THE JOURNEY AWAITS
Polymer Solutions for Adventure Sports Gear
For outdoor enthusiasts, the lighter the gear, the better. Take a backcountry hiker, for example. Removing even a few ounces from their pack helps them push through that last mile and reach their goal for the day. Or think bigger. What if you had more design freedom when tackling your next big idea for water sports by using advanced composite materials, thus passing on a lighter, higher performing product to the consumer? PolyOne can help you reach your goals for weight reduction and overall cost savings, while maintaining an equal or better stiffness-to-weight ratio to that of aluminum.

Benefits of using engineered thermoplastics over aluminum include:

- Significant cost and weight reduction
- Excellent strength-to-weight ratios that are equal to or better than non-ferrous metals
- Increased design freedom with the ability to mold in components and features
Looking for ways to make your gear both attractive and more functional? Although outdoor enthusiasts usually like to get dirty, they also appreciate beauty in their surroundings. Ever wonder how a vibrantly-colored snowboard retains its bold appearance in the face of ongoing exposure to the elements? Add resilience and lasting beauty to your products with various polymer additives and color formulations from PolyOne.

Bring beauty to the outdoor experience with products that pop:

- Add vibrancy or brand recognition with custom polymer colorants and printed hydrographic films
- Keep your product’s colors brilliant with UV-stable additives
- Reduce cycle times and production costs by eliminating secondary painting requirements with molded-in color and advanced polymer formulations from PolyOne

Your outdoor products need to stand the test of time and resist damage from exposure to environmental elements. Take a fishing kayak, for example. The typical enthusiast is willing to invest extra money into customizing their kayaks with vibrant colors and added accessories. Imagine their disappointment when they find a large scratch or dent in the hull, or their favorite camo pattern faded from sun exposure. Make sure your customers’ investments last for the long haul with high-performance materials from PolyOne.

Give your outdoor gear that extra grit so that it will stay the course:

- Provide high-impact strength and weatherability with materials like our thermoformed rubber (TPR) and exterior rigid sheet
- Keep your exterior finishes gleaming with material performance enhancements like scratch and mar resistance and UV stable additives
- Make your products safer with performance additives that provide flame resistance and antimicrobial properties
BRINGING SOFTNESS TO A ROUGH RIDE

SENSORY EXPERIENCE

When your customers are exhausted from a long day on the trail, the last things they want to worry about are body aches or physical discomfort. They depend on your equipment to give them the ultimate experience outdoors. You know it’s important to incorporate ergonomics and comfort into your product designs, and using the right material for the job will help you achieve these goals. Take a kayak paddle. Soft-touch thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs) overmolded onto a lightweight paddleshaft made of PolyOne’s advanced composite materials can help add to the experience and avoid annoyances such as blisters.

Make your products look and feel amazing, and add shelf appeal while you’re at it:

- Offer a more comfortable grip to a typically hard surface with TPEs from PolyOne
- Provide an easy process for customization with TPEs
- Use materials that provide documented vibration damping and lessen the negative effects of bone-rattling vibration on the human body

Your customers may get their thrills from extreme sports like backwoods snowboarding or a simple family camping trip. Either way, they depend on you for outdoor equipment that helps them do what they love with ease. Whether you’re looking to create lightweight designs, amp up aesthetics, rethink comfort, or bring to life your latest cutting-edge idea, you can count on PolyOne for design and advanced polymer recommendations that will excite your customers and add to your profitability.

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