

International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc.
New Rubber Consumption Forecast
For North America
(Thousand Metric Tons)

	Historical		2002					
	2001	2002	Percent	2001/2002	2003	2002/2003	2007	% Change
			Tyre	Growth		Growth		2002/2007
Total SBR Solid	782	768	86%	-1.8%	781	1.7%	819	1.3%
Polybutadiene	562	583	70%	3.7%	594	1.9%	651	2.2%
Ethylene Propylene	306	301	2%	-1.6%	309	2.7%	348	2.9%
Polychloroprene	57	54	0%	-5.3%	53	-1.9%	52	-0.8%
NBR Solid	84	84	1%	0.0%	85	1.2%	91	1.6%
Polyisoprene	56	58	83%	3.6%	58	0.0%	59	0.3%
Others	368	367	50%	-0.3%	369	0.5%	378	0.6%
Total Synthetic	2,215	2,215	58.6%	0.0%	2,249	1.5%	2,398	1.6%
Total TPE's	520	524	0.0%	0.8%	531	1.3%	561	1.4%
Sub-Total Rubber	2,735	2,739	47.4%	0.1%	2,780	1.5%	2,959	1.6%
Natural Rubber Solid	995	1,046	na	5.1%	1,068	2.1%	1,134	1.6%
Natural Rubber Latex	110	113	na	2.7%	114	0.9%	118	0.9%
Natural Rubber	1,105	1,159	76.8%	4.9%	1,182	2.0%	1,252	1.6%
Total Rubber	3,840	3,898	56.2%	1.5%	3,962	1.6%	4,211	1.6%