

ZOLTEK™ PX35 VINYL ESTER COMPATIBLE TOW

DESCRIPTION

Zoltek has developed a new product and sizing chemistry for use in vinyl ester resin systems. Introducing Zoltek’s new PX35-72 product. This new product based on the proprietary -72 sizing chemistry exhibits excellent adhesion to and compatibility with vinyl ester resin systems.

Most carbon fiber products are used to reinforce epoxy resin systems. Recently, the demand has grown for a product and sizing chemistry that can be used in vinyl ester resins whether cured thermally or via room temperature infusion.

When compared to Zoltek’s standard carbon fiber product, PX35-13, the new vinyl ester compatible PX35-72 has significantly higher interlaminar shear strength (ILSS) and transverse flexural strength TFS, which both measure and indicate fiber to resin matrix compatibility and adhesion as well as composite performance.

Zoltek’s PX35-72 continuous carbon fiber is manufactured from a polyacrylonitrile (PAN) precursor fiber. The consistency in yield and mechanical properties that are provided by large filament count strands gives the user flexibility to design and manufacture composite materials.

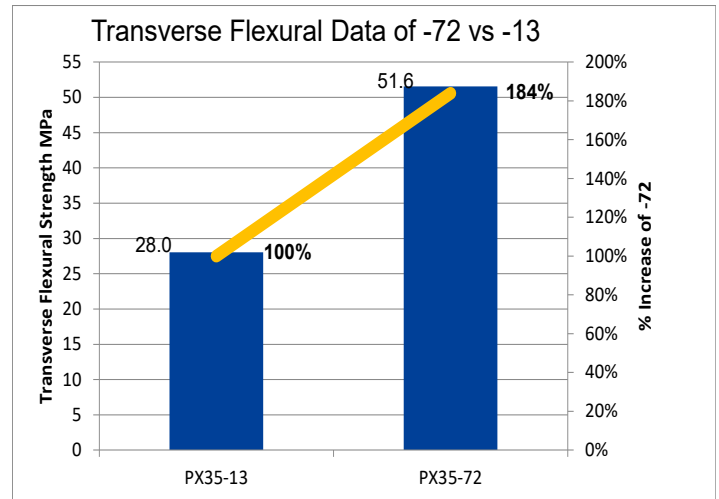
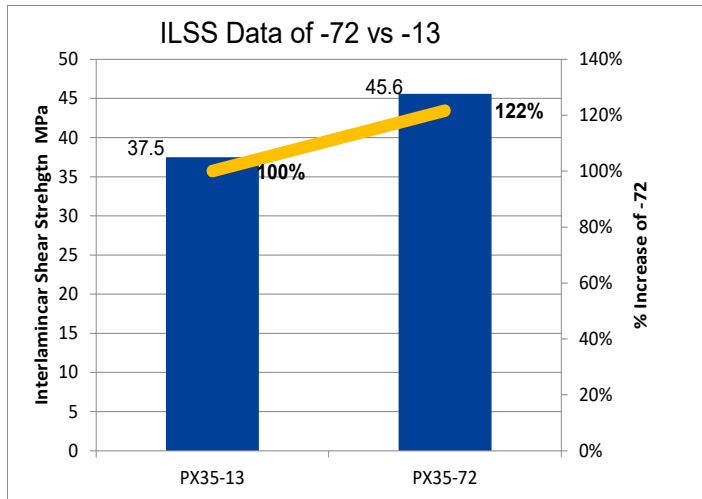


APPLICATIONS

Marine, wind energy, automotive

RECOMMENDED USE

Fabrics for infusion, tow for prepreg, SMC, pultrusion or any other composite process which will be used with a vinyl ester resin system.



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Unidirectional filament wound panels were fabricated with a standard vinyl ester resin. Panel thickness was approximately 2.5mm with a fiber volume fraction (Vf) of 60%. Interlaminar Shear Strength (ILSS) was tested according to ISO 14130. Transverse Flexural Strength (TFS) was tested according to ASTM D 790. Both ILSS and TFS are indicative tests for fiber to resin adhesion. The PX35-72 product and sizing chemistry demonstrates a 22% and 84% improvement in ILSS and TFS, respectively.

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	SI	US
Tensile Strength	4,137 MPa	600 ksi
Tensile Modulus	242 GPa	35 msi
Elongation	1.7%	1.7%
Electrical Resistivity	0.00155 ohm-cm	0.00061 ohm-in
Density	1.81 g/cc	0.065 lb/in ³
Fiber Diameter	7.2 microns	0.283 mils
Carbon Content	95%	95%
Yield	267 m/kg	397 ft/lb
Textile Units	267 m/kg	33700 denier
Spool Weight	5.5 kg, 11 kg	12 lb, 24 lb
Spool Length	1,500 m , 3,000 m	1,640 yd, 3,280 yd

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TYPICAL PACKAGING

Wound on a 3" x 11" (7.6 cm x 28 cm) cardboard spool, sealed in heat shrunk covering, and placed in cardboard box. There are 108 spools per box with a net weight of approximately 610 kgs.

Spool outside diameter:
» 1,500 m: 180-185 mm

APPROVAL

DNV-GL approval of PX35-72 is in progress.

CERTIFICATION

ZOLTEK PX35 Continuous Tow is manufactured in accordance with ZOLTEK's written and published data. A Certificate of Conformance is provided with each shipment.

SAFETY

Obtain, read, and understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use of this or any other ZOLTEK product.