

Table 1: Summary of Pretreatment Techniques for PET and HDPE

Pretreatment Type	Method	Polymer	Process Conditions	Key Effects	Advantages	Limitations
Chemical Pretreatments	Alkaline Hydrolysis	PET	NaOH solution (1–5M), 60–90°C, 6–24 hours	Disrupts PET crystalline structure, making more biodegradable	Increases microbial degradation; eco-friendly	Requires high temperature and long processing time
	Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES)	PET	DES (Choline chloride/glycerol), 50–80°C, 12–hours	Increases surface wettability, improves biodegradability	Non-toxic, renewable, and eco-friendly	Long processing time
	Dissolution-Precipitation	HDPE	Toluene/D-limonene solvent, 1:3 solvent-to-antisolvent ratio	Reduces HDPE molecular weight, enhances microbial attack	Efficient for pigment removal & biodegradation	Solvent recovery needed
Enzymatic Pretreatments	Enzymatic Hydrolysis (PETase enzyme)	PET	Enzyme concentration (10 mg/mL), 30–60°C, pH 7–9	Breaks down PET into monomers (TPA & EG)	Highly selective, enables recycling	Enzyme cost & low reaction rate
Combined Pretreatments	Chemical & UV Treatment	PET	Fenton's reagent (H ₂ O ₂ /Fe ²⁺), UV exposure (300–365 nm), 5–12 hours	Introduces functional groups for biodegradation	Enhances microbial attack, faster degradation	Energy-intensive UV treatment
Thermal Pretreatments	Heat Treatment & Annealing	PET & HDPE	100–250°C, controlled heating for 30–180 min	Alters crystallinity to improve degradation	Enhances recyclability, improves material properties	Requires precise temperature control
Thermochemical Pretreatments	Pyrolysis & Gasification	PET & HDPE	400–700°C in inert/oxygen-limited conditions	Converts plastic into valuable chemicals	Produces energy, reduces plastic waste	High energy consumption
Solvent Optimization	Effect of Solvent-to-Antisolvent Ratio	HDPE	Optimized 1:3 ratio, room temperature	Enhances polymer breakdown and pigment removal	Improves recyclability and biodegradability	Requires solvent recovery process
Solvent Optimization	Use of Glycerol & T. Alcohols	HDPE	Glycerol-based antisolvents, 50–80°C	Facilitates pigment removal and microbial attack	Biodegradable and non-toxic	Long processing duration
Characterization Techniques	FT-IR, TGA, DSC Analysis	PET & HDPE	Spectroscopic & thermal analysis	Identifies structural and thermal changes	Helps monitor pretreatment efficiency	Requires specialized equipment
Sustainability Aspects	Solvent Recyclability	PET & HDPE	Recovery through distillation or filtration	Enables multiple cycles of solvent reuse	Reduces environmental impact and cost	Some solvents degrade over time

Table 2: Summary of Mix Proportions for HDPE and MSF in Concrete with Corresponding Properties

Property	Control Mix (No Fibers)	0.25% MSF	0.5% MSF	0.75% MSF	1.0% MSF	0.5% SF
Workability (mm-slump)	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Very Low	Medium
MPa, or compressive strength	24.5	25.8	26.9	27.8	27.2	26.4
MPa, or splitting tensile strength	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.4
	5.2	5.8	6.4	6.82	6.5	6.1
MPa, or flexural strength	Weak	Moderate	Moderate	Strong	Strong	Moderate
Strength and Sustainability of Interfacial Bonds	Moderate	High	High	Very High	Very High	High
Workability of Impact Property (Slump in mm)						
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MPa, or compressive strength	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.4

Table 3: Summary of Concrete Properties with Varying Mix Proportions of PET and HDPE

Property	Standard Concrete (No Plastic)	0.25% PET	0.5% PET	0.75% PET	1.0% PET	0.5% HDPE	1.0% HDPE	1.5% HDPE	2.0% HDPE	References
Slump - Workability (mm)	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Very Low	Medium	Low	Very Low	Very Low	Saikia & De Brito (2012)
MPa, or compressive strength	24.5	25.6	26.7	27.5	26.9	26.2	27	27.3	26.1	Jirawattanaso mkul et al. (2021)
MPa, or tensile strength	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.5	Mohammed & Fage Rahim (2020)
MPa, or flexural strength	5.2	5.7	6.3	6.75	6.4	6	6.6	6.9	6.3	Almeshal et al. (2020)
Bond Strength	Weak	Moderate	Moderate	Strong	Strong	Moderate	Strong	Strong	Moderate	Ferreira et al. (2012)
Durability and Sustainability	Moderate	High	High	Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High	High	Kou et al. (2009)

Table 4: Summary of various mix proportions of HDPE and Metakaolin with concrete

Mix Label	Cement (kg/m³)	Metakaolin (kg/m³)	Fine Aggregate (FA) (kg/m³)	HDPE Plastic (kg/m³)	Coarse Aggregate (CA)(kg/m³)	Water (ml)	Chemical Admixture (ml)
K10P5	346.5	38.5	643.15	33.85	1296	140	7.7
K10P10	346.5	38.5	609.3	67.7	1296	140	7.7
K10P15	346.5	38.5	575.45	101.55	1296	140	7.7
K10P20	346.5	38.5	541.6	135.4	1296	140	7.7
K10P25	346.5	38.5	507.75	169.25	1296	140	7.7
K10P30	346.5	38.5	473.9	203.1	1296	140	7.7
Standard Concrete (M30)	350	0	693	0	1296	157	7.7

Table 5: An overview of the mechanical and thermal characteristics and their effects on the environment

Study Title	Key Materials Used	Mechanical Properties	Thermal Properties	Environmental Impact
Experimental Study of Concrete Using Metakaolin and HDPE Plastic Waste	HDPE Plastic Waste, Metakaolin	HDPE reduces compressive strength; metakaolin enhances strength and durability	HDPE improves thermal insulation; metakaolin enhances heat resistance	Reduces plastic waste; lowers cement usage and CO2 emissions

Table 6: Comparison of Concrete Parameters in HDPE-Modified and Crumb Rubber Concrete

Parameter	Control Concrete	HDPE-Modified Concrete	Crumb Rubber Concrete	HDPE + Rubber Concrete
Compressive Strength (MPa)	High (~30-50)	Reduced (20-35)	Decreased (~15-30)	Balanced reduction (~18-32)
Tensile Strength (MPa)	Moderate (~3-5)	Slightly improved (~4-6)	Enhanced (~5-7)	Maximum improvement (~6-8)
Flexural Strength (MPa)	Standard (~4-7)	Moderate increase (~5-8)	Higher (~6-9)	Superior (~7-10)
Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	High (~1.4-1.8)	Lower (~0.9-1.3)	Significantly lower (~0.6-1.0)	Lowest (~0.5-0.8)
Durability	Strong against wear	Increased resistance to chemicals & moisture	Enhanced freeze-thaw resistance	Superior durability in harsh conditions
Workability (Slump in mm)	Standard (~50-100)	Decreases with increased HDPE	Reduces slightly due to rubber particles	Requires plasticizers for better workability

<i>Cost (\$/m³)</i>	48.48	<i>Higher (~55-65)</i>	<i>Moderate (~50-58)</i>	<i>Varies (~52-60)</i>
<i>Energy Savings (kWh/m²)</i>	<i>Standard (322.89)</i>	<i>Improved (~250-280)</i>	<i>Maximum reduction (~200-250)</i>	<i>Best efficiency (~180-220)</i>
<i>Payback Period (Years)</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Longer (~5-8)</i>	<i>Shorter (~1.5-3)</i>	<i>Best (~1-2.5)</i>
<i>Environmental Impact (CO₂ Reduction)</i>	<i>High emissions</i>	<i>30-40% reduction</i>	<i>35-50% reduction</i>	<i>Maximum reduction (~50-60%)</i>

Table 7: Comparison of Concrete Parameters in Natural Aggregate Concrete and WPLA Concrete with Low and High Replacement Levels

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Natural Aggregate Concrete</i>	<i>WPLA Concrete (Low Replacement)</i>	<i>WPLA Concrete (High Replacement)</i>	<i>References</i>
<i>Density (kg/m³)</i>	2400	2000	1800	ACI Committee 213 (1994)
<i>Compressive Strength (MPa)</i>	40	32	21.8	Basri et al. (1999)
<i>Workability (mm slump)</i>	65	99	145	Choi et al. (2002)
<i>Workability Improvement (%)</i>	-	52%	123%	Choi et al. (2002)
<i>Bulk Density (kg/m³)</i>	1500	1000	844	Choi (1996)
<i>Water Absorption (%)</i>	3.2	Negligible	Negligible	Neville (1996)
<i>Structural Efficiency (%)</i>	100	89	79	Basri et al. (1999)
<i>Transition Zone Width</i>	Narrow	Moderate	Wider	Uchikawa (1995)
<i>Fire Resistance</i>	Standard	Enhanced	Highly Enhanced	Mindess et al. (2003)

Table 8: Summary of observation/results for various parameter with various percentage of PET and various W/C ratio

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>PET (%)</i>	<i>W/C Ratio</i>	<i>Observation/Result</i>
<i>Workability</i>	0% (NAC)	0.42	Normal workability with brick coarse aggregate.
	20% PAC	0.42	Increased workability due to smoother texture of PCA.
	30% PAC	0.42	Further improved workability; fewer voids and reduced friction.
	40% PAC	0.42	Enhanced workability, but noticeable bleeding in fresh concrete.
	50% PAC	0.42	Highest workability but excessive bleeding at higher W/C ratios.
<i>Density</i>	50% PAC	0.57	Severe bleeding observed, requiring mix adjustments.
	0% (NAC)	0.42	Standard density (baseline).
	20% PAC	0.42	4% density reduction compared to NAC.
	30% PAC	0.42	6% density reduction due to lighter PCA.
	40% PAC	0.42	8% density reduction, further lowering with higher W/C.
<i>Compressive Strength</i>	50% PAC	0.57	Maximum 10% density reduction observed.
	0% (NAC)	0.42	33.4 MPa (Reference Strength).
	20% PAC	0.42	30.3 MPa (Comparable strength to NAC).
	30% PAC	0.42	28.5 MPa (Slight reduction in strength).
	40% PAC	0.42	26.2 MPa (Further strength reduction due to weak bonding).
	50% PAC	0.42	24.1 MPa (Significant reduction, weak transition zone).
	50% PAC	0.57	Lowest compressive strength due to excessive bleeding and weak bonding.