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ARALDITE[®] – Latest Epoxy Resin Innovations for Mass Production of Magnet-free Rotor Designs

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Executive Summary

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- PSM motor technology rely on rare-earths magnets which carry ecological, logistical, and geopolitical implications
- ARALDITE® epoxy resins enable a sustainable magnet-free technology, making the whole e-motor manufacturing more sustainable
- Improved motor efficiency having the capability to adapt the magnetic field on the driving situation
- State of the art potting process to achieve 100% resin properties
- OEM qualified, very high productivity, cycle time up to 45 seconds possible



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About us

Huntsman Corporation

is a publicly-traded global manufacturer and marketer of differentiated and specialty chemicals. Our products number in the thousands and are sold worldwide to manufacturers serving a broad and diverse range of consumer and industrial end markets.

- We operate more than 60 manufacturing
- R&D and operations facilities in approximately 25 countries
- ~ 6,000 Associates



Polyurethanes

Performance **Products**



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More than 60 years' experience and continuous innovation in electrical insulation and thermal management

- A leading global chemical solutions provider
- More than 60 years' experience and continuous innovation in advanced epoxy, acrylic and polyurethane-based polymer solutions
- A leading global innovation partner for the automotive and power and electronics industry

Global development, support, manufacturing and supply





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Development support

High-quality products backed by technical support





Simulation

Predict outcomes with a 90% success using detailed property characterization to support your application simulations.



Testing

Speed up your qualification process with reliable testing from an independent and ISO-certified laboratory.



Processing

Optimize cost and efficiency of your processes by ensuring that materials fit your needs.

Our solutions for E-mobility

Huntsman Advanced Materials solutions for tomorrow's mobility







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ARALDITE[®] encapsulation solutions for electrical insulation and thermal management of high-voltage and magnetfree e-motors

Electronics



ARALDITE[®] encapsulation to protect sensitive high-voltage EV power electronics

Electric Vehicle Powertrain Product Portfolio

Hydrogen Storage Tanks



ARALDITE[®] epoxy systems for mass production of lightweight and safe composite hydrogen pressure vessels

Battery



ARALDITE[®] epoxy systems for lightweight and fire-resistant battery composite trays, covers and housings

ARATHANE[®] thermally conductive adhesives and encapsulants for thermal management and protection of battery modules and packs

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Our solutions for E-mobility

ARALDITE[®] and **ARATHANE[®]** products for electric vehicles



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Sustainability of raw material supplies

- PSM are made with rare-earth metals, increasingly difficult to source in an ethical fashion.
- Rare Earths Elements (REEs) are abundant in the earth's crust, but they come in low concentrations in minerals.
- When found, they are hard to separate from other elements, which is what makes them "rare."



The production of 1,000 electric cars utilizing PSM technology uses on average 1 ton of rare earth metals and generates...





• 70 m3 of acidic wastewater



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Key Aspects of PSM vs EESM

PSM

- Rotor: permanent magnets inserted to generate a magnetic field
- Stator: conductive wires wound around a ferromagnetic core (electromagnet)
- Opposite poles of the magnets attracted: like poles repelling each other
- Reversing the electric polarity in the stator reverses the magnetic polarity
- Switching pulls the permanent magnets around





ARALDITE® epoxy resins enable magnet-free rotor design





EESM - Externally Excited Synchronous Motor

- Sustainable, no rare-earth materials
- Rotation speed > 15,000 rpm
- High power density
- Reduced weight and improved efficiency
- Excellent driving experience

ARALDITE[®] CW 30388 / ARADUR[®] HW 30389 Key Characteristics and benefits

- Well balanced filler package design for extending temperature range of the motor
- Exceptionally low CTE matching surrounding metals and so reducing thermally induced stress
- Tg 200°C, all-life fixation of rotor coils within the operating range (-40°C / +180°C)
- High strength and modulus supporting rotor structure in operation
- Low density reducing weight and inertia of the rotor
- High electrical insulation supporting motors architecture – 800+V

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A perfect 'three-part' combination...with different key requirements

Resin

- Low viscosity, flowability and intra-coil impregnation
- Pot-life optimized to avoid viscosity increase during injection
- Curing times and temperatures, supporting productivity

Parts

- Should be 'designed' for potting from initial stage, e.g. introducing flowing channels for the resin
- Molds has to be suitable for holding vacuum
- Funnel to compensate resin penetration and shrinkage is recommended

Equipment

Homogeneus temperature of materials and parts + pre-drying of both

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- Vacuum values during material pretreatment and casting
- Dosing of resin (A) and hardener (B) is volumetric and must be perfectly synchronized to insure the correct mix ratio
- Curing ovens capacity and efficiency







Processing is key for enhancing epoxy resins properties enabling a reliable EESM design

State of the art processing - vacuum casting – APG - to deliver 100% resin properties

Potting optimizes heat transfer within the e-axle, enabling a potential reduction of copper vs. alternative secondary insulation technologies

Very high productivity, cycle time up to 45 seconds possible, OEM qualified

- Strategic casting speed and pressures for a perfect filling rate
- No voids or material losses has a positive impact on electrical performances and overall motor endurance
- Fully automatic, clean and operator-independent processes
- Well established within electronic and industrial drive industries





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