

Are you hesitant about integrating new technologies into your plastics manufacturing processes? Our eBook tackles the top five concerns that you might encounter when considering the integration of new technologies and turns them into strong reasons to embrace process enhancements. Whether your current processes are already effective or not, this guide will help you achieve even better results by showing you how and why upgrades can make a difference.



Overcoming 5 Key Obstacles to Plastics Process Success

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looking beyond the status quo

Plastics processors often express a recurring set of concerns about integrating new technologies into their manufacturing processes. These concerns typically include fears of disrupting existing operations, uncertainty about the necessity of changes, and doubts about the cost-effectiveness of optimization.

The Psychology of Resistance

Human psychology significantly shapes these concerns. When processes appear to be running smoothly, the need for further optimization might not be immediately evident. This phenomenon, known as “status quo bias”, suggests that people tend to prefer things as they are, perceiving any change as a potential risk. Familiar routines provide comfort, making change appear unnecessary or even threatening, especially if current systems seem adequate.

The Need for Continuous Optimization

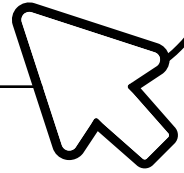
Maintaining competitiveness in the plastics manufacturing industry requires a proactive approach to process optimization. Even when things are running well, continuous improvement is needed for several reasons:

- **Cost savings:** Optimization can lead to significant reductions in operational costs, improving overall profitability.
- **Competitiveness:** Staying ahead of competitors necessitates adopting the latest technologies and practices.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Adhering to new industry standards, governmental regulations, and sustainability initiatives is crucial.
- **Efficiency:** Improved processes can enhance efficiency, reducing waste and increasing productivity.

Ready to overcome these challenges?

Continue reading to discover how you can turn these common concerns into opportunities for growth and innovation in your plastics manufacturing processes. The path to success starts with understanding—and overcoming—these obstacles.

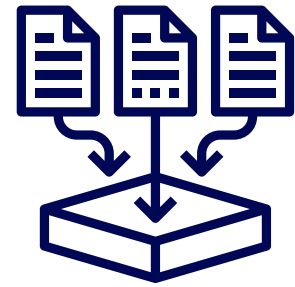
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5 COMMON CONCERNS WITH PROCESS OPTIMIZATION TECHNOLOGIES



We Are Already Collecting Data



Sure, you might already be collecting data in your production processes. **But what if you could go beyond the basics?** The data from conventional sensors, such as those measuring pressure or temperature, often only scratch the surface of what's really happening within the mold. This data alone isn't enough to fully optimize production and achieve the highest quality standards.

Advanced sensor technologies now enable the real-time characterization of material behavior at the molecular level within the mold. By using dielectric sensors, you can monitor the material's response inside the mold with precision—moment by moment—giving you a clear, transparent view of the entire process. This level of insight allows for proactive adjustments during production, enabling you to anticipate and address potential issues before they become problems. The outcome is a more consistent, high-quality output with a significant reduction in waste.

In essence, while you may already be collecting data, new sensor technology offers a level of comprehensiveness and transparency that far surpasses conventional methods. It transforms your data into actionable insights, empowering you to take full control of your processes and achieve the highest standards of efficiency and quality.

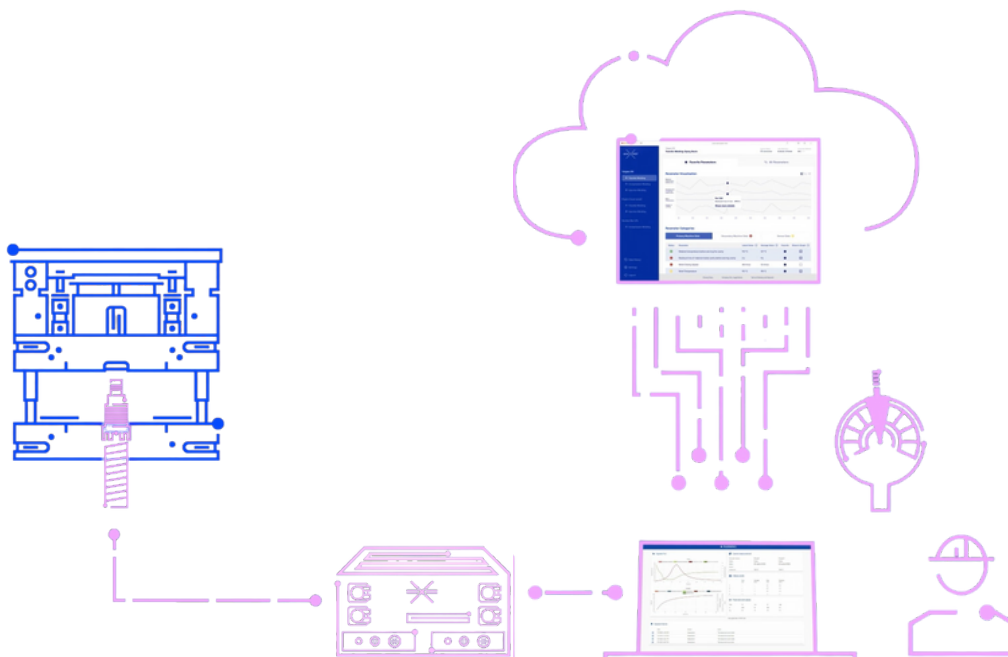


We Use Process Simulations



Process simulations are invaluable for modeling and predicting how materials and processes will behave under specific conditions in plastics manufacturing. However, while simulations provide a theoretical framework, they are limited by the accuracy of the input data and the assumptions they rely on. Simulations often can't account for real-time variations or unexpected anomalies that occur during actual production.

Now, imagine what adding real-time, in-mold material data can do to these simulations. It **bridges the gap between simulation and reality**, allowing for dynamic adjustments during production. This integration ensures that process and material targets are consistently met, leading to higher precision and improved product quality.



Our Company is Against Cloud-Based Data Collection



Concerns about cloud-based data collection often stem from worries about security, privacy, and losing control over sensitive information. In industries like plastics manufacturing, where proprietary processes are crucial to maintaining competitiveness, these concerns are understandable. **Most cloud-based solutions adhere to strict industry standards to ensure data security and privacy.**

Providers that collaborate with Amazon Web Services (AWS), for example, benefit from a robust and secure foundation, as AWS offers comprehensive data protection measures and compliance with regulations like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

When evaluating cloud-based solutions, it's essential to look for providers that prioritize data protection by design. Key elements to consider include encryption of data both in storage and during transit, a high-performing, redundant infrastructure to avoid single points of failure, and strict identity and access controls.

Continuous monitoring and regular security audits are also crucial to ensure that your data remains protected and accessible only to authorized users. By focusing on these guidelines, you can confidently choose a provider that meets the highest standards of data security.

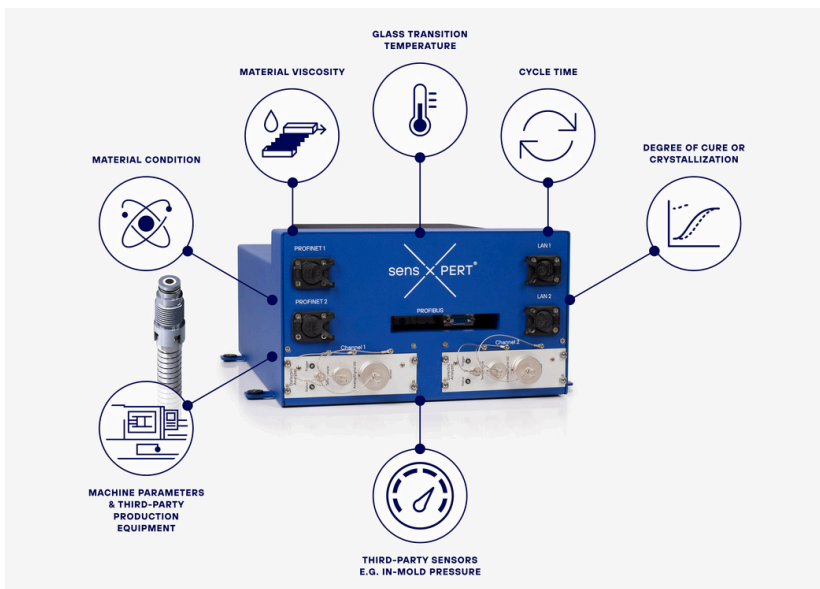


Our Processes Are Under Control

When processes are running smoothly and meeting production goals, it's natural to feel that further intervention or optimization isn't necessary. This mindset is often influenced by what is known as **status quo bias**—an inclination to maintain the current state because it appears to be working. If everything seems under control, why disrupt what's already functioning well? However, **this bias can lead to missed opportunities for improvement**, especially in the rapidly evolving field of plastics manufacturing.



Even when processes appear stable, there could be hidden inefficiencies or variations that aren't immediately apparent. Over time, these subtle issues can affect the overall quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of your operations. Advanced real-time monitoring and analysis tools can make a significant difference by providing in-depth insights into material behavior and process conditions.



These tools leverage cutting-edge technologies like dielectric analysis and predictive algorithms to detect subtle variations and potential issues before they escalate, enabling you to maintain not just control, but continuous optimization of your processes.



We Lack Investment Funds



Concerns about the cost of investing in new technologies are common, especially in industries where margins are tight and capital expenditures need to be carefully justified. It's understandable to be cautious about allocating funds when budgets are already stretched. However, **it's important to view investments in process optimization** not merely as an expense but **as a strategic move that can lead to significant long-term savings and efficiency gains.**

Advanced process optimization technologies can help reduce waste, lower production costs, and improve overall efficiency by providing real-time insights into your operations and enabling precise control. These improvements can lead to cost savings that quickly offset the initial investment. Moreover, the cost of not investing can be higher than anticipated. As the industry evolves, competitors who adopt advanced technologies are likely to gain an edge, potentially leaving you at a disadvantage. Falling behind on process optimization can result in higher production costs, inefficiencies, and lost business opportunities, ultimately costing more than the initial investment in new technology.

In addition, many modern technologies are available through Equipment-as-a-Service (EaaS) models, which provide flexibility in managing costs. EaaS allows you to spread expenses over time rather than making a large upfront capital investment. This approach enables businesses to start benefiting from new technologies without a significant initial outlay, making it more accessible even when funds are limited.



About sensXPERT

At sensXPERT, our mission is to empower plastics processors to maximize their production capabilities through innovative technology. Our Equipment-as-a-Service (EaaS) offering combines dielectric analysis, machine learning, and predictive algorithms to create a robust process control solution. By implementing sensXPERT technology, manufacturers have achieved significant improvements, including up to 30% faster cycle times, a 50% reduction in scrap, and energy savings of up to 23%.

What is sensXPERT Digital Mold?

sensXPERT Digital Mold is a cutting-edge solution designed to bring precision and efficiency to plastics manufacturing.

Developed from over 50 years of industry expertise, this process control technology employs dielectric analysis to monitor material behavior within the mold in real time. The system's machine learning algorithms analyze this data, enabling the detection of subtle variations and potential issues. This allows manufacturers to make immediate adjustments, ensuring optimal process performance, reducing scrap, and maintaining high product quality throughout production.

**Learn More about sensXPERT
Digital Mold**



Case Study: Streamlining Production with sensXPERT Digital Mold

sensXPERT collaborated with ZF Friedrichshafen AG, a leading automotive supplier, to optimize their production of high-power electronic components for electric vehicles. The challenge was to improve the overmolding process of these components, ensuring protection against environmental factors while enhancing production efficiency.

Addressing Common Concerns

Manufacturers often face concerns when integrating new technologies, such as:

- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Investing in new technology must deliver real savings. In ZF's case, sensXPERT's solution reduced cycle times, quickly offsetting the initial investment.
- **Data Security:** sensXPERT ensures data security through its collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS), offering advanced encryption and strict access controls.
- **Seamless Integration:** sensXPERT's system integrates smoothly into existing production lines, providing real-time insights without disrupting operations.
- **Proven Efficacy:** The technology enabled ZF to make dynamic, data-driven adjustments, improving process efficiency and product quality.

4% average curing time savings



Up to **9%** potential time savings in cycles with the fastest cure

Ready to take your plastics manufacturing to the next level?

Don't let concerns hold you back from achieving greater efficiency, cost savings, and product quality. Our team of experts is here to help you explore how sensXPERT's advanced solutions can transform your production processes. Contact our sales team today to learn more and discover how we can tailor our technology to meet your unique needs.

You've Got the Knowledge – Now Get the Results.

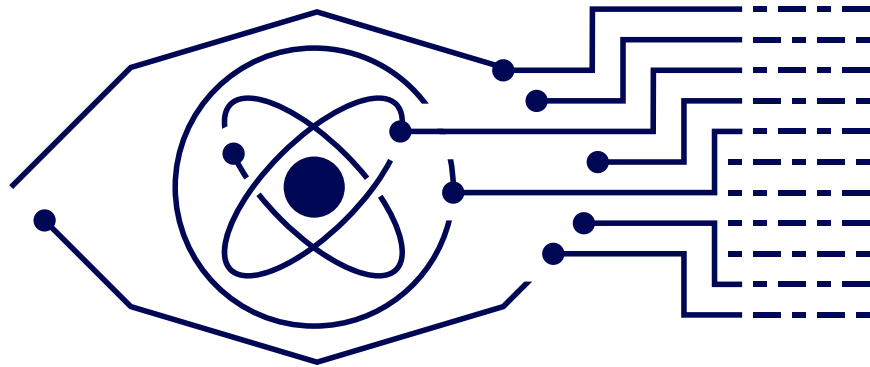
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