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Avlite manufactures their airfield markers on-site with state-of-the-art Rotational Moulding equipment using UV-stabilised polyethylene. Polyethylene is one of the most common plastics used today and due to its light weight, strength and versatility it is used to make bottles, toys and even bulletproof vests!

Avlite uses a Hexene co-polymer based Linear Low Density Polyethylene resin (LLDPE) which is specifically designed for rotational moulding applications. LLDPE has a higher tensile strength, and exhibits greater impact and puncture resistance compared to some other plastics. It has been chosen as the material for Avlite airfield markers because of its high Environmental Stress Cracking Resistance (ESCR), toughness, flexibility and minimal impact on the environment.

## Why use Virgin Polyethylene?

Avlite only uses premium-grade virgin polyethylene to manufacture their airfield markers. Virgin polyethylene has not been processed before and is free from contaminants and impurities. By using this superior product it gives Avlite complete control over the quality of the items they manufacture.

Recycled polyethylene can contain contaminating substances such as dirt and oils which have been accumulated in its former product life cycle. These pollutants can result in weaker mechanical properties and inconsistency in the quality of the polyethylene. Virgin polyethylene is more durable, has greater stress resistance and gives the manufacturer control over the quality of the products they produce.

## Surviving Harsh Climates

Avlite's aviation markers are built to withstand extreme elements of icing, cyclonic winds, prolonged UV exposure and tropical humidity.

The LLDPE compounds used to manufacture Avlite's markers have been especially developed to survive harsh environments and the destructive effects of the sun's ultra violet rays. By using UV-stabilised polyethylene, the airfield markers are given additional protection from the long-term degradation effects of UV exposure.

Rotational moulding of polyethylene allows Avlite to manufacture complex shapes which are moulded in one piece making a robust product with excellent impact strength.

## Minimal Maintenance

Avlite's airfield markers require minimal maintenance. The markers never require painting because they are manufactured using coloured pigments which permeate all of the way through the plastic.



## Mould-in Graphics

*Graphics are able to be permanently moulded into the product during manufacture and will hold up under the most extreme environments and never peel off or fade over time.*

The graphic is fully compatible with PE and is completely integrated into the polymer during moulding. No inks or foreign contaminants are used. This is especially important because when foreign materials are introduced into the polymer it can weaken the part.

## Eco-friendly

The increasing awareness of the need to protect our environment for future generations has led to more and more consumers demanding environmentally friendly products. Innovations and advances in technology used by the plastics industry are helping Avlite to contribute to a more sustainable world.

Many pigments used in the production of other polyethylene products are made from heavy metals such as Lead, Cadmium and Chromium which, even in small concentrations, are toxic to humans and the environment. There have even been links between heavy metals and a range of health issues such as cancer, kidney disease and learning disabilities.

Even though there are no regulations in place restricting the use of heavy metals in pigments, Avlite has made the decision to only use polyethylene which is heavy metal free and contains absolutely no toxic chemicals. By making this choice, Avlite is making a difference and contributing to a safer environment by reducing the risk of air and water pollution throughout their roto-moulding process.

At the end of their working life, products that contain heavy metals cannot be recycled and, even if there are only traces of toxic heavy metals, the used product cannot be burnt for heat recovery, reprocessed or even buried!

Avlite airfield markers are made from recyclable materials and it is recommended that they be recycled at the end of their working life. As a service to customers, individual components and products at the end of their service life may be returned to Avlite for safe and responsible recycling.



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