



*Molding the Future with*  
Natural Fiber Composites



# Manufacturing



## Plant Size:

Existing	9200	m <sup>2</sup>
	(95,000)	ft <sup>2</sup> )



# On-site Laboratory & Prototyping



Available for Customer Use



# Quality

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Registered:

– ISO/TS 16949:2002



# Flexform<sup>®</sup> Natural Fiber Composites

- Kenaf
- Hemp
- Jute
  - Tossa
  - Mesta
- Polypropylene
  - Alternate polymers
    - Polyester
    - Nylon





# Product Line Up

- FlexForm<sup>®</sup> MT
  - FlexForm<sup>®</sup> LD
  - FlexForm<sup>®</sup> HD
- Weights: 170 to 2400 grams/m<sup>2</sup>  
Widths: Up to 3.2m (10.5 feet)
- Weights: 300 to 5000 grams/m<sup>2</sup>  
Widths: Up to 1.5m (5 feet)
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# Product Benefits

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- **Lamination**
  - In-mold bonding of cover materials and secondary attachments **without** adhesives
  - **NO** De-lamination, sag, or wrinkling
- **Match Metal Molding**
  - Consistency
  - Quality
- **Flame Retardant**
  - FMVSS 302



# Product Benefits

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- **Acoustical**
  - Variable
- **Fastener Retention**
  - High Load Capability
    - screws, staples, rosettes, etc.
- **Dimensionally Stable**
  - Not Affected by Heat or Humidity





# Product Benefits

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- **Significantly Less Weight**
  - Improved fuel economy
  - Simplified handling
- **Recyclable**
  - Reuse of trim waste
  - \$\$ Savings \$\$
  - End-of-Life Recovery
- **Environmentally Friendly**
  - **NO** Harmful Chemicals
  - **NO** VOC Off-Gassing
  - Sustainable Resource



# Finished Component Costs

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- **Savings over existing technologies**
  - Reduced capital investment
    - Processing equipment
    - Tooling
  - Reduced burden
    - Elimination of secondary operations
    - Elimination of costly adhesives
    - Lower cycle times



# Focus Market

- Automotive, heavy truck, and commercial interior trim
  - Door panels
  - Load floors
  - Pillars
  - Quarter panels
  - Rear package trays
  - Trunk liners
  - Overhead systems  
(under development)





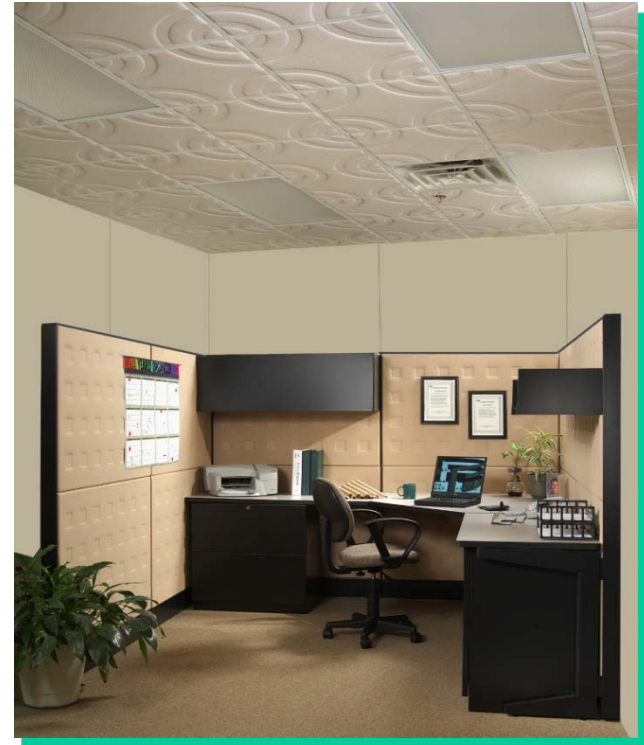
# Focus Market



## FlexForm **FR**

- Office interiors
  - Partition panels
  - Ceiling tiles

Meets ASTM E84 Class A  
Requirements for Flame Spread and  
Smoke Generation





# Market Objective

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- To provide a natural fiber based alternative to the commonly used glass mat in office interior panel applications that has a 'Class A' fire rating and that is also a drop in replacement on existing systems.



# Surface Burning Characteristics

- Specification
  - ASTM E84
- Class A Rating
  - Flame Spread Index = less than 20
  - Smoke Developed Index = 20



# Product Benefits

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- Tack-able
  - Superior wear characteristics
- Structural Strength
  - Potential to reduce steel content
  - No need for backside reinforcements
  - Reduced damage and associated warranty costs
- Fastener Retention
  - Staples, tacks, screws
  - Mounting fasteners, Direct Paper flow add-ons
- Near White or Natural color options
- Environmentally Friendly
  - Sustainable resource
  - No harmful off-gassing



# Expanded Markets

- Commercial Farm Equipment
- Absorbency Pads
- Non-Commercial Aircraft Interiors
- Erosion Control
- Cargo Boxes/Highway Trailers
- Carpet Cushion







# Future Value Added Processes

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- Dry resinating for thermal set processing
  - High tensile modulus
  - High flexural modulus
- Pattern cut panels
  - Cutouts recycled
    - Customer reduced trim waste costs
  - Reduced finish materials