**KRAIBURG TPE Launches Sustainable TPE Materials for Trendy and Functional E-Bike Handles**

Lighter, energy-efficient, and innovative designs— these are the latest trends in electric bikes (e-bikes), expected to drive record growth in the micromobility market amid growing demand for sustainable and affordable transportation solutions. Technological advancements are making way for lighter e-bikes with more novel features, suited for both urban streets and off-road terrain.

Engineering materials such as thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs) are helping to reduce the weight of e-bike models—some weighing as little as half of the typical 60-pound designs. These materials also provide the mechanical strength and chemical resistance needed to enhance e-bike components for better performance and overall user satisfaction.

As e-bike categories diversify, handlebar designs have been modified to improve rider control and safety. KRAIBURG TPE, a global manufacturer of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) and customized material solutions for various industries, offers the THERMOLAST® R RC/UV/AP series, a sustainable TPE solution developed specifically for [e-bike handles](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/tpe-fuel-e-mobility-growth), providing durability, [comfortable grip](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/smart-tpe-solutions-tough-sustainable-toolbox-handles), and eco-friendly advantages in handle applications.

**Soft touch, reliable grip, lightweight build for better control**

The THERMOLAST® R RC/UV/AP series offers a [soft-touch](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/top-5-advantages-kraiburg-tpe-sustainable-advanced-tpe-mud-flaps), non-sticky

surface that keeps e-bike handles comfortable even with sweaty hands.

These properties also enhance control and maneuverability while

encouraging proper hand and wrist positioning for improved ergonomics.

Its broad hardness range, from 50 to 90 Shore A, allows for a customizable

grip feel, from soft and cushioned to firm and responsive, without compromising safety or function. Its [lightweight](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/why-kraiburg-tpes-sustainable-tpe-materials-are-driving-automotive-manufacturing), low-density formulation helps reduce overall e-bike weight, while a black finish ensures a consistent, modern appearance.

**Sustainable TPEs for High-Performance Applications**

The THERMOLAST® R RC/UV/AP series is fully recyclable and formulated with 15% to 40% [recycled content](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/unveiling-innovative-tpe-compound-series-automotive-exterior-applications) to meet eco-friendly material requirements, particularly in the micromobility sector. Designed for e-bike applications, it offers UV, chemical, and weather resistance, along with reliable adhesion to polypropylene (PP) for efficient multi-component injection molding; and low-density substrates. Its temperature stability up to 90°C ensures performance even after prolonged outdoor use. The series’ durability was validated through a two-year Florida exposure test, demonstrating its resilience in harsh outdoor environments.

**Sustainability from the get-go**

At KRAIBURG TPE, sustainability drives our innovation. Our portfolio includes bio-based TPEs and compounds with post-consumer (PCR) and post-industrial (PIR) recycled content. Selected TPEs are certified under GRS and ISCC PLUS. We also provide Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) data upon request to support sustainability decisions.

We proudly earned the EcoVadis Gold Medal in 2025 and are committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), aligning our goals with global climate action.

From reducing emissions to increasing circularity, our [sustainable TPEs](https://www.kraiburg-tpe.com/en/sustainability) deliver reliable performance and are available worldwide to support your applications while advancing your sustainability goals.

Get in touch today to learn how KRAIBURG TPE can support your sustainability and product development journey.

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A close up of a handlebar

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