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# Gain Efficiency, Improve Uptime, and Increase Precision with Direct Die Injection

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## Direct Die vs. Wet Bath

Reduce Material Waste	Reduce Emissions	Increase Uptime
Improve Process Controls	Repeatable Process	Ability to change materials frequently
Controlled Pressures and Feedback	Reduce Clean Up	Higher Quality
Agile and Efficiency Gains	Controlled Hear	Remote Control Access
	Data Feedback and Operator Login	

#### Accuracy with Material Savings

- Eliminates cleaning of bath and left over material
- Material life cycle longer/shorter since material is not starting the curing process once mixed and poured/pumped into bath
- Adjust cure times/chemistry. Delivering finished product quicker
- Ability to use more variety of materials in production
- Quick change out on the line with materials
- Freshly mixed material being delivered into die
- Reduction in settlement in materials being used
- Cleaner facility
- No hand mixing
- Durable Pumps/Technology

### **Pressure Control/Heat Control**

- Ability to Control Pressure with Feedback Module (Die and Injection head)
  - Allows for pressure to be self regulated through control system/feedback mechanisms.
    Technology to speed up or slow down pumps to reach correct pressure ratings
- Injection pressures tightly regulated for no blowouts that can slow down process/ Too low pressure will not get proper saturation
- Allows materials to reduce in viscosity/thin for proper saturation which allows die to apply cure heat on outbound side



# **Precision Pumps/Controls**

- Hydraulic Driven pumps with backpressure regulators/flow meters smooth out the flow with controlled delivery rates and correct component materials.
- Material Flow Rate is consistent and controlled
- Self Regulates through PLC logic and controls. Can communicate with controls on the pultrusion line
- Data Acquisition
- Technology to be able to adjust ratios on the fly
- Automated to eliminate operator error. Repeatable
- Improved Process Controls (RFID, Barcode, Recipe Control)





# Efficiency Gains/Uptime

- Cleaner/Controlled Environment
  - Repeatable Process
  - Ergonomics for employees
  - Higher Output
  - Increased Production Efficiency
  - Reduction in waste
- Feedbacks/Alarms
  - Machine capability to alarm if off pressure/ratio/temp
  - Understanding exactly what is happening at the die connection
  - Data Logic on Ratios, Operators, Product
  - Remote Login for serviceability
- Reduction in Emissions
- Labor Savings
- Less Rework on finished products