

News Focus

Fluctuating Sole Resin Market in 2017

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PUdaily, Shanghai--The AA market in 2017 was not as strong as that in 2016. Around the Chinese New Year, AA price consolidated at a high level driven by high cost of raw materials. From after the Spring Festival to May, AA supply exceeded demand as downstream PU coatings systems and sole resin manufacturers saw low operating rate, which led to a sharp decline in price. The overall AA market remained thin until August. Then driven by the high cost of raw materials, the price saw consolidation in the third and fourth quarters. At the end of the year, some manufacturers' facilities had low operating rate as a result of environmental inspection, meanwhile downstream demand was sluggish. Consequently, the AA price was locked in stalemate, with small fluctuation. The BDO price rallied in April and May and at the end of the year...[More](#)

Polyurethane Market

An Overview of Capacity Utilization of PO Plants

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PUdaily, Shanghai--The capacity utilization of PO plants is summarized as follows: How much PO manufacturers' capacity is being utilized in each province? The PO price has remained stable for many days. But how will it change in the future? We list the capacity utilization rate of PO manufacturers as follows...[More](#)

China Saw a Turbulent HDI Hardener Market in 2017

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Taiwan Polyether Polyols Market Moves Up Slightly in the Middle of January

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Company Dynamic

Sadara to Supply Feedstock to New Saudi/German JV

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Cangzhou Dahua Reducing TDI Production due to Environmental Effects

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Industry Glance

ACE Coatings: "Tonnage Consumption is Dropping."

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The market for coatings of Agriculture, Construction and Earth moving equipment (ACE) has seen its ups and downs in recent years. We spoke with Dietmar Jost, Managing Director at Rembrandtin Lack about the current situation and future developments...[More](#)

U.S. Specialty Chemical Markets End Year on Strong Note, ACC Says

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The American Chemistry Council (ACC; Washington, D.C.; www.americanchemistry.com) reported that U.S. specialty chemicals market volumes gained 0.9 percent in December, ending the year on a strong note. All changes in the data are reported on a three-month moving average (3MMA) basis...[More](#)

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