

**Thermoplastic Composite Manufacture Using
Ara flaker Wood Dust**

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ABSTRACT

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From this research in making the thermoplastic composite and also test such as bending, thickness swelling and water absorption is carried out. This test to determine comfortable using wood dust Ara (*Ficus Spp*) use with Manufacture flaker at 80-mesh size without MAPP. Thermoplastic composite from Ara followed from 10%, 20% and 30% of wood dust from Ara. The result showed that 20% of wood dust of Ara is most the suitable. This because from bending test showed that 20% of wood dust is very strength and was good. Using enough Polypropylene (PP) can give strength when thermoplastic making. Otherwise through the tensile test 30% was good and very suitable. Finally test are the thickness swelling and water absorption showed that the water can absorb into 10% lower than 20% and 30%. Totally using 20% is the most suitable quality for mix with PP to make the thermoplastic composite.