

**The EC Group: We reinforce your ideas**



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**Welcome to the EC Group**

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**Who we are**

The EURO-COMPOSITES® Group is a global player in the field of advanced and demanding composites products. We service our customers globally from three locations.

We are worldwide one of the leading producers of complex composites parts.

We deliver to our customers just-in-time and in highest quality:

- Ready-to-assemble parts
- Formed and/or milled composites parts
- Panels
- Laminates
- Honeycomb core materials

In order to support and service our customers best according to their needs we organize our business in three units:

- AVIATION
- SPACE
- INDUSTRIAL

**The group**

The EURO-COMPOSITES® group consists of:

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Key Data and Financial Information

**Key Figures  
EC Group**

Capital & Reserves	€	34.933 Million
Subscribed Capital:	€	20.160 Million
Legal and other reserves:	€	14.773 Million

Investment	€	118,00 Million
Rating by banks		BBB to BBB+

Employees		686 (average age 39 years)
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Production area	EURO-COMPOSITES® Group	49.5000 m <sup>2</sup>
Total area	EURO-COMPOSITES® Group	176.400 m <sup>2</sup>

Important Qualifications		Airbus Group Boeing D1-4426 EASA 21 Part G ISO 9001 & SAE AS 9100 NADCAP
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**Financial data  
EURO-COMPOSITES® Group  
2008**

Ratio of Equity		$\frac{\text{Equity}}{\text{Total Assets}} = 42.2\%$
EBITDA		€ 15.5 Million

**Turnover  
EURO-COMPOSITES® Group**

2008		€ 87.6 Million
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**Site Echternach,  
Luxemburg**



Current building status



Development plan

- Headquarter
- Main production site
- Finished part production
- CNC centre
- Panel production
- Honeycomb production from Kevlar®, Nomex®, glass- and carbon-fiber

Total area: 93.000 m<sup>2</sup>  
 whereof production area: 37.500 m<sup>2</sup>

**Site Echternach,  
Luxemburg**

**Center of Excellence  
Research & Development**



- Research & Development Center
- Design and Construction
- Prototyping & Pilot Manufacturing
- Development, test and implementation of new materials, processes and production technologies

Total area: 15.400 m<sup>2</sup>  
whereof production area: 2.000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Site Culpeper,  
USA**



Current building status



Development plan

- Production Site
- Finished part production
- CNC-centre
- Panel production
- Honeycomb production from Kevlar® and Nomex® fiber

Total area: 48.000 m<sup>2</sup>  
whereof production area: 7.000 m<sup>2</sup>



**Site Bitburg,  
Germany**



Current building status



Development Plan

- Production Site
- Finished part production (RI, RTM and EC-HLM with honeycomb)
- CNC-centre for „Clean Core“ aluminum processing
- Aluminum surface treatment
- Honeycomb production from aluminum foil

Total area: 20.000 m<sup>2</sup>  
whereof production area: 3.000 m<sup>2</sup>



Our products

**Finished Parts**

- Completion of drop-in parts (inserts, reinforcements, extruded profiles, priming, grinding, coating)
- Final assembly of complete units
- Design and manufacturing of tools and molds from metal and reinforced plastic
- Prepreg hand lay-up



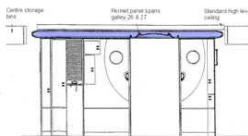
Pelmet (1,80 x 3,50 m) ceiling part



Part detail with edge closure, inserts and reinforcement laminate



Drop-in parts after final control



Installation layout Pelmet

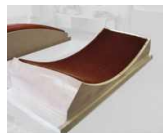


Stairhouse shown as part and in its final assembly state (right)



**Formed/Machined Parts**

- Design and manufacturing of heat-forming equipment
- Manual and machined processing of honeycomb and parts
- Cold and hot forming of honeycomb parts and sandwich structures (two heat forming ovens)



Heat-formed, machined honeycombs on their inspection tool



Heat-forming of Honeycombs



lightweight tooling with honeycomb part



Radome made from honeycomb core details formed



Machining of honeycomb



Core detail formed and machined from two sides

**Design and production of molds and tools**

The experience of EC in the design and production of molds and tools for our own production needs is more and more used by our customers too:

- Tools and fixtures of all kinds
- Molds for honeycomb contouring and forming as well as for design model making
- Molds for sandwich parts and honeycomb stabilization (for RI process, oven and autoclave curing)



Wooden fixture tool



Sandwich part tool for oven curing at 135°C



Metal mold for oven or autoclave curing



Polyurethane (PU) tool as a CNC milling fixture



Steel tool for honeycomb heat forming



Tool produced with RI for the contouring of formed honeycomb core details



Coated PU tool for model making



RI-mold for parts made with oven or autoclave curing



RTM light mold

**New concept for tool production: EC-Tool**

Production of tools and molds on the basis of honeycomb sheets and pastes

- Weight, time and cost reduction compared to conventional mold making
- High-tensile mold construction with an excellent surface quality and vacuum tightness



Bonding of honeycomb sheets with paste



Rough milling of contour



Application of paste on the blank mold



Finished mold after final milling

Our Products

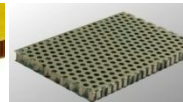
**Panels**



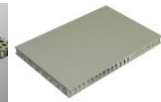
Nomex honeycomb  
Carbon skins



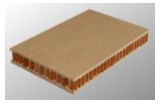
Nomex honeycomb  
Glass/Phenolic skins



Aluminum honeycomb  
perforated aluminum skin



Aluminum honeycomb  
Aluminum skin



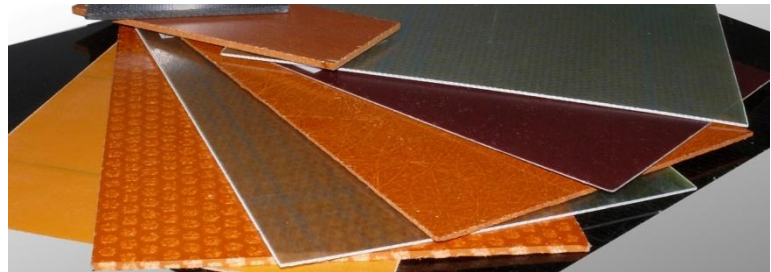
Special fiber honeycomb  
MDF sheet

An almost inexhaustible plenitude of combinations of core materials, skin materials and adhesives: EURO-COMPOSITES® designs according to customer requirements the best-suited panel for the application and processing situation.

Possible parameters for the panel design are for example:

- Weight and stiffness specifications
- Fire, smoke and toxicity (FST) requirements
- Behavior in aggressive or corrosive environments
- Temperature resistance

**Laminates**



No matter what material: woven or any type of non-woven material: EURO-COMPOSITES® combines for the customer fiber materials and resin and manufactures small and large format laminates with the optimum, cost-effective production technology.

**Honeycomb core materials**



Nomex honeycomb  
Kevlar honeycomb



Glass fiber honeycomb



Carbon honeycomb



Aluminum Honeycomb in alloy 3003 and 5052



Perforated Honeycomb from Aramid

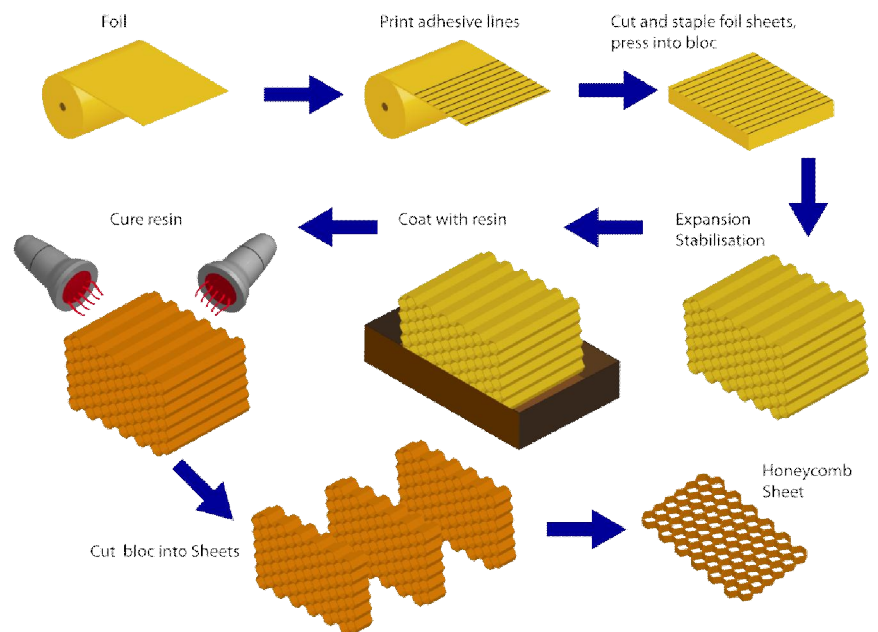
EURO-COMPOSITES® manufactures honeycomb core materials from a great variety of raw materials and in a large program of cell sizes and densities.

Our production technologies

**Honeycomb production and sawing**

EURO-COMPOSITES® has four production lines for the aramid honeycomb production and another line for the production of aluminum honeycomb.

- Two printer lines for Nomex®, Kevlar® and one for aluminum
- Simultaneous lay-up of 6 blocs with automatic machines plus resources for hand lay-up in case of production peaks
- One 5-opening-bloc-press, two 3-opening-bloc-presses
- Five dip tanks
- Four stabilization ovens
- Nine curing ovens
- Fifteen aramid honeycomb saws and two aluminum honeycomb saws



Production process for aramid honeycomb

Our production technologies

**CNC milling center**

Capable to machine metal, plastics, wood, foams, honeycomb, laminates and parts made of GRP, CRP, and ARP

Machine	Working axis	Machinable dimensions		
CNC 1	Five	2500	x	1200 x 600 mm
CNC 2	Five	2500	x	5000 x 600 mm
CNC 3	Five	1100	x	1000 x 400 mm
CNC 4	Three	2200	x	4200 x 300 mm
CNC 5	Five	2500	x	1200 x 400 mm
CNC 6	Five	2500	x	1200 x 400 mm
CNC 7	Five	2100	x	5300 x 950 mm
CNC 8	Five	3200	x	11500 x 500 mm
CNC 9	Five	3000	x	15000 x 1000 mm
CNC 10	Five	4050	x	2050 x 1000 mm
CNC 11	Five	7100	x	1440 x 860 mm
CNC 12	Five	1840	x	4100 x 800 mm
CNC 13	Five	1840	x	5200 x 800 mm
CNC 14	Five	2020	x	4100 x 860 mm
CNC 15	Five	7000	x	1440 x 820 mm
CNC 16	Five	3360	x	1340 x 300 mm
CNC 17	Five	4800	x	8000 x 2000 mm
CNC 18	Five	6500	x	2600 x 1300 mm
CNC 19	Five	5500	x	2600 x 1300 mm

CNC 16 is an ultrasonic cutting machine  
 CNC 17 is dedicated to milling monolithic carbon parts



Milling of a part



Modern, powerful CNC Milling centers



Our production technologies

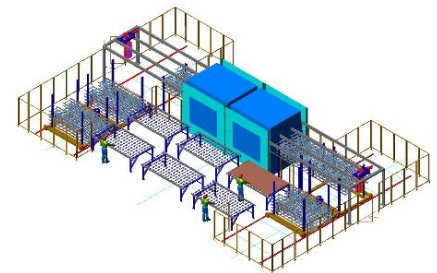
**Panel Production**

On our modern presses we manufacture panels and part with all established core materials and skins of prepreg, aluminum or laminates (HPL and CPL).

Press	Openings	Maximum panel dimensions
Press 1	4	2400 x 2950 mm
Press 2	3	1300 x 3000 mm
Press 3	3	1360 x 3150 mm
Press 4	2	2100 x 4000 mm
Press 5	1	2500 x 12000 mm
Press 6	1	3000 x 15000 mm
Press 7	1	1300 x 2700 mm
Press 8	1	1335 x 3000 mm
Press 9	1	1300 x 2500 mm
Press 10	1	1100 x 2500 mm
Press 11	2 x 5	1650 x 3200 mm
Press 12	1	1350 X 3600 mm
Press 13	1	1350 X 3600 mm
Press 14	1	1350 X 3600 mm



Press for large formats



5 opening hot/cold press with feeding infrastructure



Our production technologies

**Automatic Potting machine**

- Machine concept by EURO-COMPOSITES®
- Fully automatic NC-controlled potting machine
- Laser-positioning system
- Maximum part dimensions: 2000 x 4000 mm
- Fast and efficient potting of honeycomb parts with complex shapes
- Nesting software to optimize material usage



**Coating line**

- Maximum part dimensions: 3100 x 5200 mm
- Air temperature for drying continuously adjustable up to 120°C
- Able to process all coating systems for high-pressure airbrushing.

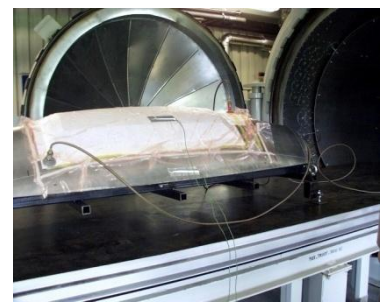


**Autoclave**

- Maximum dimension for parts: 2000 x 6000 mm
- Curing temperature 180°C (Standard), up to a maximum of 250°C
- 6 bar pressure
- 24 point vacuum measuring system



View of the EURO-COMPOSITES® autoclave



Part prepared for autoclave process

Our production technologies

**Friction Stir Welding**

Friction Stir Welding (FSW) joins two parts with a specially shaped, rotating tool.

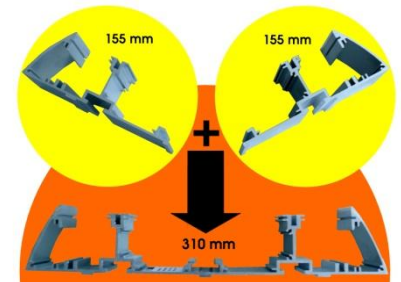
Due to rotation and pressure of the tool frictional heat is produced and the parts soften plastically in the area of the rotating tool without reaching the melting point.

The pin of the tool immerses into the malleable material of the parts and produces by its rotation and shape a homogenous blend along the joining line. The shoulder of the tool forms and smoothes the welding line with only a marginal ridge.

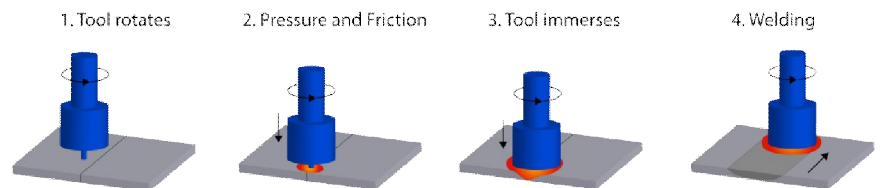
After cooling there is a solid phase joint of the two parts. The process does not need filler wire, welding flux or gas shielding and produces a sealed weld without porosity and without inclusions.



Double-head welding unit



Extruded Profiles extension with FSW



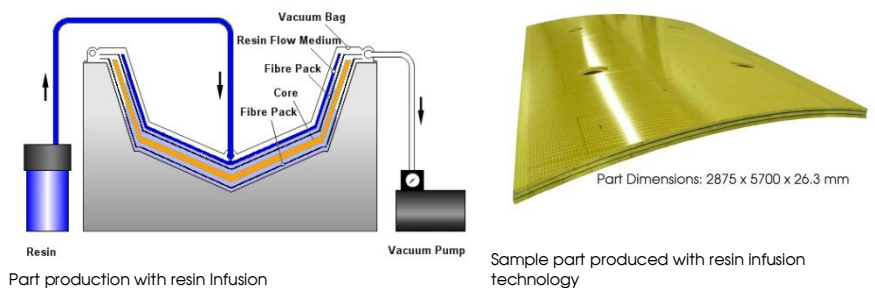
Work flow of the FSW process

EURO-COMPOSITES® uses a **very modern double-head welding unit** which is especially suited for the joining of extruded profiles:

- Maximum dimension for parts: 3000 x 18000 mm
- Maximum dimension for single extruded profile: 500 x 3300 mm resp. 500 x 6000 mm with repositioning
- Maximum distance between upper and lower welding tool: 420 mm
- Maximum welding line thickness (full material, both heads welding simultaneously):
  - 10 mm (in AA5xxx and AA2xxx),
  - 18 mm (in AA6xxx)

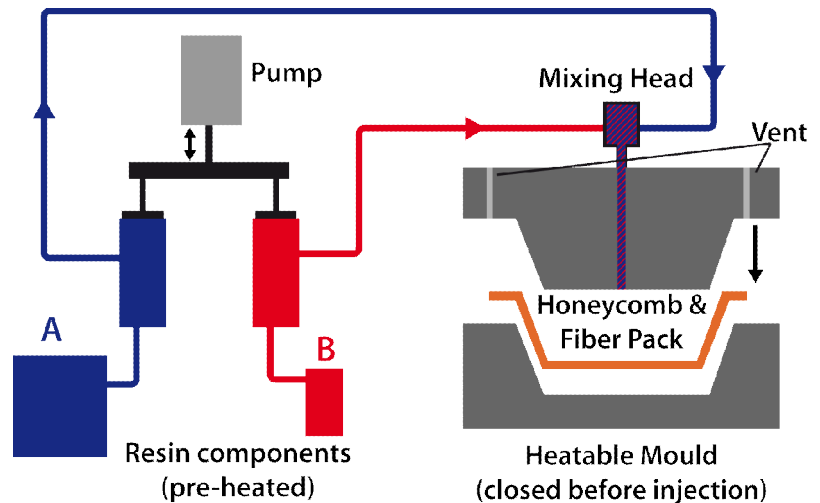
Our production technologies

**Resin Infusion (RI)**



Useful technology for flat parts and laminates up to relatively complex shaped parts with one visible surface. EURO-COMPOSITES® uses various vacuum techniques with mold and vacuum foil as counter-mold. These processes are best suited for small to medium size series.

**Resin Transfer Molding (RTM)**



For larger series or double-sided decorative surfaces the Resin Transfer-Molding (RTM) process is well suited. Massive closed mold and counter-mold system are used as the resin is introduced under pressure into the mold system.

Our production technologies

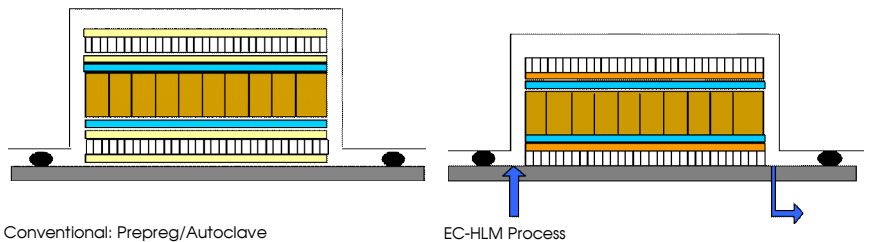
**EURO-COMPOSITES®  
Honeycomb liquid  
molding (EC-HLM)**

Advanced parts with a honeycomb core have been manufactured (especially in the aviation industry) so far by using the prepreg-autoclave process.

EURO-COMPOSITES® has developed a new process technology that allows the use of honeycomb and dry woven or non-woven fiber packs together with a RI or RTM process.



Structural part with honeycomb core and carbon skins



A process comparison for the production of a structural part with similar product properties results in the following advantages for the EC resin infusion process:

- Reduced material cost (dry fabric and pure resin instead of prepregs; less adhesive layers)
- Reduced weight since less adhesive films by 10-15%
- Lower process cost, time reduction by 30%
- Reduced outgoing inspection cost because of improved water tightness (does not need to be controlled anymore)
- Improved operation features (minimized porosity), therefore less water condensation problems into the honeycomb

Our production technologies

**Laboratory Service**

Instruments

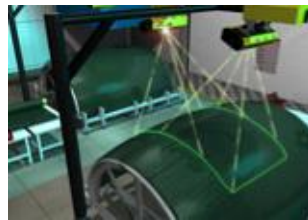
- Universal testing machine (2.5 kN, 50 kN and 100 kN)
- Climate chambers
- Salt spray chamber
- Differential scanning calorimeter (DSC)
- Titro-processing
- Smoke density measurement
- Burning chamber, flammability testing
- Food cart roller test machine
- Coordinate measurement machines (CMM)
- NDT: woodpecker, tap hammer, ultra-sonic
- NDT: X-ray unit (6000 x 2500 x 1200mm)
- Laser projection



Universal testing machine



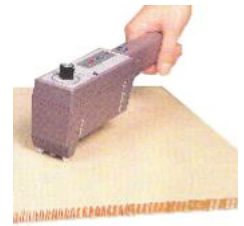
Test of compression strength



Laser Tracker



Coordinate measurement machine



Tap hammer

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**Design & Engineering / Center of Excellence**

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**Activities**

Our Center of Excellence is home to the Design and & Engineering and the Research & Development department. Both departments offer their services not only internally but can also work independently for our customers.

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| • Capacity: | Engineering:                      | 56000 h/year  |
|             | Research & Development            | 14500 h /year |
|             | Prototyping & Pilot manufacturing | 37500 h/year  |

Our Customers are supported with the design of the best technical and commercial composites solution (application-oriented development in close cooperation with the customer) under consideration of the following aspects:

- Product properties (mechanical, thermal, acoustical, FST conforming)
- Manufacturing technology (Vacuum bag, press technology, autoclave process, resin infusion, resin transfer molding)
- Definition of tooling concept (Wood, plastics, metal)
- Definition of measuring and test equipment and procedures
- Higher degrees of functional integration
- Stress analysis/FEM (in part together with external partners)
- Transfer of the product requirement of customers and the results of EC's own developments into technical part definitions as a basis for quotations and in a later stage also for the technical documentation/ production procedures.

Additional activities are:

- Process development / process improvement and implementation of new/improved processes into production
- Training of employees on new processes and equipment
- Customer-independent development and research, partially in cooperation with Universities and research institutes
- Own development workshop for
  - Prototyping
  - Pilot manufacturing
  - Development support
  - Design and production of new tools



**Equipment in our  
Center of Excellence**

**Production Equipment**

Equipment	Description
CNC machine for monolithic carbon processing	X-axis: 8000 mm, 50 m/min Y-axis: 4800 mm, 50 m/min Z-axis: 2000 mm, 30 m/min
Drying Oven	Inner dimensions: 1700 x 1000 x 2750 mm Max. temperature: 250°C
Freezer	Inner dimensions: 3000 x 3000 x 2400 mm Up to -20°C at a max. ambient temperature of 38°C
Panel sliding table saw	Carriage length: 3000mm
Panel press	Press surface: 2750 x 1350 mm Max. Opening: 400 mm Force: 102 N/md
HT-Press up to 400°C	Press surface: 1300 x 1400 mm Max. Opening: 400 mm Force: 800 N/md
Horizontal Bloc Saw	Max. bloc width: 1300 mm Sheet thickness: 3 to 950 mm

**Equipment for honeycomb development**

Equipment	Description
Dip Tanks	234 ltr, 875 ltr
Curing Oven	Inner dimensions: 1750 x 1750 x 2300 mm Max. temperature: 380°C
Resin store container	
Resin formulation station	

**Chemical Laboratory**

Equipment	Description
Laboratory facility including chemical fume hoods and exhaust	
Viscometer for resin (Brookfield cps)	
Precision scale	Max. 2 kg (0.01 g)
Ultrasonic bath	
6-point recorder	
Mixing equipment for resins	Capacity 5 kg, with two 2 mixers (low and high viscosity)
DMA	

**Test equipment**

Universal test machine	
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### CAD/CAM

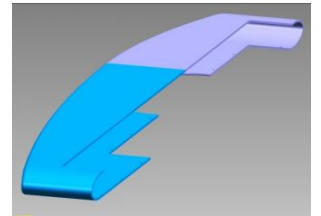
#### CAD-Software:

- Unigraphics NX2 and NX4
- CATIA V5 R17 (Modules CPM, CPE, MD2)
- AutoCAD 2008



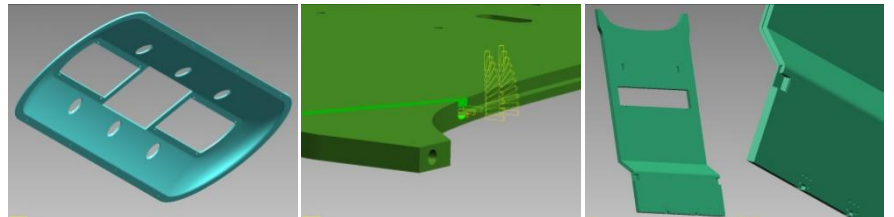
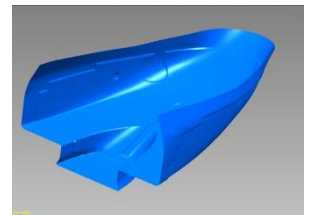
#### CAM-Software

- Unigraphics NX4
- 3- and 5-axis programming
- UNISIM simulation software



#### Data Exchange via:

- Unigraphics or Catia, Native Formats
- STEP, Parasolid, IGES, for the 3D-area
- DXF, PDF, CGM for drawings and the 2D-area



Recent & Current Developments

**Aluminum  
honeycomb core:  
New surface treatment**



**Development Goal:**

New Surface treatment of aluminum foil for alloys 3003 and 5052 (other alloys can be included upon demand).

Target of the new surface treatment:

- Corrosion resistance which is similar to PAA – treated core
- Cr-free surface treatment

The development and the later production are done in our site in Bitburg Germany that is fully operational now with printer line, surface treatment unit and bloc press.

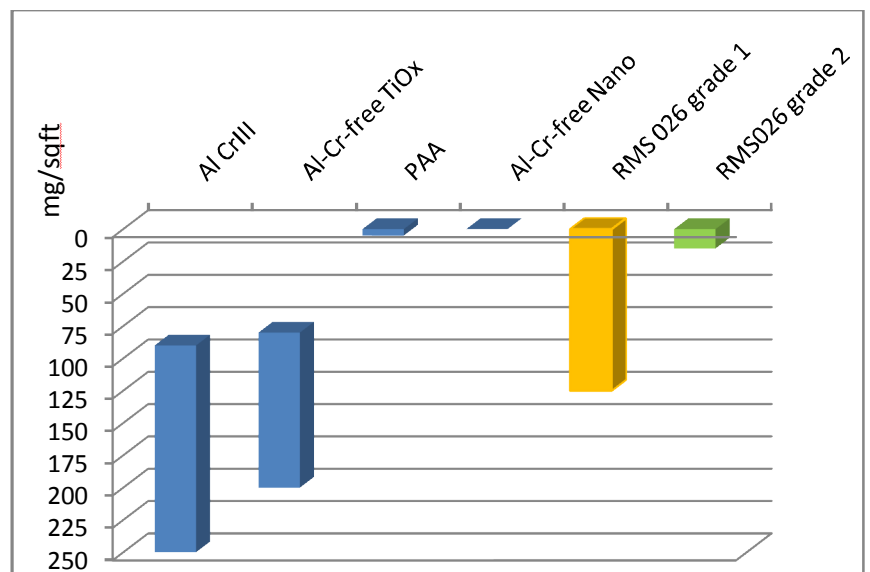
**Current Status:**

Successful manufacture and test of small scale prototypes:

- 4.8mm (3/16"): Cell size OK
- 6.4mm (1/4"): Cell size OK
- 9.6mm (3/8"): Cell size not checked yet, from experience we are confident, that all larger sizes will be not problematic
- 3.2mm (1/8") - Cell size N-OK, due to increased expansion forces, optimization of node bond strength under development

Test of corrosions resistance:

(According to MIL-C-7438G : 720h in salt spray, measurement of weight loss (mg/ft<sup>2</sup>) and comparison with requirements of RMS 026:



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**Recent & Current Developments**

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**Aluminum  
honeycomb core:  
New surface treatment**  
(Continued)**Time schedule:**

Mid May 2008: Supply of special coating roll  
Small scale production run at production site Bitburg

End of Mai 2008: Supply of counter roll

With our new honeycomb types we do go along with the new airplane generations of our customers.

**Aluminum  
honeycomb core:  
Usage of thin foils****Development Goal:**

Using thin, untreated aluminum foils with the new aluminum surface treatment process

**Current Status:**

Manufacture of small scale prototype tests (planned):

- 4.8mm (1/4") -cell size, density 50kg/m<sup>3</sup> (3.12pcf)
- Other cell sizes might be possible upon request.

**Time schedule:**

June/July 2008: Small scale test planned, as soon as the new printer for aluminum foil and the new surface treatment are in operation

**Sandwich panels with  
Magnesium Skins****Development Goal:**

Develop sandwich constructions

- with extensive weight reduction compared to aluminum
- with good corrosion inhibiting properties (measured by salt spray)

Development is done in cooperation with industrial partners for:

- the manufacture of Mg-skins
- the development of corrosion inhibiting primers
- application of surface treatments

**Current Status:**

Development of corrosion inhibiting surface treatment

**Time schedule:**

Next trial by July 2008 and evaluation by August 2008

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## Recent & Current Developments

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### Glass fiber honeycomb core (ECG)

**Development goal:**

Market driven, customers ask for reliable source of this core type

**Current Status:**

- Cell size: 4.8mm (3/16"), Density Range: 88 to 192 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (5.5 to 12 pcf)
  - Production process stable
  - Various qualifications completed
  - Used already in aircraft parts
  - Additional qualifications pending
  
- Cell size: 9.6mm (3/8"), Density Range: 72 to 96 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (4.5 to 6 pcf)
  - Production process stable
  - Other densities may be possible upon request
  - Qualifications pending
  
- Cell size: 4.8mm (3/16"), Density Range: 48 to 80 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (4.5 to 6 pcf)
  - Production process stable
  - Product availability depends on availability of glass fiber fabrics
  - Qualifications pending

Other cell size/density combinations can be developed upon request

**Time Schedule:**

Complete qualifications together with customers as soon as possible.

**Further Development Goals:**

Target is to produce honeycomb cores with

- increased mechanical strength
- reduced weight
- smaller cell configuration (e.g. 3.2mm (1/8") cell size)

**Current Status:**

Project is in an early stage. Product design approach is to use

- biaxial glass fabric +/-45° instead of 0°/90°
- very lightweight glass fabric types (< 50gsm)
- resin systems like PI and PES as an alternative to phenolic resin

Market availability of raw materials is checked and a new production process is under development.

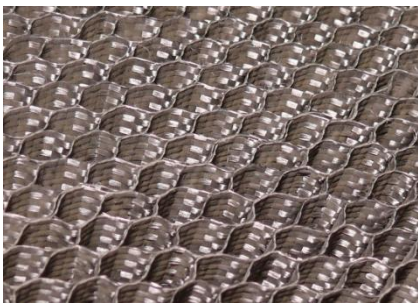
**Time Schedule**

First small scale tests by end 2008

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**Recent & Current Developments**

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**Carbon Fiber honeycomb  
Kevlar fiber honeycomb****Development Goal (Carbon & Kevlar Honeycomb):**

- increased mechanical strength of honeycomb core or of final sandwich construction
- modified physical properties (i.e. electrical conductivity)

**Current Status:**

- Manufacture of smaller sized honeycomb cores possible, on request with cell size 4.8mm (3/16")
- Standard resin system is phenolic resin other resin systems as like as Polyimide on request
- Bloc size (especially for resin systems other than phenol) (W)480mm\*(L)380mm\*(T)355mm - (W)19"\*(L)15"\*(T)14")

**Time Schedule:**

Ready to go on small scale series production

**Development Goal (Kevlar honeycomb):**

Optimization of high -density honeycomb core: Test with new printing roll and modified cell configuration

**Status:**

Under evaluation

**Time Schedule:**

First results by end 2008

**Development Goal (Kevlar honeycomb):**

Reduction of Fuzziness by improved cutting quality and optimization in production to increase productivity.

- width and thickness of blades
- improvement of blowing table

**Status :**

Planned to be carried out

**Time Schedule:**

First results by end 2008

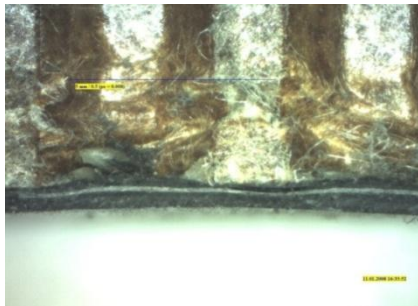


Recent & Current Developments

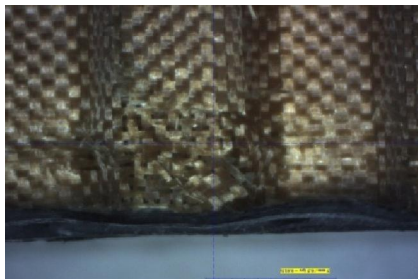
**Sandwich panels with high impact strength**

**Development Goal:**

Increased impact strength of sandwich constructions by modifying the honeycomb core.



Kevlar® Core after Crush



Glass fiber core after Crush

**1. Improved Resin systems**

**Status:**

- Objective not reached: Using PU-based; Epoxy-based and phenolic resin derivatives from various industrial partners
- Under evaluation: Using additives of various suppliers to change the properties of the resin
- Objective not reached: use of high-temperature resin systems like Polyimide
- Under evaluation: use high temperature thermoplastic resin systems as PES

**Time Schedule:**

Under evaluation this year, first results by next year.

**2. Reinforcements**

**Status:**

- Use of glass fiber fabric in configuration 0/90°  
**Test Result:** impact strength on ECG 4.8-40/48 worse compared to paper honeycomb core ECK 3.2-40/48.  
Fabric structure completely broken after crush
- Use of Biaxial glass fabric ± 45°  
**Status:** Feasibility tests for manufacture of ECG-4.8 (3/16) cell size density 40/48 kg/m<sup>3</sup>n (2.5-3pcf) under preparation
- Use of very lightweight glass fiber fabric (<50gsm) for manufacture of honeycomb core with smaller cell size (if possible 3.2mm / 1/8") and lower weight  
**Status:** under evaluation
- Kevlar fabric in 0/90 and biaxial +/-45  
**Status:** Honeycomb core with cell size 4.8mm, (3/16") under evaluation

**Time Schedule:**

Under evaluation this year, first results by 2009.

Recent & Current Developments

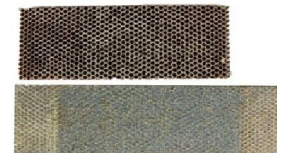
**EC-HLM**  
**Honeycomb Liquid Molding**  
 Process comparison

**Development Goal:**

Process comparison between resin infusion with honeycomb and autoclave with prepreg

EC-HLM Resin infusion with honeycomb	Autoclave with prepreg and adhesive film
Sample design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECA 4,8-96 (Nomex), 12 mm</li> <li>2 layers carbon fabric G986 (twill 2/2)</li> <li>infused with RTM6 resin</li> </ul>	Sample design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECA 4,8-96 (Nomex), 12 mm</li> <li>2 layers carbon prepreg M21 (twill 2/2)</li> <li>Hysol EA 9695 adhesive film</li> </ul>

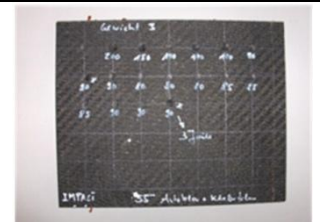
Climbing Drum Peel Test (22°C, 75%RH)	
Ø 270 N <b>core failure</b>	Ø 288 N <b>core failure</b>



Flatwise Tensile Strength Test (22°C, 75%RH)	
Ø 4.09 MPa <b>core failure</b>	Ø 3.93 MPa <b>core failure</b>



Impact Test according AITM 1-0057	
Passed 3,3 Joule Failed: 3,5 Joule	Passed: 3,0 Joule Failed: 3,3 Joule



Recent & Current Developments

**Lightweight Tooling with honeycomb and epoxy paste**

**Development goal:**

A lightweight, cost-effective alternative to the currently internally used cut and glued epoxy plates

Process steps:

1. Cutting honeycomb + gluing with paste + milling (rough)



2. Application of surface paste + CNC milling (fine)



**Status:**

Possible tooling applications with this process:

- for 60°C epoxy-paste:
  - tools for CNC-honeycomb milling
  - tools for honeycomb cutting
  - pattern for the production of GFK or CFK laminate tools
  - large tools
  
- for 200°C epoxy-paste:
  - tools for composite part production under oven curing up to 180°C
  - tools for composite part production under autoclave curing up to 180°C
  - tools for honeycomb part stabilization with adhesive film (oven or autoclave)

**Lightweight Tooling  
with honeycomb and  
epoxy paste**  
(continued)

Advantages:

- Cost reduction with new process is more than 35% against current tooling production with cut and glued polyurethane (PU) plates
- 50 % weight reduction against current tooling with cut and glued PU plates
- Better surfaces quality and vacuum tightness compared to glued PU plates
- With honeycomb, high stable and high temperature resistant tooling (> 180°C) is possible
- Combination of high temperature resistant epoxy paste (200°C) and honeycomb allows a direct tool production over CNC milling. (-> cost reduction)
- Processing for small and large high-quality tooling possible

**General  
Qualifications**

Quality Systems

ISO 9001 – 2000  
NADCAP COMPOSITES  
AS 9100  
Qualifas/AECMA EASE  
EASA 21 G

**Qualifications  
by customers**

AUSTRIA	FACC	FMS 1030 FMS 3210
BRAZIL	Embraer	MEP 15-010 MEP 15-030
FRANCE	Adder Aircraft Interiors Aérospatiale Aérofonctions s.a.s. Aircelle	PGQ 34-1608 ASN-B 75310/75320 DQ 16 BLGG 502001/BLGG 502101 HDSM 1045/1044
	Breguet Aviation Dassault EADS Astrium	27161/NSN-B 75310 AMD.BA 1.4.2.3.4 DSN 0798 01 AA
GERMANY	Airbus	AIMS 11-01-001 AIMS 11-01-004 AIMS 11-01-005 AIMS 11-01-007 AIMS 11-01-008
	Britax Sell Dasell Dornier EADS	WO 303-001/WO 306-001 DCIN 100 DOL 70/DOL 71 IPS 11-01-001-01 IPS 11-01-004-02
	Luft & Raumfahrt	LN29967 LN29968
INDONESIA	IPTN	NMS 8-124
ISRAEL	Israel Aircraft Industries	M.S. 08.0020
ITALY	Agusta Alenia	199-24-103 N4901
NETHERLANDS	Fokker Driessen Aerospace Systems	THS.472/THS.473 SMS 015
SPAIN	Aries C.A.S.A.	ACMS233 I+D+P-176
SWEDEN	Saab Scania	STD 124224/226/228
SWITZERLAND	Bucher Leichtbau AG Jet-Aviation Basel AG	div. LAM Spec. curved Panels
UNITED KINGDOM	AIM Group BAe Airbus BAE Systems Ericsson Marconi Avionics Shorts Westland Helicopters	BAER 1007 ABR 3-0070/0069/0066 MM-0032 10549MPP247 06CL0061/319/T308 SMS35 WHPS 297

**Qualifications  
by customers**  
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USA/CANADA	AAR Composites	ATRMS 301
	AIM	AIM-M-1013
	Bell Helicopters Textron	299-947-103
	Boeing	BMS 8-124
		BAC 5317
		D210-12012
	Bombardier Canadair	BACM 539-001
	Bombardier de Havilland	D H M S - P1.26
	Britax Heathtecnica	EPS No 1009
	Cessna Aircraft Company	CMNP083
	Composites solutions	CSCMS220
	General Electric	A50TF 86
	Goodrich	RMS 065
	Gulfstream	GMS 4011
	Kaman Aerospace Corp.	KPS 384
		KPS 922
	Lockheed	LCM 28-1041
		STM 28-105
	Lockheed-Martin	LMA-MD017
	Mc Donnell Douglas	DMS 1974
	Nordam Group	NTR-MS 3031
	Northrop Grumman	ACS-MRS-5301
	Raytheon Aircraft Corp.	BS 23732
Rockwell	TB 0130-035	
SAE	AMS 3715	
	AMS 3711/3714	
	AMS-C-81986	
Sikorsky Aircraft	SS 9223	
TTF Aerospace	TMS13	



Employees and qualification level

**EURO-COMPOSITES® S.A.**  
**EURO-COMPOSITES® GmbH**

**Employees by Department**

Sales		22
Administration		25
Procurement		8
Technical Controlling/Production Planning		17
Technical Department		58
Research & Development	8	
Design & Engineering	39	
Process & Industrial Engineering	6	
Prototyping & Pilot manufacturing	5	
Production		365
Workshops, Goods Receiving, Shipping Dept.		76
Quality Department		23
Quality Assurance	5	
Quality Control	18	
Apprentices		13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>607</b>

**Employees by Qualification level**

PhD Level		5
Graduate Engineer		45
Business Administration (University degree)		6
State-certified Technician		27
Master Craftsman		37
Skilled Craftsman, Commercial Employee		474
Apprentices		13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>607</b>

Employees and qualification level

**EURO-COMPOSITES®  
Corporation**

**Employees by Department**

Sales		8
Administration		6
Procurement		2
Technical Controlling/Production Planning		3
Technical Department		5
Production		41
Workshops, Goods Receiving, Shipping Dept.		8
Quality Department		6
Quality Assurance	1	
Quality Control	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

**Employees by Qualification level**

Graduate Engineer	7
Business Administration (University degree)	2
Technician	7
Master Craftsman	17
Skilled Craftsman, Commercial Employee	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>



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