

ferrite  $\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$ , type FD 8/24 were used in order to prepare elastomeric magnetic composites. The applied ferrites differed in particle size distribution and other physical characteristics. The results of measurements showed, that the presence of ferrites in rubber compounds leads to acceleration of sulfur curing process. The BR compounds filled with FD0 ferrite required the shortest time essential for their vulcanization. The physical-mechanical properties, the tensile strength at break, the elongation at break and the hardness, exhibit non-linear increasing tendency with increasing of ferrites content in vulcanizates. The best values of the tensile strength at break seem to be achieved by using the ferrite FD0, and the highest values of the elongation at break in case of vulcanizates filled with FD2 ferrite were observed. The values of modules could not be measured because the vulcanizates were ruptured at deformation less than 100%. The magnetic characteristics show significant increasing tendency with increase in the ferrites loading. In the network structure of vulcanizates chemical cross-links dominate over physical ones. Their structure depends slightly on the magnetic fillers loading. The best values of evaluated cross-link densities seem to be achieved by using the ferrite modification FD0. The differences among the properties of prepared elastomeric composites caused by using the applied ferrites modifications seem not to be very significant. On the basis of the obtained results one can see that the interaction between the polymer matrix and the ferrite particles is the highest in case of composites filled with FD1 filler. The results achieved by the study point out the possibilities of preparation

of elastomeric magnetic composites by the processes generally used in rubber technologies. The prepared materials have suitable magnetic and elastic properties.

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### Ekstrudiranje troslojnog crijevnog filma u Muroplastu

U Muroplastu je puštena u pogon linija za ekstrudiranje troslojnog crijevnog PE-LD filma. Linija njemačkog proizvođača *Windmöller & Hölscher* kapaciteta je proizvodnje do 300 kg/h.



Novi troslojni ekstruder pušten u rad u Muroplastu

Linija je opremljena najmoderijom opremom poput automatskog sustava hlađenja glave s pomičnim mjerjenjem debljine i unutrašnjeg sustava hlađenja crijeva, gravimetrijskim doziranjem granulata, beskontaktnim sustavom namatanja svitaka itd. Ponajprije je namijenjena proizvodnji FFS (e. *Form-Fill-Seal*) crijevnog filma za automatsko pakiranje programa teških vreća poput pakiranja granulata, zemlje i sličnih zrnatih i praškastih proizvoda. Specifičnost linije su posebno hlađeni valjci za FFS film, čime se postiže optimalna mehanička svojstva potrebna za uspješnu uporabu proizvoda.

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