



Composites

The new BÜFA-Toolingsystem

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BÜFA-Tooling-Gelcoats:

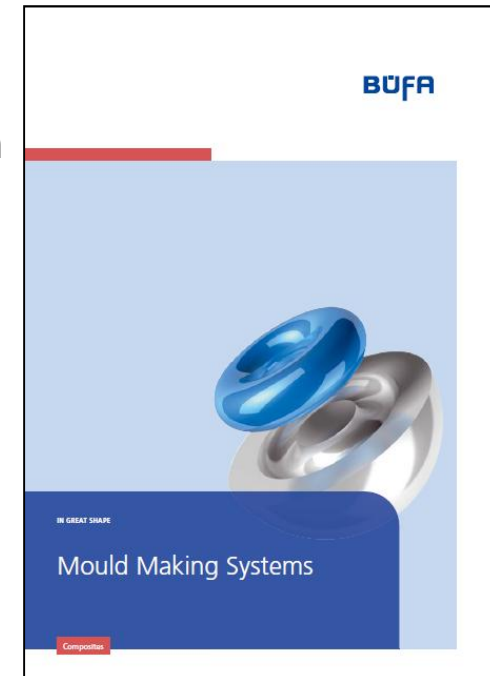
- BÜFA®-VE-Tooling-Gelcoat H/S natural, black, green
- NEW** ■ BÜFA®-Conductive-Tooling-Gelcoat H/S, natural, black, green

BÜFA 1st Layer-resin:

- NEW** ■ BÜFA®-Resin-VE 0910

BÜFA-Tooling resins:

- NEW** ■ BÜFA®-Resin-VE 7100 Tooling (up to 90°C)
- BÜFA®-Resin-VEU 1978 HLU (up to 120°C)



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Tooling gelcoats which are currently available for composite tool-making are by definition electrical insulators with a resistance of $>10^{12} \Omega$ and so are unable to carry electrical charge.

- static charge due to component separation (the triboelectric effect)
- discharge on humans, flammable materials or sensitive devices

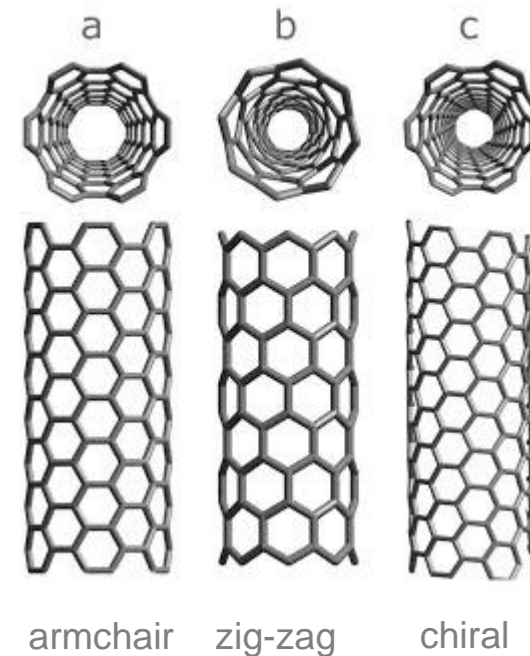
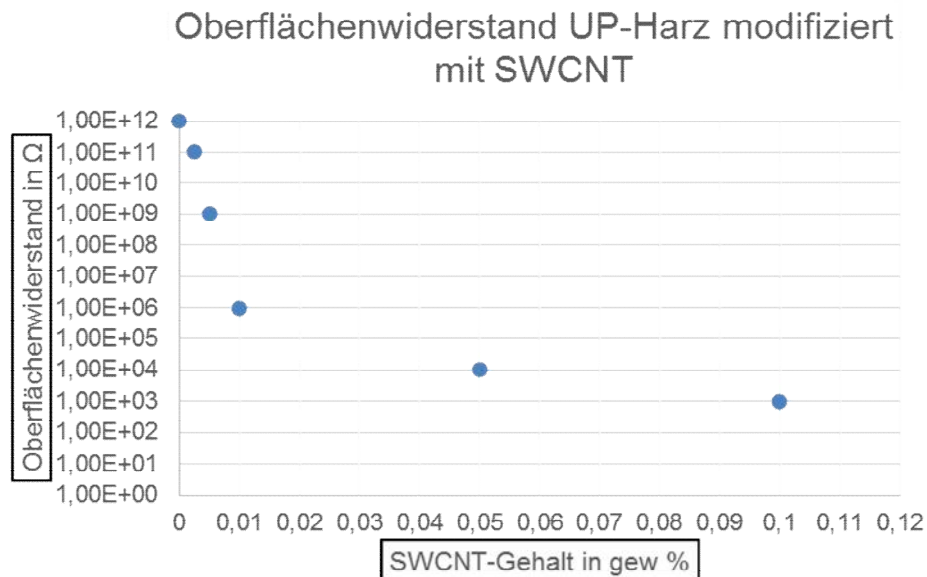
The classical routes to conductive composites

- Use of conductive carbon, graphite and C-fibres as conductive additives
- Dosing of 2-10% depending on the material
- Negative influence on:
 - mechanical properties
 - gloss
 - viscosity
 - colour
 - reactivity
- Not suitable for use in tooling-gelcoats

BÜFA has been working with Single Wall Carbon Nanotubes (SWCNT) since 2016:

- developing the basis for industrial use
- the greatest challenge was the industrial-scale isolation of the SWCNT normally present in bundles
- the base for all BÜFA® conductive products is a 1% SWCNT master batch in styrene-free resins

Innovative new technology - use of SWCNT

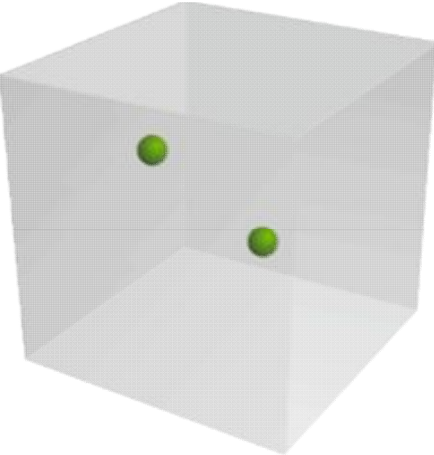


Source: M. Terrones, "Synthesis, Properties, and Applications of Carbon Nanotubes," Annual Review of Materials Research, vol. 33, no. 1, pp. 419-501, 2003.

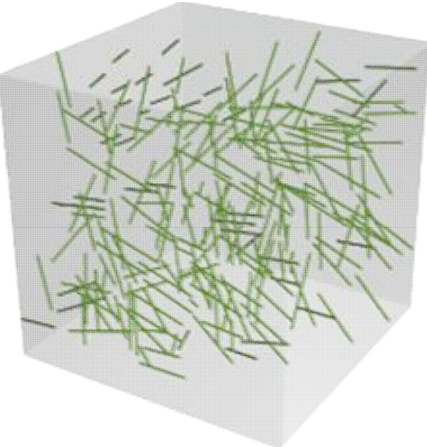
Extremely low dosing needed to generate a conductive network

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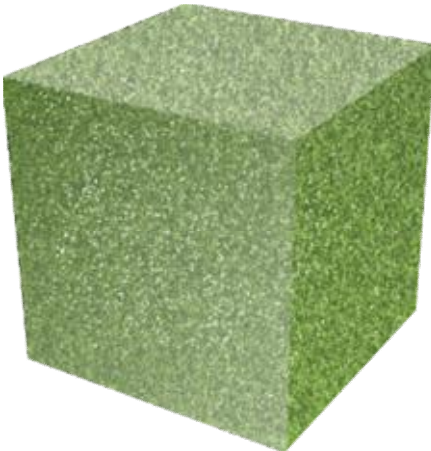
0.1% particle concentration



Carbon black



Carbon fibre



SWCNT

Source: Ocsial.com

First presented in September 2017 at Composite Europe Show in Stuttgart

- approx. 15 t gelcoat has already been sold
- very positive feedback in relation to safety and duct attraction
- processed “like normal gelcoat”

Conductive tool surface with $10^6 \Omega$ resistance combined with the familiar properties of a tooling-gelcoat.

A safety advantage for humans and the environment:

- no static discharge effects during demoulding when appropriately earthed
- no charge transfer to humans or flammable materials

Faster cycle times and improved tool quality:

- less dust on tool surfaces, hence better tool quality
- shorter re-coating times since cleaning steps are shortened
- lower demoulding forces required and thus easier demoulding and longer service life

Innovative properties of the BÜFA®-Conductive-Tooling-Gelcoat

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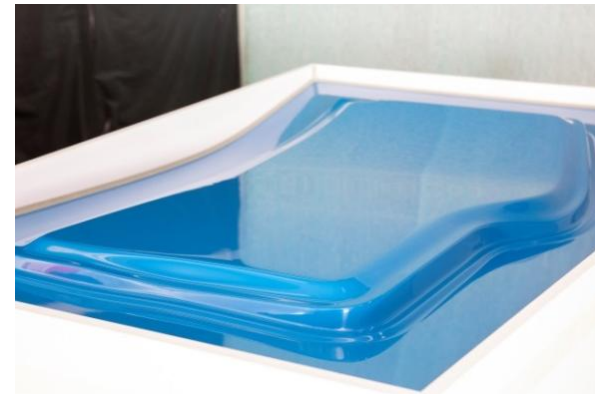
- BÜFA® Earthing Threaded Bolts M8x 50
Article No. 026-8363 incl. nuts, washers and lock washers (conforms with VDE 0100)
- BÜFA® Earthing Cable with Charge Clamp, Article No. 028-1325



- Use, positioning and number of surfaces → TI BÜFA Tooling system

Other tested properties:

- consistent resistance values even after coating with release agent
- consistent resistance values after sanding and polishing
- very good gloss values after sanding and polishing



BÜFA®-Conductive-Tooling-Gelcoat offers:

the usual properties of a tooling-gelcoat

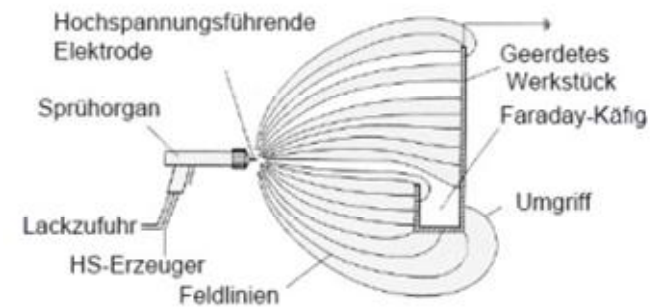
- + electrical conductivity (TÜV certified)
- + safety advantages (use in EX zones 2, 1 and 0)
- + improved tool quality
- + faster cycle times due to shortened cleaning steps
- + increased service life for the tools
- + new opportunities for innovative processing methods



New innovative processing methods for the composite sector arise from the new tool surface properties

BÜFA-patent for gelcoat spraying in electrostatic processes

- significantly reduced overspray
- better material yield
- greatly reduced emissions



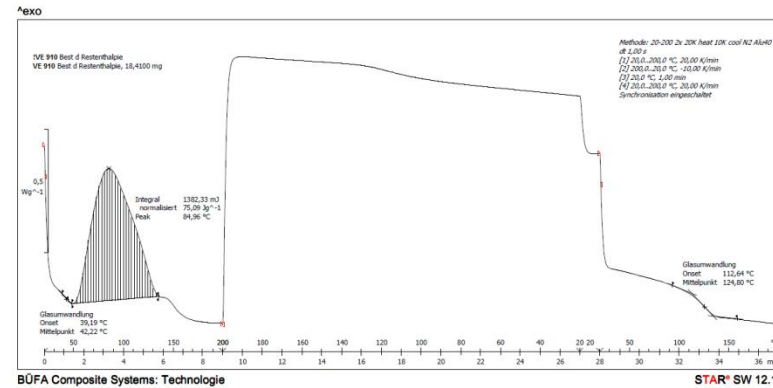
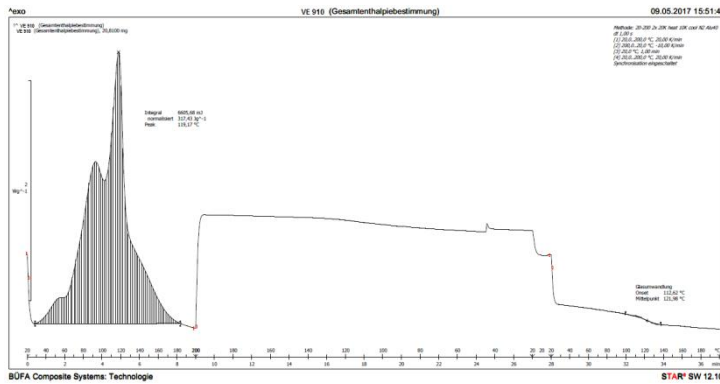
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NEW

1st Layer-Resin: BÜFA®-Resin-VE 910



- Previously Atlac 580ACT → new recommendation BÜFA®-Resin-VE 0910
- improved material hardening → less shrinkage → **less rippling**



- higher heat deflection temperature → **improved long-term surface stability**

DSC TG_{mid}: Atlac580ACT: **90°C** / BÜFA®-Resin-VE 910: **120°C**

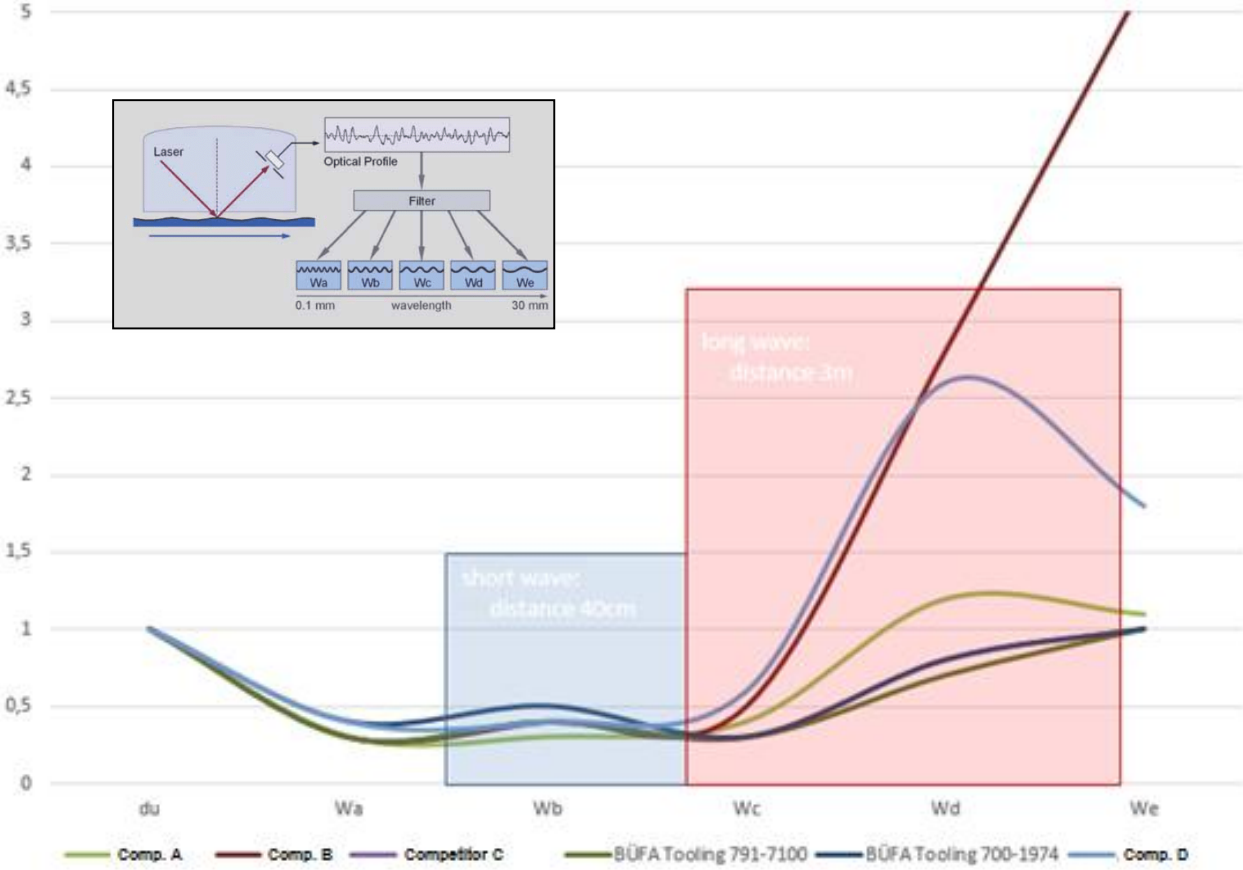
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BÜFA®-VE-Tooling-Resin 700-7100

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- Vinyl-ester with low profile additives and fillers for anti-shrinking process
- In Benchmark, the resin had
 - the lowest VOC content < 30%
 - the best processability
 - excellent fibre wetting
 - trapped air is easy to recognise due the resin's inherent colour (translucence)
 - extremely simple degassing
 - the highest heat deflection temperature 75A HDT (91°C)
- special hardening characteristics enable the build-up of both
 - thin (2x450g/m²CSM) and
 - thick laminates (12x450g/m²CSM → Tmax: 60°C)
- Barcol: 42(RT) / 58(tempered)
- top mechanical properties
- Tested processing methods: hand lay-up and spray lay-up processes

Benchmark - Surface Rippling after Aging



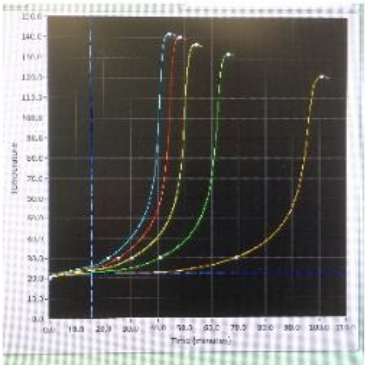
BYK Wave-Scan Dual

BÜFA®-VE-Tooling-Resin 700-7100 - Reactivity



Reactivity with different MEKP-ratios - 700-7100 + CuroxM303 / CuroxM103 (%) - 20-30°C-messurement 100g-beaker

	Geltime (min.)	t-Tmax (min.)	Tmax (°C)
1,0			
Curox M303	69	101	121
1,5 (rcmd)			
Curox M303	41	66	132
Curox M103	51	77	131
2,0			
Curox M303	30	54	137
Curox M103	40	63	135
2,5			
Curox M303	25	48	140
3,0			
Curox M303	22	44	142



Curox M303 reactivity-curves

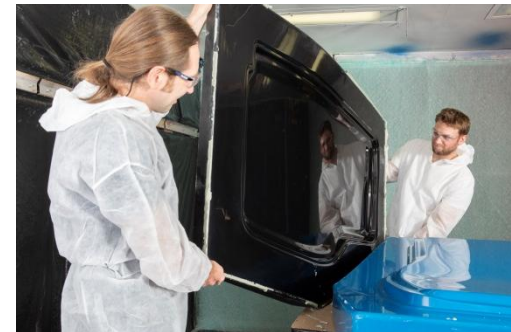
empfohlen: 1,5 %
okay: 1,0 und 2,0 %
nicht empfohlen: 2,5 und > 2,5%



Summary

BÜFA NEW Tooling-System

- meets required safety standards
- ideal workability
- high gloss and optimised surface stability
- low mould maintenance requirement
- competitive price level



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