# MonoPan®

# The Future in Material Technology







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### **MonoPan® Overview**



### Structure

- MonoPare is a composite sandwich panel
- Comprised of polypropylene, the thermoplastic lightweight panel consists of a polypropylene-honeycomb and woven fibre-glass reinforced polypropylene face-sheets
- The face-sheets are fusion bonded with the core being a world first for this remarkable new product.



### Advantages

- DURABLE MonoPan® is impressively strong, impact resistant, rigid and extremely resilient to physical stressing and damage
- LIGHT WEIGHT
   MonoPan® is remarkably lightweight. For example, with a MonoPan® truck-body assembly you will dramatically improve your payload ratio. You can transport up to 70% more payload with a 3.5 ton vehicle approximately 600 kg in comparison with a truck-body assembly made of plywood
- EASY TO JOIN AND ASSEMBLE Panels can easily be joined by screws, bolts, pop-riveting, gluing and plastic-welding
- RESISTANT TO CLIMATIC CONDITIONS MonoPan® is a thermoplastic. Even so, it can be put to use in a temperature range of -40° to +80° Celsius
- WATERPROOF AND IMPERMEABLE
   A special property of MonoPan®. The material is impervious, resistant to salt-water and is not hygroscopic when the surface is damaged
- EXCELLENT CHEMICAL RESISTANCE MonoPan® offers high resistance against oils, fats and commonly used agents
- WILL NOT DELAMINATE, ROT OR RUST
- ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
   When you decide on MonoPan® you are actively contributing to the preservation of the environment
  - Eco-friendly Vehicles that are significantly lighter consume much less fuel and produce less noxious emissions
  - Recyclable MonoPan® is 100% recyclable. MonoPan® is a compound of polypropylene and fibre-glass without other additives, such as adhesives.

The specifications in the data sheets represent the current state of our technical knowledge and its purpose is to inform about MonoPan® and its applications. The specifications therefore do not guarantee particular properties or suitability for a specific application. We reserve the right to make changes in accordance with technological processes and other developments. We guarantee faultless guality in accordance with our conditions of sale.



### MonoPan® is the lightest material which is currently used for commercial vehicles!



• Weight difference of existing materials for a 4m long rigid truck body -

• Compared to a plywood body, a weight advantage of more than 600 kg per body can be gained.

### Area Weight

#### Calculation of the area weight per square metre

The following table shows how the area weight per m<sup>2</sup> can be calculated in a straightforward way - base weight plus add weight for core and panel thickness.

Example: MonoPan®, 30 mm thickness, standard honeycomb (PP80) and 0.7 mm face-sheets.

Base weight for MonoPan® with 0.7 face-sheets	2,38 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Addition for core: density $\times$ thickness = 0,080 $\times$ 30 =	2.40 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Total =	4,78 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

MonoPan® PP80						
Face sheet, mm	Add core weight, ka/(m <sup>2</sup> .mm) × mm					
0.7	2,38					
1.0	3,30 + 0,080 × panel thick					
1.4/2	4,26					

MonoPan® PP120							
Face sheet, mm	Add core weight, ka/(m <sup>2</sup> .mm) × mm						
0.7	2,38						
1.0	3,18 + 0,120 × panel thickne						
1.4/2	4,12						

Examples: 15-MonoPan® PP80 TN1.0 30-MonoPan® PP80 TN0.7 35-MonoPan® PP120 TN1.4/2 = 3,30 + 0,080 × 15 = 4,50 kg/m<sup>2</sup> = 2,38 + 0,080 × 30 = 4,78 kg/m<sup>2</sup> = 4,12 + 0,120 × 35 = 8,32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Standard paint weighs approximately 65g/m<sup>2</sup>





### **Impact Resilient**



The special honeycomb core made of polypropylene is an additional flexible area, whereby high-energy absorption, without core deformation, can be achieved. The impactresistant, load-sharing face-sheet increases the effectiveness of this property and promotes the excellent durability of MonoPan®.

### **Compressive Strength**

The following compressive strength values can be used for MonoPan®:

Uniformly distributed load, large area					
Material Load (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )					
MonoPan® PP80	1,5				
MonoPan® PP120	2,5				

\* Estimated, not measured.

Local load on 50 × 50 mm <sup>2</sup> , short term				
Material	Last (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )			
MonoPan® PP80	2,3			
MonoPan® PP120	3,7*			





\* Estimated not measured.

### Remarks

- The compressive strength is valid for short and medium term loading. When the load lasts longer than several weeks, the creep behaviour of PP should be taken into account. Allowable loads should then be reduced e.g. 50% of the values above.
- The above-mentioned compressive strength is no indication of the structural integrity of a given panel. A panel should be sufficiently supported, to achieve a load at the above-mentioned level.

# **Forming Techniques**



### By the following methods:

- thermal forming
- slot in one side of face-sheet and bending;riveting of profile on the inner side of slot
- welding with polypropylene
- miter cut; gluing or riveting profiles from both sides.







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### **Thermal Forming Methods**

MonoPan® can be shaped easily by thermal methods because of the thermoplastic material properties. Two-dimensional shaping, like bending, is achieved with heating a localised strip of skin material. This heated strip is lightly pressed down and will disappear into the core when the panel is bent. In the ideal situation, this excessive skin material will strengthen the panel in the bending area.

Alternatively to heating the skin and pressing it into the core, it can be removed by milling. The area where the inside skin is removed, the outside skin can function as a hinge. The panel can be bent until the inner cut-out sides meet. The sides can then be welded together to create a strong profile. Without welding the shaped panel can fold back.



### **Mechanical Forming Methods**

**Small radius**: For a small radius, bending the form is best done by milling the face-sheet off. A wedge is cut in the panel and the face-sheet and core material are removed as shown in the sketch. One should be careful with painted panels, the paint may crack. The inside can be strengthened by welding or by mounting a corner profile.







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### **Mechanical Forming Methods**

**Large radius:** Bending a large radius can be done by cutting many small slits on the inside face-sheet. By choosing the right combination of the number and width of slits, the desired radius can be achieved.

The following tables and diagram show the preparation of bending:

starting data			calculated data		
outside radius R <sub>a</sub> 100 mm		outside curve length	La	$L_a = R_a \cdot \pi/2$	
panel thickness	S	30 mm	e.g.	L <sub>a</sub> = 100	) . π/2 = 157,1 mm
bending angle	α	π/2 (90°)	total cutting width	ls	I <sub>s</sub> = S . π/2
			e.g.	$I_{s} = 30$ .	π/2 = 47,1 mm

parameter of choice			resulting parameter		
number of slits	per of slits n 10 s		slit width	S	s = I <sub>s</sub> /n
or			e.g.	s = 47,1	/10 = 4,7 mm
slit width	S	5 mm	number of slits	n	$n = I_s / s$
			e.g.	n = 47,1	/5 = 9,4 rounded: 9

resulting calculation		
material width between slits	а	$a = (R_a \cdot \pi/2 - s)/(n - 1) - s$
	e.g.	a = (157,1 – 5)/(9 – 1) – 5 = 14 mm







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### **MonoLock-screw connection**

The MonoLock-connection was developed to ensure a strong and durable screw connection of MonoPan® with load-sharing supports of aluminium, steel or other materials. The connection consists of a self-drilling screw in a clamp sleeve.

First a blind hole must be drilled into MonoPan®. The self-drilling screw is screwed into the support together with the clamp. The clamping of the lower face-sheet and support bears the main load. Additionally, the flange of the sleeve clamps the upper face-sheet and provides a flat surface.

Assembly instruction:

MonoLock-sleeve and drill screw: EJOT Saphir JT2-STS-6-6.3×60 Forstner-drill diameter 18 mm Torque: 6-10 Nm. Frame: aluminium 3-5 mm, steel 2-4 mm



### Other connections using screws or bolts

Edge closings and other non-load bearing connections can be achieved by assembling a profile to the edge with woodscrews in a sideward direction (figure left). Though bolting can be done, possibly by the use of load distribution plates to enable a higher loading capacity, the core should not be crushed. (figure right)





### Joining (ii) Screws and Rivets

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### Fasteners – blind rivets

Fasteners, especially with a flange counter head, are well suited for joining MonoPan®.

The high elongation-to-break of PP and high strength of the fibre-glass yield a high load capacity. Because of the welding process of the skins to the core, no delamination caused by rivets will occur.

With load distribution plates an even higher load can be introduced (see figure right)

Rivets not only offer a higher load capacity, but can also be applied easily.

The table below shows various types of rivets. Use this table to choose the best rivet for your application.



### Table of blind rivets

	Manufacturer	Rivet type	Pull-out Strength [N]	Shear- Strength [N]	Remarks
	Avdel-Textron	Bulbex® BF01 (bulge counter head)	-	-	- fibre-glass failure + low price
		Avex® BE1692-0613 (bulge counter head)	-	~800	+ low price
		Avibulb® BN01-0614 (bulge counter head)	300-500	650-900	+ cost efficient
		Avibulb® BN01-6013 (bulge counter head)	300-300	030-900	
Low	Avdel-Textron	Hemlok® 2221.0812 (bulge counter head)	~400	~750	± medium costs
		Eurosert® 39006-28035 (blind rivet nut)	350-450	1100-1200	bulge counter head
		Eurosert® 09406-02822 (blind rivet nut)	330-430	1100-1200	± medium costs
		Plusnut® SM06P0751 (blind rivet nut, flange)	200-250	~100	
city	Titgemeyer	Plusnut® SM08P0751 (blind rivet nut flange)	200-200	~100	± medium costs
Capa		Plusnut® SM1 OP0801 (blind rivet nut, flange)	~350	~150	
ad (		TLR® 3904-0623 (Aluminium, Ø 5,5 mm)			
Ľ	Avdel-Textion	TLR® 3904-0832 (Aluminium, Ø 6,5 mm)			
	KVT-König	POP SCD 608 BS (galv. steel, Ø 5,0 mm)			
		POP SCD 612 BS (galv. steel, Ø 5,0 mm)			(All: flange counter
	Titgemeyer	Olympic Bulb-tite® RV 6604 6-4 (aluminium Ø 5,0 mm)			head)
		Olympic Bulb-tite® RV 6606 8-4 (aluminium, Ø 6,5 mm)	650-800	1100-1200	+ suitable for vibrations
\ <u>\</u>		Olympic Bulb-tite® RV6676 8-4 (galv. steel, Ø 6,5 mm)			+ best results in applications
		Bulb-tite® RV 6604-6-4 (aluminium, Ø 5,5 mm)			± relatively high costs
	Gesipa	Bulb-tite® RV 6604-8-4 (aluminium, Ø 6,5 mm)			
		Bulb-tite® RV 6676-8-4 (galv. steel, Ø 6,5 mm)			
V		Bulb-tite® RV 6696-8-4 (stainless steel, Ø 6,5 mm)			
	Avdel-Textron	Fab-Lok® FAC-10-4 (flange counter head)	1400	1800	+ disassembly possible - no metric head

The above methods and products are guidelines and are based on WIHAG experience.





### Joining (iii) Screws and Rivets

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### Load distribution plate:

All loads can be applied: yield, shear and bending

### Examples:

- a) Steel plate riveted to MonoPan®
- b) Application (e.g. fixed boards, big locks) fixed to steel plate

#### Example of load distribution plate





### **Direct riveting:**

Two forces can be applied: yield and shear Example:

Hinge (with moveable board) riveted to MonoPan®



### Pop-rivets with flange counter heads (examples)





### Aluminium:

Avdel Textron TLR® 3904-0832 Titgemeyer Olympic Bulb-tite® RV 6606 8-6 Gesipa Bulb-tite® RV 6604-8-4

#### Galvanized/stainless steel:

Titgemeyer Olympic Bulb-tite® RV 6676 8-4 (galvanized) Gesipa Bulb-tite® RV 6696-8-4 (galv.), RV 6696-8-4 (stainless steel)

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# Adhesive Bonding (i)



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### **Untreated/unpainted surface**

Adhesive bonding to materials with low surface energy like MonoPan® should be done by properly trained personnel.

\* Surfaces to be bonded need to be clean and free of grease/oil, even if no cleaner is specified.

The following table shows a selection of possible adhesive systems:

Strength	Application	Manufacturer	System*	Processing	Remarks
+	Strips/ Profiles	SABA	Cleaner 48 Primer 4518 Sealtack 750/780	1-component gun/ 1-component application system	Cured after 1 week (humidify surroundings!) Application temperature +15 to +30°C
+	Small parts/ Profiles	ЗM	Hotmelt: 3764TC or 3748TC	Hotmelt gun	Cured after cooling down. Tempering base materials is possible before bonding
++	Small parts/ Profiles	ЗM	DP8005 or DP8010	2-component application system	Cured after 1-2 days Application temperature +10 to +30°C
++	Small parts	Sichel	PowerPrimer Superglue 99	Low viscosity: manual application	Cured after 1-2 days Application temperature +10 to +30°C

The SABA adhesive system has proved to be especially suitable for trucking applications. For this system the process information is given below:

Process steps:	Bonding details:			
1) Clean with SABA cleaner 48	<ul> <li>Before applying the adhesive be sure to humidify the surroundings, providing moisture for the adhesive to cure. Do not wet the bonding surfaces.</li> </ul>			
2) Prepare with surface primer: SABA 4518	Apply adhesive			
3) Bond with adhesive: SABA Sealtack 750 or 780	<ul> <li>Wait2-3 minutes for adhesive to absorb moisture</li> <li>Join parts</li> <li>Let cure (~3 days)</li> </ul>			

### Bonding after surface treatment

- Surface treatments are very useful, make effective preparations for bonding, e.g. Plasma-, Corona-treatment and flaming.
- For smaller parts, fluorination is also recommended.
- Please get advice from companies providing the services or machinery concerning these surface treatments.

# Adhesive Bonding (ii)



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### Bonding to a painted surface

Bonding to pre-painted MonoPan® is less critical than on unpainted. The paint system with adhesion promotor already provides the necessary adhesion to the low surface energy material. However, it is of utmost importance to use adhesive systems that are compatible with the paint system.

In case of 1-component adhesive please note that the adhesive can cure, exposure to humidity and air is necessary. In case of doubt, please use a 2-component adhesive system.

\* Surfaces to be bonded need to be clean and free of grease/oil, even if no cleaner is specified.

The following list shows our selection of possible adhesives.

Strength	Application	Manufacturer	System*	Processing	Remarks
+	Strips/Profiles	Sika	Activator Sikaflex 252	1-component gun/ 1-component application system	Cured after 1-2 weeks (unnecessary when rivets are used) Application temperature +10 to +30°C Cured after ca. 2 days Application temperature +10 to +30°C
+	Strips/Profiles	Sika	Activator Sikaflex 254 + Booster	2-component application system	Cured after 1-2 weeks (unnecessary when rivets are used) Application temperature +10 to +30°C Cured after ca. 2 days Application temperature +10 to +30°C
+	Strips/Profiles	Kömmerling	Körabond HG 81 Körapop 225	1-component gun/ 1-component application system	Fully cured after 1 week (unnecessary when rivets are used) Application temperature +5 to +30°C
+	Strips/Profiles	Kömmerling	Körabond HG 81 Körapop 225/2K	MIXPAC® 2KPneumat gun or 2-component application system	Cured after ca. 2 days Application temperature +10 to +30°C
+	Strips/Profiles	SABA	Sealtack 750 or 780	1-component gun/ 1-component application system	Cured after 1 week (humidify surroundings!) Application temperature +15 to +30°C

### Remarks

- Cleaning the surface from dust and grease/oil is essential.
- Similar adhesive systems may be used, making adjustments for local supply and conditions. Please follow instructions provided by the manufacturers in all cases
- The above methods are guidelines only and are based on WIHAG experience.
- Further information of the mentioned suppliers can be found on the Internet under following links:

www.saba.nl www.mmm.de www.sichel.de www.sika.de www.titgemeyer.de www.koe-chemie.de

# Painting MonoPan<sup>®</sup>



### Painting a standard MonoPan® surface

MonoPan® can be delivered with standard factory paint (white RAL 9010). The current paint system is built up as follows:

- 1) Adhesion promoter (transparent),
- 2) White filler: RAL9010 or DB9147
- 3) Topcoat
- For untreated MonoPar® surface a pre-treatment of the surface is absolutely necessary, e.g. the process described above.
- Alternative methods of surface treatment can alsobe used. Please contact various companies which offer these kinds of treatment, e.g. flaming and plasma.

### **Overcoating a painted MonoPan® surface**

To overcoat a standard painted panel, use products such as Paintsystem PETER-LACKE GmbH.

The panels can be repainted in desired colours according to the following steps.

1.	Clean	Cleaner	Clean from dust, degrease, e.g. Special Thinner P86001 (Peter-Lacke)
2.	Primer	Adhesion promoter Pehafix P71975	
3.	Filler	2K-Filler Pehapol P81914	With hardener P85045
4.	Topcoat	Typical 2-component car spray-paint	

### Remarks

- Cleaning the surface from dust and gease/oil before painting is essential.
- Similar paint systems may be used, making adjustments for local supply and conditions. Please follow instructions provided by paint manufacturers in all cases
- The above methods are guidelines only and are based on WIHAG experience.
- Further information of the mentioned suppliercan be found on the Internet under following link: www.peter-lacke.de





### **Environmentally friendly**

### When you decide on MonoPan® you are actively contributing to the preservation of the environment.



### **ECO-FRIENDLY**

Vehicles that are significantly lighter consume less fuel and produce much less noxious emissions.



### RECYCLABLE

MonoPan® is 100% recyclable. MonoPan® is a compound of polypropylene and fibre-glass without any other additives, such as adhesives.

The combination of polypropylene and fibre-glass allows for reprocessing of fibre-reinforced pellets with the features similar to a new material. It can therefore be utilised for technically demanding products such as extrusion profiles.

### **Recycling process**



This process is an example of recycling plastics. Please contact your local approved recycling company.

# **Technical Data Sheet (i)**

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### **Panel structure**

MonoPan® is a thermoplastic sandwich panel, consisting of polypropylene honeycomb and fibre-glass reinforced polypropylene face-sheets, which are uniformly joined by a lamination/melting process.

#### **Face sheets**

Face sheets on both sides are of the same thickness and have the following specifications:

Standard: single-layered on each side, natural colour (milky white) with a thickness of 0.7 mm (980/m<sup>2</sup> in fabric).



 Longitudinal and transverse filaments in PP matrix
 Honeycomb with cell walls melted to face sheets

Standard:	0.7 mm natural colour	980 g/m²
On request:	0.7 mm black	980 g/m²
	1.0 mm natural colour/black	1,485 g/m²
	1.4 mm natural colour/black	2 x 980 g/m²

### Honeycomb

Standard:	PP honeycomb	density 80 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
On request:	PP honeycomb	density 100 kg/m³
	PP honeycomb	density 120 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Surface coating

Optional:	Painting RAL 9010, system:	Polypropylene - bonding agent, filler and PU - final coat
On request: Special colour		
	Anti-slip-surface	
	Fabric made from natural fibre	

Fabric made from natural fibre can be used, as surface is ready for bonding.

A painted surface can be overcoated with accepted vehicle paints and glued with PUR- and MS-polymer industrial adhesives.

- - - Special specifications on request from 500m<sup>2</sup> - - -

### **Delivery conditions**

Panel Sizes					
Length	2,000 to 13,600 mm				
Width	2,000 to 2	2,750 mm			
Tolerances	Length	Width			
	± 2	mm	lf:		length ≤ 2,750
	± 4	mm	lf:	2,750 <	length ≤ 6,800
	± 8 mm	± 4 mm	lf:		length > 6,800
Planarity <sup>1</sup>	± 4 m	וm/m			

<sup>1</sup>The surface flatness tolerance refers to the state of panels upon dispatch from WIHAG. Influences after delivery and during the transport system can affect the planarity.

#### - - - Special sizes on request - - -

Panel thickness		
Standard	25 and 30 mm	Tolerance: ± 0.3 mm
On request	15 to 100 mm (from 500 m <sup>2</sup> )	Tolerance: ± 0.5 mm

# **Technical Data Sheet (ii)**



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### **Properties**

### Weight

• A panel comprises the weight of the facesheets and the weight of the honeycomb core. It is 4.4 or 4.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup> for a 25 or 30 mm panel.

#### Impact strength

• At room temperature the impact strengh, appraised by a Falling Dart Impact Test with a Ø20 mm spherical head, is >80 J (translated >250 J/m<sup>2</sup>), at -20°C it is 35 J.

#### Weather resistance

- The face-sheets guarantee excellent UV-protection according to manufacturer's tests in a desert area of Arizona. The
  panel has excellent UV resistance with no important signs of aging compared to similar plastic materials, which have a
  stronger tendency to surface cracks at intensive UV-irradiation.
- MonoPan® does not decompose and is resistant to salt water.
- Chemical resistance is very high and the product also offers high resistance against oil, fats, and the most commonly used agents.
- According to internal tests the water absorption of panels is below 1.5%.

#### **Compression strength**

• The compression strength of a short-term load,to an area of 50 × 50 mm<sup>2</sup>, is 2.3 MPa.

#### **Bending Properties**



The figure shows the strength in kg/cm width at centreline load on a panel having a bearing distance of 750 mm compared to a weight per unit area of kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Materials:

A) 30 mm Standard MonoPan® B) 40 mm PUR, 0.6 mm Steel C) 16 mm Plywood D) 40 mm PUR, 2 mm GRP

#### Fire

- Uncoated MonoPare is normally inflammable according to DIN 4102 meaning B2.
- A standard coating has a fire precaution, class F1according to DIN 53438-3.

#### **Heat insulation**

Thermal Insulation Behaviour of Standard Panels					
25 mm Heat transfer coefficient K 2.5 W/m <sup>2</sup> K					
30 mm	Heat transfer coefficient K	2.2	W/m²K		

### Treatment

- MonoPare can be shaped by stock removal or thermal forming.
- Suitable techniques for joining parts are riveting, welding or gluing.



### Burn behaviour of unpainted MonoPan<sup>®</sup>

The burn behaviour of MonoPan® originates mainly from the polypropylene material content, therefore the classification "normal flammability" applies.

MonoPan® is classified as "normally flammable" B2 or in some cases B3 "easily flammable" according to DIN 4102

 Procedure:
 Burn rate test according to DIN 4102-B2

 Test result:
 "The component 20-MonoPan® PP80 TN 0.7, panel thickness 20 mm, fulfils the requirements of DIN 4102-B2"

 Test class:
 B2

 Laboratory:
 Ostthüringische Materialprüfungsgesellschaft für Textil und Kunststoffe mbH (DAR – accreditation, Reg. No. DAP-P-0, 397-00-97-01)

### General test of plastics, standard paint

Testing the burn behaviour of MonoPan® with standard paint (12.12.2002)

A standard painted MonoPan® meets the criteria of not easily flammable materials, material class F1 according to DIN 53438-T3.

 Procedure:
 Flaming of surface with burner according to DIN 53438-T3

 Test result:
 "The tip of the flame from the burning specimen does not reach the gauge mark (the test specimen is self extinguishing before reaching the mark)".

 Test class:
 F1

 Laboratory:
 Ostthüringische Materialprüfungsgesellschaft für Textil und Kunststoffe mbH (DAR – accreditation, Reg. No. DAP-P-01,397-00-97-01)

### Classification of building materials, special coating

Testing the burn behaviour of MonoPan® with flame retardant paint (spray paint) (12.12.2002)

MonoPan® with special coating meets the material class B1 according DIN 4102-1 "Fire behaviour of building materials and elements" (May 1998), chapters 6.1.2.3 and 6.2.2.

Procedure:	DIN 4102-14 (May 1990)
Test class:	Material Class B1
Laboratory:	MPA NRW Materialprüfungsamt Nordrhein – Westfalen
Certificate:	No. 230002835, July 26th 2002.

#### Paint:

Coating	Designation	Quantity, wet
1	Peter Lacke PEHAFIX PP-primer P 71975 (tested: precursor with the laboratory designation VPAA06093, see certificate)	20-50 g/m²
2	Peter Lacke PEHAPOL 2K-filler P 81914 with Peter Lacke PEHAPOL hardener P 85045	ca. 90 g/m <sup>2</sup> (incl. hardener)
3	Nullifire PP2000	ca. 300 g/m <sup>2</sup>
4	Tremco Cartoline 134	ca. 70 g/m²
Coating:	Pre-coating of layers 1 and 2 may be done by WIHAG in an online-process or by spray paint. The solvent-based paints 3 and 4 may be sprayed in one coating procedure, respectively (airless).	

The Nullifire PP2000 paint is a protective coating, which is activated below 165°C. The flame retardant effect is achieved by the creation of an insulating non-flammable carbon foam and by energy dissipation from the flame.

# **Chemical Resistance**



The following list shows the resistance of MonoPan® against various chemicals. The resistance correlates with the properties of MonoPan® i.e. polypropylene and glass.

Chemical	Resistance	Chemical	Resistance
Acetone	+	Hexene	0
Formic acid	+	Cresol	+
Ethyl alcohol	+	Lyes, aqueous	+
Ammonia (aqueous)	+	Methanol	+
Petrol / gasoline	0	Mineral oil / grease	+
Benzene	0	n-Hexane	0
Butane	+	Neopentane	+
Butyl acetate	-	Nitrides, concentrated	
Butanoic acid 10%	+	Ozone	0
Chlorbenzene	+	Pentane	0
Chloroform	0	Perchloroetylene	-
Cyclohexane		Hydrochloric acid 35% max.	0
Cyclohexanone	+	Carbon disulphide	+
Dekaline		Sulphuric acid 45% max. cold	0
Dichlormethane	0	Sulphuric acid, hot	
Diesel/ fuel oil	+	Sulphuric acid, gas	
Diethyl ether	0	Detergents	+
Dioxane	+	Tetra-chlorinated hydrocarbon	-
Acetic acid 10%	+	Tetraline	
Ethyl acetate	0	Toluene	-
Ethyl benzene	-	Trichlorethane	-
Ethyl chloride	-	Trikresyl phosphate	
Ethylene oxide	+	Water, cold	++
Fluorocarbon	0	Water, hot	+
Ethyl ether	0	Xylene	-

++ Highly resistant

+ Resistant

0 Conditionally resistant

-- Very damaging

- Not resistant

This overview refers to the chemical resistance of the polypropylene surfaces. The valuation is not binding, it is based on bibliographical references. In every specific case the chemical resistance must be predefined and verified.

# **Thermal Insulation**



The following table shows the thermal insulation values for MonoPan®. For comparison, the values for plywood and a typical foam-FRP sandwich panel are added for reference.

### **Thermal Insulation**

MonoPan®			
Thickness (mm)	U-value [W/(m <sup>2</sup> .K)]		
10	4		
15	3,5		
20	3		
25	2,5		
30	2,2		
35	2		
50	1,5		

These values are indicative and can be used for every typical face-sheet thickness.

### Comparison

Plywood		FRP-Foam	
Thickness (mm)	U-value [W/(m <sup>2</sup> .K)]	Thickness (mm)	U-value [W/(m <sup>2</sup> .K)]
18	3,60	25	1,14



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The U-value is calculated according to DIN 4108.

## **Acoustics and Vibration**



- Information on the sound and vibration dampening properties of MonoPar® is limited (see graph)
- Dampening of imposed vibration is also promising, because of the elastic characteristics of PP in MonoPan®
- The properties can be improved substantiallyby developing an optimized surface material.



#### Testing method:

Impedance measurement tube Kundtsch Tube, Brüel&Kaer Type 4206, Microphones Type 2633) Diameter 100 mm, Specimen length 200 mm Frequency measurement interval with this type of tube is 200 Hz to 1.6 kHz.

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### Vibration dampening Absorption measurement

# **Impact Strength**



### Falling dart test

MonoPan® offers remarkable strength and impact resistance. The following test results show the impact strength in a temperature range of -40°C to +80°C.

The impact strength of MonoPan® has been determined with a falling dart test. The test described as follows:

A specified weight mounted on a half sphere, Ø 20 mm, falls on the MonoPan® surface. The minimal energy value that causes surface failure (first visible break of glass fibres) is registered. Furthermore, the indentation depth and the area of the imprint are determined.

For visualisation, the impact of a concrete block of 4 litres (8 kg) falling from a 1-m height on the MonoPan® surface equals 80 J impact energy:



# **Temperature Reference**



### Flexibility of MonoPan® properties

Like most materials, the material properties of MonoPan® depend on temperature. The graph shows the temperature dependency of the comparative value of the E-modulus in bending at different lengths. Additionally, two curves for a typical FRP-foam panel (30 mm) and for plywood (18 mm) at 750 mm length are added for reference.

Determination of the comparative value of the E-modulus in bending was established at maximum load (short term).



#### Temperature dependency of the comparative E-modulus in bending

# E-Modulus in Bending (i)



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### Comparative values for MonoPan®

The values for the E-modulus in bending are determined for three-point-bending at a unit load of 1 N per mm panel width. Example: A 10 kg load on a panel of 100 mm width corresponds to 100 N /100 mm = 1 N/mm.

				Comparative E-Modulus in bending	
Span length	Bending deformation	Shear deformation	Total deformation		
mm	mm	mm	mm	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
		10-MonoPan® 0.7			
230	0,68	0,41	1,09	2786	
300	1,52	0,53	2,05	3294	
600	12,13	1,07	13,20	4092	
1000	56,16	1,78	57,93	4315	
		15-MonoPan® 0.7			
230	0,29	0,27	0,56	1600	
300	0,64	0,36	1,00	2000	
600	5,15	0,71	5,86	2730	
1000	23,83	1,19	25,02	2960	
1500	80,44	1,78	82,22	3040	
		20-MonoPan® 0.7			
230	0,16	0,21	0,36	1043	
300	0,35	0,27	0,62	1358	
600	2,83	0,54	3,37	2005	
1000	13,11	0,89	14,00	2232	
1500	44,24	1,34	45,57	2314	
25-MonoPan® 0.7					
230	0,10	0,16	0,26	735	
300	0,22	0,21	0,44	987	
600	1,79	0,43	2,22	1560	
1000	8,28	0,71	8,99	1780	
1500	27,93	1,07	29,00	1862	
2000	66,21	1,43	67,64	1892	
2500	129,32	1,78	131,10	1907	
30-MonoPan® 0.7					
230	0,07	0,14	0,21	546	
300	0,15	0,18	0,33	752	
600	1,23	0,36	1,59	1260	
1000	5,70	0,59	6,29	1472	
1500	19,23	0,89	20,12	1553	
2000	45,57	1,19	46,76	1584	
2500	89,00	1,49	90,49	1599	

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# E-Modulus in Bending (ii)



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### Comparative values for MonoPan®

The values for the E-modulus in bending are determined for three-point-bending at a unit load of 1 N per mm panel width. Example: A 10 kg load on a panel of 100 mm width corresponds to 100 N /100 mm = 1 N/mm.

				Comparative E-Modulus in bending	
Span length	Bending deformation	Shear deformation	Total deformation		
mm	mm	mm	mm	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
		15-MonoPan® 1.0			
230	0,20	0,27	0,47	1912	
300	0,44	0,36	0,80	2510	
600	3,53	0,71	4,24	3771	
1000	16,35	1,18	17,54	4224	
1500	55,19	1,78	56,97	4389	
		20-MonoPan® 1.0			
230	0,11	0,20	0,31	1215	
300	0,24	0,27	0,51	1665	
600	1,92	0,53	2,45	2753	
1000	8,88	0,89	9,77	3199	
1500	29,96	1,34	31,30	3370	
2000	71,03	1,78	72,81	3434	
		25-MonoPan® 1.0			
230	0,07	0,16	0,23	840	
300	0,15	0,21	0,36	1186	
600	1,20	0,43	1,63	2121	
1000	5,56	0,71	6,28	2549	
1500	18,78	1,07	19,85	2720	
2000	44,52	1,43	45,94	2786	
2500	86,94	1,78	88,73	2818	
30-MonoPan® 1.0					
230	0,05	0,14	0,18	615	
300	0,10	0,18	0,28	889	
600	0,82	0,36	1,18	1695	
1000	3,81	0,59	4,41	2102	
1500	12,86	0,89	13,75	2272	
2000	30,49	1,19	31,68	2338	
2500	59,55	1,49	61,03	2370	

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# E-Modulus in Bending (iii)



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### Comparative values for MonoPan®

The values for the E-modulus in bending are determined for three-point-bending at a unit load of 1 N per mm panel width. Example: A 10 kg load on a panel of 100 mm width corresponds to 100 N /100 mm = 1 N/mm.

				Comparative E-Modulus in bending		
Span length	Bending deformation	Shear deformation	Total deformation			
mm	mm	mm	mm	N/mm <sup>2</sup>		
		20-MonoPan® 1.4/2				
230	0,09	0,20	0,29	1312		
300	0,19	0,27	0,46	1850		
600	1,52	0,53	2,05	3294		
1000	7,02	0,89	7,91	3952		
1500	23,69	1,33	25,02	4215		
2000	56,16	1,78	57,93	4315		
2500	109,68	2,22	111,90	4364		
		25-MonoPan® 1.4/2				
230	0,05	0,16	0,22	897		
300	0,12	0,21	0,33	1303		
600	0,94	0,43	1,37	2521		
1000	4,37	0,71	5,08	3149		
1500	14,75	1,07	15,82	3414		
2000	34,96	1,42	36,38	3518		
2500	68,27	1,78	70,05	3569		
	30-MonoPan® 1.4/2					
230	0,04	0,14	0,17	652		
300	0,08	0,18	0,26	967		
600	0,64	0,36	1 ,00	2000		
1000	2,98	0,59	3,57	2591		
1500	10,06	0,89	10,95	2855		
2000	23,83	1,19	25,02	2960		
2500	46,55	1,49	48,04	3012		
35-MonoPan® 1.4/2						
230	0,03	0,12	0,14	495		
300	0,06	0,15	0,21	746		
600	0,47	0,31	0,77	1631		
1000	2,16	0,51	2,67	2184		
1500	7,29	0,76	8,06	2443		
2000	17,29	1,02	18,30	2548		
2500	33,76	1,27	35,03	2601		

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