



**THE WOODBRIDGE GROUP®**



## **BIO-MATERIAL – BACK TO THE FUTURE WORKSHOP**

### **The Canadian Opportunity for Bio-Fibres in Automotive Parts**

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**THE WOODBRIDGE GROUP®**



## **Introduction to The Woodbridge Group**

**Who We Are**  
**What We Do**

## Company Overview

- Private Canadian Company
- Established in 1978
- Independent supplier of Automotive urethane products
- Locations: 60 in 20 countries
- Employees: 5000+

Corporate Headquarters  
Mississauga, Canada



Kipling Avenue Plant  
Woodbridge, Canada  
circa 1969





# Seven Families of Products

*To Provide Comfort, Safety and Sound Management*



## 1. Molded Foam

Seat Cushioning, Head Restraints, Armrests



## 2. Laminate and Substrate Foam

Headliners, Hoodliners, Sun Visors,  
Seat Trim Cover Foam



## 3. Energy Management Foam

Side Impact Bolsters, Roof Rails, Heel Blockers, Sun  
Visors, Knee Bolsters, Pillar Bolsters



## 4. Structural Foam

Seat Frames, Flip-Fold Seat Backs, Load Floors,  
Headliners, Pick-up Beds, Floor Pans,  
Tonneau Covers, Sun Shades

## 5. Finished Interior Parts

Head Restraints, Armrests, Bolsters







## 6. Acoustical and Technical Foams

Dash Insulators, Transmission Insulators, Floor  
Systems

## 7. Assembly and Sequencing

Headliners, Finished Seat Assemblies,  
Door Panels, Floor Mats, Interior Plastic Trim,  
Drive Train Components,  
Exhaust Systems, Steering Components



-  Seating Foam
-  Energy-Absorbing Foam
-  Headliner Foam
-  Structural Foam
-  Acoustical Foam
-  Assembly and Sequencing

## Global Alliances

### Joint Ventures

- Poliuretanos Mexicanos Woodbridge (Mexico)
- Poliuretanos SW Leon (Mexico)
- Poliuretanos SW (Mexico)
- I.W. Foam Corporation (Japan)
- I. W. Foam Corporation Inc. (North America)
- Proseat Belgium
- Proseat France
- Proseat GmbH & Co. KG (Germany)
- Proseat Czech Republic
- Gestind (Italy)
- Gestind (Poland)
- Woodbridge Foam Fabricating (USA)
- Enerflex Solutions (USA)
- IWCT Co. (Thailand)
- Indepol S.L. (Spain)
- Wuhan Woodbridge GSK Foam Co. LTD. (China)
- Olympic Products LLC (USA)
- Dayou A-Tech (South Korea)

### Technical Agreements

- MOBICA (Egypt)
- Automotive Component Holdings (Ford), Chesterfield, Michigan (USA)
- HFI Inc., Columbus, Ohio (USA)
- Hyundai Motor Company Ulsan (South Korea)





Mastering Science to Serve Our Customers<sup>™</sup>  
**Worldwide Presence**

**60 Facilities**  
**56 Cities**  
**20 Countries**



**ARGENTINA**   
 Pilar

**AUSTRALIA**   
 Adelaide  
 Melbourne

**BELGIUM**   
 Hulshout\*  
 Wetteren\*

**BRAZIL**   
 Betim  
 Caçapava  
 Camaçari

São Bernardo (2 Facilities)

**CANADA**   
 Blenheim, ON  
 Brampton, ON  
 Kitchener, ON  
 Mississauga, ON  
 Sarnia, ON  
 Tilbury, ON  
 Whitby, ON  
 Woodbridge, ON

**CHINA**   
 Wuhan\*

**CZECH REPUBLIC**   
 Mlada Boleslav\*

**EGYPT**   
 Cairo\*\*\*\*\*

**UK**   
 Coventry  
 Manchester

**FRANCE**   
 Trilport\*

**GERMANY**   
 Mörfelden\*  
 Rüsselsheim\*  
 Espelkamp\*

**INDIA**   
 New Delhi \*

**ITALY**   
 Bruzolo\*

**JAPAN**   
 Anjo\*  
 Nanno\*  
 Tokyo

**MEXICO**   
 Leon\*  
 Mexico City\*  
 Saltillo (2 Facilities)

**SOUTH KOREA**   
 Ulsan\*\*\*\*\*  
 Gwangju\*

**POLAND**   
 Bielsko Biala\*

**SPAIN**   
 Barcelona\*

**THAILAND**   
 Bangkok\*

**UNITED STATES**   
 Addison, IL  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Auburn Hills, MI  
 Brodhead, WI  
 Chattanooga, TN\*  
 Chesterfield, MI\*\*  
 Columbus, OH\*\*\*  
 Del Rio, TX  
 El Paso, TX  
 Fairless Hills, PA  
 Fremont, OH  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Greensboro, NC  
 Kansas City, MO (2 Facilities)  
 Romulus, MI  
 St. Peters, MO  
 Troy, MI (2 Facilities)

\* Joint Venture  
 \*\* Technical Agreement  
 \*\*\* Joint Production Agreement  
 \*\*\*\* Joint Venture  
 Minority Business Enterprise  
 \*\*\*\*\* Technical License Agreement



## Mastering Science to Serve Our Customers™ Locations Description

**60 Facilities**  
**56 Cities**  
**20 Countries**

### ARGENTINA

**Pilar**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Structural Foam

### AUSTRALIA

**Adelaide**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Structural Foam  
- Energy Management Foam

**Melbourne**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### BELGIUM

**Hulshout\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Wetteren\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### BRAZIL

**Betím**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Caçapava**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Camaçari**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**São Bernardo  
(2 Facilities)**  
Manufacturing Plant\*  
- Molded Foam  
Commercial Center

### CANADA

**Blenheim, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Foam-in-Place

**Brampton, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Structural Composites

**Kitchener, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Energy Management Foam

**Mississauga, ON**  
Corporate Headquarters

**Sarnia, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Energy Management Foam  
- Structural Foam

**Tilbury, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Energy Management Foam

**Whitby, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Woodbridge, ON**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Cut Foam  
- Retail Foam Product  
- Energy Management Foam  
- Slab Foam  
- Research, Product & Manufacturing Development  
- Lamination

### CHINA

**Wuhan\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### CZECH REPUBLIC

**Mlada Boleslav\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### EGYPT

**Cairo\*\*\*\*\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### ENGLAND

**Coventry**  
Commercial Centre

**Manchester**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Foam-In-Place  
- Structural Foam

### FRANCE

**Trilport\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### GERMANY

**Mörfelden\***  
Commercial Centre

**Rüsselsheim\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Espelkamp\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### INDIA

**New Delhi \***  
Commercial Center

### ITALY

**Bruzolo\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### JAPAN

**Anjo\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Nanno\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Tokyo**  
Commercial Center  
Energy Management Products  
- Sales & Engineering

### MEXICO

**Leon\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Mexico City\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Energy Management Foam

**Saltillo (2 Facilities)**  
Manufacturing Plant\*  
- Molded Foam

Manufacturing Plant  
- Lamination

### POLAND

**Bielsko Biala\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### SPAIN

**Barcelona\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

### SOUTH KOREA

**Ulsan\*\*\*\*\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Gwangju**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Foam-in-Place

### THAILAND

**Bangkok\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Energy Management Foam

### UNITED STATES

**Addison, IL**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Atlanta, GA**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Auburn Hills, MI**  
Assembly & Sequencing Plant  
- Automotive Systems

**Brodhead, WI**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Chattanooga, TN\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Cut Foam

**Chesterfield, MI\*\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Columbus, OH\*\*\***  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Del Rio, TX**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Lamination

**El Paso, TX**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Slab Foam

**Fairless Hills, PA**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Fremont, OH**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Grand Rapids, MI**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**Greensboro, NC**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Lamination

**Kansas City, MO  
(2 Facilities)**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Structural Foam

Assembly & Sequencing Plant\*  
- Automotive Systems

**Romulus, MI**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam

**St. Peters, MO**  
Manufacturing Plant  
- Molded Foam  
- Foam-In-Place

**Troy, MI  
(2 Facilities)**  
Automotive Headquarters  
- Sales & Engineering

Commercial Center\*\*\*\*  
Energy Management Products  
- Sales & Engineering

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## Mastering Science to Serve Our Customers<sup>™</sup> **Customers**

### NORTH AMERICA

#### OEM

Acura  
BMW  
DaimlerChrysler  
Ford  
General Motors  
Honda  
Isuzu  
Mitsubishi  
Navistar  
Nissan  
Renault  
Subaru  
Suzuki  
Toyota  
Volkswagen

#### TIER 1

Araco  
Blackhawk Automotive  
Bloomington Seat  
Collins & Aikman  
Endur-All  
Faurecia  
Gernerall Seating  
Grupo Antolin  
Guilford  
HOWA  
Insa  
Intier  
Irvin  
Isrignhausen  
Johnson Controls  
Lear  
Magee Rieter  
Rieter Automotive  
Setex  
Span America  
TISA  
Toyota Boshoku  
Trim Quest  
TS TECH  
UTA  
Yorozu

### EUROPE

#### OEM

Audi  
BMW  
Citroen  
DaimlerChrysler  
Evobus  
Ford  
Honda  
Jaguar  
Metrocab  
Nissan  
Opel  
Peugeot  
Renault  
SEAT  
Suzuki  
Skoda  
Toyota  
Vauxhall  
Volkswagen  
Volvo

#### TIER 1

CIPA  
Decoma  
Faurecia  
Grammer  
Intier  
Isringhausen  
Johnson Controls  
KAB Seating  
Karmann  
Kigass  
Landers  
Lear  
Recaro  
SITECH  
TS TECH

### SOUTH AMERICA

#### OEM

DaimlerChrysler  
Fiat  
Ford  
General Motors  
Honda  
Peugeot  
Scania  
Toyota  
Volkswagen  
Volvo Trruck

#### TIER 1

Araco  
Isringhausen  
Johnson Controls  
Lear  
TS TECH

### JAPAN

#### OEM

Honda  
Mitsubishi  
Suzuki  
Toyota

#### TIER 1

Fuji-Seat  
Fuji tuku  
Howa  
Koberuku  
Marubishi  
Recaro  
Tachi-S  
Toyota Boshoku  
TS-Tech

### KOREA

#### OEM

Hyundai  
Kia  
Ssangyong

#### TIER 1

Dayou A-Tech  
HMC-Seating Group

### THAILAND

#### OEM

General Motors  
Hino  
Honda  
Isuzu  
Kawasaki  
Nissan  
Suzuki  
Tiger Motor  
Toyota  
Volvo

#### TIER 1

BKS  
Cagiva  
Delta TR  
GST  
JSI  
NHK  
SAS  
TASI  
TSI  
TS TECH

### AUSTRALIA

#### OEM

Ford  
GM Holden  
Mitsubishi  
Toyota

#### TIER 1

Air International  
Araco

### CHINA

#### OEM

Honda  
JiangLing  
Nissan  
Peugeot

#### TIER 1

Wuhan Wan Hine  
Faurecia/GSK Wuhan  
TSTECH/ GSK Wuhan





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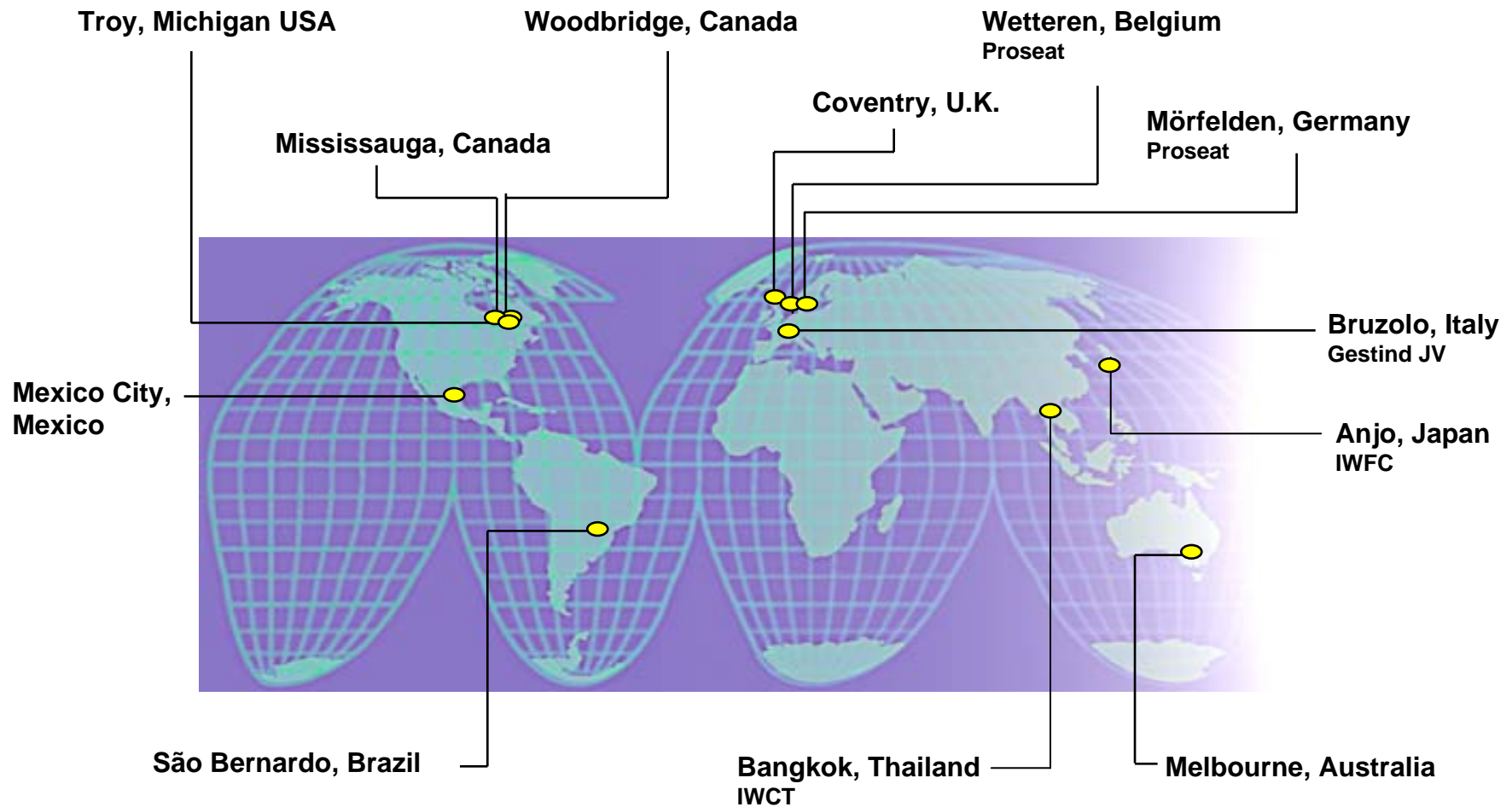
## Design & Development

*Innovation In All Aspects Of Our Business*

- Chemistry
- Product Design
- Manufacturing Processes
- Productivity Improvement
- Employee Creativity



## Global Development Centers





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# Vehicles We Supply

**North America**

GM  
 Buick Century  
 Buick LaSabre  
 Buick Park Avenue  
 Buick Rainier  
 Buick Regal  
 Buick Rendezvous  
 Cadillac DeVille  
 Cadillac Eldorado  
 Cadillac Escalade  
 Cadillac Seville  
 Cadillac SRX  
 Chevrolet Astro  
 Chevrolet Avalanche  
 Chevrolet Blazer  
 Chevrolet Camaro  
 Chevrolet Cavalier  
 Chevrolet Cobalt  
 Chevrolet Colorado  
 Chevrolet Corvette  
 Chevrolet Equinox  
 Chevrolet Impala  
 Chevrolet Malibu  
 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx  
 Chevrolet Monte Carlo  
 Chevrolet Monza  
 Chevrolet Prizm  
 Chevrolet Silverado  
 Chevrolet Suburban  
 Chevrolet Tahoe  
 Chevrolet TrailBlazer  
 Chevrolet Van Express  
 Chevrolet Venture  
 GMC Canyon  
 GMC Envoy  
 GMC Jimmy  
 GMC Savana  
 GMC Sierra  
 GMC Sonoma  
 GMC Yukon  
 Oldsmobile Alero  
 Oldsmobile Aurora  
 Oldsmobile Bravada

**North America**

GM  
 Oldsmobile Intrigue  
 Oldsmobile Silhouette  
 Pontiac Aztek  
 Pontiac Bonneville  
 Pontiac Firebird  
 Pontiac Grand Am  
 Pontiac Grand Prix  
 Pontiac Montana  
 Pontiac Sunfire  
 Pontiac Vibe  
 Saturn Ion  
 Saturn LS/LW  
 Saturn Vue  
  
Ford  
 Crown Victoria  
 Escape  
 Escort  
 Excursion  
 Expedition  
 Explorer  
 Explorer Sport Trac  
 F Series Pick Up  
 F Series Super Duty  
 Fiesta  
 Focus  
 Freestar  
 Lincoln Blackwood  
 Lincoln Continental  
 Lincoln LS  
 Lincoln Town Car  
 Lobo  
 Mercury Cougar  
 Mercury Grand Marquis  
 Mercury Mariner  
 Mercury Monterey  
 Mercury Villager  
 Mustang  
 Mystique  
 Ranger  
 Taurus  
 Thunderbird

**North America**

Honda  
 Accord  
 Accord - Coupe  
 Accord - Sedan  
 Civic  
 Element  
 Odyssey  
 Pilot  
  
Renault  
 Clio  
 Scenic  
  
Acura  
 EL  
 MDX  
 TL  
  
Mitsubishi  
 Eclipse  
 Endeavor  
 Galant  
 Eclipse Spyder  
  
Volkswagen  
 Jetta  
  
Nissan  
 Altima  
 Armada  
 Estaquitas  
 Frontier  
 Maxima  
 Pathfinder  
 Platina  
 Quest  
 Sentra  
 Titan  
 Xterra

**North America**

Daimler Chrysler  
 Concorde  
 Dodge Dakota  
 Dodge Durango  
 Dodge Neon  
 Dodge Ram Pick up  
 Dodge Ram Van  
 Dodge Ram Wagon  
 Jeep Cherokee  
 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
 Mercedes-Benz M Class  
 Pacifica  
 PT Cruiser  
 Sebring  
 Town & Country  
 Viper  
  
Toyota  
 Camry  
 Corolla  
 Matrix  
 Sequoia  
 Sienna  
  
Mazda  
 Tribute  
 Sunfire  
 6 (Sedan/Wagon/Sport)  
  
Infiniti  
 QX56  
  
Isuzu  
 Rodeo  
  
Subaru  
 Legacy  
 Baha

**South America**

Daimler Chrysler  
 PT Cruiser  
 RAM Pickup  
  
Ford  
 Amazon  
 Courier  
 F250  
 Fiesta Ikon  
 Fiesta Split  
 F-Series  
 KA  
 Lobo  
  
GM  
 Astra  
 Avalanche  
 Aztek  
 Blazer  
 Cavalier  
 Chevy Corsa  
 Corsa 4200  
 Rendezvous  
 S10  
 Silverado  
 Suburban  
 Sunfire  
 Vectra  
 Zafira  
  
Fiat  
 Doblo  
 Fiorino  
 Marea/Brava  
 Palio 2V/Europa  
 Palio SW/Restyling  
 Stilo  
 Uno

**South America**

Renault  
 Clio  
 Scenic  
  
VW  
 Gol  
 Jetta  
 Kombi  
 Quantum Santana  
 Saveiro  
 Tupi 249  
  
IVECO  
 Daily  
 Ducato  
  
Mitsubishi  
 L200  
 Pajero TR4  
  
Toyota  
 Corolla  
  
Nissan  
 Estaquitax Pickup  
 Frontier  
 Platina  
 Xterra  
  
Honda  
 Civic  
 MU (FIT)

**Europe**

Opel/Vauxhall  
 Agila  
 Astra  
 Corsa  
 Frontera  
 Omega  
 Vectra  
 Vivaro/Traffic  
 Zafira  
  
Land Rover  
 Discovery  
 Freelander  
  
Rover  
 MG ZR  
 MG ZS  
 MG ZT  
 Rover 25  
 Rover 45  
 Rover 75  
  
Nissan  
 Primera  
  
Peugeot  
 106  
 206  
  
Jaguar  
 S Type  
 X Type  
 XJ6  
 XJ6 Limo  
 XK8

**Europe**

Ford  
 Mondeo  
  
Volkswagen  
 Golf  
  
Audi  
 TT  
 A6  
  
Citroën  
 Saxo  
  
Daimler Chrysler  
 Smart  
  
Honda  
 Accord  
 Civic 3 Dr.  
 Civic 5 Dr.  
 CRV  
  
Toyota  
 Aygo  
  
Australia  
Ford  
 Falcon  
 Falcon Ute  
  
GM  
 Holden Commodore  
 Holden Monario  
 Holden Statesman  
 Holden Ute  
  
Toyota  
 Avalon  
 Camry

**Japan**

Toyota  
 Alphard  
 bB  
 Caldina  
 Coaster  
 Corolla  
 Deli Boy  
 GS(ARIST)  
 Land Cruiser  
 MRAK X  
 Noah  
 Platz  
 Primo/Arion  
 Probox/Succeed  
 Scion  
 Sienta  
 RAV 4  
 Vitz  
  
Honda  
 Fit  
  
Mitsubishi  
 Challenger  
 Chariot Grandis  
 Lancer  
 Pajero  
 Pajero Jr.  
  
Suzuki  
 Aerio

**Thailand**

Nissan  
 Cefiro  
  
Isuzu  
 JCM-321  
 DMAX  
 Wega  
  
Toyota  
 Hiace  
 Hilux Tiger  
  
Suzuki  
 Caribbean  
 Vitara  
  
HINO  
 HINO  
  
Honda  
 Accord  
 City  
 Civic  
 CR-V  
 Jazz  
 Lancer  
 Pajero  
 Pajero Jr.  
  
Ford  
 Everage  
 Ranger  
  
Suzuki  
 Aerio

**China**

Honda  
 Civic  
 CRV  
  
Jiang Ling  
 Landwind  
  
Nissan  
 Tena  
  
Peugeot  
 307  
  
Korea  
Hyundai  
 Verna  
 Santa Fe  
 Click  
  
KIA  
 Bongo Truck  
 Carense  
 Sportage  
  
Ssangyong  
 Musso



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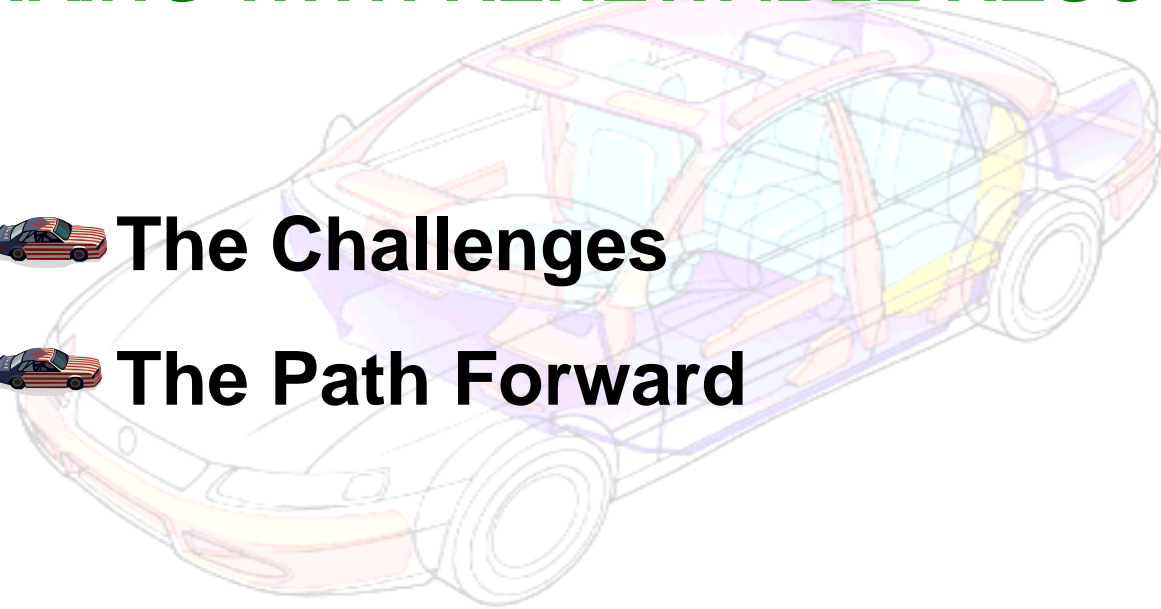
## ***WORKING WITH RENEWABLE RESOURCES***



**The Challenges**



**The Path Forward**

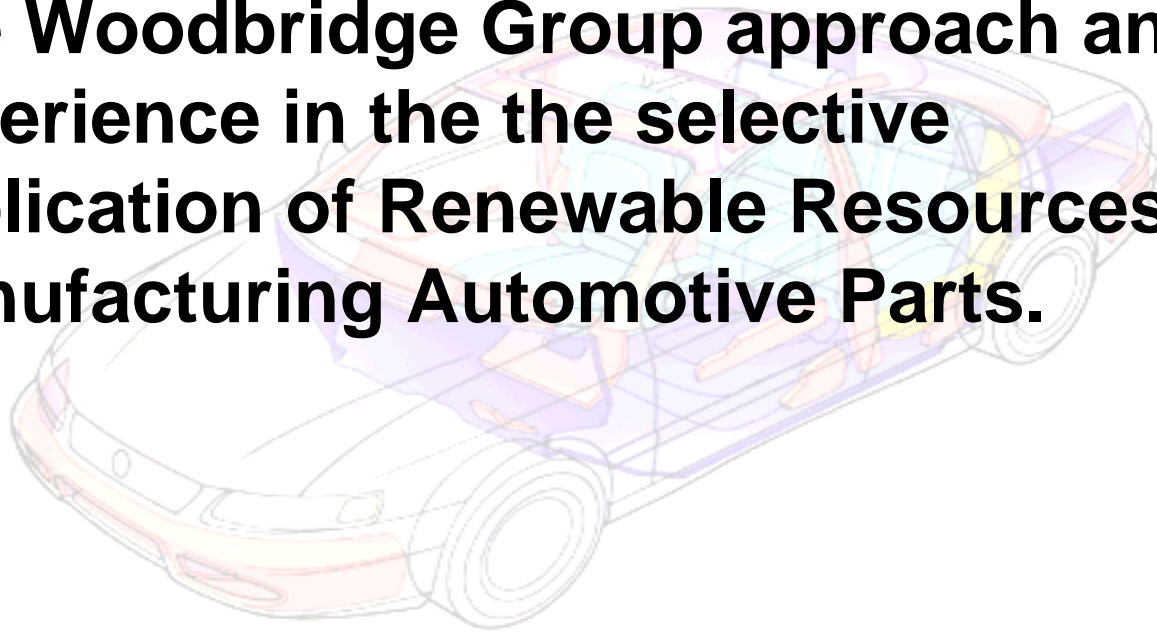




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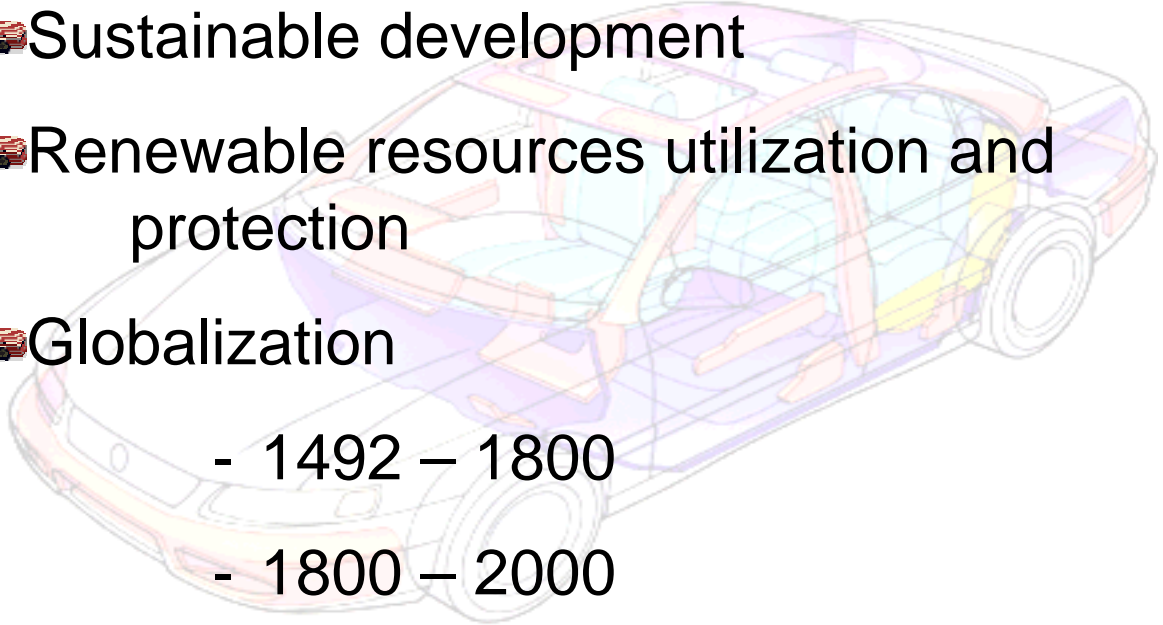
**The Woodbridge Group approach and experience in the the selective application of Renewable Resources in Manufacturing Automotive Parts.**







## THE IDEALS OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

- 
- 🚗 Sustainable development
  - 🚗 Renewable resources utilization and protection
  - 🚗 Globalization
    - 1492 – 1800
    - 1800 – 2000
    - 2000 –
- (Global knowledge work)



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***RENEWABLE RESOURCES  
WOODBRIDGE STRATEGY***







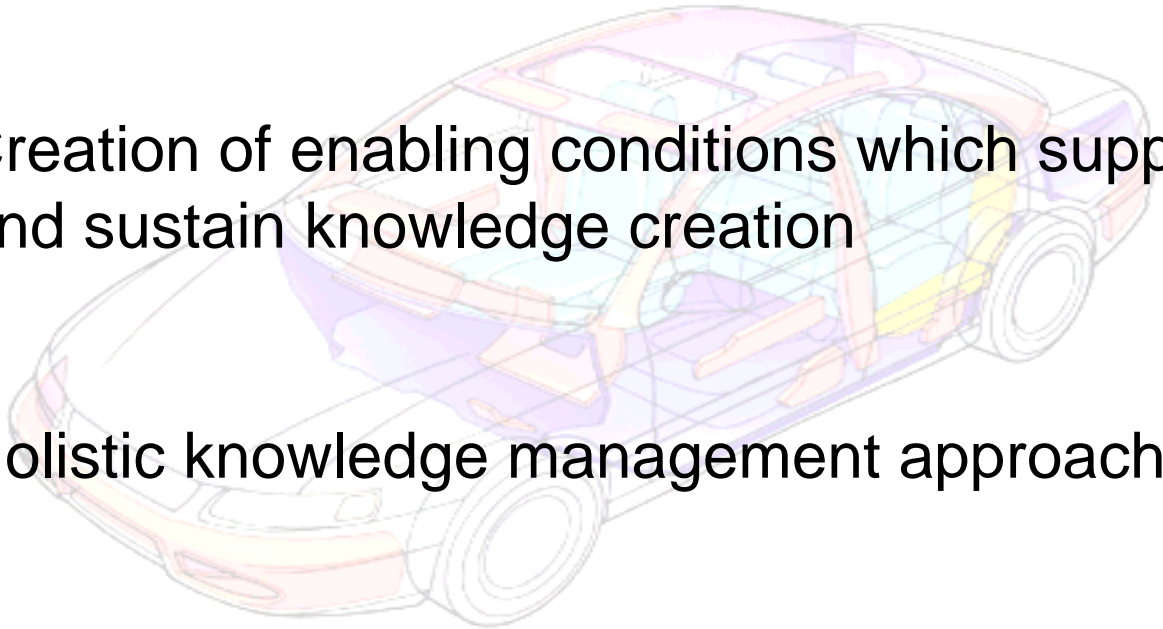
## **WOODBRIIDGE SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY STRATEGY**

- Manage the erratic fluctuation of the price of fossil oil based raw materials.
- Select key Renewable Resources.
- Capitalize on the abundance of Renewable Resources in the various world regions.
- Commission research at selected universities and research institutions.
- Collaborate with a partner who is vertically integrated relative to Renewable Resources.
- Develop proprietary materials.
- Develop technology to implement the new materials.
- Continue the development and implementation process.
- Work with customer.

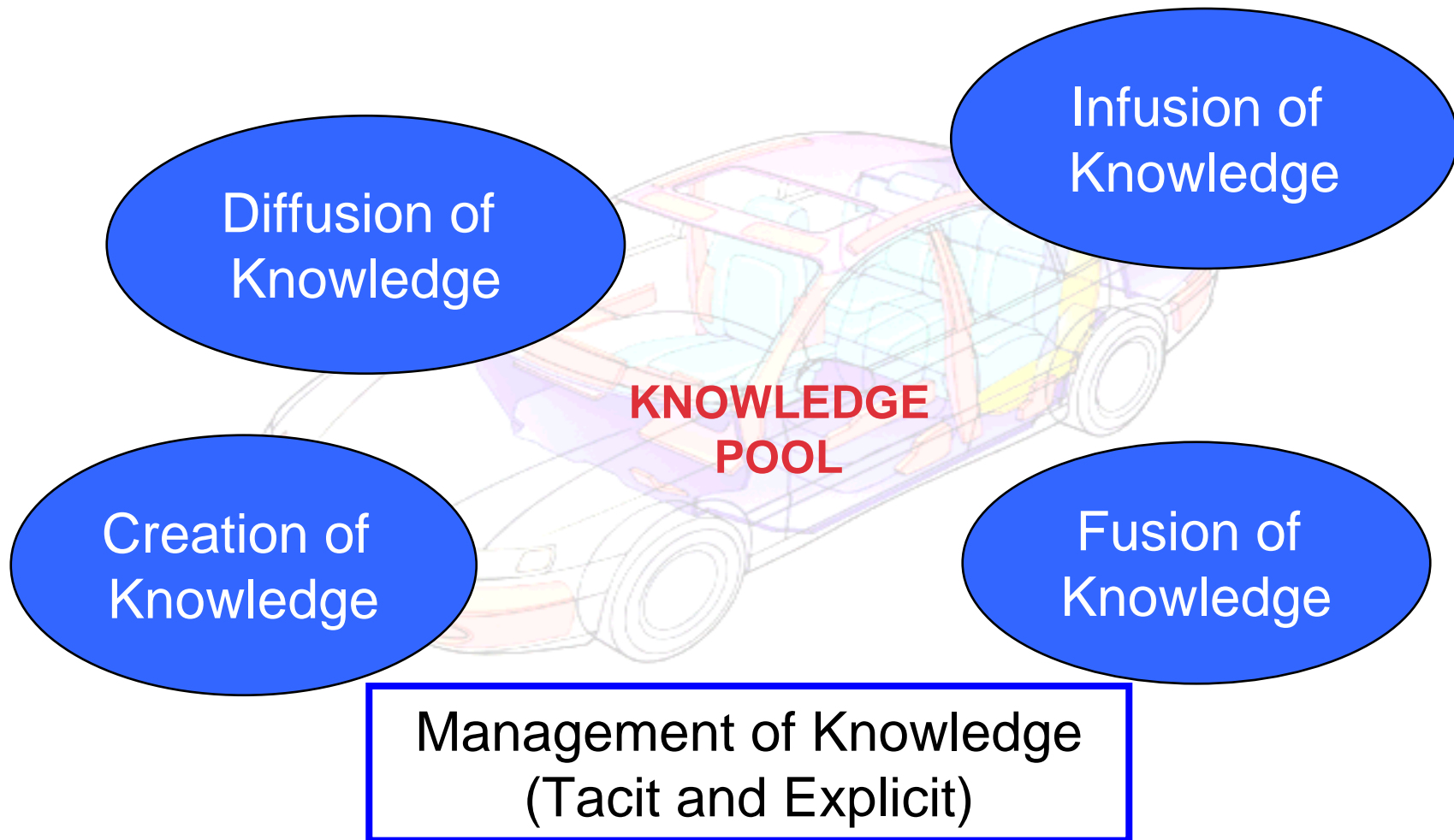


## ***THE EXECUTION OF THE STRATEGY***

-  Creation of enabling conditions which support and sustain knowledge creation
-  Holistic knowledge management approach



## OUR MODEL







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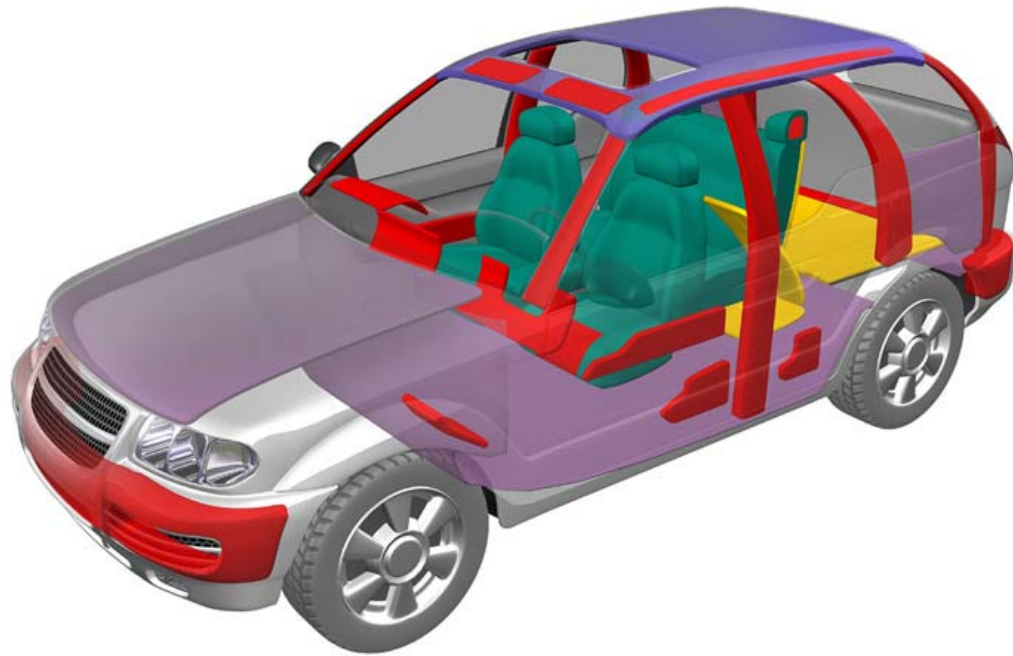
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# ***THE OPPORTUNITY***



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Premium Car Floor



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Door Panel 2



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Doors





Seat Backs



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Seats



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Rear Seat Panel



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Headliner Extension - Minivan



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Door Panel 1





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Package Tray 1



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Load Floor



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## **We are the only company that manufactures an Integrated Automotive Interior System:**

- Automotive Seating
- Headrest
- Armrest
- Headliners
- Energy Absorbing Foam
- Hoodliner
- Acoustical Products
- Composites
- Elastomers



## Current Status

- Global uncertainty of Oil Supply
- Today Crude Oil is a key energy source and most important feedstock to the chemical industry.
- Global energy demand rises quickly (30% till 2020)
- Oil production will peak between 2010 – 20202
- Cars are much heavier than 10 years ago
- Green house gas
- Resource depletion
- Health and safety concerns (e.g. fibreglass)



## **European Union End-of-Life Vehicle Directive**

- 85% of all new vehicles should be reusable and recyclable by weight
- 10% for energy recovery
- 5% for landfills



## Encouraging Trends

- Growing Global Environmental Consciousness
- Search for Renewable Sources of material
- The agricultural/Bio Revolution
- Discoveries and rediscoveries of ways to have stronger, lighter and cost effective materials for Automotive applications
- Metal replacement





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## **THE FUNCTION OF FIBRES IS TO REINFORCE RESINS COMPSITES:**

*“STRUCTURAL MATERIAL CONTAINING HIGH-  
STRENGTH FIBROUS EMBEDDED  
REINFORCEMENT WHICH DEVELOP  
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES GREATLY  
SUPERIOR THAN THE BASE RESIN”*



## **REINFORCERS**

### **Traditional Fibres**

- Aramid
  - Meta –
  - Para -
- Carbon Fibres
- Glass Fibres

### **Natural/Bio Fibres**

- Hemp
- Kenaf
- Flax
- Sisal
- Coconut Fibre
- Jute
- Cotton
- Wool
- Silk
- Etc.



## **BIO-FIBRES**

- Lower cost
- Lower density
- Enhanced energy recovery
- Co<sub>2</sub> sequestration
- Much less abrasive to tooling moulds compared to glass fibres
- ∅ Consistency of quality
- ∅ Sensitivity to temperature
- ∅ Sensitivity to moisture
- ∅ Fire retardancy?
- ∅ Need for surface modification (physical or chemical)



## **BIO-FIBRES DESIRED ATTRIBUTES**

- High Modulus
- Resistance to Abrasion
- Consistent Diameter
- Non-conductive
- Mildew Resistant
- Very low water absorption
- Good flame retardency
- No static build up
- Very low VOC release during application and service
- Matrix compatible



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***CURRENT SURVEY SHOWS ON  
AVERAGE EACH CAR HAS 3.6 KG  
OF FIBRES***



## **WORLD PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOBILES**

### **Region**

### **Vehicles (Millions)**

Europe

21.8

Japan/Korea

14.9

South Asia

14.7

North America

5.4

China

7.9

South America

3.9

Middle East/Africa

1.7

70.3 Million

*Requires 253.08 million kg of BioFibre per year*





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***THE OPPORTUNITY is  
253.08 million kg of  
Bio-Fibre per year***



## Current Bio Automotive Applications

### Common Existing Uses for Biofibres

Package Tray Shelf Substrates – natural fiber/binder  
Some door trim substrates – plastic/natural fibre composite  
Cargo area floors – wood fibre  
Rear seat backs – plastic/natural fibre composite  
Door panel – natural fibre/binder inserts/quarter/panels  
Headliner – fibre mats  
Corvette floors – balsa wood composite  
Wood veneer trim – wood veneer  
Headliner energy management – Sisal/Flax  
Package Tray – Basalt/Hemp  
Foam Cushion Backing  
Load Floor

### Supplier Research Activities

Teijin-recycled PET and bio-based fabrics (PLA)  
Magna (Research) – fibre reinforced door modules  
Magna-Intier: assessed processability of PLA and soy polyol containing PU for door trim  
Decoma: has investigated natural fibres with University of Toronto  
Lear – Natural Fibre reinforced composites, soy foams  
JCI – recycled PET, natural fibre reinforced composites, PHA  
Meridian – Flax/PP package shelves for GM and Nissan  
Goodyear – substitute biofiller made from maize starch in place of lampblack and silica in tires  
Lower tier activity licensing natural fibre manufacturing technologies from Europe  
Woodbridge - Composites



## **CONCLUSION**

*Decades of development have allowed Petrochemical processes to become incredibly efficient, leaving little room for companies to make up for rising carbon prices by further streamlining their production. In contrast, the technologies for processing biomass are relatively underdeveloped, so there is plenty of room for improving efficiencies.*

*It is not a matter of “IF”....It is a matter of “WHEN”.*



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***THANK YOU FOR  
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