

# Up-to-date Plastics Knowledge

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**It's a well-meant wish you will hear a lot in these times.** But if you do catch something, you'll be glad of all the things that medical technology can do for its patients nowadays. Our Special in this edition looks at plastics in medical technology from completely different perspectives.

The proposed VDI guideline ProValiMed has been launched to make manufacturers of medical products fit for regulation-compliant production. For component manufacturers in particular, validation of processes with the new medical product guideline is a challenge. The aim is to use it to create

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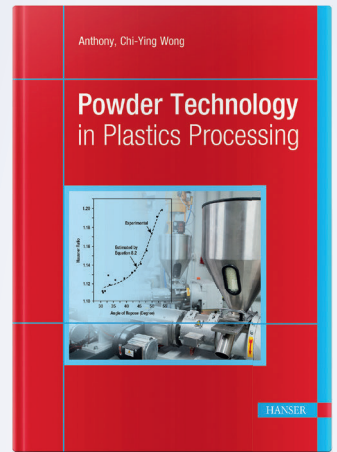
a broad consensus. The focus is on injection molding, though the regulations can also apply to technologies such as extrusion, film production or welding processes. ProValiMed should allow even manufacturers from other industries to orient their processes so as to gain a foothold in the industry. You can read about the current stage of the project from page 22.

In hot-runner technology, too, specialists must set to work making plastics in the medical sector processable robustly and in accordance with the strict legal regulations. The article "Looking over the Application Engineer's Shoulder" from page 25 describes the day-to-day challenges faced by experts in injection molding and mold and hot-runner technology.

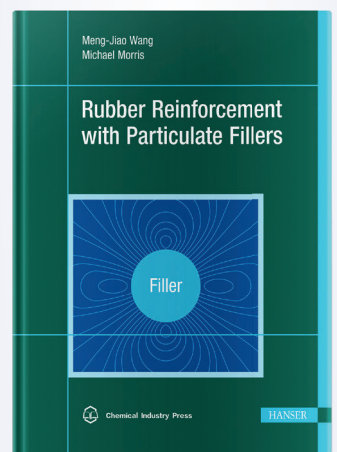
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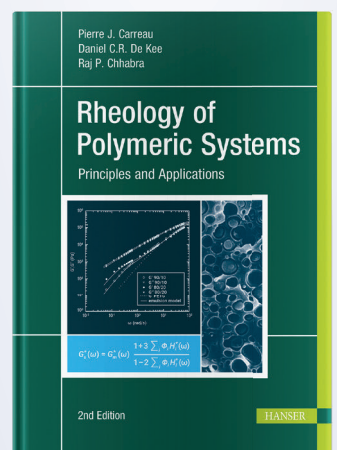
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