

Urban Air Mobility

Advanced Composite Materials Selector Guide



*Lightweight
to elevate*

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Innovation by Chemistry



The Masters of Vertical and Transitional Flight

We chose the dragonfly as our UAM/AAM symbol due to its eVTOL-like exceptional maneuverability and its deep heritage as a symbol of transformation, adaptability, and harmony.

The unique flying characteristics of the dragonfly parallel those of the eVTOL aircraft. By the fast and graceful motion created with their wings, they can lift and land vertically, hover, and fly at varying speeds in all directions.

With more than 5,000 dragonfly species in existence, each varying by their unique wing structures, they illustrate how a diverse range of designs can achieve success. Their power, adaptability, and harmony embody the wholistic approach a Toray partnership offers designers to help create their innovative eVTOL designs.



OUR OBJECTIVES

▲ Driving urban transportation	▼ Reducing weight	▲ Strength and durability	▲ Efficient manufacturing	▼ Sound dampening
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Introduction

Your Partner for Tomorrow’s Transportation

Toray is ideally positioned to help eVTOL designers and manufacturers create cost-effective prototypes today and prepare for high-rate productions of the future. Our history of successful partnerships in traditional aerospace as well as emerging high-performance industrial and aviation markets provides the confidence needed from a material supplier in an industry with rapid growth and fluid market dynamics. Active collaborations are advancing and demonstrating material and process maturity. A broad portfolio of proven thermoset and thermoplastic materials allow choices and flexibility for applications in this nascent but evolving market. With global locations and an unmatched carbon fiber supply chain, we can ensure your chosen materials are available whenever and wherever they are needed.

Why Do eVTOLS Need Composites?

Without advanced composites, eVTOLs would not be possible. Advanced fiber reinforced composite materials are extremely lightweight and are incredibly strong. These inherent material properties enable today’s battery technology to effectively manage the power loads needed for vertical and forward propulsion for a variety of vehicle flight ranges.

From Prototype to Production

Initial designs with low-rate production, minimal nonrecurring cost investment, and a broad knowledge base will drive prototypes toward thermoset solutions.

Our industry-leading thermosets are used on general aviation aircraft, business jets, unmanned areal vehicles (UAV), and traditional vertical lift vehicles. These materials meet the demanding mechanical and environmental requirements and safety standards needed in this early market phase. Initial production rates that mirror current aerospace rates will continue to rely on trusted thermoset composites.

As the market matures beyond aerospace production rates, eVTOL manufacturers will have validated and refined designs to demonstrate crashworthiness and impact resistance. Volume production can begin and the transition to higher rates and reduced operating costs will drive a material shift to thermoplastic composites. Processing methods will shift from autoclave and hand lay-up benchmarks to Out of Autoclave (OOA) and Vacuum Bag Only (VBO), ATL/AFP, stamp and press forming, and continuous compression molding where cut/pick/place steps can be highly automated.

Our Experts Are Here

Toray’s experience with primary and secondary aerospace structures, interior applications, high-end automotive, and tooling knowledge means your engineers will be in the best of company. Our Experts Services team will guide your composite material development choices to accommodate the needs of each bespoke eVTOL design.

Propulsion System

eVTOL propulsion systems will consist of a combination of rotor blades, propellers, and nacelles structures that must be lightweight and durable. Toray intermediate modulus carbon fiber thermosets are well suited for these applications. Toray Cetex® thermoplastics also provide sound dampening characteristics that minimize noise in the surrounding environment as well as in the passenger compartment.



Platform Protection

eVTOL exterior surfaces must protect against corrosion and lightning strike. Toray MicroPly® surface films deliver a strong paintable surface that, when integrated with conductive reinforcements, also provide lightning strike protection. Toray's fiberglass scrim reinforced films offer excellent galvanic barriers.



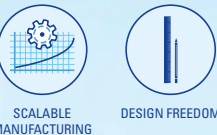
Structural

Structural components such as fuselages, wings, landing gear, and flight control structures such as flaps, ailerons, spoilers/speed brakes, elevators, and ruddervators need high-strength and lightweight materials that can meet both rapid and high-volume manufacturing demands.



Panels, Covers, and Communication

Ideal for panels and component covers, Toray thermosets, Cetex® thermoplastics, and bulk molding compounds are lightweight and can be rapidly manufactured in high volume. Toray's industry-leading low dielectric products provide low loss and high signal clarity for communication radomes.



Battery System

Toray's product portfolio of thermosets, Cetex® thermoplastics, and bulk molding compounds can be used for battery racks and boxes that must withstand high temperatures while remaining lightweight and incredibly durable.



Interiors

Interior eVTOL components must be strong, light, flame-retardant, and visually pleasing while meeting high crashworthiness standards. Toray's Cetex® thermoplastics are well suited for interiors and can be rapidly processed for high-rate production.



Thermoset Epoxy

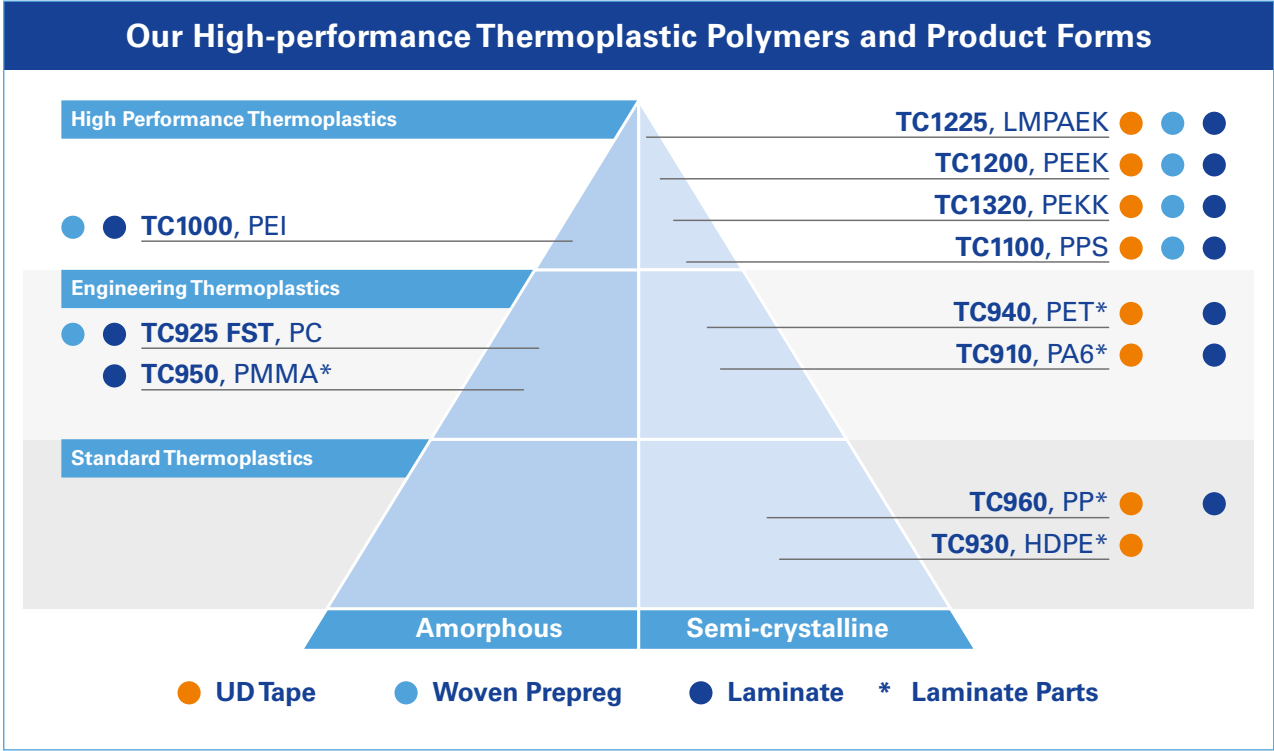
	Resin Matrix	Neat Resin Dry T _g Onset (DMA)	Cure Temperature and Time	Key Product Characteristics	Out Life # Days	Freezer Life # Months	Design Allowables Database	Formats			Processing							Product Attributes						Applications					
								UD Tape	Woven Prepreg	Slit Tape	OOA/VBO	Autoclave	Press Forming	Flexilbe Cure	Freestanding Post cure	AFP/ATL	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorbtion	Structural	Propulsion System	Interiors	Battery System	Panels, Covers, Communication	
BT250E-6	Epoxy	131°C (268°F)	127°C (260°F)—2 hours	- Aerospace flight qualified 71°C (160°F) hot/wet service	30	12	NIAR NCAMP ¹ CHM-17	●	●		●	●	●					●	●				●	●	●		●		
2510	Epoxy	131°C (294°F)	132°C (270°F)—2 hours	- Qualified to AMS 3960, 3914, and 3915 - In stock and ready to ship - Long freezer life	28	24	AGATE	●	●		●	●		●					●	●				●	●			●	
E732	Epoxy	n/a 159°C (318°F) 170°C (338°F)	120°C (248°F)—20 min 140°C (284°F)—10 min 160°C (320°F)—4 min	- Short cure cycles < 20 min - Hot-in hot-out press processing	21	6		●	●		●	●	●	●			●		●	●				●	●	●		●	
2511	Epoxy	162°C (324°F)	132°C (270°F)—2 hours	- Qualified to AMS 3962 - Low void content with OOA/VBO - Long freezer life	28	24	CMH-17	●	●	●	●	●		●			●		●	●	●		●	●			●		
2700	Epoxy	163°C (326°F) 200°C (392°F) with post cure	160°C (320°F)—5 minutes (press) 132°C (270°F)—2 hours	- Multi-process flexible system for high volume - Short cure cycles < 5 min - Low void content and optimized tack	28	24		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●				●	
TC275-1	Epoxy	164°C (327°F) 174°C (345°F) with post cure 183°C (362°F)	135°C (275°F)—6 hours 180°C (356°F)—2 hours post cure (optional) 180°C (356°F)—2 hours	- Aerospace flight qualified - Excellent hot/wet strength retention - Flexible cure 121°C (250°F) hot/wet service	14	12	NIAR NCAMP ¹ CMH-17	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
TC380	Epoxy	176°C (349°F) 190°C (374°F) with post cure ³ 201°C (394°F)	135°C (275°F)—6 hours 180°C (356°F)—2 hours post cure (optional) 180°C (356°F)—2 hours	- Aerospace flight qualified - Outstanding toughness - Excellent balance of OHC and CAI properties 121°C (250°F) hot/wet service	28	12	NIAR NCAMP ² CMH-17 (in-progress)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
3900	Epoxy	204°C (400°F)	177°C (350°F) - 2 hours	- Qualified to AMS 6891 - In stock and ready to ship - Long out life - Legacy commercial aerospace material 121°C (250°F) hot/wet service - Outstanding toughness	42	24	CMH-17	●	●	●		●				●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●	
3960	Epoxy	204°C (400°F)	177°C (350°F) - 2 hours	- Combined with high performance T1100G IM+ fiber - Long out life, Extremely long freezer life - Excellent balance of CAI and OHC properties 121°C (250°F) hot/wet service - Outstanding toughness	42	36	NCAMP (in progress)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●

1 - Database is FAA and EASA accepted
2 - Database is FAA accepted
3 - Estimated value

	Resin Matrix	Polymer	Melting Temperature T _m	Typical Consolidation Temperatures T _p	Key Product Characteristics	Design Allowables Database	Formats					Processing				Product Attributes							Applications				
							UD Tape	Woven Prepreg	Slit Tape	RTL Laminate	Chopped	Weldable/Joining	Autoclave	Press Forming	AFP/ATL	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorption	Structural	Propulsion System	Interiors	Battery System	Panels, Covers, Communication
TC910	PA6	Nylon 6	220°C (428°F)	249–271°C (480–520°F)	Lower processing temperature option		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●				●	●		●	
TC1000	PEI	Polyetherimide	Amorphous	320–350°C (608–662°F)	- Industry-leading mechanical performance - Excellent FST properties	OEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	
TC1100	PPS	Polyphenylene Sulfide	280°C (536°F)	300–330°C (572–626°F)	- Low moisture absorption - Ideal for leading edges, beams, clips, and floor panels	OEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
TC1200	PEEK	Polyetheretherketone	343°C (649°F)	370–400°C (698–752°F)	- Continuous processing temperature - Good high-temperature properties	OEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
TC1225	LMPAEK	Low-melt Polyaryletherketone	305°C (581°F)	340–385°C (644–725°F)	- Outstanding structural performance - Compatible with PEEK for overmolding and welding	NIAR NCAMP ¹ CMH-17	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
TC1320	PEKK	Polyetherketoneketone	337°C (639°F)	370–400°C (698–752°F)	- Outstanding solvent and impact resistance - Excellent mechanical properties	OEM	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	

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Toray Cetex® Portfolio



Bulk Molding Compounds (BMC)

Thermoset BMC

Thermoset BMC							Processing					Product Attributes							Applications						
	Resin Matrix	Neat Resin Dry T _g Onset (DMA)	Cure Temperature and Time	Key Product Characteristics	Out Life # Days	Freezer Life # Months	Chopped	OOA/VBO	Autoclave	Press Forming	Flexible Cure	Freestanding Post Cure	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorption	Lightning Strike Protection	Structural	Propulsion System	Interiors	Battery System	Panels, Covers, Communication
MS-4H	Epoxy	191°C (375°F)	138°C (280°F)—15–30 min 180°C (356°F)—1–2 hours post cure (freestanding)	- Aerospace flight qualified - Epoxy-based structural BMC product - Economical and lightweight aluminum replacement	14	6	●			●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●

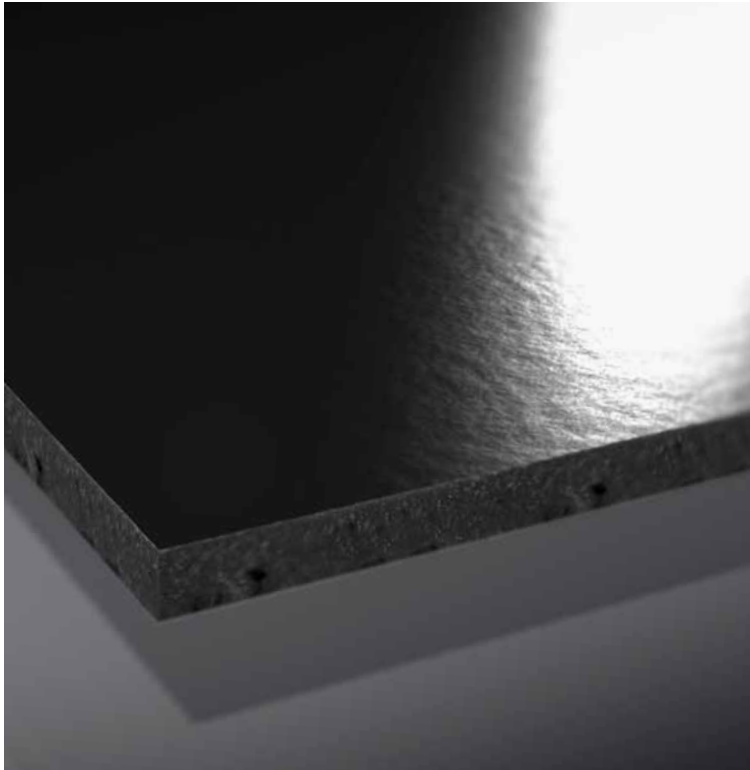
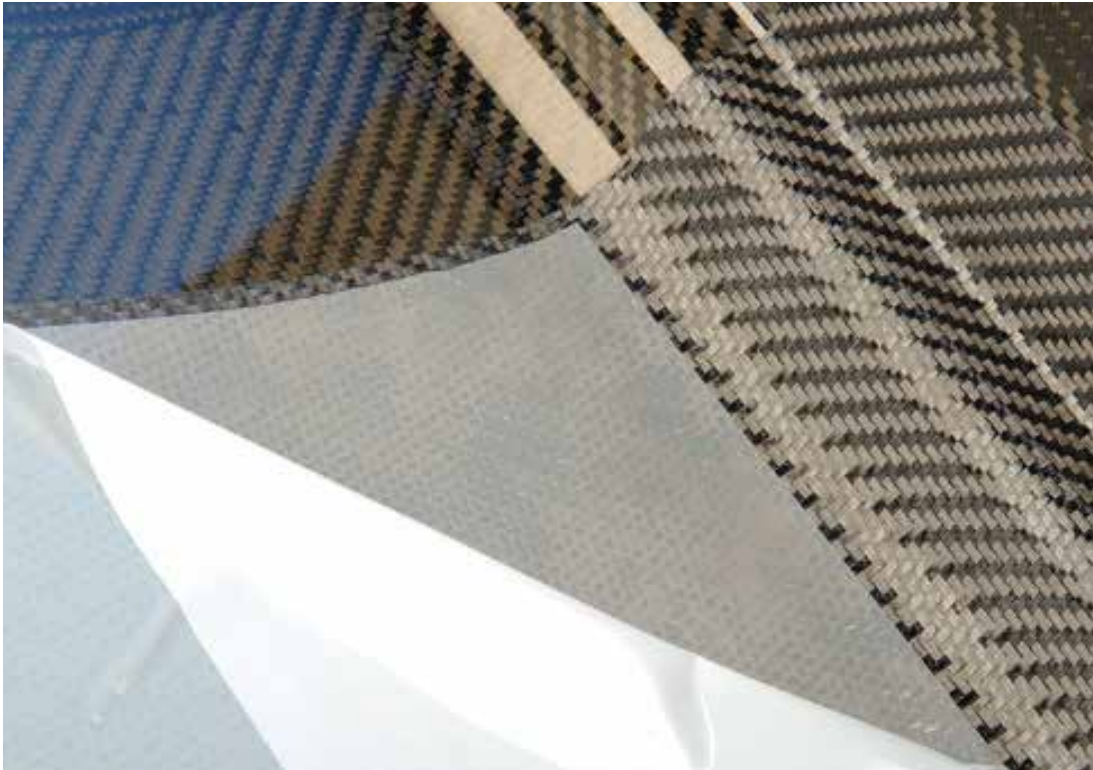
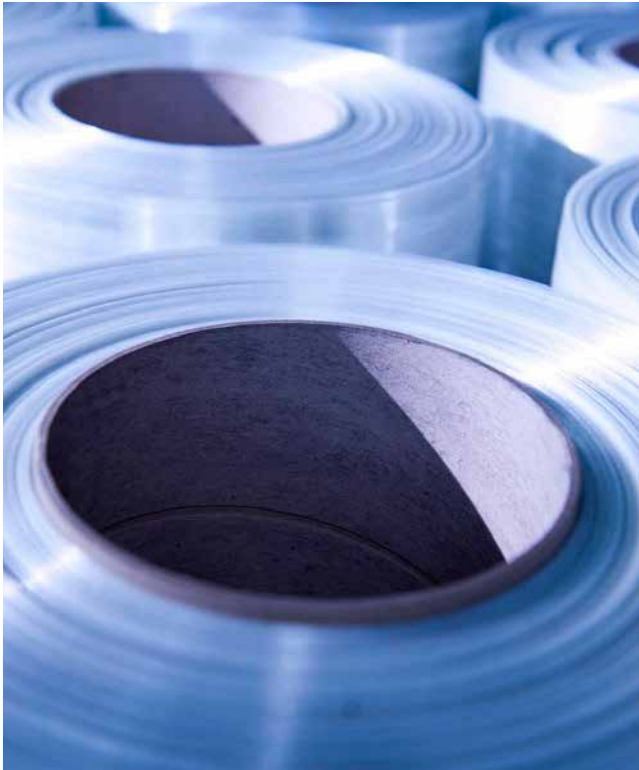
Thermoplastic BMC

Thermoplastic BMC						Processing			Product Attributes								Applications					
	Resin Matrix	Polymer	Melting Temperature T _m	Typical Consolidation Temperatures T _p	Key Product Characteristics	Chopped	Weldable/Joining	Autoclave	Press Forming	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorption	Lightning Strike Protection	Structural	Propulsion System	Interiors	Battery System	Panels, Covers, Communication
MC1100	PPS	Polyphenylene Sulfide	280°C (536°F)	330°C (626°F)	- PPS-based BMC with SM and IM fibers - Fire retardant	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MC1200	PEEK	Polyetherketoneketone	343°C (649°F)	385°C (725°F)	- PEEK-based BMC with SM and IM fibers - Fire retardant	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

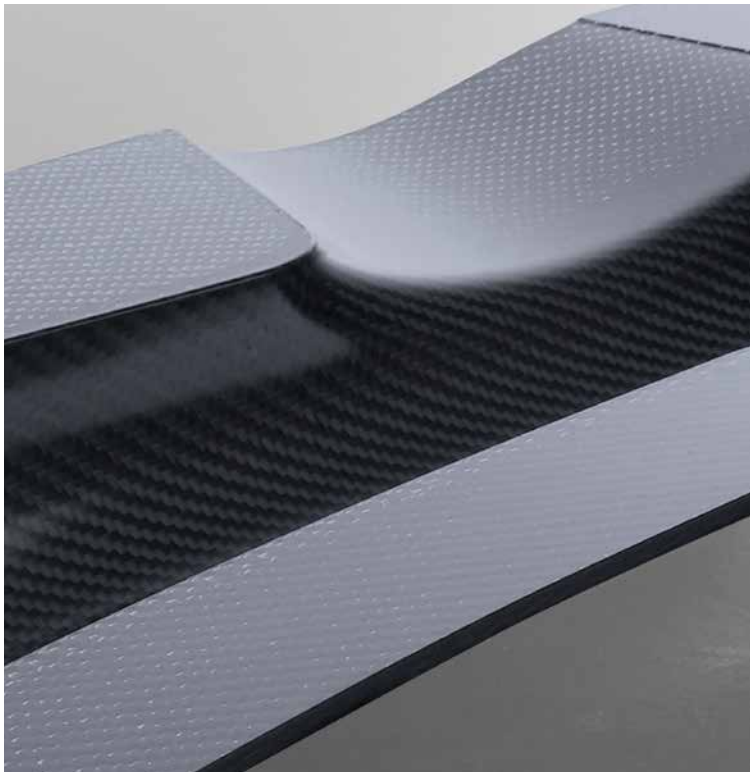
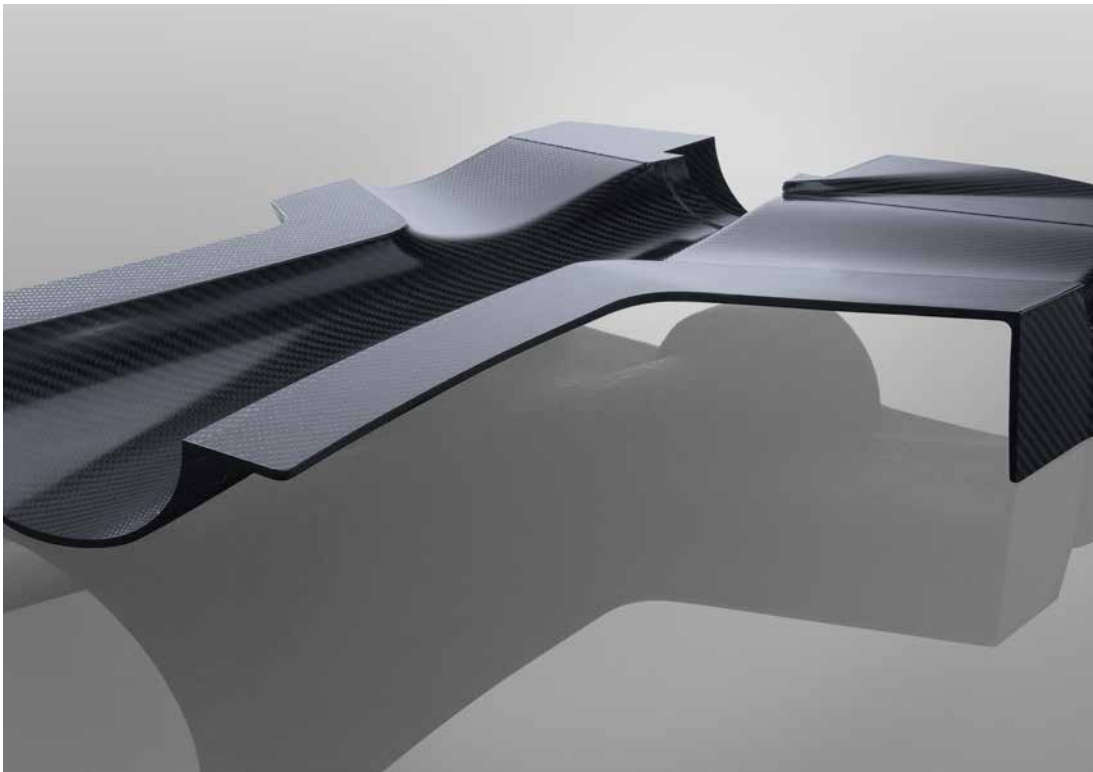
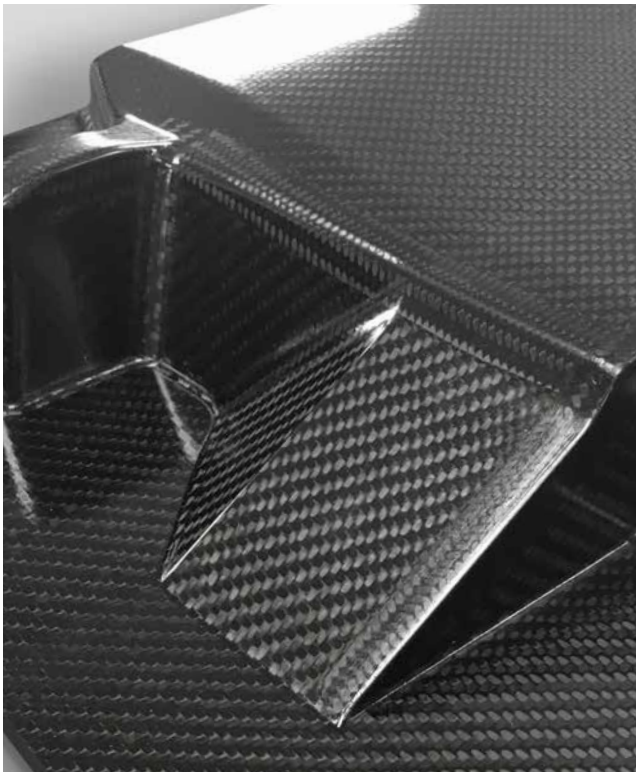
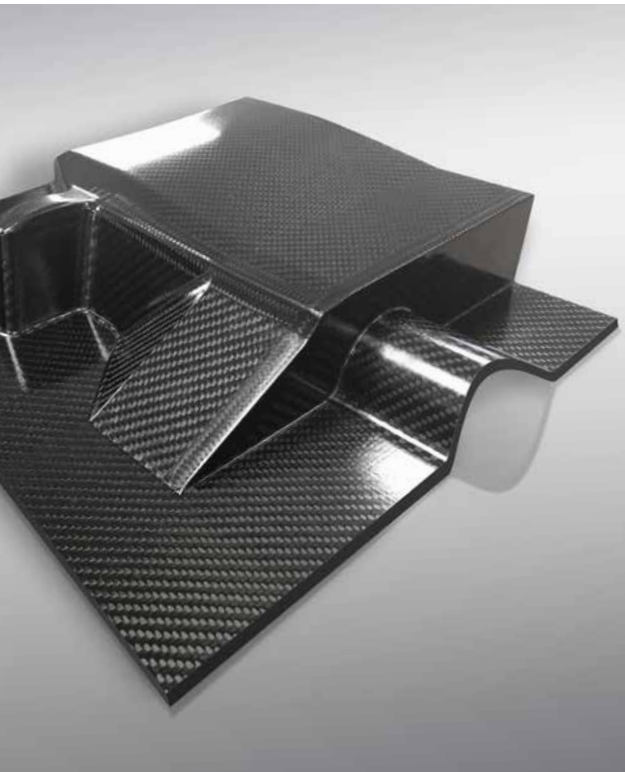


	Resin Matrix	Dry T _g Onset	Cure Temperature and Time	Key Product Characteristics	Out Life # Days	Freezer Life # Months	Processing					Product attributes								Appl.
							OOA/VBO	Autoclave	Press Forming	AFP/ATL	Post Curable	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorption	Lightning Strike Protection	
Surfacing Film Epoxy																				
TC235SF-1	Epoxy	119°C (246°F)	121°C (250°F)—60 minutes	- Excellent protective surface finish Available with embedded lightning strike foils - Reduces shop floor finishing for productivity savings	30	12	●	●	●			●		●	●				●	●
Film Adhesives Epoxy																				
RS-15H	Epoxy	99°C (211°F) ¹	93°C (200°F)—6 hours Alternate cures are available	Low temperature curing adhesive	30	12	●	●	●			●		●	●					
TC263	Epoxy	110°C (230°F)	121°C (250°F)—2 hours	Ideal for metal or composite bonding	21	12	●	●	●			●		●	●					
TC310	Epoxy	157°C (315°F)	177°C (350°F)—2 hours	Ideal for metal or composite bonding	30	12	●	●	●			●		●	●					
Syntactics Epoxy																				
EM-3	Epoxy	116°C (240°F) ¹	121°C (250°F)—60 minutes	- Expanding syntactic coresplice - High expansion (8–10 x)	14	12		●				●		●	●					
TCF4035	Epoxy	140°C (284°F)	130°C (265°F)—2 hours	- Compatible with TAC 121/135°C (250/275°F) curing materials - May be post cured for higher T_g	30	12	●	●			●	●		●	●					
TCF4045	Modified Epoxy	180°C (356°F)	179°C (355°F)—3 hours	Excellent low dielectric constant and loss	14	6	●	●				●		●	●					

1 - T_g estimated from base resin data



	Resin Matrix	Dry T _g Onset (After Postcure)	Min Cure Temp	Typical Cure Time and Temperature	Key Product Characteristics	Out Life # Days	Freezer Life # Months	Processing					Product attributes							
								OOA/VBO	Autoclave	Press Forming	AFP/ATL	Post Curable	Toughened	Flame Retardant	Chemical Resistant	Corrosion Resistant	Impact Resistant	High Temperature Performance	Low Moisture Absorption	Lightning Strike Protection
HX40	Epoxy	203°C (397°F)	50°C (122°F)	12 hours at 65°C (149°F)	• Large tooling applications	8	12		●			●			●	●				
HX42	Epoxy	200°C (392°F)	50°C (122°F)	60°C (140°F)—8 hours	• Proven system for aerospace • Excellent surface finish	5	12		●			●			●	●				
HX56	Epoxy	185°C (365°F)	40°C (104°F)	50°C (122°F)—8.5 hours	• Improved handleability • Excellent surface finish • Excellent drape for complex shapes	60 hours	6		●			●			●	●				



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