperature (VST)
- Dimensional Stability
- Reversion
- Opacity of Pipes
- Vacuum Collapse Test
- Carbon Black Dispersion
- Thermal Conductivity
- Hydraulic Test on Pipes
- Pressure-head Test
- Water Penetration Test

❖ Chemical

- Identification of Polymers
- Chlorine Content
- Nitrogen Content
- Vinyl Chloride Monomer Content
- Moisture Content
- Volatile Content
- Ash Content and Analysis
- Sulphated Ash Content
- K-Value
- Ozone Resistance
- Water Absorption
- Plasticizer Content
- Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
- Thermal Stability
- Carbon Black ContentMoisture Vapor

Transmission Rate (MVTR)

 Halogen Acid Gas Evaluation

- Titanium Dioxide Content
- Overall Migration
- Resistance to Chemicals
- Rubber Content
- Sulphur Content
- Heavy Metal Analysis
- Solvent Extractable
 Matter
- Biodegradability
- Photodegradability
- Weathering Exposure
- UV Exposure
- UL Flammability
- Limiting Oxygen Index
- Toxicity Index
- Smoke Density
- Oxidation Induction Time
- Vertical Flammability
- Horizontal Flammability

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- · Climatic Chamber
- Toxicity ChamberIzod Impact Tester
- Melt Flow IndexerIndentation Hardness
- Tester
 Polarizing Microscope
- Bursting Strength

- Apparatus (Mullen Type)
- Elemendorf Tear Tester
- Brittleness Apparatus
- Dart Impact TesterLow Temperature
- Viscosity Bath
- Abrasion TesterPressure Head Tester
- Thermal Conductivity Apparatus
- HCL Gas Generation Apparatus
- Carbon Black Content Apparatus
- Ozone Resistance Apparatus
- HDT/VST Apparatus
- Smoke Density Apparatus
- Limiting Oxygen Index
- ApparatusOxygen Induction Time Apparatus
- Thermo Gravimetric Analyser
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- (FMVS/UL)
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