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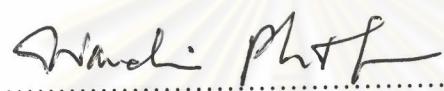
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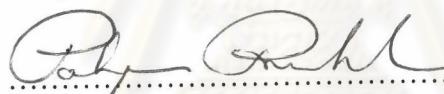
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Three types of metallocene linear low density polyethylene (MLLDPE) were blended with high density polyethylene (HDPE) at various percent weights : 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% to improve the mechanical properties i.e., impact strength and coefficient of friction. The result shows that impact strength and coefficient of friction were increased when MLLDPE content increased whereas flexural modulus and heat distortion temperature were decreased. In addition, the mechanical properties revealed that three types of HDPE/MLLDPE blends at 20% and 30% MLLDPE contents were suitable for manufacturing of pick up truck liner. Thermal analysis shows that both polymer resins were compatible. Then, HDPE/MLLDPE blends were subjected to vacuum thermoforming process, it was obtained high impact strength and coefficient of friction.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMP	Ampere
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
° C	Degrees Celsius
g	Gram
g/cc	Gram per cubic centimeter
g/10 min	Grams per 10 minutes
h	Hour
J/M	Joules per meter
kg	Kilogram
kg/cm ²	Kilograms per square centimeter
kg/h	Kilogram per hour
L/D	Length by diameter
MD	Machine direction
mg	Milligram
cc/s	Milliliters per minute
mm/min	Millimeters per minute
mm/mm	Millimeters per millimeters
PSI	Pounds per square inch
rpm	Revolutions per minute
SD	Standard deviation
Tg	Glass transition temperature
wt %	Percentage by weight
\bar{X}	Mean