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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A method of extruding a thermoplastic elastomer comprising the steps of:
 - selecting a foamable thermoplastic elastomer;
 - compressing and melting the thermoplastic elastomer;
 - introducing a blowing agent consisting of water into the melted thermoplastic elastomer;
 - mixing the melted thermoplastic elastomer and the water; and
 - forcing the melted mixture through a die to form an extruded foam profile.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic elastomer comprises a blend of natural or synthetic rubber and thermoplastic material.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic elastomer comprises fully cured vulcanizates of compositions including blends of (a) 25-75 percent by weight of thermoplastic polyolefin resin and (b) about 75-25 percent by weight of monoolefin copolymer rubber.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of introducing water includes introducing the water in sufficient quantity relative to the thermoplastic elastomer to yield a foam profile having a density below approximately .3 grams per cubic centimeter.