

CHARACTERIZATION OF DRIVING MECHANISMS INVOLVED IN DECONSOLIDATION OF THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITE LAMINATES

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TPC manufacturing steps



Deconsolidation



Thermo stamping



State of the art hypothesis







Understand the deconsolidation phenomenon, need for characterization



Outlines





Laminate preparation

Material

CF/PEKK (Toray Composites) 348 * 348 mm*2,90 mm 16 plies UD, 0°



Pre-conditionning

- Ambient storage (for 5 months → 0.02 % H2O)
- Water immersed
- Dried 180°C
- Annealed 250°C



Deconsolidation cycle







2 - Microstructural in-situ analysis







In situ Tomography Observation



In the synchrotron





Test Matrix

#	Preconditioning	Stacking sequence	Heating type	Counter pressure
1	Water immersed (WI) 3 months @ 0.1 wt. %H2O	UD	Bi-lateral	-
2	Dried – 72h@180°C	UD	Bi-lateral	-
3	WI	СР	Bi-lateral	0.1 MPa
4	WI	UD	Uni-lateral	0.05 MPa



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3D fields

• Test 2: Dried / UD / Bi-lateral



3D grey level image





Processing



Processing







a>b>c



Pore growth and splitting



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2 - Microstructural in-situ analysis









Test matrix

Init	ial laminate	Deconsolidation		
Process	Conditionning	Counterpressure	Heating rate	
	Dried	No pressure	5° C/min 10° C/min	
HP	Annealead	1 bar		
VB	Ambiant storage	3 bar		
	Immersed	5 bar		



Deconsolidation graph

Press consolidated, Dried, no pressure, 10°C/min



Maximum deconsolidation strain



After experiments micrographs

UD- HP - Dried (DS) 1 week@180°C



UD - HP - Annealed (AN) 48h@250°C



UD - HP - Annealed (AN) 48h@250°C + Rehumidifying 1 week : 0.04 wt. %H₂O

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Conclusions

Thermoplastic laminates deconsolidation characterization tools



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