

# Advanced Composite Polymer for the Automotive Market

## Long Fiber Reinforced Linear Polyphenylene Sulfide (PPS)

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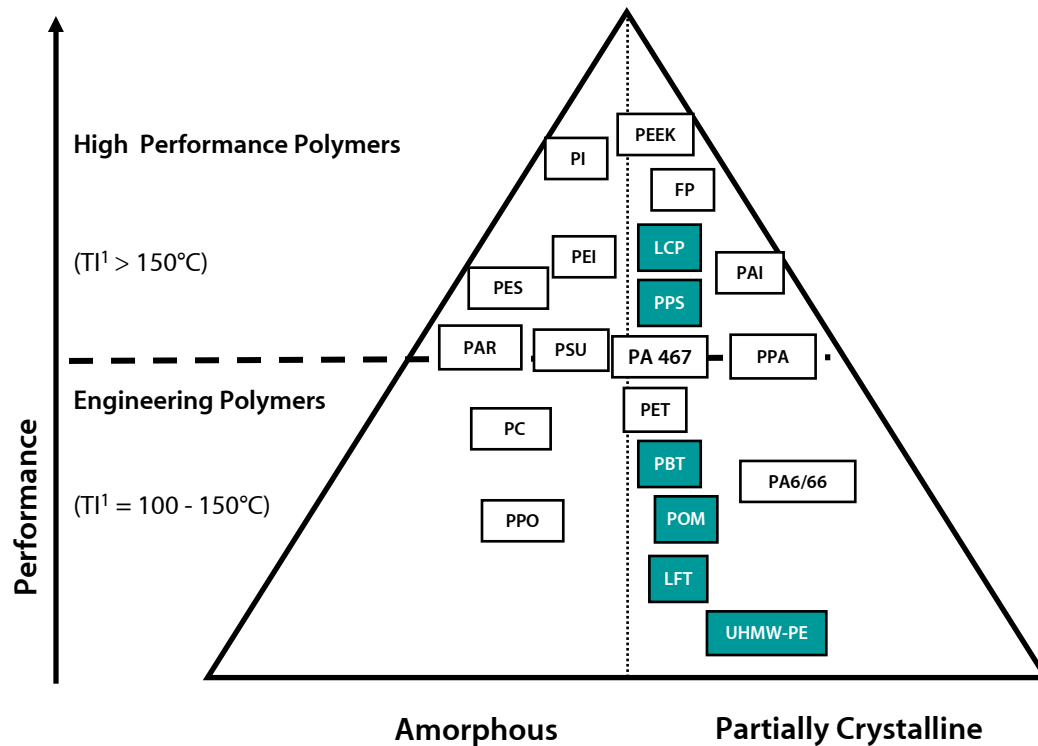
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- **Introduction**
- Properties & Requirements
- Processing
- Applications

## Ticona: Polymers and Solutions

- Global Supplier - Production facilities in Americas, Europe and Asia
- Global Presence - Leading market position in most products / regions
- Significant Sales - \$915 million in 2006
- Diverse Portfolio - High quality engineering plastics
- Added Value - Solutions provider and technology enabler

# Broad Portfolio of Engineering and High Performance Polymers



 Ticona Polymers

<sup>1</sup> Temperature Index

Source: Market Information, Celanese

## High Performance Polymers (HPPs) are:

- PPS: Polyphenylenesulfide
- LCP: Liquid Crystal Polymers
- PES: Polyarylether Sulfones
- PEI: Polyetherimides
- PSU: Polysulfones

## Engineering Polymers (ETPs) are:

- POM: Polyacetals
- PC: Polycarbonate
- PA: Polyamide
- PBT: Polybutyleneterephthalate
- PET: Polyethylenterephthalate
- UHMW-PE: Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene
- PEEK: Polyetherketone
- PI: Polyimide
- FP: Fluoropolymers
- PAI: Polyamide Imide
- PAR: Polyarylate
- PPA: Polyphthalamide
- PPO: Polyphenylene Oxide
- LFT: Long Fiber Thermoplastics

# Composition of Typical Composites

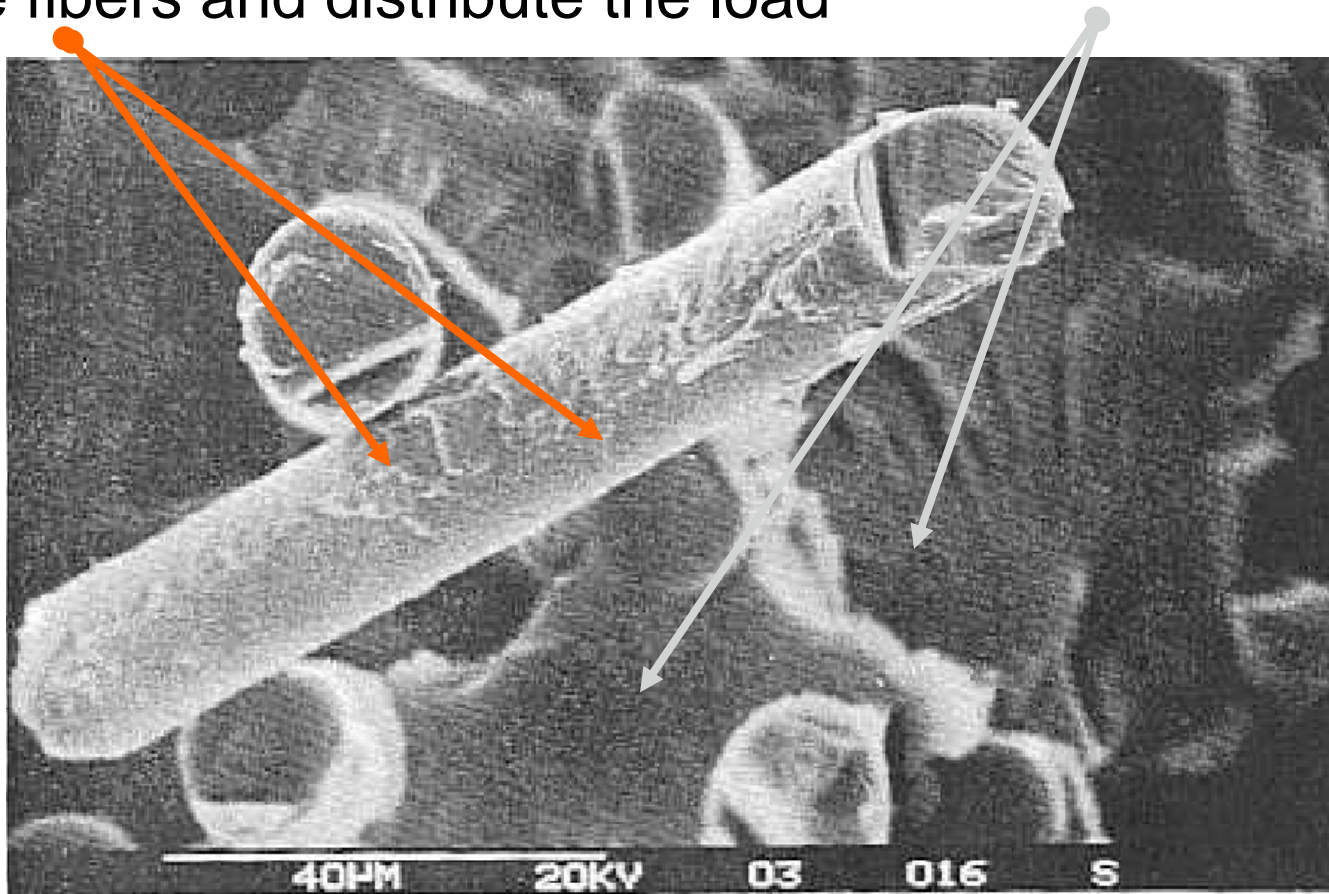
- Short-glass-fiber-reinforced compounds
  - e.g., Fortron® PPS 40% glass fiber (d50 = 200 µm)
    - Typical injection molding material
- Long-glass-fiber-reinforced compounds
  - e.g., Fortron® PPS 40% glass fiber (d50 = 400 µm)
    - For high-strength components
- Carbon fabric (CF) plus polymer matrix
  - e.g., Cetex® (d50 = component size)
    - Suitable for extremely high stresses



# What are Composites?

Composites are construction materials composed of:

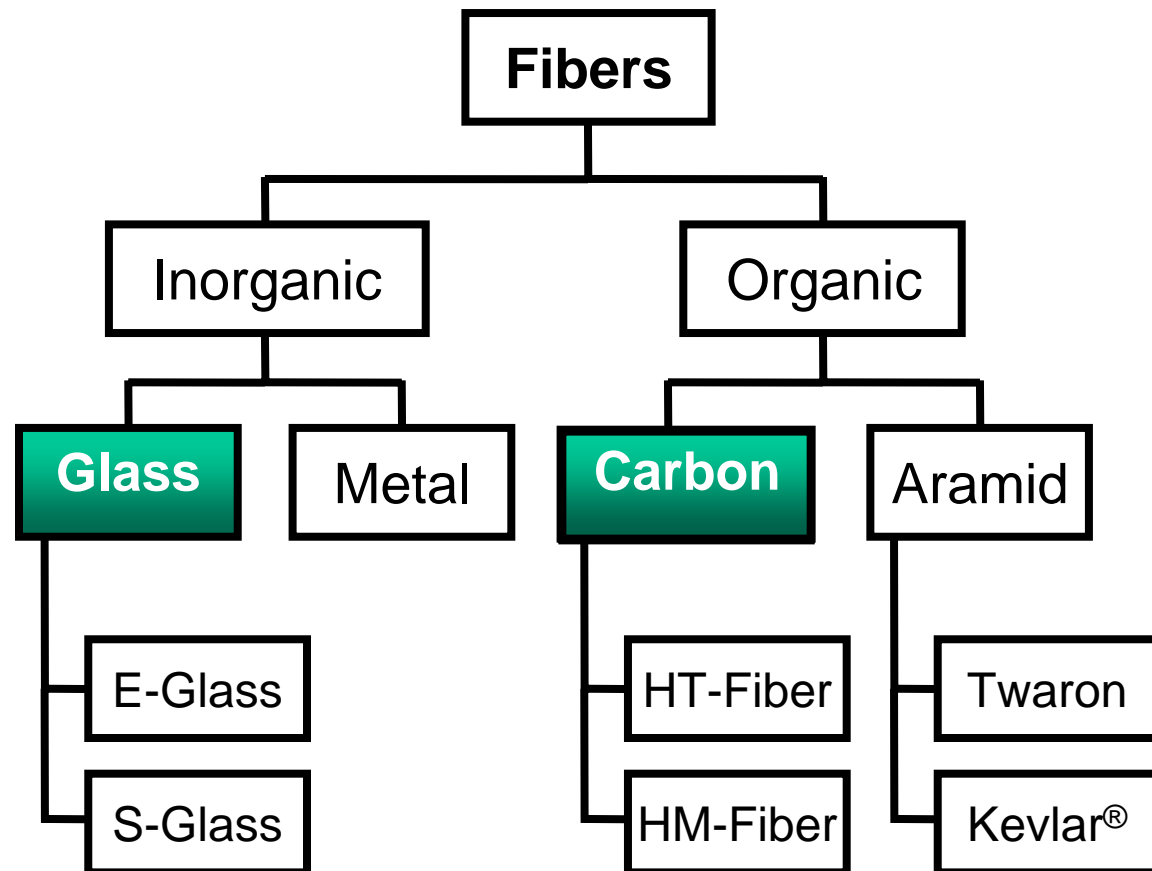
**Fibers** to carry the load embedded in a **Matrix** to protect the fibers and distribute the load



# Reinforcing Fibers – Main Categories

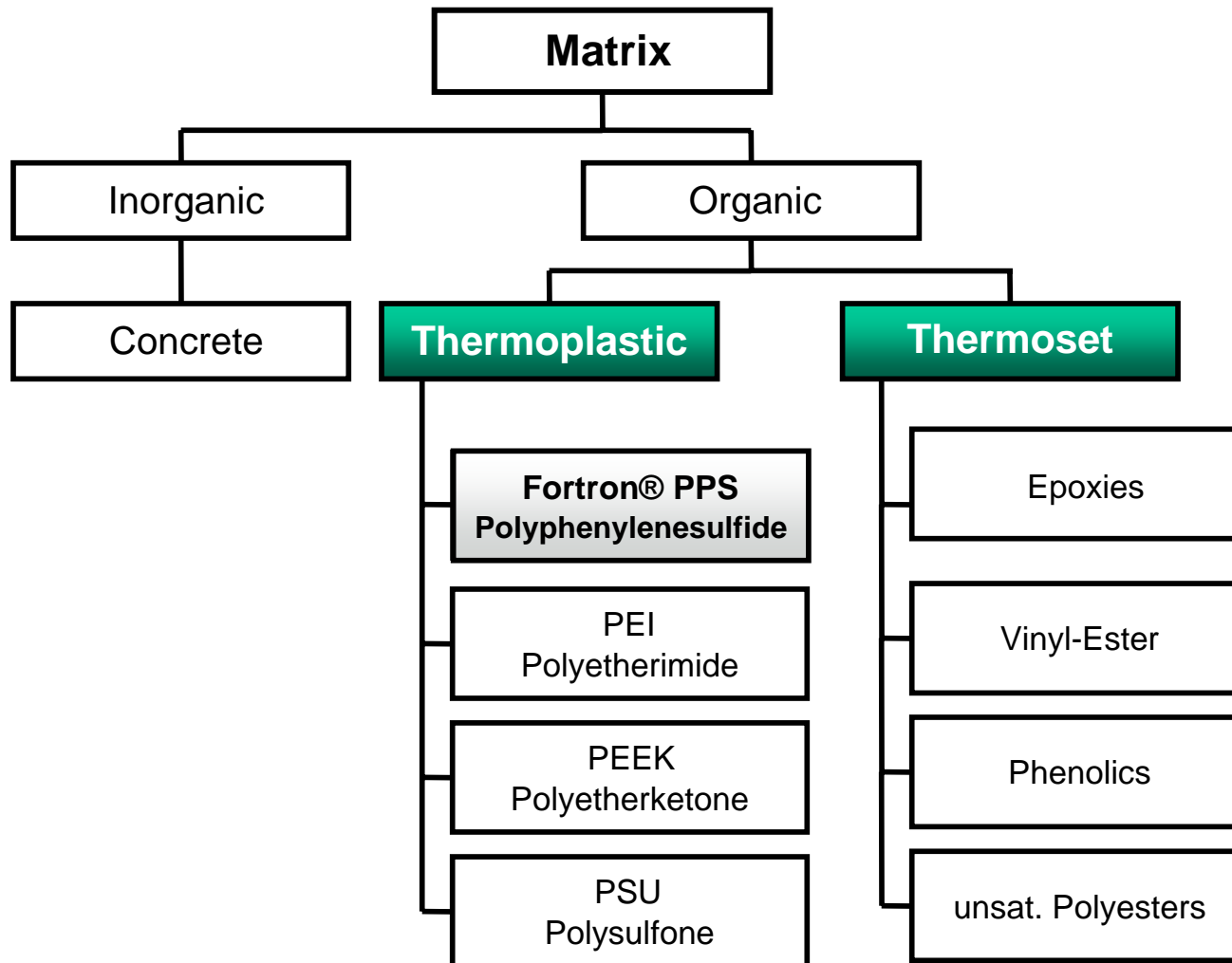
A wide variety of fibers can be used:

Most common  
Glass and Carbon



Other Fibers used: Ceramic, Boron, Basalt, Silicon-Carbide, Alumina.  
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# Matrix Materials – Main Categories

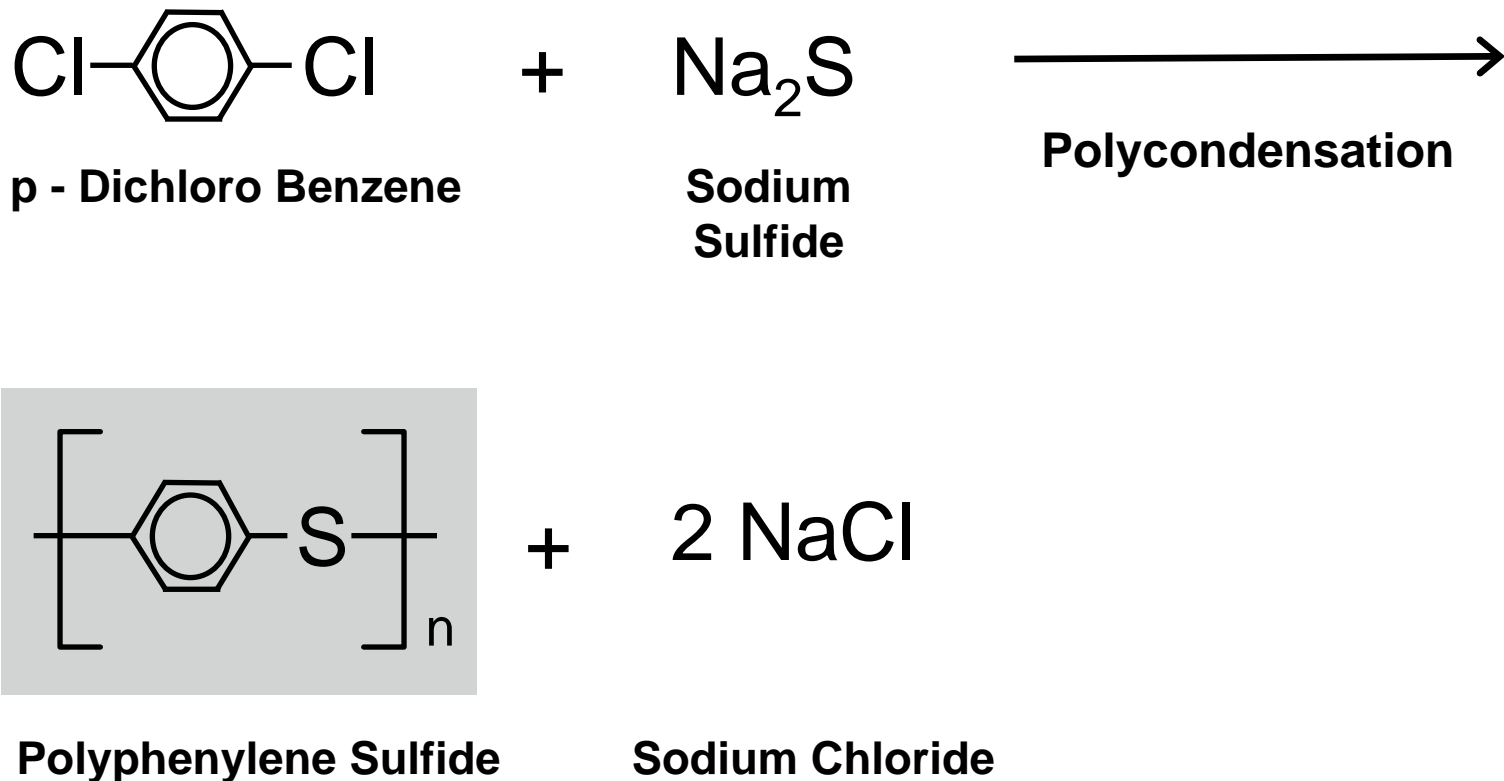




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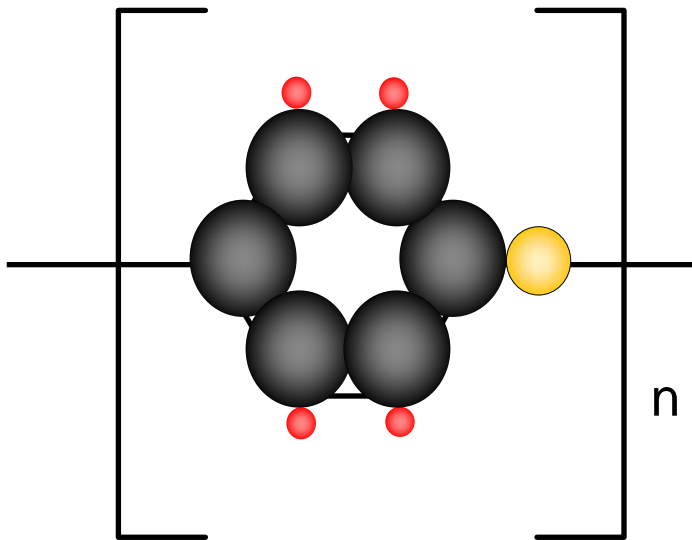
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# From Monomer to Polymer (The Chemistry)



# Linear PPS

## Summary – Structure and Properties



### Polyphenylenesulfide (PPS)

Poly(thio – 1,4 - phenylene)

- **Semicrystalline**
  - $T_g$  85°C,  $T_M$  285°C
  - Density 1.35 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- **Inherently Flame Retardant:**
  - UL94-V0, LOI > 45
- **Chemical Resistance – Dimensional Stability**
  - Fuels, oils, solvents
  - Water-glycol
- **Easy to Process**
  - Injection molding
  - Extrusion

# Linear PPS

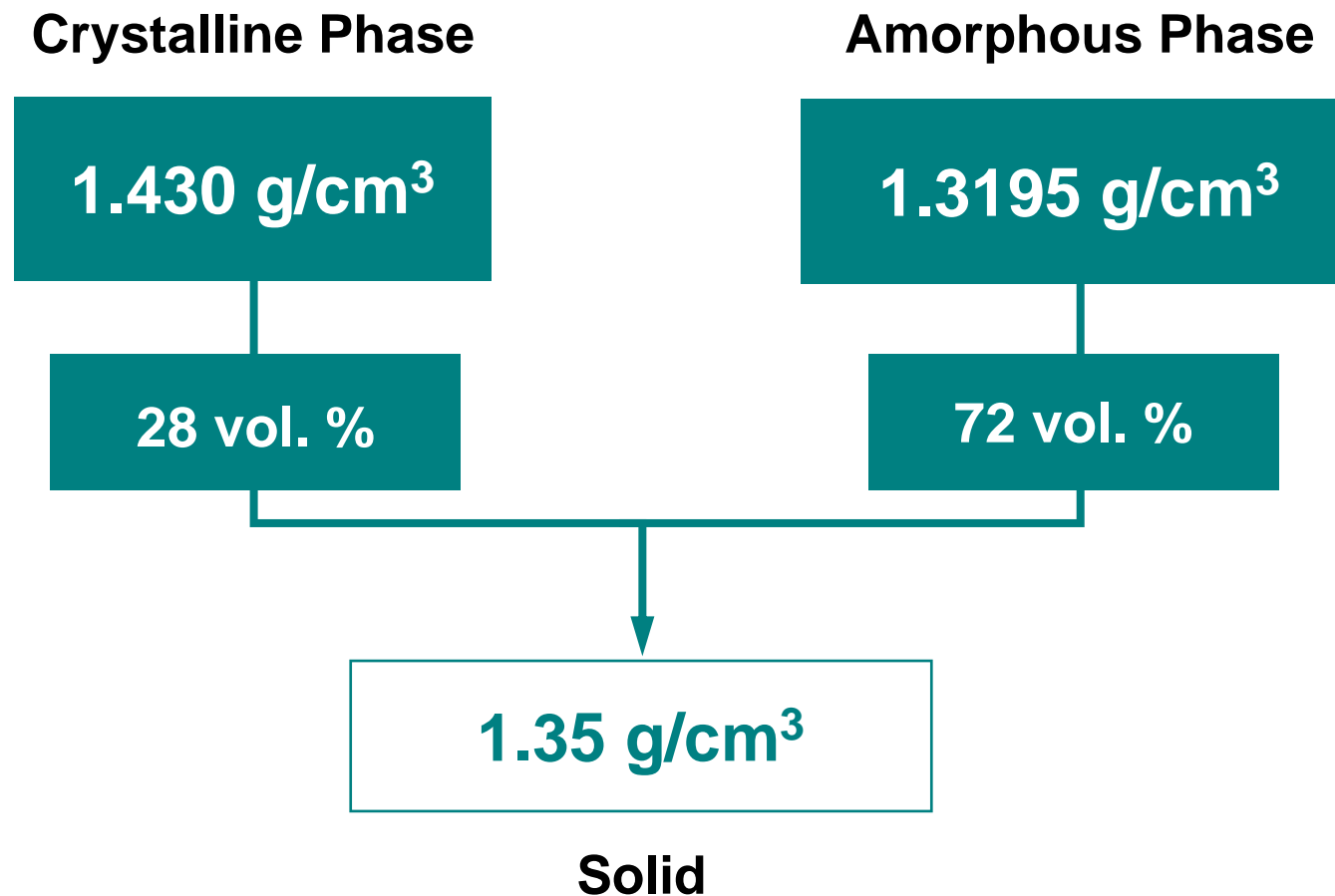
**Semi-crystalline thermoplastic polymer, perfectly suited for parts that have to withstand the high mechanical and thermal requirements which require...**

- A high melting point range between 280 and 290°C
- Inherently flame retardant
- Excellent resistance to chemicals, oils and fluids
- An ideal alternative to conventional materials such as thermosetting polymers and metals
- High hardness and stiffness and superb long-term creep under load properties
- Ease to injection mold, blow mold and machine
- Weight reduction combined with high dimensional stability

# Linear PPS Characterization

## – Crystallinity

### Semi-Crystalline Material

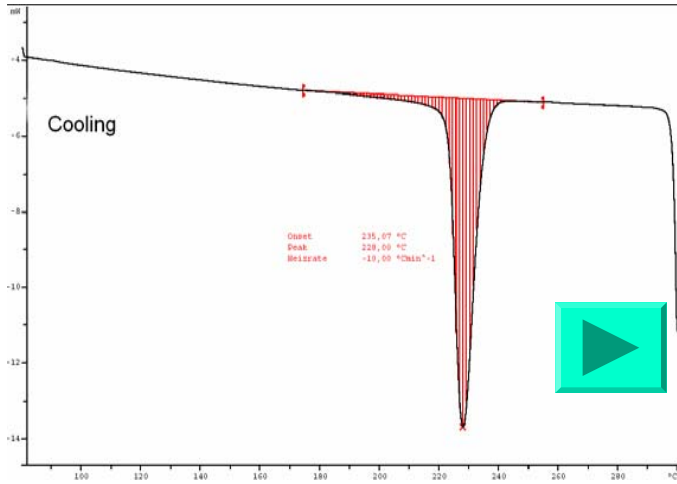
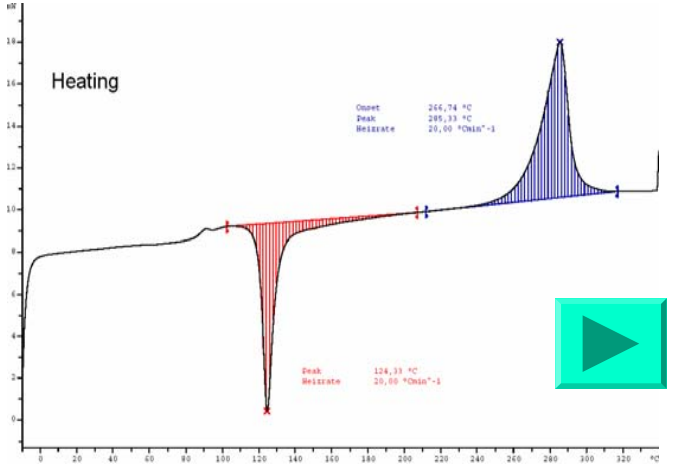


# Linear PPS – Crystallization Properties

## Phase Transitions

### DSC Measurements

Transitions		Temperature in °C
Glass	$T_g$	85 – 95
Crystallization on Heating	$T_{ch}$	120 – 140
Melting Point Range	$T_M$	280 – 288
Recrystallization on Cooling	$T_{cc}$	255 – 220



# Linear PPS – Chemical Properties

## Flammability

- Loss On Ignition (LOI): > 45
- UL94: V0 or V5A
- ABD0031: passed
- FAR/JAR 25.853: passed

## Chemical Resistance

Excellent:

- Fuels, synthetic oils, water, solvents, salts, kerosene

Limited:

- Hydrochloric acid, strong oxidizing agents

# Reasons to Use Linear PPS as Base Polymer for High Performance Composites

## Excellent Chemical Resistance

Resistant to acids & alkali  
Resistant to lubricants  
Resistant to anti-freeze agents

## Lower Density than Aluminum

Parts are lighter and have improved properties

## New Process Techniques Reduce Time for Installation

Components may be induction-welded, linear vibrationally welded

## Excellent Property Profile

High stiffness and flexibility  
Improved ductility



# Matrix Materials

## Thermosets vs. Thermoplastics

### Thermoset

- Chemical crosslinking reaction for part manufacture
- Irreversible
- Limited shelf time
- Part assembly
  - Conventional  
Nuts – Bolts – Screws

### Thermoplastic

- Part manufacture by physical phase transition  
Solid – Liquid – Solid
- Repeatable
- Unlimited storage @ room temperatures
- Part assembly
  - Conventional  
Nuts – Bolts – Screws
  - Welding

# PPS-GF40-01 (40% Long Glass Fiber)

## Composition

- High temperature polyphenylene sulfide matrix
- 40 wt% glass fibers; other wt% available

## Standard Availability

- Dust-free pellets ca. 3 x 11 mm
- 55 to 40,000 lbs. shipments (25 to 20,000 kg)

# PPS-GF40-01 (40% Long Glass Fiber)

## Chemical & Thermal Resistance

- Outstanding thermal resistance
- Good moisture and chemical resistance
- Does not corrode
- Inherent flame resistance

## **PPS-GF40-01 (40% Long Glass Fiber)**

### **Wear Resistance, Strength & Rigidity**

- Excellent wear resistance; passed automotive “gravelometer” test
- Superior impact strength

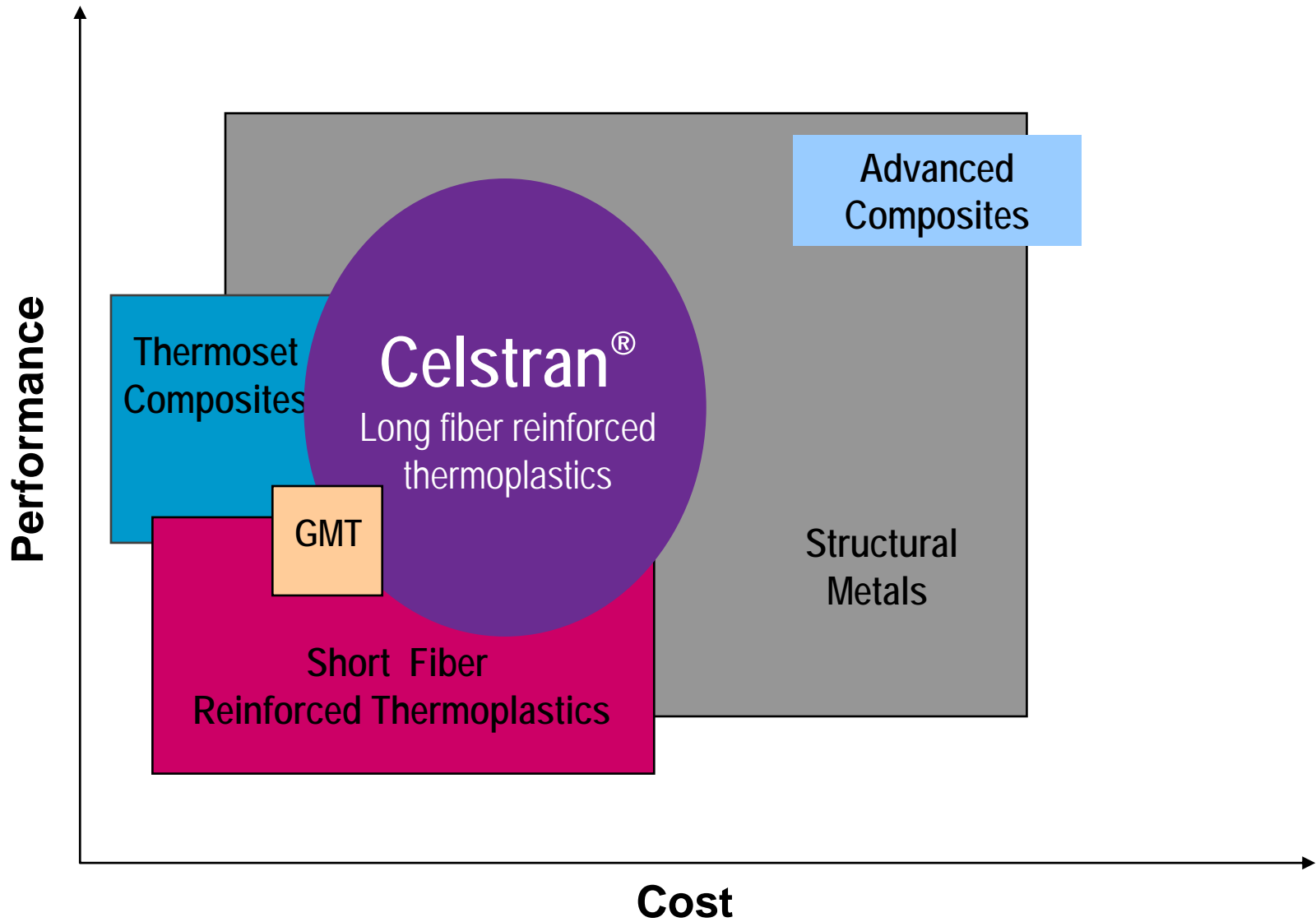
### **Regulatory Listings**

- Underwriters Labs. V0 rating; file E113269

### **Cost Savings**

- Eliminates metal fabrication, painting and later corrosion costs

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## Applications

- Electrical connectors & switches
- Pump housings & water fittings
- Parts exposed to high temperature & corrosive environments

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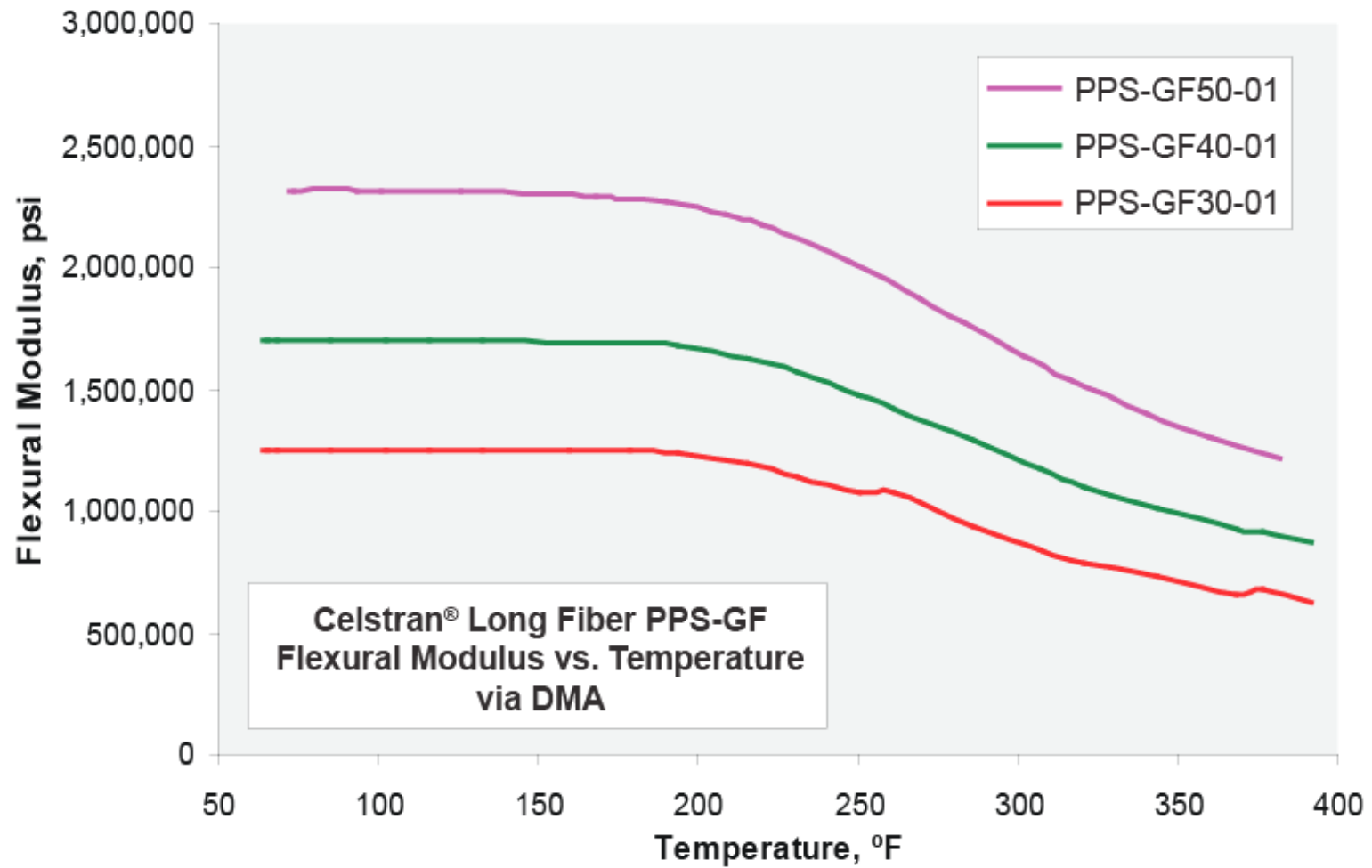
Typical Properties	ASTM Method	English System			International System		
		Units	°F	Value	Units	°C	Value
Density	D-792	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	72°	1.62	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	23°	1.62
Tensile Strength at Break	D-638	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72° 300° 400°	26.0 25.5 12.2 8.6	MPa	-40° 23° 150° 204°	180 180 80 60
Tensile Modulus	D-638	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72° 300° 400°	2,580 2,430 1,250 1,150	MPa	-40° 23° 150° 204°	17,800 16,800 8,600 7,900
Elongation at Break	D-638	%	-40° 72° 300° 400°	1.16 1.20 1.35 1.25	%	-40° 23° 150° 204°	1.16 1.20 1.35 1.25
Flexural Strength at Break	D-790	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72° 300° 400°	37.2 36.0 23.0 18.4	MPa	-40° 23° 150° 204°	260 250 160 130
Flexural Modulus	D-790	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72° 300° 400°	2,170 2,040 1,100 900	MPa	-40° 23° 150° 204°	15,000 14,100 7,600 6,200
Notched Impact, Izod	D-256	ft-lb/inch	-40° 72°	6.4 6.4	J/m	-40° 23°	340 340
Deflection Temperature @ 264 psi (1.8 MPa)	D-648	°F	n.a.	535	°C	n.a.	279
Poisson's Ratio (+/- 0.05)	D-638	Inch/inch	72°	0.35	mm/mm	23°	0.35
Shrinkage, flow direction Shrinkage, cross-flow	D-955	Inch/inch	72° 72°	0.002-0.003 0.004-0.005	%	23° 23°	0.2-0.3 0.4-0.5

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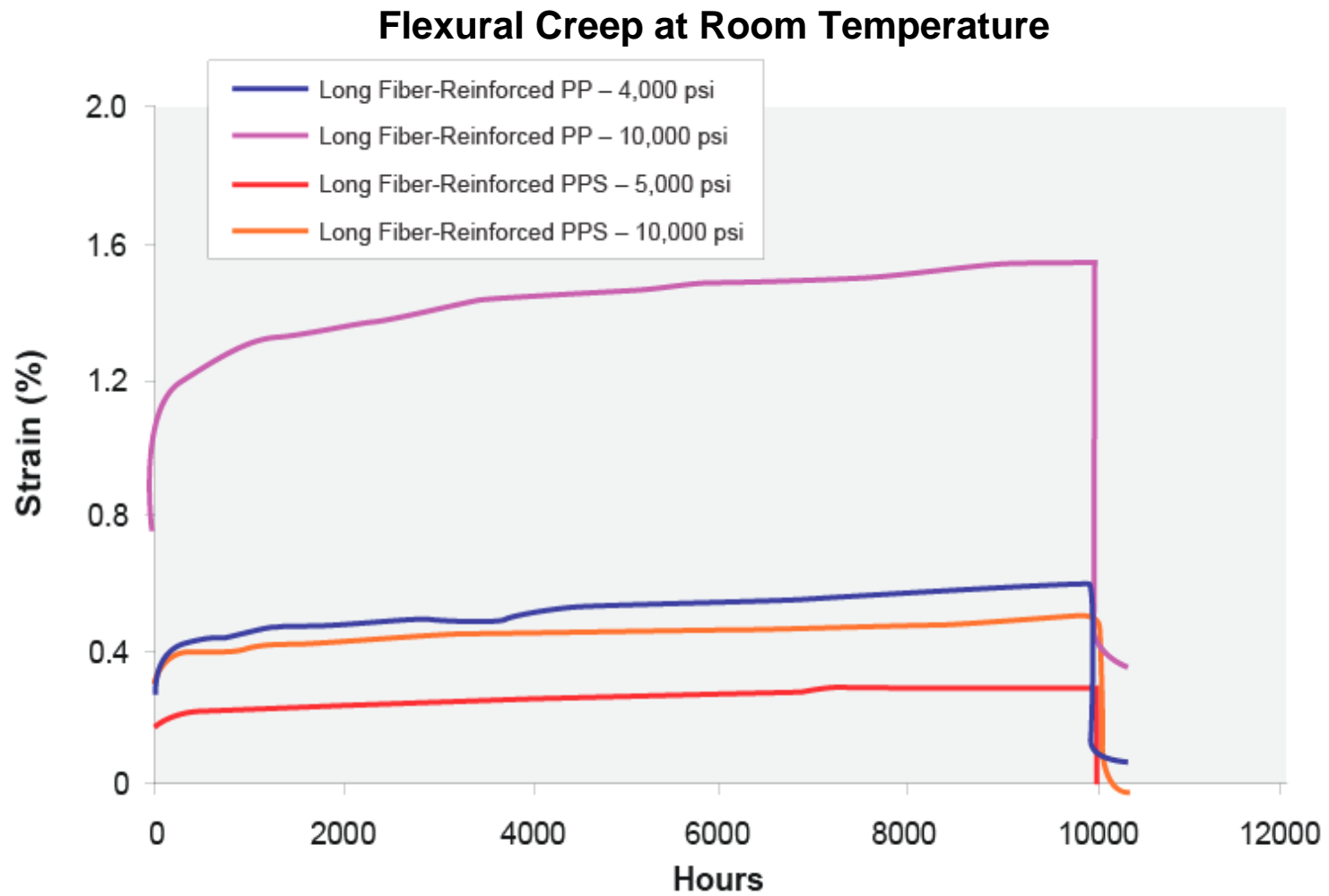
- **Stiff *and* Tough**
- Dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) measures the flexural modulus (stiffness) of samples molded from Celstran® LFRT materials vs. temperature.
- Long fiber reinforcements provide stiffness over a wide temperature range.
- Increased fiber loadings increase stiffness.
- Stiffness with good impact, tensile and flexural strengths – stiff and tough, ***the long fiber advantage.***



# PPS-GF40-01 (40% Long Glass Fiber)



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# PPS-GF50-01 (50% Long Glass Fiber)

Typical Properties <sup>a</sup>	ASTM Method	English System			International System		
		Units	°F	Value	Units	°C	Value
Density	D-792	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	72°	1.72	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	23°	1.72
Tensile Strength at Break	D-638	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72°	26.1 25.6	MPa	-40° 23°	180 180
Tensile Modulus	D-638	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72°	3,110 2,930	MPa	-40° 23°	21,400 20,200
Elongation at Break	D-638	%	-40° 72°	0.95 1.00	%	-40° 23°	0.95 1.00
Flexural Strength at Break	D-790	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72°	39.1 38.4	MPa	-40° 23°	270 260
Flexural Modulus	D-790	psi x 10 <sup>3</sup>	-40° 72°	2,710 2,510	MPa	-40° 23°	18,700 17,300
Notched Impact, Izod	D-256	ft-lb/inch	-40° 72°	7.0 6.9	J/m	-40° 23°	370 370
Deflection Temperature @ 264 psi (1.8 MPa)	D-648	°F	n.a.	540	°C	n.a.	282
Poisson's Ratio <sup>b</sup>	D-638 <sup>c</sup>	Inch/inch	72°	0.35	mm/mm	23°	0.35
Shrinkage, flow direction Shrinkage, cross-flow	D-955	%	72° 72°	0.1-0.2 0.3-0.4	%	23° 23°	0.1-0.2 0.3-0.4

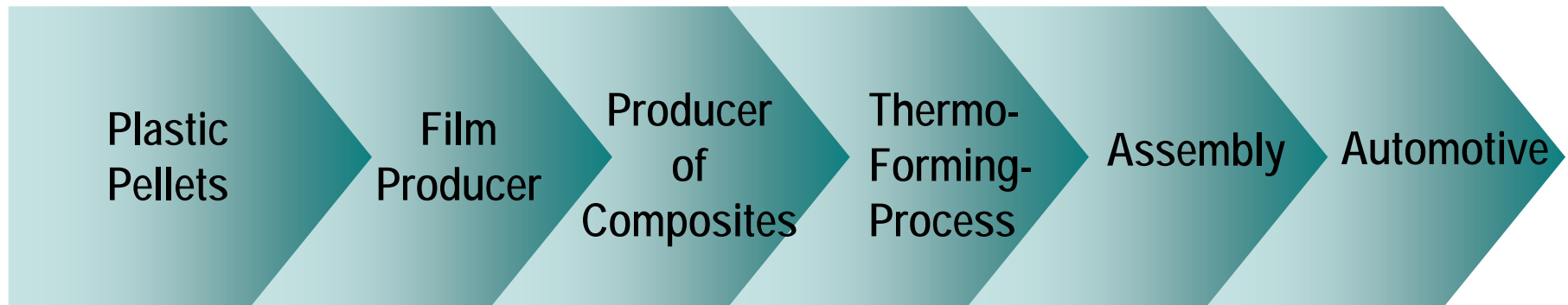
a) Unless otherwise noted, samples were molded from natural colored Celstran® materials and tested per ASTM methods. The data, while believed to be accurate, are for information purposes only. The values shown fall within the normal ranges of properties for these materials. The suitability of these materials for any use is the user's responsibility, who must assure himself/herself the material as subsequently processed meets the requirements of that use. Sales of these products are governed by the terms of the agreement under which they are sold.

b) Poisson's ratio (±0.05) calculated from tensile bar elongation vs. width change.

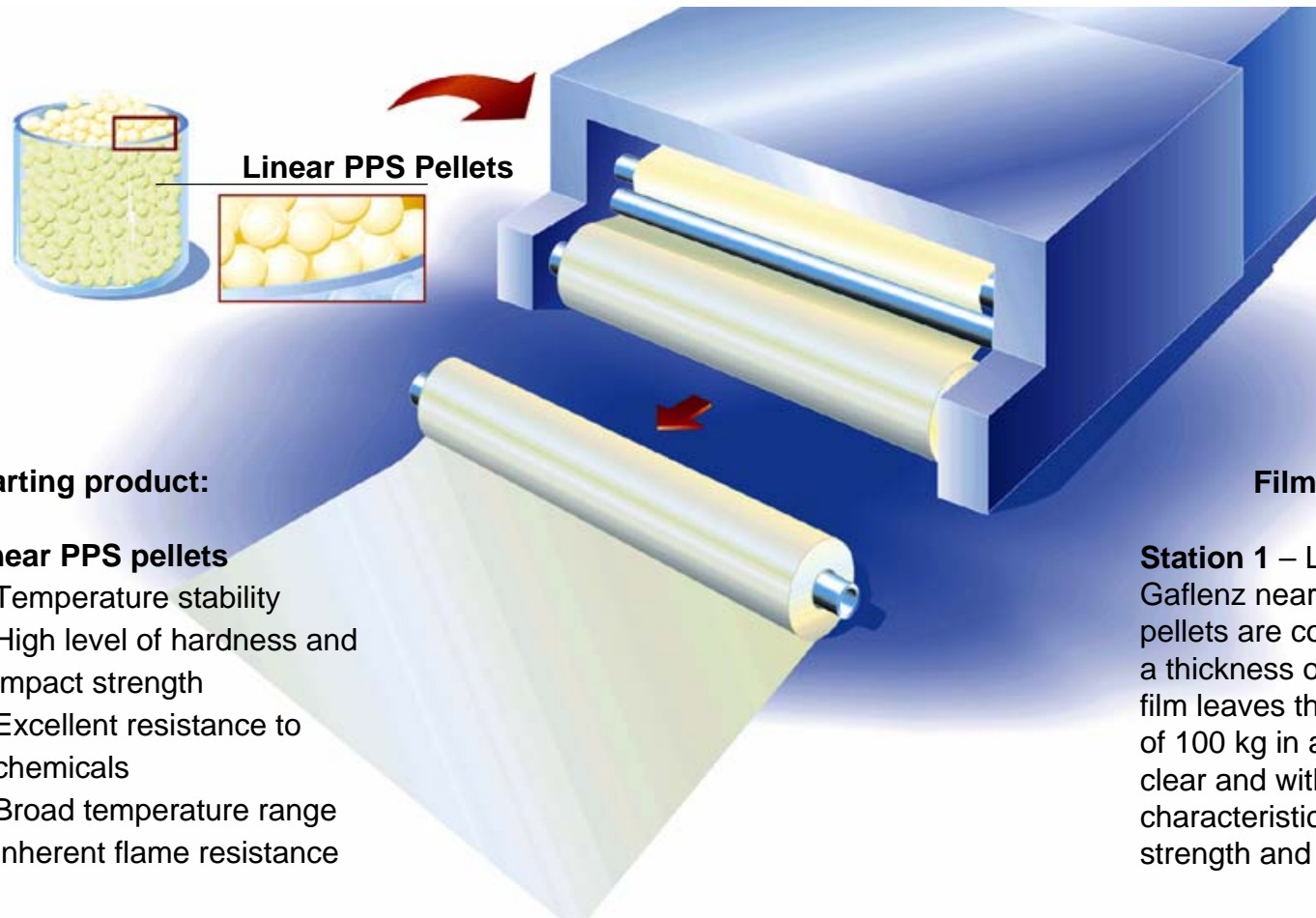
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# Manufacturing Supply Chain



# Station 1: Film Production



## Starting product:

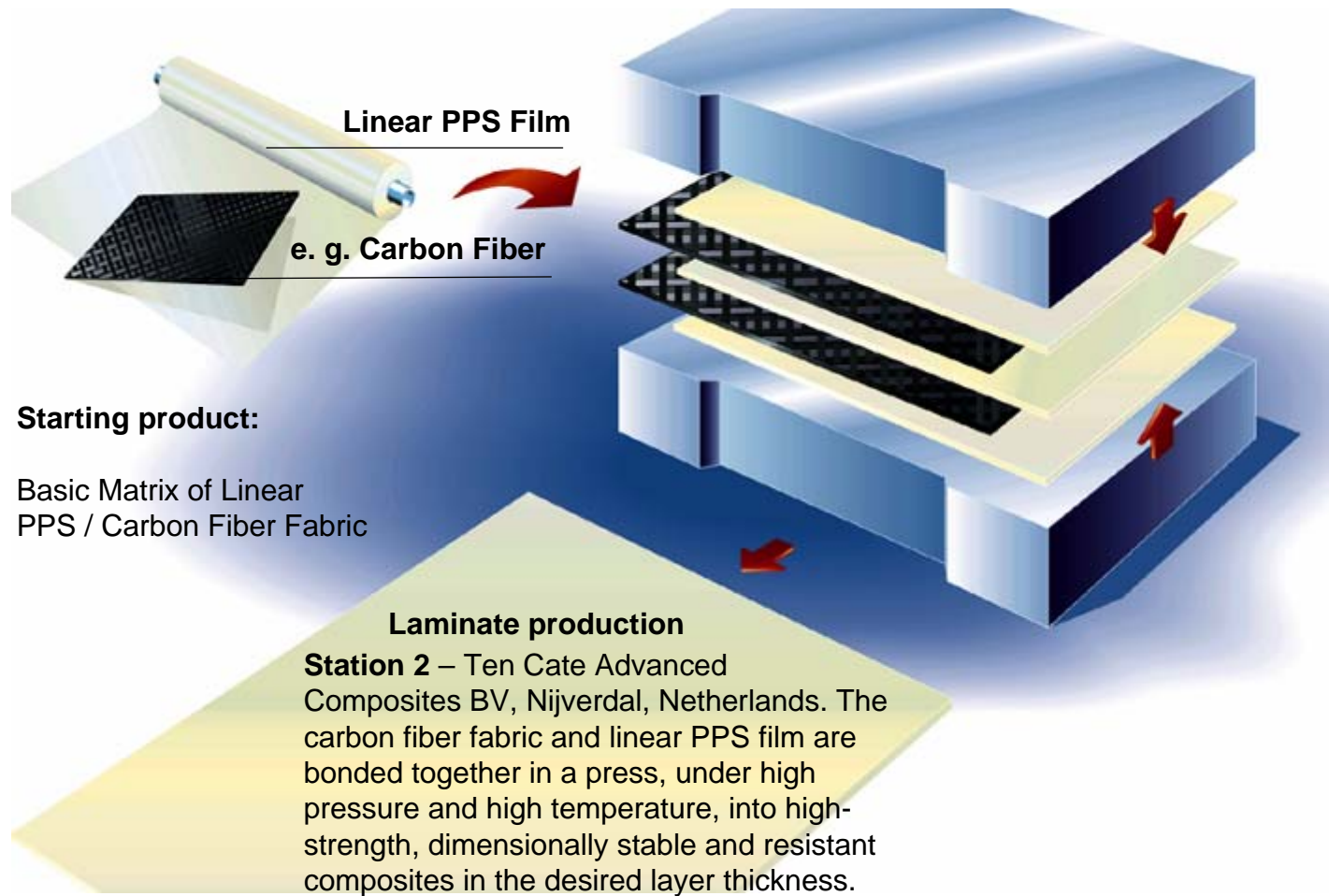
### Linear PPS pellets

- Temperature stability
- High level of hardness and impact strength
- Excellent resistance to chemicals
- Broad temperature range
- Inherent flame resistance

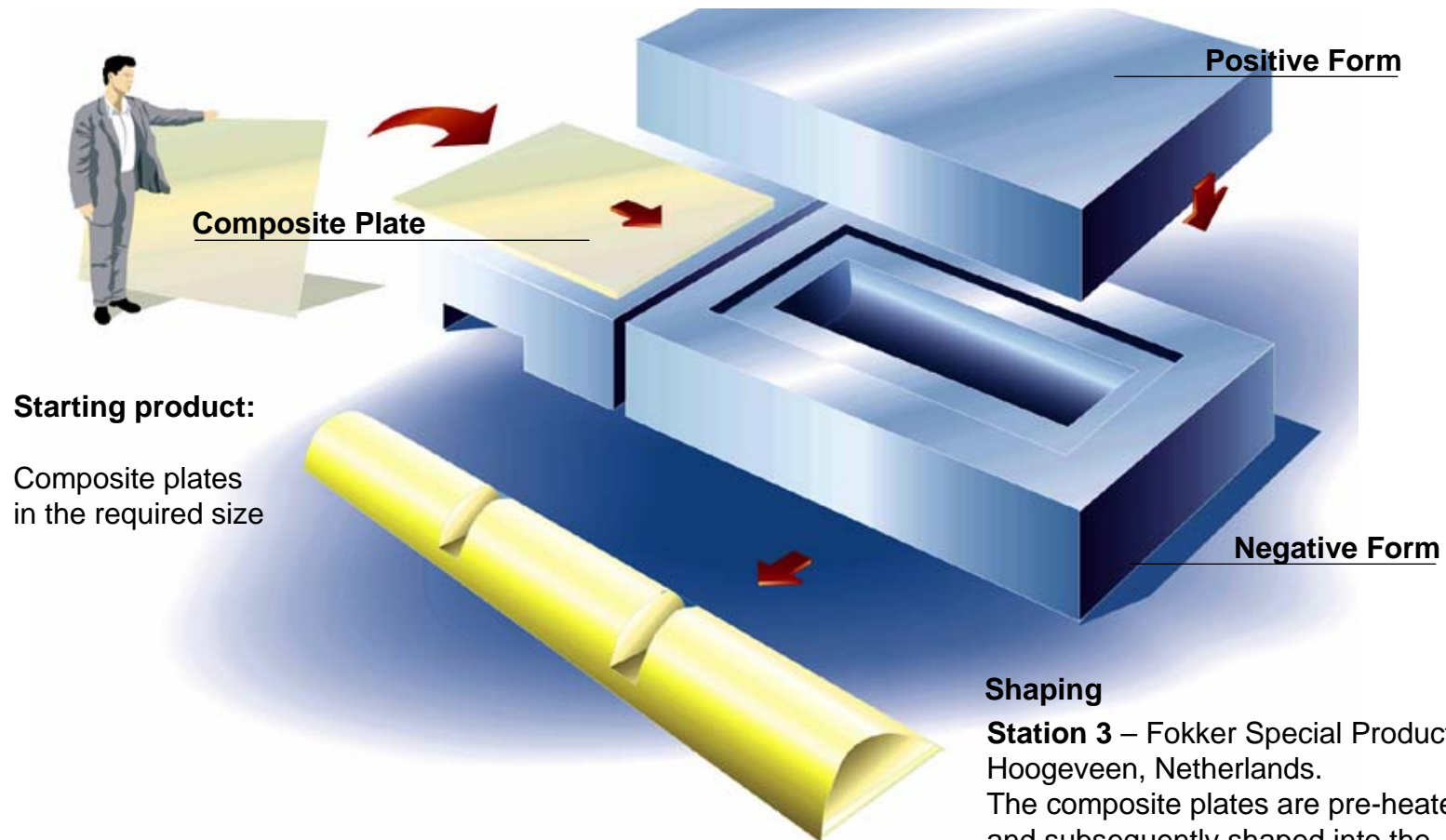
## Film production

**Station 1** – Lipp-Terler GmbH in Gafrenz near Linz, Austria. The pellets are converted into films with a thickness of 50 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . The film leaves the special plant in rolls of 100 kg in a flawless state, crystal clear and with the required characteristics with regard to strength and dimensional stability.

# Station 2: Composite Production



# Station 3: Thermoforming



**Starting product:**

Composite plates  
in the required size

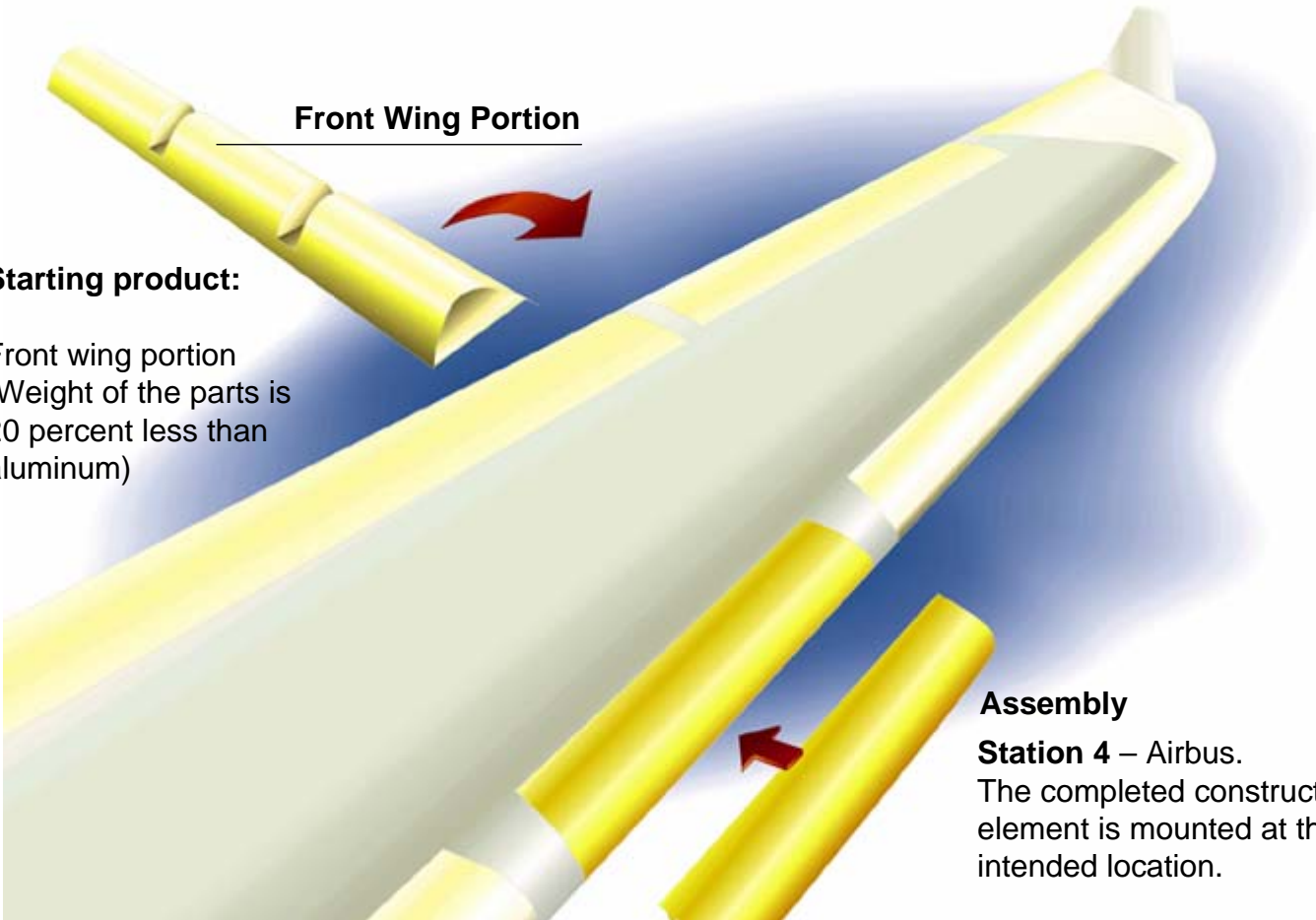
## **Shaping**

**Station 3** – Fokker Special Products,  
Hoogeveen, Netherlands.

The composite plates are pre-heated  
and subsequently shaped into the  
desired form under pressure and  
high temperature.



# Station 4: Assembly



**Starting product:**

Front wing portion  
(Weight of the parts is  
20 percent less than  
aluminum)

**Assembly**  
**Station 4 – Airbus.**  
The completed construction  
element is mounted at the  
intended location.

# Processing of Pre-pregs

- Production of composite components (pre-pregs)
- Cutting
- Laser projection
- Large thermoplastics press
- High temperature autoclaves
- Ultrasonic and resistance welding
- Controlled 5-axis machining



# Fortron® PPS – Success in the Aviation Industry

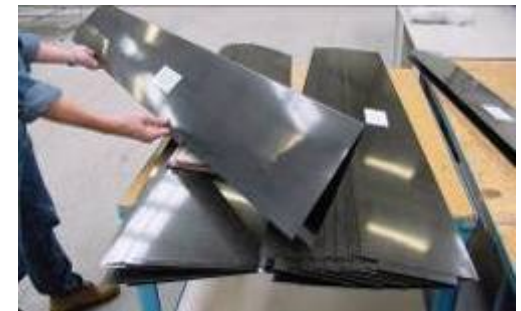
- Safe, efficient, environmentally friendly
- Modern design
- Licensed for aircraft construction



# Why Use Thermoplastics?

**Answer:** Low-cost manufacturing

1. Press-forming of ribs
2. Folding of trailing edges
3. Resistance welding of assemblies

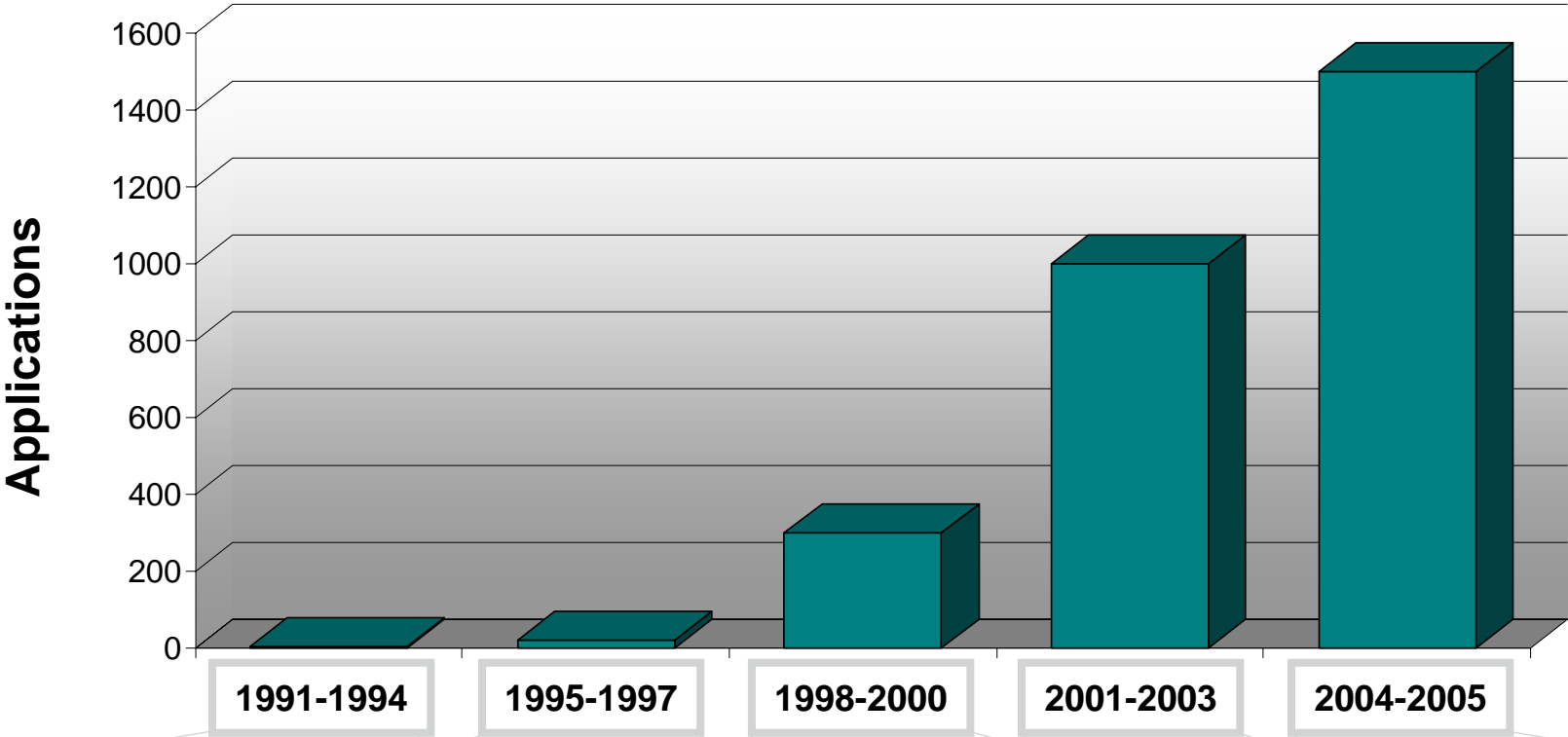


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# Technology Penetration in Aircraft Industry



## Mid '90's: Need for Chemically Resistant Material

### Linear PPS Chosen for:

- Excellent chemical resistance
- Ease of processing
- Permits complex component geometry



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# Technology Validation Carbon Fiber/PPS: Fokker 50 Undercarriage Door

- Final step in 10-year program
- Press-formed ribs and spars
- Welded assembly
- Qualified carbon fiber / PPS Material
- Flown on a KLM aircraft for 3.5 Years





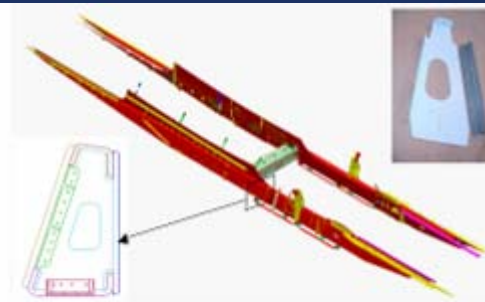
# Technology Breakthrough: Fixed Wing Leading-Edge Airbus A340-500/600

- Welded structure
- Low weight and low cost monolithic design
- Strong partnering with Airbus UK and Ten Cate
- Technology now state-of-the-art: newest application Airbus A380





## Metal Substitution with Linear PPS Composite Resulted in 20–50% Lighter Components



- KB WP : 18 m, 2.5 tons -



- Main Ribs (L&R) -

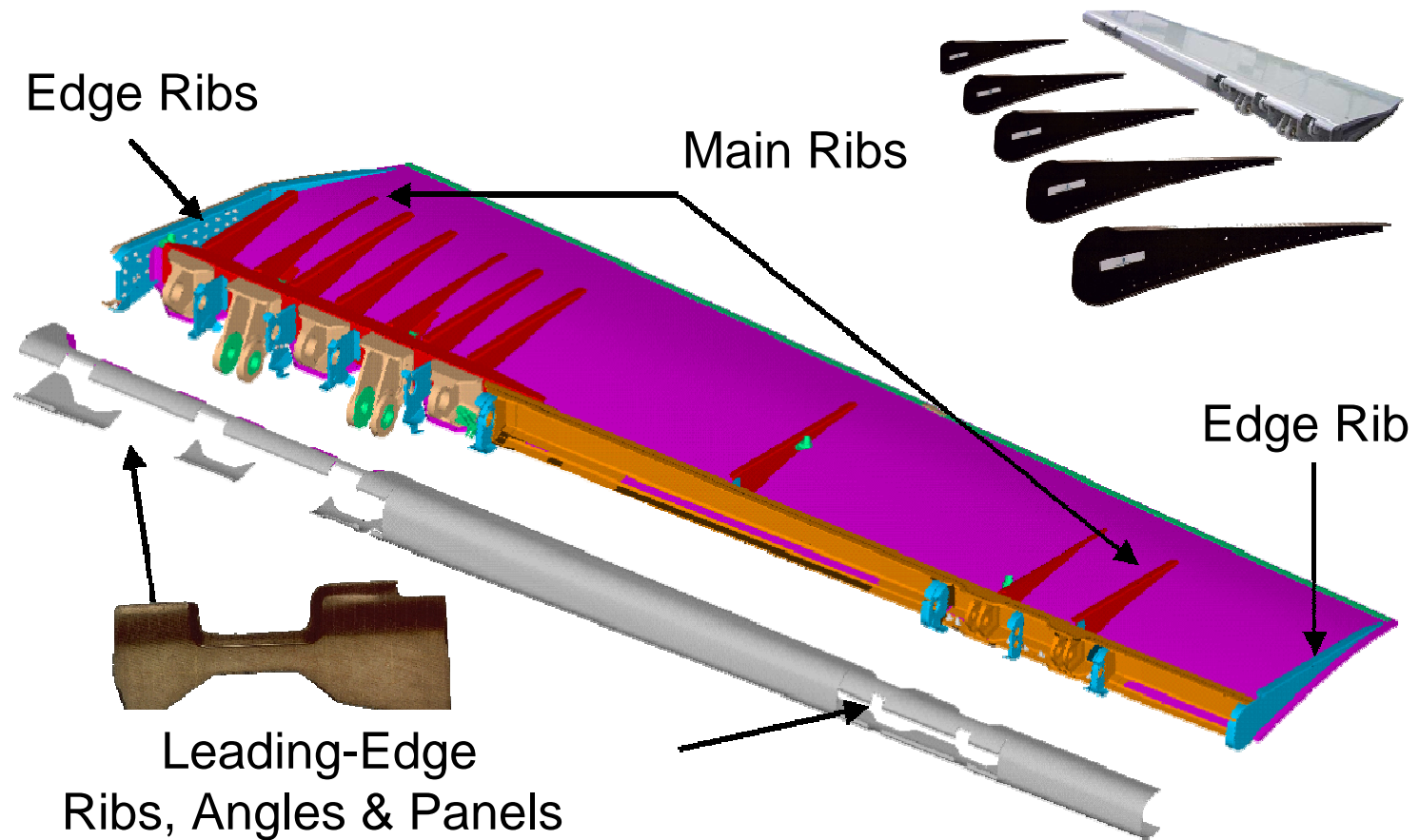
## Keel Beam Application

- Multi-Technology Concept :
- Panels and Spars : Thermoset Prepreg Lay-Up,
  - TP Ribs and Angles
  - Alu. and Titanium Brackets



# Airbus A340 500/600 Aileron

## Thermoplastic Composite Components



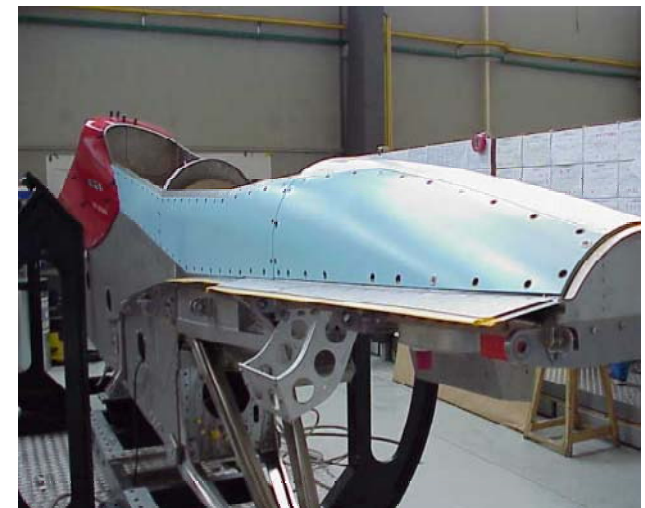
# Airbus A340 500/600

## Thermoplastic Composite Components

**Part Description:** Panel of the Pylon Forward Second Structure - 22 per Aircraft

**Dimensions:** L = 700 – 1400 mm  
W = 200 – 400 mm  
Thickness 2.8 mm  
Double-Curvature Shape

**Material:** Linear PPS / Carbon Fiber  
Bronze Mesh Top-layer for EMI Shielding





# ABS Brake Sensor Housing

**Material:** PPS-GF50-01

**Company:** Delphi Chassis

**Benefits:**

- Impact strength (6.9 ft-lb/in)
- Compressive strength (33.6 psi x 103)
- Dimensional stability
- Chemical resistance
- Dimensional tolerance for outside diameter (59.71mm): 0.2mm
- The molded housing has to withstand tight press-fitting (0.38mm) into the bearing housing (shear force 600 pound-force)
- No leakages at a pressure of 15 psi (before alternating temperature stress test). 3 x alternating temperature test between -40°F and 250°F, in which the mounted unit must withstand a shear force of 100 psi.
- Impact strength test with gravelometer
- Road salt resistance (standard requirement of General Motors)



# Connector Body and Sleeve

**Material:** PPS-GF40-01

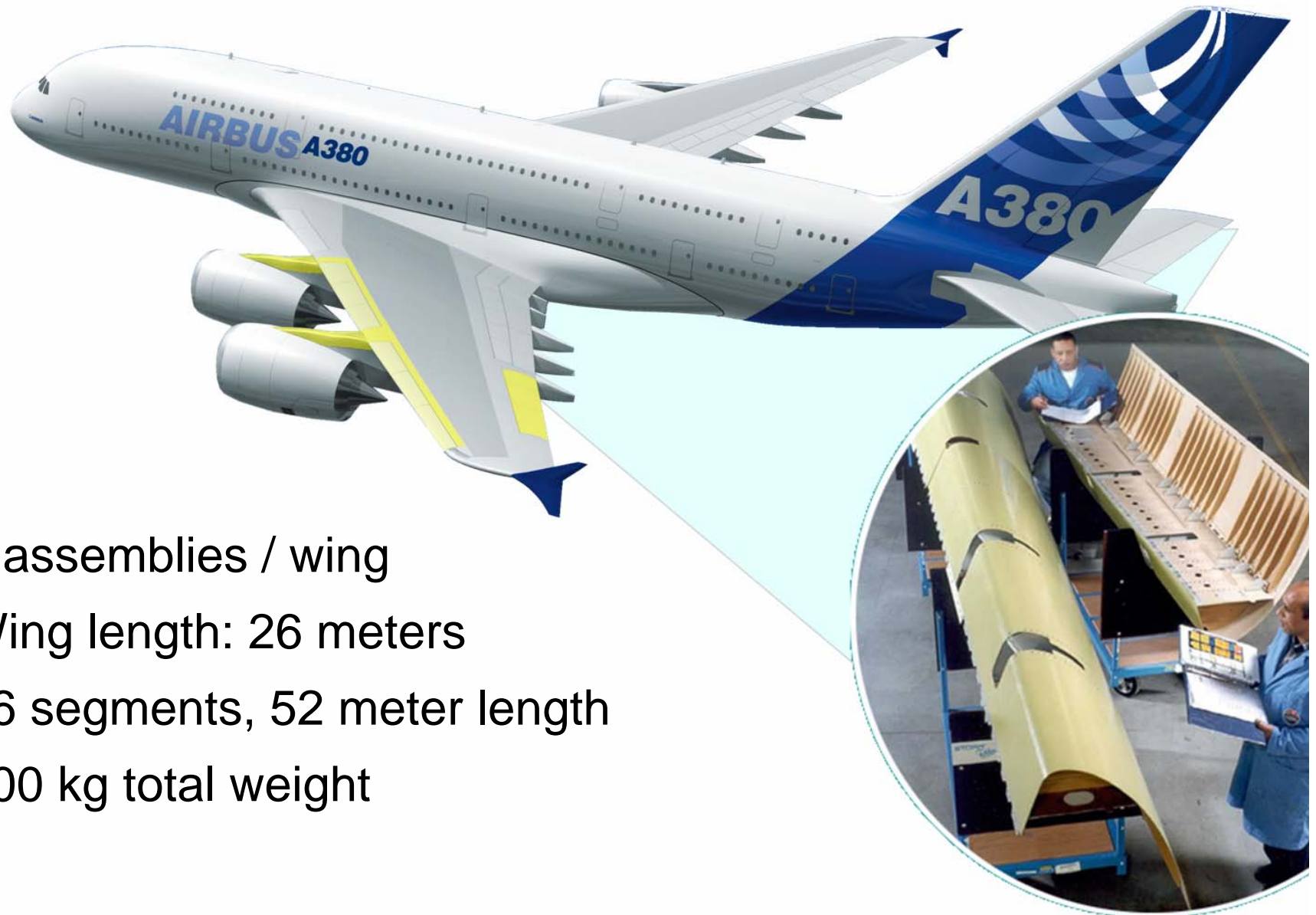
**Company:** Titeflex Corporation

## **Benefits:**

- Tensile strength (25.5 psi x 10<sup>3</sup>)
- Excellent dimensional stability
- High rigidity and low creep
- Withstands corrosion and attack by petroleum fluids
- Low warpage and shrinkage to provide fittings to specification
- Excellent impact strength



# Leading Edge Airbus A380



- 8 assemblies / wing
- Wing length: 26 meters
- 16 segments, 52 meter length
- 400 kg total weight



# First Wing Airbus A380



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**Thank you.**

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