**TPEs for thrilling deep-sea fishing**

KRAIBURG TPE, a global manufacturer of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) and custom TPE solutions for a variety of industries, offers the GP/AP and FC/S TPE series of compounds to fulfil the design and performance specifications for deep sea fishing gear.

A fishing expedition to the deep parts of an ocean is rewarding with trophies of big game fishing. While deep sea fishing is a leisurely pastime, it does require a high level of mastery, technique, and physical stamina.

As such, quality fishing equipment is important. Equipment such as fishing rods, indicators, fishing lines, gear spinning reels, pliers, lures, safety features and more need to be customized to suit the type of fish to be caught.

That is why materials such as thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs) are being used to improve the functionality, durability, and safety of fishing gear, related accessories and features.

KRAIBURG TPE’s innovative materials offers high-quality, custom-engineered TPE compounds that come in a wide range of hardness from super-soft (< 10 shore A) up to 66 shore D to fulfil the variety of applications required for fishing equipment.

**Non-slip, comfortable handling for fishing equipment**

KRAIBURG TPE’s GP/AP series of compounds offer advantages such as tactile sense of the surface and texture for fishing equipment to enhance the immersive experience of deep-sea fishing.

The compounds also provide dry haptics, optimized flow properties, and good PP adhesion to a variety of equipment, allowing for flexibility in designs. Deep sea anglers not only benefit from fishing gear designs but the newer designs

also safeguard the fragile marine ecosystem.

The compounds are pre-colored and can be colored in a variety of shades, ensuring global color consistency for a variety of fishing equipment, including fishing rod handles, fishing bite indicators, anti-slip grips, and more

**Choice for soft, safe material for fish baits**

KRAIBURG TPE’s FC/S series of compounds is an extremely soft material with excellent dry and pleasant surface haptics. It has high resilience, good elasticity, and optimized mechanical properties at low hardness, allowing for use in applications such as fishing bait that mimics the real bait.

The series also complies with Regulation (EU) No 10/2011, US FDA CFR 21 (raw material conformity), EN71-3 and ISO 10993-10 (skin irritation), since it

is free of animal ingredients and silicones.

The colorable translucent and transparent compounds can be used to produce hair rig boilies bait, which is a fishing method that allows a bait to be presented without sitting directly on the fishing hook and requires a soft material like TPE.

Other possible related TPE applications include belt, spinning reels, reel turning knob, long nose plier grips, binoculars’ surface, lip grippers, gripping device, and more.

**Sustainability successes of our TPE**

Besides the material for fishing equipment, KRAIBURG TPE’s recent sustainability innovations include a specially developed material solution for automotive, consumer, and industry applications comprising post-consumer recycled (PCR) and post-industrial recycled (PIR) content.

Are you looking for a sustainable TPE solution? Talk to us!

Our experts are happy to answer any questions you have, as well as to offer the right solution for your application.

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