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# Cross Contamination (Extrusion Hint)

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Cross Contamination (Extrusion Hint)  
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Screws should be removed from the extruder for cleaning when changing polymers, to avoid cross contamination, especially for R&D tests. Elevate the barrel temperatures to make sure all residual polymer left in the screw is melted to make screw removal easier. Also clean the barrels with a long rod brush before installing the screw, whether or not the same or a new screw is used.

-Bill Corcoran, Dupont Co.

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