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KRAIBURG TPE's THERMOLAST® K series are packed with scratch resistance and soft-touch properties that are essential for travel accessories application

Travel and tourism, the world's second fastest growing sector, continues to witness unprecedented growth. This is further accelerated by the growing number of niche frequent travelers who are combining business with leisure activities. Along the same vein, solo traveling is gaining popularity, owing to the growing disposable incomes and the availability of affordable travel choices.

In the market, an array of travel essentials offers optimum flexibility, mobility and durability for a fuller, more convenient travel experience.

KRAIBURG TPE, a global TPE manufacturer of a wide range of thermoplastic elastomer products and custom-engineered TPE solutions, offers TPE compounds with properties suited for travel essentials that deliver the high-performance features demanded by seasoned travelers.

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Scratch resistance, soft touch features as must-haves

Temperature, pressure, and baggage handling during trips and transits can take a toll on one's travel belongings. The THERMOLAST® K series gives the advantage of excellent wear and scratch resistance in a wide range of travel gear applications, including luggage, device accessories, travel bottle sets, and more.

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The series exhibit chemical resistance against skin oil and sebum, making them ideal for camera accessories such as tripod stands, handheld tripods and camera gimbal stabilizers. They also render velvety surfaces for comfortable grip and handling.

KRAIBURG TPE's compounds offer a wide range of processing by multi-component injection molding with PP, ABS, PC, PC/ABS, PBT, PETG, ASA, SAN, PMMA, PET, PA and other thermoplastic materials.

Safety while on the go

Digital connectivity through personal devices is a must for today's travelers. Personal device accessories must be safe and not easily damaged. KRAIBURG TPE's select compounds are listed in accordance to the UL94HB flammability standard for plastic materials and are suitable for electronics and electrical related applications such as universal travel adaptors, charging cable organizers, power banks and portable battery phone cases.

Recyclable materials on the checklist

Sustainable tourism means less environmental impact of traveling. This trend stirs demand for travel gears made with environmentally friendly materials. These compounds are recyclable and free of latex, PVC and phthalates. Furthermore, there is no use of heavy metals in the production of the compounds, allowing to produce travel products that offset the travelers' carbon footprint.

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KRAIBURG TPE (www.kraiburg-tpe.com) is a global manufacturer of thermoplastic elastomers. From its beginning in 2001 as a subsidiary of the historical KRAIBURG Group founded in 1947, KRAIBURG TPE has pioneered in TPE compounds, today being the competence leader in this industry. With production sites in Germany, the U.S., and Malaysia, the company offers a

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broad range of compounds for applications in the automotive, industrial, consumer, and strictly regulated medical sectors. The established THERMOLAST®, COPEC®, HIPEX®, and For Tec E® product lines are processed by injection molding or extrusion and provide numerous processing and product design advantages to manufacturers. KRAIBURG TPE features innovative capabilities as well as true global customer orientation, customized product solutions and reliable service. The company is certified to ISO 50001 at its headquarters in Germany and holds ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications at all global sites. In 2018, KRAIBURG TPE, with 640 employees worldwide, generated sales of 189 million euro.