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Artisan™ Pre-Colored Thermoplastics High-Gloss Nylon (PA6) Formulations

High-performing, durable products are at the forefront of consumer demands. For outdoor applications in lawn & garden, powersports, tools and hardware, and marine, your products also need long-lasting aesthetics that appeal to consumers.

Artisan™ Pre-Colored Thermoplastics mimic the vibrant, high-gloss appearance of paint, while offering premium UV stability, minimized scratch appearance, and inherent corrosion resistance.

Available in a wide range of customizable colors, these impact-modified nylon formulations eliminate secondary painting processes—unlike traditional materials such as painted plastics or metals—providing the added manufacturing and sustainability benefits of reducing energy use and removing VOC emissions.



COMPARISON OF NYLON, METAL, AND PLASTIC

Characteristics	Artisan™ Nylon Solution	Painted Metal	Painted Plastic	Traditional Molded-in Color	Impact Modified Nylon	PA Ionomer Alloy
Aesthetic	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Very Good	Very Good
Scratch Appearance	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Scratch & Mar Resistance	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Very Good	Excellent
Color Customization	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Good
Stress Whitening	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Weatherability	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Very Good
Temperature Performance	Good	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good
Corrosion Resistance	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Processability	One Step	Multi Step	Multi Step	One Step	One Step	Complex One Step
Total Production Cost	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
Order Quantity Restrictions	Some	Some	Some	None	More	More



KEY PROPERTIES

Features: high-gloss finish, UV stability, scratch resistance, chemical/corrosion resistance, cold temperature impact resistance, heat resistance

Properties	Test Method	Artisan™ AR6000-0007 HI UV*
Gloss Level**	Gloss reading at 60 degrees	80-93
Molding Shrinkage – Across Flow	ASTM D955	0.009 to 0.013 in/in
Tensile Strength (Yield)	ASTM D638	7300 psi
Tensile Strength (Break)	ASTM D638	5300 psi
Tensile Elongation (Yield)	ASTM D638	6.0%
Flexural Modulus	ASTM D790	270500 psi
Flexural Strength (Yield)	ASTM D790	9950 psi
Notched Izod Impact	ASTM D256	-4°F (-20°C) 5 ft-lb/in 73°F (23°C) 11 ft-lb/in
Unnotched Izod Impact	ASTM D256	-4°F (-20°C) 29 ft-lb/in 73°F (23°C) 30 ft-lb/in
Color & Aesthetics***	Green, medium blue, dark blue, red, orange, white, gray, black Color customization available based on specific needs	

* Reflects average of several colors, properties shift slightly depending on color

** Gloss level varies based on tooling temperature

*** UV data available upon request





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