

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CENTER FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS Celebrating 50 Years

MANUFACTURING & PROTOTYPING CAPABILITIES

CCM Equipment

- **Autoclave**: Thermal Equipment Corporation autoclave, with capability to 1200 F and 500 psi. Chamber working size is approximately 20in diameter and 4ft in length
- **Compression Molding Press**: 2ft x 2ft 150 ton Wabash heated platen (800°F) press
- Liquid Molding: Multiple VARTM workcells with all necessary accessories, RTM injection systems, a SMARTMolding fully automated VARTM workcell, elevated temperature VARTM for BMI and toughened epoxy infusion, Co-Injection Workcell, process monitoring sensors, and all associated process control hardware, permeability characterization
- Robotic Tape Placement: ABB 6400 six-axis robot with custom designed heads – Computer-Controlled N2 Hot Gas Torches (2), 10 kW Huettinger Induction heater, IR heaters, all necessary hardware and process control systems
- Thermoplastic Extrusion & Film Line: DACA Micro-Compounder (5cc max capacity), Twin screw Haake Extruder (480 C, 14 kg/hr) and Film line, Perkin Elmer Series 2000 GPC Lab Scale Film Extrusion System
- Microwave Processing: 3kW microwave processing system
- Induction Heating: 5kW heaters for polymer and metal matrix composite processing
- Automated Lamination System: Roller based heating and consolidation system for automated processing of thermoplastic and thermoset prepregs
- **Ovens**: Wisconsin Oven-Convection Oven 8ft x 10ft x 8ft chamber (500°F), Blue M-Convection Oven 3ft x 3ft x 4ft chamber (500°F)
- Fabric Prototyping & Tow Sizing System: CCITech SL8900 Sampling Loom System (2-D Loom, Warper, Sizing Unit)
- Ultrasonic Welding: Amtech Ultraseam 20 Robotic Consolidation System



CCM-ATTL Equipment

CCM's Application Technology Transfer Laboratory (ATTL) was established in 2005 as an off-site facility to provide additional space for sub-component and full-scale part manufacturing and prototyping. Facilities at ATTL are used to demonstrate production processes at rate and quality.

- Pultrusion: HPI 20 kip Pultrusion Machine
- Prepreg Line: Aqueous Bath Thermoplastic Prepreg Line
- **CNC Automated Ply Cutting**: American GFM Model US15 Ultrasonic ply cutter with fabrication/assembly capabilities of bound dry preforms
- Liquid Molding: VARTM workcells including SMARTMolding with elevated temperature capability, and a 44ft x 14ft x 12ft dedicated climate controlled booth for process condition control and ventilation
- Filament Winding: Entec Filament Winder
- Experimental Thermoplastic Lamination Workcell
- CNC Machining: HAAS VF-9/40 Vertical Machining Center
- **Metrology**: 3D Laser Scanner/Coordinate Measuring Machine, Virtek Laser Projection System
- Spray Systems, Inc. Commercial Spray Booth: 34ft x 14ft x 12ft
- **Component Trimming & Finishing:** Specialized composite cutting equipment and dust collection controls
- Assembly & Integration: Large scale composite structures and vehicle applications, including systems integration for electronics and electro-mechanical systems



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