

# Styron's ABS train commences start-up at Terneuzen

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Styron has announced that its acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) train, at its 35,000 tonne/year Terneuzen plant in the Netherlands, has restarted following an outage in October, a company source said on Monday.

The outage, which was announced on 19 October, commenced on 26 October and was attributed to technical issues and the necessity to carry out maintenance on the train.

Styron was able to manage supply to its customers during the outage, helped by softening demand for ABS in November and December.

The majority of ABS buyers have been carefully managing their stock levels throughout the fourth quarter to ensure they are not holding large inventories at year-end.

Despite other European ABS suppliers lowering production rates because of reduced demand, Styron's outage did not have an impact on the supply of ABS in Europe, and consumers were able to purchase product as and when needed.

ABS is used in a wide range of goods and industries, including the automotive and appliances sectors.

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