



# **Toho Tenax America**

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**“From Carbon Fiber to Carbon Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastic”**

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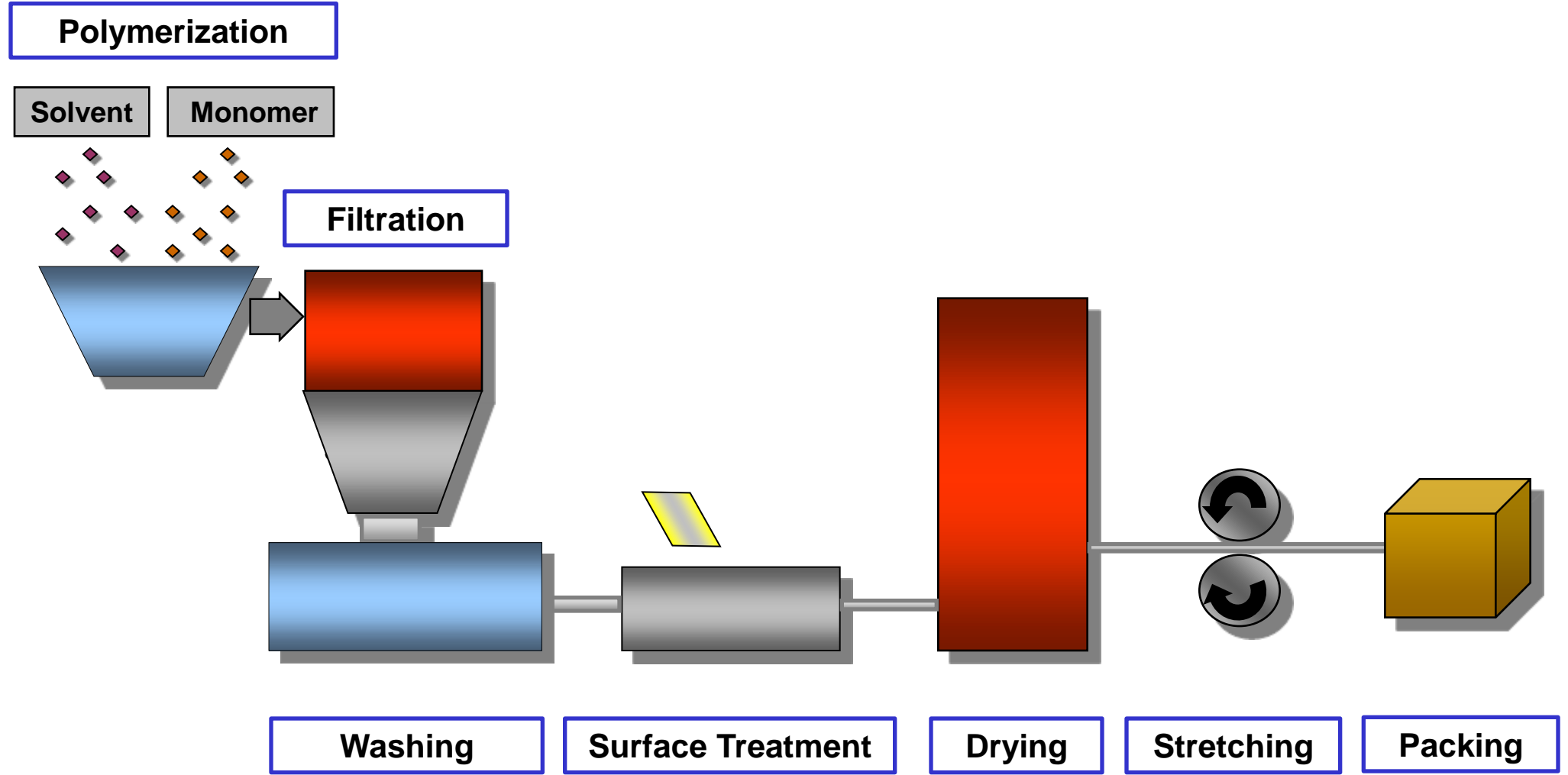
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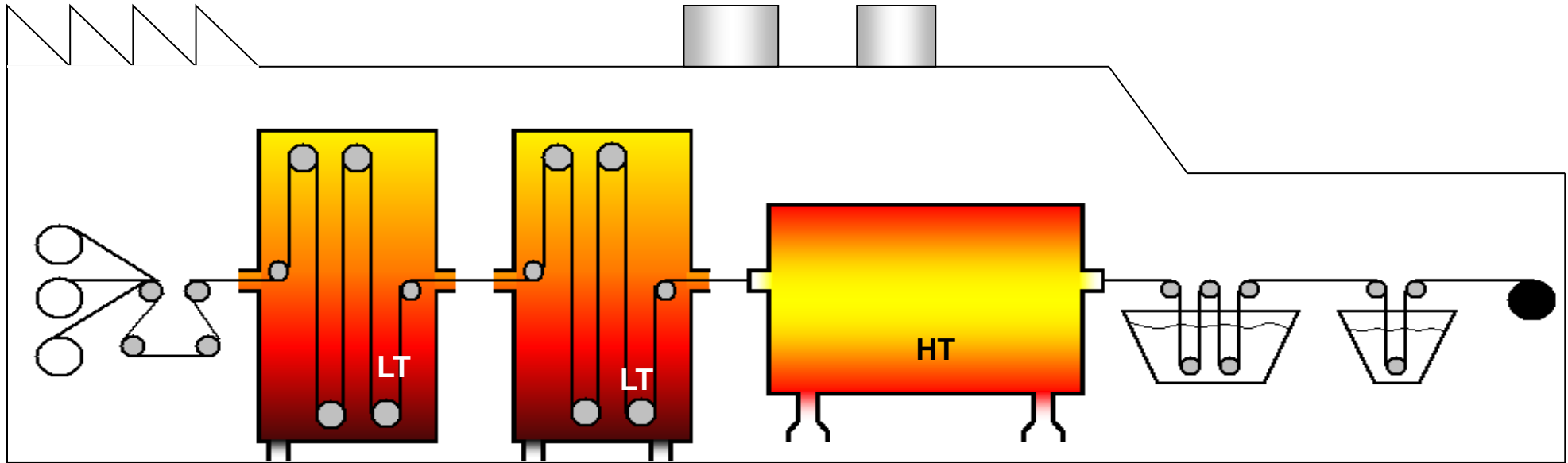
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- **Carbon Fiber production and properties overview**
- **Thermoplastics versus Thermosets**
- **Importance of sizings for Thermoplastics**
- **Thermoplastic UniDirectional Tapes (TPUD)**
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# Precursor (PAN) Production Process



## Carbon Fiber Production Process



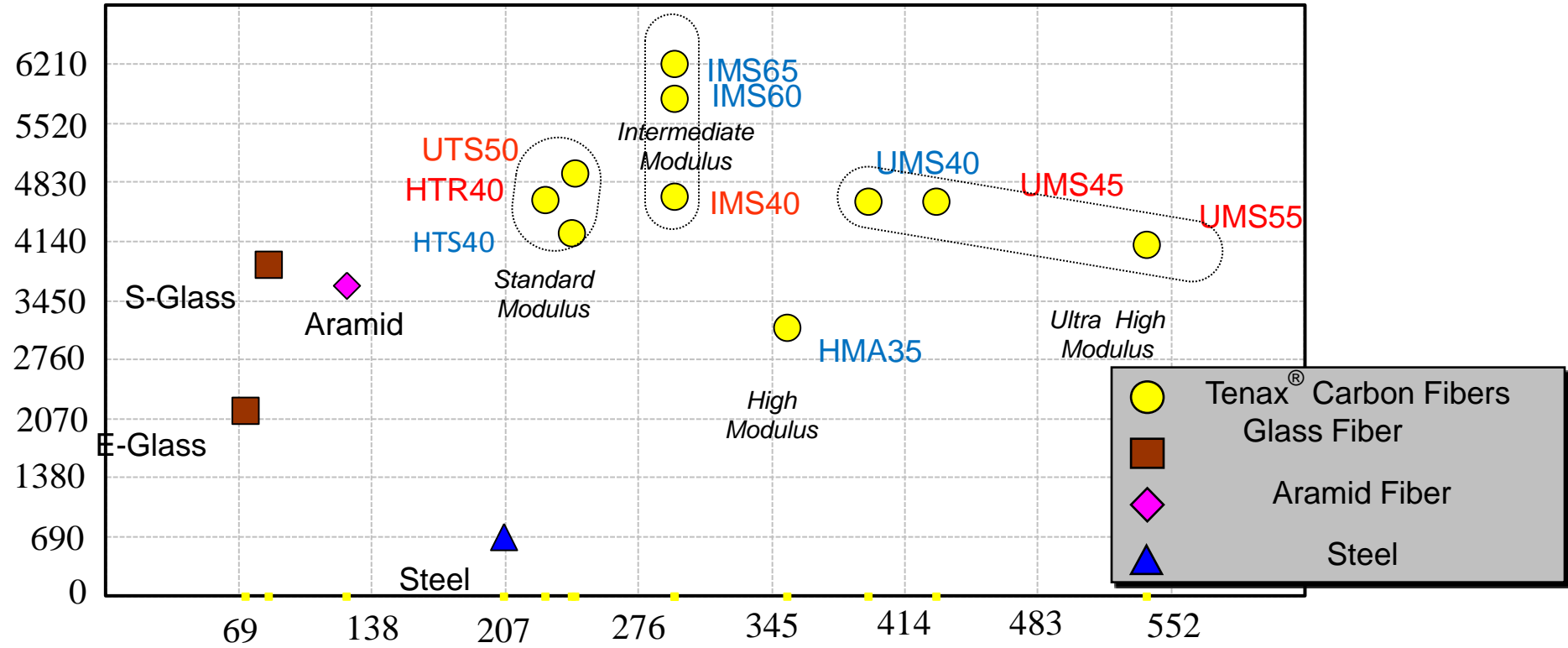
- Complex chemical plant: nitrogen, energy, toxic exhaust fumes
  - Substantial plant size 200m length, 18m height
  - Three shift, 24 hours production process on 360 day/year
    - 2kgs of PAN for 1kg of carbon fiber

# Tenax carbon fiber production line



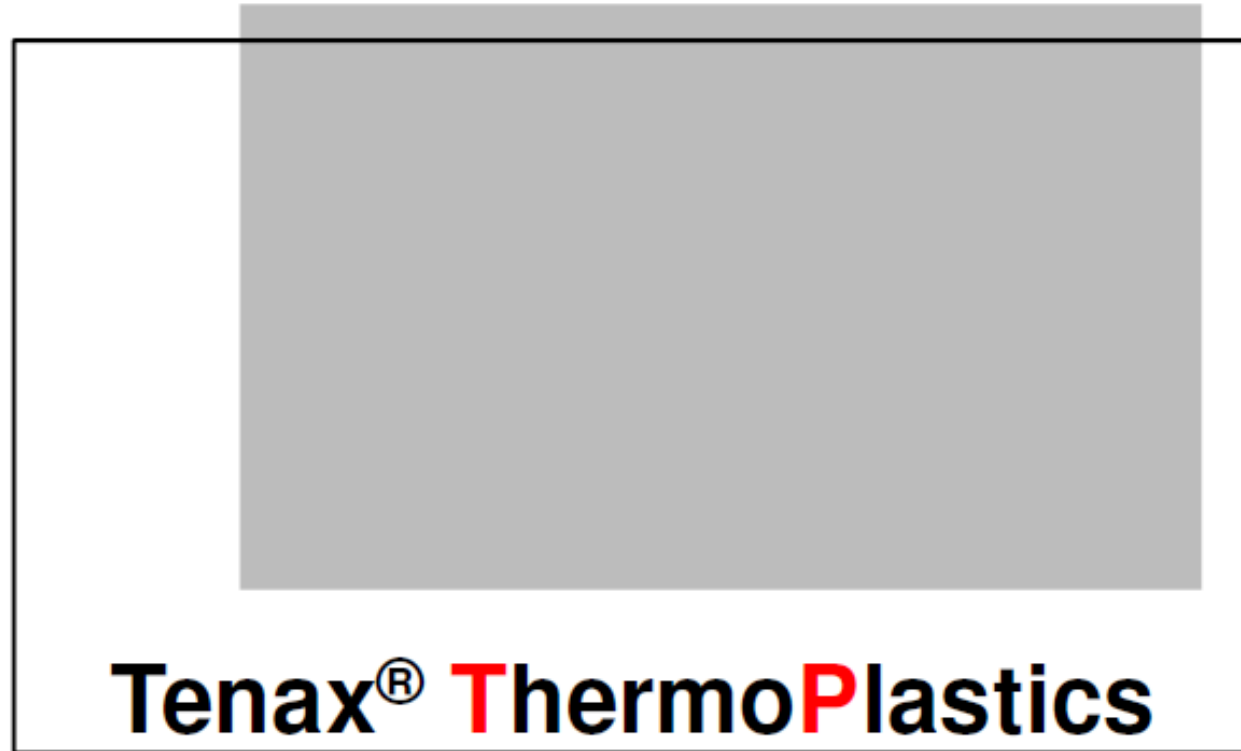
# Reinforcement Products

Tensile Strength (MPa)



Tensile Modulus (GPa)

Blue – Aerospace Grade  
Red – Industrial Grade



# Thermoplastics versus Thermosets

	Thermoplastic	Thermoset
Room temperature storage	✓	X
Long-term storage	✓	X
Transport conditions	✓	X
Health and safety friendly	✓	X
Short process time	✓	X
Low Viscosity	X	✓
Low processing Temperature (< 200 ° C)	X	✓
Reformable	✓	X
Recyclable	✓	X *more difficult

Intrinsic Properties

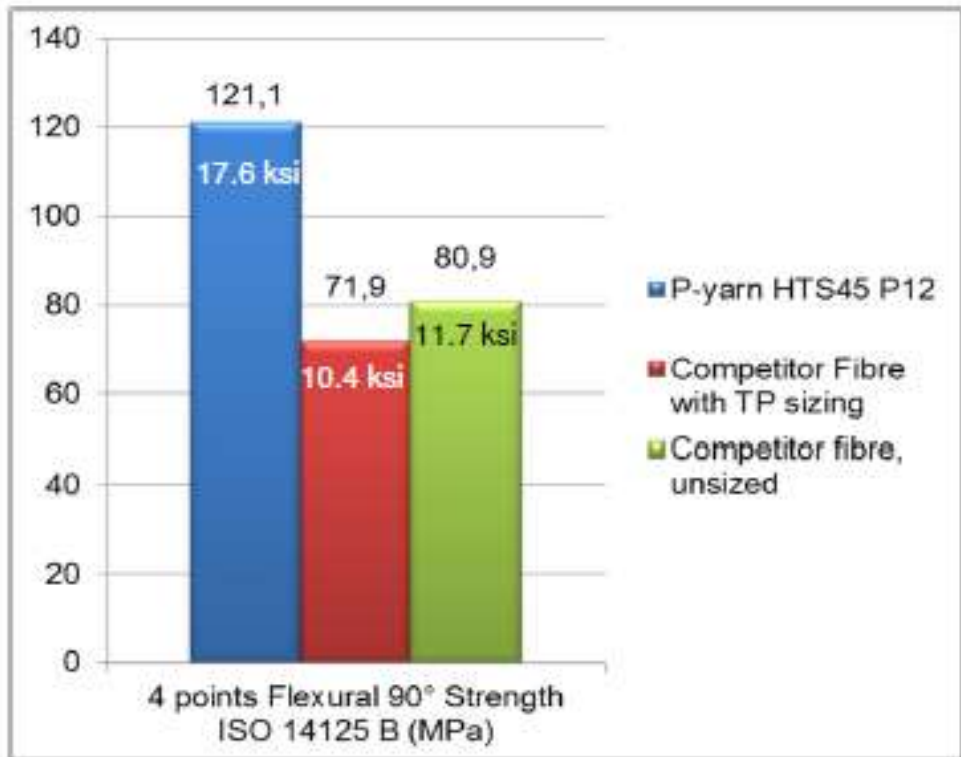
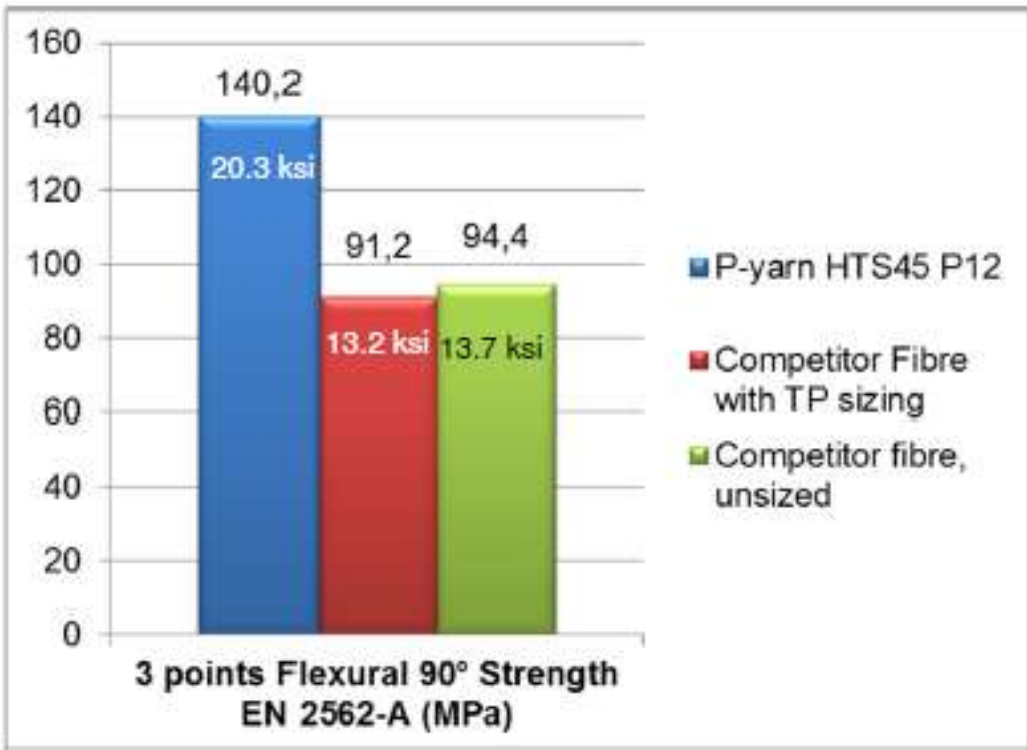


## IMPORTANCE OF CARBON FIBER SIZINGS FOR THERMOPLASTICS

# Thermoplastic Unidirectional tapes comparison

## Mechanical comparison:

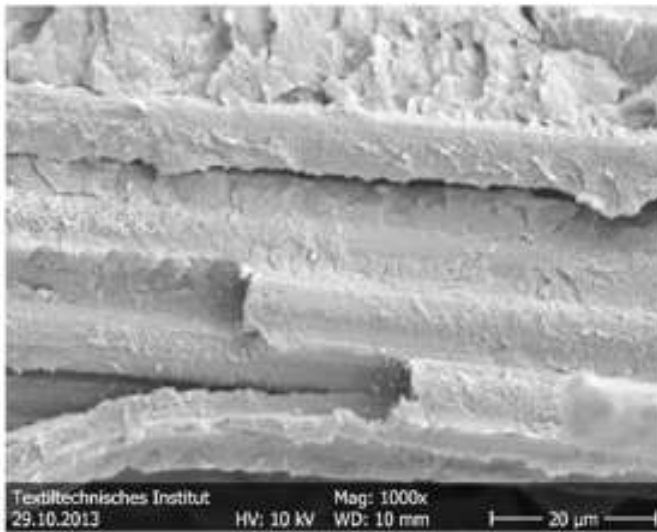
Test done on laminates produced using PEEK film stacking and static press.



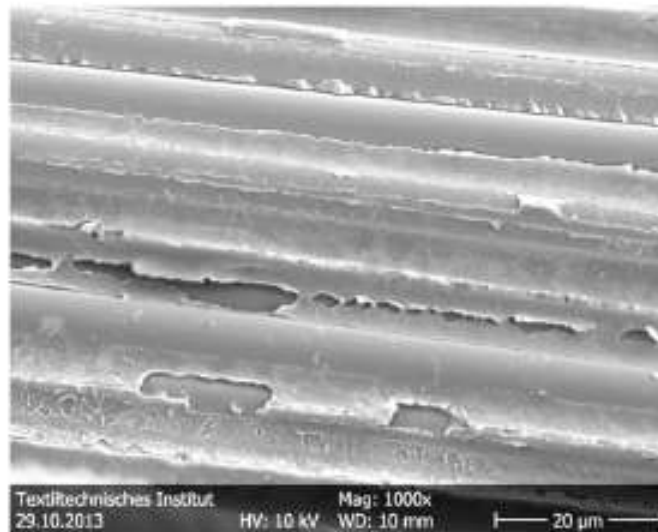
## SEM Pictures

SEM pictures:

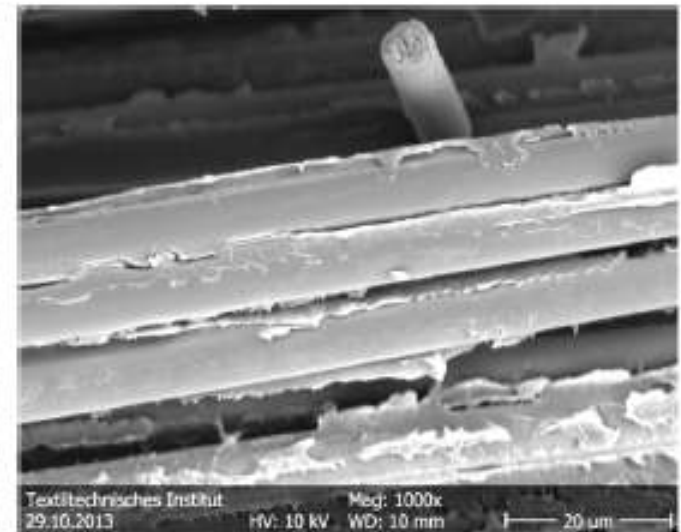
Confirm the improvement of the fiber/matrix adhesion using Tenax<sup>®</sup> HTS45 P12 yarn



**Tenax<sup>®</sup> HTS45 P12**



**Competitor un-sized fiber**

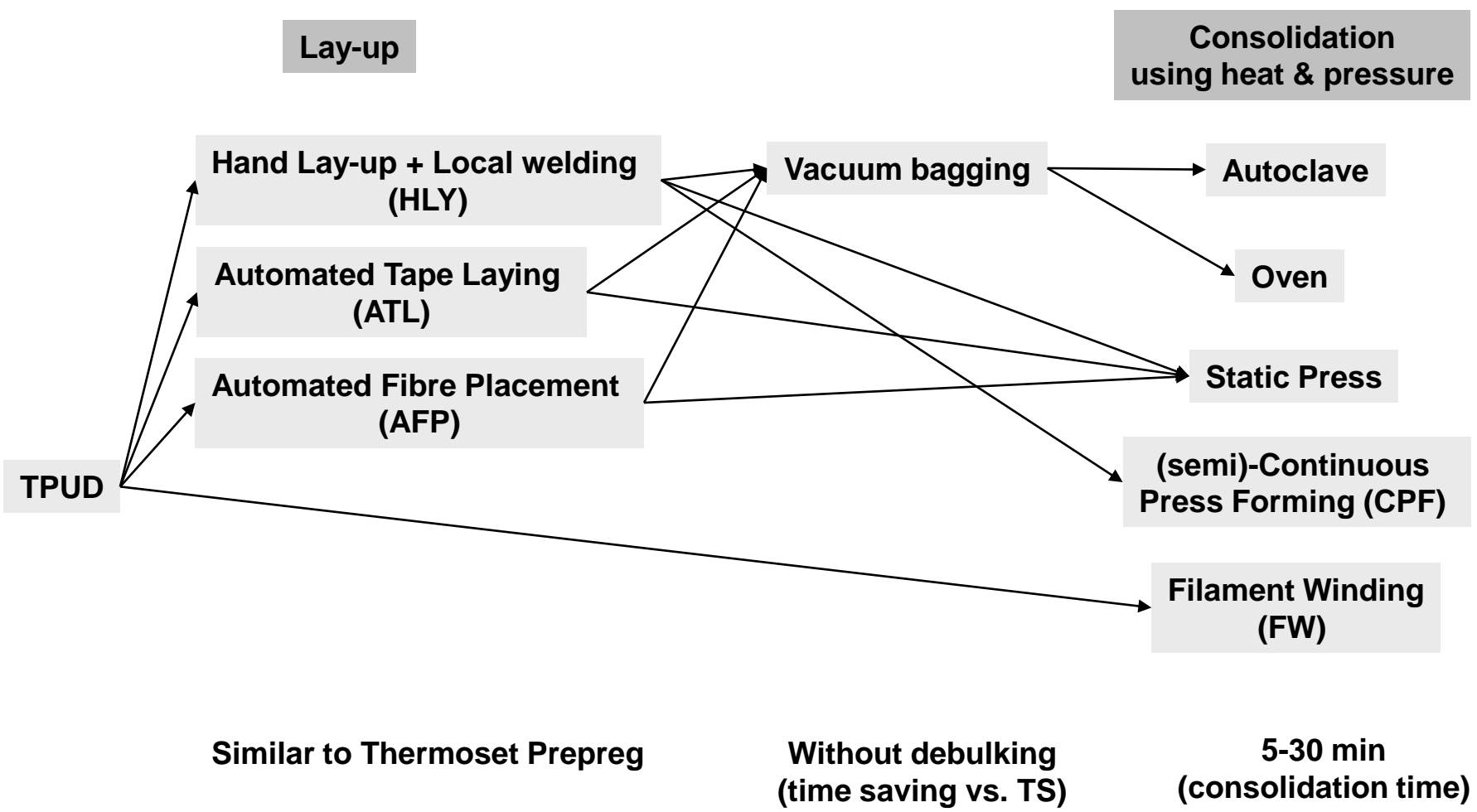


**Competitor fiber with TP sizing**



**ThermoPlastic UniDirectional**

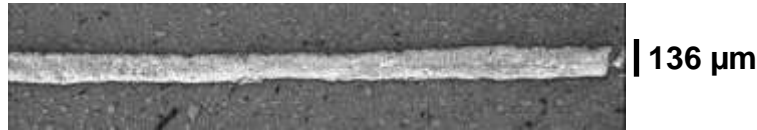
# Tenax® TPUD: Part making



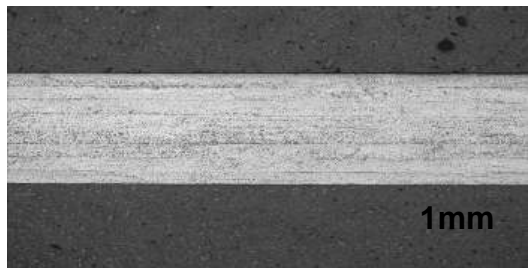
# Tenax® TPUD

## Tenax®-E TPUD PEEK-HTS40

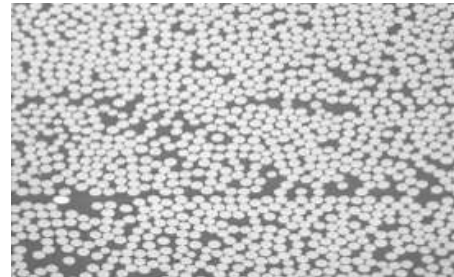
TPUD PEEK-HTS40



Press consolidated laminate



TPUD PEEK-HTS40 laminate  
out of 8 plies (+/- 45°)



- Press and vacuum consolidation possible
- Low sensitivity of cristallinity to cooling rate
- Low void content in TPUD and Laminate

35 +/- 3 %

< 2 %





# TPUD Mechanical Properties

## Tenax® TPUD PEEK-HTS45 Laminate Mechanical Properties

- Equivalent Properties to Thermoset UD-Prepreg (Dry/RT)
- High fracture toughness
- Improved Hot/Wet Properties vs. Thermoset (I.e Compr. Strength)
- Low Moisture Absorption (~ 0.2%) & Reversible

Mechanical Properties (test direction)		Conditioning / Test temperature	Typical value	
Glass transition temperature	onset	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	143 °C	289 °F
Tensile (0°) DIN EN 2561 Type A	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	142 GPa	20.6 Msi
	strength		2450 MPa	355.3 ksi
Tensile (90°) DIN EN 2597 Type B	strength	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	88 MPa	12.8 ksi
Flexure (0°) DIN 2562 Type A	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	130 GPa	18.9 Msi
	strength		1760 MPa	255.3 ksi
Compression (0°) EN 2850 Type A3	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	130 GPa	18.9 Msi
	strength		1545 MPa	224.1 ksi

## TPUD Mechanical Properties

Tenax® TPUD PEEK-HTS45

**Laminate Mechanical Properties according to ASTM norm**

Mechanical Properties (test direction)		Conditioning / Test temperature	Typical value	
Tensile (0°) ASTM D3039-07	modulus	RT /	128 GPa	18.6 Msi
	strength	RT	2240 MPa	325 ksi
Compression CLC (0°) ASTM D6641-01	modulus	RT /	64 GPa	9.3 Msi
	strength	RT	772 MPa	112 ksi
Compression CLC (0°) ASTM D6641-01	modulus	71 °C/100% 14 days/	63 GPa	9.2 Msi
	strength	71 °C	680 MPa	98.6 ksi
ILSS (0°) ASTM D2344-06	strength	RT / RT	100 MPa	14.5 ksi





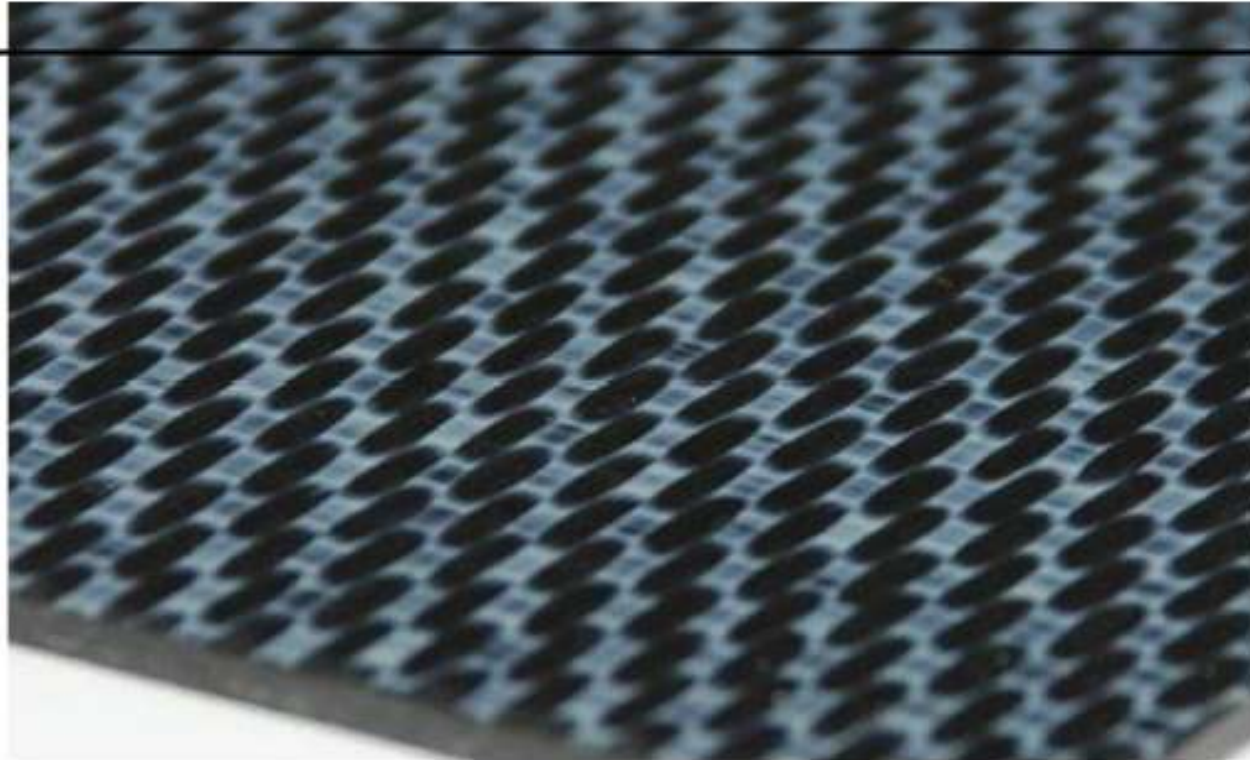
**ThermoPlastic WovenFabric**

## Thermoplastic Woven Fabric

Tenax® TPWF PEEK-HTA40

### Technical Characteristics

Tenax® - E	TPWF PEEK-HTA40
Reinforcement	5HS Fabric
Fiber Area Weight [g/m <sup>2</sup> ]	285
Carbon Fiber	HTA40 3K
Matrix Content [%wt]	42
Matrix	PEEK
Nominal Consolidated Ply Thickness [mm]	0,31 (12.2mil)
Width	1250 mm (49,2")



## ThermoPlastic ConsolidatedLaminate

# TPCL: Part Making

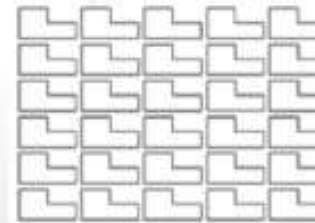
Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40  
Part Making

- Automated Process
- Complex Part Shape
- Very Short Cycle Time
- Joining Technologies

Trimming/  
Drilling

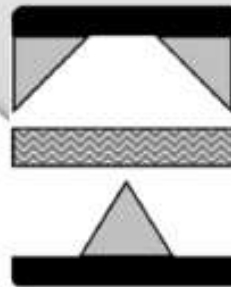


TPCL

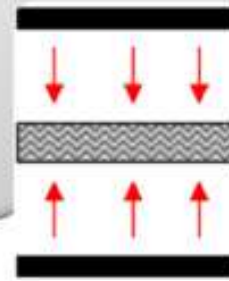


Blanket  
nesting/trimming

Thermoforming  
& Cooling

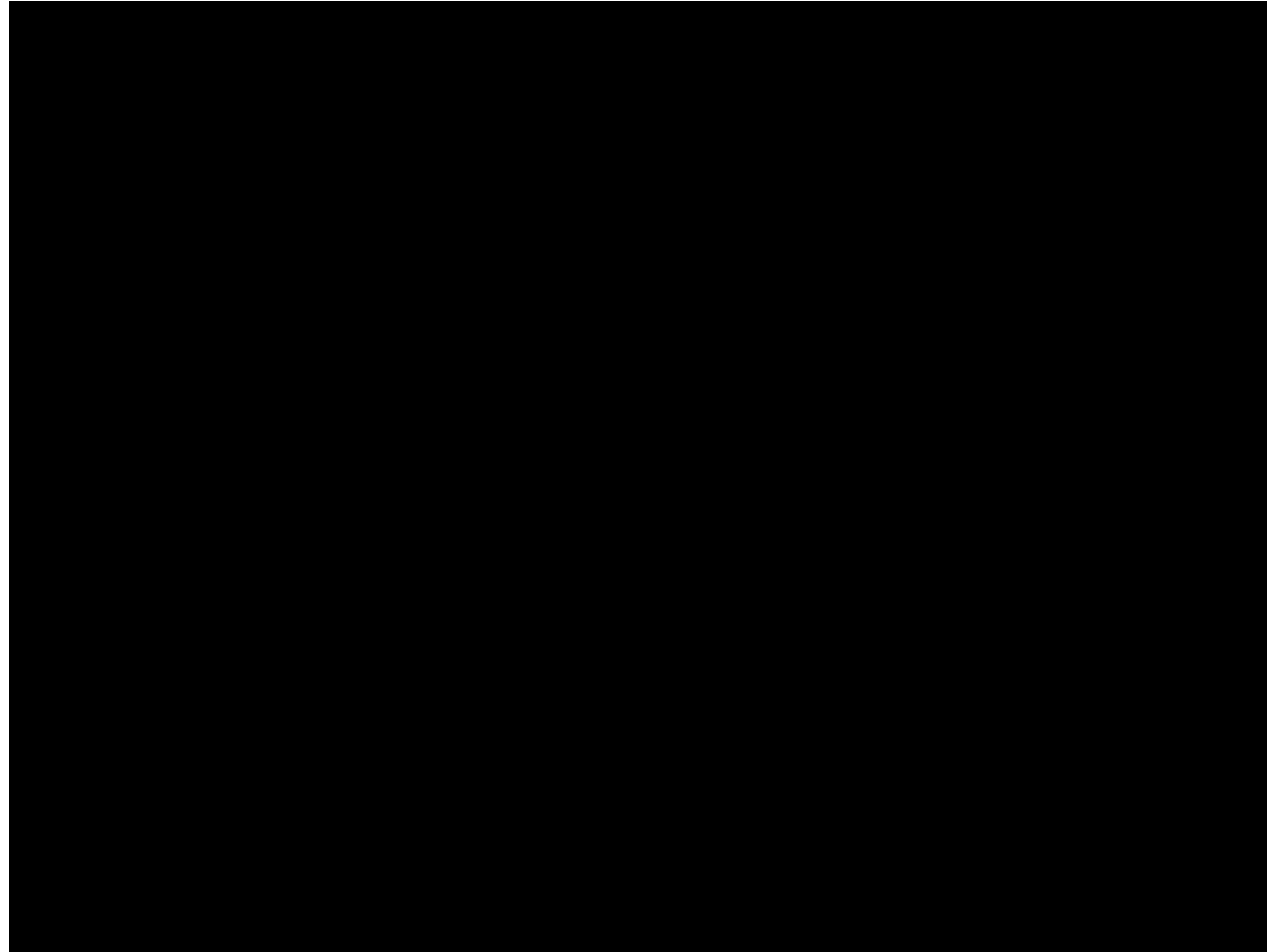


Heating



# Premium Aerotec GmbH Corporate Video TPCL Part Making

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Source: Premium Aerotec Website



# TPCL Technical Characteristics

Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40  
Based on TPWF PEEK-HTA40

## Technical Characteristics

Tenax® - E	TPWF PEEK-HTA40
Reinforcement	5HS Fabric
Fiber Areal Weight [g/m <sup>2</sup> ]	285
Carbon Fiber	HTA40 3K
Matrix Content [%wt]	42
Matrix	PEEK
Nominal Consolidated Ply Thickness [mm]	0,31 (12.2mil)
Laminate Size	800 x 1200 mm (31,5" x 47,3")
Laminate Thickness	From 1.86 to 4.96 mm (6 to 16 plies) (From 0.073 to 0.195 in)



## Glass Fabric surface ply for Corrosion Protection

Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40  
 Surface ply: **Glass Fabric**  
**For Corrosion protection**



### Technical Characteristics

Material Area Weight	161 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Glass Fiber Area Weight	105 g/m <sup>2</sup>
PEEK Content	35 wt%
Fiber Type	E. Style Glass Fiber
Weaving Style	120 Style, 4 HS
Nominal Thickness	0,08mm (3.15 mil)



## Bronze Mesh for LSP

Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40  
 Surface ply: **Bronze Mesh**  
**For Lightning Strike Protection**



### Technical Characteristics

Bronze Mesh Area Weight	230 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Material	Copper-tin (CuSn <sub>6</sub> )
Wire Diameter	0.040 mm (1.57 mil)
Aperture Width	0.052 mm (2.05 mil)
Mesh	275 Aperture/inch
Opening Screening Area	32 %
Nominal Thickness	0.03 mm (1.2 mil)





# TPCL: Mechanical Properties

## Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40 Mechanical Laminate Properties

→ Similar Mechanical Properties to Thermoset

Properties (test direction)		Conditioning / Test temperature	Typical value	
Melting point	Peak	DSC	343 °C	649 °F
Glass transition temperature	onset	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	143 °C	289 °F
Tensile <sup>(1)</sup> (warp, 0°) ISO 527-4	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	60 GPa	8.7 Msi
	strength		963 MPa	139.7 ksi
Compression <sup>(1)</sup> (warp, 0°) EN 2850 Type B	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	59 GPa	8.6 Msi
	strength		725 MPa	105.2 ksi
Flexural (warp, 0°) EN 2562 Type A	modulus	23 °C, 50% r.h./ 23 °C, 50% r.h	64 GPa	9.3 Msi
	strength		1166 MPa	169.1 ksi

<sup>(1)</sup> normalised to nominal thickness (0,31 mm) (12.2mil)

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## Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40 ON BOARD OF AIRBUS A350XWB



Source: Airbus

## Thermoplastic Consolidated Laminates

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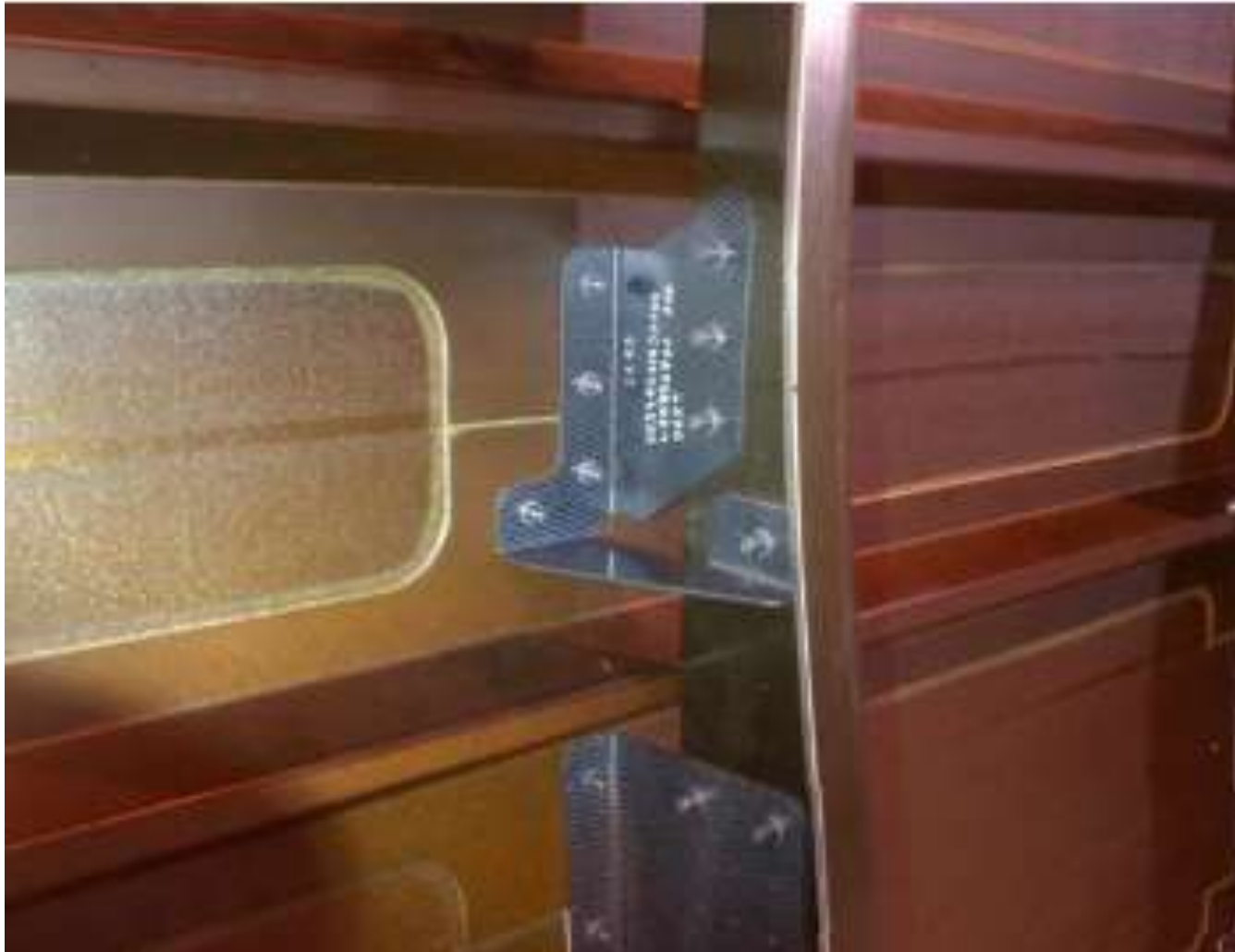
## Thermoplastic Consolidated Laminates

Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40 **ON BOARD OF AIRBUS A350XWB**



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# Thermoplastic Consolidated Laminates



## Technology Readiness Level

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Fabric prepreg and consolidated laminates:

- Tenax® TPCL PEEK-HTA40 and TPWF PEEK-HTA40:
  - TRL9
  - already aerospace qualified and used for flying components

Unidirectional tape:

- Tenax® TPUD PEEK-HTS45
  - TRL9 for industrial application
  - TRL 8 for aerospace application



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