

Syensqo expands its bio-based portfolio with a new MTM® epoxy prepreg

A composite material choice that responds to sustainability goals in automotive

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Syensqo, previously part of Solvay Group, has developed a new version of its flagship MTM² 49-3 resin that contains 30% bio-sourced monomers. The new product variant complements the portfolio of the company's MTM² advanced prepregs and targets structural automotive applications, including body panels, chassis components and spoilers.

"Our new bio-based MTM²_49-3 will help OEMs and Tiers to reduce fossil depletion and meet their carbon neutrality goals, while ensuring the same high levels of quality, processability and mechanical performance as its original counterpart," states Greg Kelly, Head of Composite Product Management at Syensqo.

Just like the incumbent material, Syensqo's new bio-based MTM²_49-3 has a dry glass transition temperature (Tg) of 190°C, and it exhibits enhanced toughness for superior impact resistance versus competitive thermoset prepregs. Thanks to its high strength-to-weight ratio, it can yield component mass savings of up to 40% over metals. The product is compatible with autoclave and press-conversion processes and achieves curing at 135°C within 60 minutes. In addition, it has been designed for operator safety, and is free from carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins.

Syensqo will officially introduce the bio-based MTM² 49-3 to the market at JEC World 2024 from March 05 to 07 at Booth K58 in Hall 5.

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Section of a motor body panel using MTM® 49-3. (Photo: Syensqo)

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Our solutions contribute to safer, cleaner, and more sustainable products found in homes, food and consumer goods, planes, cars, batteries, smart devices and healthcare applications. Our innovation power enables us to deliver on the ambition of a circular economy and explore breakthrough technologies that advance humanity.

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