



HARDEX[®]

XPP FOAM



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ABOUT MANUFACTURER – SPUR A.S.



Research, development and manufacturing of plastic products

- Plastic processing company with modern technology founded in 1992.
- The high quality of products is guaranteed by a long-term professional research and development, experience, testing and production control.
- More than 70% of production is exported abroad.
- Own industrial facilities in Zlín with total area of 85 000 m².



INTRODUCTION OF SPUR GROUP

The SPUR group was established through acquisition activities, enabled by more than thirty years of organic growth of the main company SPUR a.s., based in Zlín-Louky. In recent years, the company has acquired several companies doing business in the field of:

- **plastic production and processing**
- **recycling**
- **flexible food packaging manufacturing**
- **hydroponic vegetable cultivation farms**
- **a company employing workers with disabilities (sheltered workshop)**

By actively diversifying our product portfolio, today the company is presented in the spheres of economics, sales, and social responsibility by 3 +1 strategic parts:
PLASTICS, ENERGY, AGRO + SOCIAL AREA.

PLASTICS



AGRO



ENERGY



SOCIAL

A SUPPLIER WITH A CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM



A future-ready mono-material with upcycling potential and a low carbon footprint.



In March 2024, SPUR a.s. significantly strengthened its sustainability strategy through investing in a large-scale recycling facility with an annual capacity of 20,000 tonnes, primarily focused on polypropylene (PP). Operating under SPUR PLASTIC RECYCLING, this facility enhances recycling capabilities while creating new opportunities for expansion into injection moulding and other specialized applications tailored to business partners' needs.

Upcycling PCR PP into sustainable solutions

It enables us to efficiently upcycle post-consumer recycled (PCR) PP, converting waste streams into high-quality materials, components, and structural solutions. By integrating recycling with downstream manufacturing, we are able to deliver innovative, sustainable products that support circular economy principles and respond to the increasing demand for environmentally responsible, closed-loop solutions.



Closing the Loop with whole sandwich recycling

Whole Sandwich Recycling enables entire panels to be recycled without the need for prior separation of individual layers. The material is processed through grinding followed by extrusion regranulation, producing regranulate that can be reused in new applications, particularly in injection moulding. Based on this approach, we are able to implement practical closed-loop models for our customers, turning recycling from a concept into a fully operational and scalable solution.

WHAT PROBLEMS DID WE SET UP TO SOLVE



Sustainability

Not only the product itself but also the overall design of the final sandwich. Current solutions are almost always non-recyclable, while HARDEX offers the simplest possible circularity. Cleaner working place – no glueing.

Weight

We reduce the total weight of the core, which has two effects as a result – lower fuel consumption (eg for trucks, caravans, ships and planes) and greater weight of transported goods.

Productivity

The price of human labour is expensive. HARDEX® can be processed using thermal lamination without the need for glues and vacuum tables, reducing the need for operators, glue and downtime.

HARDEX® MATERIAL FOR A LIGHTER FUTURE



OPTIMA

Less mechanical properties, but from the point of view of thermoformability it is ideal. Also, it has its limitation in thickness. Better in higher densities and smaller thicknesses.



PERFORMANCE

It offers excellent mechanical properties in shear and compression, impact strength, and is resistant to fatigue stress. Great for sandwich panel industry, furniture, etc.



PERFORMANCE EASY

An innovative solution for more efficient lamination – better surface, higher productivity, lower costs.



SPUR HARDEX® XPP OPTIMA is a lightweight, closed-cell polypropylene foam specifically engineered for thermoforming applications and cost-efficient thickness build-up.

The material features a more closed cellular structure, providing enhanced thermal insulation, low water absorption, and consistent thickness performance at reduced weight. It is particularly suitable for applications where high mechanical strength is not required, but thickness, cushioning, or insulation properties are essential.

HARDEX® XPP OPTIMA is supplied in rolls and enables efficient processing in continuous thermoforming operations. Available in thicknesses ranging from 4 mm to 40 mm.

Compared to traditional materials such as XPS or foamed PS, it offers improved recyclability, processability, and compatibility with mono-material PP solutions.

APPLICATIONS



PACKAGING & THERMOFORMING

- Food packaging trays
- General thermoformed packaging
- Replacement of XPS in food and industrial packaging



AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORT (INTERIOR, NON-STRUCTURAL)

- Headliners
- Sun visors
- Interior trim fillers
- Acoustic and insulation layers



INSULATION & FUNCTIONAL LAYERS

- Thermal insulation layers
- Heat insulating panels (non-structural)
- Moisture-resistant insulating layers



PROTECTIVE & CUSHIONING APPLICATIONS

- Protective packaging
- Cushioning layers
- Impact and energy-absorbing parts



CONSTRUCTION & INDUSTRIAL (NON-LOAD-BEARING)

- Expansion joints for concrete floors and walls
- Void filling materials
- Thickness build-up layers
- Separation and insulation layers



ACOUSTIC APPLICATIONS

- Sound-dampening layers
- Noise insulation components



SPORT, LEISURE

- Protective and cushioning elements

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Type of test		Standard	Units	Measurements						
Bulk Density		EN 1602	kg.m ⁻³	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Length wise	Tensile Strength	ASTM C29	MPa	0.80	1.30	1.80	2.30	2.90	3.80	5.40
	Tensile Modulus			20	30	50	70	90	130	220
Width wise	Tensile Strength			0.70	1.00	1.50	1.90	2.40	3.20	4.60
	Tensile Modulus			10	20	25	40	50	75	120
Thickness wise	Compressive Strength	ISO 844 method A (20 mm thickness)	MPa	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.40
	Compressive Modulus			2	2.5	3.5	4	4.5	5	6
Thickness wise	Compressive Strength	ISO 844 method B*	MPa	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.40
	Compressive Modulus			4	5	7	8	9	10	12
Length wise	Shear Strength	ISO 1922	MPa	0.20	0.30	0.45	0.55	0.70	0.80	1.10
	Shear Modulus			3	4	5.5	6.5	7	8	8.5
Resistance to the axial withdrawal of screws		EN 320	N	45	65	95	130	170	210	295
Determination of withdrawal capacity of fasteners		EN 13446	N.mm ⁻²	1.20	1.70	2.30	2.90	3.50	4.30	5.80

All values in tolerance $\pm 7,5$ %. *Measured on optical camera ONE X SIGHT.

FIRE PROPERTIES

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Thermal conductivity	EN 12667	⁻¹ W.m .K ⁻¹	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.041	0.04	0.04	0.04
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	ISO 11359-2	(10 ⁻⁵) K ⁻¹	16	14	9.9	5.2	4.1	3.5	1.9
Max. process temperature without thickness loss	-	°C	155						
Short-time operating temperature	-	°C	from -40 to +130						
Continuous operating temperature	-	°C	from -30 to +110						
Laminating temperature *	-	°C	from +140** to +200 (recommended)						
Thermoforming temperature *	-	°C	from +130 to +160 (for foam)						
			up to +200*** (for sandwich type)						

* During the use of high temperatures above 160 °C, the thickness is losing depend on the lamination process setting and time and properties of the laminated layer.

** With using special lamination layer (upon inquiry).

*** Upon inquiry.

OTHER PROPERTIES

Type of test	Norm	Units							
Bulk Density	EN 1602	kg.m ⁻³	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Type of structured foam									
Closed cell content	EN 4590	%	95-98						
Diffusion for water vapor	EN 13469	-	MU 2000						

DIMENSIONS OF THE PRODUCT*

Type of test		Standard	Units	Measurements						
Bulk Density		EN 1602	kg/m ³	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Length			mm	Roll**						
Width				(1000 – 1300) ± 10						
Thickness	Single layer sheet (mm) ±15%			2 – 7	2 – 7	1,5 – 6	1,5 – 6	1,5 – 6	1 – 5	1 – 5
	Multiple layer sheet (mm) ±15%			30	25	20	15	15	10	10

* At room temperature +23 °C.

** Roll length depends on thickness of product. Can be chopped to a format according to the customer's requirement.



SPUR HARDEX® XPP PERFORMANCE is a thermoplastic structured foam made of polypropylene (PP). The foam has a closed-cell structure that accounts for 95–98% of its composition. It offers excellent shear, compression, and impact strength. It is resistant to fatigue stress. The material exhibits excellent resistance to chemicals, water, and organic solvents, and meets health safety requirements. The foam can be produced with enhanced UV resistance, recycled content, or improved flame retardance. It also emits significantly lower toxic fumes when burned compared to other material. One major benefit of HARDEX® XPP PERFORMANCE is that the foam itself is easily recyclable, and the final sandwich structure can also be designed for complete recyclability.

SPUR HARDEX® XPP PERFORMANCE can be used as a core for a composite sandwich structure with excellent mechanical properties combined with low weight. It is used in applications that require a lightweight yet mechanically robust material, such as furniture boards, structural boards/profiles, construction, and automotive interior components (caravans, trucks, etc.). The foam can be processed and cut similarly to wooden materials and can be joined with screws, nails, and glues, by fusion welding and hot air welding. It can also be shaped by thermofforming. Also, the material can be laminated with functional surface layers by reactive or hot-melt glues, or in case of good compatibility without glues by heat only.



APPLICATIONS



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

- Insulating materials – moisture-resistant boards; heat insulators
- Construction boards for walls
- Replacement of wooden materials
- Formworks for concrete structures
- Expansion joints for concrete floors and walls



SPORT, LEISURE

- Pickleball



HOME INTERIOR'S ELEMENTS

- Windowsills
- Floors
- Doors
- Design tiles; wall coverings
- Stairs and stair risers



MARINE INDUSTRY

- Floats, paddleboards



AUTOMOTIVE (CARAVANS, TRUCKS, PICKUPS)

- Exterior and interior walls, ceilings, headliners, roofs and floors
- Heat insulating walls
- Low weight furniture



TRAINS, BOATS

- Exterior and interior walls, ceilings, roofs and floors



FURNITURE INDUSTRY

- Furniture boards – cabinet cores; doors; supporting structures
- Kitchen worktops
- Outdoor furniture
- Furniture profiles

And many other

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Properties	Standard	Units		Measurements						
Bulk Density	EN 1602	kg.m ⁻³	Value	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Tensile Strength (max) – thickness wise	ISO 1926	MPa	Average	0.80	1.30	1.80	2.30	2.90	3.80	4.50
			Minimum	0.65	1.05	1.35	1.85	2.30	3.00	3.60
Average			20	30	50	70	90	130	220	
Minimum			15	25	40	55	70	105	175	
Compressive Strength (max) – thickness wise	ISO 844 method B*	MPa	Average	0.38	0.60	0.90	1.40	1.70	2.90	3.90
Minimum			0.30	0.45	0.70	1.10	1.35	2.20	3.10	
Compressive Modulus at 25% of maximum strength – thickness wise			Average	65	100	130	210	250	300	440
Minimum			50	75	105	160	200	240	350	
Compressive Modulus – thickness wise, according to material thickness	ISO 844 method A	MPa	5 mm Minimum	3	4	5	10	12	12	12
			10 mm Minimum	4	7	8	12	17	23	26
			20 mm Minimum	7	13	14	22	28	40	45
			40 mm Minimum	12	22	25	36	43	60	65
			80 mm Minimum	21	32	39	50	58	78	90
Shear Strength (max) – width / length-wise	ISO 1922 method B*	MPa	Average	0.30	0.50	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.60	2.20
			Minimum	0.20	0.30	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.95	1.30
Average			20	35	45	95	120	180	250	
Minimum			10	30	30	70	90	110	150	
Average			7	12	15	25	30	65	90	
Minimum			4	10	10	15	20	35	45	
Resistance to the axial withdrawal of screws	EN 320	N	Average	45	65	95	130	170	210	295
Withdrawal capacity of fasteners	EN 13446	N.mm ⁻²	Average	1.2	1.7	2.3	2.9	3.5	4.3	5.8

* Measured on optical camera ONE X SIGHT.

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Indicative determination of Compressive modulus E ISO844 – method A (depends on thickness, density D):

$$E = c \cdot D$$

Constant c represents the coefficient according to the thickness of the foam.

Example determination for a panel with thickness 20 mm and density 60 kg/m³: $E = 0,243 \cdot 60 = 15 \text{ MPa}$

Thickness of foam (mm)	Constant c (-)
5	0,074
10	0,136
20	0,243
40	0,380
80	0,564

THERMAL PROPERTIES

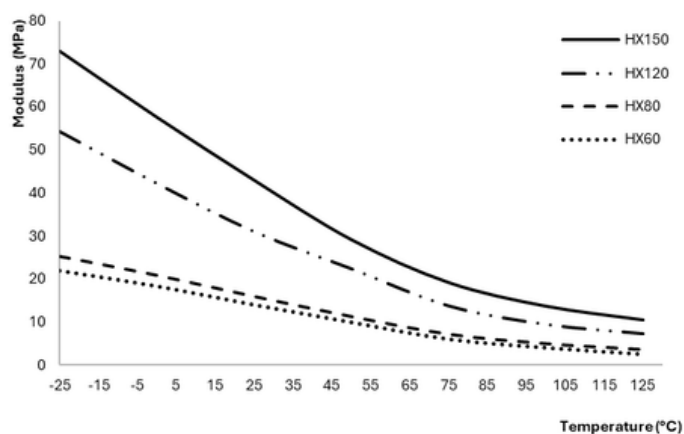
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Bulk Density	EN 1602	kg/m³	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Thermal conductivity***	EN 12667	W.m ⁻¹ .K ⁻¹	0.059	0.058	0.056	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	ISO 11359-2	(10 ⁻⁵) K ⁻¹	16	14	9.9	5.2	4.1	3.5	1.9
Max. process temperature without thickness loss	-	°C	155						
Short-time operating temperature	-		from -40 to +130						
Continuous operating temperature	-		from -30 to +110						
Laminating temperature *	-		155 ± 15 °C						
Thermoforming temperature **	-		from +130 to +160 (for foam) up to +200 (for sandwich type)						

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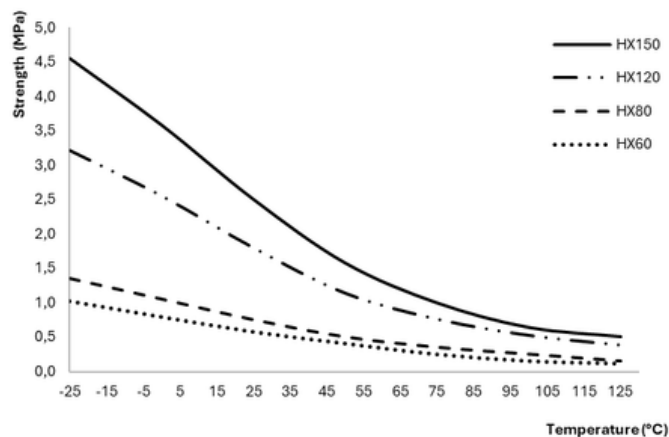
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Compressive modulus depend on temperature



Compressive strength depend on temperature



Compressive mechanical properties depend on temperature (thickness-wise). The sample was conditioned for 60 minutes according to the norm: ISO 844 method A, for a thickness of 20 mm.

FIRE PROPERTIES

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OTHER PROPERTIES

Properties	Standard	Units	Measurements						
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Closed cell content	EN 4590	%	95-98						
Diffusion for water vapor	EN 13469	-	MU 2000						

DIMENSIONS OF THE PRODUCT*

Properties	Standard	Units	Measurements						
Bulk Density	EN 1602	kg/m³	40	60	80	100	120	150	200
Length	-	mm	Standard 2440 ± 10 Up to 3000** ± 10						
Width			1200 ± 10						
Thickness			(3 – 100) ± 0,5						

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* At room temperature +23°C.

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✓ SUPERIOR SURFACE QUALITY

Achieve a smooth and uniform finish without defects or distortions.

✓ MINIMAL FOAM THICKNESS LOSS

Maintains original foam structure, even under higher loads.

✓ HIGHER LAMINATION SPEED

Faster processing increases productivity and shortens production cycles.

✓ SIMPLIFIED LAMINATION OF LIGHTWEIGHT SKINS ON LIGHTWEIGHT CORES

Ideal for modern, weight-sensitive constructions.

✓ LOWER LAMINATION TEMPERATURE

Reduced temperatures cut energy consumption and operational costs.

✓ SIMPLIFIED LAMINATION OF HEAVYWEIGHT SKINS ON HEAVYWEIGHT CORES

Ideal for robust, load-bearing constructions.

✓ STRONGER ADHESION FOR A WIDER SKIN THICKNESS RANGE

Ensures reliable bonding even with challenging materials.

✓ SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS

Efficient thermal management leads to lower overall costs.

The correct use of HARDEX[®] Performance Easy XPP core is based on the following conditions:

Suitable reinforcing layers

- The reinforcement can be of any composition. However, to ensure mono-material recyclability, the use of PP-based, PP/GF, or aluminum layers is recommended. As a rule, the layer material should exhibit high temperature resistance, typically 160–170°C or higher. For all polypropylene-based layers, the melting point should be at least 160°C.
- It is necessary that the reinforcing layer is originally provided on the back by the supplier with a thermoadhesive layer 10–200microns thick on a PP basis with a melting point in the range of 135–145°C. In special cases, it may be lower. Adhesion can also be promoted by other suitable adhesion promoters, e.g. primers, but the PP adhesive film is the preferred option.
- If the reinforcing layer is not provided with a thermoadhesive or promotional layer, it is recommended to apply such a layer to the reinforcing layer prior to lamination with HARDEX[®] Performance Easy, for example by hot lamination of a PP film, powder, or web. The bond strength of the thermolaminated layer must be sufficiently high to prevent delamination of the layers.
- The thermoadhesive or promoting layer should be always an integral part of the reinforcing layer. Using a thermoadhesive film loosely placed between the reinforcing layer and the XPP core is not recommended, except in special cases that should be discussed with the manufacturer. of HARDEX[®] Performance Easy.

PRELIMINARY PROCESSING CONDITIONS

Adhesive system HARDEX [®] Easy	Maximum operating temperature of sandwich (°C)	Fusing temperature (°C)	Fusing pressure (kPa)	Minimal fusing time (second)			
				PP/glass Organosheet			Aluminum (0,5–1,5 mm)
				2 UD (0,66 g/m ²)	4 UD (1,35 g/m ²)	8 UD (2,65 g/m ²)	
High temp	115	145	10–50	20	30	60	30
		150		20	20	30	20
Mid temp	100	140		20	30	30	30
		145		20	20	20	20

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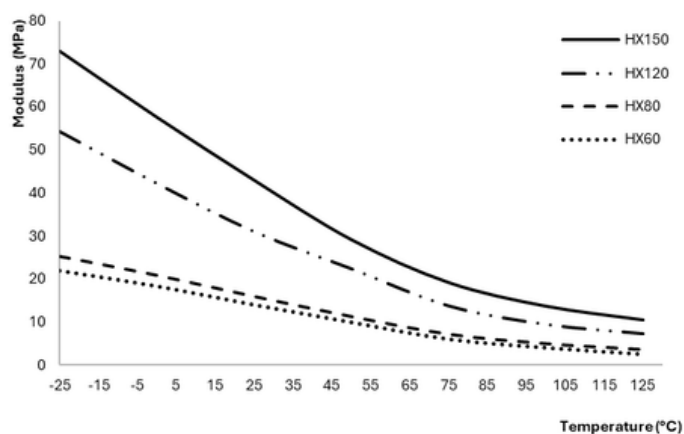
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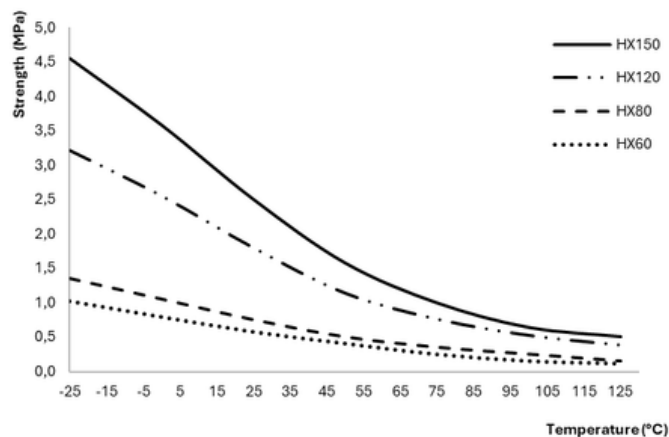
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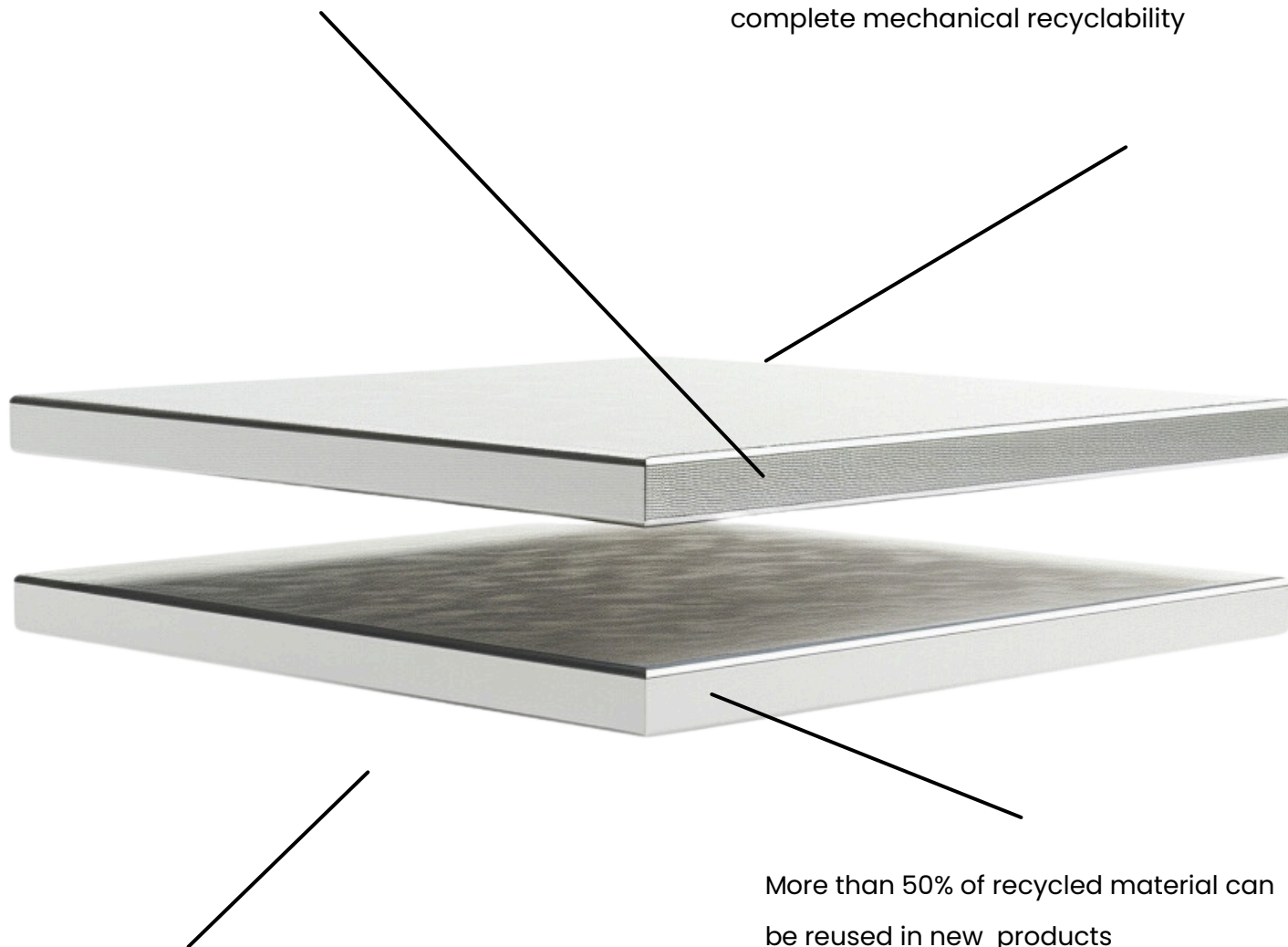
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ENGINEERED FOR FULL RECYCLABILITY

Zero waste in the recycling process

The sandwich design is engineered for complete mechanical recyclability



Remaining recycled material suitable for other applications

More than 50% of recycled material can be reused in new products

Better Shelter

- Swedish company Better Shelter chose PP based panels (PP-based skins + XPP HARDEX) to the UNHCR
- There is improved recyclability, UV and fire retardancy.



Thermoforming

- SPUR produce, laminate and thermoform about 2 million panels per year.

Trucking business

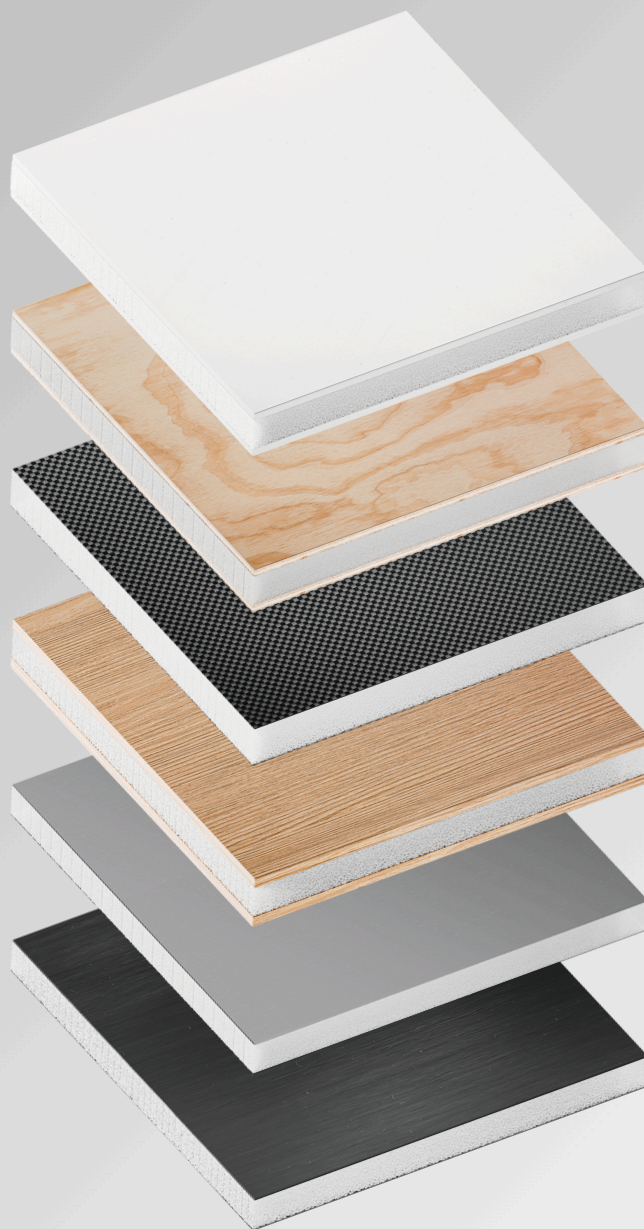
- With our lamination partners, we started to supply one of the biggest market players in jumbos and box trailers in NL and DE.
- Our design is crucial for future electromobility due to the lightweightness.





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