



World Material Forum

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Materials Production Volumes – 2013 estimates

Sources: Concrete: 2013 US Department of the Interior / US Geological Survey; Crude steel production: 2013 World Steel Association; Plastics production in 2013: PlasticsEurope (PEMRG) / Consultic; Primary Aluminium Production: 2013 International Primary Aluminium Institute; Glass fibre: JEC Composites Magazine n°58; Titanium metal ingot production: 2012 The French Titanium Association; Carbon fibre: 2013 global consumption estimates





Carbon Fiber: the smallest player at WMF

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Composite Materials

Customers want materials to be:

- Stronger (*Carbon prepreg* = 5x aluminum)
- Lighter weight (30% lighter than aluminum)
- Tougher with functional enhancements
- Stiffer (Carbon prepreg = 2x glass)
- Durability (up-time, keep them flying)

They also want:

- Lower total solution cost
- Lower processing time
- Lower infrastructure and overhead requirements
- Lower part count



We deliver advanced composite solutions that are stronger, lighter, tougher



Carbon Fiber Market Trends



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Commercial Aerospace



A350 XWB program



53% Composites

- Contract with Airbus to supply carbon fiber prepreg for all the composite primary structures
- 798 aircraft on order, with 21 delivered end of April
- A350-1000 (longest fuselage version) first flight in 2016 for entry in service in 2017
- A 32m long by 6m wide the A350 XWB wing made from HexPly® M21E

A350 XWB wing: largest single carbon composite structure



A350 XWB: examples of Carbon Primary Structures



Thermoset prepreg already used on all these primary parts





CFM International LEAP-1 Engine

More than 10,000 LEAP-1 engines already on order

- Up to 15% improvement in fuel efficiency compared to today's best CFM56 engines
 - LEAP-1A for Airbus A320neo
 - LEAP-1B for Boeing 737 MAX
 - LEAP-1C for COMAC C919
- Intermediate modulus fiber (IM7) was selected for its high tensile strength and modulus - and good shear strength
- Composite LEAP fan blades save 74kg/engine vs CFM56 titanium blades

Carbon composite carter

Carbon fan blade

150 tons weight savings per year and +5000 tons savings over the life of the engine program

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Aerospace: Weight & Maintenance savings

- In addition to weight savings, carbon offers no corrosion, no fatigue
- Optimal use and longer life of aircraft made possible, with major overhaul intervals extended to 12 years



Potential to integrate functionalities: increased conductivity, dampening, noise attenuation, health monitoring, etc

Weight savings 20%, Maintenance savings 45%



BMW 7 Series B-Pillar with Hexcel Carbon Stacks



1st High Volume Car Carbon Prepreg Production Program 30% weight savings



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Re-use development approach



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Creating loops of material regeneration for transitioning to circular model

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> Weight savings 20%
> Maintenance savings 45%
> Further functionalities
> Re-Use

Is carbon fiber the steel of the 21st Century?





Thank you for your attention

