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Lightweight yet High Strength **Thermoplastics**

About the Capability



compressing a few layers of the fabricated pre-pregs



Laminate



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Addressing ...

 the need for lightweight yet high strength and resistant thermoplastics high impact incorporated with versatile functions

of **Features IMRE-developed** Key **Thermoplastic Composites**

IMRE is able to develop thermoplastic composites that :

- Are lightweight, yet strong and tough
- Possess enhanced properties as very good additive or filler dispersion has been achieved
- Are easy to process due to low additive or filler content
- Are sustainable, as natural fibres (renewable source) can be used as fillers
- Can incorporate multiple functions
- Can be applied to fabricate a variety of end products

Potential Applications

- Building materials (partition)
- High pressure pipes
- Interior decorative materials, furniture

Collaboration Opportunities

We have the capability to work with you to:

- Design and synthesise fillers and additives
- Enhance filler-matrix interface
- Design and modify formulations
- Conduct processability studies using extrusion, injection moulding, lamination and coating



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Performance Data

Performance highlights of thermoplastic composite resin with IMRE-designed additives :



Mechanical performance of IMRE developed polyolefin resins compared with commercially available resins (PA6)

- Toughness and impact strength greater than PA6 Benchmark
- Strength is 70-90% of PA6
- 10-20% lighter than PA6 and PP with 30% glass fibre (GF)





- Polypropylene and polyethylene were successfully impregnated on the continuous fibre (i.e., glass fibre and natural fibre).
- Continuous natural fibre-reinforced polyolefin products have the potential to replace reinforced engineering plastic, but are lighter and of higher strength than reinforced engineering plastic.