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- OEM support and market strategy development
- Material selection with necessary approvals
- Customer education on emerging markets and materials
- Automotive approval navigation and sponsorship for new opportunities

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- Material selection with necessary approvals
- Approval sponsorships for new opportunities
- Automotive lighting, exterior components, parts/materials for interiors

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- Material selection
- Product and tool design
- Scientific molding
- Statistical process control and process validation

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- Scientific molding

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- Specification management
- Part and materials testing

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- Part and tool design
- Key market analysis and strategy

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We're committed to providing you with solutions that aren't just built around your needs, but actually help build your business. From day one, each of our customers work with a unique personalized team comprised of dedicated individuals from sales, technical service, application development, customer service, credit, and logistical management.

Material selection

Choosing the best material for a new or existing application can be difficult. Our team specializes in finding the ideal product that fits the needs of the application and our customer.

Processing assistance

Whether over the phone, via video chat, or in person, we are prepared to help get your processes and materials running smoothly and efficiently. From prototype runs to troubleshooting, our engineers can provide insight on optimizing various thermoplastic processes.

Design review

With years of processing experience, the Chase technical team can offer critical advice on part and tool design to help ensure manufacturing ease and failure avoidance.

Parts and materials testing

By partnering with accredited labs all throughout North America, we are ready to tackle your mechanical, chemical, and physical testing needs.

Metal-to-plastic conversions

Increasing complexity and calls for lighter parts continue to push the boundaries of metal component replacements with plastic. Allow us to bring experience and a broad engineering thermoplastic portfolio to find a durable alternative to metal.

Educational training

The Chase technical team has the information, knowledge and willingness to educate our valued customers on products and processing for continuous improvement. These events can be customized around your team's needs at your facility, our headquarters, or an independent site.

Access to technical tools

Regulatory Approval Details - UL, Automotive, FDA, NSF, USP Class VI, REACH/RoHS/California Prop 65, Conflict Minerals

- Data Sheets and Processing Guides
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- Product certifications
- Product brochures and chips/plaques

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