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Influence of plasma treatment of disperse fillers on the characteristics of a polyurethane matrix with their use

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Abstract

The studies carried out have shown the promise of surface modification of nano-sized fillers as a method for improving the characteristics of filled polyurethane systems. The article presents studies of the dependence of the conditions of plasma modification of nanodispersed fillers: silicon oxide (SiO₂), iron oxide (Fe₂O₃), detonation diamond (HA) and diamond charge (DS) on the strength and modulus of elasticity of polyurethane compositions with their use in an amount of up to 3 wt % . ~ 50% of the diamond charge is made up of ultradispersed detonation diamond with a primary crystal size of 4-6 nm, and the remaining 50% are so-called graphite-like structures.

In this case, the best characteristics are obtained when using air as a plasma-forming gas. Due to its composition (~ 78% nitrogen and ~ 21% oxygen), ionized air is capable of forming active functional groups on the surface, capable of interacting with n reactive groups of the polyurethane matrix.

Dependences of the strength and modulus of elasticity of polyurethane compositions on the power and time of exposure to low-temperature plasma are presented.

The change in characteristics from the modes of plasma modification is of a complex nature, difficult to describe by a mathematical apparatus. In this case, each individual factor, in particular the exposure time, is described with a high accuracy (R = 1) by a quadratic dependence. The nature of the modified dispersed filler also affects the formation of a new active surface, which is reflected in the difference in the dependences of the physical and mechanical characteristics on the time and intensity of plasma treatment.

As a result of the studies carried out, it was revealed that in order to increase the strength characteristics of polyurethane compositions using iron and silicon oxides, ultradispersed detonation diamond, as well as a diamond charge, detonation diamond in an amount of 0.65 % wt, treated with high-frequency plasma pulses for 20 minutes, should be considered optimal with a charge power of 2500 watts.

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