

Recent Advances in Carbon/Graphite Coatings

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At present, commodity plastics are used for many technological applications; however, their insulator/dielectric characteristics strongly limit industrial exploitation in fields related to electronics and electrotechnics. Conductive polymers are not mechanically robust and do not have adequate physical/chemical characteristics for most practical uses, while electrically conductive polymeric composites (e.g., metal-filled composites, MW-CNTs composites) still have strong limitations related to the high filling content required for electrical conduction. As a consequence, the physical modification of the polymer surface by carbon or graphite coatings may represent a further and very convenient way to provide the polymer surface of convenient antistatic properties or electrical conductivity.



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