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# Price Forecast

## Methodology: Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)



The ICIS Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) Asia and Europe price forecasts are of monthly average prices whereas the ICIS Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) US price forecast is based on the monthly high values. The forecasts are updated on a monthly review cycle but can be updated more frequently in case of major market developments. Price forecasts cover the current month and the following 17 months, i.e. 18 months in total.

The forecast pages provide:

1. Forecasts of the monthly spot CFR Asia NE General Purpose Injection price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS ABS Asia Pacific price report.
2. Forecasts of the monthly FD NWE Injection Moulding Domestic price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Styrene Europe price report.
3. Forecasts of the monthly Contract (CDI) ABS Medium impact, injection molding freight allowed, and the Contract (CDI) ABS extrusion pipe freight allowed, extending the historical gross prices reports in the ICIS ABS US report.

Elements considered in the ABS price forecasts include:

1. Supply-demand data for ABS, and other competing polymers, including regional imports, exports, global plant shutdowns and new capacities.
2. Downstream demand forecasts.
3. Styrene, butadiene and acrylonitrile price forecasts in Europe, US, and Asia.
4. Styrenics production margins.

ICIS also shows historical and forecast feedstock butadiene, acrylonitrile and styrene pricing, and the historical and forecasted spread between ABS pricing and styrene per month.

Prices are forecast in the currency they are assessed in. For spreads analysis, where feedstock currency may differ from product currency, exchange rates from [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) are used for historical data series. For forecast series, ICIS uses the exchange rate from the date of analysis.