



Market Analytics: Polyester and Intermediates - 2023

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Market Analytics: Polyester and Intermediates - 2023 report provides an in-depth analysis of the following products :

- Para-Xylene
- Purified Terephthalic Acid
- Dimethyl Terephthalate
- Ethylene Oxide
- Mono Ethylene Glycol
- PET Melt Phase
- PET Bottle Grade

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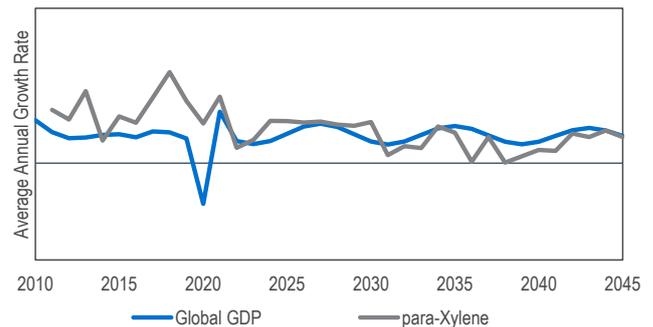
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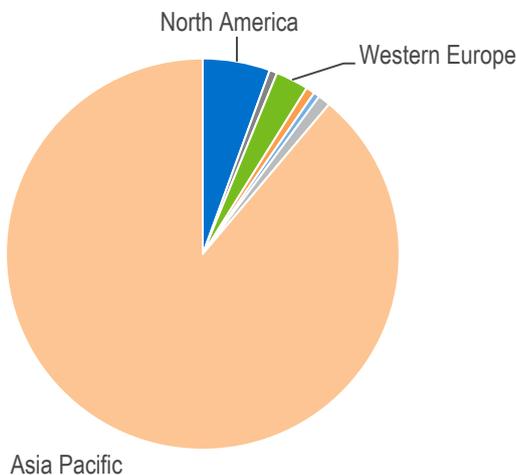
The products included in the polyethylene terephthalate (PET) chain are PET bottle grade and PET melt phase, and the intermediates purified terephthalic acid (PTA), dimethyl terephthalate (DMT), para-xylene, which is the main raw material for PTA and DMT, and mono-ethylene glycol (MEG). Those intermediates are consumed primarily in the production of PET. Ethylene oxide (EO) is also included in this report as MEG is the main EO derivative.

Polyester (PET) melt phase or polyester base polymer is the raw PET polymer which is the basis of all PET derivatives. PET melt phase is produced by polymerisation of PTA or DMT with mono-ethylene glycol (MEG) in a melt phase reaction. PET resins produced for bottle grade application normally include one to two percent each of purified isophthalic acid and DEG as co monomers. There is still some batch polymerisation equipment operating, but most production is now in continuous polymerisation reactors, generally referred to as CP units.

Global para-Xylene Consumption Growth
million tons



Global para-Xylene Demand, 2023



The melt phase polymer can be spun directly as polyester fibre, extruded as film, or solidified into chips for sale as base polymer or can undergo SSP (solid state polymerisation) treatment to create PET bottle grade. Some processes, notably Uhde Inventa-Fischer's "MTR" (melt-to-resin) produce resin directly from the melt phase which has a sufficiently high viscosity for bottle applications without the need for SSP. Eastman's Integrex process also has this feature. For the purpose of the supply/demand analysis, these plants are viewed as being both PET melt phase and PET bottle grade plants, i.e. they produce PET melt phase, which is then consumed for the production of PET bottle grade. In this way, the PET melt phase balance continues to reflect the totality of the PET market, and the MTR resins are also included in the PET bottle grade analysis.

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Chapter 3 is segmented by key region:

- North America
- South America
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- Middle East
- Africa
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This analysis will identify the issues shaping the industry, as well as provide an independent appraisal of the market.

For related analysis, please refer to:

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