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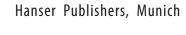
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Preface

This new and completely reworked edition of the *Plastics Handbook* finds its roots in the German Plastics Handbook (Saechtling Kunststoff Taschenbuch), first published in 1936, and now in its 31st edition. After years of working back and forth between the German and English language editions, updating the processing and materials chapters as well as upgrading the figures into color, we have finally achieved two synchronized handbooks, each designed for their specific geographical market. We realize that the plastics field is constantly in flux, with changes driven by major factors such as energy conservation, new materials, and new manufacturing techniques, such as additive manufacturing. Therefore, we know that this handbook is a never-ending project that will organically change over time. We look forward to the developments our industry will bring in the years to come, and to the work we will do together to bring you the next version of this handbook. It would have been impossible to produce this new edition without the irreplaceable contributions from Dr. Christine Strohm who helped with the translations, as well as those from Tobias Mattner who reworked all the figures. We thank both for their steadfast dedication. We are also thankful to Dr. Mark Smith for his meticulous work while combing through the whole manuscript and to Jörg Strohbach for his production work to generate a version that is so pleasing to the eye. We are grateful to our families for their unconditional love and support.

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