

Solvay wins Airbus qualification for its high-performance lightweighting foam TegraCore™

Brussels, March 8, 2016 --- Solvay has obtained qualification from Airbus for its TegraCore™ PPSU foam, which is implemented on its flagship A350 XWB as a high-performance lightweighting material and paves the way for its use on other Airbus aircraft.

Following rigorous testing by Airbus, TegraCore's™ applications on Airbus platforms can range from ducting to sandwich components which comply with the most demanding flammability, smoke density, and toxic gas emission (FST) requirements and are superior in impact strength compared with honeycomb cores.

TegraCore™ addresses the needs of the aircraft industry to reduce weight and thereby fuel consumption and CO2 emissions but also saves time and costs in production, refurbishments and maintenance.

“Solvay is building a unique and strong position in the aerospace industry as it combines the world’s broadest offering in ultra-performing specialty polymers materials with its expertise in composite structural parts,” said Jean-Pierre Clamadieu, CEO of Solvay. *“This qualification win illustrates our focus on delivering the technical and commercial synergies from our acquisition of Cytec by leveraging our complementary expertise to deliver new solutions to the industry. We look forward to expanding our growing relationship with Airbus.”*

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