

# Solvay launches signal orange colored Ixef® 1524 PARA HFFR grade for EV connectors

Bollate, Italy, Oct. 23, 2017 - Solvay, a leading global supplier of specialty polymers, has launched Ixef® 1524 RD 001, a halogen-free flame retardant (HFFR) and 50 percent glass fiber reinforced polyarylamide (PARA) grade color matched to signal orange, for high-performance electrical vehicle (EV) recharge connectors.

"Ixef® 1524 RD 001 is a customized material supplied in dedicated signal orange that is readily available for manufacturers of EV connectors," said Thomas Kohnert, Global Product Manager Ixef®/Kalix®/Omnix® highperformance polyamides for Solvay's Specialty Polymers Global Business Unit. "It combines a well-balanced level of high stiffness and impact strength with both excellent creep and temperature resistance in a nonhalogenated flame retardant formulation."

Molders will appreciate the high flowability of Ixef® 1524 RD 001 which enables complex designs and thinner walls - as thin as 0.5 mm even with glass loadings of 50 percent - therefore contributing to material savings and lower weight components with high injection speeds and short cycle times. Ixef® PARA is also well known for delivering an outstanding, resin-rich and high-gloss surface finish.

Pre-compounded Ixef® 1524 RD 001 is globally available in consistent RAL 2010 color tonal stability, which saves costly time and labor normally required for color matching.

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