

TCM™ Composites... **...Providing Solutions**

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Manufacturing Temperature Controlled Molds & Tooling

Providing TCM™ Consulting, Training & Employee Development



***Partnering with TCM™ Licensing, Contracting Manufacturing
And Joint Venture R&D Programs***

What are Temperature Controlled Molds?

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- NOT traditional electrically heated molds that can only raise temperature
- Allows precise *heating* and *cooling* of mold surface through efficient thermal transfer media
- TCMTM molds can *remove heat from the laminate* and prevent runaway exothermic reactions
- Required for successful integration of Arkema's IS300 BlocBuilder into the manufacturing process
- TCMTM mold control provides multiple benefits for polyesters, vinyl esters, epoxies and prepregs

Suitable for a Wide Range of Composites Manufacturing Processes

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- ✓ **Closed Molding at Ambient Temperature**
- ✓ **Elevated Temperature Closed Molding**
- ✓ **Polyesters/Vinylesters with Inhibitor Packages**
- ✓ **Epoxy Closed Molding with Heat Activated Cure**
- ✓ **In-Mold Postcure of Epoxies and Prepregs with using an autoclave**
- ✓ **Resin Film Infusion (RFI)**

Combine the TCMTM Process with Controlled Radical Polymerization (CRP)

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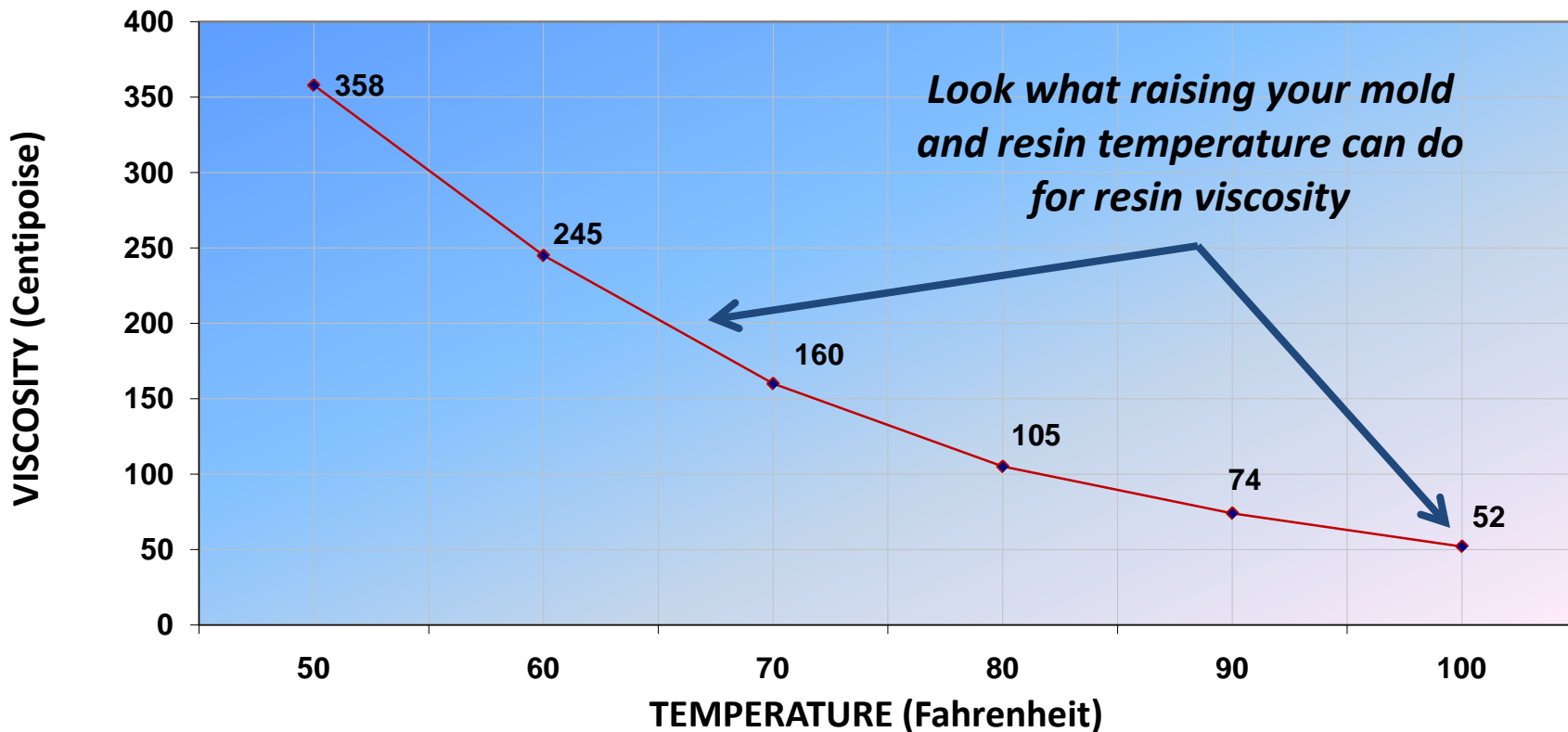
***TCMTM process control and Arkema's IS300 CRP additive...
... Providing the ideal conditions for closed-molding.***

- *Reduced viscosity for superior flow characteristics*
- *Faster production times*
- *Enhanced physical properties*
- *Extended gel times*
- *Managed exotherm temperatures*
- *Cure-on-demand control*



Effect of Temperature on Resin Viscosity

CCP Epovia RF1001 Vinyl Ester Infusion Resin



Maximizing Process Control & Quality Assurance

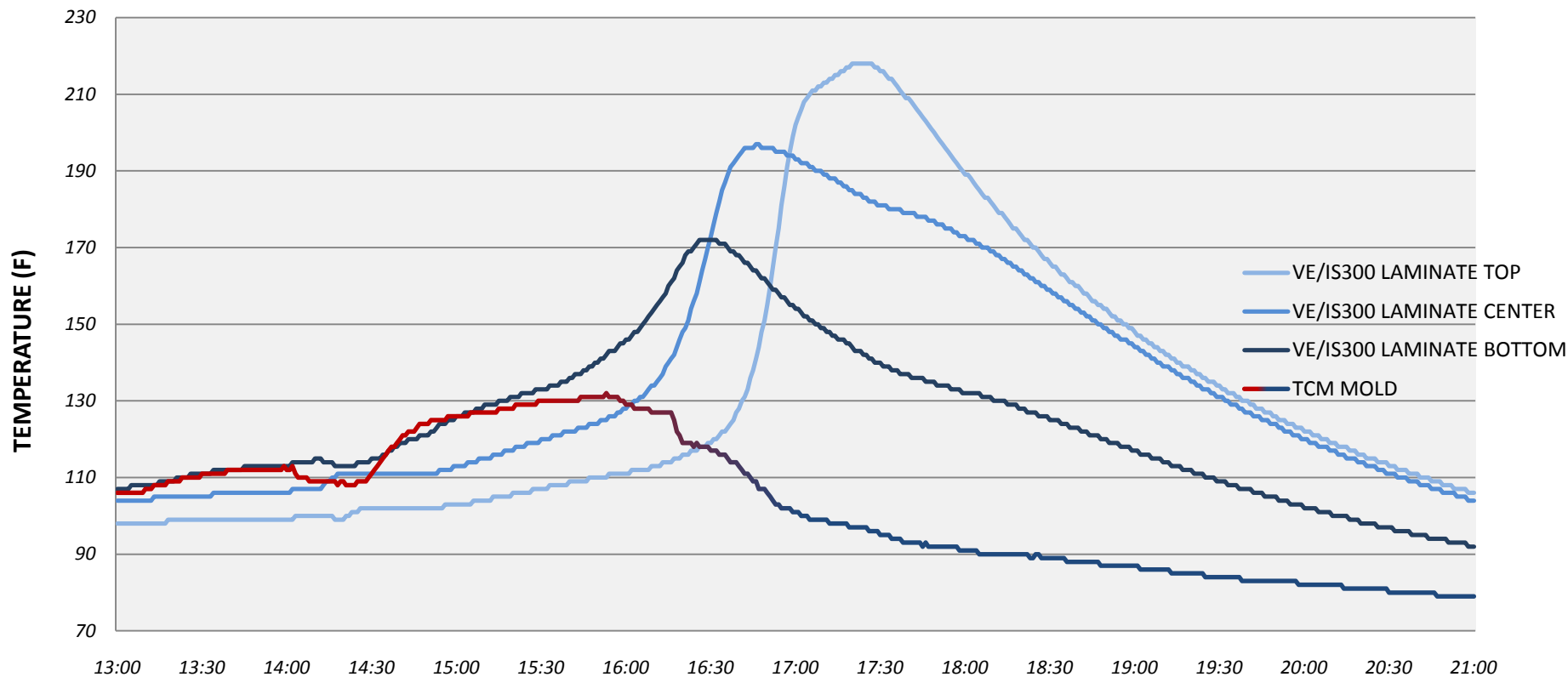
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TCM™/IS300 infusion of this variable thickness laminate produces results....
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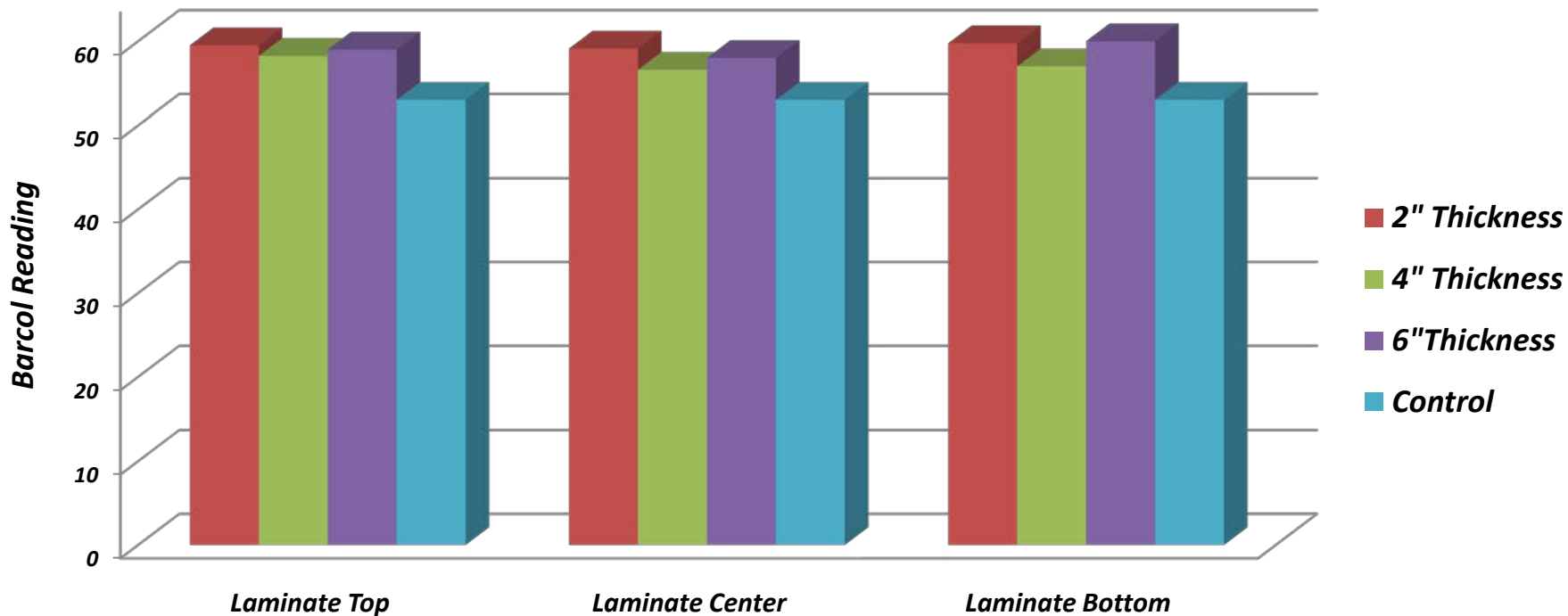
TCM™/IS300 Exotherm Control for 12mm to 150mm Variable Thickness VE Laminate

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TCM™ Process & IS300 BlocBuilder® Increased Barcol Hardness without Postcure

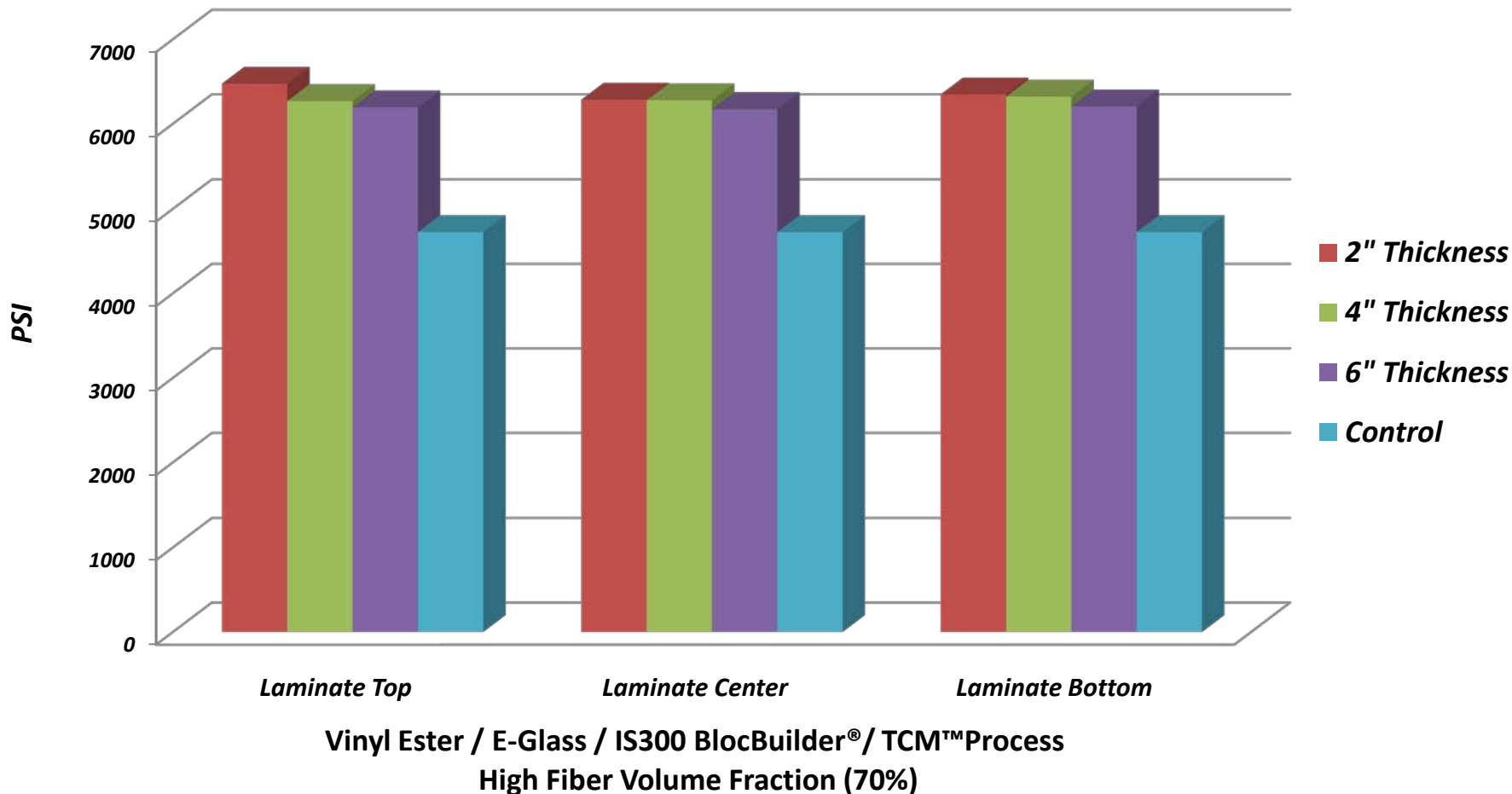
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Vinyl Ester / E-Glass / IS300 BlocBuilder® / TCM™ Process
High Fiber Volume Fraction (70%)

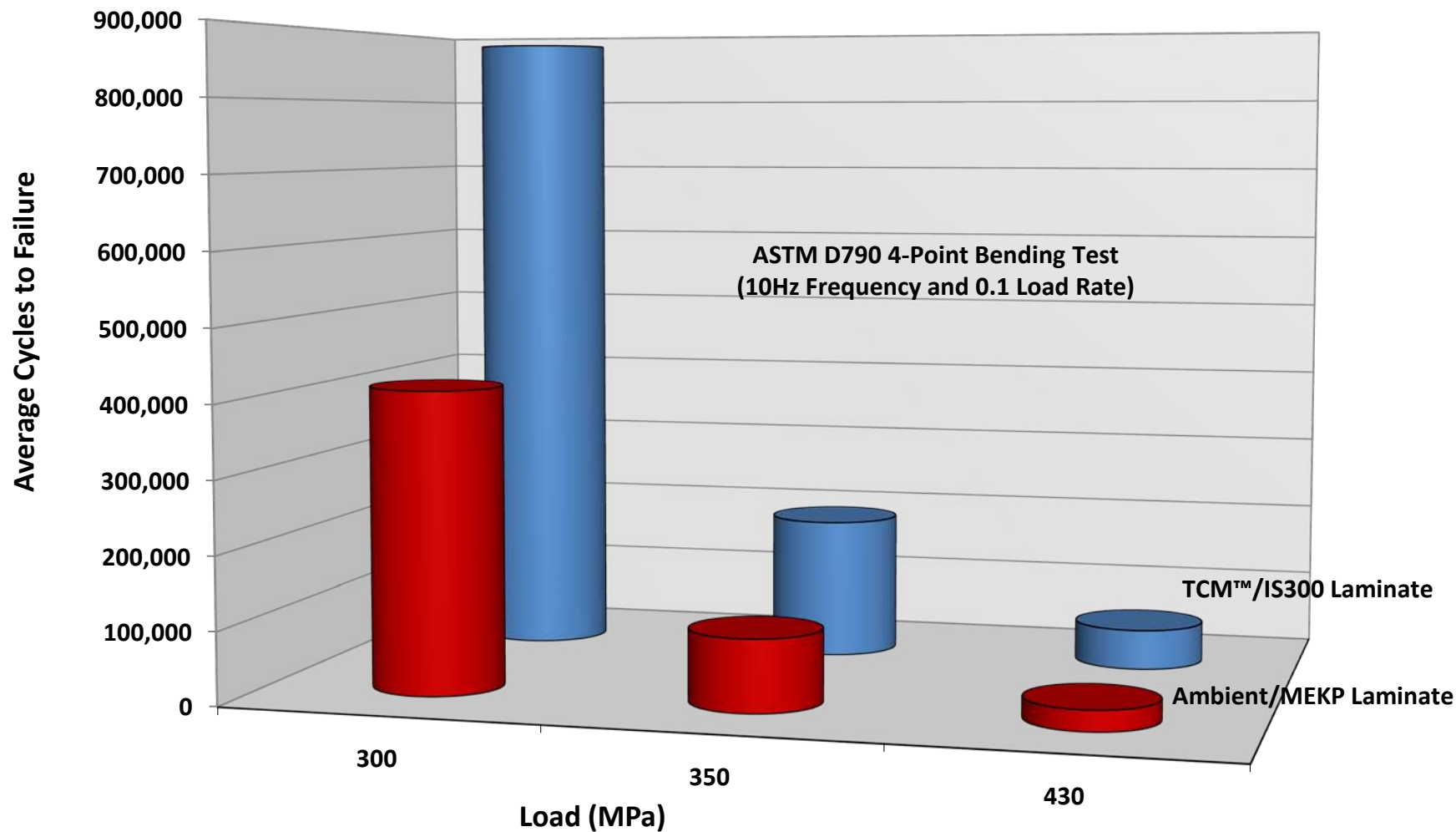
TCM™ Process & IS300 BlocBuilder® 28% Improvement in ASTM D2344 Short Beam Shear Test

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TCM™ Process & IS300 BlocBuilder® Double Fatigue Resistance of Vinyl Ester Laminate

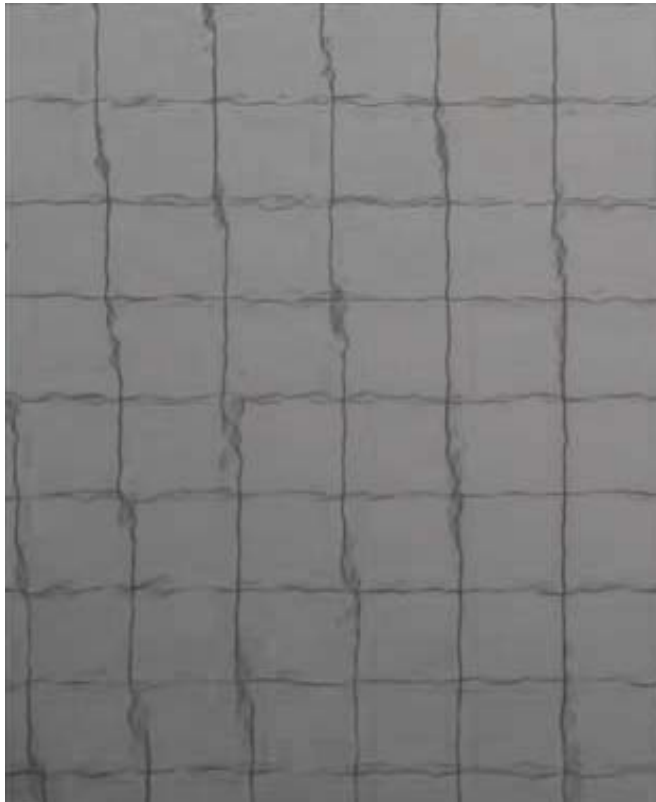
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TCM™ Process Control Leads to Improved Cosmetics

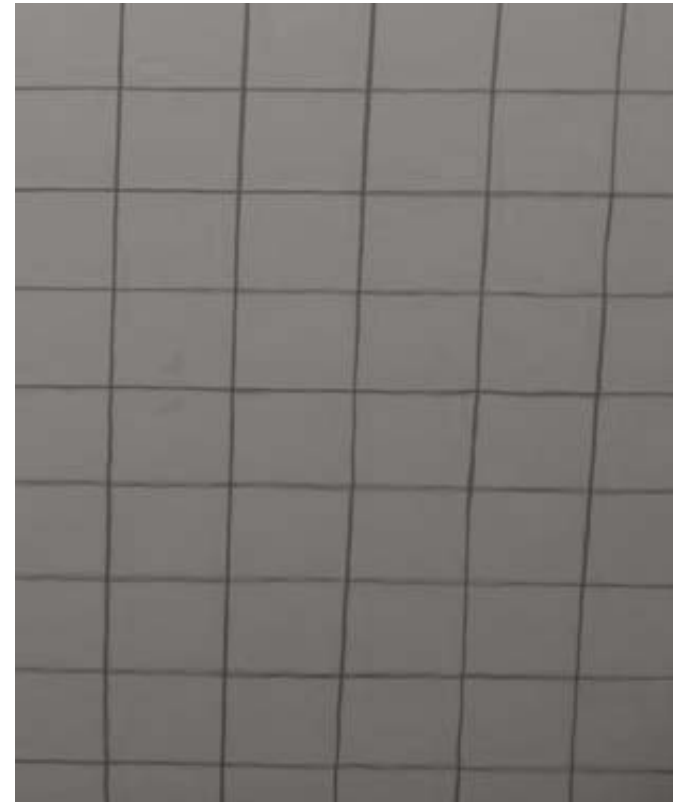
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Identical Epoxy/Glass Laminates



Ambient Cure

vs.



TCM™ Cure

The TCM™ Mold Technology

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- High Temperature Epoxy Mold Surface (450°F)
- Interstitial Space Creates High Thermal Capacity at Mold Surface
- Precise Control within 3°-5°F
- Programmable Integrated Control Unit (PID)
- Allows for Heating, Cooling, Ramping, Soak or Dwell, and Cool Down as Required
- Unlimited Zone Flexibility



Small Scale Prototype Windblade Mold

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