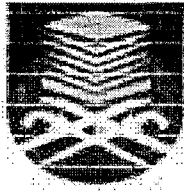


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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The exciting thing about composites is that an ordinary person can make things that they have never been able to make before, such as bathtubs, a boat, or a motorcycle. Race car bodies, canoes, airplanes, model aircraft, jet skis, boats, sculpture, as well as traditional industrial molding and model making have taken on a new dimension as fiberglass becomes less of a mystery, easier to use, and easier to buy.

The materials that are used are easiest to understand when you think about something like a boat. A boat is hard, it doesn't bend, and it certainly doesn't take in water. Most people think of a boat as being made of "fiberglass."

1.1 DEFINITION

Composites are made from two or more distinct materials that when combined together are better than each other would be separately which is reinforcing elements, fillers, and composite matrix or binder differing in a form or composition on a micro scale.

Advanced composite is a composites material applicable to aerospace construction and made by imbedding high-strength, high-modulus fibers within an essentially homogeneous matrix.