# 3D PRINT MATERIALS





## **Engineering Plastics Filaments**

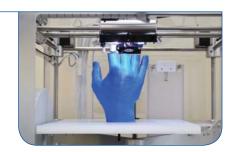
Verbatim is a company familiar to most for its data storage products (CDs, DVDs, Hard Drives, USB Sticks) and more recently LED lighting. It has now entered the 3D printing market with a range of high quality ABS, PLA and special filaments for 3D printers.

The reason behind this diversity is the fact that Verbatim is owned by Mitsubishi Chemical. Mitsubishi has a wealth of expertise in polymer products which is now being utilized to develop high quality engineering plastic filaments for 3D printers.

By combining this R&D strength with Verbatim's extensive global sales and marketing operation, the company is expected to become a leading long-term worldwide supplier to the burgeoning 3D printing industry.

## The 3D Printing Revolution

The 3D printing process enables physical objects to be made from three-dimensional models by laying down successive layers of a material in an additive manufacturing process. The industry is currently undergoing a massive transformation and enjoying unprecedented growth with Gartner estimating that it will reach a value of 500 million euros in 2014.





### Consumer Demand

Already, a wide range of industries have adopted the technology. Health care is already immersed in 3D printing with dental applications, personalised hip and knee replacements and parts for medical machinery all utilizing 3D printing extensively. The aerospace and automotive industries are also very active printing components using the technology, while the most rapid expansion of 3D printing is believed to come from the consumer market, with small business owners, schools, universities and serious hobbyists adopting it with great enthusiasm.

## Japanese Quality

Verbatim's filaments are manufactured from the highest quality materials and produced to extremely tight tolerances to ensure consistent feed and stable printing. For a printed object to be strong and accurately formed it is crucial that the printer knows exactly how much plastic it is pulling through the machine at any given time. The precision of the filament diameter and the roundness of the filament – the closeness of tolerance – is a vital measurement in ensuring reliable printing. In buying from Verbatim, you will benefit from the highest levels of quality control, the hallmark of Japanese manufacturing.





## European Sales and Support

With offices close to the key cities of London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Johannesburg and Moscow, Verbatim is positioned very well to serve the EUMEA region. It distributes its products from a state-of-the-art central warehouse in Osnabrück, Germany, which has excellent road and rail access ensuring fast and accurate deliveries. It also offers a free of charge hotline support service to maintain and deliver its promise of guaranteed customer satisfaction.



#### **PRIMALLOY**<sup>TM</sup>

Verbatim will expand its portfolio of filaments to include exclusive products developed by Mitsubishi Chemical.

The first of these special filaments to be marketed and distributed by Verbatim is PRIMALLOY™. It produces objects with a rubberised feel which will have possible usage for things like hand grips for tools, earphones, goggles, mobile phone cases, automotive parts, and many more.

It is a thermoplastic ester elastomer (TPE) which consists of a crystalline aromatic polyester block (mainly PBT) as the hard segment, and an uncrystalline polyether block (mainly poly-tetramethylene-ether-glycol) as the soft segment.

The features of PRIMALLOY™ include good mechanical strength, oil resistance, chemical resistance, flex fatigue resistance and has excellent heat resistance, as well as hardness stability within a wide temperature range.



- For use in commonly available fused filament fabrication (FFF) 3D printers. Not recommended for printers with significant distance (e.g. >15 mm) between pinch feeder and hot end.
- Best results obtained with printers having a heated platform and when applying forced air cooling on the object as it builds.



#### **Product Details**

55501 55502	Verbatim Primalloy 2.85mm 500g - White Verbatim Primalloy 1.75mm 500g - White	
Diameter accuracy	2.90 mm ± 0.05 mm 1.75 mm ± 0.05 mm	
Process temperature	210 - 235 °C	
Material Net Weight	500 g	
Filament Length	70 m (2.85mm thickness) 190 m (1.75mm thickness)	
Density	1.08 - 1.10 g/cm3	
Tensile Yield (JIS K 7113)	14 MPa	
Elongation (JIS K 7113)	990 %	
Melting Point	175 to 195 °C	
Melt Flow Index @ 230 °C, 21.1N	45 g/(10 minutes)	
Durometer Hardness D (JIS K 6253)	33	
Material Grade	MCC TPE-334	

#### Typical examples of Polymer Products from Mitsubishi Chemical

EVOH PVOH	Bio polymers Gs-Pla, Durabio	Polyethylene
Performance Polymers	Mitsubishi Chemical	Polypropyrene
PC	PET	Engineering plastics

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