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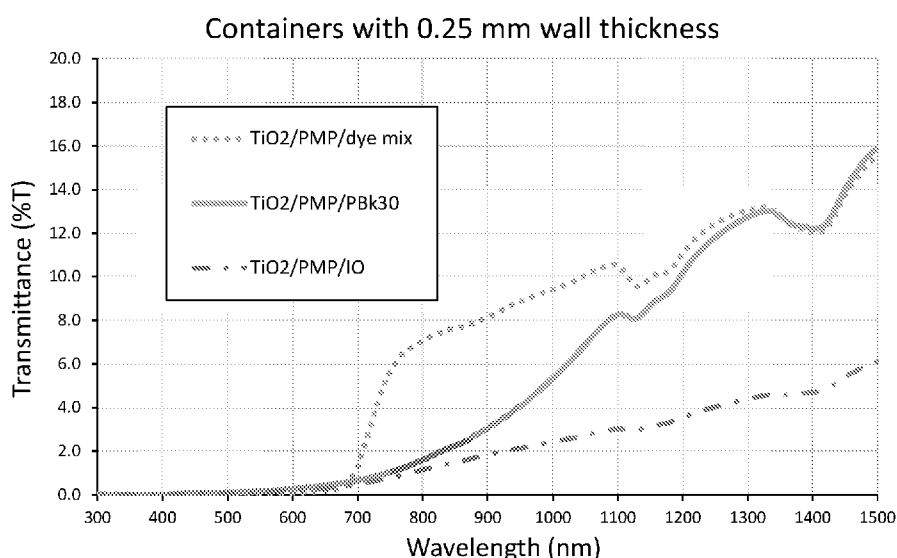
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Figure 3



(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed is a preform for a container comprising a polyester, titanium dioxide, and a light absorbing additive. In addition, a process for preparing a polyester-based container from such a preform is disclosed, as well as a polyester-based container obtainable by such a process. The opaque containers can for instance be used for storing light-sensitive solids and/or liquids. The optical properties of the preform result in improved properties during blow-moulding processes.

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