

Composite Manufacturing Capabilities

Lay up

Automated Ply Profiling: Zund G3 CNC Controlled Conveyor Cutting Bed.

Cutting Area: 3.2m x 2.0m

Gerber CNC Controlled Conveyor Cutting Bed.

Cutting Area: 3.5m, 1.8m

Clean Area

Room 1: 6800 ft² (631 m²)

Positive pressure controlled. Temperature/Humidity controlled.

Particle count monitored.

Three Laser Ply Positioning Projection Systems

Room 2: 4800 ft² (446 m²)

Positive pressure controlled. Temperature/Humidity controlled.

Particle count monitored.

Room 3: 880 ft² (82 m²)

> Positive pressure controlled. Temperature/Humidity controlled.

Particle count monitored.

All Clean Room parameters are continuously monitored & recorded.

Cure up to 200 ℃

Pressure 145 PSI

Wet lay-up area: 700 ft² (65 m²)

Curing

Autoclave 1: 6.0m x 2.5m Autoclave 2: 7.5m x 2.3m

> Cure up to 230 ℃ Pressure 100 PSI

3.0m x 1.0m Autoclave 4: 8.0m x 3.0m Autoclave 3:

> Cure up to 200 ℃ Pressure 100 PSI

Cure up to 220 ℃ Pressure 100 PSI

Autoclave 5: 8.0m x 3.0m

Cure up to 250 ℃ Pressure 100 PSI

3.0m x 3.0m x 3.0m Oven1: Oven2: 8.0m x 1.0m x 1.0m

Cure up to 200 ℃ Cure up to 150 ℃

Oven3: 2.0m x 2.0m x 2.0m Oven4: 3.0m x 2.0m x 2.0m

Cure up to 225 ℃ Cure up to 225 ℃

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Materials

Dry or pre-preg forms of: Glass fibre

Carbon fibre: Unidirectional tape Woven fabric Kevlar fabrics Hybrids

Lightning strike protection material

Resins: Epoxy

Phenolic Bismaleimide Polyester Film adhesives

Cores: Honeycombs: Nomex / Aluminium (plain & slotted)

Foams: Rohacell

PVC

Polyurethane

Cold Storage: Long term storage of pre-preg materials with temperature records

Bonded storage: For control of details and materials

Tooling: Metallic

Composite Wooden

To match part manufacture requirements

Post Cure

Trim/Finishing Area: 1200 ft² (111 m²)

Equipped with various hand machinery and surface preparation

equipment.

Clean Assembly Area Environmentally controlled for Temperature and Humidity

Machining CMS ARES 4826

CNC 5 Axis, twin shuttle table, carbon shielded router.

(x = 4.8m; y = 2.6m; z = 1.2m)

CMS ARES 6026

CNC 5 Axis, twin shuttle table, carbon shielded router.

(x = 6.0m; y = 2.6m; z = 1.2m)

CNC 3 axis router 3m x 1.25m

Metal-to-Metal bonding

Redux 775 bonding: Skin to skin structural applications

Skin to stringer applications

Structural Bonding: Skin to skin,

Skin to honeycomb Aircraft primary structure

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Hysol bonding: Airframe structure

Nacelle bonding: Use of reticulating film adhesives for acoustic application

Sheet detail: Produced in house (see next section)

Paint and Coatings: Paint Shop: Preparation Booth (4m x 3m x 2.4m)

Spray-bake System (components to 11m x 4m x 3m)

Epoxide primer Stoving finish Bond primer Textured finish

Spray paint (air drying system)

Sheet Detail Fabrication: Rubber Press: 500mm, 700mm, 450T.

Age treatment oven 700mm, 750mm, 6m long; 120°C to 230°C

approved to WAPS520-01 and BS2M54.

CNC LVD Brake Press 2.5m long, 100 ton.

Two fly presses.

Guillotines: 2m, 2.5mm thick and 2.5m, 4mm thick.

Light Angle Rolls.

<u>Testing and Inspection:</u> Conductivity testing

Hardness testing

Flexural Strength & Modulus (at room & elevated temperatures) Inter-laminar Shear Strength (at room & elevated temperatures)

Honeycomb Peel Strength (Climbing Drum)

Gel Time

Optical Gauge Inspection

Microscopy Tack Resin Flow

Fibre & Void content (cured)

DMA / DSC

Tensile Lap Shear Strength (at room & elevated temperatures)

Flatwise Tensile (at room & elevated temperatures)

Metal to Metal testing

Tensile Test

Non Destructive Testing "A" Scan pulse echo testing

"A" Scan through transmission testing

"C" Scan (manual)
Phased Array
Bond-test inspection

Tap test

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