

# Engineering composites in fire retardant SPRINT

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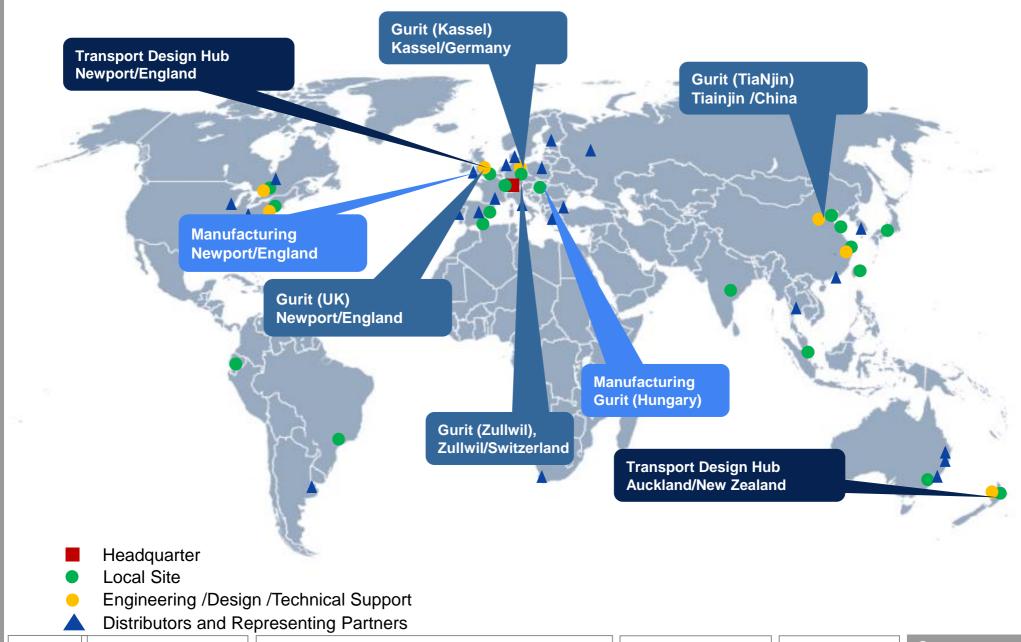
(Gurit group - a composite solution and technology provider)



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#### **OUR GLOBAL TRANSPORT FOOTPRINT**





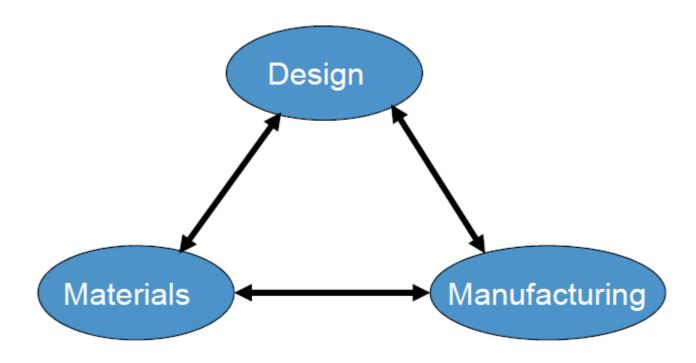
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## **Integrated solutions**

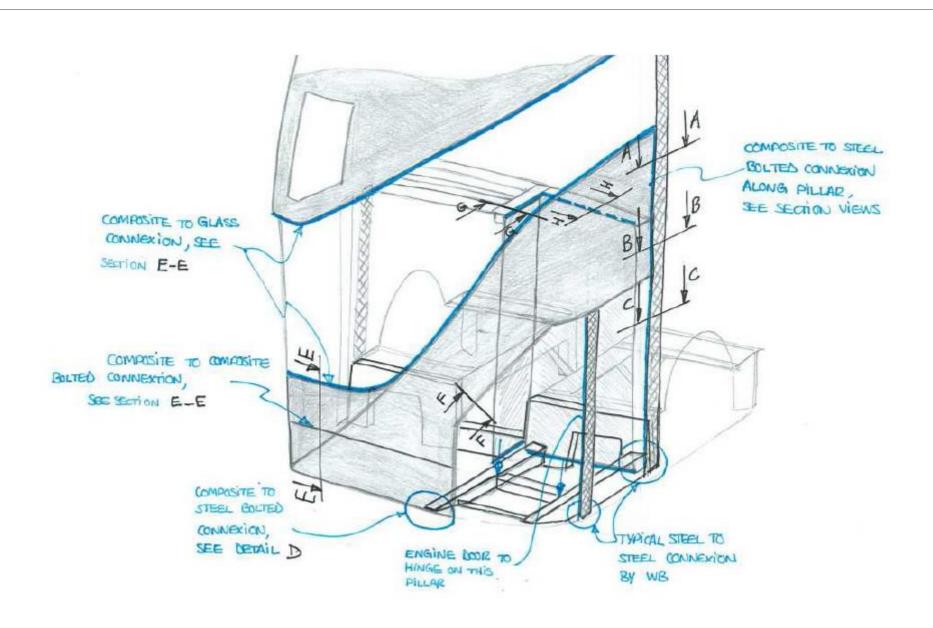


Key to successful project



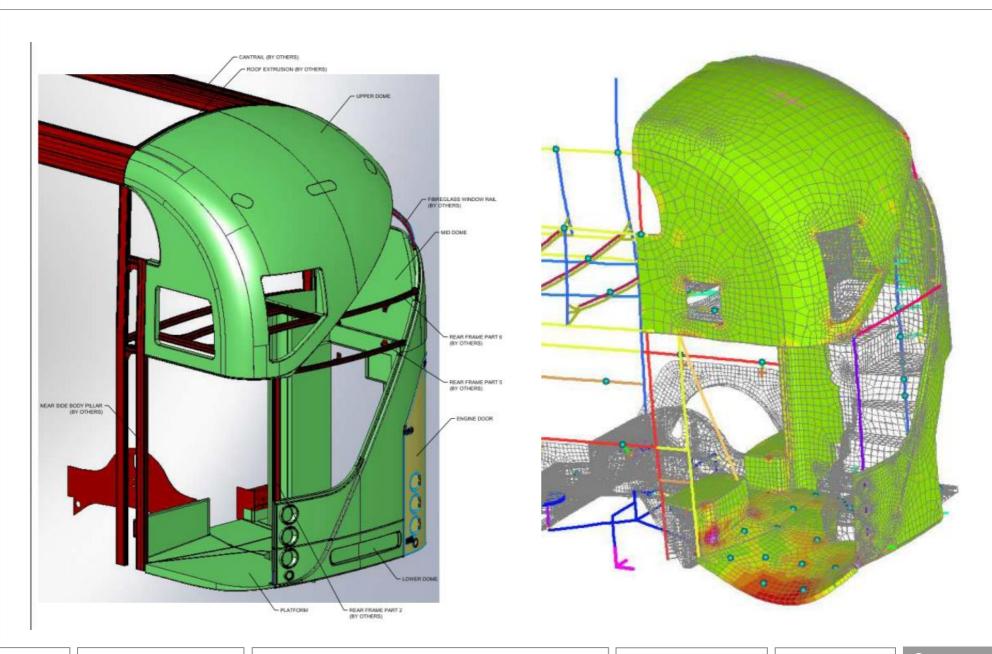
#### Concept





# Modelling and analysis





#### **Solutions**



- Less weight less energy less emissions
- Total weight reduction from 11550kg to 8500kg (-35%)
- Structural Composite part with minimal supporting frame work
- Reduces emissions with a 8 litre engine
- Allows the effective use of Hybrid power
- Reduces inventory of parts
- Allows for more creative design
- Maximum road clearance



#### Advantages of composites



- Light weight for seismic resistance, transport and installation
- Durability, sustainability, low maintenance over lifetime
- Inherently good thermal and acoustic insulation properties
- Vandalism resistance
- Faster and lower cost installation

# Lightweight





## **Flexibility**





#### **Stiffness**







# Haramain High Speed Railway, Saudi Arabia



#### **FR Resin Additives**



- Halogenated Resins are limited by the toxicity of the smoke they produce
- Almost all additives increase resin viscosity making hand laminating increasing difficult at high FST Level.
- High levels of Fillers needed to meet FR requirements increase parasitic weight.
- Solution –Prepreg Materials
  - Modified High Strength Phenolic
  - FR Epoxies with minimum loadings of mineral additives
  - Foam sandwich construction to minimise weight and cost of supporting frame work.



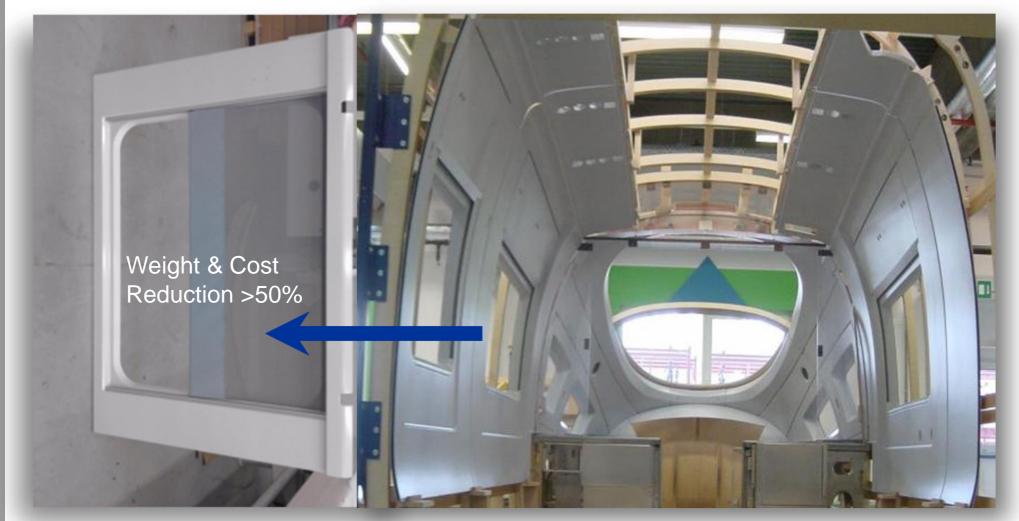


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#### **Example Projects-Simens AVE S103**



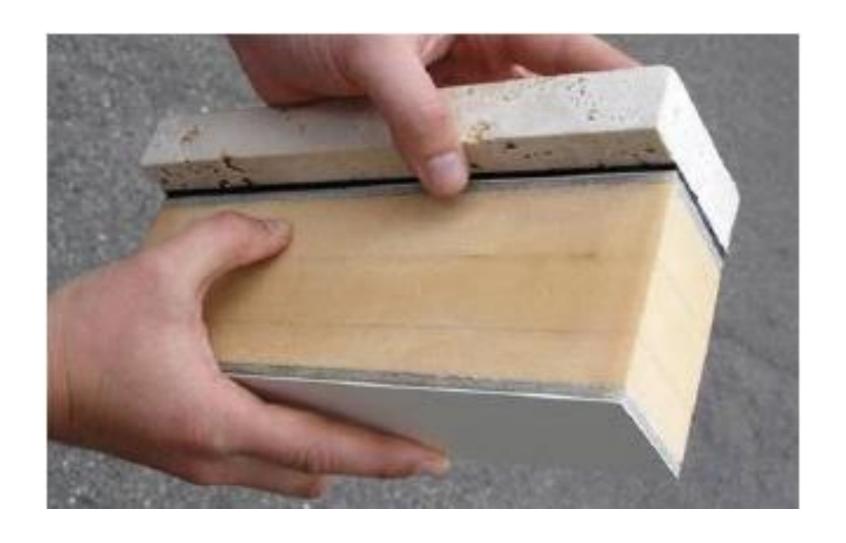
Sandwich design as an alternative to monolithic laminates



Sandwich Window Panel - PH 840

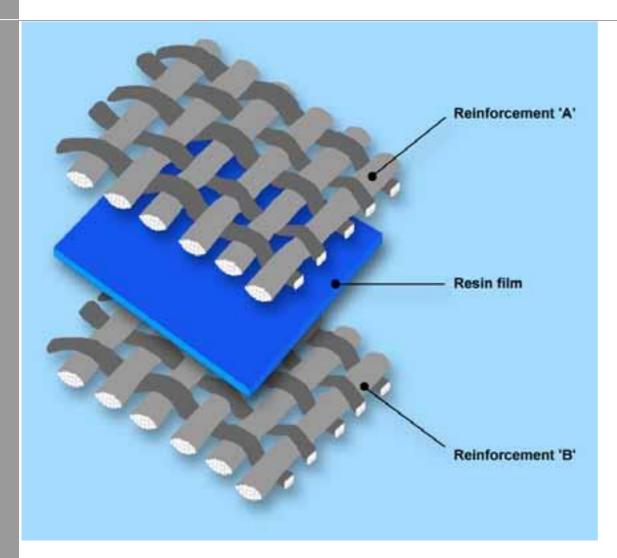
Siemens AVE S103 Solid Cockpit Panels - PH 840

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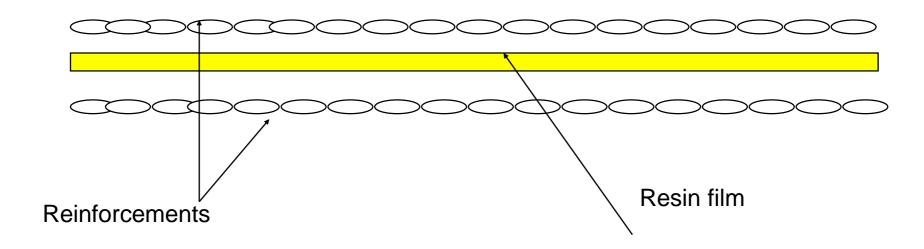


- Vacuum materials / general technology
- Use of economic vacuum materials
- Usage of PeelPly at areas of secondary bonding
- Perforated release film with P98 bleeder holes
- Breather with 300-350g/m2
- Vacuum bag and TackyTape with max
   120° C resistance
- Vacuum drag peripherically around mould or with punctual fittings
- SPRINT Technology available as DoubleSided or SingleSided version in multiple fibre and resin variants
- ¬ SPRINT − **SP R**esin **IN**fusion **T**echnology

#### What is SPRINT?



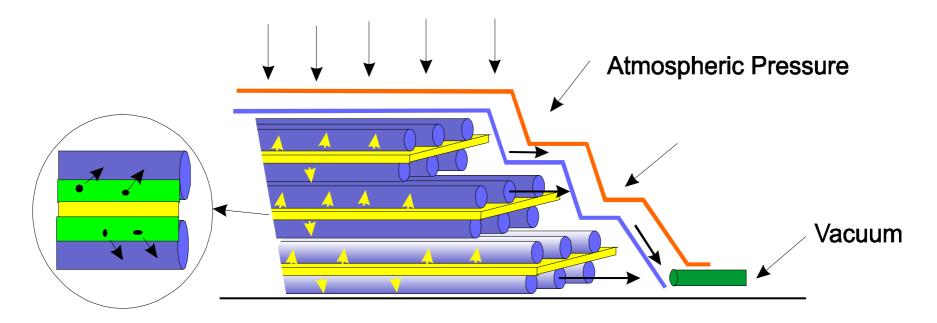
- SPRINT is a Technology not a single product
- SPRINT materials have a sandwich construction consisting of two layers of reinforcement with a pre-catalysed resin at the centre



#### The SPRINT Concept



 Resin film infusion - Dry fibre layers to provide air escape paths to evacuate air from a laminate stack



- Apply heat and vacuum
- The air is removed, the resin softens and infuses into dry reinforcement to form a low void content high quality component





- Example shows bus shell
- ST70FR with Corecell M foam
- Foam as Kit, Bonding with SA70 and Moncomponent for butt-joints
- Single hit process
- One time only vacuum
- No autoclave
- Very high practicability and drapebility of all materials – user friendly
- ¬ Cure at 85° C
- Cycles from 70° C to 120° C possible







- Transportation ,Warehousing, Cutting, of ST70FR
- 70° C Systems generally cooled transport and long-term storage
- Storage at -18° C min 2 years
- ¬ Storage and usage at RT max 1 week
- Cutting easily by Hand or CNC tablecutter with oscillating knife
- Rolls with 310mm inner diamtere, stored on stillage in hanging mode





- Surface on finished article
- ST70FR as direct surface finish out the mould
- ¬ SF-80FROBL fire retardent surface film as first skin into mould
- Very easy to sand, easy to primer and varnish
- Surface close to Class-A category by using extra resin film
- SF-80FROBL works as intumescent fire barrier and enhances protection
- Both applications do not need debulking after first layer



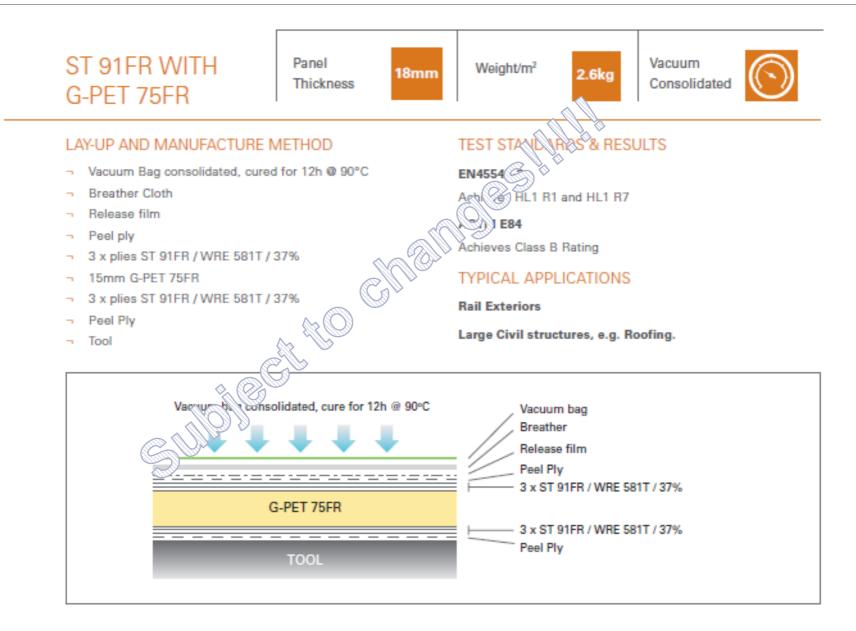
# **Gurit's range of FST materials**



FORMAT	SYSTEM	MAIN FEATURES	INTENDED APPLICATION	FIRE TEST STANDARDS	PAGE
Laminating	Ampreg 21FR	¬ Range of working times ¬ Capable of ambient only cures ¬ Ideal for wet laminating large composite structures	Large Civil Structures	BS 476 (Parts 6 & 7) UL94	2
SPRINT™	ST 91FR	<ul> <li>¬ Outstanding compressive properties</li> <li>¬ Low void content vacuum bag processing</li> <li>¬ Controlled flow</li> <li>¬ Light tack – suitable for use in higher ambient temperature</li> </ul>	Civil SOLO	ASTM E84 UL94 BS476 Part 7	3
	ST 120FRSBL	- 95°C Curable - 120°C Tg - Low smoke formulation - Excellent tack and *a - HL2 in R7 to \$\text{N4554}\$	Rail / Industrial / commercial marine craft	EN45545 ASTM E84	3
Prepreg	SE 120FRSBL				4
	SE 90FRBL	- Black ting to sing compressive properties or rolled flow	Civil Structures		4
Resin Film	SA 120FR	¬ 95°C Curable ¬ 120°C Tg			5
Surface Film	SF 120FRSBL	¬ Low smoke formulation ¬ Improves de-moulded surface finish ¬ HL2 in R7 to EN45545	Rail / Industrial / commercial marine craft	EN45545 ASTM E84	5
	SF 80FROBL	¬ Effect FR layer to epoxy substrates ¬ High gloss black surface finish ¬ Resistant to Moisture ingress	Protection of structural components; engine bays and exhaust runs in marine craft	ISO 5660-1 FMVSS302	5

# Typical sandwich example





## Typical monolithic panel

Peel ply

Tool





4 x plies ST 91FR / YE 905 / 34%

1 x ply SF 80FROBL 220g (optional)

TEST STANLARDS & RESULTS

5.5kg

Arh 653 Class 1

Weight/m<sup>2</sup>

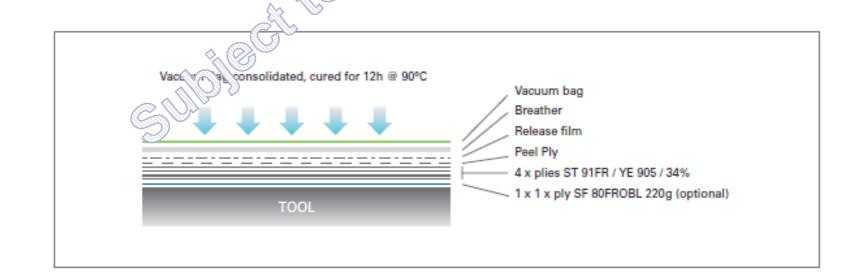
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CAL APPLICATIONS

Large civil structures where class A finish may be required.

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## Thank you!



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