

## ALTERNATIVE FLAME RETARDANTS

### Beyond Brominated Flame Retardants (BFR)

Pivotal regulatory momentum initiates **\$1.5B** shift from brominated flame retardants in the US and EU within 12 to 36 months!



### Metal hydroxides and Phosphorus based materials emerge as the most promising alternatives to BFRs

	Metal Hydroxide	Inorganic Phosphorus	Organic Phosphorus	Intumescent materials (IFR)	Inorganic/Organic Silicon	Nanomaterials
SUB-CLUSTERS	Aluminum Hydroxide Magnesium Hydroxide	Red phosphorus Ammonium polyphosphate Phosphate	Phosphor-esters Phosphorus-nitrogen adjuvants Phosphorus-silicon adjuvants	P-N-Based IFR	SiO2 Additive / Reactive Type MMT/OMMT	Nano-clay Nano-carbon/graphite
PROS & CONS	<b>Low toxicity, corrosion, and emission of smoke during processing</b> <b>High filler loading is required</b>	<b>Micro-encapsulated red phosphorus is highly efficient</b> <b>Poor anti-UV stability and burning of corrosive and toxic gases</b>	<b>Superior thermal stability</b> <b>Poor compatibility of with resins and inferior mechanical properties</b>	<b>Excellent fire protection, low smoke levels and low toxicity</b> <b>Inferior mechanical properties with poor dispersibility in resin matrix</b>	<b>Non-toxic, less smoke, low burning value and slow flame propagation</b> <b>Inferior processability and mechanical performance</b>	<b>Efficient char former and synergistic behavior with other FRs.</b> <b>Inferior processability and unknown environmental effects</b>
TRL STATUS	9	9	9	6-9	3-5	6-9
KEY ENTITIES	Alpha MARSHALL CORP FARETAR	CLARIANT pinfa	ICL ALREMARLE LANXESS CLARIANT	RDR TECHNOLOGIES THOR	NIST NSFC	QST FEZA University of Exeter

### Start-up Sparks: Advancing Alternative Technologies Beyond BFRs

Greener Flame Retardants	Non-Toxic, Non-Leaching Flame Retardants	Red Phosphorus Flame Retardants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paxmer: Greener Flame Retardant for Polyolefin plastics</li> <li>100% Halogen-Free: Delivered as a master batch and compound, Paxmer is entirely halogen-free.</li> <li>Polyolefin Compatibility: Specifically developed for various polyolefins such as PP, PE, EVA, TPE, TPO.</li> <li>Versatile Application: Compatible with mineral and intumescent systems (P/N-systems).</li> <li>Superior Mechanical Performance: Demonstrates excellent mechanical properties for enhanced efficiency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nofia® OL1001 and Nofia OL3001 Oligomers are low molecular weight, reactive flame-retardant additives.</li> <li>The oligomers are phosphorus-based additives with phenolic end groups suitable for flame retarding thermoset resins, such as unsaturated polyesters, epoxy, polyurethane and polyurea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shinde offers Red phosphorus flame retardants which contains stabilized and micro-encapsulated fresh red phosphorus powder and polymer resin.</li> <li>Red phosphorus demonstrates higher efficiency compared to other flame retardants.</li> <li>This flame retardant is widely used in Electronics &amp; Electricals (E&amp;E), automotive, wires and cables, and thermoplastics like PA6, PA66, PBT, PE, PP, EVA, etc.</li> </ul>

### Corporate drive for change: Embracing advanced chemistries beyond BFRs

Investments in Flame Retardants	BASF Partnership in Flame Retardants	Phosphorus Flame Retardant for Engineering Plastic
<p>Clariant announces <b>CHF 40 million</b> investment in new China flame retardants facility for E-mobility and E&amp;E applications</p>	<p>BASF and GmbH partner to deliver comprehensive <b>non-halogenated flame-retardant</b> additives solution</p>	<p>LANXESS offers a <b>phosphorus-based additive</b> designed for use in glass fiber-reinforced plastics utilized in the manufacturing of electrical and electronic products</p>

### Conclusion

- Brand owner companies offer phosphorus-based flame retardants in various forms.
- Nature-derived FRs have recently attracted attentions, but most renewable compounds or natural minerals need to be chemically modified by petrochemicals prior to use.
- Close collaborations among chemists, toxicologists, ecologists, and AI experts is imperative for a thorough and long-term chemical risk assessment of FRs.

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