

Polyurethane Chemicals and Products in South America & Mexico 1998-2003

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IAL Consultants has published the first edition of its report on the market for '**Polyurethane Chemicals and Products in South America & Mexico**'.

This report aims to provide a detailed overview of the polyurethane industry, providing figures for 1998 production of PU products and related raw material consumption, as well as forecasts for 2003.

The information contained in this report has been gathered during the second half of 1999, through a series of discussions and interviews with key players in the South American and Mexican PU markets and a thorough review of all on-line and published sources.

Countries Covered:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Peru
- Venezuela
- Others (Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay)

Products Covered:

- Raw Materials
 - Isocyanates (MDI, TDI, Aliphatics)
 - Polyols (Polyester, Polyether)
 - Isocyanate and Polyol Precursors
- Rigid Foam
 - Sandwich Panels
 - Refrigeration (Domestic & Commercial)
 - Sprayed Foam
 - Slabstock
 - Other Rigid Foam Applications
- Flexible Foam
 - Slabstock (Polyether & Polyester)

- Moulded Foam (Integral Skin, Semi-rigid Foam, Automotive Seating, Carpet Backing/Sound Insulation)

- Elastomers
 - Solid (Cast, TPU, Fibres, RIM/RRIM)
 - Microcellular (Footwear, Tyres & Technical Parts, Shock Absorbers)
- Coatings
- Adhesives & Sealants
- Binders

Trends and Issues:

- South America is an attractive market with a consumption of almost 450,000 tonnes of polyurethane in 1998. Mexico accounts for a further 110,000 tonnes
- Key factors likely to impact the growth in South America include an increase in the standard of living, natural disasters, political instability and economic instability
- In the long term, PU consumption in South American, driven by Brazil, is expected to revert to two-figure growth rates centred on the foam, furniture and automotive sectors

This reports provides:

- Consumption estimates for the major PU raw materials, by product type
- Production capacities of raw material manufacturers
- Listings of over 300 PU producers by product type
- Data on 5 main end-use markets – Transport, Refrigeration, Footwear, Building & Construction and Furniture & Bedding
- Market trends & influences affecting production of PU and related end-use markets
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