Due to constant increase of plastic production and rise of quality requirements it becomes inevitable to use reliable and efficient quality control systems. Mid-infrared light-emitting diodes and photodiodes manufactured by LED Microsensor NT, LLC have already found their usefulness in a vast area of applications and have much to offer to plastic manufacturers.

Thickness measurement is based on the Beer’s law which states that intensity of transmitted light exponentially depends on thickness of material:

\[ I(t) = I_0 e^{-k_x l} \]

Where \( I_0 \) and \( I \) are the intensity of the incident light and the transmitted light, respectively; \( k_x \) – the absorption coefficient, \( l \) – the material thickness.

Using mid-infrared LED-PD based solutions provides certain advantages for this sort of application:

- Compact size of the LED chip – 0.35x0.35 mm
- Low power consumption ( <1 mW)
- Short response time – 10-50 ns
- Modulation ranges of up to 100 MHz can be achieved
- Operation temperatures up to +150°C
- Lifetime 80 000 hours

- PE films
- Containers (bottles, jars, pots, cans, glasses etc.)
- Canalisation, drainage pipes
- PE electrical insulation
- Cases for devices
- PVC fibers
- PVC electrical insulation
- Doors and windows
- Details for automotive production
- Packaging
- Water supply system pipes
- PS Heat insulation
- Containers and films for food industry