

Ecoflex[®] 500 Next generation Ecoflex Mounting Mat

A highly resilient, non-intumescent, polycrystalline fiber mat with improved substrate retention capability





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Ecoflex 500 Product Features, Applications, Status

Features

- Latest generation PCW fiber, highly resilient, high RGE capable
- Large diameter "Fat" fiber less than 0.1 wt% WHO fiber;
- Low binder content of 5.5%
- Excellent erosion resistance
- Up to 20% more mat retention pressure vs other Ecoflex mats
- Best performing Ecoflex mat in high gap expansion applications

Delivers a better value proposition of performance and price vs other Ecoflex mats

Applications • All gasoline and diesel applications – CC, UF, GPF/OPF, DOC, SCT, DPF

- Mat/monolith temperatures from ambient up to 1100° C
- Large and small gaps

Status

- Fiber and mounting mat made by Unifrax in the U.K.
- Commercial Launch October 2018
- Runnning on Programs in India and China

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New

Fiber!



XFIL® PCW Fiber Diameter Analysis



Average Fiber Diameter 5.5 µm

The mass fraction of WHO fiber is 0.041 % of the total fiber mass

	Fiber sample sent December 16, 2013		
Number of analysed fibers	515		
WHO fibers	3		
Mass% of WHO fibers	0.041		
WHO fibers/mg	3296		

XFIL PCW fibers were analyzed for WHO fiber content at the Fraunhofer Institute

Result: the mass fraction of WHO fibers was less than 0.1%





SEM Micrographs

With Binder:





Without Binder:

x2.0k 30 um



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Ecoflex 500 Production

- XFIL fiber production : Widnes (UK) fiber plant
- Mat production: Holywell, UK serial production facility

 Same Ecoflex process used to manufacture Ecoflex 200(LB) and Ecoflex 200M 2HF-D
- Process: sheets batch formed, dried in heated press, and die-cut
- Top surface of the mat includes an optional light-blue 18 gsm fleece which is oriented towards the steel shell





Material Properties









Ecoflex 500 Material Properties

Fiber type:	Polycrystalline, mullite
Ave. fiber diameter:	5.5 µm
WHO fiber content:	Less than 0.1%
Loss on Ignition:	3.0 – 7.0%
GBD range:	0.30 – 0.55 g/cm ³

High average fiber diameter Low binder content Flexible basis weight range

Basis Weight, fiber only (g/m²)	Basis Weight, Including binder (g/m²)	BW Tolerance	Nominal Thickness (mm)
1200	1266	+/- 10%	8.6
1600	1688		11.3
2000	2005		14.0
2400	2321		16.7

- > Product supplied with low organic scrim (adds 18 g/m²)
- > Additional basis weights from 1050 g/m² 2400 g/m² on request





Material Performance







Cold Compression: Peak Pressure

MTS Machine: 25 mm/min Averaged Data, n=3





- Similar compression profile to current Ecoflex mounting mats
- Low peak pressures across a broad GBD range allows for a wide operating window with very low substrate breakage risk

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1000 Cycle, Aged Mat Pressure Testing Isothermal Temperature Conditions

MTS Machine: 10 mm/min n = 1

Ecoflex 500 compared to Ecoflex 200LB and Ecoflex 200M 2HF-D



4% RGE - 300 °C

8% RGE - 600 °C

Excellent pressure performance across a wide GBD range for Diesel Applications versus current widely used Ecoflex product





1000 Cycle, Aged Mat Pressure Testing Isothermal Temperature Conditions, Extreme Gap Expansion

MTS Machine: 10 mm/minn = 1



Ecoflex 500 compared to PC-Max 2000i needled Mat

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Erosion Durability

Erosion Tester (US): 1.6 bar, 50 mins $n \ge 3$



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Hot Shake Testing

- Protocol:
 - -Temperature & Air Flow:
 - Temperature Profile: 950 350 °C cycling
 - Inlet air flowrate: 130 SCFM
 - Step Test Vibration Profile:
 - 45° shake angle



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-Substrate: coated cordierite (2.28" x 4.66", L/D \approx 0.49)

Vibration Step Table					
Step	Description	G (rms)	Hours to Complete		
1	Cold Vibration	20	1		
2	Heat soak	0	1		
3	Hot Vibration	15	3		
4	Hot Vibration	20	3		
5	Hot Vibration	25	3		
6	Hot Vibration	30	3		
7	Hot Vibration	35	3		
8	Hot Vibration	40	3		
9	Hot Vibration	45	3		
10	Hot Vibration	50	3		
11	Hot Vibration	55	3		
12	Hot Vibration	60	3		
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Hot Shake Test Results

Test Protocol

- Inlet gas temperature = 950 °C
- Step 1: 20 g_{rms} at room temperature
- Step 2: 15 g_{rms} at 950 °C
- Step 3-n: increase by 5 g_{rms} each step
- 3 hrs per step
- 4 air quench cycles per hour

Material	Lot	GBD	Failure Step	G-Load
Ecoflex 500	А	0.20	10	55
	В	0.30	10	55
	А	0.45	11	60
	В	0.45	11	60
Competitor Wet Laid	A	0.38	10	55
		0.45	10	55
Ecoflex 200LB	А	0.38	9	50
Ecoflex 200M 2HF-D		0.38	10	55
	А	0.45	10	55
PC-Max 2000i	A	0.40	11	60

Substrate 4.66" ø x 2.28"





In Summary...

Best in class holding performance for non-needled PCW fiber mats at equivalent mount densities

- ✓ Ideal for large (>16%) RGEs
- ✓ Comparable performance to PC-Max 2000i
- ✓ Large average fiber diameter, (< 0.1% WHO fiber content)
- ✓ Low organic content
- ✓ Valid for all mat/monolith applications from ambient to 1100°C
- ✓ Compatible with all substrate types including high porosity ultra-thin wall
- ➤ Commercial now...

Ecoflex 500 delivers a better value proposition of Performance and Price!





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Thank you!