

# **LANXESS High Performance Materials Addressing the trends in automotive**

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### **Agenda**



- LANXESS Overview
- Plastics & Composites for Global Fuel Efficiency Automotive Trends
  - Lightweighting
  - Powertrain
  - Aerodynamics
  - Closing Remarks

# LANXESS – A globally operating specialty chemicals company



Specialty chemicals company



- Spin-off from Bayer in 2004
- Specialty chemicals portfolio: chemical intermediates, additives, specialty chemicals and plastics

Global success story



- 60 production sites worldwide
- Approximately 15,500 employees in 33 countries
- Global sales of EUR 7.2 billion in 2018

Strategy of profitability and resilience



- Strengthening of leading position in medium-sized markets
- Consolidation in Europe, expansion in USA and Asia

# High Performance Materials at a glance – Leading supplier of engineering plastics



Sites: **Key figures** Employees:  $\sim 1,600$ Customers: ~ 600 **Durethan**<sup>6</sup> Pocan<sup>®</sup> Tepex<sup>®</sup> HiAnt<sup>®</sup> **Brands** COMPOSITES PA6 and PA66 **PBT** Engineering **Applications** Automotive UTH Automotive Structural **Markets**  Electrical / Electronics Appliances

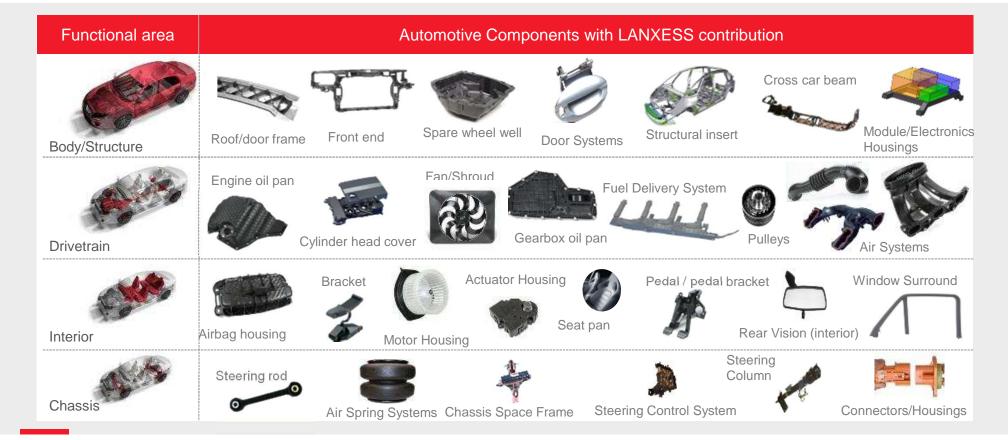


- Global compounding network
- Backward integrated supply
- Product and application development

### Typical Polyamide ("Nylon") applications in Automotive

### Wide range of lightweight and durable components





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  - Plastic & Composite Innovation Highlights

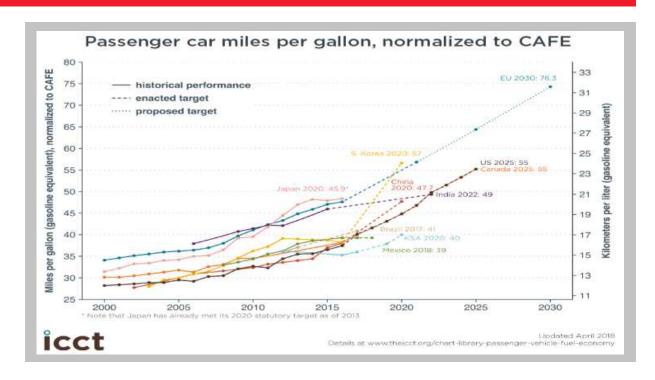
### **Fuel Economy**



### Fuel efficiency regulations are a global trend

### **OEM Strategies**

- Improving Fuel Efficiency through:
- ✓ Lightweight
- ✓ Powertrain
  - Electrification
- ✓ Aerodynamics



### Lightweighting

### Across all vehicle classes

- Entertainment, comfort & safety features all increase vehicle weight
- 10% weight reduction improves fuel efficiency by estimated 6-8%
- Polymers make up 50% vehicle volume, but only 10% vehicle weight.
- Latest CFRP further reduce part weight by 70%

### **Challenges:**

- Weight reduction without negative effect on performance, safety and cost.
- Metal replacement, as well as density reduction and thickness optimization of existing plastic parts
- Noise-Vibration-Harshness (NVH) considerations





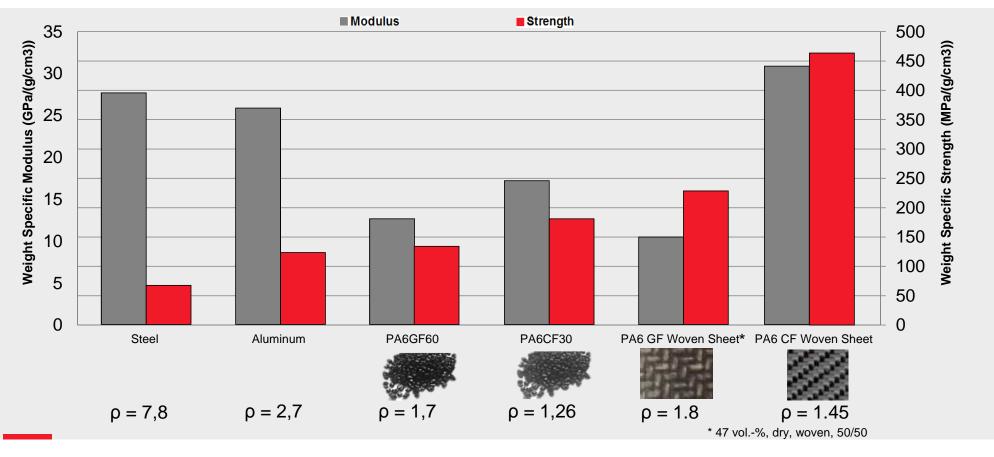


### **Technologies @ LANXESS**

- High Modulus / High Flow materials for thinwall components, including CF Polyamide and composites
- Plastic Metal Hybrid for lighter components: Cross car beam, Front End Modules,
- All plastic composite components

# Mechanical Properties of Metals vs. Thermoplastics Weight Specific Comparison

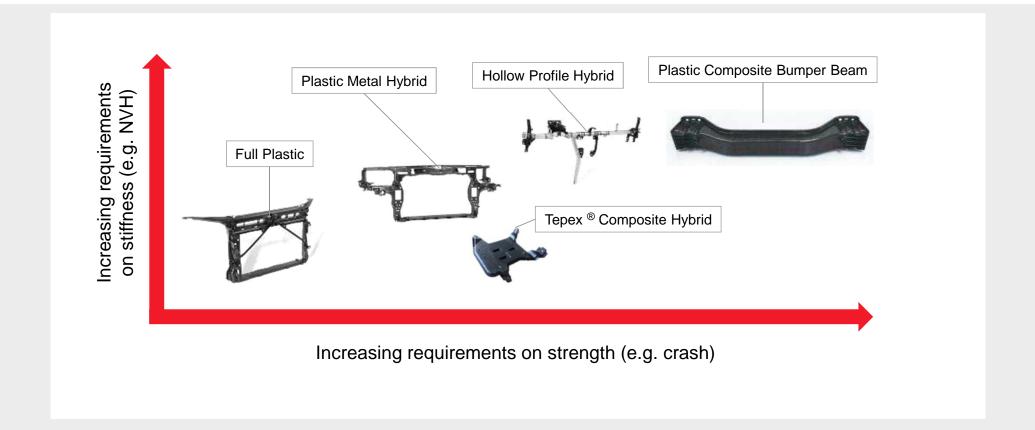




### Lightweight

### **Technology Toolbox LANXESS**

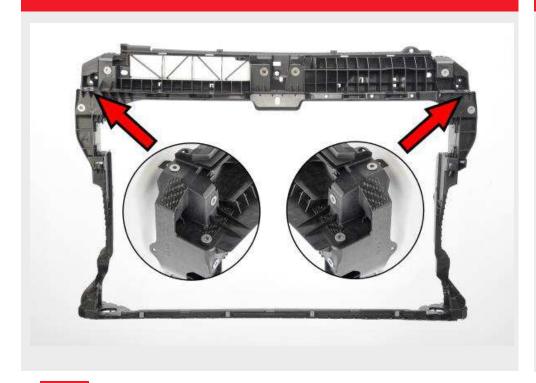




# Lightweight Front End Use of localized composites



### **SUV Front End Module**



### **Tepex® Composite Technology**

- Free of sheet-metal even at top cross-member extending to the fender carriers
- Withstands hood latch and head lamp loads without sheet-metal reinforcement
- 50% weight reduction vs Steel
- Wall thickness 1.8 4 mm
- Cost savings through smart use of composites:
  - Localized Tepex composite only used where it is needed.

### Lightweight examples

### In production today – Future developments ongoing







### **Rear Bumper**

- Part weight ~3.6 kg
- Weight reduction ~50 % vs aluminum/steel
- ✓ One shot process
- ✓ Meets all US standards for rear crash performance

### **Cross Car Beam**

- High stiffness
- Functional integration
- Lightweight
- Cost reduction
- ✓ Meets all US standards for crash performance

### **Powertrain**

### **Turbo is here, Electrification is coming**

- Powertrain know-how is main focus for fuel efficiency
  - ➤ Accounts for ≈ 25% of vehicle mass
- ✓ Turbo charged and EGR (Exhaust Gas Recovery)
- ✓ Powertrain electrification
- ✓ Global Platforms

### **Challenges:**

- Increased engine temperatures
- Compact engine design
- Lightweight electric systems with new requirements:
- ✓ Cooling, flame resistant, EMS ...





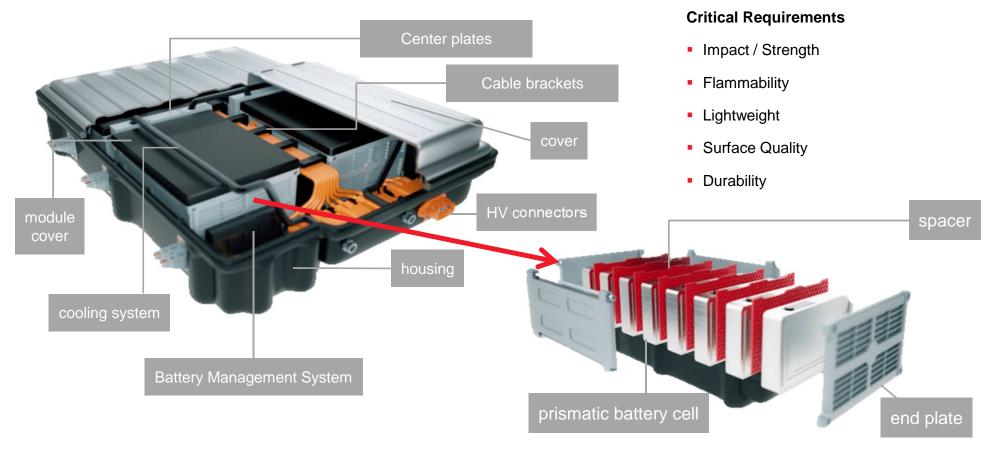
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- Next Generation High Heat PA grades ("XTS") for AIM.
- Hot Side air ducts with improved heat stability
- High temperature Hydrolysis Resistant (HR) grades for cooling systems.
- Metal replacements in Engine and Transmission components

### Battery System -

### **Various applications for Engineering Plastics**





### **Improved Aerodynamics**

### **Active Grille Shutters (AGS) and Underbody Protection**

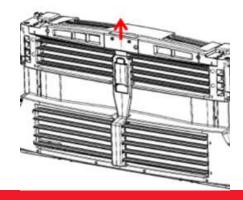


- Aerodynamics essential, even for EVs
- Just removing roof rack improves fuel economy by 5%
- AGS not implemented "across the board"
  - Depends on engine size, fuel efficiency strategy
  - Improves FE by 2g CO<sub>2</sub>/km = 1.1 MPG (0.4 km/l)

### **Challenges:**

- Optimization of AGS (weight / flatness / strength)
- Underbody components with unique requirements:
  - Impact resistance, engine accessibility, heat management





### **Technologies @ LANXESS**

- New Extreme Flow PA grades for reduced warpage (BKV30XF) and improved cycle times
- Next generation of UV-stable PA grades with improved surface quality
- Tepex® composite sheet for underbody protection

## Tepex® compression molding (LWRT) Under body protection

### LANXESS Energizing Chemistry

### **Direct Compounded Long Fiber Thermoplastic**

- Compression molding Low Weight Reinforced Thermoplastic LWRT
- Tepex<sup>®</sup> composite surface and metal inserts
- 3 times higher strength and energy absorption in comparison to other non-composite solution
- Improved acoustics / sound absorption
- Impact Resistant: excellent durability on rough roads
- Fast cycle times for mass production (<1 min)</li>







### **Polymer Materials Improving Fuel Economy**

- **Safely Reducing Weight**
- **Reducing Cost & Consolidating Parts**
- **Improving Aerodynamics**
- **Enabling Electrification & More**

# **Energizing Chemistry**