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3. Based on its behaviour when heated to Processing temperatures. Polymeric materials are broadly divided into two categories on this basis viz. Thermoplastics (e.g., PE, PP, PVC, Nylon, PET etc.) and thermosets (e.g., PF, UF, MF, epoxy etc.).

4. Based on end use. These include : Fibers (e.g., Polyester, Nylon etc.), Plastics (e.g., Thermoplastics and Thermosets), Elastomers (e.g., Rubber, Buna-S, Buna-N, Polyurethane etc.), Films (e.g., PP, LDPE, HDPE, PVC, PET etc.), Adhesives (e.g., PVA, epoxy resin etc.), Paints (e.g., epoxy etc.), Membranes (polyacetylene, polyaniline) etc.

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6. Based on Origin Polymers may be Natural or Synthetic