

# Arotran™ 300 carbon fiber SMC resin system

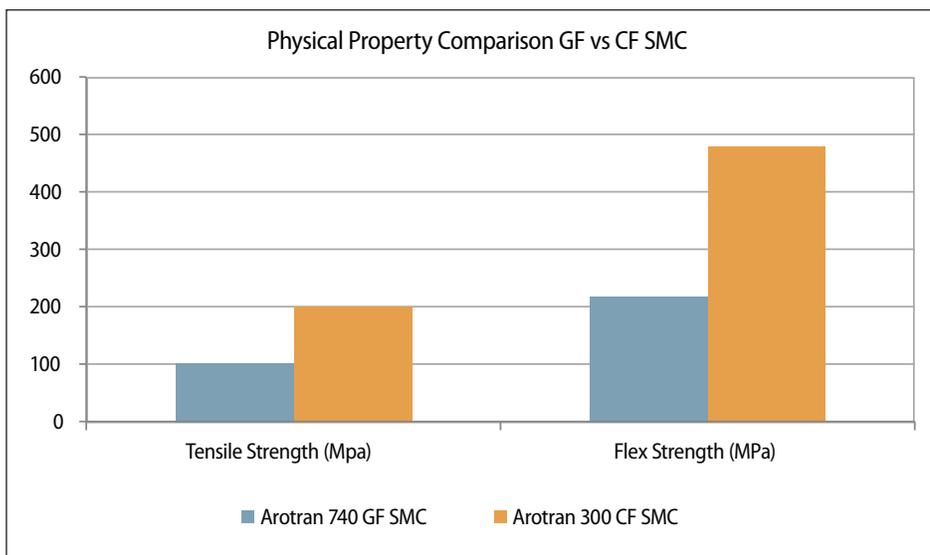
## Carbon fiber SMC parts are now available



The automotive industry needs to quickly meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standard requirements. While the goal of CAFE is to continue to reduce energy consumption by increasing the fuel economy of cars and light trucks, NHTSA's new standards rapidly increase over the next several years. That rapid increase in fuel economy requirements is driving OEM's to design and produce lighter vehicles. According to the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office, a 10% reduction in vehicle weight can result in a 6% to 8% fuel-economy improvement. However, traditional lower-density sheet molding compounds (SMC), may not provide sufficient strength and toughness for structural applications.

The Arotran 300 resin system was developed to address the automotive industry's need for light-weight, high-strength resin systems utilizing carbon fiber. Parts made with this resin technology will produce carbon fiber SMC structural composites with very high mechanical properties. The resin system is based on epoxy vinyl ester chemistry and nano-composite technology. Mass reduction, low tooling costs, noise reduction, heat and corrosion resistance are all deliverables with the use of Arotran 300 resin system in structural applications.

**Ashland's Arotran 300 carbon fiber based SMC resin system has significantly higher tensile and flex properties as compared to glass-fiber materials.**



### Applications:

- Deck lid inner
- Bumper impact beam
- Cross-member
- Drive shaft
- Leaf spring
- Wheels
- Wiper-system carrier
- GOR/GOP/headlamp support
- Closure inners
- Oil pans

### Benefits:

- Low mass
- Excellent strength to weight ratio
- Corrosion resistance
- Design flexibility

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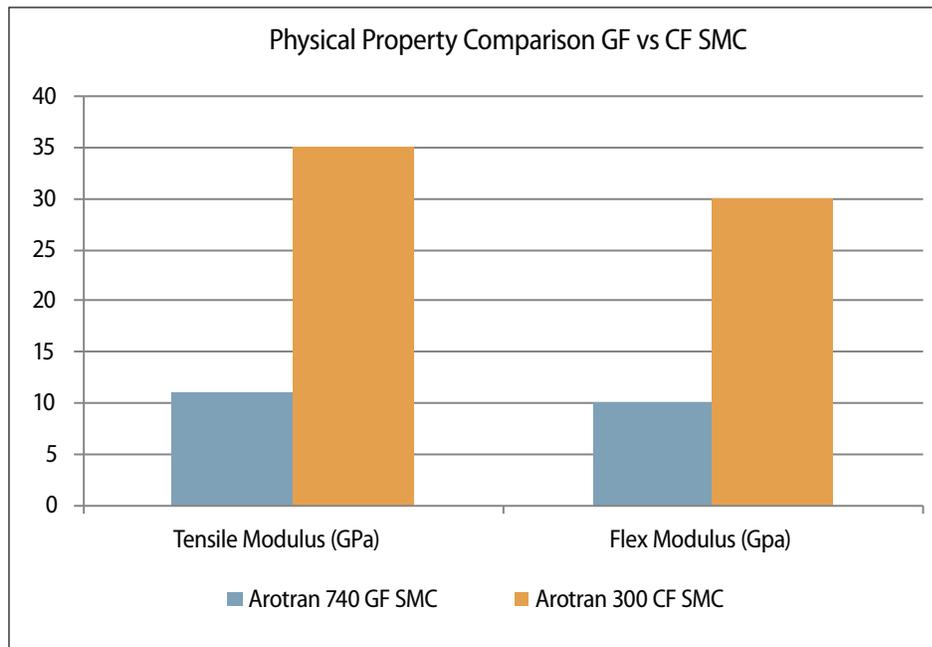
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