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Introduction:

Tyre and rubber products manufacturing, covering compounding, mixing, curing and defect control, is a 5-day course for process, production and quality control teams in tyre, hose, conveyor belt and seal plants, ending with a Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan for a case tyre plant. Plants lose output when compounds scorch in the mixer, cord plies run off gauge, splices open on the drum and presses cure on fixed times rather than test evidence. Nominees already run, set or test rubber process lines and learn through inspection walkthroughs of mixers, calenders, building drums and curing presses. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this tyre and rubber products manufacturing course.

Course Objectives:

- Specify rubber compound recipes by choosing elastomers, carbon black or silica loading, cure packages and protective additives for a tyre, hose, belt or seal component
- Interpret Mooney viscosity, scorch time and rheometer cure curves to release or hold a mixed batch
- Control internal mixer stages using rotor speed, ram pressure, fill factor, mix energy and dump temperature
- Set calendering, profile extrusion and drum building conditions that hold cord gauge, profile weight and splice quality
- Adjust bladder press cure cycles and read uniformity, balance and visual inspection results for cured tyres
- Trace scorch, undercure, blister, splice and force variation defects to their process stage and build a defect control plan

Target Audience:

- Process engineering teams responsible for compound recipes, mixer sequences and cure cycle settings
 - Production teams responsible for mixing, calendering, extrusion, tyre building and curing press output
 - Quality control laboratory teams responsible for Mooney, rheometer and physical testing of compound batches
 - Final inspection teams responsible for uniformity, balance, X-ray and visual grading of cured products
 - Start-up and commissioning teams responsible for bringing new tyre or rubber goods lines to stable output
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Rubber Product Structures and Current Plant Losses

- Natural Rubber, SBR, Polybutadiene and Halobutyl Elastomer Roles
- Tyre Construction Map From Inner Liner to Tread
- Hose, Conveyor Belt and Seal Build Structures Compared
- Compound-to-Cure Process Flow From Weighing to Final Inspection
- Current Scrap and Rework Pareto by Process Stage

Day 2: Compound Design, Cure Systems and Rubber Test Methods

- Carbon Black and Silica Filler Loading for Reinforcement
- Sulphur, Accelerator and Zinc Oxide Activator Cure Packages
- Antioxidant and Antiozonant Protection Against Service Ageing
- Mooney Viscometer Minimum Viscosity and Scorch Time Readings
- Rheometer Cure Curve Torque, Cure Rate and Reversion

Day 3: Mixing, Calendering, Extrusion and Green Tyre Building

- Internal Mixer Rotor Types, Ram Pressure and Fill Factor
- Masterbatch and Final Mix Stages With Mix Energy Control
- Steel and Fabric Cord Calendering With Creel Room Tension
- Quadraplex Tread and Sidewall Extrusion Profile Weight Gauging
- Two-Stage Drum Building, Bead Setting and Splice Types

Day 4: Press Curing, Uniformity Testing and Defect Diagnosis

- Bladder Press Cure Cycle With Steam and Nitrogen Media
- Segmental and Two-Piece Mould Venting and Post-Cure Inflation
- Uniformity Machine Radial and Lateral Force Variation and Conicity
- Scorch, Undercure, Blister and Exposed Cord Defect Causes
- Splice Openings, Bulges and Imbalance Traced to Building Stage

Day 5: Inspection Walkthrough and the Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan

- Case Tyre Plant Walkthrough From Mixer to Final Inspection
 - Batch Release Rules Using Mooney and Rheometer Limits
 - Fishbone and Five Whys Analysis for a Recurring Reject
 - Process FMEA Ranking With Control Plan Reaction Limits
 - Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan Completion and Peer Review
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Skills You Will Gain:

- Rubber Compound Formulation
- Cure Curve Interpretation
- Internal Mixer Sequence Control
- Calender and Extruder Gauge Control
- Green Tyre Splice Inspection
- Bladder Press Cure Setting
- Tyre Uniformity Data Analysis
- Rubber Defect Root Cause Analysis

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver a Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan for a case tyre plant to the plant manager and the quality manager
- Decide whether a mixed batch is released, blended or held, and which cure time to change, from Mooney and rheometer evidence
- Avoid scrapped tyres, customer returns and press downtime caused by scorched compounds, open splices and undercured products
- Coach mixer, calender, building and press operators on gauge checks, splice standards and reject grading

Conclusion:

Back at the plant, the participant hands the Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan to the plant manager, the quality manager and the shift leaders, who use it to agree which defects to attack first, which batch release limits apply and which reaction limits operators follow at the mixer, calender, building drum and curing press. Laboratory staff use its release rules on every batch. After the first month under the plan, the unit should review scrap by defect and stage, held batches and uniformity rejects, then adjust the limits.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before a tyre and rubber products manufacturing course?

Participants should already run, set or test equipment on a tyre, hose, belt or seal line and be able to read a compound recipe and a process sheet. Anonymised batch test reports, cure sheets or reject photos make the walkthrough exercises closer to their own plant.

How does a tyre and rubber products manufacturing course differ from a plastics extrusion or moulding course?

It deals with elastomers that are compounded and then vulcanised, so it covers cure packages, scorch control, internal mixing, cord calendering, green tyre building and press curing. Plastics courses deal with thermoplastic melts that are shaped and cooled without a cure stage.

Why do tyre and rubber products manufacturing plants test every batch on a Mooney viscometer and rheometer?

These tests show whether a batch will process safely and cure as designed. Mooney viscosity and scorch time predict behaviour on calenders and extruders, while the rheometer cure curve confirms cure rate and state of cure before the compound reaches building and curing.

What do participants take back from the tyre and rubber products manufacturing course?

Participants take back a Compound-to-Cure Defect Control Plan for a case tyre plant, with a scrap Pareto by stage, batch release rules, a defect cause map, a process FMEA ranking and control plan reaction limits for mixing, calendering, building and curing.
