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Advancements in Composite Resin Systems for Electric Vehicle Applications

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Advancements in Composite Resin Systems for Electric Vehicle Applications

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Introduction: INEOS Composites

INEOS Composites

INEOS GROUP at a glance



SAFETY FIRST
(SHE is our highest priority)

SALES
\$60bn



SITES



168


22,000



PEOPLE



TOP 50 COMPANY
FORBES



54 MILLION
TONNES
OF CHEMICALS CAPACITY



SUPPLYING MILLIONS OF
UK HOMES WITH GAS

**UK'S
LARGEST
PRIVATE
COMPANY**



INEOS Solutions for the Transportation Industry



INEOS Automotive: *Launched the Grenadier 4x4 SUV in 4Q22*

**INEOS
STYROLUTION**

INEOS Styrolution: *PS, ABS, SAN, ASA, SMMA, Styrene*

**INEOS
Olefins & Polymers**

INEOS Olefins & Polymers: *PP, HDPE, Olefins*

**INEOS
Composites**

INEOS Composites: *Thermoset Resins, Gelcoats, & Additives*

INEOS COMPOSITES *(formerly Ashland Performance Materials)*



Global Leader in Thermoset Resins ... for Multiple Composite Processes ... serving Key Markets.

- **Unsaturated Polyesters**
- **Epoxy Vinyl Esters**
- **Gelcoats**
- **Additives**

- **SMC, BMC, LCM**
- **RTM/Infusion**
- **Sprayup/Layup**
- **Pultrusion**
- **Prepregs**
- **Castings**

- **Transportation**
- **Marine**
- **Corrosion**
- **Building/Construction**
- **Wind Energy**
- **Infrastructure**

Composites for Electric Vehicles: Applications & Value Propositions

EV Composite Applications: A Look Back!



1996 GM EV-1

SMC: hood, roof, doors, decklid, quarter panels

GF-PP: battery carrier

RRIM: fenders, fascias

WHY?

- ✓ Mass Reduction
- ✓ Low Tooling Investment
- ✓ Aerodynamics
- ✓ Dent & Corrosion Resistance

EV Composite Applications: Body Panels & Structure



WAYMO Gen-1 Roof Modules



Proterra Bus Body Structure Assembly



Lucid Air Decklid & Roof



Ford F150 Lightning Tailgate Work Surface

Value Proposition

- ✓ Mass Reduction
- ✓ Ability to Package Electrical Components
- ✓ Class-A Appearance
- ✓ Low Tooling Investment

Sources: Teijin Automotive Technologies, IDI Composites International, Plastics Omnium, TPI Composites

EV Composite Applications: Stowage Systems



**Ford F150 Lightning
Hood-Waterfall & Frunk**



Tesla Model-3 SMC Frunk



Rivian R1T Bed Assembly & Stowage Trunk

Value Proposition

- ✓ Mass Reduction
- ✓ Impact & Corrosion Resistance
- ✓ Low Tooling Investment
- ✓ Ability to Form Large Complex Shapes
- ✓ Mold-in-Color

Sources: Teijin Automotive Technologies, A&PS

EV Composite Applications: SMC Battery Enclosures



Chevy Volt



Ford Mustang Mach-E



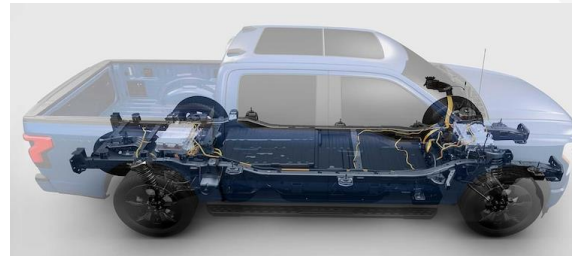
Chevy Bolt



Fiat 500e



SAIC EV E50



Ford F150 Lightning

Value Proposition

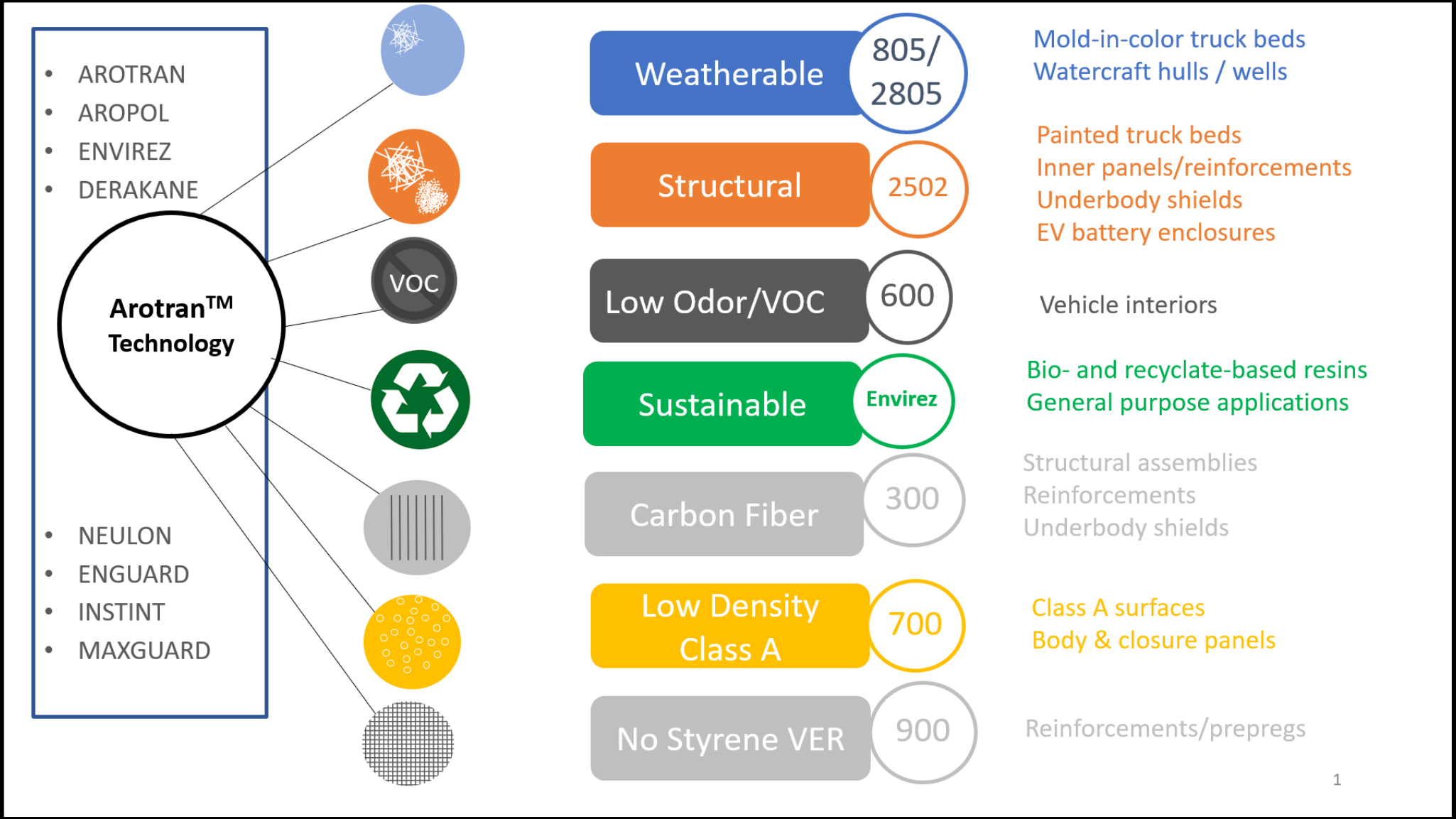
- ✓ Mass Reduction
- ✓ Electrical Insulation
- ✓ Flame, Heat, Impact, & Corrosion Resistance
- ✓ Low Tooling Investment
- ✓ Ability to Form Large Complex Shapes

Sources: Teijin Automotive Technologies, Core Molding Technologies, Hanwha, IDI Composites International, Magna Exteriors

Advanced Composite Resin Technologies

- Lower Mass
- Improved Sustainability
- Greater Performance

INEOS Composites' SMC Resins & Additives



Electric Vehicles: Material & Product Requirements

Customer Needs

- Ultra-low mass body panels
- Environmentally-friendly (*and affordable*) raw materials
- High-strength high-stiffness frame & chassis components
- Weather-resistant high-strength beds, stowage systems & frunks
- Impact/heat/fire-resistant battery enclosures



INEOS Resin Systems

Arotran 700 series for Low-density Class-A SMCs

*Envirez Resins with Bio- and Recyclate content
Arotran 800 series for Mold-in-color (no paint) SMC*


Arotran 300 series for Carbon Fiber SMCs

Arotran 800 series for Mold-in-color (no paint) SMC

Derakane & Arotran 2500 series for Structural SMCs

Arotran 700 Series for Low-Density Class-A SMCs

Body panels 50% lighter than sheet metal


**LOWER
MASS**

AT771 Tough Class A Body Panels

Ingredient	wt %
Resins and Additives	40
Glass Microspheres	14
Calcium Carbonate	4
Fiberglass Reinforcement	42



Mechanical Properties of Cured SMC Plaques

Property	Value	Units
Specific Gravity	1.20	g/cm ³
Tensile Strength	84	MPa
Tensile Modulus	7.9	GPa
Flexural Strength	270	MPa
Flexural Modulus	12.5	GPa
Shrink (negative = expansion)	- 0.13	%

Bio-based Envirez Composite Resins


SUSTAINABILITY



- **INEOS Envirez 1807** introduced in 1999 – the first unsaturated polyester resin to use a significant amount of **soybean oil and corn-based ethanol** in its production.
- **25% wt** of Envirez 1807 is from grain-derived organics.
- Each 17 MT batch of resin saves 10 barrels of crude petroleum and **removes 15 MT CO₂** from the environment.
- Current commercial applications include include large **SMC panels and covers** for John Deere and CNH agriculture equipment.

Sources: Teijin Automotive Technologies,
Ashley Industrial Molding

Recycled-PET-based Composite Resins & Additives


SUSTAINABILITY



- rPET-based INEOS Composites products include:
 - **Aropol Q6266 unsaturated polyester resin**
 - **Neulon 2432 low profile additive**
- Aropol Q6222 contains approximately **22% wt of post-industrial recycled PET.**
- Current (and future) commercial applications include **LCM stowage assemblies, HLU saunas, pultruded ladder rails, and SMC body panels.**

Arotran 300 Series for Carbon-Fiber SMCs

Affordable CFRPs


**HIGHER
STIFFNESS**

AT300 Carbon Fiber Structural SMC	
Ingredient	wt %
Resins and Additives	45
Carbon Fiber Reinforcement	55



Mechanical Properties of Cured SMC Plaques		
Property	Value	Units
Specific Gravity	1.40	g/cm ³
Tensile Strength	200	MPa
Tensile Modulus	35	GPa
Flexural Strength	480	MPa
Flexural Modulus	30	GPa

Arotran 800 Series UV Resistant SMC Resin

Weatherable Mold-in-Color Frunks, Stowage Boxes, Truck Beds,...

 **IMPROVED DURABILITY**

SMC Formula		
Ingredient	wt %	
Resins and Additives	37	35
Alumina Trihydrate	10	0
Glass Microspheres	0	4
Fiberglass Reinforcement	53	61



Mechanical Properties of Cured SMC Plaques			
Property	Value		Units
Specific Gravity	1.78	1.55	g/cm ³
Tensile Strength	152	140	MPa
Tensile Modulus	12.7	11.5	GPa
Flexural Strength	270	266	MPa
Flexural Modulus	12.5	11	GPa
Shrink (negative = expansion)	0.013	- 0.02	%
Delta E (2000 hrs accelerated)	< 2.0	< 1.5	

Arotran 2500 Series for EV Battery Enclosures

High-strength Fire-resistant Impact-resistant Battery Enclosures



**IMPROVED
FR**

SMC Formula	
Ingredient	wt %
Resins and Additives	18
Alumina Trihydrate	32
Fiberglass Reinforcement	50



Mechanical Properties of Cured SMC Plaques		
Property	Value	Units
Specific Gravity	1.98	g/cm ³
Tensile Strength	115	MPa
Tensile Modulus	12.5	GPa
Flexural Strength	225	MPa
Flexural Modulus	11.8	GPa
Shrink (negative = expansion)	0.006	%
UL 2596 FR Rating	Pass	

Box Thermal Runaway Test for EV Battery Enclosures


**IMPROVED
FR**



*UL 2596 Testing of Arotran
2502 based SMC:
Samples passed at 2.5mm
thickness and 250 kPa
pressures.*

Summary & Future Work

Advancements in Composite Resin Systems for Electric Vehicle Applications: **Summary & Future Work**

- ❑ Composites' properties (low density, high strengths, electrical/thermal insulation, inexpensive tooling) make them good candidate materials for EV applications, including exterior body panels, battery enclosures, stowage systems, and structural reinforcements.
- ❑ New resin systems from INEOS Composites can *affordably* enable products with even lower mass, higher performance, and improved sustainability.
- ❑ Continuing work is focused on improving processing methods, lowering costs, and optimizing physical properties.
- ❑ Questions & Discussion.

Thank You!



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For additional info, please visit:

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