

**PROPERTIES OF THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITE FROM
ARAUCARIA HUNSTENII**

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ABSTRACT

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The research has been done to study about the properties of thermoplastic composite from *Araucaria hunstenii*. The test for bending, tensile and thickness swelling and water absorption been done for make sure *Araucaria* is more suitable in making thermoplastic composite. The making of thermoplastic composite from *Araucaria* is followed from 5%, 10%, and 15% of *Araucaria* wood fiber. The result showed that 10% of wood fibers of *Araucaria* are suitable. This because from bending test showed that 10% of wood fiber is very strength compared to 5% and 15%. Using more polypropylene (PP) can give chance to the fiber bound each other with PP. Otherwise, using MAPP as a coupling agent may increase the strength of the thermoplastic. Generally the suitable percentage fillers is 10% mixed with PP.