CFIP Technology

Improving the mechanical and lightweighting performance of 3D printed products by injecting continuous fibers



Continuous Fibre Injection Process

The Continuous Fibre Injection Process (CFIP) is a new composite manufacturing technology for reinforcing parts with continuous fibres such as carbon fibres.

It is based on injecting the continuous fibres simultaneously with liquid resin inside tubular cavities in the part.

It also enables to integrally joint different parts by providing fibre continuity from end to end.





Continuous Fibre Injection Process







Reinforced part

CFIP, a new manufacturing concept

How continuous fibres were processed?

Placed upon a surface

Infusion, RTM, Autoclave, AFP, Filament winding, 3D Printing...



Shell-like structures



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How continuous fibres were processed?





Profiles

structures

3D-like structures

Key Principles

In order to enable the process automation, CFIP only acts from the tubular cavity inlet.

3 key principles enable the process:

- Simultaneous injection with pressurized resin:
 - Lubrication of the tubular cavity
 - Drag forces on the continuous fibres
- Push force is applied on the fibres

















First ever CFIP Machine



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First ever CFIP machine

The first ever commercial machine able to perform the Continuous Fibre Injection Process (CFIP) automatically, enabling the manufacturing of highly complex and optimized parts with ultrahigh-performance materials at industrial scale. With our patented CFIP technology at its core, the machine is a dedicated solution for reinforcing parts with continuous fibres down to the last detail.

- Fibre types: carbon, glass, aramid, others
- Compatible with thermoset, thermoplastic and bio-sourced resins
- · Injector easily adaptable to different cavity diameters
- Intuitive Human Machine Interface
- Industrial grade components
- Accurate resin flow and pressure control
- Easy coupling to different parts' geometry, size and materials
- Suitable for a robot arm to maximize automation





Reinforce3D Products & Solutions



Who is our customer?

Applications that require Lightweighting and Strength

Innovative Companies

Component manufactures







Satellite Structure



Satellite antenna support

Specifications

Design and optimization Manufacturing and CFIP

Testing

Benchmark

Original Design	Specification	
Antenna	Eigenfrequency	> 70Hz
	 Boundary condition 	Hard Mounted
	 Dimensions 	385 x 345 x 115 mm3
	 Static Load (QL) 	20g (X,Y) / 25g (Z)
	 S-Band Antenna 	0.783kg
	 CoG Position 	X = 436.2mm Y = -1091.8mm Z = 3330.6mm
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Manufacturing Testing Benchmark and CFIP Type: Total Deformation Unit: mm Time: 1 s 4,7373 Max 4,211 3,6846 3,1582 2,6318 2,1055 1,5791 1,0527 0,52637 0 Min



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Aircraft Bracket



Specifications

Two load cases

Maximum shear load per screw constraint

Objective: minimize the weight while keeping the structural integrity







Design of fibre trajectories



Lightweighting performance







Detail Design





FEM Validation





Final Prototype

- AM: PEEK (FFF)
- Fibres: HS Carbon
- Resin: Epoxy







Benchmark





Thanks!

Revolutionizing the carbon fibre reinforcement

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