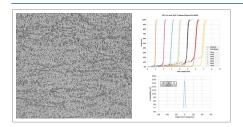


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SHORT FIBER COMPOSITES WITH METAL-LIKE FORMABILITY & CONTINUOUS FIBER PERFORMANCE

Microstructure



- Alignment: 95% of short fibers within ±5 degrees
- Up to 63% fiber volume fraction demonstrated
- Control of fiber length independent of fiber type

Properties



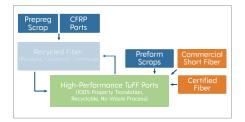
- ~100% translation compared to continuous fiber
- Thin-ply formats available (30 gsm and greater)
- Fiber and polymer agnostic

Forming



- 40% bi-axial in-plane stretch demonstrated
- Dry preforms and consolidated blanks
- Vacuum forming of thermoplastics
- Low pressure and fast cycle times (~1 minute)

Recycling



- Closed loop recycling with property retention
- Zero waste process possible
- Fiber agnostic (virgin, scrap, recycled fibers)
- Demonstrated 100% modulus translation with 60% strength retention



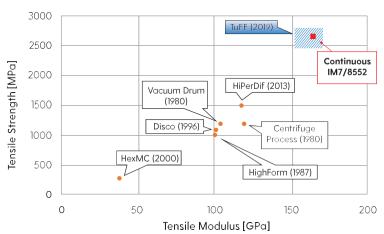




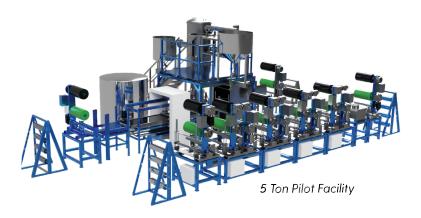




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World-Record Short Fiber Properties for High-Performance Applications





Continuous TuFF sheet of Highly Aligned Short Fiber



250gsm quasi-isotropic [0/90/45/-45]s laminate



Unidirectional 0 (top) and 90 (below) laminates with biaxial forming without splitting

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