



Webinar

Redefining the Future of E-Bikes with Syensqo's High-Performance, Sustainable Polymers





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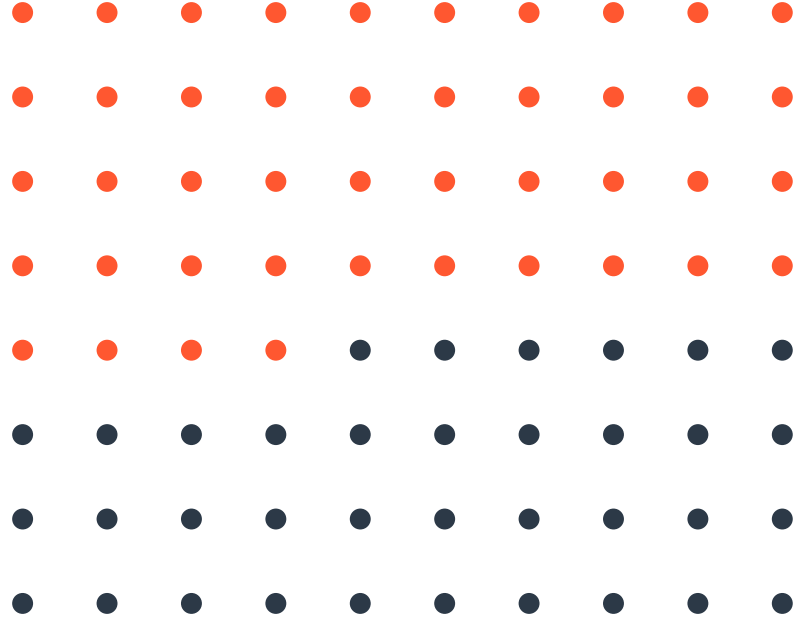
Webinar Agenda



- 1** Market trends and drivers shaping the industry
- 2** Introduction to Syensqo Specialty Polymers
- 3** Commitment to Sustainable Solutions
- 4** Product portfolio for bicycles and e-Bikes
- 5** Advantages of Specialty Polymers
- 6** Application highlights
- 7** Conclusion and Q&A

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Market trends and
drivers shaping
the industry



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Alternative raw materials for metal replacement



Shift towards regional manufacturing



Eco-friendly solutions and greener production processes



Government incentives, subsidies, and support programs



Personalization and design improvements

Audience Poll

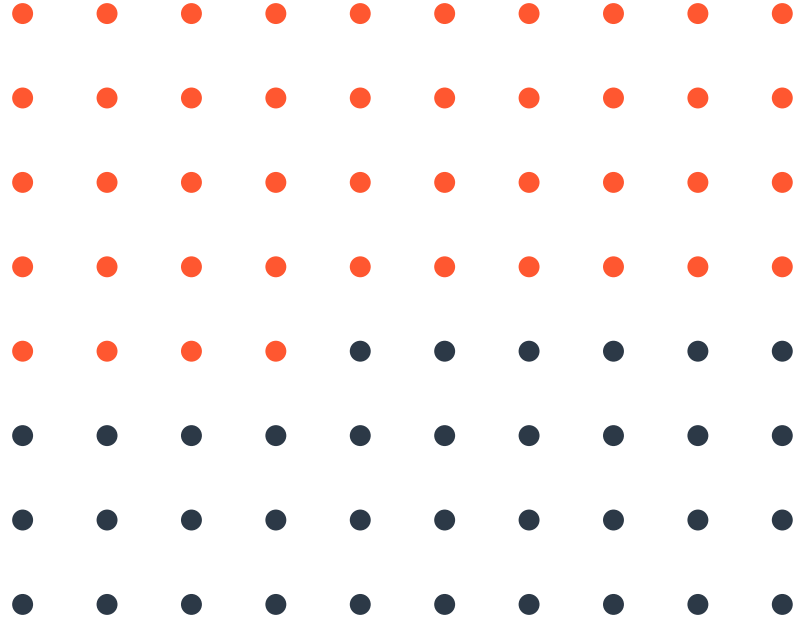


Which market trends do you see impacting your business the most?

- A** Alternative raw materials for metal replacement
- B** Shift towards regional manufacturing
- C** Eco-friendly solutions and greener production processes
- D** Government incentives, subsidies, and support programs
- E** Personalization and design improvements



Introduction to Syensqo Specialty Polymers



A pioneering legacy and a passion for science and bonding



Solvay innovates in social welfare (paid vacations, social security, 8-hour day)



Ernest Solvay established the first Councils of Physics and Chemistry, which continue to bring together the brightest scientific minds today



Launch of PEEK, a very strong thermoplastic to replace metal for lighter, more fuel-efficient planes



First Chemistry for the Future Solvay Prize



Solvay partners with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation: a bold step toward circular economy

13 products labelled Efficient Solutions by the Solar Impulse Foundation



Prof. Katalin Karikó wins Solvay Prize on 100-year anniversary of the Solvay Conferences



SYENSQO



1863

Ernest Solvay invents a new process for producing soda ash



1880

Solvay is the first industrial multinational operating simultaneously in the US and Europe



1965

Development of PSU, a revolutionary healthcare polymer used for hemodialysis membranes



1990

Rhodia, a future Solvay unit, invents precipitated silica for green tires



2015

Solvay flies around the world with Solar Impulse



2020

Solvay creates the Solvay Solidarity Fund, to help colleagues and communities facing hardship



2022

Launch of our 4th Growth Platform on Renewable Materials and Biotechnology

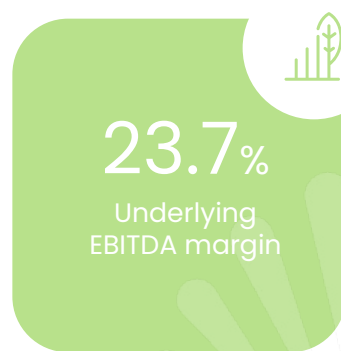


2023

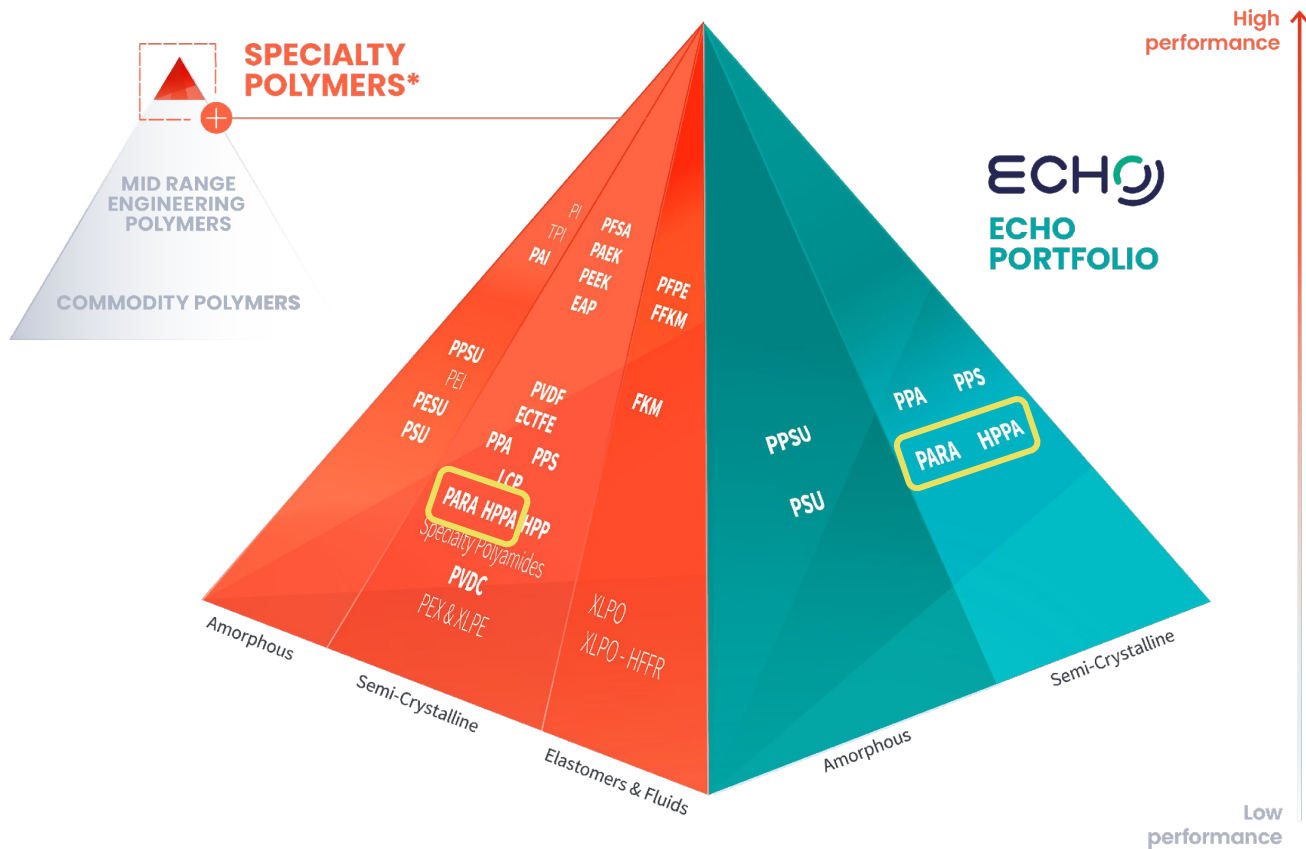
Launch of Syensqo



Top-tier specialty player

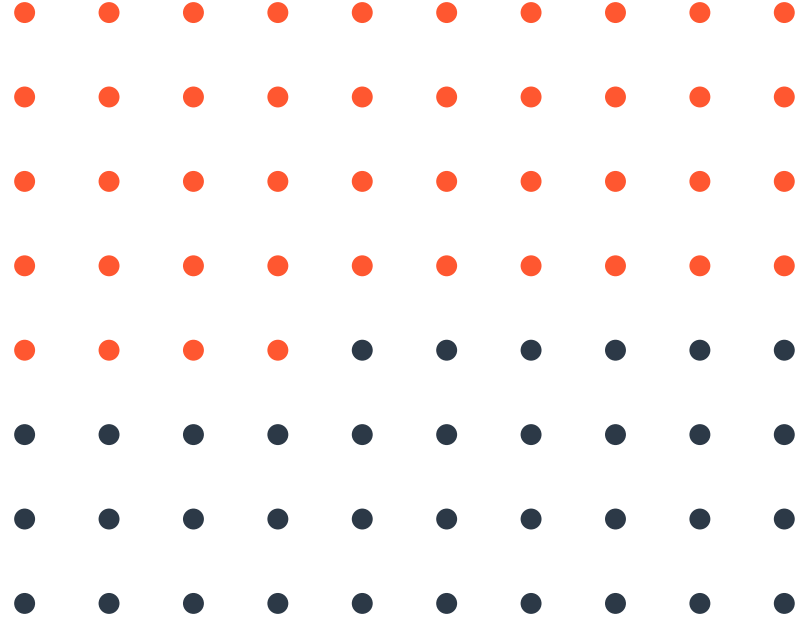


Specialty Polymers Product Overview





Commitment to
sustainable
solutions



One Planet

A roadmap for growth & sustainability



CLIMATE



Carbon Neutral
by **2040** (Scopes 1 & 2)

-40%
Scopes 1&2⁽²⁾
by **2030**

-23%
Scopes 3
by 2030⁽²⁾



GROWTH



Sustainable Solutions
driven by **circularity**

18%
circular sales
by 2030⁽²⁾



BETTER LIFE



Injuries and illnesses¹
Target: zero

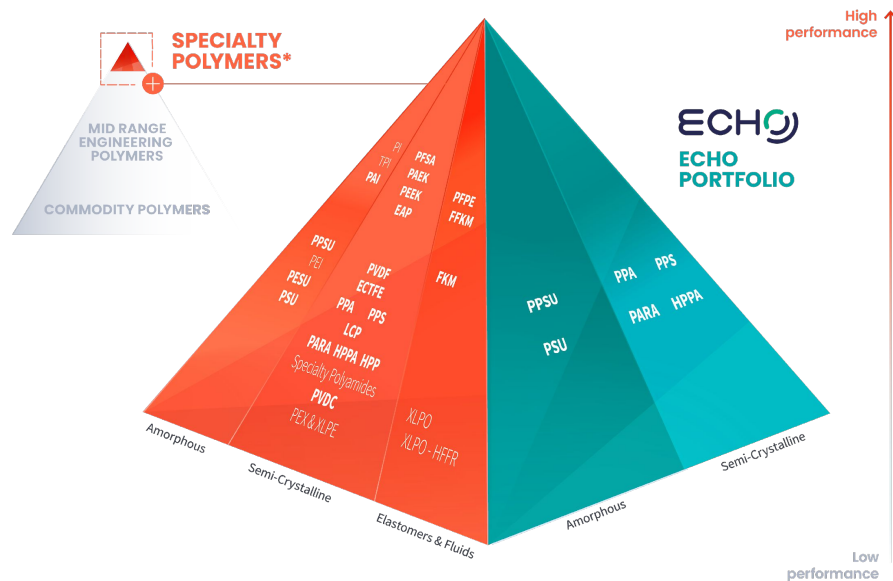
Gender parity³
Achieved in 10 years

Living wage
For 100% of our
workforce by 2026

¹ Reportable Injuries and Illnesses per 200,000 work hours
² Reference year 2021. For scope 3, on Focus 5 categories.
³ Mid and senior management

Meet our ECHO Portfolio

More Sustainability, same performance



ECHO

More sustainability,
same performance.



BIOBASED



RECYCLED

- ✓ Sustainable grades with biobased and/or recycled content
- ✓ A lower carbon footprint than standard grades
- ✓ No compromise on performance

Audience Poll

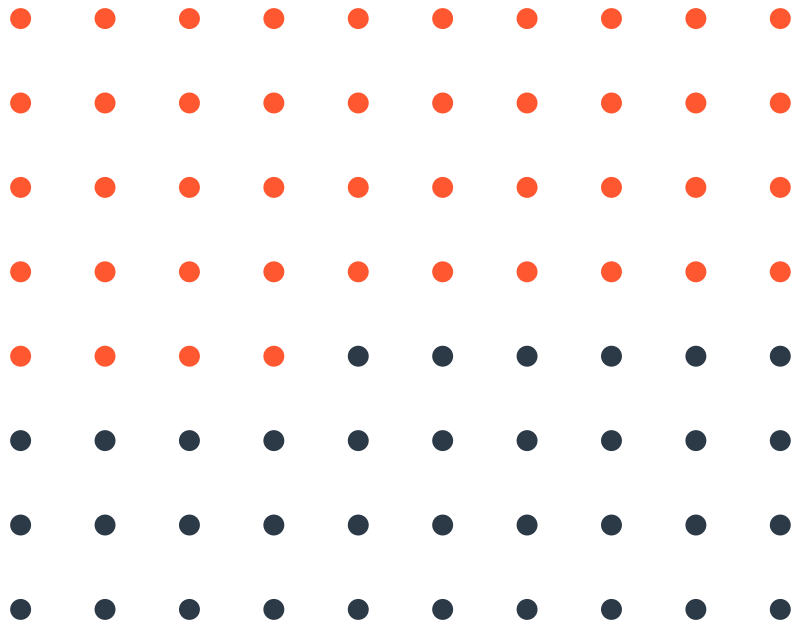


What are the primary areas of focus for your company's sustainability goals?

- A** Raw Materials
- B** Manufacturing
- C** Logistics
- D** Recyclability
- E** All of the Above
- F** None of the Above



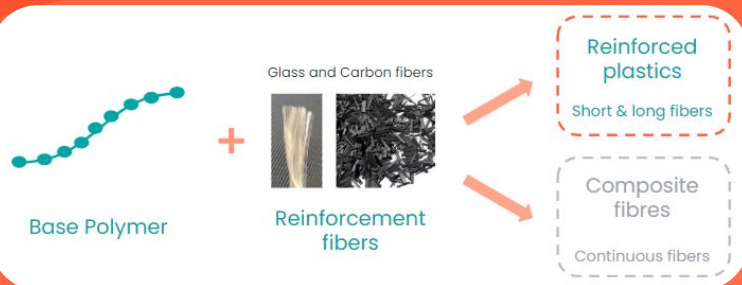
Product portfolio for bicycles and e-Bikes



Specialty Polymers for Bicycles and e-Bikes



Approach for Metal Replacement



Omnix® HPPA

High-Performance Polyamide
- Glass Fiber
- Carbon Fiber

Ixef® PARA

Polyarylamide
- Glass Fiber
- Carbon Fiber

Xencor™ PARA

Polyarylamide
- Long Glass Fiber
- Long Carbon Fiber

Xencor™ HPPA

High-Performance Polyamide
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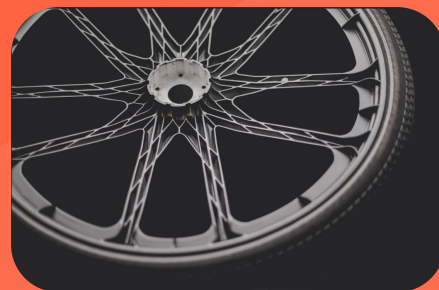
Thermoplastic Composites

ECHO version available

SYENSQO

The Right Partner

Design Optimization with Polymers



PA 6.6

–
Linear Molecular
Structure

- > Chemical resistance
- > Good mechanical performance
- > Good heat resistance
- > High moisture absorption

Omnix® HPPA

–
Best of PA 6.6
plus...

- > Lower water absorption
- > Better dimensional stability
- > Better retention of mechanical properties
- > More aesthetic surface appearance
- > Reduced warpage

Ixef® PARA

–
Best of HPPA
plus...

- > Even lower water absorption for exceptional dimensional stability
- > Ultra-smooth surface finish for unparalleled aesthetics in structural thermoplastics
- > Metal-like feel
- > Best in class appearance

Xencor™ LGF & LCF

–
Best of HPPA &
PARA plus...

- > Long fiber reinforcement available for **Ixef® PARA**, **Omnix®HPPA**, and **Kalix® HPPA**
- > Improved impact resistance
- > Enhanced fatigue resistance
- > Better creep and dimensional stability

Material Performance Spectrum



OMNIX® 1000 ECHO series

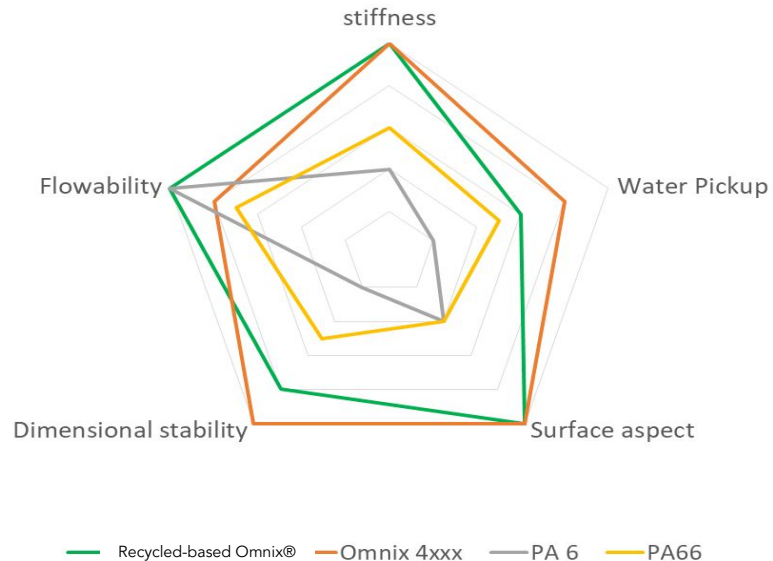
Drop-in solution into polyamide applications

- UV stabilization
- Heat stabilization
- 30 and 55% recycle glass fiber
- 98% allocated recycled content with up to 60% PCF¹ reduction potential.

OMNIX® 6000 ECHO series

Superior performance vs PA6 and PA66 base materials

- Lower water absorption
- Better dimensional stability
- Better retention of mechanical properties
- More aesthetic surface appearance
- Reduced warpage
- 30 and 55% recycle glass fiber
- 78%-83% allocated recycled content with up to 45% PCF¹ reduction potential.



IXEF® Standard series

Unique combination of strength and aesthetics, making it ideal for complex parts that require both overall strength and a high-gloss, glass-free finish with naturally reflective shell

Key Features

- Very high rigidity
- Excellent resistance to mechanical stresses
- Rigidity, injectability for complex, thin shapes
- Excellent surface finish
- Slow & low water pickup
- High flow even with 60% filler loading

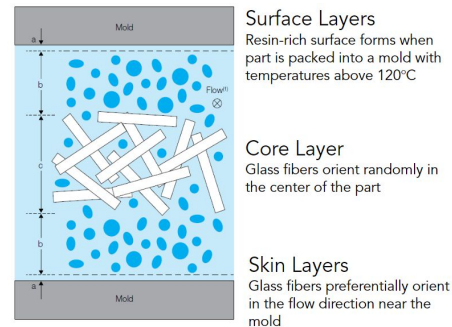
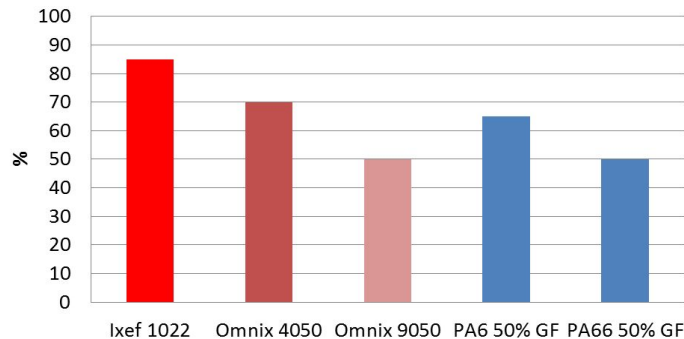
IXEF® Carbon Fiber Compounds for Structural Parts

A range of grades offering carbon fiber filled (30% and 40%) and carbon fiber with glass fiber filled PARA materials combining IXEF features with outstanding stiffness and rigidity.

ECHO grades offer up to 74% product carbon footprint reduction

A
resin-rich
surface
provides
superior
aesthetics

Gloss 60°, ASTM D2457



Xencor™ LFT Compounds

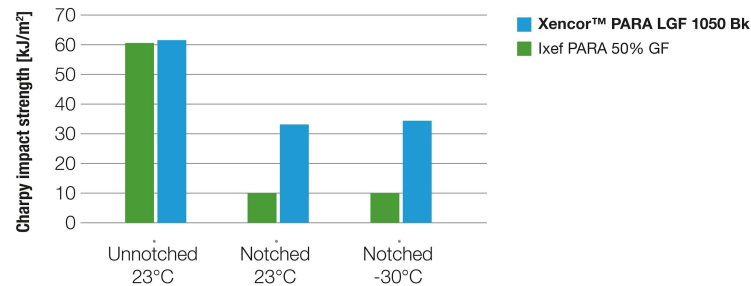


Long fiber compounds combines the key features of the polymer with significant improvements of high-temperature performance, fatigue, impact, creep and dimensional stability vs. std. GF compounds



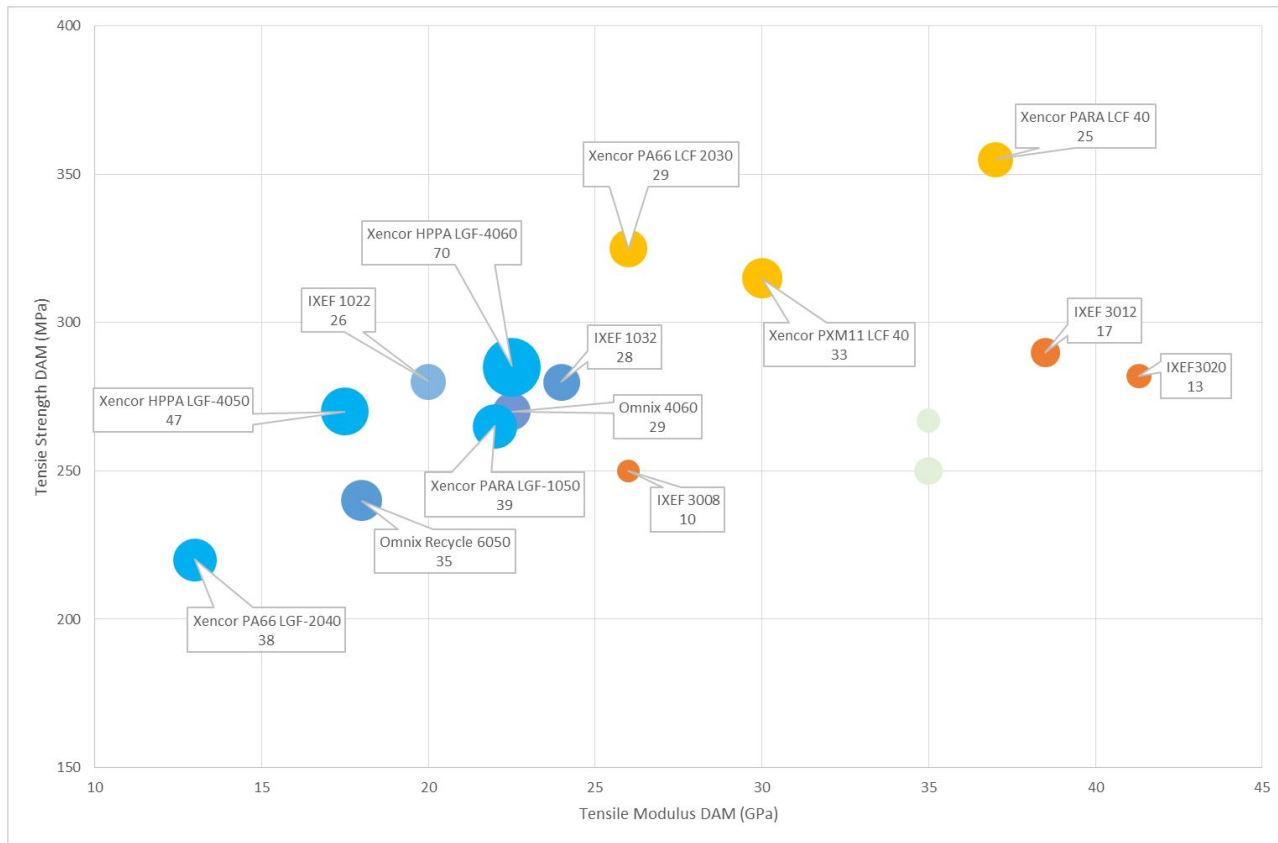
Key Features

- > Available in combination with **HPPA, PARA, PPA** and **PPS** resins
- > Based on **long glass fiber (LGF)** or **long carbon fiber (LCF)** for maximum performance
- > Advantage of long fibers vs short fibers
 - +10% stiffness at room T
 - +50% retention of mechanics at high T
 - **+250% crash resistance**
 - Up to 50% higher dimensional stability
 - **Up to 300% lower creep** under high load
 - +150% wear resistance
 - **Limited crack propagation**
 - No change in surface appearance & gloss



Part damages after high-speed multiaxial impact test PTI-CEAST -23°C -28,5 Joules Impactor

Syensqo Material Performance Overview



The size of the bubble (reported) corresponds to an impact indicator based on 80% notched + 20% unnotched impact strength

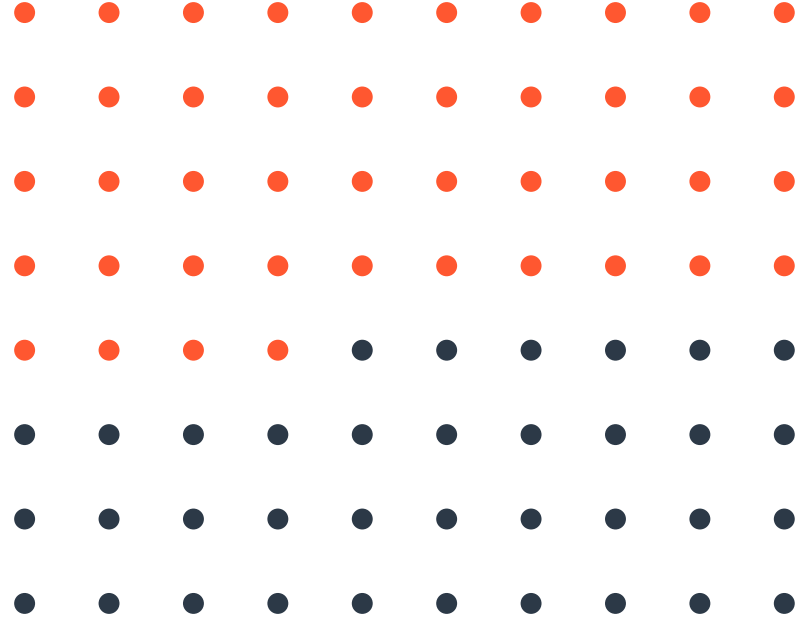
I < 25	Low impact resistance
25 < I < 40	Good impact resistance
I > 40	Excellent impact resistance

- GF reinforced
- LGF reinforced
- CF reinforced
- LCF reinforced

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Advantages of Specialty Polymers

versus Metal and
Engineering Plastics (PA6, PA66,...)



Advantages of our specialty polymers in bicycles and e-bikes



Syensqo Polymers vs Metal

Cost Reduction &
Manufacturing
Efficiency

Design
Flexibility

Durability

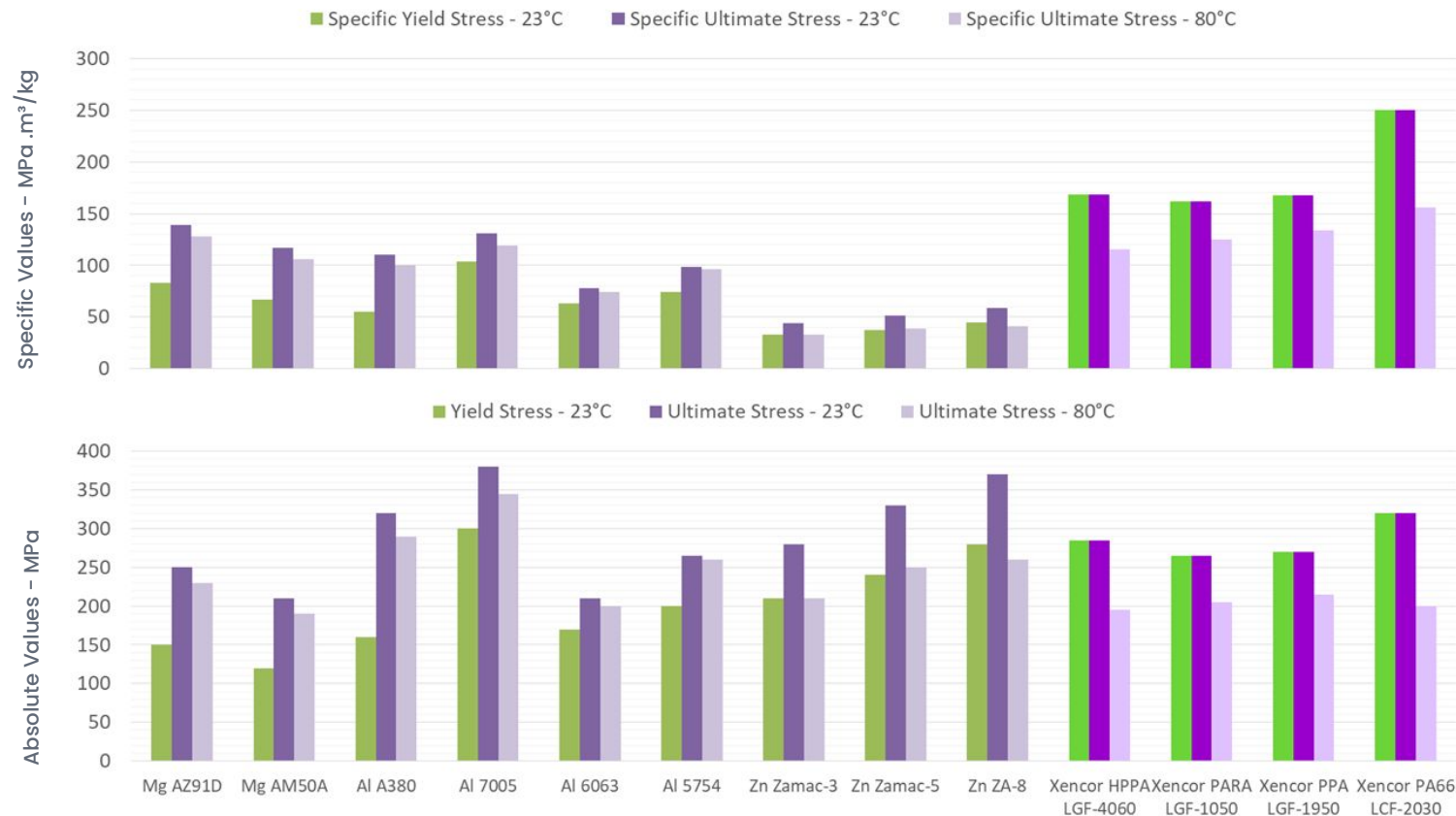
Sustainability

- > Injection molding cuts production costs by an average of 39% versus premium Aluminum for e-Bike frames.
- > Enhanced design freedom and weight reduction through part reduction/integration
- > Faster cycle time
- > Post-operation tasks reduced (painting, polishing, ...)
- > Enhance design freedom and easier integration of new functionalities
- > Corrosion free
- > ~70% GWP reduction for the frame component with injection molding compared to Al manufacturing
- > ECHO grades offer up to 72% product carbon footprint reduction for a greener solution
- > End of life recycling possibilities versus metal which is only partially recyclable

Syensqo Material Performance vs Metal



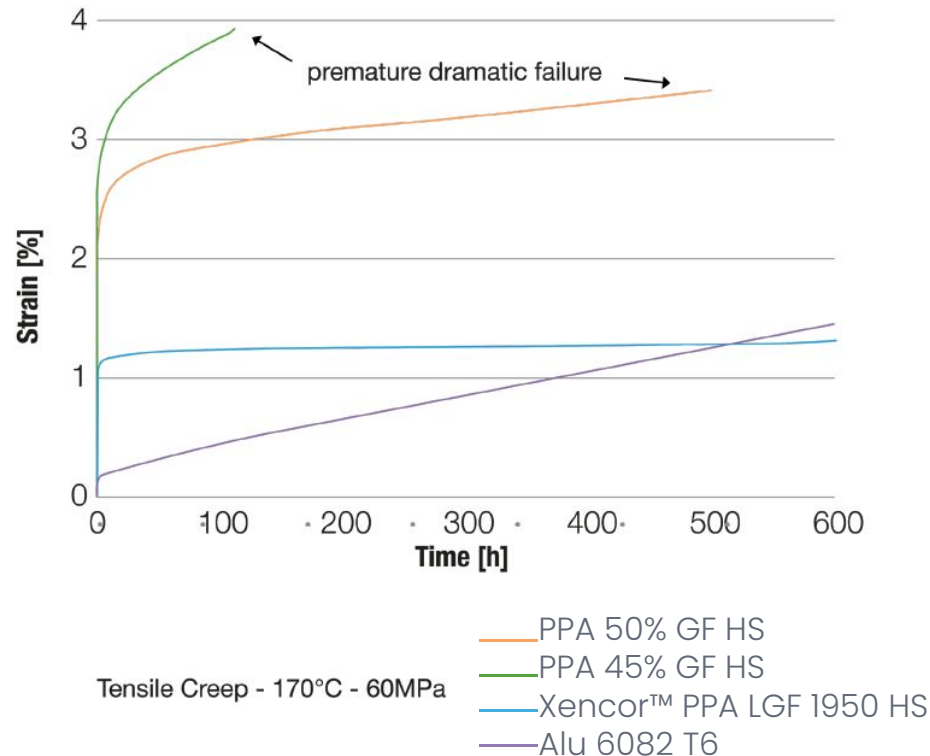
Syensqo materials exhibit better specific mechanical performance than metal



Syensqo Material Performance vs Metal



Xencor® LF compounds exhibit outstanding creep performance long-term, compared to Aluminum



Audience Poll



What do you consider the biggest advantage of replacing metal with Specialty Polymers in bicycles and e-Bikes?

- A** Cost Reduction & Manufacturing Efficiency
- B** Design Flexibility
- C** Durability
- D** Enhanced Sustainability
- E** All of the Above



Advantages of our specialty polymers in bicycles and e-bikes



**Syensqo
Polymers
vs**

**Engineering
Plastics (PA6,
PA66,...)**

**Material
Performance**

**Improved
Aesthetics**

**Material
Customization**

- > Exceptional dimensional stability due to lower moisture absorption
- > Lightweight design for equivalent performance due to property retention
- > Lower warpage
- > Higher strength and stiffness
- > Enhanced aesthetic surface appearance
- > Broad material portfolio offers fiber reinforcements and high performance polyamides for flexibility and customization to meet specific design and performance requirements.

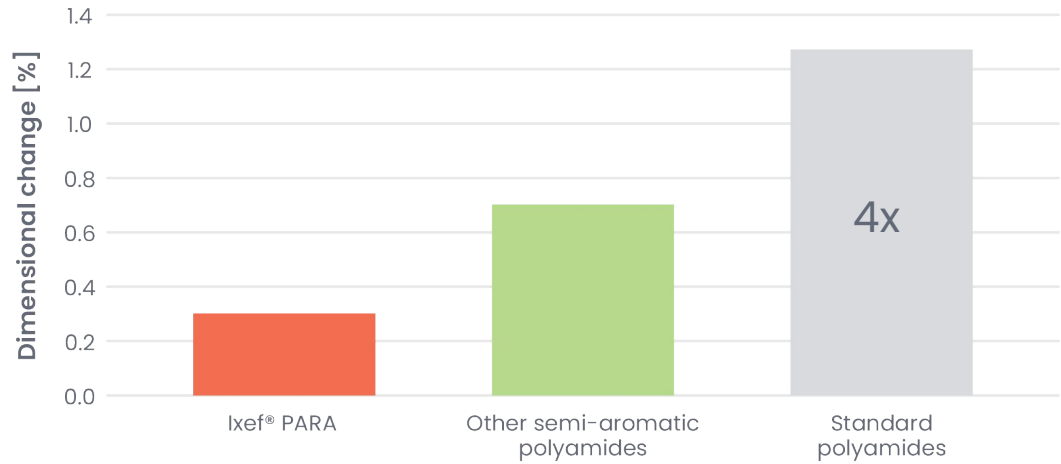
Syensqo Material Performance vs Engineering Plastics



High performance polymers exhibit better dimensional stability compared to PA6/PA66.

Moisture Absorption

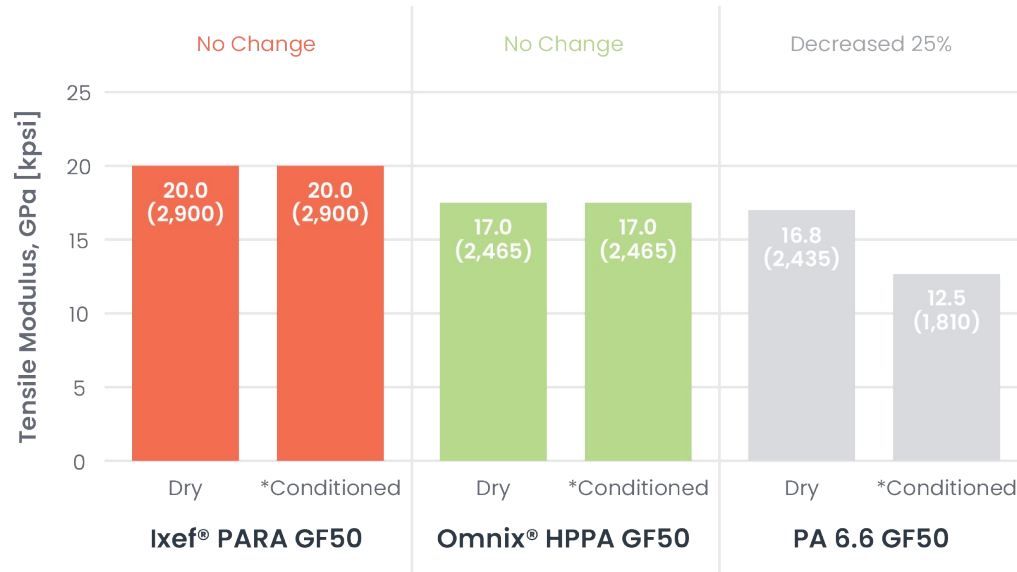
after 24 hours at 23°C, ISO 62 test method



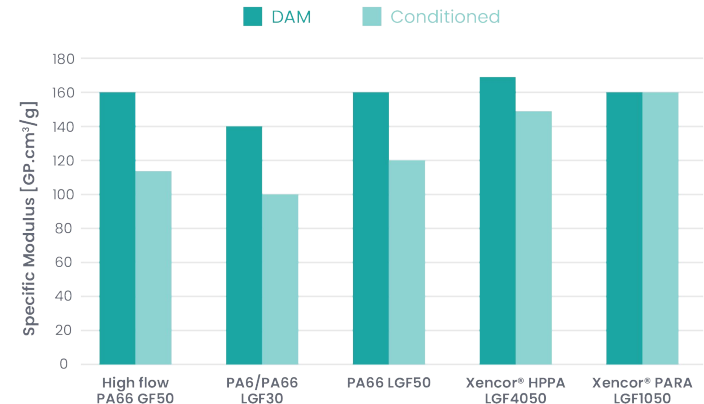
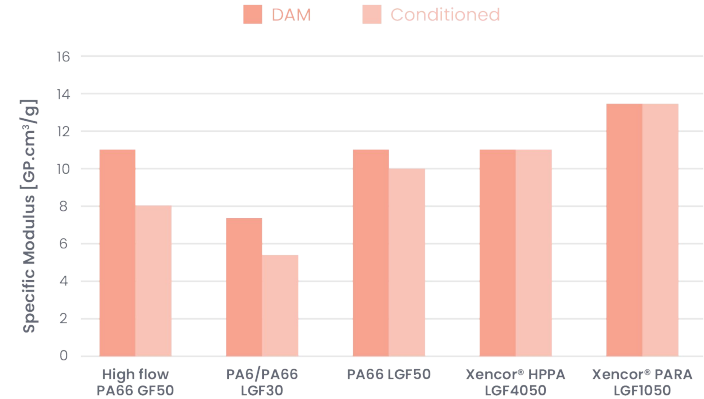
Syensqo Material Performance vs Engineering Plastics



Syensqo high-performance polymers retain mechanical properties with no change, unlike PA66, which loses 25% stiffness when conditioned.



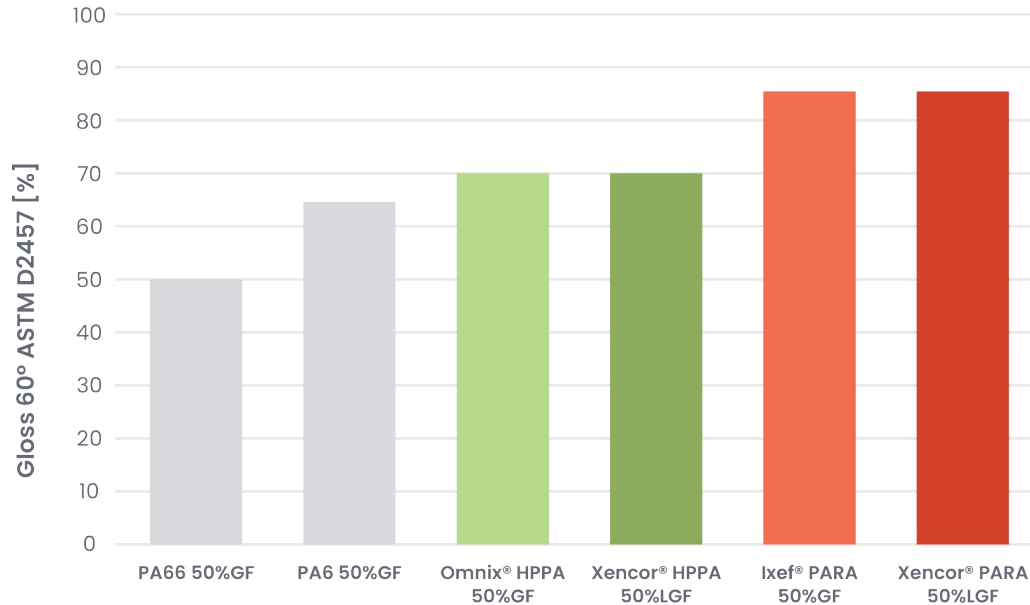
*ISO 1110 (70°C/158°F, 62% RH)



Syensqo Material Performance vs Engineering Plastics

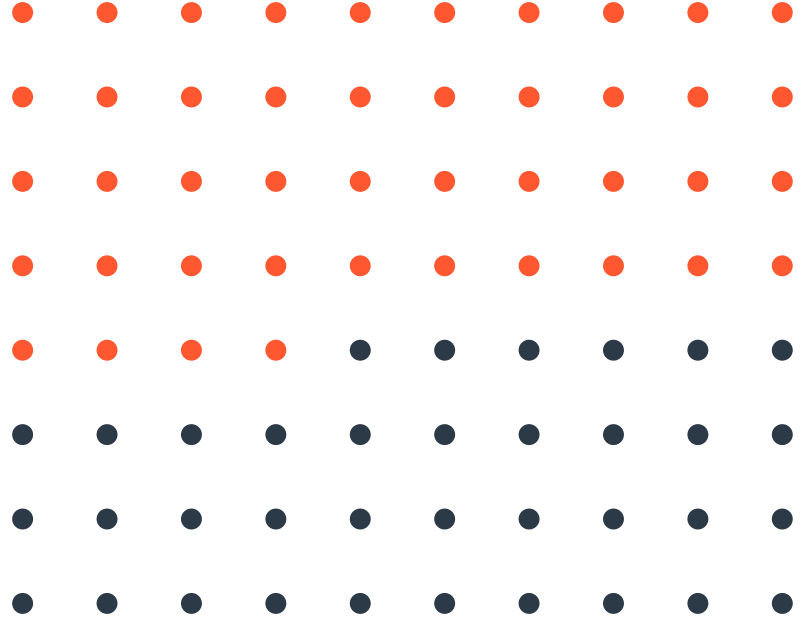


More aesthetic surface appearance

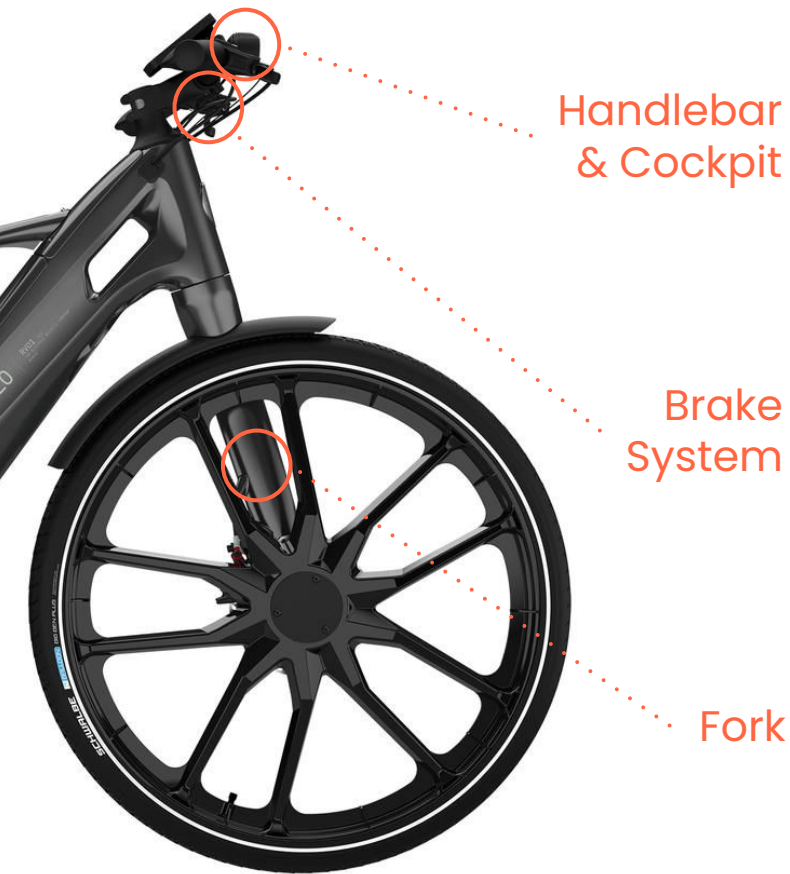




Application
highlights and
partnership
success stories



Application highlights, material advantages and solutions



Handlebar & Cockpit

- Omnix® HPPA GF 
- Ixef® PARA GF & CF 
- Xencor® HPPA LGF
- Xencor® PARA LGF & LCF


- Weight reduction
- Design freedom & function integration
- Surface finish
- Dimensional stability
- ECHO version available

Brake System

- Ixef® PARA GF & CF 

- High stiffness and mechanical strength
- Dimensional stability
- Surface appearance
- Resistance to oils (hydraulic)
- ECHO version available

Fork

- Xencor® PARA LGF & LCF
- Xencor® HPPA LGF 

- High stiffness and strength
- Impact resistance
- Fatigue resistance
- Surface appearance
- ECHO version available



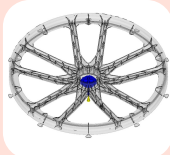
Application highlights, material advantages and solutions, continued.




- High strength/Modulus
- High impact resistance
- Creep & Fatigue resistance
- Surface appearance
- Integration of functions
- ECHO version available

- Xencor® PARA LGF & LCF
- Xencor® HPPA LGF 
- IXEF® PARA CF 

Frame



- Design freedom
- Tubeless ready
- No spoke/no maintenance
- Impact and fatigue resistance
- Creep performance
- ECHO version available

- Xencor® PARA LGF & LCF
- Xencor® HPPA LGF 

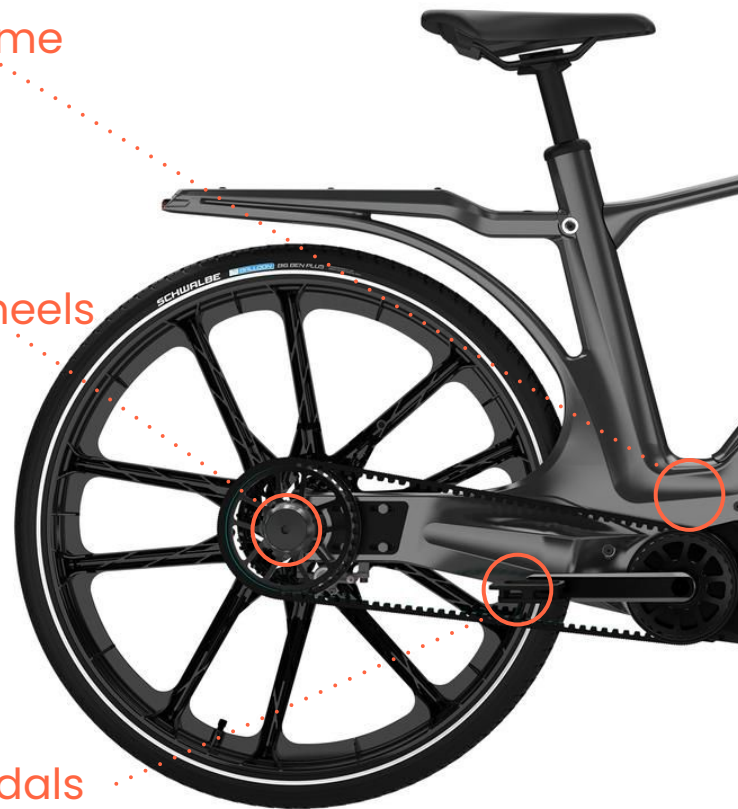
Wheels



- Weight reduction
- Design freedom
- Surface finish
- Corrosion free
- High stiffness, high mechanical strength
- ECHO version available

- IXEF® PARA GF, CF 
- Xencor® PARA LCF

Pedals



Stajvelo – The world's first e-bike in injected advanced composites



Syensqo partnered with Monaco-based Stajvelo to create a cutting-edge electric bike made entirely of plastic, showcasing a new high-performance polymer.

The stylish bike is both technically innovative and environmentally sustainable.



Key features of Syensqo Xencor PARA LGF material :

- Unique combination of stiffness & impact resistance
- Insensitivity to corrosion stress cracking
- No fissure propagation
- Outstanding creep and fatigue performance
- Outstanding gloss and surface appearance
- Excellent flexural properties
- High durability
- Cost attractiveness
- Easy colorable for customization
- Direct function integration
- Use in simulation tools and automatic industrial process

Photo courtesy of Stajvelo

Trek Bicycle Corporation – Syensqo introduces more sustainable polymers on the new Madone road bike



Trek's Madone road bike, debuted at the 2024 Tour de France, and features small parts in the headset area made from Syensqo's high recycled content polymer.

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“We are thrilled to embark on this exciting partnership with Trek, as part of our efforts to forge a greener future. Leveraging our expertise, we aim to assist Trek in meeting their ambitious sustainability goals within the rapidly expanding bicycle and e-bike industry.”

Floryan Decampo, Market VP Life Solutions at Syensqo

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Photo courtesy of Trek Bicycle Corporation; Syensqo, PR027

Ultima Mobility – Syensqo solutions offer sustainable innovation



Syensqo's **Omnix® 6000 ECHO HPPA** used as a sustainable solution in **Ultima Mobility MULTIPATH bike**

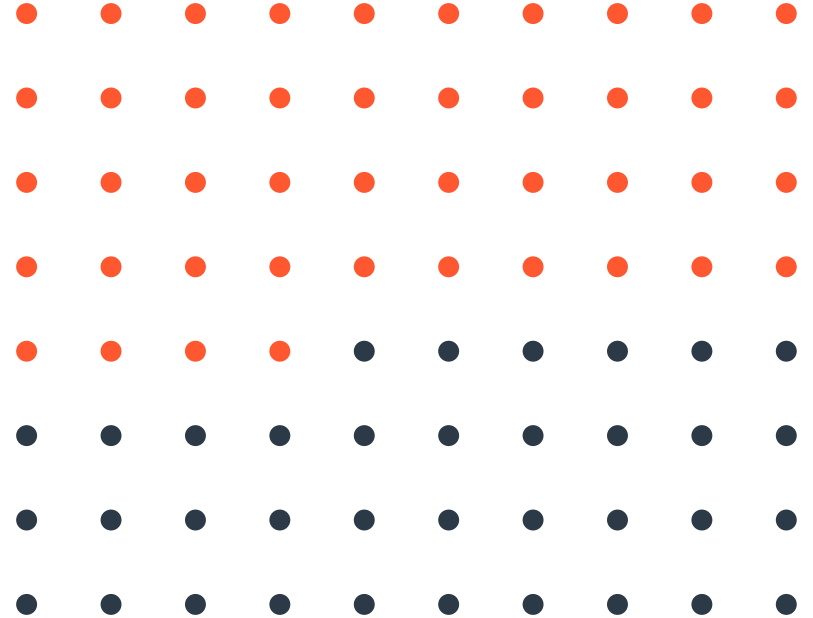
- Designed to meet the rigorous demands of high-impact global sporting events.
- Superior balance of performance and a reduced carbon footprint.



Photo courtesy of Ultima Mobility



Conclusion and Q&A



Partnering with Syensqo



Broadest portfolio of high-performance polymers for even the most specific processing demands, backed by a highly skilled technical development team and continuous partnership support.

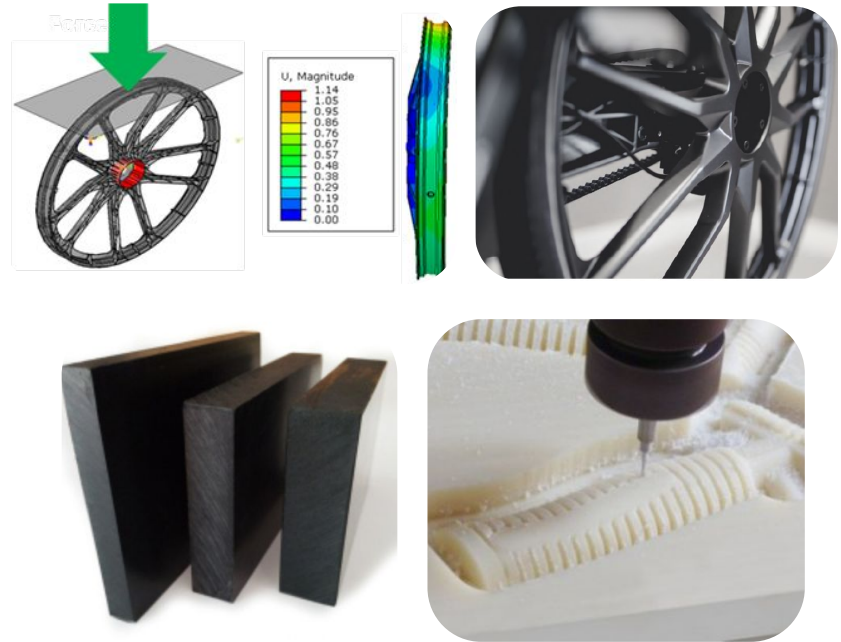
Virtual prototyping to optimize design including:

- Moldflow
- Abaqus/Ansys/Solidworks
- Digimat
- Fluent
- StarCCM+ - CFD

Physical prototyping and manufacturing pre-production.

Mold and part design review.

On-site support during processing trials with direct support to molders and processors.



Questions?

Please submit your questions via the text box.



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Thank you!



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The data was calculated according to the international standard for LCA, ISO 14040–44, using a cradle-to-gate approach including all raw materials and process steps to the final product exiting Syensqo’s site gate.

The calculation was performed using LCA software Simapro 9.5 in combination with EcolInvent database V3.9. Results refer to 1 kg of product as the functional unit, without packaging.

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