

Ten Top Tips for Competition Entrants

1 Be creative

It is always good to see 'new' or untried ways of solving problems in project submissions

2 Be practical

Try to make sure your design will work, and can be made economically

3 Describe the product

Pictures are worth a thousand words but competition judges will often refer to written material to clarify a point (but also see point 10)

4 Use renderings, CAD etc. as appropriate

Good drawings and CAD are very useful but do not let style triumph over content

5 Describe why you chose the polymers you did

There should be very good reasons for choosing the plastics you did; don't fit the plastic to the design just for the sake of it

6 Describe the production processes that would be used

If the volumes or geometry suggest a particular process, say why you chose the one you did

7 Include a model or prototype, even if non-working

A simple proof-of-principle model can really lift a complex entry

8 Don't forget the theme 'Sustainability'

It should be broad enough that you do not have to go outside it!

9 Summarise – the judges' time is limited!

With many entries to judge in one day, a summary sheet will help their deliberations
And lastly....

10 Go for quality over quantity

Reams of paper will always lose out to elegance and a concise entry

